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## Indigenous led survey centers on boarding school, adoption experiences

By Lydia Morrell

*The Child Removal Survey looks at how the federal government upended Native American communities and how they have sought healing.*



Photo of Chilocco Boarding School located in Ponca City, Okla.

For more than a century, Native American children were forcibly removed from their families and driven into boarding schools where their hair was cut, and they were stripped of their culture.

Now, Indigenous community members and University of Minnesota researchers are looking at the trauma caused by this practice.

The Child Removal in Native Communities Survey centers the experiences of American Indian and Alaskan Native people who were forced into boarding schools and the foster care system, focusing on the generational impact of these practices. Led by Native researchers, it is meant to study the trauma inflicted on Indigenous communities and subsequent healing.

In April 2019, two Indigenous community-based researchers opened the survey with a ceremony, establishing that their academic research would be “guided by spirit, not just by the intellect,” said Sandy White Hawk, a Sicangu Lakota tribal citizen and founder of the First Nations Repatriation Institute.

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## Tribes’ Bison Program Accepts Towering Spirit Award

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

As one drives onto the lands of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Concho, Okla., they are met with a picturesque view of the tribes’ Bison herd grazing freely in the pastures blanketed in thick native grasses. The sight is breathtaking and would explain the recent award presented to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Bison Program.

The Towering Spirit Award was presented to the tribes’ on Friday, Dec. 4 by the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful (KOB) organization.

“I am pleased to be a part of Keep Oklahoma Beautiful and Excellence awards virtual celebration. The Towering Spirit award is just one of five awards chosen by Keep Oklahoma Beautiful board of directors and given to a person, program, business or organization for upholding the mission of KOB in a unique way. I consider it a true honor to have the opportunity to recognize this evening the Cheyenne and Arapaho Bison Program,” Brad Henry, the 26<sup>th</sup> governor of Oklahoma said during a taped video presentation.

KOB is a statewide nonprofit organization founded in 1965 and is a state affiliate of Keep America Beautiful, with a national network of nearly 1,000 participating organizations working to improve communities through litter prevention, waste reduction and beautification. According to the KOB Web-

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## JOM Assists Native American Students

(CONCHO, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Johnson O’Malley Program (JOM) assists Native American students in grades PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade, who attend a public school, and reside in the tribal jurisdiction.

We provide assistance to Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal students in grades PK-12<sup>th</sup> grade who live outside the tribal jurisdiction with educational support needs while they are in public school. This assistance is based on availability of gaming funds.

We are currently assisting with senior cap and gown expenses, and senior class fees. JOM doesn’t assist with graduation announcements, pictures, or class rings. All parents or students must contact the JOM Program for more information on how to request this assistance.

Our JOM office is open M-Fri, 9am-4pm daily. Some Friday’s tribal offices are closed, so call ahead to see if we are open on this day. You may contact Francine Williams, JOM Coordinator at 405-422-7566, or email her at [fwilliams@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov](mailto:fwilliams@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov) or contact Kristie Graham at 405-422-7639, or email her at [kgraham@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov](mailto:kgraham@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov)

The JOM Program looks forward in serving your student in his or her educational needs. Have a Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year. Please stay safe, and wear your mask.

## 156th Remembrance of the Sand Creek Massacre: Petition Filing to Change Mt. Evans name to Mt. Blue Sky

(EADS, COLO) On Sunday Nov. 29 in a remembrance ceremony at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes announced an official petition to rename Colorado’s Mt. Evans. The petition has been filed with the U.S. Board of Geographic Names.

“One hundred and fifty-six years ago, Territorial Governor Evans devised the strategy for the massacre at Sand Creek for political gain and now the victims,

the Cheyenne and Arapaho People, will continue to be known in Colorado through the renaming of that mountain as Mt. Blue Sky,” Fred Mosqueda, Arapaho coordinator of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Culture Program said.

As the 156th anniversary of the Sand Creek Massacre was honored, the mission to rename Mount Evans got another option, this time from the tribes whose descendants were victims of the attack.

The Wilderness Society

and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have filed a petition with the U.S. Geological Survey’s Board of Geographic Names to rename Mt. Evans to Mt. Blue Sky.

It’s Mt. Evans’ fourth official name proposal and the only one that has been recommended by the Native American tribes who suffered at the Sand Creek Massacre.

The mountain was named after Colorado’s second territorial governor, John Evans,

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Drummers offer up songs during the 156th remembrance of the Sand Creek Massacre in Eads, Colo. (Courtesy photo)



# Happy Holidays

As the holiday season approaches, Lt. Gov. Gib Miles and I would like to wish everyone a happy and joyous Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.

We hope 2021 brings us better and happier times as we have all faced many challenges and heart breaks this past year.

The coronavirus pandemic has taken many of our beloved tribal members much too soon, and our prayers and thoughts go out to all the families mourning the loss of their loved ones during this holiday season. We continue to pray for those who are facing this pandemic crisis, for our healing and our health during these difficult times.

We know Christmas is a time for families to come together and share in the season of giving. We ask that each of you to please remain vigilant in stopping the spread of COVID-19 by wearing a mask and taking precautions within your family.

May God Bless you.  
Gov. Reggie Wassana & Lt. Gov. Gib Miles



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## OP-ED: On the COVID frontlines, we're tired of hearing lame excuses for risky behavior

By Mark Morocco

In my world, there is a lot of anger, most of it kept professionally hidden.

In emergency rooms and intensive care units across the country, frontline nurses, respiratory therapists and doctors like me have been in danger every day for eight months. Smothered in PPE, we're doused in coronavirus every day while we take care of the very sick, the worried well and the dying. Some of the dead aren't patients; some are colleagues, friends and our own families.

We are furious and we are exhausted. And now we face again the flooding of our hospitals.

We're tired of seeing patients who got the virus after their kid's "limited" birthday party or because they went out to a restaurant dinner with "close friends" or flew to a celebration in a state "that didn't have much COVID."

It didn't have to be this way.

We bent the curve, then let it bend right back. Distracted and tired, our focus faded.

Fall is aptly named. People aren't made to be perfect, but damn, we should be better than this.

What you do, how we ALL act in the next weeks, will make the difference be-

tween an inconvenient winter and a disaster that will take years to overcome.

Until months after the vaccines arrive, the same simple steps will be required. Not just in California, but also across our un-United States.

Wear a mask whenever you leave the house. Stop doing dumb stuff, like going to parties, destination weddings and the French Laundry. Stop listening to know-nothings who spout "science" on YouTube and Twitter.

Stop being crybabies about a little inconvenience. We already have more than 250,000 reasons to weep, and to be thankful we are alive and can still do something about it.

So avoid crowds. Wash your hands. Stay home. Why is this so hard?

You may have noticed that I'm a little bit on edge.

The problem is, people don't understand the danger. Yes, you may have attended a party and you're fine. You're young, you're healthy. What's the problem?

If you don't understand, go back and read a story by Karen Kaplan in this newspaper. She reported how a single wedding of 55 people in Maine infected 27 guests. None of them died and

some didn't even have symptoms. So, no big deal, right? Wrong. The infected guests went on to infect others, who in turn spread it themselves. Over the next 38 days, the wedding was responsible for infecting at least 176 people, and seven of them died.

Multiply that mistake thousands of times across our country and you have real trouble. You don't have to get sick to transmit COVID. You can kill someone you've never met in another state, or their mother, or they can kill yours.

What you do matters.

We've reached that place in the movie where there are so many zombies we have to hide in the basement. Except the zombies are down there with us, fresh from an "essential" shopping trip, and now their kid has a cough.

So this column is a warning, a confession and a cry for unity, perhaps even patriotism.

If you come to me in the ER, you'll never know what I'm thinking about you or your choices. Like the virus, I don't care if you're from Orange County or North Dakota. You'll get 100% from me and my crew, no matter who you are or what you did, or didn't do. Even if you say this is a political conspiracy or a test of "liberty," or you



**COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING HOURS**  
*Effective December 7, 2020*

Patients of Indian Health Service who are in need of COVID-19 testing are encouraged to visit the Drive-Thru COVID-19 Testing Clinic at Clinton Indian Health Center. Due to ongoing construction of the new facility for El Reno Indian Health Center, drive-thru COVID-19 testing hours are no longer available at El Reno. If you are unable to make the drive-thru testing hours in Clinton, please call to schedule an appointment at Clinton, El Reno, or Watonga Indian Health Center.

**Clinton Indian Health Center**  
**Monday, Wednesday & Friday**  
**8 am - 10 am**

*\*Please note: COVID-19 testing is subject to the availability of testing supplies. Rapid testing with same day results will be prioritized for those meeting select criteria. All others may be subject to longer processing times based upon demand.*



For quicker access to results, patients of Clinton Service Unit are encouraged to register for your Personal Health Record (PHR). The Indian Health Service PHR is a website where patients may access their personal health information with access to: medications, lab results, track health issues, obtain shot records and health information, and contact their health care team. All of this information may be accessed from the privacy of your personal computer, phone, and/or tablet.

For more information, visit the website below and/or contact a Clinton Service Unit registration clerk.




# COVID-19 Continues to Spread Across Western Oklahoma

Rosemary Stephens  
Editor-in-Chief

With the promise of a COVID-19 vaccine release right around the corner, positive cases and deaths from COVID-19 continue to rise across Oklahoma and the U.S.

On Thursday, Dec. 10 the Oklahoma State Dept. of Health reported 2,460 new positive cases bringing the state cumulative total to 225,453 and reported 35 new deaths bringing the death total to 1,980.

The coronavirus is hitting the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hard, as November brought record-breaking deaths of tribal citizens.

Charles Fletcher, a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Health Board and the tribes' COVID Task Force took to Facebook asking tribal citizens to do their part by wearing facial masks and social distancing.

