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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes receive \$7M grant combatting climate change

(CONCHO, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes receive notice of award for the 2022 Partnerships for Climate Change Commodities Grant in the amount of \$7M. The announcement, released Sept. 14, 2022 lists the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes as the ‘lead partner’ under this grant with ‘major partners’ including Frasier Bison LLC, the Earthshot Institute, Mad Agriculture, Eastern Shoshone Tribal Buffalo Program and the Intertribal Buffalo Council. A “climate-smart commodity” is an agricultural commodity that is produced using agricultural (farming,

ranching, or forestry) practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon emissions.

“The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have long recognized the importance bison has had with our culture and traditions. It has been widely held that bison production produces fewer carbon emissions than cattle operations, and this project may be able to prove that,” Vanessa Vance, director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Office of Grants & Research, said.

With the use of Flux Tower technology, agriculture emissions will be monitored,

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U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC), Gloria Montaño-Greene makes an in person visit to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to present the 2022 Partnerships for Climate Change Commodities Grant in the amount of \$7M. Pictured l-r: Gloria Montaño-Greene, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Lt. Gov. Gib Miles, Director of Procurement Grants & Contracts Melissa Hamilton and Director of Language & Culture Cheyenne Chief Gordon Yellowman. (Courtesy photo)

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Lucky Star Casino Continues Five-Year Clean Audit Streak Despite Challenges in the Past Year

Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

The year 2021 was a year full of challenges for Lucky Star Casino when they were faced with their biggest obstacle yet.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Lucky Star Casino, based out of Concho, Okla., along with its five other locations were hit with a ransomware attack in June 2021.

With the ransomware attack effecting all casino locations, some were forced to shut down temporarily and the casino was faced with having to rebuild all systems.

Lucky Star Casino Chief Financial Officer, Stephanie Black said that year put the casino through a loop with a lot of struggles.

“Not only with COVID but in-between 2020 and 2021, we had a lot of installs of new systems,” Black said.

Upgrading systems was the goal as many of the systems in place were outdated, Black said.

“We had just used them for so long, people were already used to them and the thought of change was kind of hard for everyone but we went ahead and took the leap and we installed several new systems,” Black said.

In 2020 the casino received new accounting software as well as updating the backup house system for the slot machine.

“We also got a new food and beverage system so right before the ransomware happened, we had just gotten into a good groove with all the systems. We were still trying to figure it out but people were getting

more comfortable,” Black said.

Following the ransomware attack, getting back to normalcy was difficult. Despite the difficulties, Black said up to that point they had already received a few years of clean audits.

“When I heard we were hit with ransomware, my first thought was, ‘oh no, what’s going to happen with our audit,’ that’s always our number one priority is making sure that no matter what happens throughout the year that by the end of the year things are cleaned up and our financials are fairly represented,” Black said.

Black said the accounting team got together, along with Rhonda Crary, Lucky Star Casino controller, and made a plan between the departments as far as administration, revenue audit and slot handlists.

“We kind of just put our heads together about what data we have and what are we missing because accounting was going to have to rely on so many departments to rebuild our financials,” Black said.

From there, accounting put in the hours to make sure everything was correct with doing research and having to completely re-enter invoices for months and months.

“There’s just a lot that went into rebuilding our financials, I don’t think people really understand how hard it was for them and really us as a group, it was a difficult time,” Black said.

In re-opening the casinos at staggered intervals, the focus was on opening the Concho location first.

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Determining Historic Sites

Kimberly Burk,
Tribal Tribune Correspondent

(CONCHO, OK) When he goes outdoors, Max Bear says, “I can bless myself just by touching the ground.”

But that doesn’t mean all land is the same. And his definitions of words such as “sacred” and “historic” tend to differ from those of the federal government.

Yet Bear often works alongside federal employees who share his goal: to protect and preserve the cultural histories of tribal people who lived or hunted on land for thousands of years before it ended up in the hands of white settlers.

As director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Historic Preservation Office, Bear consults with government agencies in cases where tribes have been notified about projects that might disturb cultural artifacts or human remains. Tribal leaders are most likely to be alerted if the building or digging project is remote and the soil has not been turned over in a while, Bear said.

Bear grew up in a hunting and fishing family and has been tromping the earth for as long as he can remember. His eye is so practiced that what he spots above the ground might be as pertinent as what the archaeologists are finding beneath it.

In June, for example, Bear was in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains in Colorado, where a flintknapping site had been identified. Noting how the sun was positioned against the rocks at certain times of the day, Bear mentioned to the scientists that fasting and prayer likely took place at that location. Not long afterward, human remains were found nearby.

The burials might have been 1,000 years old and not even associated with the flintknapping site, Bear said. He doesn’t yet know if the remains are those of his ancestors. But it was a validating experience based on a lifetime of communing with nature and his knowledge of tribal religion, and it changed the scope of the project.

Bear says he is not always so lucky. He went recently to a proposed oil

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USDA Takes Steps to Support Food Sovereignty with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

(CONCHO, OK) The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) announced it has signed a cooperative agreement with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes under the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program (LFPA). Through LFPA, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes seek to purchase and distribute locally grown, produced, and processed food from underserved producers.

"USDA is excited to partner with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to promote economic opportunities for farmers and producers and to increase access to locally sourced, fresh, healthy, and nutritious food in underserved communities," said USDA Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs Jenny Lester Moffitt. "The Local Food Purchase Cooperative Agreement Program will improve food and agricultural supply-chain resiliency and increase local food consumption around the country."

With the support of the LFPA program, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will be able to increase food supplies and help more underserved community members while purchasing meats, fresh fruits, and vegetables, boosting the economy for local and underserved farmers

and producers.

"The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are excited about such a worthy program that will meet the needs of many tribal citizens and Native Americans in our tribal jurisdiction," Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana said. "Our food pantries will be able to service even more tribal citizens with valuable nutritional needs."

The LFPA program is authorized by the American Rescue Plan to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency. Through this program, USDA will award up to \$400 million through non-competitive cooperative agreements with state and tribal governments to support local, regional, and underserved producers through the purchase of food produced within the state or within 400 miles of delivery destination.

AMS looks forward to continuing to sign agreements under this innovative program that allows state and tribal governments to procure and distribute local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious, and unique to their geographic area.

The USDA Agricultural Marketing Service is establishing the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program

(LFPA). The LFPA program is part of the "Build Back Better" initiative, authorized by the American Rescue Plan. The purpose of this program is to maintain and improve food and agricultural supply chain resiliency and program will award up to \$400 million through non-competitive cooperative agreements with state and tribal governments to support local, regional, and underserved producers through the purchase of domestic local foods. Local and regional farmers and ranchers are those within the state or 400 miles of delivery destination. The cooperative agreements will allow for state and tribal governments to procure and distribute local and regional foods and beverages that are healthy, nutritious and unique to their geographic area. The food will meet the needs of the population, and serve feeding programs, including food banks, schools and organizations that reach underserved communities. In addition to increasing local food consumption, funds will help build and expand economic opportunity for local and socially disadvantaged producers.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement program will expand the tribes' food pantry and distribution centers' ser-

vices by adding more direct purchasing from local and disadvantaged farmers and producers to include meats, fresh fruits, and vegetables by picking up produce from farmers and producers and developing a program for underserved community members to use with designated farmers and producers in their area between distribution dates with the tribes. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have three food established distribution/pantry centers within their historical boundaries with a focus on reducing or eliminating food insecurities. The Tribes will be able to reach out to more underserved community members by using one of the tribes' refrigerated box trucks to deliver more product to community members not reached in the past, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will also develop focus-based packaging options for elders and children throughout the tribe's former reservation consisting of an eleven-county area. With the support of the Local Food Purchase Assistance Cooperative Agreement Program the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will be able increase food supplies and help more underserved community members and boost the economy for local and disadvantaged farmers and producers.

