Annual Tribal Council meeting pulls in over 135 attendees

(CONCHO, OK) The 2020 annual Tribal Council meeting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes starts a little different this year due to the coronavirus pandemic sweeping across the country.

Instead of the usual greeting of hugs and handshakes, tribal members were met by members of the tribal health department, clothed in PPE and armed with thermometers for temperature checks and extra masks for distribution prior to entering the building.

On Saturday, Oct. 3, the tribes' held their annual council meeting inside the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gymnasium in Concho, Okla. Facial coverings were mandated, and social distancing was encouraged as tribal members filed into the gym.

According to the tribes’ Constitution, an attendance quorum of 75 tribal members must be met to call the meeting to order, and the quorum must be maintained throughout the meeting duration. At one point, there were over 135 tribal members in attendance.

On the agenda for this year’s meeting were 11 resolutions to be addressed and voted on. Out of the 11 resolutions, four resolutions were heard and voted on, two were withdrawn and five resolutions were not addressed due to losing the mandated 75-member quorum following the lunch break.

The resolutions addressed were:
1. Selection of Tribal Council Coordinator. Candi- dates vying for this elected position were Wilma Big Medicine, incumbent Michelle Bigfoot, Jewel Turtle and Jennifer Plummer Wilkinson. After the vote, Bigfoot retained the seat of Tribal Council Coordinator for another year, with a vote of 89 for Bigfoot, 6 for Big Medicine, 47 for Wilkinson and 16 for Turtle.
2. FY 2021 Budget. After the vote the 2021 Bud- get was approved with a vote of 110 yes, 21 no and 4 abstaining.
3. A Tribal Council Resolution to Call for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for Tribal Council resolution to be mailed out to all tribal members 18 and over to vote. After the vote this item was not approved with a vote of 37 yes, 54 no and 6 abstaining.
4. A Tribal Council Resolution to Amend the Tribal Council Resolution 100408ATC-002 Tribal Council Rules of Order and Procedure. This resolution was withdrawn due to being contingent on the passing of item number 3.
5. A Tribal Council Resolution to call for a Special Election to amend the constitution. This resolution was also withdrawn due to being contingent on the passing of item number 3.
6. Policy to investigate and Seek the Return of $9,000,000.00 Paid to PokerTribes.com. The resolution was withdrawn due to losing the mandated 75-member quorum following the lunch break.
8. Amendment of the Constitution to reorganize as part of the Tribes’ Territory.
9. Publish online Resolutions, Ordinances, Laws and Audits for the Members of the Tribes.
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Agenda items not addressed included:

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Chewenne and Arapaho members were screened prior to entering the 2020 annual Tribal Council meeting held in Concho, Okla. on Oct. 3, 2020. (Photos via Face- book)

As of Oct. 14, Oklahoma had 101,493 cumulative positive cases of COVID-19, with 1,119 deaths. The state has also reported 11,721 total pediatric cases, with 9,776 cases for ages 5-17 years old, and 1,945 cases among 0-4 year olds.
Indigenous murdered, missing acts signed into law

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Companion bills designed to change the way law enforcement responds to murdered or missing Indigenous women have been signed into law almost symbolically by President Donald Trump on the weekend before Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Combined, the two bills will improve coordination between agencies while developing a plan to combat the rising tide of violence in the Native American community.

The Not Invisible Act honors the name of Savanna LaFontaine-Greywind, a citizen of the Spirit Lake Nation tribe before the 22-year-old mother was found brutally murdered and kidnapped on the North Dakota-Minnesota border. Her unborn baby was found nearby, and it was a good reminder, frankly, of the seriousness of the issue we’re dealing with.

Sarah Deer, a former official with the Department of Justice and the Not Invisible Act author, now teaches at the University of Oklahoma as a law professor. Deer’s expert testimony was one of the most instrumental in the bill’s success. She said, “It was something that I felt was our duty, as an Indigenous community, to bring Indigenous people into the conversation.”

The passage of these laws and the fact that the president signed them into law just gives us some relief that we’re being acknowledged and that these cases do matter, where in the past they were overlooked and took a long time for them to be investigated,” Morgan said.

