



Groundbreaking Ceremony for New El Reno Indian Health Center Aug. 27

(EL RENO, OK) El Reno Indian Health Center will take a long awaited step forward on Aug. 27, 2020 with the ground breaking for the new El Reno Indian Health Center at 11 a.m. Social distancing measures and masks will be required for all who attend this event.

The 16,000 square-foot facility will provide much needed space to expand health care services to include dental, optometry, podiatry, audiology, general radiology, and physical therapy. The new facility will allow for existing services of primary care, pediatrics, pharmacy, laboratory, wound care, health information management, benefit coordination, integrated behavioral health, public health nursing, purchased/referred care, nutrition, and administration to be expanded. Construction is expected to be completed in October of 2021. The new facility will be located directly to the east of the current facility at 1801 Parkview Drive.

“The groundbreaking marks the start of bringing a new Indian Health facility to El Reno. The Tribes are proud, and excited, to be a big part of this transformation. We will build



the facility to accommodate not only the existing services, but house new services as well. This will eliminate the travel to Clinton and surrounding clinics for dental services and other new services provided by Indian Health Services,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana said.

El Reno Indian Health Center was closed for approximately one year after the facility located on Route 66 suffered damage beyond repair from a 2.6-mile wide tornado in

May 2013. Prior to the clinic’s closure, the facility had over 18,000 visits a year.

Clinton Service Unit, working with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, reestablished limited medical services to the El Reno Indian Health Center on May 31, 2014. The current 4,458 square-foot space is physically smaller than the previous facility on Route 66. The reduction in space decreased

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Darlington Public School Reopens With In-Person Learning

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

On Thursday, Aug. 6 Darlington Public School teachers welcome back their students and parents, much like every year prior, except for two obvious exceptions. The students wore masks and were pre-screened with temperature checks.

A new “normal” many parents and students are facing as they return to in-person classrooms throughout the state.

Darlington was one of a handful of schools to open, located in El Reno, Okla., and by day four their ‘Return to Learn’ plan was still moving forward smoothly and better than expected.

Darlington’s enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year landed about where they usually are every year with 235 students. Approximately 50 of those students chose to do virtual learning versus in-person classes.

“We didn’t promote the online learning, we just put it out there to reach out to us if there was a need because that’s the way we wanted to handle that, not just automatically jump into it, but let’s talk about it first,” Gina Musae, Darlington School principal said.

Musae said they knew some fam-

ilies would be calling because of true medical issues within their homes, putting them into a high risk for severe COVID-19. Also students who have asthma or their pediatricians told them it would be best not to attend because of the difficulty of wearing a mask all day and also being at high risk.

“It is frustrating for a parent that has to return to work and trying to make a decision about virtual learning ... this whole situation is horrible, but if you are going to weigh a parent or grandparent dying to a student being in the classroom, I would have to choose my kid staying home. It’s an individual decision and it’s just hard on the parents and grandparents as well as our students,” Musae said.

Some of the protective measures Darlington has put into place include dividing the majority of their classrooms into two classes, with an assistant on one side, the teacher on the other side, with a camera that projects the teacher to a smart TV to the side where the assistant is, so the students can still see and hear their teacher.

“We are doing the majority of our daily classwork on line so they are prac-

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Linda ‘Lindy’ Zotigh was murdered in September 2017.

Hammon Man To Serve Life In Federal Prison for 2017 Murder

OKLAHOMA CITY – Tommy Dean Bullcoming, 56, of Hammon, Okla., was sentenced Aug. 10, 2020 by U.S. District Court Judge Charles B. Goodwin to serve life in federal prison for the first-degree felony murder of Linda “Lindy” Zotigh, and related offenses, announced U.S. Attorney Timothy J. Downing. In addition, Bullcoming was ordered to pay \$17,613 in restitution for damage to the victim’s home and vehicle as well as funeral expenses.

A five-count indictment unsealed on April 6, 2018, charged Bullcoming with crimes he committed on Sept. 6, 2017: first-degree premeditated murder, first-degree felony murder, carjacking resulting in death, kidnapping resulting in death, and arson. The indictment stated he “used force, violence, and intimidation to intentionally take a Lexus RX300” from an Indian and that this resulted in death. It further alleged he killed the victim “by stabbing and cutting her with a sharp object.” The arson

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Joey Halford
Kindergartener at Darlington
Public School

Why ‘Come and Get Your Love’ now? After 46 years ‘the time has come’

Sandra Hale Schulman, Indian Country Today

As an enduring pop hit, Redbone’s “Come and Get Your Love” has had millions of plays on air and on YouTube with the pioneering rock band’s visually powerful performance on TV’s “The Midnight Special” in 1974, when the song was released.

That clip begins with a powwow dancer performing in front of the band, introducing millions to a Native traditional dance they had most likely never seen before.

In 2014, the mega-budget sci-fi film “Guardians of the Galaxy” used the song in a key opening scene and on the official soundtrack, garnering a whole new generation of fans.

But the infectious, bouncy song with a message of earthy and universal love never had an official video from the band. Until now.

Legacy Recordings, the catalog division of Sony Music Entertainment, has released a new music video for “Come and Get Your Love,” pulling in an Emmy-nominated director, Juan Bedolla, and an award-winning Native artist, Brent Learned, to create the visuals.

“Come and Get Your Love” was released as a single on Epic Records in January 1974. The band took its name from a Cajun term for multiracial individuals as its members have Yaqui, Shoshone and Mexican heritage. The group’s core musicians, brothers Patrick and Candido “Lolly” Vasquez-Vegas, were born in Coalinga, California, moved to Los Angeles in 1959 and performed for a decade on the club scene as Pat and Lolly Vegas before founding Redbone.

Redbone was the first Native American band to achieve a Top 5 single on the Billboard Hot 100. The genre-defying group mixes a unique blend of deep funk, Tex-Mex R&B, some soul and authentic Native American tribal beats. The single was certified gold, sold a million copies and is a pop radio classic.

So why an official video now?
“The time has come!” 79 year-old Pat Vegas says from his studio in California, where he is keeping busy with new recordings.

“Back then, we did what we had to do onstage to show our heritage. We were always fighting for recognition through our music,” he said. “Bringing our sound and our culture was the way to fight the good fight. The song has a deeper meaning of

a spiritual, religious and universal love. When we say in the song ‘Come and get your love, get it from the main vine,’ that connects to Mother Earth. We are all longing for love.”

Approaching the storyline of the film, Mexican producer and director Bedolla, who has garnered two Emmy nominations and multiple Telly and Addy awards, found Oklahoma Native American artist Brent Learned through Instagram and asked him to help.

“We wanted to tell a bigger story here,” Bedolla says from Los Angeles. “We wanted to showcase the culture, not just the band, so the story became a spiritual traveler who leaves home to explore a new world.”

They planned to shoot footage, but the pandemic hit, and they had to shift gears and go with animation.

The resulting video was inspired by “graffiti, traditional images, the future and reexamining pop-culture imagery in the context of contemporary events,” Bedolla said.

“The film’s mythic traveler moves from his reservation eventually to outer space,” he said. “There’s a lot going on in each frame, with multiple scenarios. Pat had some input, and the band appears in several places throughout the film.”

Learned, an enrolled member of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, has artwork in museums including the Smithsonian Institute-National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C., and the Cheyenne/Arapaho Museum in Clinton, Oklahoma.

He says the time-traveling central figure in the film is an “expression of universality.”

“This is a commentary on an overarching idea repeated throughout the video, that of seeking our love/interests in all the wrong places, when oftentimes they are right in front of us; if only we’re willing to look,” Learned said. “It was important to us to include contemporary images such as protest signs, the #MMIW hashtag on the horses’ haunches, and ledger books that come to life. When the traveler becomes an astronaut, there are tribal patterns painted on his rocket ship.”

In more Redbone news, in September 2020, IDW Publishing will release an illustrated biography of the group, “Redbone: The True Story of a Native American Rock Band,” by Christian Staebler and Sonia Paoloni, in cooperation with the Vegas family and illustrated by Thibault Balahy.



Award winning artist, Brent Learned, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, is the creator of the visuals in the new music video featuring Redbone’s popular 1974 hit, “Come and Get Your Love.” (Photo / David McNess)



Redbone members Pat Vegas, Pete DePoe, Lolly Vegas and Tony Bellamy (Photo: Sony Music Entertainment)

The book is an intriguing telling of the high-flying career of Pat and Lolly Vegas, illuminating key pieces of American history and the powerful story of the Native American civil rights movement.

Pat Vegas says: “We wanted to show that our people were about love. This film visual really takes you on a journey and reminds us that the sky’s not the limit; it’s only the view. It’s something to help the young understand the old, one is silver the other gold, both are valuable. To everyone, I’d like to say, ‘Chioke Uttesia,’ which is ‘Thank you’ in Yaqui language. The creators of the video asked for my blessing on this film. They have my blessing.”

