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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana delivered the first ever State of the Tribes Address on Friday, Jan. 3 at the Pi- once Cellular Event Center in Weatherford, Okla. It marks the beginning of 2020.

Wassana addressed the audience, the outgoing legislators and to the citizens of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Wassana is a leader who is always thinking about tomorrow, how each one incorporates those decisions that will result in immediate, but they will have a positive or negative effect on all future generations and as a leader he constantly weighs on my mind that tomorrow’s future of our tribe and tribal members starts with today’s decisions and as a result I always keep in mind tomorrow starts today,” he said.

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With the addition of a fashion show featured at the powwow, Cheyenne, Arapaho fashion designers and models were incorporat

Traveling near and far, many prioritized being a part of the powwow that honors all tribes and elders with over 300 registered dancers.

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Connie Fox Twins, with the Mandan and Hidatsa

Twins participated in the arena and golden age categories

The entertainment floor showed it as it filled up with dazzling colors, sparkling pieces of regalia, fluttering plumes and feathers, and shook with the sounds of the drums during grand entry. All eyes were on the arena, as dancers of all ages filled in showcasing what seemed like an endless supply of alluring handwork and movement.

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The meeting was called to order at 3:09 p.m. with invocation given by Rev. Mosqueda, Executive Attorney. There were no visitors, and six commissioners and one signature authority present, with signatures shown.

The nominations for chairman were Or- ange with three votes, Mosqueda with two votes and Welch with three votes, resulting in a tie. The election commission decided to make a motion to go into executive session to discuss the matter.

During the session, other commissioners and signature authority were invited to attend. Welch then made a motion to go into another executive session to discuss some items, which were called out of executive session, a determination was made by the election commission on how to break the tie.

The “vice-chair” will be determined by a coin toss, since there’s a tie, “Orange said.

With a flap of a coin, the result was seen, and there was a question as to whether he was the new vice-chairperson for the election commission.

Taking nominations for secretary, Orange nominated Smothers. With no other nom- ination made by acclamation.

If you’re always interested and I think you would do good and you’re al- ways at all the meetings and you always ask questions.

Nominations for treasurer resulted in Hamilton with two votes and Welch with three votes. With the chairman’s vote taken into consideration, the result did not change resulting in no named treasurer.

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The sixth annual Wiring the Tribe conference Jan. 30-31, 2020 at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino in Chandler, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.eventbrite.com.

The seventh annual National Indian Fine Art Show & Casino Executive Exchange Feb. 22-23, 2020 at the Fashion Island Hotel in Newport Beach, Calif. For more information visit www.fimuseum.com.

The 38th Annual Professional Outlook on Children Conference March 29-April 1, 2020 in Denver, Colo. Hosted by NICWA. For more information or to register contact Lauren Shapton at training@nicwa.org.

The NAFTA 38th annual Spring Conference April 7-8, 2020 at the J.W. Marriott in Nashville, Tenn. For more information or to register visit www.cafdi.org.

Native American Cannabis & Hemp Conference June 15-16, 2020 at the Exchange Resort & Casino in Tuxedo, Calif. For more information or to register visit thomascannabis.com.

Fashion Runway Showcases Cheyenne and Arapaho Designers and Models

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Morten said she began sewing 15 years ago.

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And while it was a great experience for Whiteshield she admitted she always gets more nervous when coming back home.

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As a leader of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, I want to do is try to help make the tribe that is supposed to be for the people in this tribe.

I know this is an old tradition on our land, and we want to see it act, how to behave and consider ourselves and a lot of times we get away from that. We need to do it in a positive way. The tribes have completed the Concho Head Start Center project in September 2019 and the Canton Indian Road project also in September 2019.

March elder’s trip, elders’ bingo, elders’ day out and elders’ conferences. The Elder Care Program provided over $535,000 in services, not including the monthly food check assistance. On average, the Elder Care Program provides more than 2,100 elders with monthly food check assistance. In June 2019, $300 was given to assist with the summer months for ceremonies and holidays. During the holiday season monthly food assistance was increased to $480 in November and $450 in December. Since 2017 the monthly food assistance has increased to $3,514,737 in 2019.

