

# Dr. Henrietta Mann receives the Lifetime Achievement Award celebrating a lifetime of education advocacy

By Kimberly Burk, Tribal Tribune Correspondent

Even in a foyer crowded with tuxedoed men and gowned women, Dr. Henrietta Mann made an entrance. She was striking indeed, with her chin-length silver hair, sequined eyeglasses and spectacular tribally designed dress. But here was the Clinton-born Cheyenne woman responsible for the decades-long education of Native and non-Native students alike and winner this year of the National Humanities Medal, presented by President Joe Biden. The lifetime achievement award she would receive during the Tribal Nations Gala at First Americans Museum (FAM) was just one of many such honors. So when people took note of her arrival on that evening of Sept. 15 it was also

out of respect, and friendship. And when she later occupied the podium to accept the honor, she deflected the attention to her well-wishers who had helped bring FAM to fruition. “I am star-struck, and you are the stars,” Mann said. “I was honored for 12 or 13 years to help dream this place into existence. Thank you for making it possible. I want to thank all of you for honoring me tonight but remember that I am but one.” Mann said it “did not take much thought” when she was invited to serve on the FAM board. She said that FAM, which marked its second anniversary that night, will be “a monument of lasting endurance to those who gave us life.”

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Dr. Henrietta Mann, Cheyenne, receives the Lifetime Achievement Award during the second annual Tribal Nations Gala hosted by First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. (Photo / Adriel Clements)

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Phillip Daw, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Fire Management acting director accepts the Conservation Champion Award on behalf of the fire management program. Pictured l-r: Katie Gillies, Director of Conservation Oklahoma, James Nells, Daw's father, Daisy Nells, Daw's mother, Phillip Daw, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management officer and acting director, Jeremy Tubbs, preserve director for the J.T. Nickel Family Nature and Wildlife Preserve, Robert Spottedwolf, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management fire operations specialist, Cheryl Candy, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management office manager and Mike Fuhr, State director for the Nature Conservancy in Oklahoma. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

## Championing Conservation

Latoya Lonelodge  
Senior Reporter

For many years Native Americans have used fire for many reasons. To keep warm, to cook food and to clear the land for agricultural purposes. Today, restoring grasslands by using fire has become an important topic as part of conservation efforts put forth by joint partnerships between many tribes and state organizations. As part of their advocacy for prescribed fire burns to grasslands, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management program have been recognized for their ongoing efforts in conservation. On Sept. 12, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management Program was awarded the Conservation Champion Award by The Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City.

State Director for the Nature Conservancy of Oklahoma, Mike Fuhr said the award is significant because it touts partnership. “Partnerships are the best way to get conservation done, no one organization can do it by themselves and we recognize the wonderful beginnings to the partnership with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes,” Fuhr said. As part of the Nature Conservancy’s work, the nonprofit organization strives to partner with Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Part of that partnership is supporting fire management efforts and controlled burns to restore health and diversity to natural lands. “One thing we share a vision around is the importance

of prescribed fire, that is a huge tool for the nature conservancy on the places that we work, ones that we own, but also on the land owners around nature conservancy, ownership, fire is important for most habitats in the state of Oklahoma, so anything we can do to get more fire on the ground and work with partners that want to do the same thing is a really important thing,” Fuhr said. Accepting the award on behalf of the Fire Management Program was Phillip Daw, fire management officer and acting director, along with fire management coworkers Cheryl Candy and Robert Spottedwolf. Daw said the program has been an advocate for prescribed fire as well as using prescribed fire as a land management tool.

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## U.S. Board of Geographic Names Officially Approves Name Change for Colorado’s Mt. Evans to Mount Blue Sky

(COLORADO) After many years of collaboration and consultation, the U.S. Board of Geographic Names approved the renaming of Mount Evans to Mount Blue Sky during the Council of Geographic Names Authorities conference in Oregon. This was the final step in the renaming process, with the new name taking effect immediately. “It is a huge step, not only for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, but also for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Tribe, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, and other allies who worked diligently to begin the healing process, bringing honor to a monumental and majestic mountain,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana said. The Cheyenne and Arapaho people have worked for decades to petition the state of Colorado to rename Mount Evans. The idea of the name change arose several years ago from those who wished the mountain would no longer carry the name of former territorial Gov. Evans. Evans was eventually pushed out of office over his connection to the Sand Creek Massacre of approximately 150 Cheyenne and Arapaho people. While there were several possible names suggested, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes backed the name idea of Mount Blue Sky. In his letter to the United States Board on Geographic Names Gov. Polis wrote, ““After decades of ex-

amination with respect to his role and exhaustive reports by both the University of Denver and Northwestern University, then Territorial Governor John Evans’ culpability tacit or explicit for the Sand Creek Massacre is without question. In August of 2021, I formally rescinded the bigoted, inhumane, and legally questionable proclamations made by then Territorial Governor Evans that led to the Sand Creek Massacre, the deadliest day in Colorado history.” A 13-member advisory board was formed by Colorado Gov. Polis in July 2020. The purpose of the board was to help review and vet proposals for geographic and place name changes and new names for the entire state and make recommendations in a timely manner to the governor. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes commended the Mestaa’êhehe Coalition, the U.S. Board of Geographic Names, the Clear Creek County Commissioners, Colorado Governor Jared Polis and his Geographic Naming Advisory Board for the actions they have taken supporting and renaming the mountain in Clear Creek County, Colorado. Additionally, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are supporting efforts to change the name of the adjacent wilderness area from ‘Mount Evans Wilderness Area’ to the ‘Mount Blue Sky Wilderness Area,’ and encourage everyone to call upon their Congressional leaders to support this effort.







# Oklahoma Museum Conference Addresses Land Acknowledgements

By Kimberly Burk, Tribal Tribune Correspondent

Land acknowledgements “are the popular thing of the day,” James Pepper Henry told delegates gathered in Broken Arrow on Sept. 14 for the Oklahoma Museum Conference.

“Land acknowledgements reinforce the Western way to think about ownership of land,” said Henry, who serves as director and CEO of the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. “They are a way for people to absolve themselves of the sins of their forebearers. But what do they really mean?”

A land acknowledgement is a formal statement that a public event is taking place on land originally inhabited by Indigenous peoples. It is often read at the beginning of the event.

The idea of land ownership is rooted in Judeo-Christian beliefs, Henry told the audience of museum professionals and volunteers who belong to the Oklahoma Museums Association. “Natives say you can’t own your Mother. Land ownership is another way of hoarding wealth.”

If there is to be an acknowledgement, “what is your action behind it? What is your programming?” Henry asked.

Max Bear, director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Historic Preservation Office, said he agrees with

Henry.

“What good is it going to do you?” he asked. “The only acknowledgement I would accept is getting the land back. If you don’t have a plan or any resources to offer, it’s null and void. This is the land of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.”