Arapaho Elder Erma Jean Brown chosen as one of AARP Indian Elder Honorees for 2020

Rosemary Stephens
Editor-in-Chief

Erma Jean Wallace Brown, an Elder citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, has been chosen as one of this year’s AARP’s Indian Elder honorees.

Mashell Sourjohn, AARP’s Associate State Director of Community Outreach made the phone call informing Erma she had been chosen as one of their Indian Elder honorees today, stating.

“We made our final decisions and Erma Brown has been chosen to be honored this year as one of our Indian Elders. AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder honorees represent what is best about Native American people - a love of family, dedication to culture and respect for all people.”

This year’s Indian Elder Award ceremony will be held, for the first, virtually due to the coronavirus pandemic. Sourjohn stated they would be highlighting each elder’s story virtually starting in October. AARP have been in discussions with the First People’s Museum in Oklahoma City to possibly hold an event honoring the 2020 Indian Elders at the museum in the fall of 2021.

About Erma Brown
Erma, 87 years old, has always known one thing for sure, “I love the Creator and I know that the Creator loves me ... everybody has a story and I have had my own valleys and peaks, but I have had a blessed life through it all.”

Born on her grandmother’s farm March 23, 1933 in Geary, Okla. Erma learned early on about the value of hard work as she, her grandmother and her uncles worked the land.

“My mother was Kathryn Wallace and my father was Leslie Gould ... we came

from the North family and I have brothers and sisters on the Northern Arapaho side and the Southern Arapaho side,” Erma said. “My grandparents on my mother’s side were Bill and Clara Thunder and on my father’s side, Jay Gould and Fannie Pedro ... but I was raised by Clara, my grandma.”

Erma’s mother, just 16 years old when Erma was born, was very pretty remembers Erma, “but my grandmother really raised me, she was my anchor, one of the biggest influences in my life and really she was a woman before her time ... she had vision and she had guts.”

“I can remember the farmers would come around because we had a big farm and she didn’t think twice about grabbing her shotgun and standing on the front porch ordering people to get off her land,” Erma laughs.

Day-to-day life on the farm involved milking cows, slopping the hogs, hitching the horses to the plow, plowing the fields in her overalls playing barefoot in the fields.

“We just lived as a regular Indian family back then, we all worked and my grandma, she was such a go getter ... I know that’s where I got my work ethics that has gone with me through my life and has been handed down to my children. I remember other Indians would come to our house and my grandma would go to the Agency with them to interpret ... you know ... talk for them,” Erma said. “We did the usual things that most Native families did. I don’t remember powwows being called powwows back then, I remember them as being “doings”. We would go to the Pedro’s house and would have dinners and go to Campbell’s grandmother’s house, Old Lady Singing After, and play hand games.”

Erma stretches and laughs

as she recalls memories of her grandma.

“I remember Old Lady Singing After smoked and she would come to our house wearing moccasins, not dressy moccasins, what we used to call a squaw dress and she always had a blanket and her tobacco. I would look down the road and yell to my grandma ‘here comes Old Lady Singing After’. They would sit for hours and talk in Arapaho ... never in English ... and I would sometimes say what are you talking about. Well ... my grandma would look at me and say ‘oh be quiet, don’t be so nosey, we are trying to talk and you need to go play’, I wish I had listened more now ... I wish I had listened to them talk in Arapaho a lot more now that I am older,” Erma reflects.

Erma’s life as she knew it abruptly changed at the age of 6 when a man by the name of Matlock came to Erma’s home and told her grandma she had to go to school.

“I remember crying and I didn’t want to go ... I don’t know if someone had reported us or what but I remember ‘they’ came and told my grandma I had to be sent to school ... a lot of Indian children were taken from their families back then to go to school. I kicked and screamed and I really didn’t want to go ... my grandma was all I had and the farm was all I had ever known,” Erma said softly, tears flowing as she remembers that day as a little girl. “I remember I was yelling at my grandma this one day as she was buying me some clothes and trying to get me to try on a dress ... I yelled at her ‘why do you want me to go to that school’ and I was crying and carrying on. I remember she sat me down, looked at me in the eyes and quietly said to me that it was very important that I get an education if I wanted to live in the white

man’s world and get along with them. She said she didn’t want me to leave but that I had to go and for me to try and understand that. As she sat there talking to me in Arapaho about her feelings I realized how wise and loving my grandma was and I knew it would be okay.”

So in September 1939, Erma arrived at the Concho Boarding School. To this day Erma said whenever she visits Concho and sees that tower she gets a sick feeling in her gut, “because when I was little and they were taking me to the school whenever I saw that tower I knew we were almost there and it made me very sad.”

The first day of school Erma said they cut her hair in a little buster brown looking cut and off came her overalls, what they called ‘home clothes’ and into her government issued uniform.

“That first day I went, I can remember it as clear as crystal ... they gave me government issued underwear, socks and these old ugly leather shoes. I hated those leather shoes, they were made at Ft. Leavenworth and I can remember my friend, Laurie Hoof, whose dad was in Ft. Leavenworth for shooting her mother over in Canton, used to say look in the box and see if there is something in there from my dad because he helped make those shoes,” Erma said. “We got a number, a uniform and a toothbrush and there were all kinds of rules, like a certain time we ate, an assigned room ... there are so many things about Concho School I will never forget, it’s like stepping back into time to talk about it.”

Erma stares off into space, tears finding their way down her cheeks, “they gave us sheets and showed us how they wanted the beds made and we couldn’t use pillows because they told us using a pillow made you



Arapaho Elder Erma Jean Wallace Brown pictured center with her daughter Sonja Fry (r) and granddaughter Coleen Warden. (Photo via FB)

hump backed. In the summer time we would wear little white Muslim gowns with blue piping around the sleeves and collars and in the wintertime we would wear flannel pajamas ... I spent all my years at Concho, I lived there year round. I don’t know what happened but my mother and my grandma had gotten into a big fight and my mother ordered my grandma to stay away from me and that’s when I basically became homeless, so I just lived at Concho year round ... I never left.”

Erma said she must have been around 9 or 10 years old when that happened, but said she remembers something told her, in her soul, that she would be better off staying at that school because of some things that had happened to her at her grandma’s house, “I don’t know, I just knew I would be better off so from there I just lived there year

round.”

As time went on life became routine for Erma at Concho School up until a time when there was talk about closing the school.

“There were four or five of us that wouldn’t have anywhere to go if they closed the school and they didn’t know what to do with us ... so we had a dorm mother, Minnie Garrett that we called mom Garrett,” Erma paused and said, “She was so good to me and she was another big influence in my life ... it was like she was my grandmother, aunt, mother all wrapped up together and I learned a lot of good things from her. She was a Delaware Indian and she taught me what kindness was and what giving was.”

For that one summer, Erma and four of her classmates went to live in the ‘cottages’ and mom Garrett

Public Hearing / Regular Session of the 8th Legislature

(CONCHO, OK) On the agenda for the Regular Session of the 8th Legislature, held on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2020, two agenda items on the seven item agenda stood out from the rest.

Agenda item six, SL-RS-2020-08-002 A Resolution for Tribal Council Resolutions to be voted on through mail out ballots, and agenda item seven, SL-RS-2020-08-003 A Resolution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes fully supporting to change the name of Custer County, a County within the Tribes' service area and former Reservation Boundaries, to Black Kettle County.

Agenda item six was introduced by Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Darrell Flyingman. It's intent was to give out of state and out of district tribal members the opportunity to vote on resolutions presented at the annual Tribal Council meeting held the first Saturday in October. Currently the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Constitution states is Section 3(a), "*An Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held on the first Saturday in October. No other meetings of the Tribes*

shall be held on the first Saturday in October including a Special Tribal Council meeting or a meeting of the Legislature. The annual meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held in Concho. The Tribes shall provide bus transportation for members of the Tribes to attend the Annual Meeting," and in Section 4(a) the Constitution states, "*A quorum of the Tribal Council shall consist of at least seventy-five Members of the Tribal Council.*"

The resolution failed to receive a majority of votes during the Legislative Regular Session on Aug. 8. During the public hearing held Aug. 6, oral arguments against the resolution included violations of the written word of the Tribes' Constitution in regards to how the annual Tribal Council meeting is held, as well as opinions presented that out of state or out of district Tribal members who choose to live outside the Tribes' jurisdictional boundaries, know they have to travel to participate in the annual Tribal Council meeting. Examples were presented of tribal members who live in California, Texas and other areas traveling to Concho,

Okla., yearly for the annual. Flyingman stated reasons he submitted the resolution for the change this year is due to the pandemic and the disadvantage of tribal members who reside out of area and cannot attend the annual meeting.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Gov. Reggie Wassana stated he knew "Darrell's heart is in the right place with wanting this resolution for out of district people, but ultimately people have to show up to vote based on the Constitution."