“Tomorrow Starts Today”

Gov. Reggie Wassana

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes care for our partners and guests at the event, it stated. “The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are good friends to our surrounding communities.”

For a copy of the 2020 State of the Tribes Address booklet with complete information contact Chris Roman Nose at 405-422-7298.

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With donations adding up to approximately $150,000, Wassana said they achieved what they wanted by bringing some of the best talent across the country to western Oklahoma. Our whole goal like I discussed beforehand was to bring people to western Oklahoma so we can all enjoy it and if it was a lot of work, it was a lot of effort but with all that, we made it happen. Some people only talk about doing these things but we actually did it and as that in itself is success for the tribe, that the tribal leadership did do this event and it was an success," Wassana said.
Adult Women’s Northern Traditional Combined: 1st Place - Tosha Goodwill, Dakota/Lakota; 2nd Place - Shoshone Kee, Shoshone/Paiute; 3rd Place - De- nise Haury, Standing Rock Lakota; 4th Place - J osette Schofield, Potawatomi.

Adult Women’s Fancy Shawl: 1st Place - T’ata Roberts, Choctaw/Taos Pueblo; 2nd Place - Jocie Bird; 3rd Place - Morning Star Roberts, Choctaw, Taos Pueblo; 4th Place, Carol MeltingTallow.

Adult Men’s Southern Straight: 1st Place - Erwin Morris, Omaha; 2nd Place - Kiowa Cozad, Kiowa/Osage; 3rd Place - Ronald Monessy Sr, Comanche; 4th Place - Mason Bighorse, Osage.

Adult Men’s Grass: 1st Place - Trae Little Sky, Lakota/Nakoda; 2nd Place - Lee Jack Jr, Dine’; 3rd Place - Clifton Goodwill, Lakota/Dakota; 4th Place - Darwin Schrock, Ke-

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Governor’s Sweetheart Special Champion Joe and Shelley Bointy. Consolations: Marty and Sophia Thurman; Gabe and Diane Deconeries.

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Language & Culture Department Meet-n-Greet

The Culture team will be informing the communities of anticipated upcoming events for the year 2020. Additional events will also be discussed. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and take into consideration. Meal will be served and door prizes will be given.

Meeting dates and times are:
- January 20 at the Comanche Community Center, 2-3:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Watonga Community Center, 1-2:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Clinton Community Center, 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Comanche Community Center, 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 28 at the Gary Community Center, 5-7 p.m. Jan. 29 at the Skiatook Community Center, 5:30-7 p.m. Jan. 30 at the Hammon Community Center.

Elder’s Chair Exercise Classes
- 1:30 p.m. Jan. 21 at the Clinton Community Center, Clinton, Okla.; and 11 a.m. Jan. 27 at the Watonga Community Center in Watonga, Okla. For more information contact Marcus Baros at 405-422-7683.

Clinton Elderly Nutrition Center Expansion Project Community Meetings
- 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Clinton Community Center, Jan. 29 at the Gary Community Center, Jan. 30 at the Skiatook Community Center, Feb. 12 at the Clinton Community Center and Feb. 26 at the Comanche Community Center.

For more information call 405-276-6653.

Honor Dance for Harvey Miles
- 2 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Comanche Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Dance will end at 4 p.m. with supper at 5:30 p.m. Custom drums will feature the Osage Nation Drum Group. For more information call Brandy Blanket at 405-926-6009.

Sebastian Whitehorse Graduation Dance
- Jan. 25, 2020 at the Watonga Community Center in Watonga, Okla. Grad dance will be at 2 p.m. and supper at 5:30 p.m. Sebastian’s sister Janelle is currently attending Oklahoma State University and will graduate in May 2020.

Memorial Dance for Delwin Monroe Whitehorse
- Jan. 25, 2020 at the Canton Community Center in Canton, Okla. Dance will begin at 3 p.m. with the traditional all night wake ceremony. For more information call Delwin Whitehorse 918-427-2222.

