2021 GOVERNOR’S OFFICE YEAR IN REVIEW

Report to the People | Annual Tribal Council Meeting | October 2, 2021
Tribal Citizens,

The end of year is closely approaching. The past almost four years as your duly elected 4th Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes has been the greatest challenge and best blessing in my life. Every day, Lt. Gov. Miles and I pray the decisions we have made on behalf of our children, parents, grandparents and elders is best for our future generations. Our tribal employees, executive leadership and tribal legislators have continued their best to guide us through an another year of sorrow, yet we continue to persevere.

This year’s Governor’s Office Year in Review report to the people provides a glimpse of the last year’s progress. I encourage each of you to reflect on the past two years and remember to keep all our communities in your thoughts and prayers. Today, we continue to strive forward providing more services for our tribal citizens. From the 14 CARES Act new or renovated projects to more than $32 million in direct assistance through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) to all tribal citizens, this administration is providing the best resources more than any other time in history. The ARPA gave the Tribes an initial payment from the U.S. Treasury in the amount of $61,781,945.09 in May 2021.

It has truly been the greatest honor to serve the Cheyenne and Arapaho people and I look forward to the next four years as your governor.

Hohóú/Né-á’eše!
Reggie Wassana, Governor
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EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Reggie Wassana, Governor  Gib Miles, Lt. Governor

Executive Directors
Teresa Dorsett, Department of Administration Executive Director
Lorna Carter, Department of Business Acting Executive Director
Carrie Whitlow, Department of Education Executive Director
Breanna Faris, Department of Enrollment Executive Director
Charlene Wassana, Department of Health Executive Director
Damon Dunbar, Department of Housing Executive Director
Erwin Pahmahmie, Department of Labor Executive Director
Sonny Redshin, Department of Parks and Recreation Executive Director
Winona Youngbird, Department of Social Services Executive Director
Angela Blind, Department of Transportation Executive Director
Easton Yellowfish, Department of Treasury Treasurer

Lucky Star Casino
Charlie Welbourne, Chief Executive Officer
Andy Rednose, Chief Operating Officer
Stephanie Black, Chief Financial Officer

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Hershel Gorham, Executive Attorney
Antonio Church, Deputy Attorney Counsel
Dayrah Yellowfish, Associate General Counsel

Office of the Governor
LaRenda Morgan, Governmental Affairs Officer
Christopher Roman Nose, Communications Officer
Sylvia Sandoval, Administrative Officer
Bill Tall Bear, Compliance Officer
Clara Bushyhead, Public Relations at Lucky Star Casino
Stephanie Roman Nose, Assistant to the Lt. Governor
Mary Youngbull, Outreach Worker
Norene Starr, Outreach Worker
Gerry Redbird, Receptionist/Office Aide
Jennifer Morton, Office Aide
Chris Yellow Eagle, Special Projects

OFFICE OF TRIBAL ATTORNEY

Operating under the supervision of the General Counsel, the Office of Tribal Attorney (OTA) serves as the chief legal representative and advisor to the Executive Office for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. In this role, the OTA provides timely and efficient legal services to the Executive Office, Departments, tribal programs, and staff of tribal government and tribal business enterprises, including subordinate tribal entities on a wide range of issues. These practice areas include:

The Office of Tribal Attorney works with the Legislative Branch and their Legal Consultant on legal matters involving action by or the involvement of the Legislative Branch, to promote cooperation and resolution of any potential conflicts or disagreements between the governmental branches.
Under Gov. Wassana’s direction, the OTA continues to help draft and write resolutions, laws and Acts that benefit our tribal citizens and programs such as the Veterans Affairs Board Act, Business LLC Code, and Minimum Wage Act.

In February 2021, the resolution to approve the formation of Lucky Star Hospitalities, LLC was passed that will expand our tribal businesses into the hospitality industry and in September 2021, the Tribes passed a resolution to approve the purchase of the Best Western Hotel – El Reno to continue its expansion on engaging in the hospitality industry.

**Fee-to-Trust Updates:**

Fee-to-Trust applications have been completed for most of the properties and the Tribes are continue to move forward with getting the cFeds surveys completed on the properties as well as environmental assessments. Last year, the Tribes succeeded in placing the Geary Community Hall and its land into trust status – the first time the Tribes have ever successfully placed land into trust.

Updates include:

1. Rodeo Joes – application completed, survey completed, Petition for Quiet Title in Canadian County was approved, application was submitted to BIA, Legal Description Review approved by the BIA and the Phase I Environmental Assessment has been started. We are halfway through the process with this Fee to Trust application.
2. El Reno (Denny’s property) – application completed, survey completed, easement construction was recently completed by Stevenson Construction. The Tribes will now file a Quiet Title due to legal description change. After Tribes Quiet Title, we can prepare to resubmit application to BIA.
3. Elk City - application completed, waiting on cFeds survey to be completed. Tribes working with Oklahoma DOT to rectify some errors and well as working with the city of Elk City to vacate the plats on the property.
4. Woodward properties – applications completed, there were issues with an incorrect legal description on the right of way, cFeds survey is nearly complete. We will be submitting the Fee to Trust application to the BIA before the end of October 2021.