He wrote, "Lately it seems like every day that I go onto Facebook I see another obituary about a tribal member that has passed from COVID-19, this is sad because we are losing so many of our elders who are the caretakers of our tribe and historians and the teachers of our traditions and cultures."

According to data released by the tribes' Health Education Director Deborah Ellis on Dec. 8, the tribes' eight county area had 14,306 total cases with 88 reported deaths and 12,242 reporter recoveries. The counties, broken down are Beckham County 1,498 cases, Blaine County 487 cases, Canadian County 7,960 cases, Custer County 2,304 cases, Dewey County 294 cases, Kingfisher County 1,043 cases, Roger Mills County 197 cases and Washita County 523 cases.

Ellis included a report from Clinton Service Unit CEO Capt. Joe Bryant that stated, in part, "Our number of active cases has increased from 129 patients to 139 patients, of which 79 are Cheyenne and Arapaho..."

Bryant wrote the patients were

predominately in Custer County with 52 of the 139 or 37% of all positives, Canadian County with 23 of 139 cases or 16.5% of all positives and Blaine County with 23 of 139 cases or 16.5% of all positives.

"Dewey County" has been rising as well with three active cases last week and now 10 active cases. The cities impacted the heaviest include Clinton with 32 cases, El Reno with 17 cases, Geary with 14 cases and Weatherford with 10 cases," Bryant wrote.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Gov. Reggie Wassana has mandated masks for all employees in all offices and screenings for temperature checks are ongoing for anyone visiting any of the tribal offices. Also put into place has been mandatory employee testing through the tribes' Dept. of Health on a regular basis.

The Clinton Service Unit is preparing for the arrival of the long anticipated COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available. The FDA authorized the Pfizer vaccine for emergency use on Thursday, Dec. 10 and the first round of doses are being distributed throughout the U.S., with priority being given to health care workers on the frontlines and the vulnerable elderly population. The vaccine

will be a two-dose series, separated by 21-28 days.

According to the Indian Health Services (IHS) the COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected American Indian/Alaskan Native populations across the country, with infection rates over 3.5 times higher than the non-Hispanic white population. In addition American Indians and Alaskan Natives are over four times more likely to be hospitalized as a result of COVID-19. In total, since beginning testing, the Clinton Service Unit has identified 510 total positive COVID-19 cases with over 9,000 COVID-19 tests conducted as of Dec. 1, 2020.

On Dec. 4 the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommended facial masks to be worn in all indoor places. This is the first time the CDC has recommended universal mask wearing, including indoors. The agency for months has endorsed face coverings, and in July released a study touting their effectiveness in community settings to reduce transmission of the virus. This new recommendation comes when COVID-19 cases in the state and country are at an all time high.

For more information on testing, precautions and new CDC guidelines visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Clinton Service Unit Test Results	12/8/20
COVID-19 active cases from tribal members	76
Beckham county	
Active cases from tribal members in Elk City	2
Blaine county	
Active cases from tribal members in Canton	1
Active cases from tribal members in Geary	13
Active cases from tribal members in Watonga	5
Canadian county	
Active cases from tribal members in Calumet	1
Active cases from tribal members in El Reno	13
Active cases from tribal members in Yukon	1
Custer county	
Active cases from tribal members in Arapaho	2
Active cases from tribal members in Clinton	21
Active cases from tribal members in Thomas	4
Active cases from tribal members in Weatherford	1
Dewey	
Active cases from tribal members in Oakwood	1
Active cases from tribal members in Seiling	9
Kingfisher county	
Active cases from tribal members in Kingfisher	1
Washita county	
Active cases from tribal members in Burns Flat	1



Above: Darren Brown, content producer with Cheyenne and Arapaho Television displays one of the new masks being featured in an upcoming PSA. The masks promote the Cheyenne language and the Arapaho language. Brown is wearing "Mask Up" in the Cheyenne language.

Below: Savannah Stein, administrative assistant for CATV is wearing "Cover Your Face" in the Arapaho language. (Photos via Facebook)



## Be Wise as a Chief and Make COVID as rare as Bigfoot:

- Avoid indoor gatherings;
- Wear a mask;
- Keep your distance;
- Protect Our Elders;
- Stay home;
- Wash your hands;
- Get a COVID vaccine

# Colorado High School Alumni Fight to Change Racist Mascot

By Arielle Orsuto

*After nearly 15 years of graduating, two Lamar alumni formed a petition to change the name "Savages" from their hometown team.*

(DENVER, CO) "You know, at the time, I had no reason to feel anything but pride for that name."

Proud to be a Savage. It wasn't until former Lamar Football team captain Blake Mundell left for college in 2007 that his eyes were opened to a different perspective of his high school mascot.

"And to question this definition of the word 'savage' that I had grown up with and realized that it's just here in this small town where that definition exists," he said.

Lamar 2006 graduate Stephanie Davis had a similar relationship to the moniker as the first chair or the school's pep band.

"At the start of each game, we welcomed the athletes onto the field with the Pow Wow drum beat. And then during the game, we also played the 'Savages' song from Pocahontas that goes like 'Savages, Savages, barely even human,' and we all thought it was a mark of pride," she said.

"Through college, it really was a gradual exposure to other thoughts and ideas. Whenever people find out what the mascot is, you just see a look of shock and horror come over their face like, 'oh my gosh, is that really it?'"

After gaining some outside perspective in their nearly 15 years of graduating, both Mundell and Davis decided to create a group to petition the town to change the name. However, they found that their outside perspective wasn't welcome.

"On the one hand, I think it takes our neighbor's eyes to see our own blind spots, but as a Lamar community, if we're committed to shutting out our neighbor's voices, we're not going to get anywhere," Mundell said.

Davis added that this is not just a school issue but instead an issue that affects the surrounding towns, making it even harder for 'outsiders,' to provide perspective.

"It doesn't matter to them that Lamar High School formed who we are. It's the town that rallies behind the Savages mascot, not just the high school community. You have a lot of people who live in Lamar who went to the high school themselves or their kids go to the high school, so there's really not many people in the town that the high school and mascot don't touch. They're very protective of their high school and their imagery there," she said.

While the residents of the town seem hesitant, they were relieved to hear that



longstanding head football coach Jason Tice said he would support any board decision to change the mascot name.

"We talk about it in the classroom setting. We try to understand multiple perspectives and try to understand how different people from different communities feel about certain things in the context of this issue," Tice said.

Coincidentally, his 2A State Championship opponent Zac Lemon is dealing with a similar petition in Eaton with his school's Fighting Reds mascot. Lemon agrees with Tice.

"We talk a lot about how everyone has a story we know nothing about, and if we emphasize that all of the time to have some understanding of what everyone

is going through and have some compassion and understanding of what they're dealing with, then that makes us a better community as a whole," Lemon said.

CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green was asked about making an executive decision to change the mascots in both of these situations, but she deferred to the schools.

"They don't need some bureaucratic regulatory agency to come in and say you do x,y,z. It sounds like they're moving in the right direction."

Mundell and Davis, however, think it's time for people in power to step in.

"If you're in leadership in any capacity, I believe that you have a responsibility to help lead in a moral way," Mundell said. "We

have strong, empirical evidence that shows that native mascots produce negative psychosocial outcomes for students."

Davis added that this affects more than just American Indian students.

"It allows white students like me to feel comfortable thinking that there are stereotypes and these American Indian communities are a monolith and it is just head dresses that we portray them in and with the tomahawk chop that we used in high school," she said. "That's not who the American Indian community is and I hope that with these conversations, we don't just look at who the American Indian community was at the time of when the mascot was created, but also what that community looks like today."

## Message From Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Darrell Flyingman



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Members:

I know the COVID-19 is hitting many of us close to home, either through personal affliction or someone close to us. I have received messages from several tribal members sharing their experiences with this relentless and terrible virus.

Please, please take every precaution to keep you and your family safe. Take care and stay well.

At this time of the year, my staff and I would like to wish all our tribal members a Merry Christmas and Happy New Years. If you could help someone enjoy the upcoming holidays, please do. Be respectful and nice to each other.

Wear your mask, stay home and pray for our tribal members.

## Correctal Cancer & Nutrition

Tara Conway, MS, RD, LD, CDE  
Jenna Crider, RD, LD, IBCLC  
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program



Colorectal Cancer is the third most common cancer in the U.S. Research is showing, however, that 47% of colon cancer cases may be preventable with weight management, a healthy diet and physical activity.

With this promising news, let's focus on ways we can reduce our risk for colorectal cancer.

Get Screened: If you have a family history of colorectal cancer, age 40 (or 10 years prior to family member's diagnosis) is recommended. Otherwise, it is recommended to have your first colonoscopy at 50 years old.

Here are some places where you can get screened:

Clinton, Watonga and El Reno IHS clinics, your personal physicans office and the VA Medical Center. For assistance contact the CSU at 580-323-2884.

Physical Activity: 30 minutes of physical activity, at least, is recommended for most days. Exercise reduces constipation. Chronic constipation is associated with an increased risk of colorectal cancer. Exercise in general provides cancer reducing benefits.

Avoid tobacco: tobacco is linked to cellular damage all over the body. 1-800-Quitnow offers free services including coaching calls, nicotine replacement therapies & more

Be intentional about what you eat, a healthy diet provides cancer fighting nutrients and manages weight. Obesity increases the chances of 11 types of cancer

(including colon cancer) according to the American Institute for Cancer Research.

Increase Fiber. Eat more legumes, garlic, onions, bananas, apples, oats, wheat bran, leafy greens, squash, and root vegetables.

Eat colorful fruits and vegetables. Red, orange, green, purple and white plant foods provide antioxidants. Antioxidants (phytochemicals) reduce cellular damage, detoxify carcinogens from the body and decrease inflammation.

