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Deb Haaland Announces Expansion of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historical Site

By James Anderson, Associated Press

Expansion of the Sand Creek Massacre site will provide more opportunities for visitors to learn about the 1864 massacre of Cheyenne and Arapaho, most of them women and children.

(AP-DENVER, COLO.) Interior Secretary Deb Haaland announced an expansion of a National Park Service historical site of Sand Creek dedicated to the massacre by U.S. troops of more than 200 Cheyenne and Arapaho, in what is now southeastern Colorado.

Haaland, the first Native to lead a U.S. Cabinet agency, made the announcement during a solemn ceremony at the Sand Creek Massacre National Historical Site about 170 miles southeast of Denver to honor the dead, survivors and their descendants.

The move marks the latest step taken by Haaland, Laguna Pueblo, to act on issues important to Native people in her role as Interior Secretary. Haaland's "Tribal Homelands Initiative" supports fundraising to buy land and requires federal managers to seek out Indigenous knowledge about resources.

Haaland's selection to lead the federal agency that has wielded influence over the nation's tribes for nearly two centuries was hailed as historic by

Democrats and tribal groups who said it meant that Indigenous people would for the first time see a Native lead the powerful department where decisions on relations with the nearly 600 federally recognized tribes are made.

Earlier this year, the agency released a first-of-its-kind report about Native American boarding schools that the U.S. government supported to strip Indigenous people of their cultures and identities. She has also formally declared "squaw" a derogatory term and taken steps to remove it from federal government use and to replace other derogatory place names.

Expansion of the Sand Creek Massacre site will provide more opportunities for visitors to learn about the 1864 massacre of Cheyenne and Arapaho, most of them women and children, Haaland said. She declared that it is her department's 'solemn responsibility' to "tell the story of our na-

tion." The expansion includes an additional 3,478 acres to the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

"The events that took place here forever changed the course of the Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes," she said. "We will never forget the hun-

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Taking Strides to Bring Awareness to Tribal Sovereignty and Honoring One of the Greatest Athletes of all Time, Jim Thorpe



Runners take their place in Concho, Okla., to begin the next track of the 2022 Sovereignty Run with National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp front and center. (Photo / Rosemary Stephens)

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

(CONCHO, OK) Sovereignty Run 2022 taking steps to bring awareness to the attack on Tribal Nations' sovereign rights to govern.

On Oct. 3 the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) President, Fawn Sharp, along with her delegation, including Bright Path Strong and the House of Tears Carvers of Lummi Nation, began the Sovereignty Run 2022 on the lands of Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Okla.

The run will cover an 1800-mile trek across Oklahoma, New Mexico, Arizona and into California, with the final destination at the annual NCAI conference in Sacramento, Calif.

On Oct. 6, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma welcomed the Sovereignty Run 2022 delegation to the lands of the Cheyenne and Arapaho.

"Thank you to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people ... this is a wonderful event. We came in last night and had dinner at the REZ Restaurant and got a little nourishment. We felt the hospitality last night and we feel it here today, and we are so honored and privileged that you opened your homelands and welcomed us and join the fight for tribal sovereignty because it matters to all of us," Sharp said.

The run has a two-fold purpose, to bring awareness to the new attacks on Sovereign Tribal Nations, not only in Oklahoma by the Oklahoma governor, Kevin Stitt, but the pending Supreme Court hearing looming Nov. 9 threatening the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA). And to honor Jim Thorpe, one of the greatest athletes to ever live.

Thorpe was an Olympic gold medal winner in 1912. He had his medals stripped from him by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) who stated Thorpe had been paid to play minor league baseball over two summers, which they

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Tribal Council meeting chairwoman LaRenda Morgan reads the immediate tally of votes for the election of a new Tribal Council coordinator during the annual Tribal Council meeting of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on Oct. 1, 2022. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

Advancing to New Heights: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Annual Council Meeting Initiate Electronic Voting Devices

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

(CONCHO, OK) For the first-time ever, electronic voting was initiated at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Annual Tribal Council meeting. With the use of technology, tribal citizens were able to cast their votes on resolutions with a click of a button.

On Oct. 3, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Annual Tribal Council meeting was held at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Concho, Okla.

Upon entering the building, tribal citizens were directed to sign-in and retrieve their electronic voting devices provided by Option Technologies.

Roll call began at 10:13 a.m., with the 75-member quorum being met at 10:25 a.m. A short tutorial was given by Cheyenne and

Arapaho Tribal Council Coordinator Jennifer Bailey on how to use the electronic voting devices, which tallied votes by simply clicking one for yes, two for no and three for abstaining. In providing instruction and dummy voting questions, within seconds all votes were tallied and put on display on the projection screen for tribal citizens to witness.

The dummy votes rang in a total of approximately 230 votes, with some of the resolutions ringing in over 300 votes total throughout the meeting.

Nominations for chairman soon followed with LaRenda Morgan and Wilma Blackbear being nominated from tribal citizens on the floor. After a call for the vote, Morgan won chairman with a vote of 158 for Morgan and

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Special Session of the Ninth Legislature

Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

(CONCHO, OK) On Sept. 29, 2022 a special session of the Ninth Legislature was called by Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana in Concho, Okla.

The public hearing portion of the special session was called to order at 10:15 a.m., with invocation given by Kendrick Sleeper. Present at roll call was speaker A3 Travis Ruiz, A1 Diane Willis, A2 Kendrick Sleeper via zoom call, C1 Bruce Whiteman, C2 George Woods and C3 Darrell Flyingman. A4 Rector Candy was absent and C4 Byron Byrd later joined the public hearing.

For the special session voting portion that convened after the public hearing, the five legislators present were A1 Diane Willis, A3 Travis Ruiz, C1 Bruce Whiteman, C2 George Woods and C4 Byron Byrd.

On the agenda, eleven items were to be discussed and voted on:

A resolution to approve the nomination of Quintin RomanNose as a board member for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Board.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana said RomanNose, who is a Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen from Watonga, Okla., has been around for a long time as he’s served as director within various positions, including education as well as at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla.

“He understands how the board runs and what it takes to actually address those programs, he’s local, he’s close, it’s good whenever he gets here and gets other board members together and they meet, we felt he was a good part of the board,” Wassana said.

Resolution number one passed with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to approve the nomination of Fred Koebrick as a board member for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Board.

Enrolled in the Caddo Nation from El Reno, Okla., Koebrick retired from Indian Health Services with 28 and a

half years’ experience.

Koebrick said his career in Indian Health Service was mostly spent supervising facilities in Indian Health Services in Oklahoma.

“My job in serving on the health board really stems from my work in Indian Health Service, although I enjoy these managerial and oversight aspect of running a facility, the thing I enjoyed the most with Indian Health Service was the advocacy for the health of tribal citizens,” Koebrick said.

Resolution number two passed with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to approve the nomination of Eddie Henry as a commissioner for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Judicial Commission.

With a background in criminal justice and in law enforcement, Henry said the judicial commission is up and running after losing a year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I would like to recoup that year back, I would like to leave the commission better than I found it. To this day we haven’t had anything that fits our criteria for the judicial commission, they’ve just been verbal complaints, nothing that has been written and submitted to us through the post office,” Henry said.

Henry said the commission is trying to promulgate another policy to where people can drop complaints off at the courthouse and they be stamped in.

“I would like to continue doing the job of being your commissioner for the tribe, so far there’s three of us … we’ve been keeping in contact via telephone due to COVID, I do get briefed by the court clerk and court is going along accordingly,” Henry said.