Hershel Gorham, Office of the Tribal Attorney stated the Constitution would need to be changed but no one wants to work on it and seems to be the problem with any of the Constitutional amendments.

Agenda item seven to support the name change of Custer County to Black Kettle County passed with a majority of votes at the regular session of the Legislature. This resolution, introduced by Arapaho District 3 Legislator Travis Ruiz, gives the full support of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for Ruiz to initiate the process for a name change for Custer County, which will have to

go through the Oklahoma State legislature.

Agenda items 1-4 were approval items of previous special and regular sessions. Agenda item 5, SL-RS-2020-008-001 A Resolution to amend Resolution 7L-SS-2018-0508-007 to Authorize Governor Wassana to Execute Certain Contracts. This resolution would increase the governor's ability to approve contracts up to \$500,000 instead of the current \$200,000 limit, without going through the legislative process. This resolution was introduced by Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Darrell Flyingman, who stated, "Increasing the limit of the Governor to \$500,000 from \$200,000 would eliminate the multiple special sessions being called." He said when he was Governor the Tribal Council gave him \$500,000 authority and feels the current Governor should have this authority due to CARES fund projects. Arapaho District 1 Legislator Billie Sutton said she preferred to keep the limit at \$200,000 so that the Legislature can look at what funds are being spent and on what. This resolution failed to receive a majority of votes.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given for all tribal members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Several horses have been abandoned on tribal properties and should be removed IMMEDIATELY.

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 tribal law, General Revenue and Taxation Law, Ch. 6, § 4.133 – Public Sale of Forfeited Property.

Any 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.

Federal/Tribal Law 101 - Gaming Per Cap

Hershel Gorham, Attorney-at-Law

Every year around gaming per cap time, the issue of the Tribes' GRAP, or Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan, is mentioned and becomes a hot topic of discussion.

What is a GRAP or Tribal Resource Allocation Plan?

In short, if an Indian tribe wishes to make per capita payments from gaming net revenues, it must submit a plan to the Dept. of Interior (DOI) that describes how it will allocate its net revenues. The requirements can be found in 25 C.F.R. Part 290.

What is Required?

An Indian tribe must include the following with its submissions of a tribal revenue allocation plan: (a) A written request for approval of the tribal revenue allocation plan; and (b) A tribal resolution or other document, including the date and place of adoption and the result of any vote taken, that certifies the tribe adopted the tribal revenue allocation plan in accordance with applicable tribal law. 25 C.F.R. § 290.17. Resolution is defined as "the formal document in which the tribal governing body expresses its legislative will in accordance with applicable tribal law." 25 C.F.R. § 290.2. Tribal governing body is defined as the "the governing body of an Indian tribe recognized by the Secretary." 25 C.F.R. § 290.2.

It should be noted that a GRAP is only required by Tribes who plan to provide a per capita payment to tribal members from net gaming revenues.

Legislative Will

The key word is "legislative will." Under the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution, the Legislative Will is expressed by a combined effort of the Legislature, the Executive Branch, and the Tribal Council in accordance with the Legislative Process set forth in *Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VI, § 7*. The Legislative Will is not solely vested in the Tribal Council,

the Executive Branch, or even in the Legislative Branch completely. Each of the three branches are vested with specific powers to participate in the Legislative Process in order to provide adequate checks and balances protections.

Accordingly, the "resolution" that the regulations require cannot be solely from the Tribal Council as it is not vested with expressing the Legislative Will. Instead, the Legislative Process set forth in *Chey. & Arap. Const., Art. VI, § 7*, requires participation from the Legislative Branch, the Executive Branch, and the Tribal Council Branch to participate in the Tribes' expression of its Legislative Will for purposes of submission of a GRAP to the Appropriate Bureau Official (ABO) or National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) to review.

Background

Prior to the 2006 Constitution, the Tribal Council did have the authority to create and make changes to the GRAP and they could do this without approval by the Business Committee.

In January 2004, the Tribal Council passed a resolution to create a GRAP for the Tribes. This GRAP was subsequently approved by the DOI on Aug. 24, 2004.

In 2005, the Tribal Council passed a resolution to amend the GRAP and this amendment was approved by the DOI on May 9, 2006.

The 2006 Constitution changed this process.

The Problem

Some members of the Tribal Council still believes that the Tribal Council has the sole power to amend the GRAP. As demonstrated above in Legislative Will, our 2006 Constitution changed the process for passing laws/resolutions and what powers each branch has. As such, our GRAP can now only be amended through the Legislative Will as described above which

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CHEYENNE and ARAPAHO TRIBES



TRIBAL COUNCIL BRANCH

Office of Tribal Council
K. Michelle BigFoot, Coordinator

August 5, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Call for Tribal Council RESOLUTIONS and Coordinator, Office of Tribal Council APPLICATIONS!

Resolutions submitted to the Coordinator, Office of Tribal Council located in the east wing of the Education building- Legislative Wing, lobby area. Resolution DUE- Tuesday September 1, 2020 @ 4:00 P.M- Office of Tribal Council

Applications for Coordinator can be picked up and submitted to the Human Resource Department. (The applications are regular job applications.) Human Resources Department is located in the Dept. of Administration building in Concho, Okla. Coordinator Applications are DUE by 4 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 1, 2020 in the Human Resource Department.

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT FOR Coordinator, Office of Tribal Council
APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Submit Tribal Application, Resume, and CDIB to:

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Any questions please call the Office of the Tribal Council at 405-416-0726, Thank you.



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ticing everyday to get them used to it so if we do have to quarantine or something happens and they are going home to learn they will already be used to doing that and will know what to do with their Chromebooks,” Musae said.

One of the school’s mandates is the wearing of masks throughout the day, for both students and faculty. Musae said they didn’t know how the kids would take to wearing masks everyday. To her surprise and delight, Musae said the kids have been great about wearing masks.

“Mandating masks, which I know a lot of people have made masks controversial, but our parents have been very supportive about wearing masks. We had very few show up the first day without a mask on, but we gave them a disposable one for the day, and the next day they showed up in their own. Some of them are so creative and we have one mom who has been doing Native designs on the masks,” Musae said. “We thought if anyone is going to make it we are because we are going to do everything ... additional cleaning, hiring additional people just to help with cleaning, wiping down door knobs, anything we have to do to keep our students and our teachers safe and healthy.”

The school is operating on a flexible schedule, meaning they are taking more breaks to take the students outside so they can take off their masks for a little bit and have fresh air. Musae said, “I told the teachers everybody needs a break from wearing masks, not just the kids but the teachers also, so go outside, take them and let them move around ... the kids are really doing great with the masks.”

Darlington provided each student’s parent with a check list for home to check the kids each morning before coming to school, such as taking their temperature and upon their arrival at school, the kids are again screened for their temperature and any obvious symptoms of being ill.

“Our parents help us keep each other accountable because we are a small close knit community, which is great. I talked to one little girl’s grandmother and told her I know we are going to be more nosey this year, but the grandmother said she understood and was glad we were doing it, so it’s been working so far.

Darlington has set up a four-case scenario to follow in the event there is a positive case that arises during the school year. Scenario one is if a student or staff member exhibits a temperature of 100 degrees or above at school or at home the student/staff must be sent home or remain at home. They may return with a negative COVID test and after three days of being fever free with no fever reducing medication or if not tested, the stu-

dent/staff must remain home for 14 days.

Scenario two if a student/staff member has known contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 they person or parent must notify the school administration and they will not return to the school until they have been tested and received a negative test and/or have remained home for 14 days.

Scenario three is if a student/staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the health department will be notified to begin contact tracing and the student/staff, all individual class members and siblings/relatives of the same household(s) will quarantine and go distance learning for 14 days from last exposure and monitor any symptoms, and scenario four is if a student/staff member who lives in a household(s) with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 that student/staff member will quarantine and go distance learning for 14 days from last exposure and monitor symptoms.

“We have these four scenarios, but if there is a positive in one class we are going to quarantine that entire class. We are going to communicate with our parents that we had a positive case, say in third grade, then everybody in third grade is going home for two weeks and then there are action steps to take after that,” Musae said. “If we have a positive we are telling everybody, not who, but getting the information out there and the teacher will continue to teach virtually and they will go home and learn online with their teacher for two weeks, but they will have been practicing all along and will know what to do.”

Musae said they have tried to cover everything, but she knows and the faculty knows you can’t really cover everything with this pandemic, but they are going to do everything they can to keep students safe.

There will be no assemblies, students will not eat in the cafeteria, but inside their own classrooms, and each student will use their own supplies.