Turmeric is a wonderful addition to the diet and easy to add to rice, soups, and teas. Get as much color variety in your diet as possible! Think purple cabbage, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, broccoli, cauliflower, berries, and bell peppers to name a few.

Create a healthy gut microbiome. The microbiome is largely responsible for the health of our immune system and regulation of inflammation which reduces the risk of cancer. Consuming probiotics (fermented foods such as yogurt, kefir, kombucha, kimchi, miso, tempeh, pickles and sauerkraut. As well as eating prebiotics (high fiber foods that keep the probiotics alive).

Limit certain foods. Red meats (beef, pork and lamb) and processed meats (ex. hotdogs, sausage, bologna, bacon, pepperoni) which have been linked to an increase in colon cancer risk.

It is recommended to limit red meat to 18 oz/week. Reduce sugar intake to reduce inflammation.

Limit alcohol consumption. If consumed, limit alcohol drinks to two drinks for men and one for women per day.

Make sure you have adequate Vitamin D levels. Inadequate Vitamin D is linked to increased risk of inflammation as well as increased risk for cancer. Have your doctor check your vitamin D levels and find out if a supplement will be needed for you.

Taking care of you, thinking about what you are putting in your body and taking time to be physically active is the ultimate act of SELF-CARE. You deserve it! You are worth it

Remember your hand-washing techniques, scrubbing for at least 20 seconds. Remember to wash all surfaces daily and don't forget to clean your cell phone, door knobs, car handles and steering wheel and don't forget to wear a face mask.

For a personalized weight management plan that meets your individual needs, consult a registered dietitian either at the Diabetes Wellness Center or the Clinton Service Unit.

For more information and tips on health and wellness contact Tara Conway at 405-422-7685/1-800-247-4612 ext. 27685 or by email, tconway@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov or Jenna Cirder 405-422-7656/1-800-247-4612 ext. 27656 or by email, jcrider@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov.

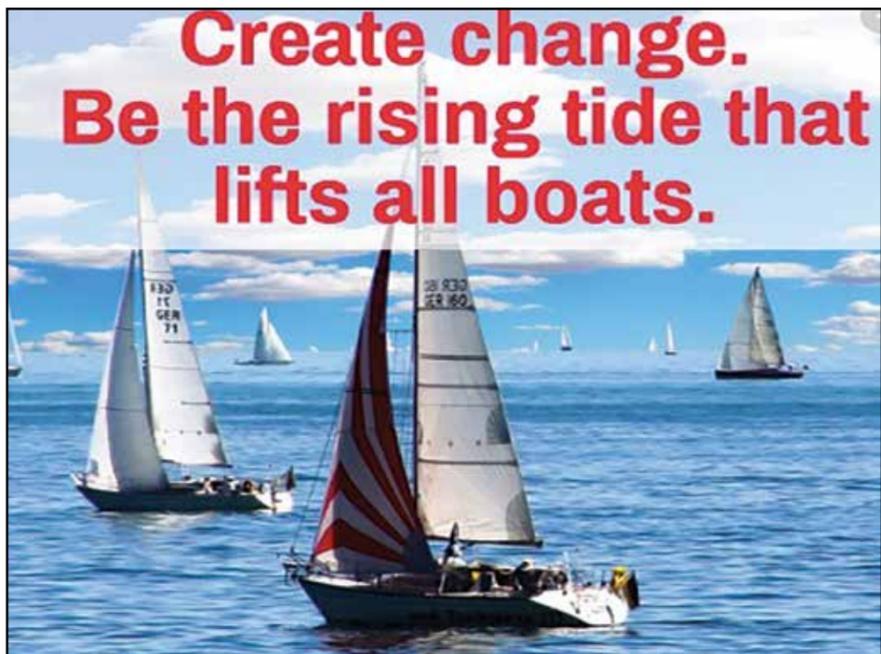
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"A Rising Tide Lifts All Boats" - John F. Kennedy

What JFK meant by this quote is that a good economy should benefit all participants. And that a good economic policy should be one that lifts everyone up as an incoming tide does to all boats.

Many of us enrolled tribal citizens living out of district feel that we have been left out of the benefits and services that should be offered to us all. Out of District citizens are counted in order for the Tribes to receive grants and funds and yet we hear too often we don't qualify since we live out of district.

We have a choice to make. What kind of Nation do we wish to be. Do we want to be a Nation in which only certain ones receive the benefits and services that the Tribes offer. Or do we want to be a Nation that works for the common good and provides opportunity for all?

Are you an enrolled tribal citizen living out of district and feel you are not represented and left out of tribal services? If you are, then please consider joining the Cheyenne-Arapaho Out of District Facebook Group. We are organizing, and preparing for the 2021 Tribal Elections.

We want to support candidates who will support us, the Out of District tribal citizens.

Search for us via Facebook and request to join by searching: Cheyenne-Arapaho Out of District Tribal Members Group

To receive a voter registration form you can email, okiendnd43@yahoo.com

Together we can be the change that lifts all boats

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# Dear Santa

**CANTON HEAD START****I would like for Christmas:**

*A Paw Patrol hook up tower*  
Love, Heston

*A princess stuff*  
Love, Caylie

*A twerking santa*  
Love, Jada

*I don't want anything*  
Love, Adam

*Paw Patrol toys*  
Love, Brodie

*A Paw Patrol hook up tower*  
Love, Henson

*Spider Man toys*  
Love, Wyatt

*A scooter and finger monkey*  
Love, Leah

*Paint and art stuff*  
Love, Katie

*Building blocks*  
Love, Jayten

*Pizza toys*  
Love, Taighan

*A choo-choo train and jump rope*  
Love, Victoria

*A baby shark toy*  
Love, Jaxson

*All the toys*  
Love, Ryder

*Mickey toys and Blippi toys*  
Love, Asher

*Slime and Play Doh*  
Love, Sophia

**CLINTON HEAD START**

*I would like a Dream Life doll*

Love, Avery Brooks

*I would like a LOL doll*  
Love, De'Layna Griffin

*I would like a play kitchen*  
Love, Harmoni Jones

*I would like a PJ mask toy*  
Love, Adrianna Lopez

*I would like a little boy kitchen*  
Love, Jaryn Moss

**CLINTON HEAD START**

*I would like a Toy Story toys*  
Love, Josiah Ruiz

*I would like a Lightning McQueen with Jackson Storm and Cruz Ramirez*  
Love, K'Deon Vincent

*I would like a monster truck*  
Love, Grayston Wynn

*I would like a Barbies*  
Love, Joanna Bradley

*I would like a Lego set*  
Love, Aliziah Ford

*I would like a robot*  
Love, Yaretzi Labastida  
*I would like a Batman toy*  
Love, Jeremiah Lopez

*I would like a car*  
Love, Armando Martinez

*I would like a Dead Pool toy*  
Love, Jordan Mendoza

*I would like a Spiderman*  
Love, Matthew Ortiz

*I would like a car*  
Love, Santiago Vazquez

*I would like a Hot Wheels set*  
Love, Blain Ayers

*I would like a dinosaur set*  
Love, Devante Bradley

*I would like a play kitchen*  
Love, Kayleigh Fletcher

*I would like a baby doll*  
Love, Ryann Tapaha

*I would like a tool box*  
Love, Arrow Warden

*I would like a Baby Alive*  
Love, Mercy Wassana  
*I would like a video game*  
Love, Stryker Whitebuffalo

*I would like a toddler scooter*  
Love, Paisley Wrspir

**CONCHO HEAD START**

*I would like cars for Christmas.*  
Love, Bence

*I would like a baby doll for Christmas.*  
Love, Yolanda

*I would like a brown baby doll, stroller for the baby, a flower coloring book and a Peppa Pig house for Christmas.*  
Love, Nova

*I would like more dinosaurs for my dinosaur collection for Christmas.*  
Love, Ethan

*I would like a baby doll for Christmas.*  
Love, Madeline

*I would like makeup toys for Christmas.*  
Love, Destiny

*I would like cars for Christmas.*  
Love, Steele

*I would like PJ Mask toys or cars for Christmas.*  
Love, Tevin

*I've shown kindness to my friends at school. I would like to have a toy pony and a bike for Christmas.*  
Love, N'dia H.

*I have been a very good helper at school this year. For Christmas, I would like a L.O.L doll and a small car to ride in.*  
Love, Ziya M.

*I have been a very good and sweet boy this year. I would like robots and Spider-Man for Christmas.*  
Love, Trevor H.

*I have been very kind to my friends and family. I would like dolls and blocks for Christmas.*  
Love, Edith R.

*I have been a great friend and helper at school. For Christmas, I would like blocks and cars.*  
Love, Eliath R.

**CONCHO CHILD DEVELOPMENT**

*I would like Blue's Clues toys and toy trucks.*  
Love Chris

*I would like teething toys and light up toys.*  
Love Soslikah

*I would like big trucks and truck books.*  
Love Landon

*I would like baby dolls and pretty dresses.*  
Love Ha'ri

*I would like a Cocomelon doll.*  
Love Haven

*I would like an art set and baby dolls.*  
Love Noemi

*I would like baby dolls and purses.*  
Love River

*I would like toys, animals and trolls.*  
Love Blossom

*I would like cars, trucks, and art supplies.*  
Love Antonio

*I would like toy cars/trucks, play dough, and art supplies.*  
Love Xavi

*I would like a pretty dress, pretty shoes, iPhone and Halloween.*  
Love Skylynn

*I would like baby dolls.*  
Love Baylen

*I would like puzzles, potato head set, and a race car track.*  
Love Nolan

*I would like a nail set, make up, and baby dolls.*  
Love Chloe

*I would like a Ken doll, baby sitter Barbie, and a Barbie.*  
Love RaeLynn

*I would like furry animal and Mario Cart Live.*  
Love Breanna

*I would like a drone, toy cars, baby Yoda, toy gun, and ice cream maker.*  
Love Aizen

*I would like make up and princess legos.*  
Love Aniah



# OBITUARIES

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## James Frank Cometsevah

James Frank Cometsevah "Man On Cloud" was born Sept. 23, 1981 to Wilma Cometsevah in Clinton, Okla., and passed Nov. 22, 2020 in Sayre, Okla.