Resolution number three passed with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to approve the nomination of Chris Tallbear as Sand Creek representative for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Gov. Wassana asked for the title of the resolution to be changed from Sand Creek representative to National Park

Representative (NPR).

“We have three park services including the Washita site, the Sand Creek and Little Big Horn that we publicly attend and we engage in and our representatives are usually there all the time at all three sites, if we would scratch out Washita Battlefield and just leave as NPR for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, that would cover all the park services,” Wassana said.

Resolution number four passed with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to authorize the withdrawal of funds in the JA 9095173 tribal trust burial account from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to the Tribe’s Treasury.

Gov. Wassana said the resolution involves the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the accounts they have that are needing to distribute monies because of the small amounts in the accounts and have been left unattended for years.

“Those have been in the accounts for years and years and some have maybe a couple hundred dollars, but those accounts are sitting there … the burial one is what they want to draw out because it’s been sitting there,” Wassana said.

Wassana said no one over the years has withdrawn the money and BIA wants the account cleaned.

“If it stays in there too long, they will actually pull the money back and take it away,” Wassana said.

Resolution number five passed with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to recognize tribal officials authorized to receive information, initiate disbursement, and provide investment instructions regarding Tribal Trust Accounts.

A3 Travis Ruiz said the resolution is amending a previous resolution that was enacted to name certain individuals who have provisions, the previous treasurer was removed from the language and replaced with the current treasurer, Easton Yellowfish, as well as adding the general counsel attorney onto the resolution.

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U.S. House of Natural Resources Committee holds listening session

(OKLAHOMA CITY)

On Oct. 5 U.S. House of Natural Resources Committee staff held an in-person listening session to hear from tribal communities about the challenges facing their practice of ceremonies and religion, and how the American Indian Religious Freedom Act (AIRFA) can be strengthened. The committee, in partnership with the Native American Church of North America held the listening session at the Oklahoma City Convention Center during the annual National Indian Education Association’s (NIEA) annual convention.

Attending the meeting were LaRenda Morgan, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Governor Affairs officer, Max Bear, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Historic Preservation officer, Gordon Yellowman, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Language & Culture Program director.



For generations the federal government enacted assimilationist policies prohibiting tribal communities from practicing their traditional religions, languages and cultures. Despite the First Amendment’s protections around the freedom of religion, Indian Country was barred from such protections until the passage of AIRFA on Aug. 11, 1978.

AIRFA protects the rights of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians to practice their traditional religions, including access to sacred sites, use and possession of sacred objects and the freedom to worship through ceremony.

Evolution of the Native American Church

Submitted by Margaret Behan, Red Spider Woman

The Native American Church is not a single entity. Since the formation of the Native American Church in Oklahoma in 1918, the Native American Church as divided several times into various official organizations.

The original Native American Church in Oklahoma was the mother church. It advised and aided the incorporation of the Native American Churches in other states as legal affiliates, and in 1934 amended its charter to reflect this process.

In 1944 the Native American Church of Oklahoma nationalized its name and amended its charter to become the Native American Church of the United States of America. A few years later, because some Native American Church leaders from Oklahoma preferred the traditional state organization, without a national focus, the Native American Church of the United States of America reinstated its original name, the Native American Church

of Oklahoma.

In 1946 because Texas was where the peyote grows, a Native American Church of the United States of America was established as an affiliate of the Native American Church of Oklahoma. Five well know leaders of the Native American Church of Oklahoma were the trustees, Mack Haag, Cheyenne, Alfred Wilson, Cheyenne, Joe Kaulaity, Kiowa, Truman W. Dailey, Otoe and Frank Takes Gun, Crow. In 1957, Claudio and Amada Cardenas from Texas were added to make a total of seven trustees.

In 1950 a new charger was obtained for the Native American Church of the United States of America, without replacing the Native American Church of Oklahoma. In 1955 the Native American Church of North America developed as a result of expansion into Canada. In 1957 because of greater interest on the part of the Navajo Nation, the Native

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dreds of lives that were brutally taken here – men, women and children murdered in an unprovoked attack. Stories like the Sand Creek Massacre are not easy to tell but it is my duty, our duty, to ensure that they are told. This story is part of America’s story.”

The expansion of the site was exciting news for the governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, who also attended the ceremony.

“The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are excited to see the additional 3,478 acres to the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site which is providing security for the protection of our sacred site,” Gov. Reggie Wassana told CNN via an email.



The historic site near Eads, Colo. preserves the haunting landscape of the Nov. 29, 1864, attack by a volunteer U.S. Cavalry regiment. Troops swept into a sleeping encampment of 750 Native Americans along Sand Creek, killing more than 230 Cheyenne and Arapaho, most of them women, children and the elderly.

The expedition ostensibly was to retaliate for Native American raids on White settlers. Soldiers carried body parts back to Denver in celebration. But some commanders refused to attack, saying Native leaders who believed they had made peace with the U.S. commander of nearby Fort Lyon tried to wave white flags. Congress condemned leader Col. John M. Chivington for an unprovoked massacre.

Max Bear, the tribal historic preservation officer for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, welcomed Haaland’s homage as sustaining the storytelling mission he and countless others have dedicated their lives to.

“We don’t want our children and grandchildren to fight an uphill battle to know what happened to our folks,” said Bear, a descendant of Cheyenne Chief Black Whiteman, who sought food and shelter for the widowed and the orphaned after the attack.

Whiteman also signed the Treaty of Medicine Lodge in 1867, intended to end retaliatory Indian raids by forcibly settling Cheyenne, Arapaho and other tribes to reservations on “Indian Territory” in what is now Oklahoma, Bear said.

“We weren’t at war. You can’t call Sand Creek



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana and U.S. Secretary of Interior Deb Haaland attend the ceremony expanding the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site by 3,478 acres. (Courtesy

a battle,” Bear said. “In this time of book banning, I think it’s more important than ever that our history be told correctly.”

Sand Creek was established as a National Park Service historic site in 2007. The service has collaborated with the Northern Cheyenne of Montana, the Northern Arapaho of Wyoming and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma.

The new expansion also will preserve what Haaland called one of the largest intact shortgrass prairie ecosystems within the National Park system.

In recent years, Colorado officials have attempted redress.

State and U.S. officials are preparing to rename Mount Evans, a prominent Rocky Mountains peak named after Territorial Governor John Evans, who resigned after the Sand Creek massacre.

Last year, Gov. Jared Polis rescinded an 1864 proclamation by Evans that called for citizens to kill Native Americans and take their property. In 2014, Gov. John Hickenlooper apologized on



Tribal citizens and leaders from the Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma attend the expansion ceremony of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site in Colorado.

the state’s behalf to tribal members on the 150th anniversary of the massacre.

Tribal representatives, National Parks Service Director Chuck Sams and Colorado officials, including Hickenlooper, now a U.S. senator, attended the ceremony.

Incorporating land from a private seller, the expansion was financed by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, established by Congress in 1964, and Great Outdoors Colorado, which invests state lottery proceeds to wildland preservation. The lands include significant archaeological remains and are considered sacred by the tribes.

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called an infringement of the Olympic amateurism rules. It was described as the first major international sports scandal of its time. Over a 100 years later, thanks to efforts by Bright Path Strong and the NCAI, Thorpe was reinstated as the sole winner of the 1912 Olympic pentathlon and decathlon held in Stockholm.

Welcoming in the delegation was Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana, Lt. Gov. Gib Miles, and many tribal citizens as well as Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woomavovah, all who came to not only welcome the Sovereignty Run 2022 delegation, but to also participate in the run.