Henry suggested that museums consider developing what he called “people acknowledgements.”

Posted on the FAM website is that institution’s “Land and Peoples Acknowledgement,” which begins, “First Americans Museum honors the ancestors who lived here before it was Oklahoma.”

The statement continues that “we honor the indigenous people who inhabited these lands before the United States was established. They include the Apache, Caddo, Tonkawa and Wichita. We also honor those tribes who have historical relationships to this region, including the Comanche, Kiowa, Osage and Quapaw. We acknowledge the Muscogee (Creek) and Seminole who were once assigned the land upon which FAM resides.”

The acknowledgement concludes with, “We are not in Oklahoma by choice. Many of our peoples were removed and relocated from the far reaches of the contiguous United States. After nearly 200 years, our his-

stories and cultural lifeways are now interwoven into this landscape.”

Journalist Chloe Veltman, writing in March for National Public Radio, said “if people are thinking about how they go about crafting and using these statements, they can provide a first step toward action.”

Cutchá Risling Baldy, a professor of Native American studies and member of the Hoopa Valley Tribe, used her platform when giving a lecture in Illinois to ask audience members to support an Indigenous community garden in Chicago, Veltman reported. Baldy posted a QR code on the screen, and organizers of the First Nations Garden reported receiving unexpected donations of more than \$200 that day.

“There’s been attention given to the fact that the land where FAM now rests was Oilfield #1 in the world in the 1920s and 30s, and that 60 percent of the domestic oil supply came from there, from 52 oil wells,” Henry said. “It closed in the 1940s and became a dump site. It was basically a Superfund site. We’ve healed the land.”

What people are not so aware of, Henry said, “is that 200 years ago, you would have seen the villages of the Wichita and others along what is now the Oklahoma River.”



## Life Saving Narcan vending machines now available at Lucky Star Casino

(CONCHO, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Project partners with Lucky Star Casino and The Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (ODMHSAS) to provide an innovative solution to combating Opioid Use Disorder in the community.

ODMHSAS is installing a Narcan vending machine inside Lucky Star Casino in Concho, Okla. Lucky Star Casino is believed to be the first trib-

ally owned casino to have a Narcan vending machine in the Nation. This initiative will supply the community with free Narcan and fentanyl test kits. All that is needed to receive these lifesaving materials is a zip code for grant research purposes.

Narcan (Naloxone) is a life-saving medication that can reverse an overdose from opioids, including heroin, fentanyl and prescription opioid medications, when given in time. Fentanyl test kits are critical in identifying

if fentanyl has been laced into a substance.

The hope is by providing these tools it will help to combat opioid overdoses in the community. The TOR Project is currently developing other solutions to provide Narcan throughout tribal lands and will have more details to come.

“The members of the TOR Project would like to dedicate these Narcan distribution initiatives to all of our tribal citizens we have lost too soon to opioid induced overdoses.”

## What Is Indigenous People’s Day?

By David Kaw

The Native Americans are the people that can be thought of as being of the Earth and Sky. Long before Columbus came, they inhabited the whole of North, Central and South America. They lived close to nature all their lives and had a deep spiritual life. They expressed a reverence for the land they lived on and had a sensitivity for all living things. It would be wise to follow and respect this ancient way of life instead of hurtling forward with our increasing pollution, population explosions, crime, wars, riots, and the disharmony that is leading us to a disastrous destiny.

Native American people believe that beautiful things form curves and circles. Take for instance a rainbow that is half a circle; they see it as a sign from the Great Spirit that we must complete the circle by making our lives as wonderful as the rainbow. It would be rude and unfair to refer to

the Native American’s religious beliefs as savage or barbarous especially because such words were used in the past to justify white treatment of the Native Americans. It was assumed by the early whites that if you call a Indian a savage this gave them the right to enslave him or put him on a reservation or treat him as inferior and to be manipulated and trained to change his outlook to that of his conquerors. But who has the right to judge who is inferior or superior?

The Native Americans had their own Prophets that came to them and directed their vision search and from it came those qualities of closeness and harmony with nature and with each other and is from which other peoples should learn. The Indigenous people are the true voices of Earth and Sky because they reflect their goodness and wisdom and it’s why they should be remembered.

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## Agenda Items:

1. A Tribal Council Resolution to select a Tribal Council Coordinator
2. A Tribal Resolution to approve the 2024 Tribal Budget
3. A Tribal Council Resolution to Support and Re-Establish Traditional, Cultural and Ceremonial Homelands in the State of Colorado
4. A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution Regarding Residency Requirements
5. A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for Term Limits
6. A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for the Executive Branch Candidates
7. A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution to include an At-Large Legislator for Out of District Tribal Members
8. A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for the authority on Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (GRAP)
9. A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to Amend the Constitution for the Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (GRAP) percentages
10. A Tribal Council Resolution to Keep Per Cap
11. A Tribal Council Resolution to Determine Funding Based on Voter Population
12. A Tribal Council Resolution for Expenditure Reports from the Legislature
13. A Tribal Council Resolution for a Homeless Shelter
14. A Tribal Council Resolution for the Colony Pow-Wow Carnival & Pageant
15. A Tribal Council Resolution to Increase Elders Checks to \$500.00
16. A Tribal Council Resolution for Tribal Identification Card Changes
17. A Tribal Council Resolution to Add Two At Large Legislative Seats

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# Judge Releases Decision in Civil Suit: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes vs Universal Entertainment Group et al

(CONCHO, OK) Civil suit, filed in 2017 by former Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ governor, Eddie Hamilton finally has its day in court. Testimony began Sept. 11. 2023 in Case No. CIV-2017-74-B Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes vs Universal Entertainment Group et al, Isaias Almira, Tatian Vlasenko, Fox & Berc, LLC, Sooner Biofuels-Brian Foster, Richard Grellner, Jancie Boswell, B.J.P. Consulting LLC – Barbara JoAnn Paukei. After three days of testimony, sitting Judge Michael Belanger entered judgement on the case on Sept. 15, 2023, in favor of the defendants Janice Boswell and Richard Grellner.

Judge Belanger wrote, in part, “*a Tribal official is not liable for acts undertaken by them in their official capacity and within the scope of their authority, except for suits in equity. Constitution, Article X, Section 3. Both defendants were acting in good faith for the Tribes and performing their official duties of their respective position during the Poker Tribes project. This case was not brought as a suit in equity, but one to obtain*

*a money judgment. The Tribes’ claim against Grellner was modified prior to trial to restitution, a claim in equity for the fees paid him. Because there was not complaint about the quality of the work performed by him, in good faith and in accord the direction he received from the TGC and the Governor; there is no basis for restitution.*”

Some of those who testified included former governor Janice Boswell, former financial compliance officer and husband to Janice Boswell, Frank Boswell, former gaming commissioner attorney Rick Grellner, former gaming commissioner Clayton PrairieChief and former vendor licensing specialist Kendrick Sweezy.