For the El Reno property, once Tribes quiet title the property, we will have to have the Legislature approve amending the old resolution for Fee to Trust with the new legal description and then we can submit it to the BIA. From there, it could be in trust in 18-24 months.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

The Emergency Management Program (EMP) is now under the management of the Executive Office. Alan Fletcher is the director. EMP works with emergency managers in counties where tribal membership resides. The program provides assistance for emergency related events through direct services and/or coordinated efforts with cities, counties, state, and federal entities with available resources for the safety and well-being of our tribal members during natural disasters or weather related events. The EMP can assist tribal citizens with the individual assistance application process and works with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) on tribal assistance as well.

Major events in 2020 and 2021 included the ice storm in October 2020 and the polar vortex that paralyzed Oklahoma and surrounding states with subzero temperatures for over week. Subsequently, damage to the Tribes’ and most surrounding towns and cities water infrastructure was felt for many weeks thereafter. Many of our tribal citizens were severely affected by this event. Basic necessities became scarce, volunteer tribal employees and Emergency Management Staff were able to distribute water and food to our tribal members.
Tribal community halls have now become Emergency Response Centers (ERC's). These centers are located in the following tribal communities: Concho, Kingfisher, Geary, Watonga, Canton, Seiling, Woodward, Hammon and Clinton. Each center has updated kitchens and bathrooms complete with showers. Sleeping cots and blankets are available for tribal members affected with emergency situations. Several tribal citizens utilized the centers during the polar vortex in February 2021 as the weather proved potential deadly. Assistance was provided to elderly tribal members living in rural areas needing firewood to keep warm. Coordination with local and county emergency managers were crucial during these times. Tribal departments worked collaboratively to ensure the needs of tribal members were met.

In late July 2021, a very large fire threatened the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and communities within the reservation in Montana. Emergency Management Director Alan Fletcher was dispatched for a week to assist with the coordination of federal agency efforts. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have a large number of tribal members living on the Northern Cheyenne reservation. This act is a classic example of Tribes helping each other during times of need.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Emergency Management Program is currently updating our Hazard Mitigation Plan. FEMA has the responsibility to review and approved the plan and any changes. We have included pandemic mitigation measures in our update to allow the smooth roll out of assistance to for our tribal citizens. The Public Assistance Plan and Emergency Operation Plan is also being developed with the target date for completion in late 2021. These require the approval of the Tribal Legislature and FEMA.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE COMPLIANCE OFFICER**

The Executive Office Compliance Officer provides management assistance to Executive Leadership and Executive Departments. Requested assistance is provided to Department Executives and program financial personnel on financial and general management, which includes program reorganization, budget assessment, activity forecasting and budget modifications.

At the request of the Governor, assistance is provided to tribal citizens navigating through tribal program services for assistance. This enables Executive Management to review current processes and make improvements in certain areas, while still complying with applicable tribal and federal laws and regulations.

Conflicts with the Governor’s schedule often require the Compliance Officer to attend meetings on his behalf. Relevant information is gathered and presented for action by the Governor. These meetings include Health Board, Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services, and Executive Director meetings.

The Compliance Officer, from time to time, provides management services to the Office of Governor. This includes the coordination of services to tribal citizens, assisting outside agencies with inquiries, and providing studies to Executive Management for certain Tribal endeavors. Additionally, communication is facilitated with members of the Tribal Legislature, Executive Leadership Team, Tribal Council and Judicial Commission on Department and/or Program matters.
CASINO UPDATES

Administration Building
In November 2020, Casino and Gaming Commission employees moved into the new administration building located in Concho. This move has saved the Tribe close to 50k a month in rental fees. The building is 18,500 square feet and contains 42 offices, 6 bathrooms and 6 conference rooms. A 5,000 square foot climate-controlled warehouse was also included in the construction, and will eliminate the need to outsource storage needs.

Watonga Lucky Star Casino, Hotel and Convention Center
The new property is 104,000 square feet, which includes a 400-machine gaming floor, bar, restaurant, 80 room hotel, and 3 conference centers. The casino and bar opened January 28 for a soft opening and tribal preview for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members. January 29 the casino and bar opened the doors to public and is 24 hours/7 days a week. The Rez restaurant in Watonga opened May 5 and is serving lunch and dinner. The hotel and convention center opened booking August 16. The convention center has already booked and hosted its first event for the Watonga Chamber of Commerce on August 30.

System Updates
In 2021 the casinos implemented system upgrades to improve efficiency and customer service. All locations have been updated to Oasis. Oasis is a back of the house system for slot machines, as well as player management for Player’s Club. Agilysys, a food and beverage point of sale system, was implemented in Watonga and will be coming to our other locations soon. Agilysys is also the hotel management system in Watonga. We are upgrading to Fabitrack, a Title 31 tracking and reporting program.

Casino Financial Audits
For the fourth year in a row, Lucky Star Casino received a clean external audit for the 2020 financial year. A clean or unmodified audit means the auditor had no reservations concerning the financial statements presented and no deficiencies in the financial statement or auditing of accounting standards. The external audit was completed by the independent CPA firm, Rose Rock CPAs.

COVID CARES Funds
Lucky Star Casino initially requested a total of $5,478,855.30 in CARES funds. The casino received $4,856,727.60 in CARES funds and was able to successfully secure $991,148.81 through the Employee Retention Credit.