“The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are honored and privileged to host such an event for a great cause. The issues on tribal sovereignty and the cause to educate about sovereignty came about because I think we feel we are being stripped of our natural born rights to govern ourselves,” Gov. Wassana said.

Part of those Tribal Sovereignty rights involves protecting tribal children and protecting ICWA, which has been the law of the land for Tribal Nations since Congress enacted ICWA in 1978.

The United States Supreme Court has set oral ar-



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana (r) and Lt. Gov. Gib Miles (l) gift Fawn Sharp, president of the National Congress of American Indians with a blanket before embarking on the next track of the 2022 Sovereignty Run on the lands of the Cheyenne and Arapaho in Concho, Okla. (Photos / Rosemary Stephens)

guments for Nov. 9, 2022 in the case of Haaland v. Brackeen, to determine the constitutionality of ICWA. The Supreme Court will decide whether the ICWA placement preferences violate the U.S. Constitution. Their decision could potentially harm Native children and their families, including threatening the future of Tribal Nations.

“On June 29 of this year the United States Supreme Court issued a decision that was a direct attack on Tribal Sovereignty, and like many tribal leaders before us, we cannot let that decision go

unanswered. Twenty years ago, we ended a Sovereignty Run on the steps of the Supreme Court and rallied for Tribal Sovereignty,” Sharp shared on a video released Sept. 21, 2022.

“We are going to gather again, at ground zero of sovereignty attacks in Oklahoma for a 20th anniversary Sovereignty Run 2022.”

Along with Sharp, Phred-die Lane Lummi Nation, House of Tears Carver merged their Totem Pole journey with the Sovereignty Run, and joining the delegation was Dedra Darling of Bright Path Strong.

“This will be the only journey this totem makes, and we are so honored to be here for the first time coming through Oklahoma. This is that sacred moment right here with our relatives, with those we commune with, and that we have a sacred obligation to see them (bison) to come back like we hope to see our salmon come back. Thank you to everyone here, to all the runners, to Gov. Wassana, to President Sharp, just thank you,” Lane said while in the midst of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ bison herd for a blessing of the totem pole.



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107 for Blackbear.

Nominations for tribal council secretary resulted in Bobbie Hamilton winning with a vote of 126 for Hamilton, 78 for Debra Woolworth and 81 for Kayty Curtis.

In maintaining quorum throughout the duration of the meeting, all items on the agenda were discussed and voted on.

On the agenda, 16 resolutions were discussed and voted on:

A resolution to select a Tribal Council coordinator.

From the floor, a motion was made by Leslie Wandrie to add an amendment to the resolution regarding the duties of the Tribal Council coordinator.

“What I would like to add in the amendment is the tribal council shall represent the tribal council branch of government and advocate for its members, the tribal council shall provide a list and status of each current and former tribal council resolutions, a list of the resolutions shall be published in the Tribal Tribune and placed on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal council branch of government’s website for public review,” Wandrie said.

Wandrie said the reasoning for the amendment is because tribal council resolutions are not being enforced.

“All the branches of government are not enforcing any of our tribal council resolutions,” Wandrie said.

A call for the vote to make an amendment to the resolution resulted in 216 votes for yes, 65 no and 27 abstain.

Candidates running for Tribal Council coordinator were incumbent Jennifer Bailey, Okeesha Davis and Jacquelyn Smith.

After the call for the vote on the selection of Tribal Council coordinator, Bailey won with a vote of 176, Davis had 6 votes and 132 votes for Smith.

A resolution to establish a policy for Tribal Council Resolutions.

“It’s a policy for past resolutions, the biggest complaint I get as the coordinator is that none of these resolutions are picked up by your legislature and the executive office, so this will allow the tribal council coordinator to put these items that are passed on the agenda,” Bailey said.

This item passed with a vote of 220 yes, 45 no and 23

abstaining.

A resolution for casino employee paid cultural leave.

“I had a group of casino people, they didn’t want to be known but I’ll speak for them, I put this resolution in for them, some of them felt like they’ll get retaliated against whenever they do take their leave because of their non-tribal supervisors or management, also when they do take their leave it’s not paid or they have to take vacation time,” Bailey said.

In requesting the casino’s policy, Bailey said it was an old policy.

“It’s a really old policy, there’s nothing in there about paid cultural leave, the tribal government has it, our casino employees they’re the most vulnerable employees that we have, that’s why I’m here for them ... there’s stuff going on like the tribal council is not authorized to do that, we set policy for the tribe, I’m just asking you all, you have family members that work at the casino, everybody knows how the casino works,” Bailey said.

Andy Rednose, COO for Lucky Star Casinos said he’s against the resolution.

“Fifty percent of all our

employees are tribal citizens, that being said if Tribal Council wants us to pay our employees to go we are going to be shutting down casinos during our ceremonies, we’re operating a business we cannot pay all employees to take off for an entire week ... we would love to pay our employees to go to these ceremonies, but we’re going to shut down we can’t operate without 50 percent of our employees,” Rednose said.

This item passed with a vote of 206 yes, 80 no and 23 abstaining.

A resolution for casino gaming licensing fees to be paid by the casino.

In reading the resolution, Bailey said Cheyenne and Arapaho employees have requested there be a policy set for gaming licensing fees to be paid for yearly by the casino,

“Many Cheyenne and Arapaho casino employees have not been given raises since the Wassana administration took office and are requesting their yearly \$200 gaming license fee to be paid by the casino,” she said.

The resolution, as it reads, would only pay for enrolled

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By Latoya Lonelodge / Photos by Steve Wheeler

Trinity Maley, Clinton High School

Stepping up for a challenge, Trinity Maley, 18, is looking to make an impression her senior year of softball.

Born in Weatherford, Okla., and raised mostly in Clinton, Okla., Maley began playing softball her sophomore year of high school when she decided she wanted to follow in her step-dad’s steps.

“My step-dad, Tommy Trout, he’s a softball player and we’d go to all his tournaments,” Maley said.

While she played her sophomore year, Maley took a break her junior year and is back on the field for her senior year of



school.

“I like being a part of the team,” Maley said.

In being a part of a team, Maley said her inspiration to play comes from her friends, Morgandee and Lauren, who also played softball.

“They were really good outfielders and hitters,” Maley said.

Through the week, Maley finds herself practicing daily from the time she gets out of school and practicing into the evening time.

“We practice in the outfield and then we go in the barn to practice hitting,” Maley said.

And through practices, Maley said her goals for the season involve getting better at making dives and catches during game time.

“Getting better by going all out at practice like it’s a game,” Maley said.

Along with softball, Maley also plays soccer and is a part of the cheerleading team. In staying busy on and off the field for her senior year, Maley has maintained a 2.5 GPA in school.