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Federal Committee Hearing Casts Doubt on *Castro vs. Huerta* Ruling

By Beck Connelley, Gaylord News

(WASHINGTON, DC) A congressional subcommittee investigating the impact of a Supreme Court ruling that overturned decades of Native American law was told that the court ignored tribal sovereignty to reach its decision.

The ruling, which came in June, saw the court assert that both federal and state agencies held concurrent jurisdiction when it

came to prosecuting non-Natives for crimes on Native land. In Oklahoma, the 5-4 ruling modified the impact of the court's landmark *McGirt v. Oklahoma* which has led to the affirmation of Indian Country reservations covering much of eastern part of the state while setting new precedents in terms of criminal jurisdiction.

Five tribal leaders from across the country testifying before the House Subcommittee for Indigenous Peoples of the U.S. uniform-

ly denounced the decision that impacts more than 500 tribes across the country.

"Castro-Huerta undermines tribal jurisdiction and sovereignty by creating a false narrative that native victims are best protected by the state, they are not," said Jonodev Chaudhuri, ambassador for the Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma.

Chaudhuri denied that the Castro-Huerta decision was needed to address the public safety crisis created by McGirt.

"Any actual crisis was entirely manufactured by the individual county sheriffs, prosecutors, and others, who have not only refused to collaborate (with tribes), but actively used criminal cases, and most disgustingly, victims, as political proxies to create the illusion of a crisis," he said.

But District Attorney Matthew J. Ballard of Oklahoma's 12th district celebrated the Castro-Huerta ruling, comparing it to a "beacon of hope" for the Native American victims

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Darrell Flyingman, A Proud Cheyenne Warrior
Cheyenne District Three

Growing MMIP Chapters in Oklahoma Continue Efforts to Combat Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples' Cases

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

Across the state of Oklahoma Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) chapters exist and while many differ from one another in the services they provide, they all share a common goal of assisting Native communities who have been affected by the MMIP epidemic.

Still in its beginning stages, the newly formed Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP Chapter was formed in May 2022, and has much to offer to surrounding communities with advocacy, education and awareness.

In working with other chapters in the state, the Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP Chapter chairperson, LaRenda Morgan, said before the formation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Chapter, other chapters covering areas outside of the tribe's jurisdiction would reach out to her as the representative of the tribes.

"We didn't really have a chapter in place so it would usually be me representing this area. I talked to Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana and asked him what he thought about starting a chapter, we had a discussion and of course he can't be a full-time advocate because of his position but he did want to have something for our Cheyenne and Arapaho people," Morgan said.

The chapter was created prior to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples National month in May. Morgan said the core group consisted of fellow tribal employees with about seven members that are actively participating at events.

"We kind of started our core group and just expanded and invited tribal members to participate and we have a group of maybe about 20, I would say right now it's a small group," Morgan said.

There are different types of MMIP chapters across the state, with some considering themselves taskforce, advocacy groups, or 5013(c) for nonprofit.

Morgan said the Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP chapter is



Some of the members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP Chapter attend the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples awareness day held May 5, 2022 at the Oklahoma State Capitol. (Courtesy photo)

more of an advocacy group.

"We provide advocacy, outreach, education, some chapters provide services for families, we don't have any type of those services where we can offer any type of financial assistance to families," Morgan said.

If families contact their chapter, Morgan said they can connect them and talk to them about resources available, as well as help connecting them to the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigations (OSBI).

With the growing stigma of Indigenous peoples experiencing disproportionately high rates of violence and are reported missing or murdered at higher rates, adults may go missing under various circumstances. According to statistics provided by the Office of Victim's Crime, a 2016 study by the National Institute of Justice found that more than four in five, or 83%, of American Indian and Alaska Native Adults have experienced some form of violence in their lifetime.

With these statistics, Morgan said the chapter provides advocacy for families affected by MMIP cases as well as education, awareness and emotional support for the community.

"In a few months down the line we plan to reach out to some of the high schools, I think one of our chapter members wants us to visit Canton Public Schools so we plan to

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Nevada officials weigh in against case that threatens to erode Indian Child Welfare Act

By Jennifer Solis, Nevada Current

Several Nevada lawmakers, tribes, and state leaders are urging the U.S. Supreme Court in an amicus brief to reject a challenge to the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, saying that disturbing the law would damage Native American families and could ripple through other important aspects of Native American law.

The Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978, or ICWA, imposes federal standards for state child custody cases involving Native American children. The 44-year-old law prioritizes placement of Native children in the foster system with extended family or Native communities whenever possible.

The case, *Haaland v. Brackeen*, was brought in 2017 by a white Texas couple, who sued in a federal district court in Texas after the Navajo Nation intervened under the ICWA to object to their attempt to adopt a Navajo child. The district court ruled the law unconstitutional after Texas and other opponents claimed the law is based on race but was later reversed twice by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit.

Tribal Nations, including the Walker River Paiute Tribe in Nevada, have argued the law is not based on race but on the rights of tribes as sovereign nations and political entities.

The Supreme Court will hear arguments in November weighing whether ICWA discriminates on the basis of race and whether Congress overstepped its authority when it enacted the law.

Earlier this month Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford and Sens. Catherine Cortez Masto and Jacky Rosen joined 16 tribal nations in Nevada in submitting briefs supporting the U.S. Department of the Interior and five tribes backing the law.

"I've been a strong supporter of the Indian Child Welfare Act, which was enacted to protect the best interests of Native American children and keep them from being removed from their families and communities. It includes necessary safeguards against systemic abuses that target Native Americans, and it must be upheld," said Cortez Masto.

"For years, the Indian Child Welfare Act has helped protect and support Native children and ensure the continuation of Tribal communities' rich histories and cultural traditions. I joined colleagues from both sides of the aisle in expressing our support for this important law and urging the Supreme Court to uphold it," said Rosen.

In their brief, lawmakers in Congress argued that ICWA is supported by centuries of precedent that gives Congress

authority to legislate Native American affairs in order to fulfill its federal obligations to Native American tribes and their citizens.

Nevada officials and representatives are part of a bipartisan coalition of 497 Tribal Nations, 62 Native organizations, 23 states and the District of Columbia, 87 members of Congress, and 27 child welfare and adoption organizations calling on the Supreme Court to rule in favor of upholding ICWA.

Tribes in Nevada say challenges to ICWA will have far-reaching consequences that will be felt for generations. Native American rights groups, including National Indian Child Welfare Association, warn that if ICWA is dismantled it could set legal precedent leading to far-reaching consequences for other issues like tribal economic development and land rights.

Congress enacted ICWA in response to the wholesale removal of Native children from their families by state and private child welfare agencies at rates far higher than those of non-Indian families, often without due process.

States and the federal government continued to forcibly remove Native children from their families by enlisting them in boarding schools. Nevada has its own

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Academic, Excellence and Enrichment Program Provides Opportunities for Tribal Youth Attending Public Schools

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

Striving to expand opportunities for tribal youth who attend public schools, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Academic, Excellence and Enrichment (AEE) program have plans underway for the new school year in servicing tribal youth attending public school systems. AEE currently services nine public schools in western Oklahoma.

Most recently, the AEE program, along with the Native Youth Community Project (NYCP) program took 108 tribal youth from various schools in grades seventh and eighth on a field trip to the First Americans Museum (FAM) on Sept. 9 in Oklahoma City.

With the AEE program being implemented in 2021 as a tribally funded program, new staff have recently joined the program and are officially gaining momentum and recognition among the schools.