The case Florida businessman Fred “Prince Fred” Khalilian, who helped sell a never-realized gaming venture to the tribes called Pokertribes.com.

Khalilian, along with his business partners from the Florida company Universal Entertainment Group cheated the tribes out of \$9.45 million for the gaming website, which was never fully functional. The law-

suit claims Khalilian and U.E.G. actually had no legal right to sell the Pokertribes.com software to the tribes. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes folded plans for Pokertribes.com in 2014 under the administration of former governor Eddie Hamilton.

In June 2023, the arrest of Khalilian was reported as “one of the strangest ongoing tales ever to leave its mark on the online-poker world.”

Khalilian, the man behind the failed efforts to launch PokerTribes.com and PokerTribe.com, was charged with orchestrating a murder-for-hire plot.

The would-be online poker kingpin who for years has referred to himself as “Prince Fred” and “Khalifa” was arrested in Las Vegas accused of hiring a former bodyguard to kill a Los Angeles-based filmmaker identified as “Victim One” in court documents. The filmmaker once worked for Khalilian and has been working since 2019 on an unflattering documentary about the alleged serial fraudster’s exploits and misdeeds over most of the past two decades.

The documentary is expected to include summaries of the years Khalilian spent trying to implant himself into the online poker and gambling worlds, including the failed PokerTribes.com (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes) and PokerTribe.com (Iowa Tribe) schemes. Those schemes saw Khalilian extract roughly \$20 million in funding from two separate Oklahoma tribal nations, one of which later sued him for failing to deliver a workable product.

Khalilian faces up to ten years in prison and a fine if convicted on the murder-for-hire charge.

In September 2020 Brian Foster was sentenced to 12 months and one day in federal prison for not filing federal income tax returns for calendar years 2012 and 2013 ... the same years he was CEO over Lucky Star Casinos. In court filings it showed Foster earned more than \$2.4 million in gross income during the two-year time span of 2012-2013. Foster was also ordered to pay over \$1 million in restitution to the Internal Revenue Service.

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Plaintiff

vs  
UNIVERSAL ENTERTAINMENT GROUP,  
et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. CIV-2017-74-B

FINDINGS OF FACT AND JUDGMENT

This case came on for trial in this Court for Plaintiff’s claims against Defendants, Janice Boswell and Richard Grellner on September 11, 2023. Prior to the beginning of the trial the parties completed a Trial Order that was signed by the Court. Following three days of testimony and entry of exhibits, all parties rested, and the trial phase was concluded on the afternoon of September 13. The Court, having reviewed the evidence, makes the following findings.

The basis of the actions against the Defendants, Boswell and Grellner, are the acts taken by them during the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes (the “Tribes”) attempt to provide on-line gaming, in addition to the casino gaming as provided for in the Tribal Gaming Ordinance (the “Ordinance”) lawfully adopted by the Tribes on April 3, 1993 and, with subsequent amendments, approved by the National Indian Gaming Commission (“NIGC”). Without such approval the Tribes cannot provide the casino games that it currently does.

**FACTS**

1. “Poker Tribes” was an on-line gaming platform that was being marketed to Indian tribes by Defendants, Universal Entertainment Group, LLC (“UEG”), Isaias Almira (“Almira”), and Fereidoun Khalilian (“Khalilian”).

2. The Attorney General of the Tribes, Charles Morris, met with representative of UEG in Las Vegas and returned to the Tribes with the idea that this was something that should be looked into, and he disclosed the information about Poker Tribes to the management of the casinos and the Gaming Commission of the Tribes (“TGC”) and to the Governor, Janice Boswell.

3. Defendant Grellner was the attorney for the Gaming Commission at that time and advised them with regard to acquiring Poker Tribes and taking the necessary steps to implement internet gaming for the TGC.

4. Both Charles Morris, as Attorney General, and Richard Grellner in his role as attorney for the Gaming Commission advised Governor Boswell with regard to the acquisition and implementation by the Tribes of the internet platform Poker Tribes.com.

5. Governor Boswell was also advised by her other counsel, the Colorado law firm of Frederick, Peebles and Morgan, from time to time on actions related to the acquisition and implementation of Poker Tribes by the Tribes.

6. Governor Boswell took no actions that hadn’t been reviewed and recommended by her attorneys; and the officers she had appointed.

7. The Gaming Commission, appointed by the Governor, controlled the Tribes casinos in accord with the Ordinance. The Tribes own the casinos through a special enterprise corporation, also as required by the Ordinance; and the CEO of the casinos is directly in charge of all gaming operations. To change the Ordinance would require Tribal Council action and then it would have to be acceptable to the National Indian Gaming Commission.

8. Grellner’s contract with the Gaming Commission (“Grellner Contract”) entered in July 2012 provided he would receive \$12,000 per month as a flat fee, and \$350.00 per hour for time spent on litigation. Additionally, Grellner would receive one percent (1%) of the gross network fees generated by Poker Tribes.

9. TGC did not timely pay the fees required by the Grellner Contract from time to time.

10. Governor Boswell approached Mr. Grellner with the idea that since his work benefited UEG, they should pay half of his fees.

11. Mr. Grellner negotiated with UEG for the payment of one-half of his fees and UEG agreed.

12. Mr. Grellner disclosed this potential conflict of interest to the TGC board and the Governor and both approved of his agreement to get half the fees from UEG. It was also disclosed to the State of Oklahoma attorney who was reviewing the requested modification of the State Gaming Compact between the Tribes and the State for the State.

13. Mr. Grellner was able to get the gaming ordinance amended to include internet gaming subject to approval of the NIGC. His representation of both the Tribes and UEG did not adversely affect the Tribes.

14. Governor Boswell authorized all actions taken by the TGC to get internet gaming approved and to acquire the Poker Tribes platform, based on the advice she received from the various lawyers who represented her and the Tribes.

15. All actions taken by Governor Boswell were undertaken in her official capacity as Governor and not as an individual.

16. Governor Boswell did not receive any benefits, or any items of compensation related to her approval of the Poker Tribes project.

17. The Tribes withdrew their attempts at implementing Poker Tribes after the installation of a new administration in 2018. This was largely on the advice of the counsel for the new Governor.

18. Poker Tribes was then taken over and implemented by the Iowa Tribe.

19. The actions of Governor Boswell and Richard Grellner were not the cause of losses to the Tribes.

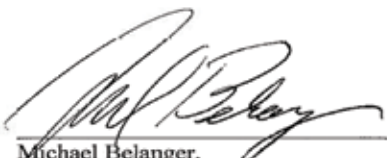
JUDGEMENT

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**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that Judgment be entered in favor of the Defendants, Janice Boswell and Richard Grellner.