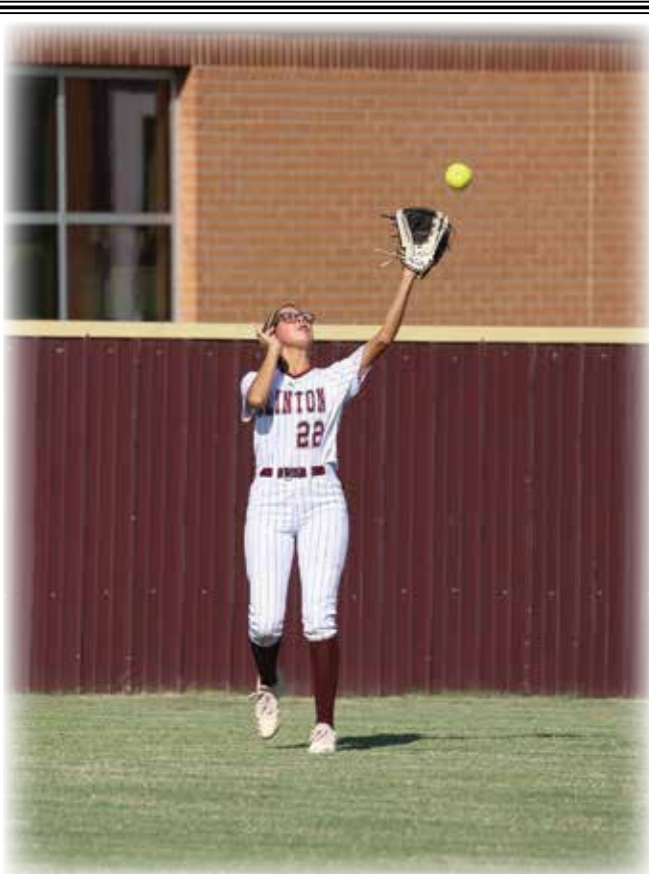
Maley said she wants to be remembered as a player who never gives up.

“Trying your best and never giving up whenever you have a bad day or when times are hard,” Maley said.

Nearing the end of the softball season, Clinton softball advanced to class 4A regionals to face-off against Lone Grove on Oct. 6. However, when Clinton fell short 0-6, it was still a win in and of itself as it was the first time Clinton softball had made it to regionals in years.

“Winning to go to regionals was big because they haven’t won since 2013,” Maley said.

In being a part of the experience and having the opportunity to make it to regionals, Maley said playing softball makes



her feel eager to win.

“It makes me feel good,” Maley said.

With striving to make an impression on the field, Maley said she’s really had to work on coming out of her shell the most this season.

Because I’m really shy, Maley said.

And coming out of her shell was important for Maley.

“It’s helped me open up and just be louder for the team,” Maley said.

In playing softball, Maley said what she hoped to accomplish the most is understanding the game more.

“It’s taught me what it means to be a team,” Maley said.

After her expected graduation date of May 2023, Maley plans to attend Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colo., and study business administration.

Maley’s parents are Gina Esparza and Asa Maley. Maley has four siblings. Her maternal grandmother is Clarice Esparza and her great-grandparents are the late Ruth Littler-aven and Tennyson Goodblanket.

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“It’s nothing more than a minimum form of communication to get that information so we can put it on a resolution so people like Easton can have authority,” Hershel Gorham, tribal attorney said.

Gov. Wassana said Gorham looks at all documents to verify if they’re legal and a lot of times they’ll give him information and ask him to give the information.

“A lot of times we’ll ask and make sure it’s done properly, we’ll have Hershel to conduct that transaction or to make sure that transaction goes to where it supposed to go to, it’s just another form of what we have is done right, if me or Lt. Gov. Gib Miles aren’t here, he can at least make sure, I’ll ask did the money get there,” Wassana said.

Wassana said Gorham is another person to verify and make sure all documents are there and are done right.

“We have somebody to say yes, it’s accurate and we’ll put it out publicly,” Wassana said.

When A1 Diane Willis asked if Gorham could be removed from the resolution, Gov. Wassana agreed.

“You have a treasurer that has accountants that work under him (Yellowfish), they’re the ones that are supposed to be checking the checks and balances. If he missed anything they would catch it,” Willis said.

Resolution number six passed after the removal of Gorham’s name, with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to amend resolution 9L-SS-2022-0518-002 – a resolution to authorize Governor Wassana or other designee to execute any and all documents with BancFirst.

Ruiz said the resolution was submitted by the governor’s office with the addition of the last whereas, to include the Lucky Star CFO Stephanie Black along with Easton Yellowfish, Treasurer, Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gib Miles. It also adds Lucky Star Casinos to the last ‘be it finally resolved’ on the resolution alongside the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in regards to BancFirst and depositing funds.

“When we were setting up these accounts, BancFirst wanted something with the casino on there because we just put the tribes, they want to set up their accounts and start their accounts, BancFirst wanted them on the resolution so we added them on this one,” Wassana said.

Resolution number seven passed with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to appropriate

\$195,000 to the Department of Business for a system design for the USDA Rural E-Connectivity Program Grant and a resolution to approve the submission for the FY 2022 Rural E-Connectivity Program

Lorna Carter, acting executive director for the Dept. of Business said resolutions eight and nine go hand in hand.

“Basically what we’re looking at is a broadband grant, as many are aware there’s a lot of federal funding coming down for broadband and so the tribes have initially invested in three cellular towers currently, we’ve also applied for the NTIA grant but in order to do so, we have a EBS spectrum that has requirements, 40% by 2024 and then 80% by 2028,” Carter said.

Carter said they will have to have additional funding and have the have the abilities or they lose that spectrum. With pursuing grants in this case, \$25 million is being pursued in the grant. One of the requirements, in order to apply, for the grant is to do the design.

“The design is to plan out the entire counties and provide broadband and see what is needed to connect tribal members to the wireless broadband out in the nine counties,” Tori Castleberry, project manager for Dept. of Business said.

“We’re basically paying for this design to be done and say this is how we’re going to build the system out in order to have this broadband connectivity throughout nine counties,” Carter said.

Castleberry said one of the application requirements is having a design to submit.

With the purpose of the grant being to develop broadband infrastructure to provide broadband availability throughout the nine-county jurisdiction of the tribes, C3 Darrell Flyingman suggested servicing all 11 counties and Carter agreed for 11 counties to be included in the resolution.

Resolution number eight and number nine both passed with a vote of 5 yes.

A resolution to appropriate up to \$400,000 and approve a contract with Wheeler Feeders for bison growing and finishing operations.

“This resolution is being presented, as we discussed, it was originally \$750,000 based on discussions we had with the Wheeler and Feed lot, we’re going to look at some other options, sending 500 bison over 10 months because we’re basically at a position where we’re overpopulated for bison and so what we’re going to

look at is ideally what bison we can send,” Carter said.

According to the resolution, an estimated 500 bison will be transported to the Wheelers Feeders lot for growing and finishing.

“We can grow and basically finish them so they can be sold and processed, we’re going to start the process because what we’ve done so far, we got bison, we got many donations but we haven’t really sold and processed any, we’ve donated some here and there but never really had a continual process,” Carter said.

Carter said the population consists of over 800 bison head with only 2,000 acres in the Concho, Okla., area, leaving only two and a half acres per bison unit.

“We need at least eight acres per bison unit, so 6,000 acres is what we need to properly keep them healthy and keep them fed, be able to grow and get them to a proper weight that we can sale and process,” Carter said.

Resolution number 10 passed with a vote of 4 yes and 1 no.

A resolution to amend resolution #8L-SS-2021-1104-003 authorize the Governor to submit an application to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place title to 79.21 acre tract in Woodward, Okla.

In resubmitting and amending the resolution, Gorham said originally the land was surveyed correctly.

“We resubmitted the BIA trust application the first time a couple months ago, the bureau disagreed with us. We stated in the application and the resolution that the land was contiguous to our reservation boundaries, their definition of contiguous is that it line up right next to it but it’s actually 37 miles away from the most southern boundary and we asked them to obtain an impeding solicitor, which solicitor said yes it’s off the reservation.

Gorham said the application had to be resubmitted as an off-reservation trust application instead of an on-reservation application.