In providing field trips and outings for youth to participate in, AEE coordinator Cedric Sunray said the purpose of the program is to expand optics for youth.

“That’s the big one is really growing our kid’s optics so that they will strive, once you see everything that’s out there, opportunities that are bound, you tend to work a lot more,” Sunray said.

Sunray has over 24 years of experience in education and is a citizen of the MOWA Band of the Choctaw Indians.

At the FAM field trip, youth had the opportunity to see Dr. Henrietta Mann, well-known Cheyenne citizen and long-time educational academic, as well as see videos and presentations about Sand Creek and Washita.

Through these trips, Sunray said it’s important for

youth to understand history.

“To see the realities behind that and get to learn about their survivorship, it’s an amazing situation when you have been hit that hard and here you are, strong and vibrant so we’re really trying to express that to the kids so they know that,” Sunray said.

With the program progressing into the new school year, the program consists of three staff including Sunray as the coordinator and two student advisors, Tiffany Bullcoming and DeVante Moore.

With the new school year beginning and with the program actively visiting schools, Sunray said they rarely see other.

“We’re all at different locations, Tiffany’s in Hammon full time, DeVante’s in El Reno full time and I’m at the seven schools in-between. I do half days but they’re intensively there three to four days a week just to really adjust on it, so we’re trying to look at all those different models,” Sunray said.

In having to navigate their progress in the schools and monitor what it’s like to have full time staff present in the schools, Sunray said it’s about building right now.

“We’re trying to make sure all the bases are covered, everything is really mapped and then over Christmas break, because we’re still at work when the kids get out of school, we’re going to go over that and really look at it and embed it and see what works the best because this is a brand new program,” Sunray said.

And one concept the program is actively working on is building trust among the youth. Sunray said the program is creating surveys to see what their family structures look like.

“It’s a really important one, how many are culturally



Academic, Excellence & Enrichment program Coordinator Cedric Sunray conducts activities with tribal youth on a field trip to First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. (Photos / Adriel Clements)

engaged,” Sunray said.

Sunray along with student advisors Moore and Bullcoming are giving out questionnaires in order to get to know the students more. They will also be providing mentoring and tutoring services for youth.

In getting to know the families more, Sunray said the program is trying to create pathways.

“We also work with families, we connect them to services so that’s a big part of it as well, like with any community, especially post COVID and pre COVID we felt we’re trying to do all we can to make our kids feel comfortable, we talk about all the issues surrounding aggressiveness, bullying, all those types of things as well, we do presentations at these schools,” Sunray said.

Sunray said he hopes to see the program stay consistent with the schools.

“We just want to have these airtight partnerships with the public school districts, we want to make sure that’s just a really continuous healthy partnership,” Sunray said.



Since working with schools, Sunray said it’s been a joy every time he walks into a school.

“All the kids, they come up to you and they’re smiling and high fiving you and get excited, those are good feelings and that’s why I think I’ve been in this for this long,” Sunray said.

Working with tribal youth, Bullcoming said it’s an opportunity to show the youth familiar faces.

“That’s with any school it’s just like getting the kids out and getting them more involved and whatever goes on in the home life and they have a field trip day, at least they have a good day so I like seeing kids happy,”

Bullcoming said.

Moore said his job as a student advisor means a lot now that he feels like he has a job with purpose.

“That was a big thing for me, now I go home and I feel like I did something ... like I got a job with a purpose now. And work with the kids too, like what Cedric said, “whenever you go into the school, they’re excited to see us,” Moore said.

In the coming months, more field trips will be provided by the AEE program, including a trip to the Wichita Wildlife Refuge in October along with a trip to Medicine Park, as well as beginning their first college tours in November.

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drilling site near the North Canadian River in Oklahoma on a privately-owned acreage that was once primarily tribal land. Again, he surveyed his surroundings.

“There were trees,” he said. “A lot of that land could be good hunting country. There was flat land for a campground.”

The ground was surveyed for arrowheads, chips, stones, rope, anything that would indicate it had been a campsite. If it had been, nothing had survived. Migratory tribal members tended not to carry pottery, pieces of which can be easier to find in digs.

Without such proof, the tract could not be given any sort of historic designation. The drilling proceeded. That’s the sort of thing he is up against, Bear said, as his office works to identify historical sites, update maps, have monuments created and perhaps someday make purchase offers for sites now on private land.

Generally speaking, Bear said, all land is sacred because of its restorative powers. But certain land, such as Bear Butte in South Dakota, is sacred because it is the scene of a Cheyenne origin story.

The National Park Service administers the location of Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer’s 1868 massacre in far western Oklahoma, which is called the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site. Bear acknowledged it is “hallowed” ground because of the Cheyenne, Arapaho and Kiowa men, women and children who died at the campsite, but would never refer to it as sacred. And he has no interest in seeing ownership transferred to the tribe.

“Washita is of no use to us anymore,” he said.

To his knowledge, Bear said, there are no sacred sites in Oklahoma, but his ancestors have lived and died here, and historical sites must be protected.

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that he represents.

He insisted the McGirt decision created chaos in Oklahoma with hundreds of criminal cases in his three-county district in northeast Oklahoma being dismissed or thrown out.

“Native American victims were bearing the brunt of the McGirt decision,” he said.

Whitney Gravelle, President of Bay Mills Indian Community, highlighted that while the Castro-Huerta ruling is intended for criminal jurisdiction, it could bleed over into civil jurisdiction and have unforeseen consequences on standing federal laws.

“(CVH) casts doubt on any federal law that exists including its application in Indian Country. This may include permitting requirements and regulations, control of land, and natural resources.”

Sara Hill, the Cherokee Nation attorney general, warned of the dangers rulings attacking tribal sovereignty like Castro-Huerta can create.

Hill specifically called on Governor Stitt to “come back to the table,” and “end his anti-tribal agenda.” Governor Stitt has long been a strong opponent of McGirt and celebrated the Castro-Huerta ruling calling it a “clear vic-

tory” for the “rule of law.”

“It is my belief, founded as it must be in faith in our democracy and our justice system, that McGirt will not be the highwater mark but the Castro-Huerta is certainly a retreat from the principle decision in McGirt,” Hill said, “That should give people who believe in tribal sovereignty and the rule of law some pause.”

Carole Goldberg, a University of California School of Law professor, was very blunt in her testimony.

“I can say with quite emphasis that Castro-Huerta got the relevant law entirely wrong,” citing how the ruling was in direct conflict of Public Law 280 which can give states jurisdiction in tribal territory only with the consent of the tribes.

The Interior department told the committee that is still reviewing the effects of the Castro-Huerta ruling and plans to work with both tribal leaders and the justice department to outline guidance for tribes affected by the ruling.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

El Reno Indian Health Center

& Mural Blessing

The community is invited to attend the Grand Opening of the new El Reno Indian Health Center located at 1801 Parkview Drive El Reno, OK on Tuesday October 18, 2022 from 10:30am to 12:30pm.

Indian Health Services and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes welcomes you to join us as we celebrate this historic partnership and unveil the mural, as seen above, created by Cheyenne Chief and Artist Gordon Yellowman.

MMIP CHAPTER

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do that as part of our ongoing outreach education, advocacy and awareness," Morgan said.

In Oklahoma, when Ida's Law went into effect November 2021, OSBI special agent Dale Fine was assigned to serve as the tribal liaison under the new law. Ida's Law created a Liaison Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons within the OSBI to help families navigate the different agencies regarding their loved ones.

Morgan said Ida's Law had an impact on the creation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP chapter because many were under the impression that the law wasn't doing anything.