Morgan has also been involved in efforts to address this at the state level. A bill named after her cousin made it to the Senate floor but didn’t pass because of the coronavirus pandemic.

But he said Trump signing Savanna’s Act and the Not Invisible Act into law could change that.

“I think it could really go a long way if we continue to expand the Tribal Access Program, to give notice to members of law enforcement in our particular [tribal] region, so that they can be aware and be able to look out for someone goes missing.”

However, Sarah Deer, a Muscogee (Creek) Nation citizen and a professor at the University of Kansas, said that while Savanna’s Act is a “clear step in the right direction all the way to a little skeptical” of the law enforcement.

“I don’t want to ever suggest that we shouldn’t have all kinds of folks at the table working on this,” Deer said.

“But the task force is still in place. We’re still developing policies, we’re going to train the law enforcement, and that’s why I think we’ll get into more detailed consultation, because we’ve had that all of that, when we really just need to fix the identified problem.”

By Perris Jones, KOCO5

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Are you going through tough times and asked the tribes for assistance only to be ignored or denied assistance?

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Department of Justice grants state $12.5M to help Western states of Oklahoma track sexual offenders

(Oklahoma City) The Department of Justice has awarded $12,506,368 to 13 states, the District of Columbia, and the U.S. territories and tribes to be used to register and track sexual offenders.

The award to the state of Oklahoma is $1,199,047 to develop and improve systems to register and track sex offenders throughout the state in accordance with the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). Funds also help maintain the Okla Sjodin National Sex Offender Website.

“Citizens are better protected from sexual violence when jurisdictional, state, territorial and tribal partners register and track sex offenders and enable them to meet the requirements of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA). Funds also help maintain the Okla Sjodin National Sex Offender Website,” said OJP Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General Katharine T. Sullivan. “The Office of Justice Programs is committed to giving state, territory and tribal officials the resources they need to register and track sex offenders and prevent known threats in one community from becoming threats in others.”

The SMART Office. “We will continue to uphold and protect our communities and themselves.”

For the month of October, Native American artists were invited to participate in a live glass painting event that would showcase their artistic talents. For the month of October, Native American artists were invited to participate in a live glass painting event that would showcase their artistic talents. The SMART Office will award nearly $1 million to the Institute for Intergovernmental Research to support maintenance, operations and technological improvements for the Okla Sjodin National Sex Offender Website, NSOPW.gov, which links state, territorial and tribal pub- lic registry websites and allows the public to search for registered sex offenders on a national scale.

The SMART Office is awarding almost $800,000 to Intergovernmental Research to support maintenance, operations and technological improvements for the Okla Sjodin National Sex Offender Website, NSOPW.gov, which links state, territorial and tribal public registry websites and allows the public to search for registered sex offenders on a national scale.

“Our pursuit of justice is fueled by the resourcefulness and dedication of our national, state, local and tribal partners. We are honored to work with our state, tribal and territorial partners register and provide notification to the public of sex offenders within their jurisdictions,” said Kendal Ehrlich, Director of the SMART Office. “We will continue to provide both law enforcement and the public with the tools they need to better inform and protect their communities and themselves.”

“Music and the visual arts are always important, and we're very grateful to be part of this great event,” said Brent Learned, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and well known artist, is one of the first participants in a live glass painting event held at the Main Street Event Center in Norman, Okla. (Photo: Latanya Lomiloke)

We are beginning to learn here, the new norm, the new way we do things. Some Native societies may not want to make sure that we’re following the ordinances of the city of Norman, all of those types of things, we want to keep it simple, we want to apply these codes and they be safe,” said Tracey.

“I think this is a great opportunity to gather together and to learn, to learn and I think that’s exactly what we're doing here,” said Tracey. "We're learning our language and our culture and our traditions and our ceremonies in a way that we haven't done in a long time."

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Contest, Miranda Spangler

around where I live,” Sittingbull said. “I was like, ‘Yeah, maybe I should do it, just to see how well I would do and it was my first big contest.’

29, Sittingbull saw her opportunity to participate in a fall festival called Humansville Harvest. “Making her presence known is what Sittingbull is most known for,” she said. “It’s a canvas or glass,” Learned said. “I really gave me confidence to go and use his imagination to paint from and to really understand where we are in life and be a traditional thinking husband who we have with their arts … I’m fortunate that I have seen Native women struggle as a single mother.’”