“Because of that I had to change some of the language within the resolution that removed continuous and included a couple of the statutes that include the authorization section,” Gorham said.

Ruiz said, “this is a resolution to help get this land into trust, so that’s good.”

The resolution passed with a vote of 5 yes.

The special session adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

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American Church of Nava-joland was formed.

The Native American Church of Oklahoma is the original body. Three other organizations have evolved from it, the Native American Church of the United States of America, the Native American Church of North America and the Native American Church of Nava-joland. There are also many small independent churches without any national organizational affiliation.

Those who came before us did everything they could to make peace with all parties throughout this evolving process so that our freedom of religion could be maintained. The founders had no money, no legal resources and no political connections. Their motivations were purely spiritual. Unfortunately, we are currently facing major internal struggles related to money and power in various parts of North America. We must continue to show respect to those who made it possible for us to stand where we are today by conducting ourselves in a holy manner at all times.

What Should I Drink?

Raven Bramlett
Healthy Lifestyle Program Specialist
Diabetes Wellness Program



and teeth. Watch for hidden sugar in your dairy (flavored milk).

Drink only 100% juice. One hundred percent fruit juice contains many important vitamins and nutrients but contains a lot of natural sugar. Whole fruits and vegetables are a better way to get these nutrients and the added fiber will help you feel fuller longer. Try not to consume more than 4-6 ounces of fruit juice a day.

Drink all other beverages in moderation. Soft drinks, fancy coffees, teas, and even many energy drinks can contain an enormous amount of sugar, calories, and caffeine. Alcoholic drinks are packed with empty calories and are nutrition dense.

Always check labels before you drink. If there is no label, check the company’s website.

If you feel like you must drink one of these beverages, share it with a friend.

Remember do all things in moderation.

Source: <https://www.eatright.org/health/wellness/your-overall-health/nutrition-info-about-beverages>

With so many beverage options out there, it is hard to decide what you actually “should” drink. Companies market their beverages to resemble healthy alternatives to water. However, are they actually good for you?

Here are four tips to help you quench your thirst without adding unnecessary sugar and calories.

Drink at least 64 ounces of water daily. I know that seems like a lot to some of us, but it is necessary to keep our bodies and minds in optimal shape. Actually, new research shows that you should drink between half an ounce and an ounce of water for each pound you weigh. For example, if you weigh 200 pounds, that would be 100 – 200 ounces each day.

Drink nutrition-rich dairy. Calcium is known to lower blood pressure, build muscle mass, as well as maintain healthy bones

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
N. B.G. W.,
DOB: 03/01/2018
Case No. JFJ-2018-0022
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Child.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Michelle Dawn Whitlow

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Mother* has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is a neglected or dependent child as to her mother, Michelle Dawn Whitlow, and requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said child and her natural mother, Michelle Dawn Whitlow, all as more fully set out in the attached *Motion* filed in said cause.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of **NOVEMBER 2022**, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Mother* and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the *Motion*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said *Motion* at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the *Motion* and the right to object to the granting of the *Motion* and to show why your parental rights to said minor child should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said child in accordance with law.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.

Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Harmoniey Kinchion, OBA# 32979
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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
J.B. DOB: 01/31/21
J.B. DOB: 12/20/13
J.B. DOB: 02/02/15
Case No. JFJ-2018-0016
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Children.
Jonas Blackwolf, Respondent Father.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Jonas Blackwolf

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, in the above-reference case, requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between the minor child and its natural father, Jonas Blackwolf.

YOU ARE THEREFORE NOTIFIED that you have thirty-one (31) days from the date of service or publication hereof to file a written Response or Answer to the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* with the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of **NOVEMBER 2022**, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Petition* and state whether you admit or deny its allegations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* and the right to object to the granting of the amended juvenile petition and to show why your rights should not be terminated. Your failure to timely file with the Court a written Response or Answer or your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the children, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court adjudicating your said children as a dependent or neglected children in accordance with law and terminating the parent-child legal relationship between the child and its father, Jonas Blackwolf.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
N. B.G. W.,
DOB: 03/01/2018
Case No. JFJ-2018-0022
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Child.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Unknown Father

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Unknown Father* has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is a neglected or dependent child as to her father who is unknown to Petitioner, and requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said child and her natural father all as more fully set out in the attached *Motion* filed in said cause.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of **NOVEMBER 2022**, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Unknown Father* and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the *Motion*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said *Motion* at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the *Motion* and the right to object to the granting of the *Motion* and to show why your parental rights to said minor child should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said child in accordance with law.

Dated this 4th day of October, 2022.

Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk
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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
T. M. R., DOB: 03/03/2007
Case No. JFJ-2018-0011
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Child.
Clarence Black, Respondent Father.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Clarence Black
P.O.B. 65
El Reno, OK 73036

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, in the above-reference case, requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between the minor child and its natural father, Clarence Black.

YOU ARE THEREFORE NOTIFIED that you have thirty-one (31) days from the date of service or publication hereof to file a written Response or Answer to the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* with the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 6th day of **DECEMBER 2022**, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Petition* and state whether you admit or deny its allegations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* and the right to object to the granting of the amended juvenile petition and to show why your rights should not be terminated. Your failure to timely file with the Court a written Response or Answer or your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the children, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court adjudicating your said children as a dependent or neglected children in accordance with law and terminating the parent-child legal relationship between the child and its father, Clarence Black.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2022.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
A.W., DOB: 07/26/2017
T.W., DOB: 09/21/2018
Case No. JFJ-2018-0029
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Children.
Todd Bearshield, Respondent Father.

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Todd Bearshield
1804 Dunn
Clinton, OK 73601

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, in the above-reference case, requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between the minor child and its natural father, Clarence Black.

YOU ARE THEREFORE NOTIFIED that you have thirty-one (31) days from the date of service or publication hereof to file a written Response or Answer to the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* with the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of **NOVEMBER 2022**, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Petition* and state whether you admit or deny its allegations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* and the right to object to the granting of the amended juvenile petition and to show why your rights should not be terminated. Your failure to timely file with the Court a written Response or Answer or your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the children, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court adjudicating your said children as a dependent or neglected children in accordance with law and terminating the parent-child legal relationship between the child and its father, Clarence Black.

Dated this 3rd day of October, 2022.

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In The Matter of Dissolution of Marriage:
SONIA MICHELLE HOFFMAN
And
TYLER STEVEN WARD
Petitioner,
Respondent.

Case No. JFD-2022-0005

CIVIL SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAH0 TRIBES TO: Tyler Steven Ward
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 30th day of SEPTEMBER, 2022.

Kendall Charley, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter Of The Application Of:
ALLAN ROMAN NOSE
DOB: 10/05/1948
Case No. CIV-2022-0119
To Change His/Her Name

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that ALLAN ROMAN NOSE has filed in this Court for
Petition For Name Change, as follows, to wit: from ALLAN ROMAN NOSE to
LARRY ALLEN ROMAN NOSE and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and
Arapaho Trial of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courtroom located at 100 West Black Kettle
Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 16th 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 7th day of OCTOBER, 2022.

