

Justice Center and Water Treatment Plant announced by the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

(CONCHO, OK) Tribal citizens and the public are invited to join together for a double-header groundbreaking on a combined \$3.3 million Justice Center and new Water Treatment plant on Nov. 1, 2016.

The first groundbreaking will take place for the Water Treatment Center at 11 a.m. just west of the Concho Head Start building in Concho, Okla., followed by a luncheon at the Native American Church Building.

The second groundbreaking for the new state of the art Justice Center will be held at 1 p.m., southwest of the Concho Post Office.

Hosting the groundbreaking will be Cheyenne Arapaho Governor Eddie Hamilton, Lt. Governor Cornell Sankey, Westfahl Construction, Inc., Downey Contracting LLC and

Indian Health Services.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are proud to announce these two projects that were both passed by the Tribal Legislature. Construction for the two projects are expected to start immediately.

The \$2.1 million Justice Center will be a 7,900 square foot facility. Phase I of a three-part

project will include a courtroom and judicial offices. It's expected to be completed in one year.

The \$1.2 million Water Treatment Plant is a 2,501 square



foot facility that will treat and soften the water system that serves the Concho campus (which includes Lucky Star Casinos and Travel Stop). Its expected completion is the Summer 2017.



Honoring Chief Black Kettle and Little Raven

Oct. 15 was a day of remembrance for Cheyenne Chief Tall Bear is reviving the

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

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agle Valley Express Youth Center that mentored him when it was started by two high school teachers back in 1979.

by Cheyenne tribal member

Lewis (Keith) Tall Bear.

Eagle

start

One of those teachers, Carle King, is among the supporters of the new version. King was among those recognized by Tall Bear during the Oct. 15 concert.

After Tall Bear welcomed the crowd, spiritual advisors Cheyenne Chief Larry Roman Nose and John White Eagle Jr. conducted a traditional sweetgrass blessing ceremony, and then Rev. Geraldine Jenkins of Christ Gospel Church offered prayer. King, who is now associate pastor at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church, spoke on the need for the program to help youths avoid problems that harm the lives of too many.

Several dances to con-

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Black Kettle and Arapaho Chief Little Raven.

Family and friends gathered and celebrated with excitement the legacy and history that Black Kettle and Little Raven left behind at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU). Others came together to commemorate the dedication of Black Kettle Hall, a three-story dormitory building named after the Cheyenne Chief.

"We had had a building on campus, it was originally built as a dormitory, consisting of two buildings it was called the Parker Center and was named after the Comanche leader Quanah Parker. As we closed that down for several years and then opened it back up, it became two different purposes, the North Tower was academics or School of Nursing so we continue to call it the Parker Home, but the South Tower, we turned it into a renovated dormitory and we believed that since this was historically Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation area that we should rename the building for someone who exemplified the great things of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people and so we decided on Black Kettle. And also to include in that hall a display to the Arapaho Chief Little Raven, so today and from now on that renovated hall will be known as Black Kettle Hall," Randy Beutler, SWOSU president, said.

The dedication hall named after Black Kettle will be a dormitory for students living on campus. Inside the dormitory is also a memorial wall displaying the biography and history behind the Black Kettle and Little Raven legacy. Tribal members, along with the school officials, dedicated a Saturday afternoon to honoring the Black Kettle Hall. Family members of Black Kettle and Little Raven were also present to witness



Rita Black, third generation descendant of Cheyenne Chief Black Kettle, stands next to the Black Kettle memorial wall. (Photos by Latoya Lonelodge)

the honorable dedication of their long line of family history.

"Just knowing that his name and pictures of him and what he's done and his life is being brought out more for everybody to see is honoring. We're very honored and proud of what he did for his people, we wouldn't be here today. His grandchil-

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Eligibility Requirements: Completed Application & must be able to run one mile.

Applications can be picked up at the Culture & Heritage Program offices in Concho, Okla.

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C-A tribes and Tribal Nations collaborate with VA to host InterTribal Veterans Stand Down

(OKLAHOMA CITY) On Nov. 4, approximately 11 Tribal Nations, in collaboration with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Veteran Affairs (VA) Office of Tribal Government Relations, Oklahoma City VA Health Care System, and Eastern Oklahoma VA Health Care System, are coming together for the fourth annual Inter-Tribal Homeless Veterans Stand Down to service Native American homeless Veterans from the state of Oklahoma.

