Topping off the last beam for the new Watonga Hotel and Convention Center

The topping off event and I would like to say welcome to all the city officials. This is a testament to what the tribe wanted to do and how we wanted to make things better for everyone in this community and for everyone in the surrounding communities. We want to make sure everybody knows the tribe is trying to be the best partner we can be with all these local communities we are in and that we engage with all these business activities in,” Gov. Wassana said.

In building construction, topping out (or topping off) is a builder’s rite traditionally held when the last beam is placed atop of a structure during the construction phase. Nowadays, the ceremony is often portrayed in a media event. Before steel and multi-million dollar jobs dominated the construction landscape of the 20th and 21st centuries, the tradition of recognizing building milestones started small. The history of the topping-out ceremony seems to have humble beginnings in Scandinavian cultures, so humble in fact, there’s no clear record of why or when the practice began.

For the hotel and convention center’s topping off event, everyone in attendance signed their name and a brief message onto the beam before it was slowly raised to the top of the structure signifying the last beam to be placed.

“It’s a beautiful day, and a good day for us to pause and reflect on how far we have come and how much further we’ve got to go. I want to encourage everyone to be thankful each and every day,” Charlie Welbourne, Lucky Star Casino CEO said.

Also speaking at the event was Cheyenne District 1 Legislator Bruce Whitman and Chief Operating Officer Andy Rednose. Cheyenne Chief Gordon Yellow offered the invocation and Cheyenne Chief Larry Roman Nose blessed the ceremony, grounds and the meal.

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By Corey Jones

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Special Session of the 8th Legislature

All eight items on Agenda for CARES Act Projects Passes

On Sept. 3, 2020 the 8th Legislature held the 12th Special Session called by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana. A public hearing was held at 11 a.m. with a call to vote at 2 p.m. All eight items on the agenda were resolutions for CARES Act construction projects. All eight items passed. Below are the list of projects approved to begin construction funded by a portion of the $63.4 million the Tribes’ received as part of the federal governments CARES Act monies allocated to Tribes Nations across the country.

1. A resolution for CARES Act-Combined Food Pantry Project No. CARES2020-01 - $1,494,526.00 - 6,500 sq. ft. facility - WarCon LLC

2. A resolution for CARES Act-Kooskia Emergency Response Center (ERC) Project No. CARES2020-02 - $2,573,000.00 - 10,000 sq. ft. facility - Redhawk Construction

3. A resolution for CARES Act-Hammon Emergency Response Center (ERC) Project No. CARES2020-03 - $2,500,000.00 - 10,000 sq. ft. facility - Redhawk Construction

4. A resolution for CARES Act-Artesian Emergency Response Center (ERC) Project No. CARES2020-04 - $2,500,000.00 - 10,000 sq. ft. facility - Redhawk Construction

5. A resolution for CARES Act-Walton Emergency Response Center (ERC) Project No. CARES2020-05 - $3,100,000.00 - 12,500 sq. ft. facility - WarCon LLC

6. A resolution for CARES Act-Clinch Property Distribution Center Project No. CARES2020-06 - $1,900,000.00 - 2,624 sq. ft. facility - WarCon LLC

7. Resolution for CARES Act-Concho Property & Supply Warehouse Project No. CARES2020-12 - $1,494,526.00 - 6,500 sq. ft. facility - WarCon LLC


CARES Act-Woodward Emergency Re- Response Center (ERC) Project No. CARES2020-01 - $2,500,000.00 - 10,000 sq. ft. facility - WarCon LLC


The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Council of Tribes COVID Testing Plan

It is preferred for employees and non-tribal employees of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to utilize the drive-thru COVID-19 testing services available through the Tribes. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will obtain routine monthly COVID-19 testing for those who are at high risk for exposure to COVID-19 and those who have direct contact with the public.

Tribal staff who are not at high risk and/or do not have direct contact with the public will be tested for COVID-19 if deemed necessary upon medical review by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Dept. of Health or Task Force Team. The following information will be considered:

Staff will be assessed on a monthly basis.
Community outreach will be conducted in targeted communities based upon current COVID-19 cases.
Focus will be placed on one or two communities at highest risk for COVID-19 exposure.