Kendall Charley, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Arapaho Artists: Past and Present

By Dee Cordry, author of Children of White Thunder



Family of Carl Sweezy from l-r: Charles E. Sweezy holding artwork by Carl Sweezy depicting the peyote ceremony; Roderick S. Sweezy Sr., Angie Sweezy holding The Arapaho Way by Althea Bass and illustrated by Carl Sweezy; and Michael E. Sweezy. (Photo / Dee Cordry)

The Arapaho family of Hinan-ba-seh, or Big Man, lived in a lodge near the Cheyenne and Arapaho agency at Darlington, Indian Territory. His wife was Bear Woman. Their son Wattan was born in 1881. Big Man was a tribal elder at the time of Wattan's birth. On display in the family lodge were Big Man's shield, medicine bundle and a painting on hide or cloth depicting his military accomplishments. The details of his war exploits are unknown but may have involved battle with US soldiers and/or other plains Indian tribes. In the 1851 Horse Creek Treaty (also known as the Ft. Laramie Treaty) three men were chosen to represent the Arapaho, including Neb-ni-bah-seh-it, who may have been known as Big Man. Perhaps he was the father of Wattan.

By 1888 Wattan was enrolled in the Mennonite Mission school at Darlington. The

Mennonite missionaries sought to civilize the Cheyenne and Arapaho by converting them to Christianity. Wattan then attended the Mennonite Mission Boarding School in Halstead, Kansas. While attending the school in Halstead, Wattan was given the name Carl Sweezy. Carl completed his education at the Mennonite school in 1895. In 1896-1897 Carl attended the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania, which was known for its assimilation policy. Carl also attended school in Chillico, Okla.

In 1891 while Carl was in school in Halstead, the US government imposed the allotment system on the Cheyenne and Arapaho. The fraudulent process involved a list of adult tribal men who approved of the allotment proposal. The name of 10-year-old Carl Sweezy appeared on that list. In later years Carl described allotment as the

"end" of the traditional Arapaho way of life.

Carl became interested in drawing and painting while attending school. A teacher encouraged the advancement of his artistic abilities and introduced him to watercolors. He used house paint and created his own paint using particular soil mixed with animal fat. He made his own paint brushes from horsehair. Some of his early work was drawn on butcher paper. As a boy Carl lived among Cheyenne and Arapaho elders. He visited their lodges and listened to their stories of pre-reservation life. They spoke of warfare and buffalo hunts. Carl learned about their disappearing way of life. He observed and took part in tribal dances and ceremonies. It was different from the formal education of the mission schools and his artwork did not depict mission school life. Carl's artwork was about Arapaho history.

In the 1890s ethnologist James Mooney worked with Kiowa artists to document and preserve Kiowa culture. Some of those Kiowa artists were prisoner of war survivors of the Ft. Marion military prison in St. Augustine, Fla. In 1902 Mooney began a study of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture with a focus on tipi and shield design. He interviewed tribal citizens who described their own tipi and shield designs. Mooney's interpreters were Robert Burns and Paul Boynton. Mooney selected Carl Sweezy to draw illustrations based on the verbal descriptions. Carl was the perfect choice for the job. The tribal citizens who

were interviewed may have been some of the same elders Carl listened to as a boy in the 1880s. He may have worked together with Cheyenne artists who were prisoner of war survivors of Ft. Marion. In 1904 Carl also replicated Cheyenne ledger art directly from an original ledger book seized in 1876 by US soldiers. The ledger book was called "Picture Book Captured at Mackenzie Fight 1876" which referred to an attack on Dull Knife's village. The tablet of Carl's replica drawings is in the Smithsonian's National Anthropological Archives and is available to view online. Carl's work for Mooney resulted in a unique style recognized for accuracy and detail. He soon began to sell his paintings. His work became known as the "American Indian fine art movement."

Carl had received years of Christian instruction in the Mennonite schools; however, the Christian influence did not replace the traditional Arapaho spiritual practices which he learned as a boy. In the 1880s the Arapaho learned of the peyote religion from the Kiowa. Carl observed the peyote ceremonies, in addition to Sun Dances and the Ghost Dance. Recognizing the similarities between traditional Arapaho spiritual practices and the peyote ceremonies, Carl chose to follow the path of the peyote religion. He, Cleaver Warden, and Paul Boynton coined the phrase Native American Church which was incorporated in 1918 and still exists today. Carl's brother Frank also became a member of the Native American Church.

Roderick S. Sweezy Sr., Frank's descendant, is a Native American Church board member. His son Heartsill J. Sweezy is currently vice chairman of the Native American Church, State of Oklahoma. Roderick's mother Mary was a descendant of Sand Creek Massacre survivors. Both of Roderick's sons are skilled craftsmen who create ceremonial fans.

Over the years Carl worked as a farmer or dairyman at Rainy Mountain, St. Patrick's Mission School and Concho. Michael Sweezy, his grandson, attended school at St. Patrick's. Harvey Pratt, son of Arapaho full blood Oscar Pratt, also attended school at St. Patrick's. Harvey found Carl Sweezy's artwork in the attic and immediately recognized Carl's distinctive style of painting. Harvey and his brother Charles became award-winning artists. Ann, their mother, spoke several languages. Her grandparents survived the Sand Creek Massacre. Harvey and Charles understood the significance of Carl Sweezy's lifetime of preserving Arapaho culture. Charles Pratt spoke about Carl with his daughter Laketa and with Carl's grandson Michael Sweezy. Laketa Pratt and Na-

than Pratt, Harvey's son, are artists.


Award-winning Arapaho artist Brent Learned grew up in an atmosphere of art and Native American history. His father John was an award-winning sculptor and his mother Juanita Howling Buffalo owned Carl Sweezy paintings. Juanita encouraged Brent to "paint your people, give them a voice they did not have." Juanita's ancestors were survivors of Sand Creek and Washita, and Juanita was a survivor of boarding school abuse, having been punished for speaking her Native language. Rose Howling Buffalo, Brent's grandmother, did not speak English, and an interpreter was needed when Juanita was born. Brent's artwork is known for accuracy and authenticity. He has depicted the Sand Creek Massacre in paintings and a mural. Brent owns Carl Sweezy artwork in his personal collection.

Arapaho artwork, past and present, is significant. Arapaho families such as Sweezy, Pratt, and Learned continue to preserve culture through historically accurate art, crafts, language, and spiritual ceremonies. Carl Sweezy's influence is still felt today, and the influence of all Arapaho artists will be felt in the years ahead.

Happy 10th and 14th
 Birthday to our beautiful
 girls
 Michelle Hamilton &
 Kynadee Hamilton
 We love you to the moon
 and back,
 Love, mom and dad

Josephina Marie Lopez 2nd Birthday Dance

December 2nd, 2020
Cousins EHC, Concho, TX
Guest Dance @ 2 PM Supper break @ 6 PM dance is follow



MC: Wilbur Hollingsworth, Harmon, OH
DJ: Gerald Bailey, Harmon, OH
HHD: Nelson Miles, El Reno, OH
HLD: Bobbie Harrison, El Reno, OH
HLD: Ruby Jula, Medford, Seattle, WA (3 months)
HLD: Niamh Brade Whiteman, Shawnee, OH (3 yrs old)
Honored Family: Missie Mae Family, Sylmar, CA
A/D: Daniel Fisher, Harmon, OH

Try-It-Out Boys (6-9 yrs old) Sponsored by Bobbie Hollingsworth
1st - \$100
2nd - \$75
3rd - \$50 & jersey

Try-It-Out Girls (6-9 yrs old) Sponsored by Grandmother Wilma Eggenmeier
1st - \$100
2nd - \$75
3rd - \$50

Grandmother & Granddaughters Contest Sponsored by Grandmother Wilma
1st - \$300
2nd - \$200
3rd - \$100

Women's Inseparable contest (10-24) Sponsored by Auntie Jean and Uncle Winona Eggenmeier
1st - \$200
2nd - \$100
3rd - \$50

Premier Show Contest Sponsored by Great Grandmother Marie Eggenmeier-Lopez

Also sponsoring LaLa & WarCry contest
1st - \$100
2nd - \$75
3rd - \$50

Party is not responsible for no shows or staff. No drugs or alcohol allowed.
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3:00PM
SUPPER: 5:30PM**


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HS: HAROLD BUGG NECONIE
HMD: HENRY ELKRIEVER WHITESKUNK
HLD: HOLLY SHERIDAN
HLG: KATELYN HART
HLB: FRANKIE JESSEPE
AD: EVAN ORTIZ
HONORED VETERAN: PARKER EMHOO LAH
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National Center for Healthy Housing

National Healthy Homes Training Center and Network

Healthy Homes Maintenance Checklist


The following checklist was developed for the Healthy Homes Training Center and Network as a tool for healthy home maintenance. A healthy home is one that is constructed, maintained, and rehabilitated in a manner that is conducive to good occupants' health.