James was raised in Clinton where he attended Clinton Public Schools. He participated in football, track and wrestling. He enjoyed spending time with family, going fishing and listening to music.

He is preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Frank and Louise Cometsevah. He is preceded in death by his maternal great-grand-

parents, Larid and Lucy Cometsevah.

He is survived by his mother Wilma Cometsevah, two sisters, Lucy Cometsevah and her companion, Demetria Daukei and Nadina Moulden and husband, Graham, of Kansas, brother William Postelwait and companion Candi Miles, three nephews, Joshua and William Postelwait, Gunner Moulden and two nieces, Landrie Cometsevah and Maya Moulden. He is also survived by several aunts, uncles, cousins and other nieces, nephews and



grandchildren.

Wake services were held Nov. 27 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Home. Graveside services were held Nov. 28 at the Clinton Indian Cemetery in Clinton, Okla.

## Linda Kay Cordasco

Linda Kay Cordasco "Roseanna Pawpa", age 65, passed away on Nov. 28, 2020 at Shorrock Gardens Rehabilitation Center in Brick, N.J.

Born in Oklahoma, she was raised in Texas and was fiercely proud of her Native American heritage. She has resided in Brick since 1993.

Linda was a communicant of Epiphany RC Church in Brick for many years where she was part of the Bible group. She loved all holidays and especially enjoyed the Autumn months and Halloween.

You could always find her having a cup of hot tea

while watching Hallmark or QVC. A lover of all animals, her heart belonged to her two cats, Edwin and Tuxie. Her true calling in life was becoming a grandma.

Predeceased by her parents, Darrell and Katherine Green of Sherman, Texas.

Surviving are her daughters, Jennifer Cordasco and her fiancé, Michael Whitney, Angela Cordasco and her fiancé, Christopher MacLeary, her brother Darrell Edgar Green Jr. "White Eagle" and his wife Donna, her two beloved granddaughters, Katee and Melanie, who were the light of her life.

A memorial visitation was



held Dec. 6 at the O'Brien Funeral Home in Brick Township, N.J.

A Memorial Mass was held Dec. 7 at the Epiphany Roman Catholic Church in Brick Township, N.J., followed by an interment at the Ocean County Memorial Park.

## Gary Floyd Daukei

Gary Floyd Daukei was born April 26, 1969 in Clinton, Okla., to Horace Daukei and Erma Whiteagle Blackbear and passed away Dec. 2, 2020 at the age of 51.

Gary was a resident of the Watonga community his entire life. He attended Anadarko and Watonga schools and was a craftsman of Native American beading.

He was a member of the Indian Baptist Church in Watonga. He loved spending time with his nieces and nephews and loved beading.

He is preceded in death

by his parents, one brother Waldo Daukei and one sister Norma Daukei Capshew.

He is survived by four brothers, Gene Daukei of Farmington, N.M., James Daukei of Watonga, Okla., Charles Daukei of Santa Fe, N.M., and David Tasso of Oklahoma City. Six sisters, Mada Daukei of Watonga, Okla., Beverly Daukei of Oklahoma City, Juanita Daukei of Watonga, Okla., Phyllis Daukei of Watonga, Okla., Caroline Brown of Shawnee, Okla., and Marilyn Barr of Shawnee, Okla.,



along with several nieces and nephews as well as many relatives and friends.

A memorial graveside service was held Dec. 8 at the Concho Cemetery in Concho, Okla.

## Roberta Maye Curtis Harrison

Roberta Maye Curtis Harrison was born May 16, 1936 to Amiel George Curtis and Margaret Amiela (Riggs) Curtis in Clinton, Okla., and passed away, Nov. 27, 2020 in the Clinton Alliance Health.

Roberta was raised in Calumet, Geary and Clinton, Okla. She attended her schooling in Clinton. She was employed at the Clinton Greyhound Bus Station when she met the love of her life, Alton Lewis Harrison Sr., who was on leave from the United States Marines. They married and during his deployment they made their homes in many different states. Roberta and Alton loved to dance; they often cleared the ballroom dance floors. These dances they taught their children. Family dancing was involved the whole family time. Roberta made her career as a teacher and a nurse's aide. She taught at the Institute of the Southern Plains in Hammon, Oklahoma. She also worked at the United Methodist Health Care Center for over 35 years. She received the longest active employee award for many years until she retired in 2012. She was evolved in helping raise most of children and grandchildren. She instilled

her life teachings and recipes to her family. She was an avid reader to the Clinton Daily news and a fan of the Soap Opera "Days of Our Life". Roberta was a member of the Clinton Indian Baptist Church; she enjoyed beading, rummage sales, quilting which she made for her children and grandchildren. Her passion was spending time with her family. She loved to tell the family stories of her life and always had them be her side. Roberta will be missed by her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two sisters, Mary Belle Lonebear and Caroline Curtis, three brothers, Raymond Stoncealf, Nathan Curtis and George Curtis Sr., four sons, Winston Turtle Sr., Michael Boe Turtle, Robert Buster Harrison and Terry Rice, two daughters Ramona Dorcas Turtle and Blynn Francis Harrison and a grandson Ethan Lewis Harrison. She is survived by three daughters, Shirley of the home, LaQuita "Pinky" Loneman and husband, Kelly of El Reno, Okla., and Sandra Thunderbull and husband Chris, of Clinton, Okla., son



Alton Harrison Jr. and wife, Frieda, of Clinton, Okla. She is also survived by grandchildren, Ethan Harrison, Inez Harrison, Jaidyn, Harrison, Ramona Harrison, Brandon Harrison, Roberta Goombi, William Harrison, Johannah Pedro, Eugene Pedro, Willie Pedro, Lydell Pedro, Michael Reynold Jacee Wheeler, Lewis Harrison and Marcus Yellowhair; great-grandchildren, Caydence Harrison, Gavino Camarillo, Collins Goombi, Tyler Clayton, Morgan Clayton, Rosemary Mack, Kailani Mack, Naomi Pedro, Nikolai, Pedro, Trevor Harrison and Jacob Prairiechief.

Wake services were held Dec. 1 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla.

Graveside services were held Dec. 2 at the Clinton Indian Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Gerald Panama.

## Mary Elizabeth Horn Hawk

Mary Elizabeth Horn Hawk was born on April 5, 1945 and departed on Dec. 2, 2020 at 75 years old.

She was born in Concho, Okla., to Jesse Horn and Mable 'Medicinebird' Horn. She was the youngest of eight children. She attended Kingfisher schools and graduated from Chilocco Indian School.

She was married to and widowed from Jim Hawk. They traveled throughout the states with Jay Swallow ministry. She was a longtime employee with the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, home

improvement program, tribal youth shelter and tribal office maintenance. She lived most of her life in Kingfisher, Okla.

Along with her parents, she was preceded by her siblings, Clarence Tallbull, Pearl Tallbull Sleeper, Vivian Tallbull Redbird, Geraldine Tallbull Morton, George Horn, Maude Horn Harvie and Ella Katheryn Horn.

Although aunt/grandma Mary did not have children, she was a big part of all of our lives. She is survived by many nieces/nephews (grandchildren) too numer-



ous to mention.

A viewing and funeral services were held Dec. 9 at the Rock Of Restoration Church in Geary, Okla., followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery in Concho, Okla.

## Juanita Marie Whiteplume Littlethunder

Juanita Marie (Whiteplume) LittleThunder, 59, of Arapaho, Wyo., passed away at Ogden Regional Hospital in Ogden, Utah on Nov. 17, 2020. Her wishes were to be laid to rest in Canton, Okla.

Juanita was born on Nov. 17, 1961 in Lander, Wyo., to Evangeline (Goes in Lodge) C'Hair and Douglas A. Whiteplume. She was a lifelong resident of the Wind River Reservation, but lived in El Reno, Okla., for a short time before returning home to the Wind River Reservation. She and Linden celebrated their 40th anniversary this past February.

Juanita worked as a Certified Nursing Assistant for many years. She also worked in El Reno at the Care Living Center, Grace Living Center, the 789 Truck Stop deli as a cook, and the Black Coal Senior Center (Meals on Wheels). After retirement she became a full-time homemaker to enjoy time with her husband Linden and her six children and her many grandchildren. Juanita

enjoyed traveling, fishing, cookouts and picnics, loved driving up to the mountains, listening to music, shopping and powwows.

Juanita was preceded in death by her father Douglas A. Whiteplume and dad Robert P. C'Hair (Bobby), brother Jerome C'Hair, sister-in-law Julia C'Hair; Merle Karen Oldman, Roark George LittleThunder (Jimmy), grandmother Gertrude Dresser, Jacob Whiteplume; William Ould (Bill) Burnette and Ruby Whiteplume, and Susan and William (Bill) Crazythunder.

Survivors include her husband Linden Toby LittleThunder Sr., six children, Angela LittleThunder, Georgetta LittleThunder and husband Mario Majano, April Eastman and husband Joel Eastman, Ebenezer LittleThunder, Yolanda LittleThunder and companion Jerome Bighail; Linden LittleThunder Jr. and wife Fara LittleThunder, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, her mother Evangeline (Goes



in Lodge) C'Hair, brothers Aloysious C'Hair and Mark C'Hair, sisters Windy C'Hair and Vianna Behan; sister-in-law Georgia LittleThunder and companion Antone Roman, C'Hairs, Whiteplumes, Wahtomy, Dressers, Shamblen, Oldman, Big Medicine and Fridays as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

A traditional all-night wake service was held Nov. 29 Richard Williams' residence, in Canton, Okla. Graveside services were held Nov. 30, 2020 at the Cantonment Cemetery west of Canton Lake with Reverend Gerald Panama officiating.