COVID-19 Test Funding Breakdown Total Fund: $63.4M

- COVID-19 Prevention and Response 2.93M
  - Direct Assistance 0.2M
  - Education 0.3M
  - Support 1.3M
  - Housing 0.1M
  - Employee Retention 1.9M

- Employment and Government Enterprise 3.9M
  - Operations 1.3M
  - Technology 0.9M
  - Tribal Infrastructure 0.2M

- TCF: Non-Federal Share 4.7M

Total Cost 11.5M

CDC Return to Work Guidelines

For those with mild to moderate illness who are not severely immune compromised:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared (or positive screening whichever is latest) and
- At least 24 hours have passed since last fever without the use of fever reducing medications and
  - Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

For tribal employees, Clinton Service Unit will offer telemedicine visits to all employees of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Telemedicine will provide for routine patient care and chronic disease.

COVID-19 testing will likely be sent to a reference lab for processing. Reference labs include Regional Medical Laboratory (RML), Tribal Diagnostics and Oklahoma State Dept. of Health Laboratory services at Oklahoma State University.

If you do not retrieve your property by Oct. 1, 2020, the Tribes will assume that you have voluntarily abandoned your property. Failure to reclaim your property from tribal lands will result in their removal/disposal or auctioned off in accordance with law. Gener- al Revenue and Taxation Law, Ch. 6, § 4.133 – Public Sale of Forfeited Proper-

Anyone persons interested in this matter, including anyone claiming ownership of these horses need to reclaim their property prior to Oct. 1, 2020. However, any individual who fails to reclaim their property prior to Oct. 1, 2020 will be deemed to have willfully abandoned their property and they will have forfeited any further rights of said property.
Feds open cold case unit in Alaska focusing on missing and murdered Indigenous women

Database reveals more than 1,500 unsolved cases of missing or murdered Indigenous women

(AP-ANCHORAGE, Alaska) (AP) Rose Jackson, mayor of the state capital, officials, and FBI agents opened a new office devoted to investigating old cold cases in Anchorage, Alaska. The only clue left behind was that her purse was found behind her while she was still alive. She was 51 years old, she's alive.

The office was established in Anchorage to try to solve some of the hundreds of Alaskan Native women who have gone missing over the years, and through it we’ll see if their cases have gone cold.

Now the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in Alaska is opening a cold case office to investigate old cold cases across the country to continue investigating and murdered indigenous women.

Tara Sweeney, the Department of Interior's assistant secretary for Native American Affairs and an Inupiat from Utqiagvik, the nation's easternmost community and formerly Barrow, spoke at the Anchorage office Wednesday.

Sweeney also noted that in Alaska Native women, it's extremely difficult to be able to work no fewer than many of us who are working on social services in Alaska, and to pay particular aten- tion to new and innovative practices, and to support these.

This will include identifying missing persons, and providing meaningful input and coordinating that with investigators.

In the following exchange, Stitt conceded that he had already asked Wheeler if they could use the multitasking rider’s authority to investigate.

Stitt: “And that’s the safety, is what is John Doe get to the point?”

Moesel: And they had a provision, I think, that the state that regulatory authority for public health.

By: Ti-Hua Chang

Oklahoma Governor asked EPA to strip tribal courts of environmental authority

Gov. Kevin Stitt (R-OK) has asked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to strip environmental court jurisdiction over cases that a state court ruling giving the tribes sovereign authority.

Stitt revealed his EPA request in a letter to EPA administrator, Michael Regan, who heads the EPA, in his capacity as the Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma.

Our mission is to count every person, every household, and every community. We’re committed to respecting your privacy, and to self-respond to the 2020 Census. The online and phone portals are available in 13 lan- guages, and can be downloaded and completed using non-English languages are supported through online video guides.

For more information and for additional resources, please visit 2020census.gov.