To maintain a healthy home, occupants should keep it dry, clean, well-ventilated, free from contaminants, pest-free, safe and well-maintained. Good home maintenance can act to:

- reduce allergens, prevent illness, and reduce injury from accidents.
- This checklist provides basic guidelines items may need to be checked more often depending on local conditions and manufacturer suggestions.


Developed for the National Healthy Homes Training Center by Tony Bertram and Ellen Katz, technical advisors to the National Center for Healthy Housing.

Yard & Exterior




	Yearly	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Water drains away from house	☐				
No fire, fire, choking, sharp edges, holes	☐				
Fence around pool intact	☐				
Check for signs of rodents, bats, wasches, termites	☐				
Clean outdoor faucets and hoses		☐			
Clean windows with and check drainage			☐		
Clean gutters and downspouts			☐		

Exterior Roof, Walls, Windows



	Yearly	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
Shingles in good condition	☐				
Check chimney, valley, plumbing work, daylight flashing	☐				
Make sure gutters discharge water away from building	☐				
Check attic vents	☐				
Check attic for signs of roof leaks	☐				
Check for rotting and dry decay				☐	
Look for peeling paint				☐	
Check for signs of leaks around deck, stoops to house	☐				
Check before window & door that flapping insect	☐				
Repair torn, cracked glass	☐				
Look for signs of leaks at window and door sills	☐				
Clean dryer vent			☐		
Check exhaust ducts are clear			☐		

Basement & Crawlspaces



	Yearly	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
No wet surfaces, puddles	☐	☐			
Pump, pump and check sump working	☐	☐			
Floor dries evening	☐				
Minimum basement surfaces	☐				
Check for signs of rodents, bats, wasches, termites		☐			

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A resolution to amend the travel

based my resolution off the state of Oklahoma absentee ballot requirements, they do require a notary and I think that would ensure the integrity, meaning when no one is looking you're doing the right thing.

I'm now going to be 38, for various departments to say, we don't have a plan, to me this is unacceptable, they've known this was going to happen eventually sooner or later," Goodbear said.

The tribal council meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

OBITUARIES

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Clarence Black

Clarence Black died Sept. 23, 2022, at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City, at 69 years of age.

Clarence was born April 16, 1953 in Oklahoma. He made his home in El Reno and worked in landscaping.

He is survived by his children, Billie Black of El Reno, Oliver Black of Vian, Mary Kenney and Julius Black both of El Reno, James Black, Braun Black, Clay Black, and Dake Black all of Oklahoma City, Leslie Draper of Seiling, Katina Draper of Tahlequah, Florence Ochoa of Oklahoma City, Darcell Akeen of Hinton, and Anthony Black of Anadarko; brother, Darrell Medicine Elk of Enid; sisters, Rosie Ward of Oklahoma City and Juanita Medicine Elk of Atlanta, GA, 19 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren

His parents, Oliver Black and Mary Stone; brothers, Harry Black and James Medicine Elk; and sisters, Violet Black and Josephine Black, preceded him in death.

A traditional all-night wake service was held Oct. 2 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho,



Okla. Funeral services were held Oct. 3, at the same venue, with Rev. Gerald Panana officiating, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Lucille Tabor Todd

Lucille Tabor Todd was born on Dec.11, 1939 in Clinton, Okla. to Oscar and Rose (Lumpmouth) Tabor. Lucille passed away on Oct. 2, 2022 in El Reno, Okla. at the age of 82.

She grew up in Greenfield, Okla. She married Joseph Ernest Todd Sr. Lucille loved to sew, loved beading and making shawls, cooking for everyone and playing golf. She especially loved fresh jalapeños with salt with any food choice. She was an animal lover and her pets, whether they were dogs or cats, came first. Lucille loved her family and loved spending time with them.

Survivors include her children, JoElla Hamm, Joseph E. Todd Jr., and step-



Lionel Tabor, and Jack Tabor

An all-night traditional wake service was held Oct. 6 at the Geary Emergency Response Centewr in Geary, Okla. Funeral services were held Oct. 7 at the Geary First Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Jay Mule, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery in Concho, Okla., under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Zhilan-Cole Chase Brand

Zhilan-Cole Chase Brand came unexpectedly into this world on Nov. 18, 2021 at 9:39 a.m. He was born at 24 weeks and 6 days old - 17 weeks premature - and was classified as a nano-preemie. He entered this world with the Lord’s guidance over the hands of the medical team weighing in at 1 pound, 9 ounces, and 11 1/2 inches long. He came into this world as God’s Little Warrior, and he overcame all the battles thrown his way! Zhilan-Cole spent a total of 124 days in the NICU before graduating on March 22, 2022. This meant he was finally able to come home to his loving family and meet his very eager older brother



and sisters. He was the most amazing baby! He loved mommy singing to him and playing with his hair, although, his favorite thing was looking at his mommy and daddy. He had the most precious laughs and giggles, and his smile would brighten anyone’s day just by looking at it. He was absolutely adored by his older siblings. He had special bonds with them each but especially with his brother, A.G. II. To his sisters, Zhilan-Cole was their real-life baby doll. They were always very concerned about their baby brother, and they were always quick to help mommy care for their bubba. Sisters Brylei and Lola adored StrongBear

James Wade Wahweah

James Wade Wahweah, 69, of McAlester, Okla. passed away on Sept. 28, 2022 at McAlester Regional Health Center in McAlester, Okla. He was born on Dec. 5, 1952 in Clinton, Okla. to Samuel Buck and Edna (Blackowl) Wahweah.

He married Karen Hundley in 1981 at Fountainhead Lodge. He worked as a plumber for Lalli Plumbing for 10 years and AAA Plumbing for 10 years. He enjoyed OU football and hot rods.

He is survived by his wife Karen Wahweah, two brothers, Gene Wahweah and John Wahweah, two sisters, Aldean and Lenora, two brothers-in-law, Eddie Hundley and Dave Hundley, several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Erick Wahweah, his parents and mother-in-law, Mary Hundley.

Funeral services were



held Sept. 30 at the Brumley-Mills Funeral Chapel in McAlester, Okla., with Doug King officiating.

Norma Joan Black Smith

Norma Joan Black Smith finished her earthly journey on Oct. 1, 2022, at her home in Fonda, Okla., at the age of 87 years, 5 months, and 20 days. Norma or “Taa’ëve-na’hané’e” which was her Cheyenne name meaning “Night Killer,” began her life on April 11, 1935, when she was born to parents Dana and Mary “May” (Debrae) Black in Fonda. Norma was blessed to be a part of a large family with seven brothers and sisters. Her family spent her early years in Fonda, Clinton, and Seiling, Okla. Norma attended grade school at the Pumpkin Ridge school and later earned her GED.