"But actually, I knew that agent Dale Fine took the position in November of 2021 and he's been working with law enforcement entities, trying to get case information and collect data, he's been doing community training, he's also just been appointed to U.S. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland's Not Invisible Commission for MMIP," Morgan said.

With the Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP chapter in its early stages, other MMIP chapters in Oklahoma are also expanding services to reach other areas in the state.

Christa McClellan, president of the MMIP Central Oklahoma Chapter said their chapter started up earlier in the year in May as well.

McClellan said she saw a bigger need to cover areas other than just the Seminole and Shawnee areas in Oklahoma.

"I figured covering Potawatomi County, Seminole County and Lincoln County would be better, it's a bigger area and those areas aren't covered, there's a lot of cases that I'm sure nobody's familiar with around that area so there's a big need around that area," McClellan said.

Services that the Central Oklahoma Chapter provides include flyer distribution, creating flyers and posting them on



Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP Chapter members pictured at one of their first meetings.

social media and actively helping families with searches.

"It's all just a team effort and we do our best to help wherever and whenever we can, you have to have a good heart, I lost my cousin who I look at as my brother in January and I think a lot of us base stuff like that that brought us to this, my sister does this in New Mexico she's done it for years so I've always looked up to her and it's always been a passion of mine," McClellan said.

McClellan said she's never really got involved until recently but it's a lot of work.

"It does take a lot out of individuals doing this work regardless of how close you are to the family or not," McClellan said.

With the Kiowa MMIP Chapter established in April 2020 right in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, they provide taskforce services to help with search and rescue efforts for families of MMIP cases.

Kiowa MMIP Chapter President, Fawn Tsatoke said in the beginning it was herself, along with co-founder Amanda Hill and a third co-founder, Thomas Ware III.

"A few months after we were established, unfortunately Thomas was killed in a motor vehicle accident on his way to an event and we really didn't know if we were going to continue after that point because we wanted a strong male voice and role model," Tsatoke said.

After some time and prayer, Tsatoke said they finally decided to continue with the chapter.

"We decided if Thomas was here he'd tell us to keep going so that's what

we did and it was slow, we did what we could in the beginning and it's always been, even until now, boots on the ground," Tsatoke said.

The taskforce is comprised of Tsatoke and other members in the chapter. The Kiowa Chapter has approximately 30 members with an additional 15 youth members that are active in the group.

"What we do is once we are put in touch with the family member either by a fellow chapter member or by them reaching out by email or one of our social media platforms, we go from there and if they don't reach out to us and it has been at least 24 hours, we will reach out regardless of where they're at in Oklahoma, regardless of what tribe they are, we will reach out just to let them know we are here because sometimes people don't know that," Tsatoke said.

Tsatoke said that's always been continuous for their chapter is their boots on the ground searching.

"We make sure that they have filed a missing person's report, once that's been established there is a case number attached and we will get the flyer out," Tsatoke said.

With Tsatoke recently earning her private investigator certification, she said it has already begun to make changes for their chapter.

"In allowing the families to know that I have those capabilities, we can take our searches a little further, we can look into some different cases and different people in a different light and clear things, clear names, we can help settle any uncertainty and I didn't even see that part of it coming," Tsatoke said.

With chapters across Oklahoma serving as their own individual chapter, Tsatoke said she would like to point out the solidarity that all the chapters share.

"I can sit here and name them all and I can name all their leaders as they could all the rest of us in return. I would like for the solidarity to be pointed out ... a lot of times our chapter will get confused for another chapter and vice versa, there's times people don't know we actually all connect and we actually all do work together," Tsatoke said.

In working together in solidarity, MMIP chapters are planning ahead for the Second Annual Oklahoma Four Directions MMIP Conference that will be held Nov. 20-22, 2022 at the Apache Casino Hotel in Lawton, Okla.

USDA GRANT

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Melissa Hamilton, director of Procurement, Grants & Contracts, accompanies U.S. Department of Agriculture Deputy Under Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation (FPAC), Gloria Montaño-Greene on a tour of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes buffalo herd in Concho, Okla.

and efforts will be made to re-introduce native grasses and eradicate invasive species. With the implementation of climate smart methods, the tribes will have data to document the reduction in carbon emissions and verify the impact of the measures. The project will provide for a staff of five individuals and includes training for the staff to expand bison production.

Part of the project is designed to certify the bison as Regenerative Bison, and that certification will support increased prices and a higher quality product. This five-year project will result in increased bison production, improved pastures, healthy stock and improved riparian areas.

On Sept. 15 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Deputy Secretary for Farm Production and Conservation, Gloria Montaño-Greene personally traveled to tribal headquarters in Concho, Okla. to present the grant award to the tribes, and to personally tour the tribal lands and buffalo herd. Montaño-Greene acknowledged the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes as the only Tribal Nation in the U.S. to be awarded this grant as a lead partner.

To learn more about the Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities visit www.usda.gov/climate-solutions/climate-smart-commodities.



Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP Chapter members Raven Morgan (left) and LaRenda Morgan (right) pictured with their booth at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. (Courtesy photo)

AUDIT

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"We made sure that this location was open first and then kind of staggered from there, based on priority and also because of COVID, there was staffing issues, so there were several different factors that made it a little difficult, but IT did a great job getting us back on track, so overall everyone put their hands in and just kind of figured it out," Black said.

With the casino being audited twice a year, they are facing their next internal audit and then towards the end of the year they will be audited by external auditors.

"Those are the auditors that review our financials and make sure our financials are fairly represented, they come in towards the end of the year, do some observations and then they wait for accounting to get everything reconciled, make sure we

have appropriate backup and then they come in around February or March and that audit is due by April 30 every year," Black said.

Black said Lucky Star Casino has received the same audit of clean opinions for the last five years, with this year being no different than previous years despite the casino facing a ransomware attack.

"We did have some data missing so it was noted in our audit but other than that they were comfortable with our accounting balances, they thought we had appropriate backup for those balances, so we were able to get a clean opinion," Black said.

Black said because of how hard the accounting team worked, the casino was able to get that clean opinion from auditors.

"I was anticipating we

wouldn't get a clean opinion and when I got that report back I was ecstatic. I couldn't believe it but I also was just really proud of the team that we built here, we have a lot of dedicated employees who just put in a lot of time and effort in making sure their job is done," Black said.

Lucky Star Casino CEO, Charlie Welbourne said since the ransomware attack, the casino has updated all of its servers with around the clock monitoring.

"We've definitely beefed up on our end, we definitely take it serious and we do not want a repeat, we're doing everything we can not to have a repeat cause that's one of the things about these cyber-attacks, it just takes one person letting their guard down and it can get you," Welbourne said.

In ensuring the protection

of the casinos, Welbourne said in return they are protecting tribal assets as well.

"That's the main thing because we realize that we contribute to the tribes in a very important way and that's something we don't ever take lightly and that's the same way with the audits, that's another thing we take pride in," Welbourne said.

Since joining the casino in 2018, Welbourne said the casino has received clean audits and with each year the audits continue to improve.

"I'm especially proud of Stephanie and her team for pulling it together in spite of the shutdown because they had to basically rebuild and recreate a lot of paperwork, but even in spite of that they pulled it all together and got it in, in a timely manner," Welbourne said.

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ATHLETES' SPOTLIGHT

By Latoya Lonelodge

Evan Roman Nose, El Reno High School

(EL RENO, OK) With a bright future ahead of him, tribal youth, Evan Roman Nose, 17, has endless opportunities that await him in his senior year of high school. One opportunity beginning the moment he steps foot on the football field as team captain for the El Reno Varsity Football team.

Standing 6'1 tall, Roman Nose plays multiple roles on the field as quarterback, wide receiver and safety.