## Theodore 'Ted' Raymond Nibbs

Theodore Raymond "Ted" Nibbs (Sweet Medicine) was born Jan. 15, 1953 to Wisdom Nibbs Sr. and Lucy (Twins) Nibbs and passed away Nov. 29, 2020 in the St. Anthony's Hospital in El Reno, Okla.

Ted was raised in Clinton until he was about 6 years old, his mother passed away; he was raised by his older brother Timothy Nibbs Sr., and lived in Oklahoma City. He attended and graduated from Chilocco Indian Agricultural School in Newkirk, Okla. in 1971.

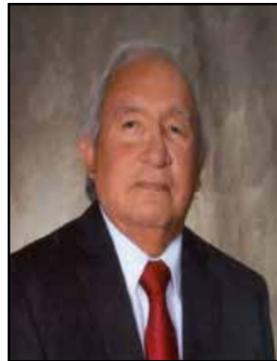
He married Carole Riggs in 1973 in Clinton, Okla. He worked for the Collins and Aikman Plant before working with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. He has most recently worked in the Procurement office.

He was a member of the

Baptist Church and was saved at a young age. He enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and going to their activities; he was Native traditional and loved to Gourd dance. He loved sports, watching Oklahoma University Football, Oklahoma Thunder Basketball and watching movies. His pleasure in life was helping others and making other people's lives better.

He is preceded in death by both his parents, brothers, Timothy Nibbs Sr., Wisdom "Junecorn" Nibbs Jr., Reginald "Geto" Nibbs and Ronald Nibbs and a sister, Elaine Shirley Nibbs-Cowart.

He is survived by his daughter Delena Nibbs and her fiancé, Carson Graham, of Oklahoma City and his grandchildren, Gwendolyn Goolsby, Seth Goolsby, Jace Goolsby, Noah Gools-



by, Nevaeh Sage, Nelson Sage, Nolan Sage and Nikolai Sage. He had several nieces and nephews who he loved very much and supported all through the years. He will be missed by many friends and relatives.

Wake services were held Dec. 6 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla.

Graveside services were held Dec. 7, 2020 in the Clinton Indian Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Gerald Panama.

## Eugene James Rednose

Eugene James Rednose, 73, of El Reno, Okla., passed away suddenly at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City on Nov. 28, 2020. Eugene was born on Aug. 21, 1947 in Concho Okla. to Albert Rednose and Louise Blindbull.

Eugene graduated from Chilocco Indian School in Kay County, Okla. He joined the Army and was stationed at Oakland Army Base where he met and married Margaret Sandoval and had two daughters.

Over the years, Eugene lived in the Oregon and Washington State areas

where he worked as a machinist and for the tribal forestry. He moved back home to Oklahoma in 2006.

Eugene is survived by his two daughters, Genea Rednose and Sheila Rednose, grandson Keenan Rednose, granddaughter Ysenia Rednose, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Eugene is preceded in death by his parents Albert and Louise Rednose, his brothers, Alan Rednose, Griffin Rednose, Lorenzo "Mooch" Rednose, and sisters, Teresa Carter and Wanda Ross.

A visitation was held Dec.



10 at the Huber Benson Funeral Home.

A private graveside service was held Dec. 11 at the Kingfisher Cemetery in Kingfisher, Okla., where he was laid to rest across from his father.

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*Victor Robert Orange* White Bird-Vigis Wou-go-Miz

Victor Robert Orange (White Bird-Vigis Wou-go-Miz) was born June 5, 1965 to Joseph Orange Jr. and Nadine (Fingernail) Orange in Clinton, Oka.

He passed away Dec. 5, 2020 in the OSU Downtown Medical Center in Tulsa, Okla.

Victor was raised in Hammon and graduated from Hammon High School in 1983. He worked for Roger Mills County driving a truck and heavy equipment. He is a member of the Hammon Indian Baptist Church. He was an outstanding athlete, playing softball, golf, corn hole, fishing, hunting and playing horse shoes.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers,

Bruce Fingernail, Rayburn Orange, Joseph "Joey" Orange, III, and a sister Francis Bearbow.

He is survived by his wife Sonya Orange, of the home, daughter, Courtney Ramos, Reydon, Okla., step daughter Courtney Reeder, Yukon, Okla., two sons, Dereck Orange and Joshua Orange, both of Hammon, Okla., and three step-sons, Marshall Williamson, Oklahoma City, Matt Reeder, Oklahoma City and Silas Miles, El Reno, Okla., five sisters, Sandra Racelis, Jolene Orange, Johanna Orange, Carmen Orange and Rachel Candy, brother Gordon Orange, all of Hammon, Okla. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Corbin, Ja-



cee, Ines Jr., J.W., Hailey, Tushka, Mahli, and Homaiyi.

Wake services were held Dec. 8 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9, 2020 in the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Dolan Ivey.

*Carol Ruth Standingwater*

Carol Ruth Standingwater was born July 2, 1961 to Samuel Ray Standingwater and Elaine (Bird) Standingwater in Clinton, Oklahoma and passed away Dec. 1, 2020 in the Clinton Therapy and Living Center (former Methodist Nursing Home.) Carol was raised and attended school in Hammon, Okla. She worked as an EMT for the Hammon Fire Department, the 3-M Company in Weatherford and she had worked for the Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and Lucky Star Casino for over 15 years. She was a member of the Baptist Church. She enjoyed

spending time at the casino, playing bingo and doing Indian crafts and beading. She is preceded in death by her father, brother Marvin Standingwater and sister Betty Jo Bird. She is survived by her mother Elaine Bird, Clinton, Okla., three daughters, Carla Standingwater, Tawoac, Colo., Carin Mitchell, Hobart, Okla., and Carol Mitchell, Clinton, two sons, John Standingwater, and Christopher Bird, both of Elk City, Okla., three sisters, Ruth Standingwater, Montana, Roselyn Rodriguez, Clinton and Rosemary Avendariz, Elk City and brother Rich-



ard Bird, Clinton. She is also survived by a host of grandchildren.

Wake services were held Dec. 8 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9 at the Hammon Indian Cemetery in Hammon, Okla.

*Marsha Sue Wills*

Marsha Sue Wills was born Aug. 20, 1967, in Okeene, Okla., to Delbert and Estherline (Lee) Wills and passed away Nov. 26, 2020 at Corn Heritage Village in Weatherford, Okla., at the age of 53 years, three months, and six days.

Marsha was raised in Canton and graduated from Waynoka High School in 1985. She raised her family in Weatherford.

Marsha enjoyed listening to music, driving around, and spending time with family and friends.

Marsha is survived by

three daughters, Shaina Marie Wills of Oklahoma City, Ruthie Ann Wills of Weatherford and Deanna Beth Wills of Weatherford; one brother Jesse Flying-out of Weatherford; two sisters, Euline (Lee) Sharp of Weatherford and Debra Wills of El Reno and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Harold Smallin, two brothers, Hollis Lee and DeWayne Wills and one daughter Heather Gayle.

Wake services were held Dec. 1 at the Weatherford



Indian Baptist Church in Weatherford, Okla.

Funeral services were held Dec. 2 at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Greenwood Cemetery, also in Weatherford.

*Francis Lipton 'Pie' Shawnee, Sr.*

Francis Lipton Shawnee Sr. was born Sept. 29, 1954 in Clinton, Okla., to Wilford and Amelia (Bates) Shawnee. He departed this life on Nov. 27, 2020 at El Reno, Okla.

Francis attended Canton Public Schools, Concho Boarding School and Geary High School. He was raised at Carlton and Geary. Francis enjoyed shooting pool, playing basketball and watching the Oklahoma Sooners. He had worked for many years in Oklahoma City as a mattress builder. He will be dearly missed by his family and many friends.

Francis was preceded in death by his parents; a son

Francis Shawnee Jr., two sisters, Susan Shawnee and Willia Shawnee, and one brother Henry Shawnee.

Survivors include his wife Kathy Shawnee, one son James "Jimmy" Horton Shawnee of Geary, Okla., step-children Trevor Vanhoutan, Wendy Zeragoza, Aaron Vanhoutan and Michael Smith of Yukon, Okla., four siblings, Jewell Grace Shawnee of Geary, Ioleta Shawnee of Oklahoma City, Helene Rasmussen of Yukon and John Edwin Shawnee of Geary, 10 grandchildren, Mosiah Ware, Dion Shawnee, Cynthia Shawnee, Trenton Thompson, Tapanga Thompson, Sweetie Shawnee, Ta-



lulah Shawnee, Kingston Shawnee, Jimmy Shawnee Jr. and Ivan Chavez; numerous other nieces, nephews, grandkids and extended family and friends.

Graveside services were held Dec. 3 at the Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery in Canton, Okla., with Rev. Waylon Upchego officiating.

*Alexander Joseph Washington*

Alexander Joseph Washington, of Canton, passed from this life on Nov. 25, 2020 at the age of 22 after a sudden illness. He was born to Dawn Washington and Allen Dean Red Hat on Dec. 27, 1997, and was raised by his mom, Shelene Whiteshirt and husband Delwin.

Alex grew up in Seiling and graduated from Seiling High School with the Class of 2016. He began working maintenance at the Seiling High School while still attending there. He later worked for maintenance at the Lucky Star Casino, eventually being promoted to security and finally security supervisor. In 2015 Alex was initiated into the Dog Soldier Society of the Cheyenne Tribe. In his spare time, he enjoyed leatherworking, woodburning, video games, and collecting guns.