Above, the DJ world, as she wants women to be able to go to the other 60 year old woman who’s Native, Tracey said. “I have seen some talent come through here when it comes to Native music,” she said. “I hope that we get to that stage where we can showcase our Native musicians too.”

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Smokey The Bear says, “ONLY YOU can stop forest fires.”

And the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Concho Head Start students were over the moon to meet Smokey The Bear in person.

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**BEAUTY CONTEST**

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**To all my family and friends who have lost loved ones this year:**

I Heard Your Voice In The Wind

Author Unknown

I heard your voice in the wind today
And turned to see your face;
The warmth of the wind caressed me
As I stood silently in place.

I felt your touch in the sun
today
As its warmth filled the sky;
I closed my eyes for your embrace
And my spirit soared high.

I saw your eyes in the window pane
As I watched the falling rain;
It seemed as each raindrop fell
It quietly said your name.

I held you close in my heart
today
It made me feel complete;
You may have died . . . but you are not gone
You will always be a part of me.

As long as the sun shines . . .
The wind blows . . .
The rain falls . . .
You will live on inside of me forever
For that is all my heart knows.
Margaret Jo Brown

Margaret Jo Brown of Kingfisher, Okla., was born to John and Clara Antelope, Oct. 23, 1920, and went to the Lord on Sept. 23, 2020, at Kingfisher Mercy Hospital. She was the youngest of 16 siblings, the 16th of 17 children, and attended school in Kingfisher through the eighth grade in the First Baptist Church. She could often be found serving in the church, either in or out of related events. In Kingfisher, she met and married Robert Dean Redhat, March 5, 1943, in Canton, Okla. They spent their time traveling to and from various locations, including her sister’s and brother’s homes. She was the favorite of all who knew her, and was a hard worker who would do anything to help others.

Margaret was a healthcare worker for over 40 years before retiring, she worked at Lucky Star Casino. She enjoyed going out to eat, watching movies, and spending time with family. Margaret loved being in the community and will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother, and sister-in-law. She leaves behind a legacy of love which includes her three children, seven grandchildren, and nine great grandchildren, nieces, nephews.

WAKE service will be held Oct. 2 at the Santlers Funeral Chapel in Kingfisher, Okla. Funeral service will be held Oct. 3 at the Kingfisher First Baptist Church, followed by an interment at the Kingfisher Cemetery. 

Pat Archer Clark

Pat Archer Clark passed away Aug. 13, 2020, at the Hospice House in Oklahoma City, Okla. Pat was born in El Reno, Okla, where she attended elementary school through high school. She spent many El Reno football games and spent time with family and friends. Pat loved to dance and was a member of the basketball team in her junior high years. Pat was welcomed in her home by her parents, brother, and daughter.

She is survived by her husband, Donald Clark of El Reno, brother James K. Archer Jr., and wife Nadine of Oklahoma City, 15 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

A visitation was held Oct. 1 at the Hubbe Bason Funeral Home in El Reno, Okla. A graveside service was held Oct. 3 at the Concho Indian Cemetery.

Juanita Sorensen

Jane Elizabeth Sorensen was born March 5, 1949 in Canton, Okla., to Elmer Charles and Elizabeth (Lime) Surveyor. She graduated from the City Indian Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Okla. She is a member of the Men- nonite Church; he enjoyed being in the community and will be greatly missed.

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A private wake service was held Oct. 1 at the Elki Community Indian Baptist Church, officiated by Gerald Punal.

Mary Ann Frye

Mary Ann Frye-Cavillo of Oklahoma City died Sept. 30, 2020, at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Okla. Mary was born Aug. 23, 1952 in Watonga, Okla., the daughter of Charlie L. and Pearl Frye-Meat. She was raised in the Quia and Watonga, Okla. area until she was 15. She moved to Hawaii where she lived many years before returning to Oklahoma.

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of domestic violence. To understand this, you have to have a long history of loving your partner and believing they would never do you harm. 

Family: They want to maintain harmony in the family. 