**Dated:** September 15, 2023.

  
Michael Belanger,  
Judge of the Cheyenne & Arapaho  
Trial Court



# Where Long Hair Got Rubbed Out

June 25, 2023 was the anniversary of “Where Long Hair Got Rubbed Out”, also known as the Battle at Greasy Grass and more widely known as “Custer’s Last Stand.” The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Max Bear attended anniversary events hosted at the Little Bighorn National Monument in Montana.

Traveling in place of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana, Bear planned to meet up with the Northern Cheyenne relatives and Vice President Ernest Littlemouth Sr., to ensure the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes were given the opportunity to speak. Littlemouth, who has always been adamant about partnering historical and cultural initiatives with the Cheyenne and Arapaho, yielded his speaking spot on the agenda to Bear.

The anniversary event, themed “Peace Through Unity” lasted most of the day. A nice sunny day with the temperatures in the mid 80s made for a pretty weather day. Some small events began on Friday but the most of the events and speakers were on the actual anniversary date of June 25.

‘Cheyenne Memories’ began at 11 a.m., the Northern Cheyenne time slotted for Northern Cheyenne dignitaries and speakers. Bear was also spoke on behalf of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Following the ‘Cheyenne Memories’ the descendants of Yellownose, a Ute captive living amongst the Cheyenne,



**Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Historic Preservation Officer Max Bear speaks at the June 25 commemoration of the Battle at Greasy Grass, or more commonly known as “Custers Last Stand. (Submitted photo)**

recounted his story during the battle. Yellow Nose was living with the Cheyenne since he was very young and participated in the battle. He was the warrior that initially wounded Custer. The descendants told the account of Yellow Nose in great detail of how he captured a company guidon and with blood running down his face, reached in to his quiver and felt for his best arrow, and with limited vision made the shot that knocked Custer down in battle which led to his ultimate demise.

On Monday June 26 the Northern Cheyenne Tribe hosted a workshop at their tribal administration complex in Lane Deer. The workshop was titled ‘Breaking Free from Fort Dependency’ and covered important topics that affect Indigenous peoples every day.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes received the invite to attend from

Eugene Little Coyote, executive assistant to the Northern Cheyenne Vice-President.

“This workshop was very informational pertaining to many issues that face our people on daily basis,” Bear said.

Bear and Little Coyote discussed a plan to modify the workshop to present to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people in the future.

“Along with the Little Bighorn anniversary event and the workshop at the Northern Cheyenne administration building. The Northern Cheyenne and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will be establishing great opportunities in the future that both tribal nations can benefit from ... our people’s language, culture, and heritage. For the 2024 anniversary commemoration the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will be planning to attend and contribute to the anniversary event.”

## DR. MANN

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Making reference to her tribal citizenship, Mann said, “I have walked long on this earth, 89 years. I belong to the Cheyenne people of this land. I am so pleased to have the governor of this tribe sitting in the audience.”

During a biographical video that was played as her honor was announced, Mann said it was “an unfortunate experience with discrimination” that led her to become an educator.

Mann holds a Ph.D. in American Studies from the University of New Mexico. She taught and helped create Native Studies curriculums at the University of Montana, Montana State University, the University of California-Berkeley, Harvard University and Haskell Nations University.

In 1991, Rolling Stone Magazine named her one of the 10 leading professors in the nation. In 2008, she received the lifetime achievement award from the National Indian Education Association.

In an interview prior to the awards program, Mann said educators must be “innovative and creative” to determine how to create Native Studies curricula to cover the vast number of tribes.

“You have to decide whether to teach by region, by state, or a general survey course, or just the highlights,” she said. “For example, it is important for the average college student to know the contributions we as the First Nations have made to this country. We kept those immigrants alive through that first winter. We shared, and they took the land.”

At the University of Montana-Missoula, where she taught for 28 years, many students enrolled in just one Native Studies course and about 90 percent were non-Native, Mann said.

“I was undertaking a peaceful revolution,” she said.

During her acceptance speech, Mann referenced climate change.

“It is those of us who have lived on this place the longest, we are the keeper people of this earth. That is the mandate that the Great Spirit gave to us, to protect this earth,” she said.

“This is a place to call home forever and ever. I want you to remember your stewardship, and remember the people suffering the floods and the earthquakes



**Dr. Henrietta Mann awaits the start of the Tribal Nations Gala along with her granddaughter, Moriah Whiteman, of El Reno, and Mann’s daughter Jackie Whiteman, of Las Vegas. (Photo / Kimberly Burk)**

in faraway places.”

Dr. Henrietta Mann:

Dr. Henrietta Mann, Tsetsehestaestse (Cheyenne), left her position as Professor of Native American Studies at the University of Montana, Missoula in 2000 to become the first individual to occupy the Katz Endowed Chair in Native American Studies at Montana State University-Bozeman, where she is Professor Emerita, and was also the Special Assistant to the President until 2016. She has also served as the founding president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College.

\*1991-Rolling Stone Magazine named Dr. Mann one of the ten leading professors in the nation.

\*2008-She received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the National Indian Education Association.

\*2013-The College Board, Native American Student Advocacy Institute (NASAI) presented her with its first Lifetime Achievement Award.

\*2014-MONEY magazine named her a MONEY Hero Award Winner, one of 50 Unsung Heroes/50 States, for her extraordinary work with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College improving the financial well-being of others.

\*2016-She was one of two Native Americans elected to the National Academy of Education and Indian Country Today’s 50 Faces of Indian Country.

\*2023-Dr. Mann received the National Humanities Medal from President Joe Biden.

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The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Xavier Becerra and IHS Director Roselyn Tso had the privilege of meeting with tribal leaders from the Secretary’s Tribal Advisory Committee and Direct Service Tribes Advisory Committee during the week of Sept. 11 in Rapid City, S.D.

This gathering was the first of its kind, bringing together the DSTAC and the STAC, highlighting the critical importance of collaboration and unity when it comes to health care delivery across IndianCountry.



Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana pictured with HHS Secretary Xavier Becerra, HIS Director Roselyn Tso and other IHS and tribal leaders during the Direct Service Tribal Advisory Committee meeting in Rapid City, S.D. (Photo / Jennifer Reeder, Caddo Nation)

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“This has been a way for us to assist in prescribed fire activities on a state level to where we’re promoting good fire and this is one way of us doing that, helping our partners and in return them helping us too as well because it’s kind of a shared responsibility to take care of our lands, that’s what this is about, building a partnership to be able to be on a broader spectrum for conservation,” Daw said.

According to the Nature Conservancy website, fire is beneficial because it helps preserve biodiversity by maintaining habitat for species that need sunny, open conditions to germinate and thrive.

With many benefits that fire provides to nature and people, some benefits include controlling overgrowth of woodlands, preventing wildfires, providing grasslands for wildlife and sustaining critical habitats for endangered birds.

Daw said there is other benefits to prescribed burns as well, such as cost effectiveness.