Darlington has also gone one step further, unlike a majority of schools, and have postponed their sports activities including football, track and basketball.

“The sports are on hold. And as a matter of fact I know some of the schools around us are planning on holding some basketball tournaments and things like that, but I have already told our coaches, as of right now, all the way through September it’s a total no. In September we will look at October and November because things change that quickly, but when other schools we are playing against aren’t doing what we are doing for mitigating safety, I don’t want our students to go into their buildings,” Musae said.

Darlington’s student population is primarily Indigenous, and as such, the faculty are



First grade class at Darlington Public School. First grade class has been split up into two classes. (Photos / Gina Musae)



Third grade classroom at Darlington Public School.

well aware of historical trauma issues already affecting some of their students ... and now the trauma of this global health pandemic has been thrown into their lives.

“We’ve all been through a traumatic experience with this pandemic, and this is a place where our kids need to come and see their school family, see their friends, their teachers and help heal some of that trauma. Our kids have historical trauma from years and years of generational trauma that I don’t even need to mention because everyone here knows, and our kids don’t need any more of it. That’s why we felt it was important to be face to face with our kids, with masks, so we can encourage them and help them feel some since of normalcy, or what the new normalcy is going to be right now,” Musae said.

In other parts of the state of Oklahoma, Kingston Public Schools, also slated to open on Aug. 6, had to immediately switch course, due to a possible positive COVID-19

exposure, to Distant Learning as of Aug. 10. Many other schools have pushed back their reopening dates and are constantly evaluating and formulating options for the school year. Oklahoma City Public Schools have opted to go completely online for the first semester of the new school year and in Broken Arrow, Okla., over 4500 students have currently enrolled for online learning in their school district.

“I just feel like if anybody is going to make it this school year, we will. If it starts looking bad, or if our county starts to turn red we will go total virtual, but if everybody goes by what we have put into place and our parents or grandparents continue to think about where they are going and what they are doing while not at school, we will be okay,” Musae said. “We love these kids and this is my 30th year here, so most of the kids here I had their parents and I just love each of them. They are precious and they are like family to us.”

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Due to COVID-19 and social distancing guidelines we encourage applicants to apply online. Applications will be available Tuesday, July 28, 2020. Deadline to apply is Friday, October 30, 2020.

Darlington Public School Shows Support for Long Time Teacher of 42 Years

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

At Darlington Public School in El Reno, Okla., some might call it a school where memories are made and life long friendships are formed, but for others, they say Darlington has become a place like home to them. And that’s how Terry Davis, formally known as Mrs. Davis, describes Darlington ... her home away from home.

Through the years, students come across many teachers throughout their educational journey. However, it takes a special kind of teacher to influence and impact a student’s life, forever leaving a special imprint in their hearts. That teacher is Terry Davis.

Davis has been working for Darlington since 1978, beginning her career at Darlington as the very first kindergarten teacher.

“I was asked to start the kindergarten program for Darlington. I established the curriculum and I taught kindergarten for the first three years that it was in operation,” Davis said.

After that time she moved into first grade and the first year was a combination class, first grade and second grade, with Davis continuing to teach only first grade from that point on.

“I semi-retired from teaching first grade in 1996,” Davis said.

Davis said she spent the next couple of years helping teach kindergarten alongside Pat Keller and Wanda Martin, before initially becoming a reading teacher and tutor for first, second and third graders.

“I tutored children who needed a little boost in their reading skills. I would listen to them, go over phonics and all their reading skills that I

could for instruction and I’ve done that until this year,” Davis said.

Darlington School started their first day of classes on Aug. 7, and the COVID pandemic wasn’t the only thing that made school different for students and faculty this year. News quickly spread that Davis would not be returning to school due to cancer.

“She had planned to come back this year but was a little nervous about COVID so we were in the process of teaching her how to go virtual and that’s when she found out that she was more ill than she had actually thought,” Gina Musae, Darlington Principal said.

Davis had been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer, and despite having complications due to her illness, Davis had high hopes of returning for the school year.

“I was hoping to return back to my own little space in tutoring in reading but due to my health it’s not likely, so that’s where we are now. I’ve taught school, and I have flown for United Airlines as a stewardess for a little while and that’s kind of about it,” Davis said.

For students and faculty at Darlington who have known Davis throughout her time as a teacher, that was not “about it.” With an outpouring of support shown from former and current students of Davis, news of her illness left many devastated.

“She is one of the most incredible first grade teachers I have ever seen. I’ve been here 30 years since the time she’s been here, so I saw her in the classroom and then I saw her when she transitioned into retirement and became a half day reading teacher for us,” Musae said.

Musae said Davis is one

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Ms. Terry Davis has been teaching at Darlington Public School for 42 years. This photo was taken in 2017.



Terry Davis in 1979, her second year teaching at Darlington Public School in El Reno, Okla.

InterTribal Buffalo Council Ships 40 Yellowstone Buffalo to 16 Native Nations in First Transfer of Its Kind



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes To Receive Two Bulls From Yellowstone Buffalo Transfer

The InterTribal Buffalo Council (ITBC), this month, will transfer 40 Yellowstone buffalo to 16 Native American Tribes in nine states. These transfers will help develop and sustain Tribally managed buffalo herds while preserving the unique genetics and lineage of the largest and continuously free-roaming buffalo herd, (also known as American or plains bison). These transfers are a victory of Native American Tribes and represents the culmination of nearly 30


years of advocacy by ITBC (formerly the InterTribal Bison Cooperative) on behalf of its member Tribes to prevent the needless slaughter of Yellowstone buffalo.


Through the implementation of a quarantine program, buffalo are captured at the boundaries of Yellowstone National Park during the winter months. Those that test negative for the disease brucellosis may enter a quarantine protocol which varies by age and sex, and

which ends with their transfer to the Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes in Montana to complete post-assurance testing. After a final negative test result, they are declared brucellosis-free by the state of Montana and the US Department of Agriculture and are cleared for travel.

Yellowstone buffalo represent an important population of the National Mammal. Buffalo once numbered in the

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tens of millions across North America until their decimation through hunting, disease, and use as a political and military tool to subjugate Native Americans. Many Native American Tribes have been working to restore buffalo across the United States, where they now number in the tens of thousands. The buffalo managed by Yellowstone National Park have never been interbred with cattle and will be used to help increase the long-term health of many populations across Tribal lands. The fight to protect Yellowstone buffalo is significant to many Native Americans who disagree with management strategies, which have led to the slaughter of more than 10,000 Yellowstone buffalo since the early 1990’s.

ITBC has advocated to stop the slaughter of Yellowstone buffalo since its formation in 1992, when conflict surrounding their growing population escalated between the National

Park Service, the state of Montana, and the US Department of Agriculture. In 1994, ITBC presented the first quarantine proposal to Yellowstone National Park, with both the Choctaw Nation and Fort Belknap Tribes offering land and resources to support the development of quarantine facilities. Quarantine has been well-supported by the public throughout the last 25 years, but did not come to fruition until 2018, when the quarantine facility built by the Fort Peck Tribes (and funded in part by ITBC) was approved for use in post-quarantine assurance testing. Since then, quarantine operations have saved over 200 buffalo from slaughter.

Ervin Carlson, ITBC’s President for the past 17 years stated, “ITBC appreciates the efforts of the state of Montana in supporting quarantine operations and is deeply grateful to the US Department of Agriculture, Yellowstone National Park

and to the Fort Peck Tribes for their dedicated partnership in accomplishing this mission. Finally, this moment would not be possible without our member Tribes’ years of participation, support, and tireless work to ensure that buffalo and Native people are reunited to restore their land, culture, and ancient relationship across North America.”

ITBC is a federally chartered Tribal organization with a membership of 69 federally recognized Tribes from 19 states whose mission is to restore buffalo to Indian Country to preserve our historical, cultural, traditional, and spiritual relationship for future generations. To reestablish healthy buffalo populations on Tribal lands is to reestablish hope for Indian people. Returning buffalo to Tribal lands will help to heal the land, the animal, and the spirit of Indian people.

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of the most creative and structured teachers she has seen.

“She’s very strict, her penmanship and hand writing and coloring and reading are the things she’s most well known for,” Musae said.

With faculty missing Davis’ presence during prep time for school, Musae said the news was also devastating to the Darlington community.

“We knew that she had not been feeling well, she had been in a lot of pain and she really didn’t know what was wrong and there were all kinds of complications with doctors during COVID ... that was kind of crazy. So our staff took it pretty hard that she wasn’t going to be returning and that she was sick,” Musae said.

In showing their support for Davis, Musae said they started by posting on Facebook, allowing former students of Davis’ to comment and share experiences of their own. With Darlington having a large population of Cheyenne and Arapaho students, many of Davis’ students were Native.