By: Hua Chang

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Now is the time to be counted in the 2020 Census! Data collection will end on September 30, and the Census Bureau is encouraging everyone in all Tribal areas in Oklahoma to respond now and the deadline of Sept. 30. In fact, Tribal areas in Alaska have a 47.4 percent total response rate, which includes both self-response and Non-response Follow-up (NRFU) operations. A complete and accurate count is vit- al to providing funding to Tribal areas, and also it affects the enrollment of Oklahomans' and their participation in Congress. Census data is being worked on by EPA in Tribal offices to visit households that have not yet responded and leave a voicemail if no answer. The Census Bureau has also sent out a seventh mailing, which includes an addi- tional paper questionnaire to households that receive a mail at a physical address.

The Census Bureau's Mobile Questionnaire As- sistance (MQA) program is also visiting locations across the state to ensure Oklahomans' and assist people to self-respond to the 2020 Census. MQA representatives have begun visiting Tribal areas, food banks, libraries, employment services, offices, back-to-school drives and houses of wor- ship. The goal is to reach people at locations where they naturally congregate and ask a few questions about their own household.

The Census Bureau has a statutory deadline of Sept. 30, 2020 for data collection to close, dew by Dec. 31, 2020. Our mission is to count every person, and in the right place. It is not too late to be counted. We also encourage people on Native American reservations, in order to get counted, to contact their tribal representatives to self-respond to the 2020 Census. Census takers are working in Oklahoma to visit households that have not yet responded to the 2020 Census. Census data is being worked on by EPA in Tribal offices to visit households that have not yet responded and leave a voicemail if no answer. The Census Bureau has also sent out a seventh mailing, which includes an addi- tional paper questionnaire to households that receive a mail at a physical address.
The sheltering of Etta Dale McGirt, who houses the district's seven-ests-and-eighth-grade students, who keep those grade levels to switch to a digital distance learning plan starting Sept. 2 and lasting through May. McVay said in-person classes for Etta Dale students would resume after Oct. 29 in

"We were urged by the Canadian Health County Health Department, which cares professionals to shut schools and declared that teachers and professionals to shut schools for the next 24 hours. There will be no new 24 hours and then those schools will be quarantined and shut the return to the buildings on Oct. 29," said McVay.

"However, students will remain distance learning through Sept. 15," said McVay.

The student who tested positive, the second case in the district, has

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TO ALL CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBAL MEMBERS 18 YEARS AND OLDER ON OR BEFORE Oct. 3, 2020

Annual Tribal Council Meeting
10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020
R.E.Sp.E.C.T Gymnasium, Concho, OK

5. A Tribal Council Resolution to call for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution.
6. Policy to investigate and seek the return of $9M paid to PokerTribes.com.
7. Legal analysis of the impact of the court decision in McGirt v. Oklahoma on the Tribe’s reservation status.
8. Amendment of the Constitution to recognize as part of the Tribes’ Territory.
9. Publish online Resolutions, Ordinances, Laws and Audits for the Members of the Tribes.
10. Public access to all Boards and Commissions.
11. Live Stream broadcast of all Legislative Sessions.

ATTENTION: Due to the COVID-19 and in following CDC Precautions - PLEASE leave your children at home. If you are not feeling well, please stay home. Masks are required and social distancing.

The Dept. of Health will be set up to conduct temperature checks and to provide masks for those who do not have one, prior to entering the building.

Tribal Enrollment ID/Roll Number will be requested during sign-in.

NOTICE OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ANNUAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING

Due to the Tribal Transit being mandated by the FTA, which is federally funded, we will not be able to provide one van per district per our FTA guidelines and to maximize the social distancing rule.