These funds covered payroll, 401K match, medical insurance (health, dental, vision) for the months leading up to the re-opening of casinos. The funds also covered many items needed to keep our employees and customers safe, which included the following: ORKIN cleanings at all properties on a weekly basis, cleaning supplies, personal protective equipment (masks, gloves, etc.), cameras for contact tracing, thermal cameras for taking guest and employee temperatures, shields for employee stations, and leave given to those employees who were exposed or positive for COVID.

Coming Soon
Canton and Hammon will be receiving restaurant expansions to accommodate more patrons.
AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACTS (ARPA) BUDGETS

ARP Expenses as of September 15, 2021
Congregational Appropriation American Rescue Plan Act

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**Total Expenses:** 29,084,541.48

**Remaining Balance:** $54,800,945.39

*Plans and Projects are still being discussed between Branches to budget the remaining ARP Funds. Tribe’s have until 12/2024 to spend funds.

*Budgeted for 2022, $4,426,277"

### Gaming Per Capita

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OCTOBER 2020

Amended Executive Order – Oct. 1
Gov. Wassana issued the sixth amended Executive Order 2020-05.

Telephone Town Hall Meeting with I.H.S. – Oct. 2
Gov. Wassana provided the welcome for the Telephone Town Hall meeting that gave an opportunity to listen from home on what is being done to combat the 2019 novel corona virus (also known as COVID-19) in our community.

Drive-Thru Flu Clinic– Oct. 2021
The Tribes provided a Drive-Thru Flu Clinic to receive the flu vaccine at Concho, OK to 9 communities.

Annual Tribal Council Meeting – Oct. 3
At the annual tribal council meeting, 6 resolutions passed and 5 were not discussed and voted on.

Indigenous People’s Day – Oct. 12
Gov. Wassana issued a statement about Indigenous People’s Day.

Indigenous Pink Day 2020 – Oct. 15
Tribes celebrated the Indigenous Pink which is a National Breast Cancer Awareness Campaign for Native people.

Elder Food and Thanksgiving Assistance – Oct. 20
Elders received $300 for the month of November.

Thanksgiving Relief Assistance – Oct. 20
Thanksgiving assistance was provided to tribal members between the ages of 18-54 for November.

School Clothing and Technology Assistance - Oct. 30
The Tribes provided direct assistance to tribal member youth for clothing totaling more than $375,000 and more than $790,000 in technology assistance.

Winter Weather Assistance – Oct. 26
The Tribes HOPE Program assisted tribal elders, persons with medical conditions that require electricity and families with children and opened the community halls to help during the winter storm.

Governor Message about Winter Storm – Oct. 28
Gov. Wassana issued a statement encouraging tribal citizens to endure challenging times and asking that we all do our part and reach out and help those in need if at all possible.

HOPE Ice Storm Food Assistance – Oct. 29
The Tribes provided assistance to head of households with food cards directly affected by the ice storm.

Amended Executive Order – Oct. 30
Gov. Wassana issued the seventh amended Executive Order 2020-08.
NOVEMBER 2020

Governor Message about Voting – Nov. 3
Gov. Wassana issued a video message encouraging everyone to vote in the U.S. elections.

BIA Officer Candy Ceremony – Nov. 4
Gov. Wassana and the Transportation Dept. hosted an event where officer candy was sworn into the duty to help within our tribal jurisdiction.

Canadian County Veterans Day Parade & Program ft. Chief Harvey Pratt – Nov. 8
Gov. Wassana attended the 9th Annual Canadian County Veterans Day Parade & Program, Cheyenne Chief and Veteran Harvey Pratt was the guest speaker for the program.

Veterans Day Message – Nov. 11
Gov. Wassana issued a message for our tribal Veterans and families.

Special Session – Nov. 12
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 3 resolutions were on the agenda and passed.

December Per Capita Announcement – Nov. 12
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles announced the 2020 December per capita payment estimated in the amount was $533.45.

Holiday Video Message from Gov. and Lt. Gov. – Nov. 24

Christmas Relief Assistance – Nov. 24
Christmas relief assistance was provided to tribal citizens between the ages of 18-54 for December.

Elder Food and Christmas Assistance – Nov. 24
Elders received $300 for the month of December.

Holiday Message from Gov. – Nov. 26
Gov. Wassana issued a 2020 holiday message in regards to the pandemic to all tribal citizens and families.

Native American Heritage Month Message – Nov. 30
Gov. Wassana issued a message on the last day of Native American Heritage Month 2020 honoring our ancestors who persevered and fought for us to be here today.

DECEMBER 2020

Special Session – Dec. 1
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 3 resolutions were on the agenda and passed.

2020 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Towering Spirit Award – Dec. 7
The Tribes' Bison Program received the 2020 Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Towering Spirit Award presented by the OKC Good organization.

Casino Trailers Removed – Dec. 9
The last casino mobile trailer was removed from Concho after more than a decade to make way for the new administration casino building.
Meat Processing Plant Update – Dec. 9
The Meat Processing plant construction began and scales were installed at the new site off of Highway 81 in Oklahoma.