Alex was preceded in

death by his mom Shelene and husband Delwin Whiteshirt, great-grandparents, James "Tommy" and Ruby Nightwalker, Hailman and Mary Little Coyote, and Allen "Curly" and Imogene Red Hat; grandparents Gilbert and Darlene Washington, and Wilma Little Coyote; and uncles James Washington, Clyde Dale Red Hat, and Ronald Dean Red Hat.

He is survived by his birth mother Dawn Washington and father Allen Red Hat, sister, Jessica Gerdes and husband Garrett and their children Sebastian and Ari Gerdes, brothers Dominic Washington and Destiny Stephens and Wesley Ray Red Hat, grandparents Randal Red Hat, Karen Little Coyote, Rosa Jean Howling Buffalo, Joseph Nightwalker, and Rachel Cole, uncles Gilbert Washington,



Cato Red Hat, Tony Howling Buffalo, and Israel Little Coyote; aunts, Hannah Little Coyote-Sissom, Sandra Campbell, Alisun Little Coyote-Little Man, and Jolene Red Hat; niece Heaven Alton and a host of other family and friends.

A traditional Cheyenne Wake was held on Dec. 2, 2020 at the Redinger Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services were held Dec. 3, 2020 at the Brumfield Cemetery.



*Thank You*

**We, the Shawnee family want to thank everyone for their kindness during the loss of our loved one. Those who brought food and flowers, your gifts were truly appreciated. And for those who said prayers for our family we thank you.**

**Thank you everyone  
From Francis Pie Shawnee Sr and family**

COVID FRONTLINES

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call us "sheeple."

COVID doesn't care how you vote, where you live or if you die. The fire burns all around us and we are dry grass, from sea to shining sea.

In my world, we are deeply disheartened to realize that, as a country, the United States can't unite as other countries have, and that the work of crushing this virus turned out to be too complicated for our leaders and our neighbors. Now we are in danger of losing perhaps half a million people or more.

It makes front-liners like me feel as though our work doesn't matter.

The way people, including the president, are behaving seems un-American. How can the world's strongest democracy be unwilling to fight a winnable war on our own soil to protect our own lives and those of our neighbors? A lot of us won't even don masks to aid the fight.

As I put on my PPE before a shift in the ER, I think of seasick WWII soldiers, riding toward a beach as other young men on shore tried to kill them in the surf. Compared to what they faced, what I do is easy.

Then, no one knew how long the war would last or if they would survive. People back home collected rubber and bacon grease for years, gave up countless liberties and luxuries, and no one ever called



the war a hoax, even if they never saw a Nazi in their backyard.

We're eight months into COVID. World War II lasted six years and a day. The Great Depression lasted 10 years. The 1918 flu lasted two years and two months.

Are we really that soft? That careless? That selfish?

It's great news that a vaccine is likely to come soon, but don't depend on it to save you and the people you love. Like the last man shot in war, you might get the virus before you get the vaccine.

There is still time to save lives. Stay at home, and when you have to go out, wear your mask everywhere. Break the virus chain. Do it for yourself. Do it for those you love. Do it for your country. Come, be a hero.

*Mark Morocco is a Los Angeles physician and professor of emergency medicine.*

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# Christmas Giving



Long time Darlington Public School teacher, Ms. Terry Davis with her best friend Rufus. (Courtesy photos)

Rosemary Stephens  
Editor-in-Chief

(YUKON, OK) Christmas time is about giving, and it's always been said there is more joy in giving than in receiving.

When most 12 year olds are anticipating what gifts they will receive, Jaidyn Raley, a Yukon resident is more focused on what she can give.

For the past seven years Jaidyn has not asked for Christmas gifts or birthday

gifts but has, instead, asked for donations to Pets and People, forfeiting items and gifts she may want to help abandoned and abused animals. She seems to get the most joy in helping and assisting animals than any material gift she could receive.

This year marked the eighth donation drive, and was extra special to Jaidyn because she dedicated it to Darlington Public School teacher Ms. Terry Davis.

Larissa Raley, Jaidyn's mother, taught with Davis

and stated Jaidyn overheard her talking about Davis's diagnosis and asking Davis what they could do for her, Davis said, "I don't want cards or flowers, that will just make me sad, instead I would just like for you to make a donation to a local animal shelter."

"Jaidyn lost her grandpa a year ago, so she knows how it all takes place and how you lose people. When we were discussing her donation drive this year she asked me if she could do it and dedicate it to Ms. Davis," Larissa said.

"I thought about it and I thought this would be a good way to show Ms. Davis how many people care about her and show her some support in her fight against pancreatic cancer," Jaidyn said.

Davis has been a teacher with Darlington Public School since 1978. Before the start of the 2020-2021 school year Davis learned she had pancreatic cancer and would not be returning

to her beloved classroom.

"She is one of the most incredible first grade teachers I have ever seen," Gina Musae, Darling Public School principal stated in a previous article about Davis.

Jaidyn, along with her parents have been volunteering at the Pets and People Animal Shelter since Jaidyn was 5 years old, and has over the years adopted five dogs from the shelter herself.

Jaidyn's donation drive this year brought in 858 lbs. of dry dog/cat food, 300 cans of dog/cat food, 20 dog/cat beds, 60 lbs. of cat litter, 40 blankets, and numerous toys, leashes, collars and treats.

With Pets and People relying on donations to remain in business, Jaidyn's twice yearly donation drives goes a long way in helping them help the animals.

If you are interested in adopting a dog or cat this holiday season, call Pets and People in Yukon, Okla., at 405-350-3199.



Twelve year old Jaidyn Raley sitting among the hundreds of pounds of animal food, toys and blankets she collected during this year's Christmas drive.

## TOWERING SPIRIT AWARD

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Jeff Everett (r), Environmental Regulatory Manager for OG&E and one of the Board of Directors for Keep Oklahoma Beautiful, presents Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana with the Towering Spirit Award for 2020. (Photo / Christopher Roman Nose)

site, their mission is simply to empower Oklahoma citizens to preserve and enhance the state's natural beauty and ensures a healthy, sustainable environment.

"The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have found a unique way to develop resources for their tribal members while at the same time they are helping restore and protecting natural resources that keep Oklahoma beautiful. That is keeping the KOB mission garnering public acclaim and having a positive impact," Henry stated.

The Bison Program falls under the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Dept. of Business, Farm & Ranch Program, headed up by Nathan Hart as executive director and Randy Hawk as the agriculture manager.

"The Cheyenne and Arapaho Bison Program has been growing and expanding over the past few years. We wanted to build our herd because we've always been connected to the life source of the buffalo," Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana said.

The bison program began in the 1980s with a donation from Roy Oliver, receiving 20 animals.

"We've expanding the herd through purchases or the Intertribal Buffalo Council, which we receive animals from different na-

tional parks once a year and we have grown our herd to approximately 500 animals right now," Hart said.

The animals are grazed on the almost 9,000 acres of agriculture land the tribes' currently own.

"When you go back to your roots and to the history of Oklahoma, we've always considered the buffalo to be the tribes' life source, as the buffalo progress so has the tribes," Gov. Wassana said.

Hart said the tribes' are in the process of restoring old croplands into native grasses, which will help sustain the herd in the future.

"Some of our population struggles with diabetes and the leanness of the bison meat to start with and the fact that they are grass fed it is a healthy food source for our people," Hart said. "Our primary goal is to take care of elders, take care of those with diabetes and we've been fortunate that we have learned from a lot of different people, and in turn we are giving that knowledge back."

The year marks the 30<sup>th</sup> year KOB has recognized individuals, businesses and organizations that uphold environmental best practices to Keep Oklahoma Beautiful. This will be the first year the awards ceremony was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



## Prom Dress Symbolizing MMIW on Exhibit in Smithsonian

By Emma Sears, Gaylord News

(OKLAHOMA CITY)

It's one of the most important events in a teenager's life, high school prom.

For Isabella Aiukli Cornell, her junior prom in 2018 was about more than just wearing a stylish gown to a high school gymnasium. It was an opportunity to call attention to what has been described as an epidemic of murder and abuse faced by Native American women.

"We have a really high rate of women who go missing every year and there's not a lot of media coverage about it," said Cornell. "I wanted to make a statement about the ongoing crisis going on in our communities."

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who was not present at the Sand Creek Massacre, but helped create a situation that made the Sand Creek Massacre possible and then refused to acknowledge or criticize what had happened. He was eventually forced to resign as governor over the controversy.

"We don't think it's appropriate to have a mountain on public land named after someone who supported the indiscriminate killing of Native Americans and facilitated one of the worst massacres in American history," Paul Spitzler, Wilderness Society policy director said. "We're very interested in making sure our public lands are inclusive to all people."

The tribes solidified the name "Mt. Blue Sky" on Nov. 29 during a three-hour ceremony attended by chiefs and tribal citizens at the massacre site near Eads, Colo.

Mosqueda said the weather was cold, but that they could feel their ancestors smiling.

"It was so windy, it was tough to get going. We sang the songs and this feeling came over us," he said.

"They were happy we still came."

The 700 Cheyenne and Arapaho who had gathered at Sand Creek on Nov. 29, 1864, had been promised a peaceful existence by the government. Two hundred and thirty Cheyenne and Arapaho, mostly women, elderly and children, were slaughtered when volunteers from the First and Third Colorado Cavalry regiments ambushed them at sun-up. The massacre poisoned relationships and was a catalyst for wars between the U.S. Army and Native Americans for years.

The tribes recognize the tragedy at Sand Creek every year, but this time they had to keep the attendance down due to COVID-19 concerns.

The final decision on whether or not to rename Mt. Evans is likely months away and rests with the Board of Geographic Names, but only after hearing from the State Geographic Naming Advisory Board, which in this case will work with Clear Creek County officials.