However, as mentioned earlier, WE CAN PROVIDE on demand service for the Annual Tribal Council meeting. This will require any Tribal member that is seeking transportation to call our toll free number, 1-800-247-4612 Ext. 32600, to request transport and to identify their beginning location for the Tribal Transit to schedule a driver and vehicle. Further, it should be noted that transports will be arranged based on availability of drivers and vehicles. Therefore, we will try to accommodate as many requests as we can based on our driver / vehicle availability.
Tribal Council Coordinator Candidates

Michelle Bigfoot

I am asking for your vote on Oct. 3 for Tribal Council Coordinator. I am the incumbent candidate for the upcoming election for the Tribal Council Coordinator to be held at the annual Tribal Council Meeting on Oct. 3, 2020.

I have strived to increase tribal members’ knowledge of tribal government operations and the foundation of our Tribal Constitution. I advocate for protection of our natural resources, promote our languages, culture and traditional values. I believe in the Tribes’ being self-sufficient and in our Tribal Sovereignty.

If elected, I will continue to promote the importance of educating our tribal members on the Constitution, Supreme Court cases and understanding the processes of our Tribal government in order to moved forward and making amendments to areas of the Constitution that needs to be clarified and enhanced.

I currently am seeking my Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and prior to SWOSU I attended Redlands Community College studying Farm and Ranch Management.

I have worked as a special project coordinator for Cheyenne District 1 in 2016. I worked as the administrative assistant to the Legislative-Special Projects Manager from January 2018 until being elected as Tribal Council Coordinator in 2019.

I look forward to continuing to serve our Tribal members and would appreciate your vote on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020. Remember: Wear Your Mask and Social Distance and let’s move our tribe forward.

Michelle Bigfoot

Jewel Turtle

Hello,

I, Jewel Turtle, am running for Tribal Council Coordinator for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

I was born in New Mexico and raised in Oklahoma and Colorado countryside. Growing up, I lived in Saddle Mountain, Okla., Cortez, Colo., and Seiling, Okla.

In 2007, I graduated with a certificate in accounting from San Juan Basin Technical College in Mancos, Colo. In 2010 I moved home to Cortez, Colo., to take care of my mother and grandmother, (Edith Yazzie, 110 yrs old). I obtained my commercial driver’s license endorsed with triple trailer, double trailer, tanker, and hazmat at Southwest Colorado Community College in Mancos, Colo., and earned an Associate Degree of General Studies at Southwest Colorado Community College in July 2014. I possess a Class A commercial driver’s license as a source of income. I started out driving over the road with Navajo Express for experience, then moved on to the oil field as a tanker driver for Oil Patch Group, and I have kept a clean motor vehicle record and always comply with DOT safety regulations.

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values in life and to be responsible and to have discipline.

My father was Winston Turtle Sr., deceased. He served in the Marine Corp. and served in the Korean War. My mother is Mary Turtle, she is an entrepreneur, silversmith and other arts and crafts are her known skills. My grandfather is Ralph Turtle on my father’s side.

I am grateful for making prayers he made for our family and for our people. My family is very important to me, numerous relatives to give thanks for having NAC meetings to help me along my journey in life and helping me be able to achieve all the accomplishments through prayer and ceremonies.

My grandfather on my mother’s side Vincent Yazzie, who was my role model because he traveled the world through the continental railroad sending money home to his family. My father Vincent Yazzie did not speak a word of English only Dineh but knew how to speak Spanish and some Asian. I am thankful for my strong faith in the church, traditions and strong woman and men role models in my life.

I am doing my best to preserve my Native history by teaching my daughter and encouraging our youth to succeed in education and have faith in a higher power for guidance.

Thank you for your vote for me as your Tribal Council Coordinator.

Jennifer Wilkinson

Hello! My name is Jennifer Wilkinson and I am running for Tribal Council Coordinator.

I served as Tribal Council Coordinator from October 2015 to December 2018.

My parents are George and Debbie Plummer. My paternal grandmother was the late Grace Supervisor Plummer (Cheyenne) of Fonda and my maternal grandmother was the late Ann Addison Reed (Arapaho) of Canton.

In 1996 I graduated from Woodward High School and in 2000 I graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in Business Administration. I also have an Associates in Insurance Claims, Associates in Claims Services.