Language and Culture Curriculum Development – Dec. 16
Language staff worked to develop a language and culture curriculum to partner with local school districts.

COVID-19 Vaccinations – Dec. 18
Clinton Indian Health Service begin distribution of the Pfizer COVID vaccine to CSU frontline health care workers, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ EMS staff and Tribal Elders living at the Independent Living Center in Clinton, OK.

Holiday Message from Gov. and Lt. Gov. – Dec. 25
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles issued a 2020 Christmas message in regards to the pandemic to all tribal citizens and families.

End of Year Message from Office of the Governor – Dec. 31
Gov. Wassana issued a statement about the year 2020.

JANUARY 2021

COVID-19 Vaccinations – Jan. 8
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles received their vaccine as well as elders at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Independent Living Center (ILC) in Clinton, OK

Patriotic Award – Jan. 8
The Tribes received the Patriotic Award from the United States of America Office of the Secretary of Defense for contributing to the national security and protecting liberty and freedom by supporting employee participation in America’s National Guard and Reserve Force.

Special Session – Jan. 14
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 4 resolutions were on the agenda and passed.

Ida’s Law SB 172 – Jan. 20
Gov. Wassana supported OK state senator Rosino to file Ida’s Law in the 2021 legislative session.
Mechanic Recruitment for Transportation Dept. – Jan. 22
The Tribes department of transportation, in partnership with the department of labor DREAMS-TERO program, is recruiting auto mechanics or those interested in receiving training to become a certified mechanic for the new tribal transit facility located in Concho, OK.

Special Session – Jan. 28
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 6 resolutions were on the agenda and 5 passed.

Watonga Casino Tribal Member Night – Jan. 28
Gov. Wassana and the casino leadership provided a tribal member night for the brand new Watonga casino.

Watonga Casino Opening – Jan. 29
The Watonga casino opened to everyone.

FEBRUARY 2021

Office of the Governor Face Masks – Feb. 4
Gov. Wassana provided face masks for the tribal members, primarily out of district.

Warming Stations for Communities – Feb. 12
Gov. Wassana and the emergency management program provided warming stations in 5 communities during the winter storm.

Special Session – Feb. 18
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 1 resolution were on the agenda and it passed.

Winter Supplies Assistance Drive-Thru Event – Feb. 23
Due to winter storm, the executive and legislative branches provided more than 500 meals, 300 masks, 200 sanitizers and 300 cases to more than 120 cars at the drive-through service at Concho, OK.

Concho North Road Improvement Project Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Feb. 24
Tribes department of transportation roads construction/maintenance program in collaboration with Canadian County Board of Commissioners hosted a ribbon cutting a ceremony for the Concho North Road Improvement Project at Concho, OK.

2021 Emergency Rental Assistance Application Available – Feb. 26
Through the U.S. Dept. of Treasury, the Tribes applied and received assistance to provide services for ALL enrolled tribal citizens who were affected by COVID-19 due to loss of job, reduced income, etc. and are currently renting their home/apartment/condo.

MARCH 2021

Telephone Town Hall Meeting with I.H.S. – March 5
Gov. Wassana provided the welcome for the Telephone Town Hall meeting that gave an opportunity to listen from home on what is being done to combat the 2019 novel corona virus (also known as COVID-19) in our community.

Office of the Governor Condolences Message – March 4
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles sent an In Loving Member announcement for the tribal citizens we lost in January and February 2021.
FDP Food Box Pick-Up – March 9
The Tribes partnered with the USDA to provide food boxes for tribal families.

Office of the Governor Statement – March 9
Gov. Wassana issued a statement regarding the Tribes Supreme Court order to withdraw previous order and dismisses Rick Dane Moore Case.

Sec. Haaland Message – March
Gov. Wassana issued a statement congratulating Sec. of the Interior Deb Haaland. The first Native American cabinet member of the U.S. government.

Special Session – March 18
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 1 resolution was on the agenda and it passed.

Governor Message – March 19
Gov. Wassana issued a statement regarding the year anniversary of the Tribes and casino operations closed due to COVID-19.

Concho Emergency Response Center Opening – March 29
Gov. Wassana, Gov. Miles and the legislature celebrated the opening of the newly renovated Concho Emergency Response Center (ERC).

Clinton and Seiling Emergency Response Center Openings – March 30
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and the legislature celebrated the opening of the newly renovated Clinton and Seiling Emergency Response Centers (ERC).

APRIL 2021

OKC Easter Drive-Thru Event – April 1
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and the Legislative Branch hosted an Easter drive-thru event for the Oklahoma City tribal citizens and families where we gave out more than 600 meals as well as PPE and Easter baskets for the youth.
Tribal Vaccination Month Proclamation – April 1
Gov. Wassana issued a proclamation naming April Tribal Vaccination Month!

Geary Emergency Response Center Openings – April 1
Lt. Gov. Miles and the legislature celebrated the opening of the newly renovated Geary Emergency Response Center (ERC).

Conversation with Tommy Orange – April 1
Gov. Wassana and the department of education supported bringing tribal citizen Tommy Orange to Oklahoma City University for an online webinar conversation.

Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) Bison Donation – April 2
Gov. Wassana and other tribal representatives accepted the 13 American Bison to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes from Denver Parks and Recreation (DPR) in Colorado.