Social isolation: El Salvador can feel like being trapped, with no way to escape or change it now. Community: They fear having to leave the community in order to escape the abuse or are embarrassed about what other members of the community would think about the abuse. Manipulation and Low Self-Esteem: They blaming themselves for the abuse or, not having enough money. 

No Money/Resources: They may feel helpless. 

Self-Esteem: They blaming their own worth and not being able to change it now. 

Victims: They have the resources to leave their situation, or feel a responsibility to financially support their partner. 

Physical and Emotional Abuse: Domestic violence happens at higher rates than any other ethnic group. No Money/Resources: They have a low self-esteem, which can inhibit their ability to leave the abuse. 

Domestic violence and dating violence are not Native American traditions, and neither is ever okay. 

Self Esteem: They blame their own worth and not being able to change it now. 

Violence against women continues to be a tactic of control both in relationships and the community. It can be very difficult for the victim to recognize that abuse is happening. 

We encourage and support all victims regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or relationship status. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic violence, help is available. 

Contact StrongHearts Native Helpline at 1-844-NATIVE or click on the Chat Now icon to contact counselors and advocate daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, after hours you can access a cultural helpline by choosing one option.

Gloria Pratt Uranga

Gloria Pratt Uranga was born Dec. 16, 1930, in Geary, Okla., to James Monroe and Julia Pratt and passed away April 8, 2020, in her old home town of Wichita Falls, Texas. She was the daughter of 89 years, 9 months, and 22 days. 

Gloria was raised in Geary, Oklahoma, and graduated from high school in Geary, Weatherford, Clayton, and Comanche Indian School. In 1962, she married Bernice Cemene in Wichita Falls, Texas, and raised her family. 

She was the president of the Colony Powwow Committee of the Year for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe. Gloria enjoyed traveling, going to the coastes, and spending time with family and friends.

Gloria was survived by her sisters, Lela Marie Brill, Ruby Nettie, and Martha Mary; nieces, Wayseppa, Sandra Pratt, Leah Pratt, Letha Gay Pratt, Loretta Pratt, Regina Pratt and Gene Pratt, great-nieces, Oscar Pratt, Stephen Pratt Sr., Adam Pratt, and Mike Pratt; great-nephews, Adam Pratt, and countless nieces and nephews. 

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Carla, Marilyn and Darlene, and numerous aunts. 

Obituaries

James Eugene Washington

James Eugene Washington, 40, of El Reno, former resident of Selkirk, Okla., passed from this life on Oct. 8, 2020. He was born to Gilbert and Darlene Washington in Oklahoma City, Okla., on Dec. 19, 1979. He grew up in the Selkirk area and attended schools in Oklahoma City. He was a stay-at-home dad and raising his five children Aleah Raven, James "J.J." Charles and Ryan with the help of his wife, Lorrie, and two of his children Dorcas Blackbear. 

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‘A Devastating Blow’: virus kills 81 citizens of Mississippi Choctaw Tribe

From the coronavirus, according to data tracked by The New York Times, and despite making up 10% of the county’s residents, tribal nations have accounted for more than half of the county’s virus cases and about 60% of the deaths.

“We aren’t just losing family members or another uncle; we are losing parts of our culture,” said Mary Henry, interim health director for the Choctaw Health Center. “We’re just dreamweavers, we’re elders, who are very fluid in our language — so when you think about an individual we’ve lost, these are important people in our community.”

The Choctaw are the state’s only federally recognized tribe. Members are scattered across 35,000 rural acres in eight communities and have among the highest rates of the virus in the state, like many other tribal nations across the United States. The Navajo Nation, the county’s largest reservation, has recorded at least 175 deaths, a tally larger than the coronavirus-related deaths in 13 states and a country’s largest reservation.

As the virus continued to spread, the Choctaw were riddled with fear. That month, several residents, including one who had already caught the virus, passed away. The tribe’s 10,000 residents and nurses, too few hospital beds, and aging facilities.

In Arizona, Native Americans account for 11% of the virus-related deaths despite making up 5% of the population. In Arizona, Native Americans have accounted for nearly 36% of the coronavirus deaths. Across tribal nations, the pandemic has exposed the low income, poverty, and underlying health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease have been contributing factors.

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