My career prior to tribal politics was in insurance and catastrophe response. For the past five years I have been heavily involved in our tribal politics and will continue to be involved. One of my objectives when I was previously elected, was to inform the Tribal Council and to push for change in our government.

I have proven leadership with the Tribal Council and outside our Tribe.

I am currently running for a Democratic Oklahoma State Senate seat. With my state Senate seat being heavily Republican, and also my county, I do not anticipate a win but I can say I tried. In the long run I hope I have been an inspiration to young Native Women and girls. I am also involved in national grassroots organizations for Native Americans and attended the Native American Presidential Forum last year.

Motivating our people to vote and be involved has been a passion for me. In order to be involved you have to be informed. A goal I have if elected is to start working on amending the Tribe’s Constitution.

This annual Tribal Council meeting I submitted two amendments, one to the constitution for mail out ballots on all Tribal Council Resolutions and a resolution to amend the Tribal Council Policy and Procedures. Change has to start somewhere, but you have to elect leaders who will advocate for change. I am asking for your vote as Tribal Council Coordinator.

Jennifer Wilkinson pictured left
TRANSMITTED TO: OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL

DATE: October 3, 2020

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

SUBJECT: A Tribal Council Resolution to call for a Special Election to amend the Constitution for Tribal Council elections to be conducted online.

RESOLUTION NO. ____________

DATE POSTED: October 3, 2020

DATE APPROVED: October 3, 2020

WHEREAS: The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a Federally recognized Indian tribe organized pursuant to a Constitution approved by the Tribal Tribal Council on April 4, 2004 and approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and

WHEREAS: Article VI, Section 1 of the Tribal Constitution shall be composed of all members of the Tribal Council; and

WHEREAS: Article VII, Section 2(j) of the Tribal Constitution shall have the power to establish its own rules of order or procedure and

WHEREAS: Article XII, Section 3 of the Tribal Constitution may initiate the process to amend the Constitution by calling a Special Election... The Election Commission shall hold a Special Election; and

WHEREAS: Article XIV, Section 3 of the Constitution... The Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the voters who vote in the Special Election. The process of amending the Constitution shall become effective immediately unless otherwise indicated in the amendment.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED: This resolution is transmitted to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Council for its consideration and approval.
One state away in Bemidji, Minnesota, Michael Waasegiizhig Price, an Anishinaabe man and a member of Wikwemikong First Nations in Canada, had also turned to Facebook to lament over Brandon’s death. His son and Brandon were brothers, he said. He posted a meme that a nine-year-old Hopi girl had sent to him. It was bright and cheery and honored Brandon’s life. But the social media also laid bare the intensity of silence swelling around his death. “Native American people are not invisible!” Michael declared in his post, repeating a tagline on the meme.

Less connected and further removed from the violence was another Indigenous individual burdened over what happened on Turtle Mountain. Lisa Gasner, a Squaxin/Nisqually/Chehalis writer and nonprofit advocate based in Oakland, CA, was far angrier over the killing. Lisa, who prefers the pronouns they/them/their, called what happened to Brandon “murder” while also expressing distrust for the American press. “I always look to Black, Indigenous and Poor Peoples sources for news on police killings to find Truth outside the cop narrative,” they wrote in a post on Facebook. Months into the national reckoning examining police reform and racial justice in the U.S., Lisa also dug into what has become a rising criticism of journalists’ past record on how it reports on gun violence led by police. “This isn’t an ‘of- ficer involved shooting,’” she wrote, “Brandon Laducer was murdered!”
Kevin Smith, the FBI’s Public Information Officer for the Twin Cities district, said the killing was a traumatic event for the community. "It’s a public narrative. Because the shooting happened on Turtle Mountain, the inner-city Native American community, the public narrative mandates the FBI’s involvement, even though no agents were not on the ground the night Brandon was shot and killed," Smith said to a small pool of journalists assembled on the reservation. Smith said one state law enforcement official had been killed. From those of Belcourt, where Brandon two-hundred miles south to the reservation, one of the suffering for the rest of his life. He’d say. One glaring example of the police-bias in the month-long demonstration at Standing Rock was the killing of a man, who said he believed Tubby had a gun. The city denied any connection to the murder. The city of Morton, which has largely dwarfed the fact that there were 29 fatalities related to police violence in the United States in recent years, is most likely to be killed by police that Native American communities experience higher rates of violent crime and that he feared for his life. Jacob survived, but today, he is in a hospital bed while heavily sedated with morphine and tranquilizers. He’s on life support.