“I would screenshot those and text them to her and then she would respond and laugh and cry and enjoy them, she remembers every person. I mean there were people on there from the 70s and I’m like, ‘oh my goodness, they still remember her,’” Musae said.

On a post shared by the Darlington Facebook page, comments were posted by several former Darlington students, one comment being made by former student and Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Sonia Hoffman.

“Our favorite saying in first grade, ‘no bees, no honey, no work, no play,’ I still try and remember

that one lesson because she taught us this so we would work hard for play time. She was genuinely one of my most pure memories from Darlington, I grew up there,” Hoffman wrote in a Facebook post.

Hoffman posted when she lost her grandmother, Davis and the other teachers at Darlington loved and cherished her, making her feel special and at home.

“I’m in tears because I love her and all of my Darlington family and I am sending all my prayers of good thoughts and positive vibes. I love you Mrs. Davis,” Hoffman wrote.

Another comment posted on Facebook by former student and Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Dolores Island said, “I love Mrs. Davis. She was one of my favorite teachers. She would play records for us so we could dance and she helped form my love of Elvis Presley from them. She also taught me to color the correct way and I taught my kid to color the same way. She also made me feel like I was so important to her all throughout my days at Darlington. My love and prayers are being sent to Mrs. Davis.”

The Facebook page continued to overflow with comments made by past and current students, sharing their favorite memories and time spent with Davis while attending



Darlington.

During the time Davis became ill, Musae said Davis was working on professional development with the Darlington staff.

“Teaching things that she knows about, reading and handwriting, things that are across the spectrum, across time and it’s still very applicable, she was still doing small reading groups everyday and the kids absolutely loved her because she’s very animated, and the way she instructs and shows them how to pronounce in their reading and how to put inflection in it,” Musae said.

With Davis’ presence being missed on the first day of classes at Darlington, Davis said that it was the first time since 1978 that she

wasn’t there to begin the school year. Throughout her teaching career she said she has never felt so close to children than working at Darlington.

While Davis grew up in the Del City and Midwest City areas in Oklahoma, she began her teaching career in Montana, Calif., after graduating from Oklahoma City University in 1965. Davis said that’s where she taught first grade.

“Then I moved to Atlanta Ga., and in Atlanta I taught fifth grade, then I decided I wanted to be a stewardess so I flew for United Airlines in Chicago, Ill., that was in Aug. 1976 for about four months and I wanted to return to Atlanta and teach school again so I did and taught first grade for the rest of

1967,” Davis said.

Davis said in 1968 when she married, she moved back to Oklahoma City and taught fifth grade in Del City for five years. When she had her first child she took time off from teaching and moved to her husband’s hometown of El Reno, Okla., where she began teaching at Darlington in 1978.

Davis described her time working at Darlington as indescribable.

“It’s been like a family based environment, you work with people and when they retire it’s like one of their children or maybe a daughter-in-law replaces them, it stays in the family, it’s a very family feeling out there. The children are warm and loving, you get to know them

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count alleged he maliciously set fire to the victim’s dwelling in Hammon.

Beginning on Nov. 12, 2019, a jury heard evidence that Bullcoming beat the victim, his ex-girlfriend, in her home and then bound her mouth and wrists with duct tape. Evidence at trial showed that, using her vehicle, he drove her to a field in Indian Country and made her walk approximately 50 yards away from the road, where he stabbed her 48 times and slit her throat. Evidence also showed that he then drove her vehicle back to her home, which he set on fire. Volunteer firefighters from Hammon noticed fresh blood in the residence, and a Special Agent with the Bureau of Indian Affairs found fresh blood on the headrest of the vehicle. Both blood samples matched the victim, while blood on the vehicle’s dashboard matched Bullcoming.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) arrested Bullcoming in El Reno on Sept. 8, 2017, for failing to appear before the Tribal District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Concho on September 7 on a charge of trafficking in controlled dangerous substances. Evidence at trial showed that he had scrapes and cuts on his arms, hands, and legs, as well as blood on his belt and sandals. DNA analysis confirmed the blood on his sandals belonged to the victim. On Dec. 5, 2017, Bullcoming pleaded guilty in federal court to possessing marijuana with intent to distribute. He was sentenced in that case on April 18, 2018, to ten months in prison.

During the early evening of November 21, a jury found Bullcoming guilty of first-degree felony murder, carjacking resulting in death, kidnapping re-

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took care of them.

“When those cottages were first built they were beautiful, they were like nothing I had ever seen before. They had shiny dining room furniture, varnished and it was just like living in a castle to me. They had wood floors, not the old concrete floors like at the main school and a playroom ... anyway we got to stay there that summer and it was decided they would not shut the school down, so back to the old campus with the concrete floors I went that fall.”

Erma said that was the time they brought busloads of Navajo kids in.

“I can remember seeing Grey Hound bus after Grey Hound bus bringing all those Navajo kids. They wore cowboy hats and cowboy boots and some of them didn’t speak a word of English.”

After a short time a new pilot program was implemented at Concho School and they built two new dorms called Cottage A and Cottage B.

“The plan was for 12 boys and 12 girls to live in each cottage in a family style and that’s what the boarding schools were supposed to go to. Some school was the model school for that and I was really happy I got picked to go live in those cottages ... that’s around the time I can remember Moses Starr came to Concho School and we would all hang out together,” Erma laughs and her eyes sparkle as she continued, “Moses teases me now and says yeah I used to look at you in school but you were always looking at those other boys. I laugh and tease back saying yeah Moses I saw you hanging out with the big girls in school and he winks and says you know why I hung out with the big girls ... because they gave me candy bars. Moses and I go way back and I remember when he had to leave the school and that’s when he joined the military.”

Erma leans back in her chair and looks ahead as she says, “I have had a blessed life, you know.”

Spending all her high school years at Concho School Erma said the experience at Concho helped her in her later life, though she didn’t know it at the time.

“I’ll be honest with you there were good times at Concho, but there are those times I don’t like to remember ... the dark memories ... and if you told it was always the child’s fault not the employees’ fault ... but it was my home and though there were bad times there were lots and lots of good times too and people I will never forget that had a lot of influence in my life.”

Erma said one such person was a teacher named Ms. Weide. “She was such a good teacher and I don’t know what kept her at that little Indian school but she had it going on. She was another role model and I loved the way she taught. She would start out talking about Arizona and before you knew it she was carrying you to the Middle East, Germany and she used to talk about something called Hummel figurines. I would just nod and say ‘uh-huh’ ... well you know what ... the first time I went to Germany I started my collection of Hummel figures. You know I thought isn’t it odd I learned about these figurines in a little old classroom in an Indian school ... it was just amazing. When I got out there

in the world I already knew a lot of things from Ms. Weidi.”

Erma graduated in 1951 and ended up working in the tourism business at Pike’s Peak in Colorado with her mother.

“After graduating I just kind of hung around and if I had not left I probably would have gotten into trouble because I had started to hang around a group that was kind of wild,” Erma remembers.

She said going to Colorado kicked off her adult life as she worked as a fry cook and her mother as a cook.

“Jack Bohan owned the business and I just fell in love with him, his wife and his family,” Erma said.

Taking a moment, Erma pauses and said, “It’s funny how life happens. When we were there awhile I guess Mr. Bohan finally took notice we were Indian so he asked me to go into where they sold materials and stuff ... well word got passed around that I was Indian so when the tourists would come from all the foreign countries they always wanted to take my picture.”

Erma said she worked and on her days off she would head down the mountain to Colorado Springs to the dances.

“Ft. Carson was right next door so to speak and there were plenty of guys around,” Erma laughs, “and yes, that’s where I met my husband, Armor. He was 21 and I was 19 ... just kids ... he was nice looking, very nice, a military man. He asked I said yes and away we went to Ft. Knox in Kentucky. The military literally took us all over the world ... so when I say I am blessed, I mean that I am truly blessed. I have four wonderful kids, all college educated, David is 58, Mark Allen is 51, Robert is 55 and Sonja is 50. They wall went to Haskell when it was a junior college and Haskell helped them with a higher education from there. My sons graduated from the University of Kansas and my daughter left Haskell and entered the Army for eight years ... yes I am truly blessed.”

Embarking on her married life, Erma and Armor would remain married for 33 years before their divorce.

“You know we really had a great life, not to say times sometimes wasn’t hard, but you had to just work through it and move on. I loved being a military wife ... I loved Germany ... I loved all of it,” Erma said.

“When we were first sent to Germany it was in 1955 and the war hadn’t been over that long so there was a lot of damage, a lot of damaged buildings. We only had David at that time, but soon after we were in Germany my son Robert was born.”

Erma thrived as a military wife she said, as she embarked on adventure after adventure.