“For instance we burned a pile in Concho, Okla., the other day, there’s a big pile that everybody throws their bushes in, well the management on that is if they can have a place to burn or stack their leaves, put their limbs and whatnot, we can come in and burn it at a more cost effective way for the tribe to get rid of it all,” Daw said.

Alongside effective man-hours, Daw said another big takeaway to burning is the ecological prairie restorations and hazard fuels reduction.

“Getting rid of all the dead and down branches, limbs that may be accumulated over the years, we’ll get rid of those so that helps in mitigating catastrophic wildfires and also, too, with the conservation part, giving the animals a place to go, wildlife habitat, things like that so we’d rather do the burning and land management on the front end so that way we’re not having to deal with wildfires and destroying it and starting over again,” Daw said.

For the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management to receive the honor, Daw said it’s important to show that the tribes are involved in conservation and that they are active in fire management as a stewardess of the lands.

“I think it gives people other perspectives on what we do, everybody thinks we’re just firefighters and that we just go fight fire but that’s not everything that fire management does, we do conservation and try to take care of our land,” Daw said.

Daw said with all the wildfires that are happening, es-



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Administration executive director Sabrina Norris, Phillip Daw, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management officer and acting director, Robert Spottedwolf, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management fire operations specialist and Cheryl Candy, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management office manager. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

pecially within the past couple years throughout the nation, people are starting to realize the need to start taking care of our lands. Whether it is through fire management, land management or natural resources.

“I think it’s going to take an effort of all of us to be able to achieve what we’re trying to do and mitigating large wildfires to the point where we won’t have to have a Smokey Bear anymore and things like that to help prevention, I think the more that we’re actively out there doing land conservation and showing that we care, that there might be other people that want to do that too as well,” Daw said.

And as Native Americans have been taking care of the land for thousands of years, Daw said it’s inside them as fire fighters to do the same.

“For us, it’s in us to be able to know what to do, we just need to be able to come together and do it as a whole because that’s what this is about too, we can’t do it all on our own so we have to have outside help too so nature conservancy and other agencies that might be able to pitch in and help us, we’re trying to make it a big collaborative effort for prescribed burning and land management as a whole,” Daw said.

## Letter to the Editor

Since 2006, we, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens have tried, oftentimes, in vain to implement the Constitution “sold” to us by an attorney. I cannot imagine that he wrote it for free. This form of government replaced what some of us remember as the Business Committee.

In our elections, tribal citizens vote, some do not. I believe some don’t vote because it was not our way. I can respect that. However, it is that which we operate presently. It is the basis with which decisions are made, but its’ interpretation is being slaughtered, abused, and loopholes are being utilized by those who find and use them to their advantage. Nonetheless, I am not here to write about the constitution.

What I do want to express here is the state of our Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation. Are you happy with where we are? Do not confuse being proud of WHO we are with taking a critical look at where we are as a Nation. Have we put our best foot forward? Have we been inclusive of all enrolled tribal citizens? Have we pushed ourselves hard enough that we progress?

Currently, we have an impending election for a few legislative seats and election commission seats. We need to fill them with the best person to do the job. We have amendments that are needed to make changes to our Constitution. We can throw the Constitution out and start all over, as I have heard a few want to do, but I don’t think this is the answer.

At present, we have a small pool of candidates to elect leadership. Of all registered voters, the out of district enrollees out number the in-district enrollees. Our tribal membership is changing. No longer do we all live in-and-around

the tribal headquarters, rather, we have migrated to where jobs lead us. Some tribal citizens were not born in Oklahoma and have never been to Concho. We now have one-eighths. It is up to us, the greater membership to welcome these new tribal citizens and to share our culture in order to become a stronger Nation. The larger the pool of candidate choices, the more opportunity we have to elect the right leadership. In my experience, the broader the experiences a professional has, the more he or she can bring to our tribe.

Another proposed amendment concerns residency requirements of tribal leadership. Presently, candidates must reside in-district. Again, this is detrimental to the selection process. Why shoot our selves in the foot? We have an understated need to open up this barrier to electing the right leadership.

In addition to these proposed constitutional amendments, the tribe has morphed and continues to whether or not we are ready. Change is difficult, but necessary in order to prosper. We need employment., amongst other needs. Sure, there are many jobs listed for our casino, but not every tribal citizen will be employed at our casinos. We don’t just live in tribal jurisdiction either. We have, over time, moved away, had children and grandchildren. It’s the natural progression of life. We are still a part of the circle, but the circle has shifted and it’s the tribal leadership that should recognize the changes within our circle. Then they must govern accordingly.

Not only do we need jobs, we need investment in the people. No, we are not asking for hand-outs, rather, we are telling leadership that we have suffered generational trauma, that we are still suffering repercussions years later. We

are transitioning to the changes to how we once lived before the white man came. They tried to make us like them. Sadly, some Natives did buy into this absurdity, perhaps as a way of self-protection. The point being, the colloquialisms of “where there’s a will, there’s a way” and “pull yourself up by your bootstraps” cannot and should not be applied to everyone in our Nation. As I have mentioned to our legislators, our Cheyenne and Arapaho are not to be compared to the larger American culture. We have our own unique health issues, live shorter lives, have higher rates of unemployment, etc. We must have leadership that is willing to learn the differences. Makes me think of a resolution that is being asked of our legislators, that of dementia and the people of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members. Although, we are not immune from dementia, we have larger and more pronounced health issues, drug and alcohol addiction, diabetes, and other daily life issues. Who’s benefiting with this study? Where are our priorities?

Money has changed us. Power is a close second. To be able to spend without worrying about where your next dollar will come from is a luxury. Money does not “fix” things, hard work does. Empathy does. Also, a willingness to go over and beyond is expected of leadership.

When casting your ballot, or voting in the upcoming annual tribal council meeting, remind yourself of these issues. Remind yourself, that no matter how painful change can be, it’s necessary for growth.

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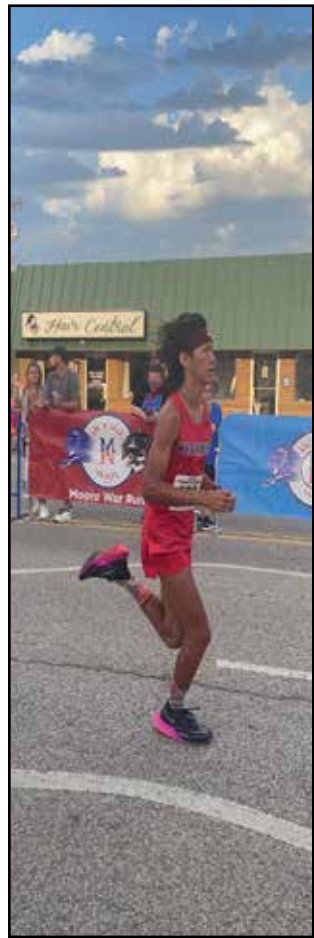
Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

# Angelo Jenkins, West Moore High School

With a growing passion for running, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Angelo Jenkins, 18, runs to see another day of progress on the open terrain.