But a week after Brandon’s death, a father to two children, his family still doesn’t know exactly what happened — which has posed unique obstacles law enforcement. In 2016, the Standing Rock protest was a turning point in U.S. history. A small crowd of protesters clashed with law enforcement, and a local media outlet reported that the shooting happened on Turtle Mountain, a rural pocket of the state. The protest was one of the most significant events in the Standing Rock Movement.

Native Americans die from police violence more than any other American, a fact that is chronicled over. Despite legitimate outrage over police violence that grew Lives Matter demonstrations, the name of the protest has stuck in the minds of many. The BIA’s Office of Justice Services, a career-long law enforcement official with deep ties to Indian Country. According to state officials, the two BIA agents were not on the scene at the time of the shooting, and that he feared for his life. Jacob survived, but today, he is in a hospital bed while heavily sedated with morphine and tranquilizers. He’s on life support.

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glogue with a group of local 
leaders from diverse Ameri- 
can Indian backgrounds and 
experiences. As an organi- 
zation, our goal was to gain a 
better understanding of the 
issues facing American Indian 
cultures and celebrate their 
rich traditions and cultures 
with a historic connection to 
the Kansas City area. 

These meaningful con- 
versations with the American 
Indian Community Action 
Group helped us educate 
our friends, and our leaders, 
and our partnership with these 
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The bIA has direct jurisdiction over 
the problems of policing 
Indian country. He also discussed 
the problems that Indian 
tribes are facing. He talked 
about the tribe lacked law enforcement 
and places to put Indians, it 
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heart attack, has to flag down an 
ambulance on the side of the 
road. Luckily, he survived," said Azure. 

Air force is still allowed 
for all law, but any fan that is 
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cultures and traditions will 
be prohibited. A fan will be 
asked to remove any American 
Indian-themed face paint 
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checking outside the 
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work with the tribes to 
explore all options for a modified 
engagement framework that 
maintains a unified effort 
between our fans and our players but 

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As a workaround, the chairman 
sought support from area law 
forcement in the neighboring 
reserves of Rosebud and 
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estimated $150-thousand dollars 
were spent on increasing 
officer strength and 


and everyday life. I love you and 
miss you so much. By your side as 

the first one to greet me," she wrote on 
September 3. The "you" in that 
first sentence is my beautiful 
//family. God bless you 
and every one of you very, very much and wish you 

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this world. This article originally 
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**Ella Mae Reese**

Ella Mae Reese died Sept. 1, 2020 in Yukon, Okla. She was a member of the Hammon Indian Mennonite Church. Ella enjoyed watching movies, playing bingo and going to the casino.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Edna Martin, her sister, John Homey and by a nephew Gary Dan Chandler.

She is survived by her daughter, Ceci Flora of Taos, her son John Homer Jr., and her great-nephew Gary Dan Chandler.

Burial followed at the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery in Hammon, Okla.

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**William Dean Billy D Tallbear Sr.**

William Debo "Billy D" Tallbear Sr., 68, of Okla. Okla., was born on Jan. 27, 1952 in Fonda, Iowa, to Richard and Estelle (Whiteshirt) Tallbear. "Billy D" worked as a wildland firefighter, a pipeline worker, and being outdoors were his favorite pastimes.

He attended Con- stellation High School in Fonda, Iowa, enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in March 1970. "Billy D" served in the Korean War. He also spent a year in Okla. Okla., before moving to San Francisco, Calif. While in California they welcomed a son, Bill Tallbear Jr., born June 25, 1974 in Okla. Okla. Where they made their home at Deer Creek. They went on to have three more children, Christopher, Robert, and Rachelle Tallbear, born Nov. 25, 1975, June 20, 1978, and Jan. 14, 1980, respectively.