Playing since he was the age of 6, Roman Nose's love for the game came naturally.

"Through watching ESPN highlights all the time when I was little and seeing college football that's when I really fell in love with it," Roman Nose said.

And through his love of the game, Roman Nose said what he loves the most about football is being physical.

"I like the physicality of the game and just

being physical," Roman Nose said.

Roman Nose said his motivation for playing comes from trying to be the best at what he can do.

"Just going out there, playing my best for my family and make them proud," Roman Nose said.

In his senior year of playing football, Roman Nose looks forward to having a good senior year.

"It's kind of devastating it's my last year but I got to make the most of it," Roman Nose said.

By making the most out of his final year on the field, Roman Nose said what he hopes to accomplish the most is making a name for himself.

"Hopefully I can be a role model to somebody and somebody can look up to me, it'd be pretty cool just to inspire somebody," Roman Nose said.

Roman Nose also plays basketball and holds a 3.6 GPA in school. While juggling sports and school, a good rule of thumb Roman Nose follows is getting his work done while in school.

"I always try to get my schoolwork done in class so I don't have to worry about it after practice or when I'm tired, I just get my work done in class," Roman Nose said.

Along with juggling school and football, Roman Nose stays well-rounded in practicing every day after school by reading his keys, learning how to tackle and above all, being physical.

"You have to be physical

because you always have to hit somebody, every play, you're going to hit and you got to have speed to play," Roman Nose said.

Being physical and having speed are important concepts to have in football and Roman Nose said they are important because the game is a lot faster than little league football.

"The speed is way faster and everybody is bigger now too, everybody's in the weight room," Roman Nose said.

And one thing football has taught Roman Nose throughout the years is what comes along with being physical.

"Football taught me about mental toughness, there's a lot of mental toughness in football," Roman Nose said.

Overall, Roman Nose said football makes him feel good while out on the field playing.

"All my worries go away, I'm not really thinking about nothing and I'm just kind of in a different mode when I'm on the football field," Roman Nose said.

With Roman Nose playing multiple roles for the team, El Reno Football head coach Russell Cook said he gets some time as quarterback, wide receiver and safety.

"Evan's a great kid, great leader, he's at practice every day, very well spoken, he tries hard in everything he does, he's one of our team leaders and he plays safety for us on the defensive side, he's defensive captain as well so we're lucky to have Evan as a player, as a teammate and he's a very hard working kid and every day he comes to practice and



works hard," Cook said.

With El Reno on a losing record, Cook said Roman Nose has stayed positive and has helped the team get through it by being a good leader and going to practice each day.

"He really helps rally the kids around him ... he's definitely one of our team leaders, he's team captain on offense and defense, this kid has a bright future ahead of him. I think he can go on to the next level in football and in basketball, he's one of those kids that show up each and every day with a positive attitude, our team definitely rallies around him," Cook said.

Evan's parents are Parry Roman Nose and Stephanie Roman Nose. His siblings are Rachele, Carter and Eryn Roman Nose. His paternal grandparents are Quinton and Ladonna Roman Nose and his maternal grandmother is Dara Franklin. Evan's great-grandparents are Ruth Brooks and the late Ernest Brooks, the late Virgil and Violet Youngbear Franklin and the late Geraldine Tallbull-Morton.



Darlington Chiefs Fall Short to Christian Destiny School 14-30

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

ending 14-30 against Destiny Christian.

In spite of their second loss of the season, Island said the team is only growing in a positive way.

"We're trying to fix the negatives, keeping whatever good things we did, just kind of keep going after them and compounding on them and then with the negatives, keep working to correct them," Island said.

With many new faces this season, Island said there's some players who have never played football before.

"Our quarterback and running back have never played football before so that's where a lot of our offense comes and Xavier Dean and Ross Island, we have to rely on them to block a lot," Island said.

Island said the team depends on them for blocking.

"We ask a lot of them to block and to try to seal the edges and make tackles, they did great," Island said.

Playing on offense throughout the duration of the game was Shannon Russell and Antonio Baxcajay.

"They're our offense and then they have to turn around and play the whole game, they did really well ... we have a couple guys like Anthony (Halfred) and Danny (Sioux), they play on the line both ways, they're both undersized, they work their butt off and they're just trying to expand on their positives for sure," Island said.

With one more game left



Darlington Chiefs Antonio Baxcajay runs the ball past Destiny Christian defenders. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

in the regular season, Island said they had to cancel two previous games in the season due to not having enough players.

"We had some of the kids playing different sports and they couldn't go to those games, so we canceled two games. We have our final regular season game next week and then we'll start getting ready for playoffs," Island said.

In preparing for playoffs, Island said he looks forward to seeing the team grow as they work through their mistakes.

"We got a lot of inexperienced players, even some of our better players still make mistakes that they need to correct too, so hopefully we can work that out through practice and the last game before playoffs start," Island said.

Darlington is scheduled to play against Zaneis on Oct. 3.



Darlington Chiefs quarterback, Shannon Russell attempts to run the ball down the field.


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IN THE MATTER OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE:
TERESA ONCO)
Petitioner,) Case No. JFD-2022-0014
And)
JASON ONCO)
Respondent.)

CIVIL SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES TO: Jason Onco
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 available through the Court Clerk's office 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.

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 this summons.

Dated this 14th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

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C.J.H.) Case No. PG-2022-0034

Minor Children,

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: RUDY CHICK
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 17th day of OCTOBER, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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IN THE MATTER OF A MATERNITY PROCEEDING:
VICTORIA MARIE FIORELLI)
Petitioner,) Case No. CIV-2022-0108
RONISUE VILLEDA)
Respondent)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: VERONICA "RONI" ALLEN

You are hereby notified that Victoria Marie Fiorelli has filed in this Court a Petition To Establish Maternity requesting that a court order be issued to name Roni Sue Villeda on the birth Certificate as Mother of Victoria Marie Fiorelli. You may appear at the Hearing set on the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 2022 at 10:00 A.M. in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, at which time you shall appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 20th day of September, 2022.

Lafreda Whitecrow
Lafreda Whitecrow, Deputy Court Clerk
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Petitioner:
Victoria Marie Fiorelli

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF:
ANNA MARRI THUNDERBULL)
DOB: 02/20/2005) Case No. CIV-2022-0115

To Change His/Her Name

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that ANNA MARRI THUNDERBULL has filed in this Court a Petition For Name Change, as follows, to wit: from ANNA MARRI THUNDERBULL to ANNA MARRI MORLAN and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 2nd day of NOVEMBER, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 19th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Lafreda Whitecrow
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: PHILLIP M. RUSSELL
AND
NATASHA LITTE BIRD

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 16th day of NOVEMBER, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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M.M.R.)
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ELLIOT ROY
AND
ALLISON RUSSELL

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D.J.) Case No. PG-2022-0027

Minor Child,

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: BOBBY JOHNSON
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

You are hereby notified that Betty L. White has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of D.J., minor child, on the 18th day of AUGUST, 2022, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 12th day of OCTOBER, 2022 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you shall appear on the above date and time indicated for presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court.

Dated this 12th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Lafreda Whitecrow
Lafreda Whitecrow, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF:
S.L.B.) Case No. PG-2022-0033

Minor Child,

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: NATASHA LITTLE BIRD
AND
UNKNOWN FATHER
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 12th day of OCTOBER, 2022, at 10:00 A.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. You have the option to appear in person or through Zoom. To appear via Zoom, you will need a smart device such as a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Your smart device will need a camera, microphone, and a stable internet connection. If you do not have access to a smart device, you can use a non-smartphone or traditional telephone.

Parties must use the following in order to log in or join the meeting.