Cheyenne District 1 Community Meetings
- All meetings will be open to public. All community members are encouraged to attend. For more information contact the Cultural Liaison at 918-274-6000.

Sebastian Dance Pfc. Bill “Perry” Gould
- Feb. 15, 2020 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. Dance will begin at 3 p.m. with an all night wake ceremony. For more information contact Belva Hicks and Joy Gould. He walked on from this life on Dec. 22, 2018. He is survived by his parents, grandparents and countless great-grandchildren.
Clintondale Elderly Nutrition Center Expansion Project
Citizens Participation Meeting

WHERE: Clintoona Community Building
2901 Soggehal Rd, Clinton, OK 73016

WHEN: Tuesday, Feb 1, 2022 11am-1:30pm
For: Expansion and Renovation Project
Lunch will be served

The Planning and Development Department is applying for the FY 2020-2021 CDBG grant for expansion and renovations to the Elderly Nutrition Building.
We would like to meet and get you views for this expansion project.

To view the plans, please contact the Planning and Development Department at 405-422-7655 or by email fridley@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov.
Staff Accountant
Dept. of Treasury
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s degree in accou

Deputy Court Clerk
Budget Branch
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Minimum of two years’ experience in specialty role identified. Knowledge of general office practices, property and supplies

Administrative Assistant, Cheyenne District 3
Legislative Office
Closing Date: Jun. 22, 2020

Qualifications:
Minimum high school graduation or G.E.D. certification. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have reliable transportation. Two years of secretarial experience that include computer literacy, or two years training from an accredited college. Good communication skills, both written and oral and willing to work odd hours.

Administrative Assist. Cheyenne & Arapaho
Closing Date: Jan. 21, 2020

Qualifications:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certifi
cation is required, but not required. Two plus years experience in related field or an equivalent combination of education and work experience. Must have the ability to work flexible hours. Basic knowledge of early childhood education, child welfare casework and child abuse and neglect informa

Administrative Assist. Cheyenne District 1
Legislative Office
Closing Date: Jan. 21, 2020

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH MGR.
Cheyenne District 3
Closing Date: Jan. 21, 2020

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s degree in accou

DREAMS Service Mgr.
Dept. of Labor
Closing Date: Jun. 22, 2020

Qualifications:
Must possess a bachelor’s degree for accredited school or an equivalent combination of education and work experience. Knowledge of legislative policies and operations, computer skills, time man
agement skills and ability to multi-task and priorit task workload. Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Warehouse Aide
Food Distribution
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Oklahoma driver’s license, typewriting and computer skills, good communication skills. Capable of meeting deadlines in a timely manner and experience in working with publics and publics

Project Support Specialist
Dept. of Administration
Closing Date: Jan. 22, 2020

Qualifications:
Associate or bachelor’s degree in business from an accredited school or institution is preferred, but not required. Two plus years experience in related field is required. Good communication skills both oral and written and must possess strong organizational skills with ability to access information and confidential information. Strong working computer knowl
dge and skills and be able to perform research, collect, evaluate and interpret var
ious information and data. Must maintain a professional and courteous attitude at all times. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have reliable transportation. Cheyenne and Arapaho preferred.

Foresee Case Worker
Social Services Program
Closing Date: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s degree in social work or related field or an equivalent combination of education and work experience. Must have the ability to work flexible hours. Basic knowledge of early childhood education, child welfare casework and child abuse and neglect informa

Notice of Closing:
All Tribal Offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, 2020, in observance of Martin Luther King Day. Offices will reopen at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 21.