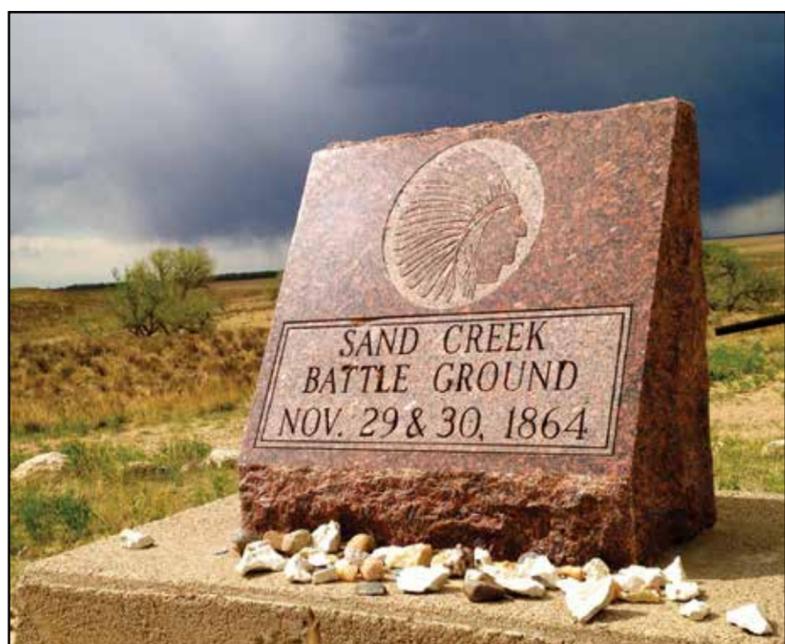
The new petition will likely be taken up at the next meeting of the

state board, which is scheduled for some time in January, according to member Tim Mauck.

With this latest addition, there are now four names proposed for the peak: Mt. Cheyenne Arapaho, Mt. Soule, Mt. Rosalie and now Mt. Blue Sky. Silas Soule is the Army Captain who disobeyed orders from his commander, Col. John Chivington, to fire on the camp during the ambush. Mt. Rosalie was the original name of the peak, so named by landscape artist Albert Bierstadt after a friend's wife with whom he was having an affair.

Mosqueda, Arapaho, says the Wilderness Society helped advise them on what the lengthy renaming process would entail.

Mosqueda has been busy. At a recent meeting of the State Capitol Advisory Board, he spoke on behalf of the Southern Cheyenne



and Arapaho people in support of replacing the statue of the Civil War soldier on the west steps of the State Capitol with a memorial to the Sand Creek Massacre. The board approved the Sand Creek Memorial location on Nov. 21.

It may feel like change is happening quickly, but for Mosqueda this has been a decades-long struggle for acknowledgment, "I praise God that Colorado, after all of these years, is hearing us."

## Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association Highlight Members

The Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association (OICWA) are highlighting members monthly who are members of OICWA. For the month of December, Dorothy Inoa, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a caseworker for the tribes' Indian Child Welfare office was highlighted. She became a member this year in 2020.

*Reason for Becoming an OICWA Member:* "I attended the conference last year in November 2019; it was my first conference and first training as a caseworker. It was amazing, fun, informative, and made me feel great seeing all the other tribes helping their people. It was a great way to connect and get information from others and see all the hard work being done across Oklahoma. I am happy to be a member and can't wait to see what the future holds."

*Biography:* "I am currently an Indian Child Welfare caseworker for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. I am also a tribal member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. I grew up in Weatherford, Oklahoma but graduated from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma in 2004. I attended Rose State College and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Arts in 2013. I went on to attend University of Maryland College and graduated with my Bachelor of Science in Psychology in 2016."

"I have been married for 14 years with three wonderful children ages 14, 11, and 2



*Dorothy Inoa, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a caseworker for the tribes' Indian Child Welfare office was highlighted for the month of December by the Oklahoma Indian Welfare Association. (Photo via Facebook)*

with one on the way in January 2021. I am currently pursuing a masters in teaching elementary education from Liberty University. Working and helping others has always been my passion. I enjoy teaching and being around children. I did not know much about child welfare until I got into this field. It was very heartbreaking and stressful in the beginning, but now I am enjoying helping our Native children and my tribal members. It is a very rewarding field to see the positive impact you make on a daily basis. Not all cases turn out for the best, but to see those that do succeed is the best feeling ever."

*Chainsaw Safety classes, hosted by Phillip Daw of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Fire Prevention program, was held to teach the proper use of chainsaws and safety precautions to staff members of the Dept. of Parks & Recreation and the EPA office. Those participating included Alicia Red Hat, Preston Black, Chieko Buffalo, Jeremiah Cometsvah and Martin Yelloweagle.*



*Submitted photos*



## BOARDING SCHOOL

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Christine Diindiisi McCleave, an enrolled citizen of the Turtle Mountain Ojibwe Nation and CEO of the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition, co-led the study and said academic research of Native communities historically has been extractive and privileges the voices of researchers who are not Indigenous.

This research is different.

Diindiisi McCleave said that her and White Hawk's leadership in the project has been critical because they had direct experience with boarding school survivors and Native American adoptees.

"We Indigenous peoples, we don't want to be studied from the outside," Diindiisi McCleave said. "We have a lot to say about our own histories, about our own experience and about our experience with American history."

A survey and a ceremony

The approximately 30-minute survey looks at three different experiences: if the respondent went to boarding school, if their fami-

ly went to boarding school, or if they were adopted or put into foster care. Participants could fill out one or all segments, depending on which fit their experiences.

Because of COVID-19, the researchers have stopped recruiting participants for the survey, though it is still open online. Diindiisi McCleave said the survey addresses difficult experiences, so the team did not want to push the survey on people who were already under pandemic-related stress.

Carolyn Liebler, a University of Minnesota sociologist who is helping to lead the research alongside White Hawk and Diindiisi McCleave, said their approach is "totally different" from other research.

"We have ceremonies and prayers as part of the research process ... talking about things holistically, recognizing that just because time passes doesn't mean things change," Liebler said.

Until the pandemic is over, the team will not close the survey or move on to analysis. The researchers are aiming for 1,000 partici-

pants and currently have about 600, Liebler said.

She added that they plan to attend in-person events once the pandemic is over to meet with the tribes in large groups and provide paper copies of the survey while offering support for participants who are sharing traumatic experiences.

"And then we will have a ceremony when the survey closes to thank the community for allowing this to exist," Liebler said.

Generations of trauma, and the path to healing

The research unearths a painful era of federally mandated Indian boarding schools that were enforced from 1860 to around 1980.

At this time, government officials forced many Indigenous children to leave their families to attend boarding schools and assimilate to white, Christian culture. Eventually, the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 gave jurisdiction of children to tribal governments, enabling tribes and families to be involved in child welfare cases.

White Hawk previously con-

## Painting in Moscow: Cheyenne-Arapaho Artist Talks Traveling to Russia

Brent Learned traveled to Russia to gain a more intimate understanding of the Buryat people, and of course he did a live painting in Moscow's Red Square.

Brent Learned likely became the first Cheyenne-Arapaho artist, if not the first-ever Native American artist, to paint live in Moscow's Red Square. Sporting a t-shirt representing his tribe, he illustrated the famous silhouette of towering red cobblestone buildings. He painted his interpretation of Lenin's tomb and Saint Basil's Cathedral. Learned is the visionary founder behind Native Pop and Native American Body of Art. The Oklahoma City-based artist traveled to Russia as part of the University of Oklahoma's (OU) program, Peer to Peer (P2P) Two Sides of the Globe: Connecting Indigenous People. The goal of P2P is to strengthen awareness of the merits of Buryat and other Indigenous communities in Siberia and American Indian communities in Oklahoma through direct, peer-to-peer exchanges of their experiences of preserving their cultural heritages. "This is an important relationship to establish as recent research indicates that 14% to 38% of American Indian ancestry may originate from Siberia," P2P states.

Through P2P, Learned is collaborating with OU to create a children's book about the Buryat people, "who are descendants of the Mongolian and Native Americans and have the same DNA," Learned said.

Learned arrived in Russia last August and stayed nearly a month, traveling to Irkutsk, St. Petersburg and Moscow. Several Buryat people served as his tour



*Brent Learned, renown artist and a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes spends time in Russian to gain a deeper understanding of the Buryat people. (Courtesy photo)*

guides, showing Learned where they lived and sharing their stories and customs.

"They are so similar to the Native American Indian in their song, dance and art," Learned said.

When Learned asked how he would describe Moscow's Red Square and its significance to him, he said, "To be in Red Square is overwhelming. To grow up seeing pictures of it, seeing it in movies... but to actually be there, standing where so much history took place was inspirational. Considering Russia has only been open to the rest of the world since the 1990s, I feel very privileged to have been in Red Square, being Native American and representing my tribe and my people and the heritage I belong to."

Tourists and local residents would ask Learned if he was Native American, and once finding out he was, they wanted to snap photos with him and wanted to know more about his tribe.

"I told them I was from

Oklahoma and gave them a history of my people," Learned said. "The places that I've seen in Russia are beautiful, the art is spectacular and the people are interesting. They wanted to know more about America and a lot of them have aspirations to come to the U.S."

But one of Learned's favorites was visiting the museums and seeing the art of the past.

"It was a privilege to come to a country that has only been open to the rest of the world for less than 30 years. [The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 brought an end to harsh travel regulations.] It was a privilege to meet people that I would never have had the opportunity to meet otherwise, particularly the indigenous people here, and to hear their stories and see the dance, to experience and just share cultures. That's what we're all here for, for just for a little time in this world, to get the most out of it."

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Happy Birthday Catalina turns UNO Dec. 15 Love your grandparents James & Denise Friday of Irvine, Calif.



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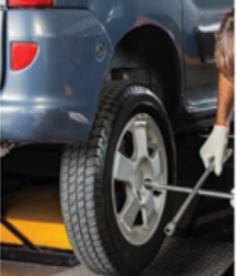


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Our departments, Health Education & Tradition Not Addiction, would like to thank all the participants for their pictures. Our winner for the drawing was Winnie Whitetail! Everyone that participated will receive a mask.