- Video conferencing for smart device users:
 - Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8524251484?pwd=STRGcU1WOTV0OFM4bHh0Q0Rlc0RlRj01>
 - or <https://zoom.us/join>
 - Meeting ID: 452 425 1484
 - Passcode: Court2021
- Phone conferencing for non-smartphone or traditional telephone users:
 - Telephone number: 1 (346) 248-7799
 - Meeting ID: 452 425 1484
 - Passcode: 854454251

Dated at the Trial Court this 12th day of September, 2022.

Lafreda Whitecrow
Lafreda Whitecrow, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
RAYMOND AND WILLIS
CHALEPAH
OCT. 2
LOVE, MOM, SISTER AND
FAMILY

Happy Belated Birthdays
 Sept. 1
 Joe Pedro
 Sept. 2
 Jonny Webster
 Sept. 9
 Manuel Lopez
 Sept. 24
 Annabelle Lee Prairie
 Chief
 We love and miss you.
 From all the aunties and
 family from Elk City



Congratulations to the Darlington Chiefs who won the Junior High Division at the Riverside Indian School Cross Country Invitational Sept. 10 in Anadarko, Okla.

ANITA
greenwalt

NICK'S
barber shop

1515 Sunset Dr.
El Reno, OK

262-1132

NO APPOINTMENT NECESSARY

Happy 6th Birthday
 Maximus Thor
 We love you so much and are so proud of the sweet boy you are! Love daddy, mommy & Rya

Happy 5th Birthday
 Xavi Levi Trejo
 Our sweet boy, you are so loved. We hope you have the best day!
 Love, mommy, daddy, Cross and Bubba Omar

Meet Darlington's First Volleyball Team Members



Front Row L-R: Selena Hoffman, Mya Levi, Peytyn Mendez, Janice Spottedcorn, and Sasha Ellege.
 Back Row L-R: Coach Billy, Leigh Burns, Rosemary Sleeper, Livia FourHorns, Kynadee Hamilton, Ky Kaubin-Ford, LaRaya Alexander and Assist. Coach Lexus.

Blindwoman Memorial
 October 8th, 2022
 Concho, OK, C&A ERC Building

 Corlett Blindwoman
 Ethel Blindwoman

Lunch served at Noon
 Paint Ceremony
 Memorial Special Gourd dance to follow
 Evening supper will be served

MC: Alan Fletcher
 HS: Jim Anogue Sr
 HS: Jimmy Reeder
 HMD: Bryan Hernandez
 HLD: Bobble Heap of birds
 HTBD: Terrance Tsonetokoy (16) Favorite Color *Red*
 HTGD: Kendal Hamilton (17) Favorite Color *Red*
 HLBD: Max Aguilar (7) Favorite Color *Orange*
 HLGD: Isabella Marion Bates (7) Favorite Color *pink*
 AD: Chris Eaglenest
 HOST: Cheyenne and arapaho American Legion Post 401

The Family Invites Everyone To Come Sing, Dance And Enjoy The Evening For Any Other Information Call/Text Vergenta Littlecalf: (405) 564-2839
 Clara Blindwoman: (405) 245-9971

1st Birthday Dance
TokáheWiŋ Rosyln Ruiz
"Niihooneiht Bei3e'ee Hisei"
October 8, 2022

Clinton ERC (Community Center) 2015 Dog Patch Rd. Clinton, OK
 Painting Ceremony (3PM) Gourd Dance (4PM) Supper (5PM) Dance to Follow



Head Staff:
 Emcee: Eugene Blackbear, Jr.
 Head Man: Alfred White Shirt
 Head Lady: Carrie "KK" Whitlow
 Head Singer: Roger Davis
 Head Teen Boy: Kenneth Wermey
 Head Teen Girl: Emilie Harrison
 Head Little Girl: Reese Ellis (9)
 Head Little Boy: Touch Cloud Watan (7)
 Arena Director: Tommy Trout
 Co Host: Star Hawk Society

Cake Walk
 Lots of Raffles

Special Invitation to Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Governor, Reggie Wassana.
 Special Invitation to Chiefs, Headsmen, Societies, and all Princesses.
 Special Invitation to Cheyenne Tribal Princess and Arapaho Tribal Princess.
 Everyone is welcome to attend and celebrate with Ms. Tokahe and her family.

For more information please contact Travis Ruiz at 405.388.7654

Public Notice

Cheyenne and Arapaho Child Care and Development Program
 Concho Child Development Center Expansion Project will have a NEPA Environmental Site Assessment Report completed and available for review by October 10, 2022. The propose expansion will be at 450 North Left Hand Drive, Concho OK, 73022. If there are any questions, please contact Megan Hart at 405-422-7694.

Notice of Availability - Draft Supplemental Environmental Assessment

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that federal agencies consider the effects of a proposed action and any reasonable alternatives on the human environment. In accordance with NEPA, the Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has completed a draft supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) evaluating the potential environmental impacts of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' proposal to expand its existing Tribal Justice Center (the Proposed Action). BJA determined that a SEA was warranted due to an expansion of the proposed project scope since the original environmental assessment (EA) was prepared. The original EA resulted in a finding of no significant impact (FONSI). The draft SEA evaluates the potential impacts that would result from the implementation of the Proposed Action as compared to the No Action alternative. The draft SEA is available upon request. Please send an email request to info@clarkgroupplc.com. The draft SEA will be provided in electronic format unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

Project Title: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Justice Center, Phase II Addition
Project Location: 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, in Concho, OK
Date of the FONSI of the original EA: October 5, 2020

Project Description: The Proposed Action considered under this draft SEA is the expansion of the existing Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Justice Center, including 10,438 square feet of building expansion and the addition of 15 parking spaces. The original EA contemplated 7,093 square feet of building expansion. The building addition would provide office space and meeting/conference rooms to support the Tribal Justice Center's programs and services. The primary purpose of the Proposed Action is to consolidate tribal court activities, social services, and other supportive functions into a location for tribal members to access comprehensive client-centered services.

BJA is accepting comments on this draft SEA from **October 2, 2022** through the end of the day of **October 16, 2022**. Comments should be submitted by email to info@clarkgroupplc.com.

CHEYENNE and ARAPAHO TRIBES
WASHITA MEMORIAL RUN
 Ft Supply Oklahoma to Washita Memorial Site, Cheyenne Oklahoma
 November 25th - 27th, 2022

A commemoration for victims and survivors of the attack on a village on the Lodge Pole River "Washita Battlefield National Historic Site"

TRY-OUTS Saturday, October 8th

9:00 AM Concho Powwow Grounds
 12:00 PM Clinton ERC Building
 3:00 PM Selling High School Track Field

Friday, November 25th
 12:00 - 3:00, Runners Picked Up, Evening Meal and Presentations in Woodward

Saturday, November 26th
 8:00 - 9:00, Run Starts in Ft Supply, Lunch in Shattuck, Finish Run, Dinner at Hammond ERC

Sunday, November 27th
 10:00 AM, Final 2 Mile Run/Walk to Washita Site, Ceremony, Meal, Return

Sponsoring Programs and Contacts for More Information

Language and Cultural Program
 Fred Miquelana, (405) 422-7704 - Cell (405) 687-3223
 Chester Whitebear, (405) 422-7522 - Cell (405) 689-4822
 Frank Medicineswater, (405) 422-7688 - Cell (206) 947-4949

Health Education Program
 Rose Tall Bear, (405) 422-7596

Diabetes Wellness Program
 Marlene Barnes, (405) 422-7685

Partners for Success, Tradition Not Abandonment, Native Connection
 Maria Conditille, Work Call (405) 503-0425

Youth Council Program
 Jerrilyn Longknife, (405) 422-7585

R.E. Sp. I.C.T. Program
 Jessi James, (405) 585-8482

For Cheyenne and Arapaho Students, Ages 15 to 19 years old

Message from Cheyenne District Legislator Darrell Flyingman

Dear Tribal Citizens:
 I want to share a couple of thoughts on my mind as I work with tribal citizens in C-3 to continue to help solve problems of job opportunity and hiring for our Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens, and also, respond to the annual Tribal Council meeting.
 On Oct. 1, 2022, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes held their annual Tribal Council meeting in Concho. There were 17 resolutions presented during the meeting as policies. Some of our tribal citizens believe that passing a policy will become Law, however, that's not true. Policies are not Laws, only the Legislature is authorized by the Constitution to pass Laws. The word "Policy" as defined by Thesaurus (English) means rule, strategy, plan, guiding principle, course of action, and guidelines, or procedure.