“I was a Red Cross Volunteer logging thousands and thousands of hours, Armor and I were involved with the American Youth Association ... the AYA ... I was the director and we did all kinds of things for and with the kids. There were dinners and parties and we lived in the beautiful huge apartment. All the furniture was German made and in those days when you moved into the military housing you had silver, crystal, beautiful linens ... oh it was a wonderful life.”

Erma said she missed the close-

sulting in death, and arson of a dwelling. It was unable to reach a verdict on first-degree premeditated murder. The verdict was returned on what would have been the victim’s birthday.

Citing Bullcoming’s three prior convictions for violent crimes against women, Judge Goodwin sentenced Bullcoming to life imprisonment for first-degree felony murder, 25 years imprisonment for carjacking resulting in death, life imprisonment for kidnapping resulting in death, and 25 years imprisonment for arson. There is no parole in the federal prison system.

This case is in federal court because Bullcoming is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the offenses occurred in Indian Country under the jurisdiction of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and the vehicle used in the carjacking had travelled in interstate commerce. Zotigh was also a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

This case is the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services; the Federal Bureau of Investigation Oklahoma City Field Office; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives; the United States Secret Service; the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation; the Oklahoma Highway Patrol; the Roger Mills County Sheriff’s Office; the Custer County Sheriff’s Office; the United States Marshals Service; and the Hammon Fire Department. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Mark R. Stoneman and Arvo Q. Mikkonen are prosecuting the case, which furthers the Department of Justice’s Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Initiative.

ness of the military communities ... how everybody pitched in to help each other.

“My husband retired in 1971 ... he would always say he was tired of the “new” Army,” Erma sits back with closed eyes, “we came back to the states, ended up at Ft. Benning, Georgia and that’s when hell broke out ... I don’t know what happened ... I just know that when Armor came back from his two tours in Viet Nam he was very different. Sometimes I feel guilty because I didn’t speak out or do something ... it was horrible and very, very different. Everything changes and you have to move with change or you are just left sitting there. Anyway our marriage fell apart after 33 years and along with it my life.”

Struggling through a divorce and all the changes in her life, Erma started to attend counseling and to throw herself into her job. She said she fell back on what has always gotten her through ... working hard and praying.

“After my divorce I would work sometimes around the clock to keep my mind off of things. It was like a healer for me. I worked as a manager at a newspaper and it really helped me to keep my thoughts off of what was going on,” Erma said.

Needing a change, Erma set off to visit her mother one year in Oregon. Some time after her divorce Erma said she had gotten it into her head that she wanted to work at an Indian boarding school, but that’s as far as it had gone ... a thought.

“This one year I went to see my mother in Oregon she said to me, ‘you know Erma there is an opening here at the local boarding school ... you should go out there and apply’. So I went out there with my sister and met the director, Miquel Reyes and I just fell in love with him and his wife and that family ... and believe it or not they loved me and they ended up hiring me,” Erma said.

Erma returned to Georgia, sold everything she owned except what would fit in her small Toyota Tercel and off to work at the Chemawa (which means Home) Boarding School in Oregon.

“You know I guess you could say that was one of the passions of my life working in a Tribal Indian school. I worked there for 20 years and retired when I was 74 years old. It was a high school and we had 69 different tribes from Alaska, the southwest, the northwest and the plains,” Erma said ... then laughing, “You know when I left Concho I thought the only Indians were the Cheyenne and the Arapaho, but there are all kinds of Indians out in the world.”

Erma said it was a day on top of



Erma Brown with her daughter Sonja Fry.

Mount St. Helen’s that she remembers as a break through in her life.

“When I was 58 years old the students and I hiked up Mount St. Helen’s and I got to the top and I just burst out crying ... I could never figure out why I just burst into tears like that but it was kind of a break through for me because I had carried all that stuff inside for so long and it just all came out and I thought to myself, ‘you know I am not a bad person, I am a good person and it was a revelation for me,” Erma said through the tears but a smile on her face. “I was really a student advocate and I drew from my experience in boarding school and knew what I didn’t want to happen to those kids and what I did want to bring to them was a positive experience ... they loved me and I loved them and with a little love they all blossomed.”

Erma currently resides at the Independent Living Center in Clinton, Okla. and said she calls it the Shangri-La.

“I came back to Oklahoma because it’s my home and I love Oklahoma, I love living at the Independent Living Center and I wanted to come back to get back into touch with my culture and my heritage.”

Erma became quiet as she once again reflected on the journey of her life and tearfully said, “Oklahoma is my home, there were so many memories and my roots are here. When I lived here growing up we were so poor and I remember looking out over some hills and I said to myself I am going to leave this place and I am going to go beyond those hills. I made a pact with myself that I would leave and sure enough I did. I was an Army wife, but I was also an urban Indian because I wanted to learn and to be a better person than what I was ... I can say thank you Creator because I am a better person. I remember my counselor asked me one time ‘Erma are you running away from something or are you running towards something?’ Well today I am running straight towards life and I know I am truly blessed.”

Some past Cheyenne and Arapaho elders to have received this honor include Richard Dean Williams, Dr. Henrietta Mann, Rick West, Harvey Pratt, Wanda Whiteman, Mathison Hamilton, J.C. Elliott High Eagle, Robert Wilson, William Tall Bear Sr., Irene D. Hamilton, Dr. Ralph Dru, Moses Starr Jr., Allen Sutton and Viola Sutton Hatch.

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the availability of health care services the clinic was able to provide onsite.

“We quickly outgrew our current facility,” Captain Joe Bryant, Clinton Service Unit chief executive officer, said. “El Reno Indian Health Center has increased visits since opening at our current location and provides over 27,000 visits a year. Clinton Service Unit has worked with Indian Health Service, in collaboration with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, to provide our patients with a much-deserved health care facility. The new El Reno Indian Health Center will increase access to care through restoring services previously offered and expanding services not previously provided onsite. We are thrilled to finally break ground on this new facility. The partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes has been tremendous and we truly appreciate their efforts to restore and expand health care services within the service unit. ”

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allows the Legislative, Executive and Tribal Council branches to partake in amending our GRAP.

CURRENT GRAP On Sept. 11, 2010, the Legislature passed a resolution to amend the GRAP. Although former Governor Boswell vetoed this resolution, the Legislature did a veto override and subsequently submitted the resolution and the amended GRAP to the DOI for approval. The DOI approved the Tribes amended GRAP on Feb. 1, 2011. The following is a breakdown of the Tribes’ current GRAP:

	20%	Per Capita
Payment		
33% Tribal Government		
42% Tribal Programs		
5% General Welfare of the Tribe & Its members		

AMENDINGTHEGRAP Any future amendments to the GRAP would require the Legislative Will of the Tribes and this would include the participation of the Legislative, Executive and Tribal Council branches. Thus, any attempts by the Tribal Council to solely pass a resolution to amend the GRAP does not follow the Legislative Will. The correct process for amending the GRAP would be for the Legislature to pass a resolution amending the GRAP, the Governor approving or vetoing the resolution, and the Tribal Council calling a Special Tribal Council meeting to approve or disapprove the GRAP.

LEGAL NOTICES

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHOTRIBES
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In The Matter of the Guardianship Of:)
MICHAEL TOAHITY, SR.)
DOB: 01/08/1948) Case No. PG-2019-0058
An Alleged Incapacitated Person)

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: MICHAEL TOAHITY, JR.
CRYSTAL DARLING
MARY LOU TOAHITY
KENDRA TOAHITY
The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes on the 21st day of AUGUST, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., O'clock, in the Courtroom, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR, on the above date and time indicated for presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court.
Dated at the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes this 27th day of JULY, 2020.
Paula Levi, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter of Guardianship of:)
E.J.P.)
E.R.P.) Case No. PG-2020-0031
K.P.J.R.)
Minor Children,)

NOTICE OF CIVIL SUMMONS
BY PUBLICATION
TO: CHARITY J. MEAT
ADDRESS UNKNOWN
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER to the Petition which is filed in the Office of the above-named Court. A copy of the Petition is herewith served upon you and to file your Answer with the above-named Court within twenty (20) days of service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your Answer must be delivered or mailed to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court P.O. Box 102 Concho, OK. 73022.
AFTER THE TWENTY (20) days, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court shall set a date for a hearing of this case, and you will be notified of the time and date.
IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR before the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court on the date set for hearing, a Judgment by Default can be entered and the Plaintiff shall be awarded the relief asked for, in the Petition.
YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY on any matter connected with this suit or your Answer at your own expense. Such Attorney should be consulted immediately so that an Answer may be filed within the time stated in the summons.
Dated this 28th day of July 2020.
Lafrell Scott, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court
PETITIONER:
Edwina R. Pono