2021 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair Announcement – April 6
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles congratulated the 2021 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair Winners in the 9th – 12th Grade Comic and Cartoons Category from Watonga High School.

Oklahoma Officials Meeting – April 6
Gov. Wassana and governmental affairs officer LaRenda Morgan met with various Oklahoma state officials to discuss support of Ida's Law, Tribes' updates and continuing relationships. Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt was a part of the conversation.

Loving Memory Announcement from the Office of the Governor – April 12

Emergency Youth Shelter Groundbreaking Ceremony – April 13
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and staff held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new emergency youth shelter (EYS) at Concho, OK.

Ida's Law Governor Statement – April 14
Gov. Wassana issued a statement regarding the passing of Ida's Law in both Oklahoma legislative chambers.

OKC Channel 4 Interview – April 15
Gov. Wassana was interviewed on KOCO news explaining Oklahoma AG questions about letters from our Tribes for past-due oil-and-gas taxes.

2021 Elder Lawn Program Begins – April 19
Gov. Wassana and the housing authority announced the elder lawn program again for our elders.

Ida's Law Signing – April 20
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the signing by Oklahoma's governor for Ida's Law at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

George Hawkins Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – April 22
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and the legislature attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the expansion and renovation of the George Hawkins Treatment Center in Clinton, OK.
Nokia and NewCore Wireless Networks Announcement – April 25
Nokia and NewCore Wireless made the announcement to helping tribes in Oklahoma and California build private wireless networks, using EBS spectrum that includes the Tribes.

Chief White Antelope Blanket Press Release – April 28
Gov. Wassana issued a press release regarding the Tribes bringing Chief White Antelope's Blanket for viewing to Concho, Seiling and Clinton.

May 2021
Amended Executive Order – May 4
Gov. Wassana issued the amended Executive Order 2021-01.

Whiteskunk Family Announcement from the Office of the Governor – May 4
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles issued a statement expressing their condolences to the housing executive director Orville Whiteskunk family.

MMIW National Day of Awareness – May 5
Gov. Reggie Wassana was one of more than a dozen speakers at the event where he spoke about Ida's Law that was held at Oklahoma State Capitol.

Graduation Banquet Drive-Thru – May 5
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the graduation drive-thru at Concho, OK hosted by the department of education.

Sand Creek Massacre Monument Dedication & Chief White Antelope's Blanket Viewing – May 11
Gov. Wassana attended the Sand Creek Massacre Monument Dedication & Chief White Antelope's Blanket Viewing at Concho, OK.

Oklahoma Native Caucus Meeting – May 11
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gib Miles attended the Oklahoma Native Caucus and provided an update on the Tribes' progress.

MMIW Honor Parade – May 12
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles both spoke about MMIW awareness in our communities at the honor parade hosted at Concho, OK.
Tribal Audits – May 13
Gov. Wassana issued a statement about the Tribes yearly audits completed and both tribal government and casinos receiving favorable audit results.

Annual Chiefs Meeting – May 14
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles, Speaker Sleeper and tribal legislators hosted the annual chiefs meeting at the Kingfisher ERC (emergency response center).

Canton Emergency Response Center Opening – April 1
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and the legislature celebrated the opening of the newly renovated Canton Emergency Response Center (ERC).

Concho Property and Supply Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – May 19
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and staff celebrated the Concho Property and Supply Building ribbon cutting ceremony at Concho, OK.

Treasury Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – May 20
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and staff celebrated the Treasury Building ribbon cutting ceremony at Concho, OK.

Kingfisher Emergency Response Center Opening – May 20
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and staff celebrated the Kingfisher emergency response center ribbon cutting ceremony at Kingfisher, OK.

Amended Executive Order – May 20
Gov. Wassana issued the amended Executive Order 2021-02.

Kevin Mohr Honor Reception – May 25
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles hosted a reception Kevin Mohr who was a great friend for our Cheyenne and Arapaho people as a staff member at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site.

USDA Director of Tribal Relations Visit – May 25
The USDA representative met with Gov. Wassana and took a buffalo tour at Concho, OK.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Youth Summit – May 27
Gov. Wassana spoke to more than 50 tribal youth who attended the summit featuring various tribal and nationally known speakers and workshops.

Telephone Town Hall Meeting with I.H.S. – May 28
Gov. Wassana provided the welcome for the Telephone Town Hall meeting that gave an opportunity to listen from home on what is being done to combat the 2019 novel corona virus (also known as COVID-19) in our community.

American Rescue Plan Act Funds Announcement – May 28
Gov. Wassana announced the Tribes would receive its initial payment of Fiscal Recovery Funds of the American Rescue Plan from the U.S. Treasury in the amount of $ 61,781,945.09.

Memorial Day Message – May 30
Gov. Wassana issued a Memorial Day message.

June 2021

Loving Memory Announcement from the Office of the Governor – June 1

Special Session – June 3
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 1 resolution was on the agenda and it passed.
Special Session – June 16
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 1 resolution was on the agenda and it passed.

Concho Food Pantry Building Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – June 17
Gov. Wassana, Lt. Gov. Miles and staff celebrated the Food Pantry Building ribbon cutting ceremony at Concho, OK.