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**POWwow winners**

Teen Girl's Buckskin: 1st Place - Candelinn Toehay-Tartsah, Kiowa/Osage; 2nd Place - Ann Marie Cometosevich, Cheyenne; 3rd Place - Keilani Tahah, Cheyenne

Teen Boy's Southern Straight: 1st Place - Ronald Monosey, Jr., Comanche/Pueblo of Zuni; 2nd Place - Joseph Goodfood Jr., Osage/Pawnee; 3rd Place - Acey Kemble, Osage/Ponca

Teen Boy's Fancy: 1st Place - Flair Pokeshaltie, Kiowa; 2nd Place - D.O. Draper, Navajo; 3rd Place - Landon Primeaux, Ponca/Sauk

Teen Girl's Buckskin: 1st Place - Makiah Shawnee, Absentee Shawnee; 2nd Place - Ramya Kiley, Kiowa/Apache; 3rd Place - Olivia Little Raven, Cheyenne/Arapaho

Teen Boy's Grass: 1st Place - Mu Roberts, Choctaw/Nakoda; 2nd Place - Xavier Botton, Blackfoot; 3rd Place - T.J. Tanyan, Ioway/Blackfoot

Junior Girl's Jingle: 1st Place - Meah Bird, Mandan/Hidatsa/Arikara; 2nd Place - Keshina Pretty Plume Jack, Tewa Hopi/Dine'; 3rd Place - Arianna Spotted-Wolf, Cheyenne/Arapaho

Junior Girl's Cloth: 1st Place - Abigail Gail Littleman, Cheyenne; 2nd Place - Aireis Draper, Navajo; 3rd Place - Jaylee Mule, Kiowa

Junior Boy's Southern Straight: 1st Place - Ashkii Stumblingbear, Kiowa/Otoe-Missouria; 2nd Place - Keaton Toehay-Tartsah, Kiowa/Osage; 3rd Place - Avery Fields, Pawnee

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Junior Boy's Northern Traditional: 1st Place - Payton Roberts, Meskwaki/Winnebago; 2nd Place - Sara Bointy, Kiowa/Comanche; 3rd Place - Cayla Magee, Delaware

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A breeze sways the man- 
costal weeds and pushes past
the bundy little knotholes
side-outs grama and swag-
chips.

Nathan Hart, business di-
rector for the Cheyenne and
Arapaho Tribes, stands near
the pointed tips of a yucca
and on top of the sky High
Plains soil.

Hart is thinking about the
question of, “What does this
weather, soil and climate net-
work project mean to our tribals?

“We are on the far west-
ern side of our Cheyenne and
Arapaho original Reserv-
ations, on an alluvial called
the Oro Woods Allotment,”
he said of the tribe’s farthest
west property in Oklahoma.
“Tsistsistas gets our heri-
tage and the future. We do
have a focus on our youth. We
really focus on our youth invol-
ved in agriculture. We do get
our youth involved in how we
operate out here with all the data that is
being collected and how that
is being used. Maybe it will
encourage some of our youth
who are involved in these vari-
ous fields in an area with the
weather and soil science.

“We are very interested
number one in soil health,”
Hart said. “We believe that
everything starts with the
soils and if we take care of
the soils, we’ll get good vege-
tation, good plant material
which translates to the ani-
mals and of course the ani-
mals provide food for us. So
we will encourage our youth to
start in the soil. Having the
ability to monitor your soils
and particularly by precipita-
tion, everything else in the
soils is vitally important to us.

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tion Service (USDA NRCS),
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and nationally.

Gary O’Neill, Oklahoma
Natural Resources Service,
said “We are both excited and
in the midst of a part of the
TSCAN projects. The po-
tential for conservation bene-
fits to both current and future
generations is tremendous.”

There are now three TSCAN
units on tribal land in Oklahoma,
said Dr. Carol Crouch, USDA NRCS State
Tribal Liaison for Oklaho-
ma. “TSCAN plays a key role in assisting
with this project. The Cheyenne and
Arapaho Tribes, the Che-
man, Native Nations of the
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,
and the Cheyenne and Arapaho
Tribal Nation have TSCAN units.
TSCAN units are to be valu-
able tools to expand
the interest for our Ameri-
can Indian youth in the field
of Science, technology,
engineering and mathematics,”
Dr. Crouch said.

“This includes teaching
how valuable the units will
be for forecasting climate con-
ditions, Elders, tribal mem-
ers and local producers.”

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courage our youth to move
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culture as they always have.
These tribal producers
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support tools to maintain
and grow sustainable
agriculture systems.

Management of the
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ally deeper, look at the land
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