Born in Weatherford, Okla., and raised in Oklahoma City, Jenkins is a senior at Westmoore High School in Oklahoma City.

As an avid runner, Jenkins participates in cross-country and track and field, while also participating in other sports such as soccer and basketball. Jenkins said his love for running became his main sport of interest.



“I first started in seventh grade, I did it because I had previously done soccer and basketball and I figured doing cross-country would get me in shape for those sports and I just started to love it as time passed,” Jenkins said.

While focusing on running as a sport, Jenkins said he discovered he had some talent in his running ability and wanted to keep up with it.

“I love that I can track my progress and I can look back and see where I came from over the years, just set goals and let everything work out,” Jenkins said.

His inspiration for running comes from his family as well as former school teammates that have already graduated.

“The seniors that already graduated, they’re kind of my role models, I just want to be like them and my parents, they did running back then and they used to run, I think both my parents ran a marathon and I always thought they were really cool and

tough and I wanted to be like that too,” Jenkins said.

As team captain for cross-country, Jenkins hopes to see his team make it to the state championship.

“I think we have it this year because we had it the past couple years and everyone’s working hard. We all really want to win state so we’re just going to keep striving for that. I think we can do it,” Jenkins said.

With the season already in full speed, Jenkins said what he looks forward the most this season is to break the school record of 15:45 and podium for state.

Jenkin’s personal record so far in the season is 16:41 that he ran at the Moore War Run, an annual 5k supporting students of Moore and Westmoore high schools.

For the season, Jenkins said he wants to work on staying consistent with his running.

“Sometimes I do really good other times I do kind of bad, I just want to continue to do good for us this season, just stay strong mentally,” Jenkins said.

And part of being consistent is having a consistent running schedule. Jenkins said he runs almost every day of the week.

“Some people take Sundays off but I like to keep my miles high every week, so I do just a light run on Sundays, Tuesdays are like our hard days, we do faster running and most of our meets are on Saturday so Friday we keep it easy, most of the times we do mileage to keep our base up,” Jenkins said.

Being an avid runner, Jenkins said it’s important to cooperate and be a leader.

“Consistency and also cross country’s a team sport so you can’t be on bad terms with your teammates because you need them and it’s good to be encouraging to everybody even if they’re not the nicest,” Jenkins said.

While maintaining a 2.76 GPA, Jenkins said school is what motivates him to work hard so he’s able to participate in sports.

“You have to turn in all your work and that kind of motivated me to try hard in school because if I don’t I won’t be able to participate while everyone’s running I’ll just be at home or at school, when I could be running,” Jenkins said.

Jenkins said what he hopes to accomplish the most through running is making progress as he wants to see himself get better with hard work.

“When I’m running and I’m in pain I try to tell myself to keep going and to ignore the pain because it does get hard, my mind wants to give up but I try to trick my mind into keep going because your body does more than your mind can do, your mind wants you to stop but your body can keep going you just have to ignore that pain and get through it,” Jenkins said.



Anticipated to graduate in the spring of 2024, Jenkins hopes to continue his running career at the college level.

Jenkin’s grandparents are Larry and Pauline Roman Nose. His parents are Lloyd Jenkins and Nona Roman Nose, and he has one sister Ricky Jenkins.

# Historic Watonga Indian Cemetery



In 1897 the American Baptist Home Missionary Society purchased land in Blaine County that today is known as the Watonga Indian Cemetery. The cemetery is located just outside the city limits of Watonga, founded in 1892. The cemetery is the resting place to over 230 people who represent a large part of Cheyenne and Arapaho history. Chiefs, military Veterans, war heroes, scouts, prisoners of war, and artists were buried there.

Knowledgeable tribal authorities estimate that 35 Cheyenne chiefs are buried in the cemetery. Research is underway to correctly identify the chiefs. The chiefs in the

cemetery may include White Fool (1834 - 1921) who was wounded in the Washita Massacre, Joe Yellow Eyes (1889 - 1963), Henry Roman Nose (1856 - 1917), Iron Shirt (1837 - 1917), Red Bird (1871 - 1956), Magpie (1851 - 1931) who was wounded in the Washita Massacre, George Rearing Bull (1887 - 1968) who married Magpie’s daughter Grace, Richard Redmouth Goodbear (1882 - 1969), and Archie Blackowl Sr. (1911 - 1992).

Some of the earliest graves in the cemetery include Minema Antelope (1879 - 1905), Amy Left Hand (1899 - 1901), Little Hawk (1904 - 1905), Wina

Touching Ground (1886 - 1907), Walking Woman (1855 - 1908), Warpath Arapaho (1843 - 1907), Maude Yellow Calf (1906), and Straight Nose (1820 - 1907). Straight Nose was the father-in-law of Naomi Chief Killer.

Artists buried in the cemetery include Sampson Kelley (1871 - 1932). His mother Morning Alfrey, also known as Monahsith, was a survivor of the 1868 Washita Massacre. Following the attack, she and 52 other women and children were seized as prisoners of war by the U.S. Army. Sampson’s



Many first responders in the local community were invited to lunch and dinner at the El Reno Public Safety Center in El Reno, Okla. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

# Giving Thanks to Hometown Heroes: Lucky Star Casino Hosts 10<sup>th</sup> annual First Responders Appreciation Day

By Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

The 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of what has come to be known as the deadliest terrorist attack on American soil that killed nearly 3,000 people and injured more than 6,000, September 11, 2001, was a day that changed the lives of many.

With 9/11 serving as a day of remembrance and service, Lucky Star Casino wanted to show their appreciation to local first responders for their services to the community.

On Sept. 11, hot meals were freshly served to local first responders at the El Reno Public Safety Center in El Reno, Okla., for lunch and dinner.

Lucky Star Casino Insurance Specialist, Kristy Solansky said it’s a way for the casino to show their appreciation.

“We wanted to honor our first responders currently that are still actively serving but in remembrance of the ones that were lost on that tragic

day. It’s just an appreciation that Lucky Star Casino and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes does, this is our 10<sup>th</sup> annual one and just the least that we can do to show our appreciation and we just enjoy doing that,” Solansky said.

First responders including the El Reno Police Department, El Reno Fire Department, Canadian County Sheriff’s Office and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), as well as the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes EMS were in attendance.

Deputy Assistant Chief at El Reno Police Department, Kirk Dickerson said the department is thankful to be able to work with their tribal partners.

“The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes has shown and proven to be very caring and understanding of the public and the society at large and we’re very thankful to have the opportunity to come to-

gether and leave together on such a great day,” Dickerson said.