A myriad of services focusing on health care, mental health, housing, vocational rehabilitation, flu shots, job and employment, social security, community and tribal services will all be available. Federal, state and non-profit agencies will be available to include the Office of Special Trustee and Oklahoma Indian Legal Services to provide information to tribal members. Barbers will be on hand to provide free hair-

cuts and a clothing room focused on cold weather items will also be available.

If you have served in the military, in any capacity, this event is for you. If you are the widow of a Veteran and are not sure if you would qualify to receive benefits or services, you are highly encouraged to come to the event. Widows are encouraged to bring a copy of their marriage certificate, a copy of their spouses DD Form 214 (if they have one) and a copy of the death certificate (if applicable). Veterans should bring a copy of their DD form 214 and any other documentation they might need to be presented the day of the event. While the focus of the event is on the Native American Homeless Veteran population, all Veterans who attend will be served.

The event will begin at 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Cox Convention Center in Oklahoma City.

AARP continues tradition recognizing Native Elders at annual Indian Elder Honors

(OKLAHOMA CITY) One by one, the names and accomplishments of 50 Indian Elders were shared with an audience of more than 700 at AARP Oklahoma's eighth annual Indian Elder Honors celebration at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum Oct. 10 in Oklahoma City. As the distinguished honorees were announced, they stood to applause and a medallion was presented.

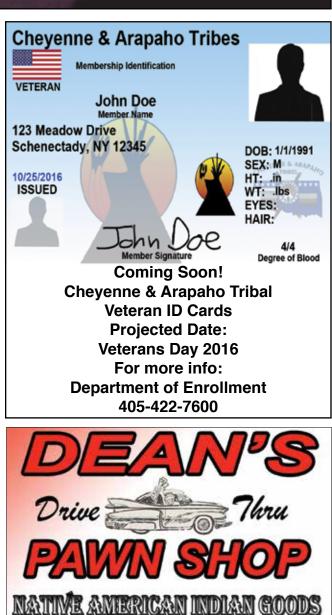
AARP State Director Sean Voskuhl

veterans and their families (John Wayne Cloud, Cherokee Nation) and;

A role model for multiple generations who led by example as a teacher, acclaimed coach, veteran as well as the roles he served in tribal appointments (Charles Coleman, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town).

Presenting the medal-







said, "This event celebrates a lifetime of service from these distinguished elders who have positively impacted their community, family, tribe and nation. Tonight, we honored teachers, veterans, nurses, artists, tribal leaders, language and culture preservationists and even a Pulitzer prize-winning author. One common thread between the honorees, regardless of the contributions, is the commitment to community and service."

During her remarks, AARP Oklahoma State President Joe Ann Vermillion said, "Tonight, in this place, as Oklahoma tribes and nations join together in a spirit of harmony and peace, we reflect and give thanks for the lives they have lived and the innumerable ways they have passed on their legacies to future generations."

Among this year's 50 Indian Elder Honorees from 29 Oklahoma tribes and nations were:

The first registrar for the Seminole Nation who, singlehandedly, enrolled 8,500 members by handwritten records. *(Jane McGiesey, Seminole Nation)*

A Pulitzer Prize winning author and winner of the White House Medal of Arts and acclaimed professor. (Dr. N. Scott Momaday, Kiowa Tribe)

One of the last remaining speakers of the Quapaw language, this elder made it a life goal to preserve the culture and language for future generations by developing an educational curriculum. (Ardina Revard Moore, Quapaw Tribe and Osage Nation)

A founding member of the National Indian Youth Council and member of the Red Power Movement and American Indian Movement at Wounded Knee (Viola Sutton Hatch, Cheyenne & Arapaho);

A respected Vietnam veteran who committed to bettering the lives of lions to the honorees were Joe Ann Vermillion, AARP State President, and Michael Bird, AARP Advisor of Multicultural Leadership and Mashell Sourjohn, AARP Associate State Director Outreach.

Reverend Dr. David Wilson, Conference Superintendent of the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference of the United Methodist Church, was awarded the

Dr. John Edwards Memorial Leadership Award. Wilson, a member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, remarked during his acceptance speech that, "Whatever you do, you should do your best with your heart and mind."

The Dr. John Edwards Memorial Leadership Award honors an individual whose positive impact embodies the spirit of Dr. Edwards, who passed away in 2014.