On Oct. 19, 1955, Norma was united in marriage to Melvin Lee Smith in Hugoton, Kansas. The couple made their home in Seiling and in 1973, they moved to Fonda where they have lived since. Melvin and Norma were blessed with five children, Verda, Richard, Patricia, Marilyn and Carolyn.

Norma or ‘Tiny’ as she was affectionately called, was baptized into the Christian faith in 1954 at the Mennonite Indian Church. She was a member of the Seiling Indian Mennonite Church, and she attended the First Baptist Church in Seiling.

Norma was a Community Health Representative for the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribe, which was a job she enjoyed and excelled at. She received the CHR of the Year award. She also received an award for the Texas Trail of Freedom honoring decendents of Black Kettle. Norma loved children and was a long-time teacher’s aid with the kindergarten class at Seiling Public Schools. Norma also served as a volunteer during the Murrah Building bombing search and rescue in Oklahoma City. She volunteered to feed the other volunteers during this difficult time. Norma never hesitated to give of her time and talents to help others. Norma loved to travel and see new and old destinations. She also loved her family and greatly enjoyed spending time with them.

Norma was preceded in death by her beloved husband Melvin, her parents, Dana and May Black, and son Richard Smith. As Norma was the last sibling to pass, her sisters and brothers that have preceded her in death are Elizabeth Bull,



Alice Littleman, Rita Black, Mary Little Coyote, Marvin Black, Norma Buffalomeat, and Larry Black.

She is survived by her children Verda Weston of Tulsa, Okla., Patricia Hewitt, Marilyn Morton, and Carolyn Smith all of Woodward, Okla. Others left to cherish her memory our seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Wake services were held Oct. 7 at the Seiling Emergency Response Center in Seiling, Okla. Funeral services were held Oct. 8 at the Elm Grove Church in Chester, Okla., followed by an interment at the Brumfield Cemetery in Seiling, Okla., under the direction of Redinger Funeral Home.

Keeping Children Safe: Child Passenger Safety Month

By Jerry C. Levi, CADOT

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), September is designated as Child Passenger Safety Month. On Sept. 22, 2022, mothers, babies, and toddlers descended on a shopping center parking lot in El Reno, Okla. to get their current car seats checked for safety and conformity, but in most instances, car seats were found in need of replacing by certified child safety seat technicians, which they were.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Dept. of Transportation Safety program (CADOT), in conjunction with SafeKids Oklahoma, made the event possible for



tribal and non-tribal citizens to receive a child safety seat at no cost. Infant car seats with carriers and booster seats for toddlers were available for proper installation by certified child safety seat technicians sent by SafeKids Oklahoma and CADOT’s assistant Executive Director Anita Pawnee, who became a certified CPS Technician on May 24, 2022.

“The Car Seat Safety Check was a Safe Kids Oklahoma event that I was invited to assist but Monica Allen, HSS/Safety Coordinator actually did all of the leg work and collaborated with Julie Hoelsch, Safe Kids Oklahoma CPS Coordinator,” Pawnee said. “In

all, only three car seats were provided by DOT/TSP at the event, but six additional car seats were distributed at the Concho Tribal Transit Facility later on that afternoon. Hopefully the collaboration with Safe Kids Oklahoma and the Canadian County Health Department will help get the word out that this is a service provided by the tribes’ Dept. of Transportation and we will be able to provide these services to individuals that reside within our service area that weren’t aware the resource is there.”

One of the many services and incentives CADOT provides is child safety seat awareness and distribution through its Safety Program, led by Highway Safety Specialist Monica Allen.

“It was such a positive day to give back to those who needed child safety seats,” she said. “We even had a newborn as young as two days old, so it was nice to be able to help. I look forward to getting certified as a technician and having more days like this, where nothing but good happens.”

CADOT has two car seat fitting stations, one at the Concho Tribal Transit Facility, 300 N White Antelope Rd., in Concho, Okla., and at the Weatherford Tribal



Anita Pawnee and Monica Allen, Dept. of Transportation Safety Program staff check car seats in El Reno, Okla. (Submitted photos)

Transit Facility, 900 SW 4th St., in Weatherford, Okla.

Car seat checks/installs are by appointment only and individuals should bring proof of tribal affiliation (CDIB, if isn’t enrolled, the parent’s CDIB and child’s birth certificate) and proof of assistance (food stamp card, Sooner Care membership letter/card, or WIC card).

For more information or to make an appointment for a car seat, call CADOT at 405-422-7785.



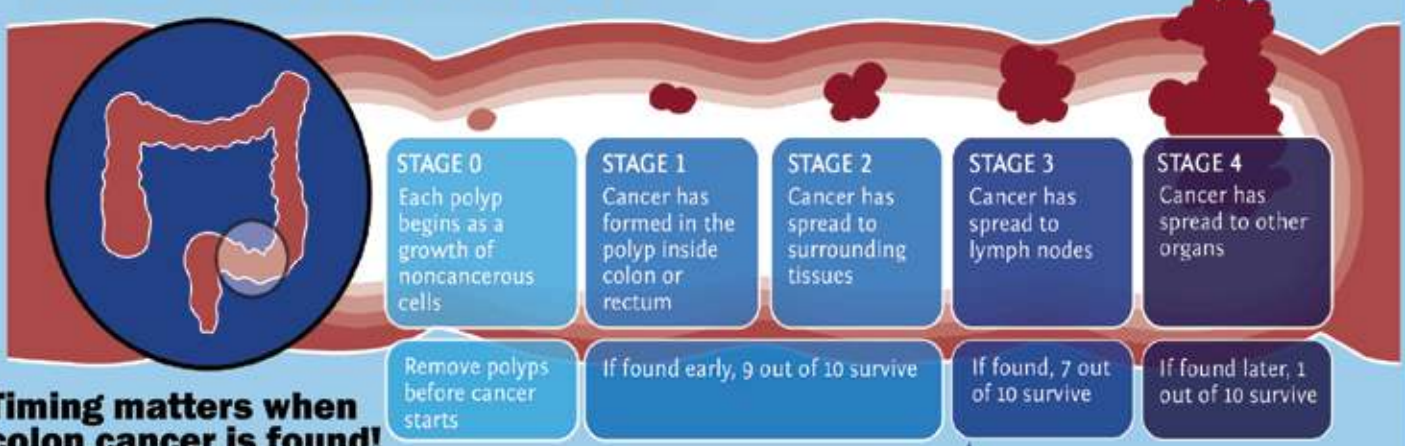
COLON CANCER

Colon cancer is a disease in the large intestine (colon) and rectum. Most colon cancers **start as small non-cancerous clumps of cells** called polyps. Without treatment, **polyps may turn cancerous**.

Colon cancer is the **second leading cause of cancer death** for American Indians and Alaska Natives, **including the Cheyenne and Arapaho**.

Colon cancer often has **no symptoms in early stages**, so it's important to get screened when you turn 45.

STAGES OF COLON CANCER



Timing matters when colon cancer is found!



Quit commercial tobacco



Exercise 5 days PER week



Not too much alcohol



Make fruits & veggies ½ plate per meal



Get to & stay at your healthy weight



Get screened if you're 45-75

SCREENING TESTS

Stool-based tests (like FIT)

Looks for blood in the stool
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