My second concern is that I keep hearing some of our tribal citizens complain that the Tribes do not have any jobs to offer our citizens. That is not true, jobs are advertised daily. Our tribes have many jobs available, but one must qualify. Just a few reasons why tribal citizens may not qualify: no driver's license, can't pass a background check, lack of proper education, no experience or training. If the grandparents, parents or someone had encouraged our young people to plan for their future or had given them guidance, things could have been different.
 For several years I've been worried about our tribal youth, their future and the future of our Tribes. Will they make the right decisions about life, will they become proud of, will they be honest with

themselves and others? Facing the truth about oneself is hard to do, but once a young person achieves their first goal in life, you are ready to expand your future. The second goal is to plan your future. Planning your future is not an easy task; there are many elements to consider, many roadblocks and some individuals who give bad advice or pull you in the wrong direction. Listen to friends and others who have plans for their future and, please, be careful who you run with. Some friends could lead you down the wrong path without a care in the world or about you.
 I'm 77 years old, I have a lot of experience in life, about people, making right and wrong decisions, did some things I'm proud of, did some things I'm not proud of. I have very few friends left; I miss the ones

who are gone.
 My sister and I were raised by our grandparents in an Indian home one mile east of Colony. We had no running water, no electricity, and used the old outdoor bathroom with my grandmother cooking with wood or coal oil. We thought everyone lived like we did. Our grandparents were old without any income and my sister and I received \$20 each month from the state welfare. We learned to work at a very young age to support our grandparents and ourselves. Working for the surrounding farmers taught us to work hard in order to provide food and necessities. Hauling water for the house, cutting firewood for heat and hunting for rabbits and squirrels during the winter months was good food during that period. During the summer months I did a lot of fishing



and hunting for bull frogs and realized that frog legs taste better than chicken! We didn't know we were living a rough life, but enjoyed living our life. We were happy and we knew our grandparents loved us.
 During my teenage years, I thought I would always be a work hand for the farmers. I had no plans nor other thoughts of doing anything different but working on a farm. There were seven or eight C&A men living in Colony who worked for farmers. I was a young man (boy) without a plan.
 One day Butch Curtis, Ed Wilson, Tony Littleman and I went to Oklahoma City to join the Marine Corps. We marched into the recruiting office ready to sign-up, and, we were quickly rejected because we were too young (16 years old). However, the recruiter was nice to us, we had supper, a place to sleep and breakfast the following morning, right before the recruiter drove us home to Colony, Clinton and Thomas. That was a great experience for me and an important highlight of my younger years, as two years later, after graduating from Colony High School, I joined the Marine Corps, the best decision I made in my young life.
 Darrell Flyingman,
 Proud Cheyenne Warrior

A Little Giving Goes a Long Way

(Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)



On Sept. 22, the El Reno Elks Lodge supplied coats and books to children of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Concho Head Start Program at the El Reno Carnegie Library in El Reno, Okla.

The donations by the Elks Lodge were made possible through the Warm Welcome To The Library grant. Members of the Elks Lodge were present to help assist with coat fittings and book donations.

Pictured above: El Reno Library Director, Bridget Scheffler reads a book to the children of the Head Start Program.

Pictured left: Debbie Harrison, Elks Lodge member, Zoey Johnson, Elks Lodge helper and Alan Fletcher, Elks Lodge member assist with coat fittings.

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history of separating Native children from their homes and families in the Stewart Indian School, a boarding school many Native children were forced to attend. The removals had negative impacts on the children, who were cut off from their families and culture.

Nationwide, Native children are still on average nearly three times as likely to be in state foster care systems. The National Indian Child Welfare Association found that in 10 states Native children are more than three times as likely to be removed to foster care, the highest being Minnesota, where children were placed in foster care 16 times more than non-native children.

Nine states have incorporated ICWA's framework into their own statutes and policies gov-

erning child-and-family services, including New Mexico most recently.

The case has drawn the attention of powerful interest groups including the Goldwater Institute, a conservative think tank that backed the 2018 lawsuit in Texas. The Goldwater Institute has been involved in 13 cases challenging ICWA in the last six years.

Counsel for the Texas family who filed the lawsuit against ICWA also includes the massive international law firm Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, according to a court petition. That firm represented the Dakota Access pipeline, a multibillion-dollar project estimated to carry half-a-million barrels of oil per day.

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OBITUARIES

Julia Ann Washa-Scherdin

Julia Ann "Sagewoman" (Washa) Scherdin was born June 3, 1959 in Clinton, Okla. to Porfirio Dean Washa Sr. and Clara Belle (Bullbear) Washa Silverhorn and passed away Sept. 25, 2022 at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, at the age of 63 years, 3 months and 22 days.

Julia was raised and attended school in Weatherford, Okla., graduating with the Class of 1978. She went to Bacone College in Muskogee and later Southwestern Oklahoma State University. On Nov. 4, 1989, Julia married Christian Scherdin in Clinton and made their home in Weatherford. She

worked at the Cherokee Trading Post, the smoke shop and Lucky Star Casino for 15 years. Julia enjoyed beadwork, garage sales, and spending time with family and friends.

Julia is survived by her husband of 32 years, Christian Scherdin of their home in Weatherford, one son Markus Washa and wife Jenny of Apache, Okla., two daughters, Erica Scherdin of Clinton and Crystal Mason of Weatherford, one brother Tallsun Washa of Weatherford, one sister Rose Clayborn and husband, Mark of Lawton, Okla., and four grandchildren.

She was preceded in death



by her parents, four brothers, Mike, Oscar, Ross and Porfirio and two sisters, Karen and Tina.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla., under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.

Lillian Scabby Sevenstar

Lillian Scabby Sevenstar (Vun-Ha-Ohe, "Sage Woman") was born Sept. 18, 1936 in Clinton, Okla., to Robert Scabby and Anna (Whiteshield) Scabby and was the granddaughter of the late Chief Ben Whiteshield. She passed away Sept. 24, 2022, in the Great Plains Medical Center in Elk City, Okla.

Lillian was raised and lived in the Hammon, Okla. area most of her life, however she did spend some time in Taos, N.M. and Chicago, IL. She married John Sevenstar in Butler, Okla., and he preceded her in death in January 2020.

She was a member of the Mennonite Church; a proud citizen of the Cheyenne Tribe and was very traditional. She loved going to powwows, church activities and in her

younger years she enjoyed playing softball, basketball and baseball.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband John Sevenstar Sr. two sisters, Oda Mae Nightwalker and Elizabeth Scabby and two brothers, Robert Lee Scabby and Rueben, son Jim Sevenstar, two grandsons, Elton Ben Sevenstar and Bruce Evan Sevenstar.