Vermillion said the AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors, which has recognized 400 elders from all 39-federally recognized tribes and nations in Oklahoma since its inception in 2009, is the largest gathering of its kind in the state and perhaps in the nation.

"All Oklahomans are standing on the shoulders of people like tonight's honorees," she said. "Whether they are well known or exhibit the quiet devotion to family and community, collectively, this year's AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honorees represent what is best about Native American people in Oklahoma: love of family, dedication to culture and respect for all people."

Vermillion noted that AARP Oklahoma continues to expand its work on issues affecting Native Americans in the state, particularly working to address health disparities, transportation

Viola Sutton Hatch Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

needs and cultural preservation. She invites anyone interested to join the AARP Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Community Group by sending an e-mail to: ok@aarp.org. More information about AARP Oklahoma's Native American outreach can be found at www.aarp.org/ ok.

Viola Sutton Hatch - Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes

Hatch is a founding member of the National Indian Youth Council and was a member of the Red Power Movement and American Indian Movement at Wounded Knee. She attended school in Canton and the Concho Indian Boarding School where she successfully sued Canton schools regarding the right of students to obtain an education. She served on the national 1970 Special Recommendation on Indian Affairs delivered by President Nixon and the 1976 American Indian Policy Review Commission to address civil rights, federal programs, and sovereignty. She has opened senior and youth centers to address high Indian drop-out rates, homelessness, Native economic development programs, and tribal human services. She volunteers her time as a cultural, heritage and activist speaker. She serves on the Southern Arapaho Language Advisory Board and is a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes board member.

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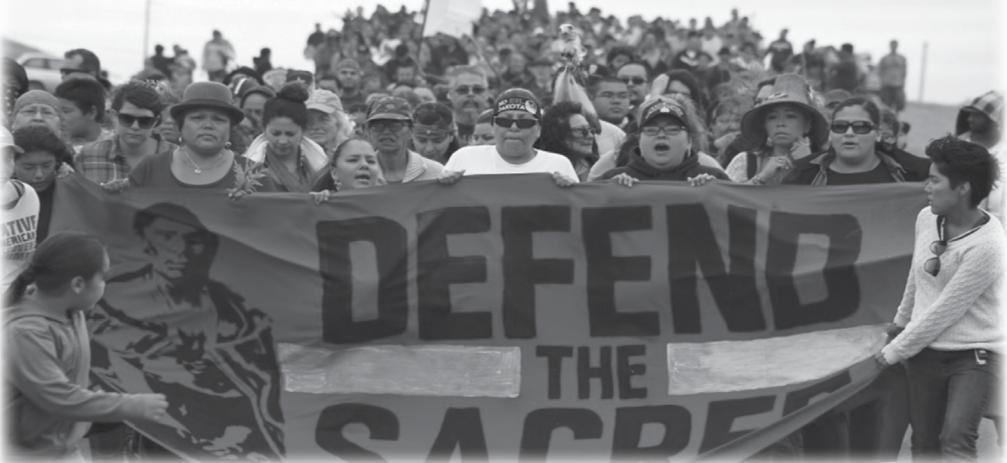
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Water protectors stand their ground in Cannonball, N.D. Ongoing violence on behalf of law enforcement continues to rise as 126 arrests were made over the weekend of Oct. 22-23.

Texas locals are joining a national movement against the Dakota Access pipeline

Everyone needs drinking wa-

Kristy Willis, Choctaw

ter. Not only this generation, but

generations to come.

Pen in hand, Tucker Dean stopped to sign his name.

"I want to help out any way I can," said the University of Texas-Arlington (UTA) drama major. "I just disagree with it in general."

The "it" he doesn't like is the Dakota Access pipeline, proposed to transport about half a million barrels of crude oil daily across four states and more than 1,000 miles.

Dean was one of about 50 people, students and non-students, who had stopped by UTA's University Center Mall during a pipeline protest. To show support for the Standing Rock Sioux, a 16,000-member North Dakota tribe affected by the pipeline, all 12 active members

of UTA's Native American Student Association arrived (at different times) to help collect signatures to add to a petition. The 22-year-old campus organization is out to amass 500,000 names as soon as possible to send to key decision makers, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the 241-year-old department that provides public and military engineering services to lessen the risk of disasters.

The association's petition has about 175,000 signatures so far, according to Sampson Dewey, a sophomore mechanical engineering major at UTA and vice-president of the association.