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In The Matter Of A Paternity Proceeding)
HECTOR LEE SHAWNNE)
Petitioner,) Case No. CIV-2020-0039
vs.)
TIFFANY BOCANEGRA)
Respondent,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: TIFFANY BOCANEGRA
You are hereby notified that Hector Lee Shawnee has filed in this Court a Petition to Establish Paternity requesting that a court order be issued to name Hector Lee Shawnee on the birth certificate as the father of Elijah Raymond Micah Buffalomeat, DOB: 07/08/2002; and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16th day of SEPTEMBER, 2020 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.
Dated this 30th day of JULY, 2020.
Paula Levi, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court
Petitioner:
Hector Lee Shawnee

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In The Matter Of The Application Of:)
JOSHUA SALINAS) Case No. JFD-2016-0034
Petitioner,)
vs.)
CHELSA SALINAS)
Respondent,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: CHELSA SALINAS
You are hereby notified that Joshua Salinas has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody for Minor Children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 21st day of AUGUST, 2020 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Petition for Custody should not be granted.
Dated this 7th day of AUGUST, 2020.
Paula Levi, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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CORLETT BLINDWOMAN)
Petitioner,)
Vs.) Case No. CIV-2019-0176
LEILA MAE PEASE)
Respondent,)

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: LEILA MAE PEASE
The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes on the 26th day of AUGUST, 2020, at 10:00 A.M., O'clock, in the Courtroom, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR, on the above date and time indicated for presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court.
Dated at the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes this 6TH day of AUGUST, 2020.
Lafrell Scott, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter of Guardianship of:)
L.P.S.) Case No. PG-2019-0008
Minor Children,)

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION
The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ROSA EVONA ZAMPREPIS
AND
GEORGE SANKEY
The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 26th day of August 2020, at 10:00A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR, on the above date and time indicated for presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court.
Dated at the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe this 7th day of August, 2020.
Lafrell Scott, Deputy Court Clerk
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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

UPDATED

POSITION: Coordinator, Office of Tribal Council
LOCATION: Ed. Building, East wing/ North hallway, Concho Campus
REPORTS TO: Tribal Council
ISSUE DATE: August 5, 2020 CLOSING DATE: September 1, 2020
PAY RANGE: DOE – Based on the budget approved by Tribal Council, at the Annual Tribal Council Meeting
JOB STATUS: Full-Time/Exempt

GENERAL DESCRIPTION: The Coordinator will be employed directly by the Tribal Council. According to the Constitution, anyone who is interested in applying for the job of Coordinator Office Tribal Council must submit an application. All applications for the Coordinator will be published 30 days prior to the Annual Tribal Council meeting; where the Coordinator will be selected. The Tribal Council will make the final selection of the Coordinator.
DESCRIPTION OF DUTIES:
Constitutional Requirements:
a. Provide notice of all Regular Meetings and Special Meetings of the Tribal Council, at least Fifteen days before meeting.
b. Receive a copy of decisions and minutes of each Tribal Council meeting from the Secretary selected by the Tribal Council.
c. Accept all proposed Resolutions at least thirty days before each Annual Meeting or Special Meeting of the Tribal Council.
d. Publish all proposed Resolutions which are submitted at least thirty days before the meeting.
e. Accept Petitions to repeal an enacted law of Resolution at any time.
f. Prepare agenda for Annual or Special Meetings of the Tribal Council.
g. Compile all approved laws and Resolutions within ten days of passage.
h. Code all Laws and resolutions within ten days of passage to be published.

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

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Continued –
POSITION: Coordinator, Office of Tribal Council
REQUIREMENTS:
• 18 years old or older
• Must be an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
HOW TO APPLY FOR POSITION:
Fill out job application and submit to the Personnel Department.
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma
PERSONNEL DEPARTMENT
PO Box 38
Concho, OK 73022
For additional information please contact:
Office: (405) 422-7498
Fax: (405) 422-8222
Toll Free: (800) 247-4612 ext: 27498

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MS. DAVIS

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ter personally at Darlington. California, Atlanta, Del City, all the places I’ve taught school, I’ve never felt so close to children as at Darlington,” Davis said.

To Davis students at Darlington have always felt like her extended family.

“They have felt like my very own children and I’ve been a little bossy teacher just like I was their mother or grandmother and I just love them so much and I always will,” Davis said.

And through each student, Davis said she’s always found something special about each child that was somehow endearing to her.

“I’ve been fortunate, I felt like my work life was a blessing from God. I have felt so close with everyone, especially my dear friend Mr. Meriwether, he was so good with organizing work spaces with people and job descriptions, I always felt so confident under his guidance, and I love Mrs. Gina Musae, she’s Mr. Meriwether’s daughter and I’m so fond of him and here she is in this executive position,” Davis said.

And for Davis, she said that’s typical of a wonderful school.

“I think any child that has gone to Darlington remembers it so fondly and wants to bring their children out to us to hopefully have that same warm wonderful feeling,” Davis said.

Davis believes everyone who has attended Darlington feels like it’s

their home.

“Like when they think of home they think of Darlington as well as where they lived and grew up and their parents or grandparents, it’s just an extension of that,” Davis said.

With Darlington having that homey touch and warm feeling, it was no surprise that Davis found herself relating to most students in a home environment away from home life.

She said during her time at Darlington, she hopes she has helped contribute to students feeling better about themselves.

“If they were having problems with their reading or they were sad or troubled I have tried to let them know that no matter what, whether they’re in my class or they’ve gone to another grade that I’m always there for them, that I’ll always love them and I hope that I have contributed to their well being of looking at themselves in a positive way and not negative,” Davis said.

Relating to some of her students, Davis admitted growing up school was not easy for her and she had a troubled life.

“I had to live with my aunts at one point, I lived a couple of years with my grandmother, I wasn’t always with my mother and I understand what a lot of our students go through now in this day and age with home life not being as stable as years ago,” Davis said.

Davis said she was very unstable in a time when most people were with

their parents.

“So I feel like I understand what a lot of our students go through and I felt like I was able to reach them, that we had a bond and I bonded with the students that I tutored. I’m hoping they feel as good about me as I do about them,” Davis said.

When Davis woke up feeling sad about missing the first day of classes at Darlington, little did she know what surprise waited outside her front door.

“It was the first time since 1978 not starting the school year with everyone, with the kids and the staff and I was so sad the night before. I sent a message through our Group Me texting line, that my hat is off to all the people I work with that they have been working so hard to have a clean, safe environment, just working around the clock and I was so proud of them and wish I was there as part of the group and sad because I wasn’t,” Davis said.

On that morning, Davis said her daughter suggested they have coffee on their front porch.

“We all went out with my coffee cup and I saw signs in the yard, my mouth was just hanging open. I said I’ve got to go down and look at what this is and I ran all the way across the street and sat down on the yard steps and just stared. I could not believe my eyes, my heart was just so warm, it just felt overflowing with happiness, overflowing to see that sign and to feel so loved and remembered and thought

of on that busy first day of school,” Davis said.

Giant signs were placed in Davis’ front yard spelling out, ‘Darlington Love’s You Ms. Davis.’

“I couldn’t believe everyone could make time for me, I was really overwhelmed. That was just the sweetest. Everyone at Darlington, they just go above and beyond to make everyone feel good about who they are,” Davis said.

Remembering her time at Darlington and all her students with fond memories, Davis said what she loves most about Darlington is the warm happy work place it gives.

“It’s pretty phenomenal but it’s hard to describe one thing that makes it special, it’s just so many factors, like the staff, the personnel, the secretaries and the cooks, everyone works together to support the teachers and the coaches, everyone is so together in creating a good environment for kids and each other that we all just enjoy being there and being together,” Davis said.

In her time away from Darlington, Davis has undergone testing for pancreatic cancer and awaits test results for further treatment.

Thinking of all her students, past and present, and fellow faculty at Darlington, Davis said, “Thank you for time shared. Thank you for the time I had with each and every one of you.”

OBITUARIES

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Allen Alford Miller

Allen Alford Miller was born on Sept. 10, 1948 to Frank and Opal Lenora (Stillman) Miller in Avard, Okla. He passed from this life at his home in Clinton, Okla., on July 24, 2020 at the age of 71 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Allen was one of 16 children, and the family lived in several communities such as Chester and Waynoka, Okla., and Surprise, Ariz. Allen worked most of his life as a roughneck in the oilfield. He always had a love of fishing, and liked to collect coins and stamps (and just about anything else worth collecting). He was especially proud of his large family and enjoyed his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death 12 brothers and sisters, a grandchild Priscilla Faith Miller,

and a great-grandchild Phoenix Nemo Crowe.