Governor Statement – Casino – June 22
Gov. Wassana issued a statement regarding the ransom-ware attack on the casinos.

Little Big Horn Statement – June 25
Gov. Wassana issued a statement regarding the Battle of Little Big Horn.

July 2021

4th of July Governor Announcement – July 4
Gov. Wassana issued a statement about the 4th of July.

Special Session – July 8
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK. 7 resolutions were on the agenda.

August Per Capita Announcement – July 23
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles announced the 2021 gaming per capita payment in the estimated amount of $681.30.

Washington, D.C. Visit – July 27
Gov. Wassana met with various U.S. Senators and U.S. Representatives to discuss Fort Reno and other tribal updates.

Special Session – July 29
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK.

Fonda Community Access Road Improvement Project – July 29
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for this project at the Fonda Community Hall.
College Kick-Off Event – July 30
Gov. Wassana spoke to tribal students in high school or college in collaboration with the department of education higher education program.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth Council Summerfest Gatherings – July 30
The youth council hosted Mo Brings Plenty and Miss Indian World for more than 15 tribal youth. Gov. Wassana attended to present the honorariums.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow – July 30
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the annual powwow at Concho, OK.

Governor’s Buffalo Chili Cook-Off – July 31
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles hosted a buffalo chili cook-off at the Concho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym. 19 tribal citizens participated and we had 2 guest judges. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place prizes were awarded.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow – July 31
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the annual powwow for grand entry and Elder of the Year presentation at Concho, OK.

August 2021

Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow – Aug. 1
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the annual powwow at Concho, OK.

COVID-19 Guidelines Revised – Aug. 2
Gov. Wassana and the department of health provided new and updated COVID-19 guidelines for tribal employees and properties excluding the casino.

COVID-19 Public Buildings Announcement – Aug. 12
Gov. Wassana with the support of the tribal COVID-19 task force, legislators, elders and chiefs made the decision to close all public properties.

Amended Executive Order – Aug. 12
Gov. Wassana issued the amended Executive Order 2021-03.

State of Colorado Visit – Aug. 17
Gov. Wassana attended the ceremony where Colorado Gov. Jared Polis signed two executive orders rescinding proclamations, issued in 1864 by Territorial Governor John Evans, that led to the Sand Creek Massacre in Denver, CO.

Loving Memory Announcement from the Office of the Governor – Aug. 18

Special Session – Aug. 19
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK.
Vaccinations Gift-Card Events – Aug. 20
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes began offering $200 gift cards to tribal citizens who were vaccinated.

Kingfisher Visitor’s Center Presents Lame Bull Sculpture Dedication – Aug. 27
Gov. Wassana attended this event that was newly dedicated at the new visitor’s center and a new sculpture that depicts Cheyenne Medicine Man Lame Bull in front of their new facility. (KINGFISHER, OK) The City of Kingfisher, OK

Hammon ERC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Aug. 30
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Hammon Emergency Response Center at Hammon, OK.

Clinton EMS Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Aug. 30
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Clinton EMS/EMG Building at Clinton, OK.

Watonga Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Event – Aug. 30
Gov. Wassana and casino leadership attended the annual event where Lucky Star Casino received the “Business of the Year”.

Watonga ERC Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Aug. 31
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Watonga Emergency Response Center at Watonga, OK.

September 2021

Special Session – Sept. 1
Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Eighth Legislature called by Gov. Wassana was held at the large conference room in the administration building at Concho, OK.

Mobile Medical Unit Ribbon Cutting Ceremony – Sept. 1
Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Miles attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for the mobile medical unit at Concho, OK.

Clinton Public Schools Response Press Release – Sept. 2
Gov. Wassana released a press release regarding a tribal youth in Clinton Public Schools.

Sovereignty Symposium Preview Art Exhibition – Sept. 4
Gov. Wassana attended the event hosted by Oklahoma Associate Supreme Court Justice Yvonne Kauger at Colony, OK.

Audit Statement from Governor’s Office – Sept. 8
Gov. Wassana and the department of treasury issued statement of outstanding audit reports.

9-11 Statement – Sept. 11
Gov. Wassana issued a statement about the 20th anniversary of September 11 attacks.
IN LOVING MEMORY
We remember the loved ones who we lost this past year.