Standing Rock Sioux, believing the pipeline could jeopardize their water source, have garnered national attention over the past several months, since construction on the pipeline began. The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today have been covering the movement closely.

Along with everyone else worried about the pipeline, members of the association refer to themselves not as "protestors" but "water protectors."

"It's not just a Native issue," said Kristy Willis, a junior communications major at UTA and president of the association. "It's vital for us to come together no matter what race, color, or religion you are. We are ultimately still looking for a way to stop the whole thing."

The water protector movement also has a spiritual aspect. Some Native Americans believe

"When that goes across the land," he continued, "it is bad."

The "black snake" begins in North Texas. Dallas, specifically. That's the location of Energy Transfer Partners. The 21-year-old company co-founded by Kelcy Warren with Ray Davis, which is responsible for the pipeline was the sight of another pipeline protest. Led by the American Indian Movement of Central Texas, a group whose members work to protect and preserve the American Indian way of life, the water protectors in front of ETP's Dallas headquarters recently numbered around 200 and, in addition to Willis and Dewey, included actors Arthur Redcloud (The Revenant) and A. Martinez from the TV series Longmire. The water

protectors, some dressed in full traditional American Indian clothing, carried signs, chatted with one another, and shook hands with supporters.

By Karen Gavis, Freelance journalist

Around midday, several of the men had encircled a drum on the sidewalk and beat out sacred songs as business people gazed from their office windows above. Police officers had stood by casually as native children toddled in the grassy areas along the sidewalk. It was a peaceful gathering.

But by morning, the earth had shaken.

Willis, a member of the Choctaw Nation, had camped that night in Oklahoma, she said, and around 7 a.m., the largest earthquake in that state's recorded history struck.

"I thought it was a dream," she said.

The 5.8 quake originated in North Central Oklahoma but reverberated all the way to North Texas and beyond. Technically, no one, including the United States Geological Survey, can determine what caused the tremors. Less technically, Oklahoma officials quickly closed a number of nearby wastewater wells. These reserves of briny water are used by natural gas developers during fracking, a method of releasing natural gas from shale rock deep underground and a highly possible cause of all of this region's recent seismic activity.

Yolanda Bluehorse, a representative of the American Indian Movement in North Texas who

past prophecies are coming to reality.

One involves a "black snake," said Roberto Lujan, who also has been involved in ongoing efforts to fend off a pipeline near his home in the Big Bend area.

helped organize the pipeline protest in Dallas, said that while she does not speak for all Native Americans, because each tribe has its own beliefs and spiritual interpretations, she believes, "Mother Earth is trying to tell us something."

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New organization highlight mental health issues and suicide prevention awareness

Mental health and suicide. Two topics many shy away from. But in Indian Country the talk has to be bold to find solutions.

On Wednesday, Oct. 12 Native youth were invited to address mental health issues and suicide prevention at the Chi Gallery in Oklahoma City. Youth entered the gallery with siblings and family members by their side, making it a family event.

Matriarch, a newly formed organization hosted the event to bring awareness to mental health issues, the danger signs and suicide prevention.

"Matriarch is an organization that is really about empowering women and we bring our children with us too so they're receiving the same information. We have a different speaker every time that hits on a different topic that impacts Indian country. We talk about everything from budgeting to domestic violence, to voting, to addiction, we cover it all. But they are all Native women speakers and they're from our area but they're all subject matter experts, which is super cool. The idea is that you empower the women and then you're empowering the children too, so it will change some of these things that we see in Indian country with our children, to help them too," Sarah Adams-Cornell, co-creator of Matriarch said.

The Matriarch organization strives to promote awareness in communities, particularly the youth, of the challenges faced by mental illness and suicide.

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter

"The purpose of this event is to educate our youth on very important topics: mental health, suicide prevention and discussing symptoms, signs and providing resources and education where we feel there's a big need in a void in both of those areas," Kendra Wilson Clements, also a co-creator of Matriarch said.

Native youth were invited to a meal and partake in activities that involved awareness, educational information and aide to tribal youth in regards to mental health and suicide prevention.