**Celebrating Native American Heritage Month**

Staying healthy and safe during the pandemic

### Face Masks and COVID-19: What Community Members Need to Know

Wearing a face mask and keeping 6 feet of distance from others are essential to stopping the spread of COVID-19. Masks that cover the mouth and nose can stop germs from leaving and entering the body and keep someone from getting sick.

Follow these steps when using a mask:

1. Clean hands with soap or hand sanitizer before putting on or taking off the mask.
2. Hold the mask up to the right. If light shines through the mask, do not wear. This means germs will be able to flow in and out of the mask.
3. Make sure the mask completely covers the mouth and nose and fits tightly on the sides and the bottom of the face. Do not put masks on children under 2 years of age.
4. If using a cloth mask, make sure it is washed after each use. Do not reuse single-use medical masks.
5. Clean the mask in your face, do not touch it unless it is being removed. This can add germs to the mask.

Choosing the Best Mask to Protect Against COVID-19

- Good protection. These masks block most germs from getting into the air.
  - 2-Layer, Cotton Pleated Mask
  - Single-Use Medical Mask
  - 2-Layer, Cotton Cloth-style Mask
- Poor protection. These masks allow many germs to get into the air.
  - Loose-fitting Bandana
  - 1-Layer Neck Scarf
  - 1-Layer, Knitted or Beanie Hat

Masks for health workers: Fitted N95 Mask

Face shield. A face shield is used to protect the eyes from germs. It should be worn with a mask that covers the nose and mouth.

## LEGAL NOTICES

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., MARGARET MORTON, PETITIONER, vs. RYAN DEFORD, RESPONDENT.

Case No: CIV-2020-0049  
RYAN DEFORD: OBLIGOR  
MARGARET MORTON: CUSTODIAN

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: RYAN DEFORD

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Petition for Determination of Paternity and Establishment of Child Support with the Court listed above by Tribal Child Support Services. You must appear in the District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021. Your failure to appear may result in the Petition for Determination of Paternity and Establishment of Child Support being taken as true and the requested relief sought will be granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November, 2020.

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., EDDIE ORTIZ SR., PETITIONER, vs. CANDI SHAWNEE, RESPONDENT.

Case No: CIV-2019-29  
CANDI SHAWNEE: OBLIGOR  
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TO: CANDI SHAWNEE

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# PROM DRESS

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Government statistics are sobering. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native women are murdered at a rate 10 times higher than other ethnicities. Figures of the National Institute of Justice suggests that 84 percent of Native women have experienced violence in their lifetime.

For her prom in 2018, Cornell, of Oklahoma City and a citizen of the Choctaw Nation, chose a custom-made dress by Crow designer Della Bighair-Stump of Hardin, Mont. The purpose was to bring attention to the peril faced by Indigenous women.

"The color red is symbolic of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's movement," said Cornell. "The bodice was made to incorporate a little bit of the (Choctaw) tribe by adding diamonds to the design."

Red is the official color of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's movement to symbolize a bold statement, Indigenous women's issues will be seen and heard.

Aside from being a statement color, multiple native tribes also believe that red is the only color that spirits can see. The project believes that the color not only will help to bring awareness to the cause but also help guide back the spirits of the murdered women and children so that they can lay them to rest.



The prom dress choice ended up making national headlines and was featured in magazines across the country.

The popular magazine Teen Vogue in an article about Cornell's dress wrote: "Native dresses, like the ones designed by Della, are highlighting the unique way young Native people are incorporating their traditional heritage into contemporary spaces as a way to show off their ancestral pride."

"I am just super honored and very happy that my dress will be getting a lot of coverage," said Cornell. "A lot of times the only people talking about MMIW are Native people."

A year after the magazines were sold, Cornell and her mother were contacted by the Smithsonian National Museum of American History about including the gown in a new exhibit called, Girlhood.

The Girlhood exhibit was created to commemorate the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage by showcasing how women have changed history in five areas: poli-

tics, education, work, health and fashion.

Cornell's dress sits in the center of the fashion section on display. From there, it will tour the country through the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service from 2023 through 2025.

"While I am a little bit sad that I don't get to have it in my physical possession anymore. I'm more happy that a lot of other people will be able to learn something from it and for more awareness to be spread because that's the whole mission behind it."

The student of Fort Lewis College, a former Indian boarding school turned public college, never expected to find her prom dress in the center of a Smithsonian museum exhibit, but says that it gave her a chance to educate others on the struggles that Indigenous women face.

"By having it in the museum that means that a lot of other people will be able to see it and understand what's going on and that's really just the whole goal behind all of this."

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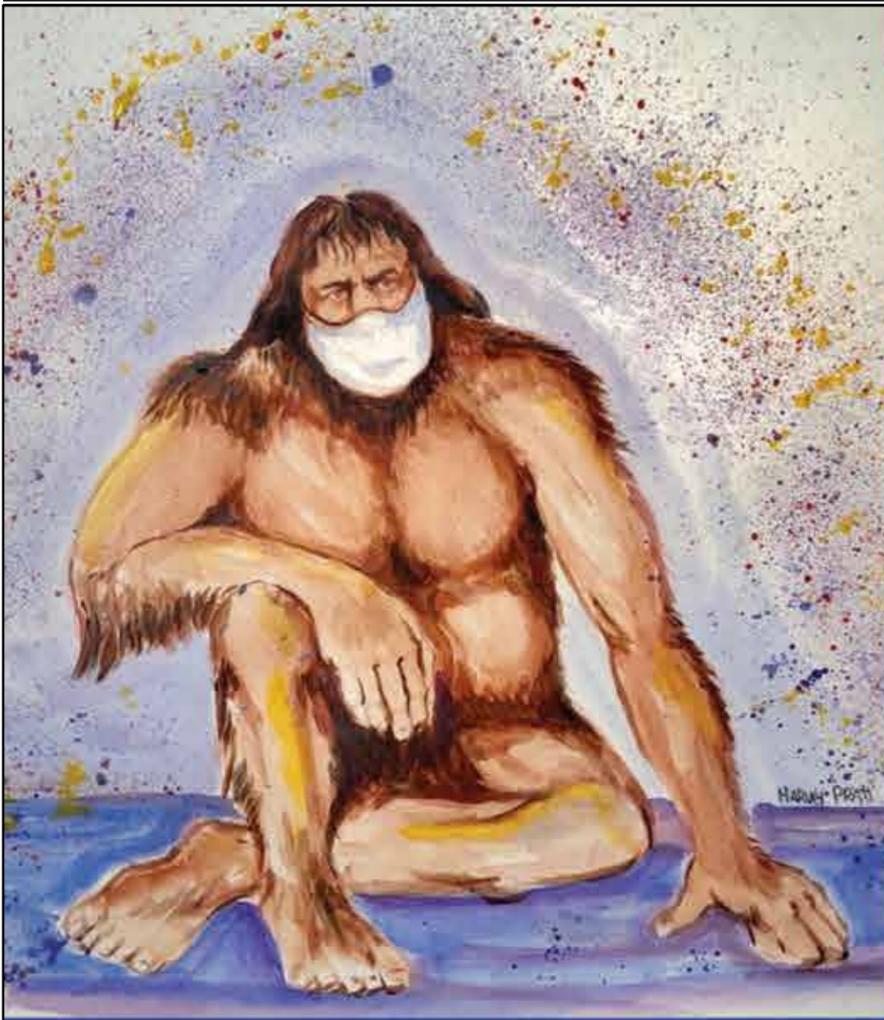
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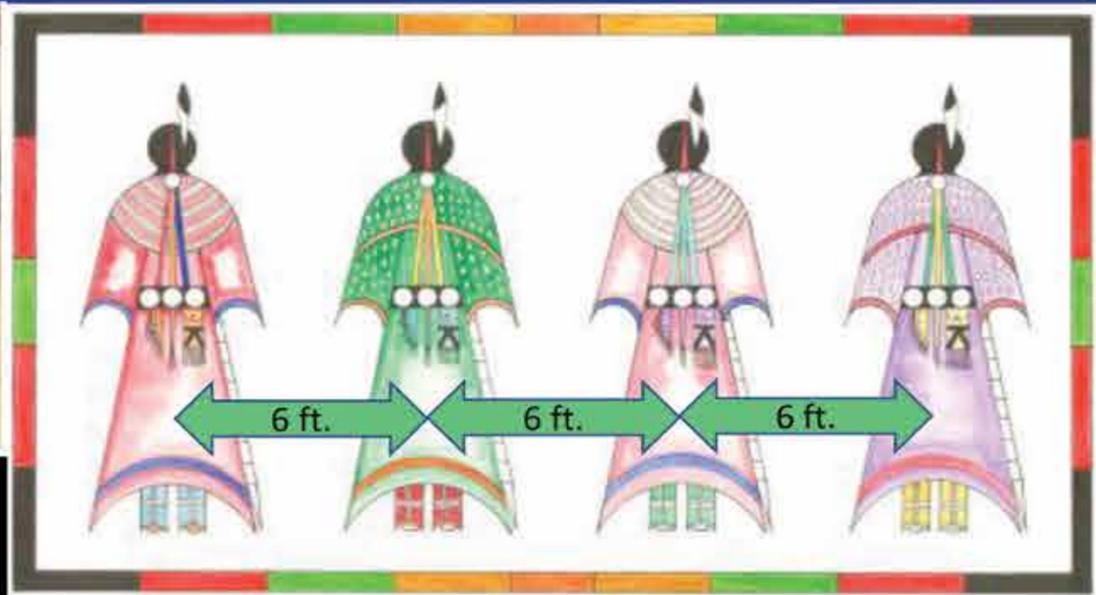
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