Christopher Two Babies
3/5/1983 - 10/2/2020

Patsy Clark
3/11/1936 - 10/5/2020

Elizabeth Scroggins
10/2/1959 - 10/7/2020

Gloria Uranga
12/16/1931 - 10/7/2020

Mary Sweezy
7/1/1929 - 10/9/2020

Geraldine Harding
4/6/1940 - 10/14/2020

Alisha Warner
6/22/1984 - 10/17/2020

Brian Tiger
2/24/1969 - 10/20/2020

Minerva Limpy
8/17/1990 - 10/22/2020

Carrie Fisher
7/19/1970 - 10/25/2020

Cora Hicks
2/14/1951 - 10/27/2020

Raymond Natseway, Jr.
8/14/1959 - 10/28/2020

Dwayne Candy Fire
6/5/1947 - 10/29/2020

Ruby Sleeper
1/26/1947 - 11/2/2020

Lee Brewer

Corryn Stewart
5/28/1955 - 11/2/2020

Leonard Bearshield
10/1/1955 - 11/3/2020

Marcus Guillen
1/16/1995 - 11/4/2020

Carol Rice
9/6/1940 - 11/5/2020

Anna Hidrogo
8/18/1969 - 11/7/2020

Gaynell Williamson
9/13/1959 - 11/7/2020

Melissa Enriquez
9/19/1980 - 11/10/2020

Myra Gould
11/7/1956 - 11/12/2020

Frederic Allrunner
9/21/1936 - 11/13/2020

Ramona Two Crow
2/20/1979 - 11/18/2020

Kimberlyn Anderson
12/25/1965 - 11/18/2020

Ida Island
5/10/1955 - 11/19/2020

Ruth Sleeper
9/15/1948 - 11/19/2020

James Cometsevah
9/23/1981 - 11/20/2020

John West
12/4/1952 - 11/21/2020

Marsha Wills
8/20/1967 - 11/26/2020

Francis Shawnee

Roberta Harrison
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Eugene Red Nose
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Theodore Nibbs
1/15/1953 - 11/29/2020

Carol StandingWater
7/2/1961 - 12/1/2020

Mary Hawk
4/5/1945 - 12/2/2020

Victor Orange
6/5/1965 - 12/5/2020

Adolph Red Cherries
4/7/1952 - 12/8/2020

Mary Maul
8/17/1956 - 12/8/2020

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Michael Shirey
5/2/1983 - 12/26/2020

Victorio Ramirez
11/30/1967 - 12/26/2020

Naomi Pena
3/24/1933 - 12/27/2020

Ken-A-rah-diyoh “Leaf” Minear
12/14/1988 - 12/29/2020

Shirley Hamilton
4/17/1959 - 12/29/2020

Audrey Weeks
3/25/1945 - 12/31/2020

Jessie Sankey
9/5/1974 - 12/31/2020

Timothy Armstrong
8/30/1960 - 1/1/2021

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FOR THE FUTURE

Since declaring a State of Emergency of the Tribes in early 2020 due to the rapidly evolving Coronavirus pandemic, we have sadly lost the lives of many of our tribal citizens, many of whom were elders. While the recovery and healing continue, we pray for all of the families who are grieving the loss of their loved ones.

Today, the Delta variant continues to spread throughout the country and within our own communities. While the variants continue to pose a threat everywhere, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are striving to have one of the highest vaccination rates and continue to work hand in hand with the Indian Health Service to administer vaccinations.

Much of the good work that is being done comes at the sacrifice of our frontline warriors - our men and women who continue to fight for us each and every day. Since the start of this pandemic, our health experts and Cheyenne and Arapaho COVID-19 Task Force have provided us with the guidance, the data and resources to help protect ourselves and others.

Recently, updated executive orders placed several COVID-19 restrictions back into place to protect our employees and tribal citizens. The administration understands the struggles and setbacks the pandemic has created for our People. As we move forward with allocating funds from the American Rescue Plan Act, we request your support for additional business relief funds for our Cheyenne and Arapaho businesses to help in the economic recovery effort so that businesses can continue to grow and create more jobs and revenue for our people.

As our Tribes continues to monitor the pandemic and to gradually reopen to visitors and tourists, we emphasize the importance of personal responsibility. Now that the public health experts have given us the knowledge and the tools to push back on COVID-19 and the variants, we need to hold ourselves accountable for continuing to wear masks, to get vaccinated and take precautions to prevent a major surge in new cases.

We thank the 8th Legislature for supporting all of the CARES projects, including the emergency assistance to offer our enrolled tribal citizens the opportunity to receive emergency relief as we move forward with recovery from the pandemic. The CARES projects to help our Tribes for generations to come included building new emergency response centers in Woodward, Kingfisher, Hammon and Watonga in addition to a new food pantry in Clinton and Concho, and property & supply warehouse at Concho. The Tribes also renovated several of our existing community halls into emergency response centers at Concho, Clinton, Geary and Canton. The effort by the tribal legislature went way and above just merely passing legislation. They were hands on and personally delivered food baskets and food cards to tribal citizens and families throughout their districts during the pandemic.

Additionally, we renovated the Concho head start building into our new department of treasury to improve our infrastructure and ability to respond quickly to the pandemic as well as address the needs of our tribal citizens. A new accounting software was implanted that allows all tribal programs to conduct procurement business online. The new software has given the Tribes the ability to continue functioning financially even if we are not physically located in our offices.

The legislation passed by the tribal legislature also supports the Tribes secondary schools and higher education students. Many students, teachers and parents struggled with online school instruction during the pandemic. The CARES funds allowed our department of education to provide technology funding to students of all ages to help pay for laptops, tablets and Wi-Fi. Through the American Rescue Plan Act, Bureau of Indian Affairs Aid to Tribal Governments, the Tribes received additional COVID-19 relief which have been budgeted to continue assisting our students with the technological challenges.
As we move forward with recovery efforts within the service area, we are cautiously optimistic the worst of the pandemic is behind us. With the American Rescue Plan Act, we recognize this as a once in a lifetime opportunity to invest in water, electrical, broadband and other infrastructure improvements and developments that will improve the quality of life for generations to come.