Coming together and remembering the lives of many that were lost on 9/11, Dickerson said it’s a day of memorium.

“It’s a horrible tragedy and unfortunately, it’s part of our history and we can’t undo that. All we can do is move forward and this opportunity for us to come together as partners is very beneficial, we can’t change the past but we can make our new future,” Dickerson said.

As part of their appreciation, Solansky said it also serves as a good community gathering for first responders.

“We do look forward to doing this for our local first responders every year just to show appreciation for everything that they do, their hard work and dedication, just our support of them,” Solansky said.



# Employment Opportunities

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Associate degree in related science field preferred, required high school diploma or GED certification. Two years work experience, preferably working with tribal programs and specifically environmental programs. Ability to work with limited supervision and complete assigned tasks in a timely manner. Computer literate with ability to learn new programs. Ability to learn to operate variety of office machines including water monitoring/testing equipment and software. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license and be available to travel both in state and out of state on a frequent basis.

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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: RICHARD LEE JOHNS  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER, 2023, at 10:00 A.M., O'clock, in the Courtroom, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
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Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Health							OCTOBER 2023
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
01	Elder Mental Health 2:00-5:00 Watonga ERC SINGO CINEMA HOCUS POCUS 6:00-8:00 PM Watonga ERC	05 Well-Child Checks Clinton Schools Talking Circle 1950 S Shepherd 6:00 PM	04 Talking Circle Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM	05 Well-Child Checks Clinton Schools Narcen Training Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM	06	07 TRIBAL COUNCIL 10:00 AM CONCHO RESPECT GYM	
08	09 SORRY WE'RE CLOSED INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY OETA-Ken Burns Documentary The American Buffalo	10 Well-Child Checks Darlington School Talking Circle 1950 S Shepherd 6:00 PM	11 Talking Circle Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM Elder Mental Health Clinton ERC 11:00-3:00 PM SINGO Clinton ERC 5-9 PM	12 AMU GEARY ERC 9:30-5:30 Narcen Training Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Clinton Community Center 5:30-8:30 PM	13	14	
15	Talking Circle Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM	17 Well-Child Checks Seiling School Talking Circle 1950 S Shepherd 6:00 PM	18 SINGO Elder Mental Health 11:00-3:00 PM Hammon ERC Talking Circle Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM	19 Narcen Training Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM Sasquats Challenge Fitness Center 9-4 PM HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Watonga ERC 5:30-8:30 PM	20	21 Comanche Nation Nightmare on Bingo Street Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton 3:00 PM	
22	25 Talking Circle Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM	24 Well-Child Checks Geary Schools Talking Circle 1950 S Shepherd 6:00 PM	23 College and Career Fair T - Concho RESPECT Gym 10:00-2:00 Talking Circle Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM	26 Well-Child Checks Arapaho-Butler Schools AMU GEARY ERC 9:30-5:30 Elder Mental Health 11:00-3:00 PM Geary ERC HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL Concho Pow Wow Grounds 5:30-8:30 PM	27	28	
29	30 Talking Circle Virtual-Zoom 2:00 PM	31 Trunk or Treat Concho RESPECT Gym 10:00 AM					

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In the Matter of: )  
KATHRYN ALICE BLACKOWL. )  
VS. ) Case No. CIV-2023-0036  
JOSHUA ALAN IVERSON )

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: JOSHUA ALAN IVERSON  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2023, at 10:00 A.M., in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Dated at the Trial Court this 14<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

Tammy Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of: )  
SHAELYNN SHELburne )  
VS. ) Case No. CIV-2023-0032  
DEMARCUS DUPREE ) CIV-2023-0033

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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: DEMARCUS DUPREE  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

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In the Matter of: )  
ALISA C. MACKETY )  
VS. ) Case No. CIV-2023-0035  
BARRICK E. JENKINS )

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: BARRICK E. JENKINS  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

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In the Matter of the Application of: )  
CHEZDON BLAYNE BISSONETTE ) Case No. CIV-2023-0076  
DOB: 04/06/2005 )  
To Change His/Her Name )

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that CHEZDON BLAYNE BISSONETTE has filed in this Court for Petition For Name Change, as follows, to wit; from CHEZDON BLAYNE BISSONETTE to CHEZDON BLAYNE RIVERS 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 1<sup>st</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2023 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2023.

Kendall Charley, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of the Application of: )  
A.S.A.W. ) Case No. CIV-2023-0084  
Minor Child )  
Change of Name )  
By Next of Kin )  
Gregory D. Spotted Bird )

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that GREGORY D. SPOTTED BIRD has filed in this Court a Petition for Name Change on behalf of A.S.A.W., a minor child, as follows, to wit; from A.S.A.W. to A.S.A.S. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 2023 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 11<sup>th</sup> day of SEPTEMBER, 2023.

Darrin Matzarne, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter of the Guardianship of: )  
C.M. ) Case No: PG-2016-0112  
I.G. )  
Minor Children. )

NOTICE OF ANNUAL REVIEW HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: EDWARDLIE GARCIA-SOTO

The above-styled case is hereby set for Hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of OCTOBER 2023, at 10:00 A.M. O'clock, in the Courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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# CEMETERY

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grandfather, Little Rock, was killed at Washita.

A hero of the Sand Creek Massacre was Chief Iron Shirt. During the chaos of the attack, he rescued his young niece Standing, whose father Yellow Fingernails was killed in the attack. Iron Shirt rode to the girl, pulled her onto his horse and took her to safety. She later became the wife of Henry Roman Nose. Standing was buried in an unmarked grave near the grave of her grandson Milan Roman Nose. Iron Shirt may have attended the 1867 Medicine Lodge Peace Council. His band of Cheyenne were present in 1874 when Plains Indians were attacked by the U.S. Army in Palo Duro Canyon. Cheyenne fleeing the 1875 Sand Hill Fight found refuge at the camp of Iron Shirt north of present-day Watonga. Chief Iron Shirt was buried near Chief Henry Roman Nose.

In 1875 the U.S. army accused 72 Plains Indians of war crimes and held them as prisoners of war at the Fort Marion military prison in Florida. Two of the Cheyenne captives, Medicine Water and Chief Killer, were accused of a deadly attack on a white family near Fort Wallace, Kansas in 1874. Sprinkle Horse Woman (1873 - 1941) and Mrs. Chief Killer (1852 - 1911) were buried in the cemetery. Sprinkle Horse Woman was the daughter of Medicine Water, and Mrs. Chief Killer may have been the wife of Chief Killer. Chief Killer's daughter was Naomi Chief Killer.

Two of the Fort Marion captives, David Pendleton Oakerhater and Chief Henry Roman Nose, were buried in the cemetery.