Allen is survived by his wife Linda Moore of the home; eight children, T.J. Mitchell of Vinita, Okla., Shawn Miller and wife Marilyn of Woodward, Okla., Munk Miller and wife Leona of Seiling, Okla., Fritz Miller and wife Misty of Woodward, Shalane Miller and wife Lisa of Woodward, Sheena Casio and husband Jose of Woodward, Torrie Moore of Montrose, Colo., and Tiffany Moore of Montrose. Twenty-five grandchildren, Erin, Michael, Kadesha, Kadish, Kadelynn, Kaden, Kadence, Austin, Emily, Yandi, MaKenzi, Ashley, Elaina, Seth, Chloe, Aubrey, Riley, Adrianna, Sierra, Chris, Nayeli, Chelsa, Alyssa, Alissa, and Kristeena; 21 great-grandchildren, Drex, Arylexa, Mila, Koal, Zaelynn, Stefan, Jakoda, Brody, Frank-



ie, Azlynn, Gracie, Azra, Azmyah, Illiana, Araceli, Sophia, Yurayli, Jessica, Victoria, Omar, and Carmen and three siblings, Georgia Bostwick of Del City, Okla., Lola Bearden and husband Jack of Arizona, and Lonnie Miller and wife Donna of Clinton, Okla., as well as a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A family gathering was held Aug. 2 at the Waynoka Municipal Cemetery. A meal followed at the Seiling Community Center in Seiling, Okla.

Karen Sue Yellow Eagle Galvan

Karen Sue (Yellow Eagle) Galvan was born Oct. 28, 1952 to Rufus Yellow Eagle and Sara (Naranajo) Yellow Eagle in Clinton, Okla., and passed away July 29, 2020 in the Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Karen was raised and started school in Weatherford. She later transferred to Riverside Indian School where she graduated in 1971. She enlisted in the United States Navy in 1971 and was Honorably Discharged in 1973. She returned to Weatherford and attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She was married to Ronald Ray Galvan Dec. 19, 1981 in Weatherford. They moved to Houston, Texas where she worked with mentally handicapped adults until 2004. She returned to Oklahoma and was employed with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes as an Administrative Assistant. She was a member of the

Indian Baptist Church, the Native American Church; she was a proud member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. She loved going to Peyote meetings; she was a Sundance Woman and she enjoyed making shawls and going to Native ceremonies. She was preceded in death by her parents, daughter Ofelia Galvan, sister Linda Gail Cully and brother Rufus Yellow Eagle Jr. She is survived by her husband Ronald, of the home, daughter Cheyenne Galvan, son Ronnie Galvan, all of El Reno; four sisters, Lela Pedro, El Reno, Wanda Galviz and husband, Erasmo, Weatherford, Elaine Herrera and husband, Alberto, Weatherford and Marlene Yellow Eagle, Weatherford; brothers, Gerald Yellow Eagle, Thomas, Aldon Yellow Eagle, Weatherford, Martin Yellow Eagle, Weath-



erford, Jose Santos Yellow Eagle and Denise, Ada. She is also survived by her granddaughter Nina Sue Keeto, El Reno and grandson Jaydon Herrera, Altus.

A traditional all night wake service was held Aug. 2, 2020 at the home place in Weatherford, Okla.

Funeral services were held Aug. 3, 2020 at the Weatherford Indian Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Gerald Panana, followed by a burial in the Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, Okla.

William Max Lamebull

William Max Lamebull was born in Watonga, Okla., July 29, 1977 to Delita Starr of Kingfisher, Okla., and the late Billy Whitlow of El Reno, Okla. William Max was a son, brother, uncle and a wonderful friend. He touched the lives of many. He had a heart bigger than him, a huge sense of humor and always knew how to keep a smile on your face. He loved to cook, fish, and many other things. Most of all he loved spending time with his nieces and neph-

ews. He will be truly missed. Lamebull took his last breath in the late hours of July 6 after a wonderful 42 years of life. Lamebull deeply cared about his family. He is survived by his mother Delita Starr, his three sisters; Tisha Tallbear of Thomas, Okla., Patricia Spottedcrow of Kingfisher, Raven Johnson of Kingfisher, and one brother Cash Johnson also of Kingfisher, his significant other Amber Shaefer of Oklahoma City and many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.



A wake service was held July 12 at the Sanders Funeral Chapel. Funeral services were held July 13 at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Kingfisher Cemetery.



Florence H. ‘Flo’ Pricer

Florence H. ‘Flo’ Pricer passed away on July 11, 2020. She was born July 5, 1930 in Oklahoma City.

During her childhood she lived in Oklahoma City and New Orleans, LA. She graduated from Central High School and earned both a bachelor’s degree and master’s degree from Central State University. She articulated doctoral studies in library science at the University of Oklahoma.

Flo married Dick Pricer on March 10, 1951 and to this union three children were born, Rick, Ronnie and Suzi. As an adult she has lived in Oklahoma City, Salt Lake City, Utah, New Orleans and Saratoga, Calif. Throughout her career she worked for Kraft Foods, Tinker AFB, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the Oklahoma City Public Schools, where she developed the first program for volunteers.

Flo belonged to numerous social organizations including the Krewe of Iris, Beta

Sigma Phi, OKC Newcomers, Girl Scouts and more. In 1993 Flo served as President of OKC Beta Sigma Phi, was Woman of the Year, and served on many boards and offices throughout the years.

At Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church she was a member of the Women’s Club, the hand bell choir and volunteered as food manager for funeral luncheons. Flo’s many talents included being an accomplished artist, genealogy researcher, cookbook author and the best fisherman. Flo loved entertaining family, friends and sorority sisters and she cherished memories of fabulous Christmas parties. Flo so loved the Lord and her family.

She is survived by her husband of 69 years Dick, children Rick Pricer and Suzi Harman, grandchildren, Ron Pricer Jr., Gwen Firkins (Chris), Matthew Pricers (Alissa), Crystan Payne, Rich Gray and Hayden Ralston (Gina) and 17 great-grandchildren.



She is preceded in death by her son Ronald, parents Lillie Maupin Bennett and Elmer Hodgkinson Jr., two sisters, Virginia Poiselle and Helen (Rusty) Shock, and brother Bob Hodgkinson.

The family wishes to express their sincere appreciate to Dean Drooby, M.D. and his staff.

Wake services were held July 15 at the Smith & Kerke Funeral Home in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were held July 16 at the Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church, followed by an Interment at the Resurrection Memorial Cemetery in Oklahoma City.

National Museum of the American Indian to Host Virtual Ceremony to Mark Completion of the National Native American Veterans Memorial

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) The Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian will host a virtual event Wednesday, Nov. 11, 2020, to mark the completion of the National Native American Veterans Memorial. The event will also acknowledge the service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families.

The museum planned to host a dedication ceremony and veterans’ procession to mark the memorial’s completion but has postponed these events due to current health and safety guidelines. The museum will reschedule both events when it is safe to do so.

On Saturday Sept. 20, 2019 a groundbreaking marked an historical day for the first National Native American Veterans Memorial on the National Mall in Washington, D.C.

Under tranquil blue skies, a translucent canopy was erected in front of the National Museum of the American Indian setting the stage for the beginning of a long awaited memorial recognizing the military service of Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces.

After the passing of the legislation authorizing the memorial was signed in 2013, the museum began to move forward on the project. Over a span of 18 months project leaders held 35 meetings across the country talking to more than 1,200 veterans and their families gathering information about what they wanted out of the memorial.

A call for design concepts was sent out, and out of 120 proposals submitted, the jurists chose Pratt’s design concept, ‘Warrior’s Circle of Honor.’ Pratt, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a US Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran design concept embraces the spirituality essence of Native people and the four elements, water, fire, earth and wind.

“It has been all the support of the museum, our design team, the architects, everyone working together and diligently to make this happen. I am so honored to be a veteran and honored to have this opportunity to be here today. But I knew when we came here the first time to pick our location this was the place. We were all gathered where you all are sitting now and the Creator sent a hawk and it came down, he landed on my location, then he flew up right over here and he stayed there, for over an hour he sat there and watched us. I could not believe it. The Creator had sent the bird’s wings over us to bless us and he stayed there the whole time. It was so amazing,” Pratt said during the groundbreaking ceremony in 2019.



About the Memorial

As commissioned by Congress, the National Museum of the American Indian will establish a National Native American Veterans Memorial on its grounds. This will be the first national landmark in Washington, D.C., to focus on the contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the military. The memorial design is by Harvey Pratt, citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, a multimedia artist, retired forensic

artist and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran.

About the Museum

In partnership with Native peoples and their allies, the National Museum of the American Indian fosters a richer shared human experience through a more informed understanding of Native peoples. The museum in Washington, D.C., is located on the National Mall at Fourth Street and Independence Avenue S.W. Connect with the museum on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and AmericanIndian.si.edu.

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Table Games: All table games are closed until further notice.

Sanitizer Stations: Hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed in multiple casino locations.

Personal Protective Equipment: Masks will be provided to all employees and customers.

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