Over the last several weeks, our administration and elected officials have been in the communities meeting with local officials to hear their priorities and needs as it relates to recovery efforts. As leaders, we know what the needs are when it comes to infrastructure, facilities, bathroom additions, homes, public safety, waste management, road improvements, broadband connectivity, education, mental health and many more. We aim to focus on economic development in the coming year by working to close broadband gaps, grow public transit services and improve water systems.

As our leaders before have done for our People, we must look to the future and plan for the generations to come. $85 million is not near enough to build our entire Tribes but we can support to build our foundation and prepare it for future generations. We have to think beyond our immediate situation and prepare for what challenges and possible future pandemics may occur. The American Rescue Plan Act gives us the opportunity to invest in water development, water conservation, and water infrastructure to help sustain our water resources for years and generations to come. One of our goals is to build the casinos its own water tower at Concho that is separate from the Tribes and possibly one at our Watonga location as well. Our administration's infrastructure team is vetting projects to develop a comprehensive listing. The next step is to continue working together with the Legislature and input from tribal members to develop a comprehensive listing of our needs.

When it comes to housing for our families and communities, we continue to work together with elected leaders of our tribal legislature and the housing department to ensure our tribal citizens are not homeless and have a place to call home. Some conditions our elders, veterans and others live in are in much need of your support to allocate funds through the American Rescue Plan Act to continue providing emergency rental assistance and homeowners relief. We welcome the Veterans Care Assistance Act legislation bill which will provide $1.8 million in assistance to our eligible veterans from the American Rescue Plan Act funds.

As members of the branch of tribal council, we ask you to be aware of the difficulties and hurdles our Tribes have had with placing land into trust. We met with the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Plains Region officials and staff to discuss the policy changes, requirements and red tape that delay fee-to-trust applications we have experienced with navigating this process. We should not have to wait years to place our fee properties into trust status. Last year, Gov. Wassana gave a congressional testimony before the House Appropriations Committee - Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Land, Trust, and Natural Resource Management because our Cheyenne and Arapaho fee to trust applications were frequently and significantly delayed and then returned because of standards applied by the Bureau of Land Management (BILS) surveyor and the rules for land-into-trust were not being enforced uniformly.

Despite these hurdles, our administration successfully placed our Geary Community Hall and the land it sits upon into trust status. This was a monumental moment for the Tribes because it was the first piece of fee property that our Tribes have ever been able to place into trust. We recently cleared another hurdle with our Rodeo Joes property and are halfway through the process with getting this land placed into trust as well. While our efforts to place our El Reno property into trust have moved slow, we have also cleared some major obstacles as well. Once the legal description error is approved by the District Court, we will be resubmitting the fee to trust application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs.
As we move forward with recovery from the pandemic, there is a growing need for mental and behavioral health treatment and assistance. Having been out in the communities with our frontline warriors, we have spoken with many people who have shared their personal experiences, hardships and ongoing issues. We hear from those who feel guilt, who have lost loved ones, and those who are dealing with the mental health issues caused by the trauma and heartache. In some communities, this is also leading to an increase in substance abuse and addiction, domestic violence and other issues that affect families.

The Tribes has made large strides in addressing public health in recent years with the ongoing construction of the new 16,000 square foot El Reno Indian Health Center. We are working with the Indian Health Service to add an additional 7,000 square feet to the 16,000 square foot El Reno Indian Health Center that is currently under construction that should be completed in January 2022. The additional square footage will include space for behavioral health which is a much needed service for our tribal citizens.

With the American Rescue Plan Act, we want to continue investing in these types of community based facilities that offer help to our People who are victims of violence and those who need mental and behavioral health support to get them back on their feet.

Our administration continues to improve on cleaning up our Concho campus. For over a decade, our casino administration employees were forced to work in small outdated mobile trailers that the Tribes did not own due to bad leases. The result and sad reality is that those leases were costing the casino and Tribe over $50,000 a month. We pulled our resources together and with the assistance of our vendors, we built a brand new, state of the art casino administration building and cleared out the old trailers. This was also the reason why we renovated the old Conch head start into the new treasury department - employees were in small, old and outdated spaces in these trailers that the Tribes did not own.

To further strengthen our sovereignty, we have made it a priority to focus on hiring our own tribal members, particularly in our departments as well as our casino management positions. Our Casino CEO, COO, CFO and all general managers are tribal citizens. All of our executive directors are enrolled tribal citizens with the exception of our treasury department.

Those are some of the top priorities and future goals we wanted to share. We know there are many issues and ongoing initiatives our administration is working towards.

As we move forward, the administration must continue to focus on addressing and mitigating the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. We highly encourage our Cheyenne and Arapaho people to get fully vaccinated and take all precautions, including wearing masks to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and the variants.

We also take this opportunity to once again thank all of the frontline warriors, upon us as leaders to work together, to put differences aside and address the issues that create barriers to progress and create real change.

Our ancestors passed down many good teachings, prayers and values that have withstood the test of time and adversities. Our self-determination will help us along the way in everything that we strive to accomplish for our people. We thank you for the opportunity to present the Governor’s Office Year In Review. We wish you a productive annual tribal council meeting and remaining of 2021.

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