Oakerhater (1846 - 1931) was a war Veteran, Fort Marion prisoner of war, prolific



Participants who attendede a September 21 meeting to discuss the importance of preserving the Watonga Indian Cemetery included, l-r: Melvin Roman Nose, Tami Zum-Mallen, Dee Cordry, Quinton Roman Nose, Larry Roman Nose, Governor Reggie Wassana, Donna Nicholson, Teresa French, Jeff Nicholson and Bobby Bolton. (Submitted photo)

artist, and Episcopal missionary. He performed missionary work at the Whirlwind Mission until he retired in 1918. In 1986 Oakerhater was named a saint by the Episcopal Church. Oakerhater became a member of the Bent family when he married Susie Anna Bent. Susie was the great-granddaughter of White Thunder, Keeper of the Sacred Medicine Arrows. When Susie's uncle Robert Bent died, Oakerhater conducted the graveside service. Robert Bent's daughter White Woman Curtis (1867 - 1946) was buried in the cemetery.

Chief Henry Roman Nose was a war Veteran, Fort Marion prisoner of war, army scout, Indian policeman, artist, and businessman. Henry's role as an artist is still the subject of research. The allotments of Henry Roman Nose, his wife Standing, their son John, Standing's daughter Little Woman, and Standing's mother Medicine Road became Roman Nose State Park. John's daughter Stella Bessie Roman Nose Blackbear (1926 - 2018) is a direct descendant of White

Thunder, Keeper of the Sacred Medicine Arrows. Henry was involved with the Ghost Dance movement and later became a member of the Native American Church. Following his incarceration at Fort Marion, Henry attended school at Hampton and Carlisle. Because he could read and write, Henry was able to assist tribal members in ways that other chiefs could not.

Larry, Quinton, and Melvin Roman Nose are Veterans, and great grandsons of Chief Henry Roman Nose. Quinton is a member of the board of directors of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society. Larry is a Cheyenne chief. The brothers have a strong appreciation of Cheyenne history. In 2023 they began visiting with community members, tribal officials, historians, and other supporters to raise awareness of the cemetery and those who are buried there. The brothers have discussed options such as a memorial honoring those who rest in peace in the Watonga Indian Cemetery.

# OBITUARIES

## Bernice Whiteshirt

Bernice Whiteshirt was born Nov. 7, 1960 in Lawton, Okla., to Virgil and Winnie Mae (Chiefly) Whiteshirt. She passed away on Sept. 10, 2023 in Oklahoma City. Bernice enjoyed watching OU and the OKC Thunder play. She was a very gentle soul who will be missed and cherished by all. Bernice was preceded in death by her parents, brothers, Virgil Whiteshirt Jr. and Alfred Whiteshirt, sisters, Winona Whiteshirt, Dorothy Whiteshirt and Donna Meat

and grandson Warren Silverhorn.

Survivors include two children, daughter Melissa Whiteshirt and son Andrew Whiteshirt, grandchildren, Joseph Barnett, Bruce Casteel, Kasarah Meat, Michael Casteel Jr. and Myles Whiteshirt, several nieces, nephews and many friends.

Wake services were held Sept. 14 at the Canton Emergency Response Center in Canton, Okla., with Pastor Waylan Upchego officiating. Funeral services were held



Sept. 15, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.

## Jana Beth Howlingwolf

Jana Beth Howlingwolf was born Oct. 31, 1971, to Wesley Howlingwolf and Margaret (Hayes) Howlingwolf in Clinton, Okla., and passed away Sept. 13, 2023, in the St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Howlingwolf was raised in Arapaho, Okla., and graduated from Arapaho High School in 1989. She was a standout basketball player while in high school, her senior year she averaged 28 points per game. She received a basketball scholarship to Clendon, Texas and later transferred to Seminole Jr. College in Seminole, Okla. She later continued her education at the Frances Tuttle Vo-Tech School in Oklahoma City, working towards her nursing career.

She was employed with Indian Health Services in Oklahoma City as well as

the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute.

She was a member of the Indian Baptist Church; she loved all sports and was a major fan of the Oklahoma Sooners Sports and the Blazers Hockey Team. She loved to watch television and had several favorite shows she watched.

She was preceded in death by her father.

She is survived by her daughter Demetra Howlingwolf, son Trey Meely of Shawnee, Okla., mother Margaret Howlingwolf of Clinton, sisters, Rhonda Howlingwolf of Clinton, Anita Spradlin of Oklahoma City, Dena Howlingwolf of Clinton, Shannon Littleman of Hammon, Okla., Lillie Higgins of Hammon, Bridget Higgins of Hammon, Mary Joe Higgins of Hammon, and brothers, Wesley Howl-



ingwolf Jr. of Eufaula, Okla., and Byron Howlingwolf of Oklahoma City. She is also survived by one grandchild Kyler Meely, Shawnee and Aunt Irene Hayes of Hammon.

Wake services were held Sept. 17 at the Clinton Indian Baptist church in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 18, at the same venue, officiated by Pastors Gerald Panana and Mona Bearshield, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery.

## Sandra Ann McCoy

Sandra Ann McCoy was born July 10, 1963, to James Rae McCoy and Elanor Carol Big Horse McCoy in Clinton, Okla., and passed away Sept. 13, 2023, in her Woodward home.

Sandra was raised in Clinton where she also attended school. She later received her GED and attended the vo-tech school. She had previously worked for the Lucky Star Casino as Security. She made her home in Woodward in 2018, to be close and live with her sister. She loved the time spent with her nieces, nephews and her animals.

She was a member of the

Indian Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents and sister Jacqueline McCoy.

She is survived by sister Connie McCoy of Woodward, and brother Brian Sperle and wife, Trista, of Clinton. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, Monica, Jose, Rogelio Rodriguez and Laura McCoy, Cooper Sperle and wife, Meredith of Huntsville, Ala., Hardy Sperle and Marle Sperle, both of Clinton, and Amanda Perez, of Oklahoma City.

Wake services were held Sept. 15 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Home Chapel in



Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 16, officiated by Pastor Delfred Whitecrow, at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla., followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.

## Julia Ann 'Tiny' Redbird

Julia Ann 'Tiny' Redbird died Sept. 9, 2023, at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Tiny was born Nov. 23, 1997, in Oklahoma City. She was a citizen of the Kiowa Tribe, member of the Powwow Club and attended Del City Church of the Nazarene. She loved music and her four chihuahua babies.

Tiny is survived by two brothers, Bruce Redbird and Devon Redbird of the home in Del City, adopted sister June Baker of Hollywood,


Fla., and numerous nieces and nephews.

Her parents, Parker Redbird Sr. and Annabell (Two Hatchet) Redbird and siblings, Emma Redbird, Emily Redbird-Waters, Parker Redbird Jr., John Redbird, Preston Redbird, William Redbird, and Esther Redbird Postoak, preceded her in death.


Wake services and funeral were held at the Del City Church of the Nazarene, with Rev. Vera Radley officiating,



followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.



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