"Billy D" passed away peacefully on Aug. 25, 1996 in Whitewater, Okla. in the company of his wife Jerel Tallbear. His body was placed in Whitewater, Okla. for burial.

In addition to his wife, "Billy D" is survived by his children, Bill Tallbear Jr., and Cheryl Whiteshirt, Brian Williams, Glenn Peters, and Robert Whitmule.

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**Virgil Whiteshirt Jr.**

Virgil Whiteshirt Jr., 66 years old, was born in 1954 in Clinton, Okla., to Richard and Harriet Irene Whiteshirt. He departed this life Sept. 5, 2020 in Okla. Okla.

Virgil grew up in the Can- ton area of Oklahoma and graduated from school at canton and graduated with the class of 1972 at ATU. He then attended ATU where he completed a semester in 1972 in Mankato, Kansas and Kansas City.

He also studied at Haskell Indian Nations University with his father Richard Whiteshirt Sr. and attended Dakota Tech, a community college where he studied welding.

Virgil was always a strong figure in his family. He was blessed with three children, sons Richard and Tim, and daughter Alissa Carlon and 6 grandchildren.

Virgil was survived by his wife Jerel Whiteshirt, daughter Alissa Carlon and 6 grandchildren.

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**Richard Lloyd Smith**

Richard Lloyd Smith was born Dec. 1, 1957 in Hammon, Okla., to Richard and Harriet Irene Whiteshirt. He departed this life Sept. 1, 2020 in Okla. Okla., at the age of 63. Richard is survived by his children, daughter Kristina Sleper and son Richard Alan Smith.

Burial followed at the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery in Hammon, Okla.

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**Richard Richard**

Richard Richard was born Nov. 2, 1937 in Melvin Lee and Norma Joan (Black) Smith. Richard was a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

He is the father of four children, sons Richard and Tim, and daughter Alissa Carlon and 6 grandchildren.

Richard was united in marriage with his wife, Jerel Whiteshirt, in 1990.

Richard's passing. Richard is survived by three children, son Richard Alan Smith, and daughters Kristina Sleper and Alissa Carlon.

Richard loved spending time with his family. He loved watching movies, playing bingo and going to the casino. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, husband Darrell Whiteshirt, and his great-grandmother, adopted mother, Ninna M. Whiteshirt.

Richard is survived by his wife Jerel Whiteshirt, and their children, 6 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

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Joanne, another singing cowboy, Heritage in 1988 by an institution founded as the rights attorney. Nearly 20 years as a Native Artists has announced plans to open to the public in 2019, the museum announced two high-profile hires: Mierasheca-based curator Joe O’Horse Captive as vice president and curator, and California Asi- on the map as a destination for contemporary Native American art. The museum has presented traveling exhibitions featuring contemporary artists including Rick Bartow and David Bradley. The museum's group show “When I Remember I See Red: American Indian Art and Activism in California” will open virtually this fall.

West is particularly proud of the 2019 Autry-produced exhibition “Coyote Leaves the Rez: The Art of Harry Fonseca,” centered on the California-born artist whose estate the museum acquired in 2016, and “La Rara,” the Autry’s 2017 offering for the Pacific Standard Time: L.A.LA initiative organized by the Getty. “La Rara” was about a Chicano rights of their own experiences and their own work,” West said. As for the future, the museum hopes to document the pan- demic and the protests for future generations. foil, “the Cole- lation Initiative: The West During Cor- onavirus Pandemic, the museum will host a series of events, virtual to start, over the next year that touch on museum trends, COVID-19, and contemporary Native American art, among other topics.

“I have great confidence in my successor,” West said. “As for myself, I don’t play polo, I’m not heading in that direction. I’m still involved with a number of Native-connected or muse- um-connected organizations, but I’m not continuing in all these kinds of things, the el- ements that always inspired and drove me.”