She is survived by three children, Rueben Wesley Sevenstar and family of El Reno, Okla., Johnny Sevenstar Jr. and wife Joni of Hammon, and Janice Marie Garcia and husband Fernando, also of Hammon, and sister Nina Hill. She is also survived by several grandchildren.

An all-night traditional wake service was held Sept.



29 at the Hammon Emergency Response Center in Hammon, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 30 at the Hammon Community Fellowship Church, officiated by Pastor Dolan Ivey and Pastor Mona Bearshield, followed by an interment at the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.

Dennis James Bushyhead

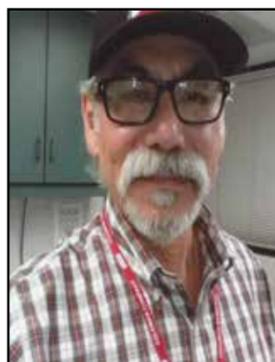
Dennis James Bushyhead was born July 6, 1955 in El Reno, Okla. He passed away Sept. 2, 2022 in Wichita, Kansas, at the age of 67.

Dennis attended school in Newkirk and was an exceptional drummer and won several competitions for Newkirk High School. He later graduated from Arkansas City High School in Kansas. In his younger years he played in a band which would perform at the Chillico Indian School in Oklahoma. He later attended El Reno Junior College and was a professional artist. He assisted his grandparents, Fred and Dulcie Bushyhead and

uncle Jerome Bushyhead, with their art booth displays at art festivals. He was an avid O.U. fan.

He is survived by his mother Clara Bushyhead of Ponca City, Okla., brothers, Darwin Bushyhead of Missouri and Stenson Bushyhead of Edmond, Okla., sisters, Vicky Frank of Ponca City and Debbie Logan of Newkirk, Okla., son Matthew Stevenson of Sedgwick, Kansas and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father Victor Bushyhead, brother Jerome Bushyhead, sister Shineesta Adams and brother-in-law Bryan



Logan.

Funeral services were held Sept. 15 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla., followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Marvin Frank Wilson

Marvin Frank Wilson was born Sept. 13, 1950 in Wichita, Kansas to Everett Wilson and Suzanne (Hard Ground) Wilson and passed away Sept. 22, 2022 in the River Valley Nursing Home in Clinton, Okla.

Marvin was raised in Denver, Colo. where he graduated from Manuel High School in 1969. Soon after high school he enlisted in the U.S. Army and retired as a Staff Sergeant in 1991 with numerous citations and medals.

He was a member of the Roman Catholic Church, the American Legion, Wounded Warriors, he was a member of the Kit Fox Clan of Hammon and the Dog Soldier Society.

He was a marathon runner, he enjoyed playing cards and going to the casino.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Dana Lynn Wilson.

He is survived by three daughters, Janice Hunt and husband Brian of Omaha, Neb., Frances Jean Mitch of Mississippi and Jennifer Ruth Whittig and husband Brian, two sons, Jonathon Keith Wilson and wife Christina of Mississippi, Blaine Wilson and wife Mattie, of Pine Ridge, S.D., two sisters, Ruth Gardipe of Denver and Patricia Wilson of Weatherford, Okla., and brother Roger Wilson, also of Denver. He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



A traditional all-night wake service was held Sept. 27 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 28, at the same venue, officiated by Ron Thiessen, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.

Leland Roy Howling Buffalo

Leland Roy Howling Buffalo was born Nov. 5, 1966 to Stella Howling Buffalo in Clinton, Okla., and passed away Sept. 22, 2022 in the River Valley Nursing Center in Clinton.

Leland Roy was raised in Hammon, Okla., and attended the Institute of Southern Plains Indian School. He moved to Clinton and worked in food services at the Clinton Elderly Indian Nutrition Center. He also helped care for the elderly.

He was a proud citizen of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. He was traditional and attended many of the Native activities. He was a self-taught pianist and became very accomplished. He sang and

played for many funerals and other events. He was a member of the Assembly of God Church. He enjoyed beading, playing music, cooking and playing on his phone.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Butch Howling Buffalo, sister Lisa D. Fox, maternal grandmother, Nina Howling Buffalo and aunt Imogene Howling Buffalo.

He is survived by three sisters, Melvina Osage of Oklahoma City Susan Howling Buffalo and Lisa M. Howling Buffalo and uncle Hiram Howling Buffalo and Larry Howling Buffalo. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

An all-night traditional wake service was held Sept.



26 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 27 at the Hammon Emergency Response Center in Hammon, Okla., officiated by Pastor Delfred Whitecrow, followed by an interment at the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.

Samuel Delos Bear

Samuel Delos Bear was born on July 30, 1989 in Oklahoma City to Henry and Thelma Hazel (Howell) Bear. He passed away on Sept. 16, 2022 in Oklahoma City at the age of 33. Samuel attended Morris High School in Morris, Okla. He lived all over and was currently living in Oklahoma City. He enjoyed beading, arts and crafts, and was a straight dancer. He and Clarice Bear were united in marriage.

Survivors include his children, Jacob Lujan, Albert Bear, Knalaycia Bear, and Ava Bear, his sister, Doris Watts and husband Nathan of

Oklahoma City, his uncles, Henry Howell Jr. of Oklahoma City, and Delos Damon Howell of Pawnee County, Okla., as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Samuel was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Bear and Thelma Howell-Bear, his son, Delos Bear, his grandparents, Henry Howell Sr. and Ava White-tail, Lon Bear and Suzanne Deerinwater Bear.

An all-night traditional wake service was held Sept. 20 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were



held Sept. 21, at the same venue, officiated by Rev. Gerald Panana, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.



**Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes
Department of Labor
DREAMS Program**

GED Pre-Test Day

**Thursday, October 13th
9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
@ The CLINTON DREAMS
Program Office (Old EMS Bldg.)**

OPEN To ALL NATIVE AMERICANS Who Reside
With In The C&A Tribal SERVICE AREA

MUST COMPLETE Program Application **AND** Submit
Required Documents Prior to the **PRE-TEST DAY:**

- Tribal CDIB
- Driver License OR
- Social Security Card
- Proof of Residency AND
- Income with in past 6 Months

***NOTE:** To Ensure Successful Completion Of All GED Test
Subjects Please Be here at the 9:30 A.M. Start Time.

For More Information Contact The DREAMS Program
@ 1.800.247.4612 EXT. 32412 or email
ltallbear@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov




**Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Fire Management Program**

Wildland Firefighter Recruitment



When: Application Deadline – Oct. 10th, 2022
Oct. 12th, 2022 – UA Drug Test
Nov.28th-Dec. 2nd, 2022 – Basic Training Course

Where: Department of Business/Planning & Development Building
1425 E. Black Kettle Blvd. Concho, OK 73022
(Old Economic Development Building south of Lucky Star Casino)
8 am – 5 pm / Mon. – Fri.

Contact: * Scott Nokuse 405-953-1926
* Tommy Beartrack 405-249-6562
* Cheryl Candy 405-422-6171



20th ELDER'S CONFERENCE -

"Native Elders in Action"

November 3rd, 2022
Canadian County Expo and Event Center
3001 Jensen Rd. E El Reno Ok 73036

8:30 Breakfast Served

RSVP

Marcos Baros 405-422-7683	Raven Bramlett 405-422-7656	Lana LittleElk 405-422-7723
Yolanda Vanhook 405-422-7530		



No Kids Allowed
Must have Full vaccination series and 1 booster
2nd Booster available at conf.




PRESENTS

ICE CUBE	Train
LIVE	LIVE
10.14.22	10.15.22

**DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM
CONCERT STARTS AT 8 PM
TICKETS ON SALE NOW AT LUCKYSTARCASINO.ORG**



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