"I think that number one, we do have a lack of education and *awareness*.

resources, that we're able to provide. Number two, I think the way Below Tribal youth and family members at the that we are set up in Oklahoma, because we are allotments, we mental health and suicide prevention awareness do not have reservations, per se, therefore we have a lot of rural event held Oct. 12 at the Chi Gallery in Oklahoma communities, people just spread out all around. It's very difficult City. (Photos by Latoya Lonelodge)

to seek the help or get the help. Number three, I don't think there is enough culturally centered treatment, resources or education. I think there are a lot of resources out there, but they are somewhat biased. They're not focusing in on our particular cultures and traditions and how we once have healed and addressed these types of issues. I think there's many answers to a lot of challenges that we face and we are here to try and fill those gaps by hosting these types of events," Clements said.

Log onto www.facebook.com/matriarchok to find out more about the organization.



Above Kendra Wilson Clements, co-creator of Matriarch, discusses mental health and suicide



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SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING 10 AM SATURDAY, DEC. 3, 2016 CLINTON COMMUNITY CENTER / CLINTON, OK

In accordance with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, pursuant to Article V, Sec. 3(b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by five members of the Legislature or by petition signed by one-hundred and fifty members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of Tribal Council shall call the Special Meeting. The purpose of the Special Meeting shall be indicated in the request for the Special Meeting and no other business shall be conducted at the Special Meeting.

The Special Tribal Council Meeting is being held 10 a.m., Saturday Dec. 3, 2016 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton, Okla. The agenda of the Special Tribal Council Meeting is listed below.

1. Tribal Council Resolution adopting a policy that requires all positions that use tribal funds shall be reserved for the employment of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Members.

2. Tribal Council Resolution to stop Eddie Rollin Hamilton from utilizing tribal funds for his defense when sued in his individual capacity.

3. Tribal Council Resolution authorizing the additional responsibilities of the Tribal Council Coordinator.

4. Tribal Council Resolution identifying tribal entities on tribal land.

5. Tribal Council Resolution setting policy of transparency for tribal trust lands.

Any resolution is available to the public and please contact the Office of the Tribal Council if you have any questions.

Office of the Tribal Council, Jennifer Wilkinson, Tribal Council Coordinator, 405-246-8175, office phone 405-422-7430, P.O. Box 38, Concho, OK 73022.

CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING December 3 rd , 2016 Clinton Community Hall, Clinton, OK RESOLUTION NUMBER: DATE NUM ISHED:	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall be applied to all programs and entities that use tribal funds derived from the activities and resources on Cheyenne and Arapaho land within the boundaries of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal reservation effective after the adoption of this resolution, and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this policy shall include and apply to positions, including supervisory positions with the following exceptions, (1) individuals married to tribal members shall not be affected except for the supervisory positions, (2) positions that require a law degree and are approved by the Judicial Commission.	CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA SPECIAL TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING Saturday December 3 rd , 2016 Clinton Community Hall, Clinton, OK RESOLUTION NUNMBER: DATE POSTED: DATE POSTED: DATE POSTED: DATE APPROVED:
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be composed of all Members of the Tribes age eighteen and older[;]" Article V, Section 2, establishes the powers of the Tribal Council and provides, in part that: (a). The Tribal Council shall have the power to set policy for the tribes and shall have	Secretary, Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma Special Tribel Council Meeting	WHEREAS: The Tribal Council Coordinator filed, on behalf of the Tribal Council, a petition against the current governor, Rollin Eddie Hamilton, alleging embezzlement and fraud pursuant to the Constitution on October 5, 2016 (Case Number CIV-2016- 139), such petition being filed against Rollin Eddie Hamilton as "an individual," and not in his capacity as Governor; and
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 (c). The Tribal Council shall have the power to authorize the Governor to enter into treaties, compacts, or any contract, and WHEREAS: the Tribal Council of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes recognizes the need to provide employment opportunities for enrolled members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and WHEREAS: the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have government programs and tribal entities that 	I, the undersigned, as the Secretary for the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma December 3 st , 2016 Special Council Meeting do hereby certify that a quorum was present at the duly called Special Tribal Council Meeting held on thedey of December, 2016, and that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the affirmative vote: For:Opposed:Abstention:Not Voting:	NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That Rollin Eddie Hamilton, current governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, may not use and hereby is estopped from using any Tribal funds for the retention or hiring of counsel to defend him in his individual capacity, and that the attorneys and law firm named as Defendants in Case Number CIV-2016-139 are hereby barred from providing any defense to Rollin Eddie Hamilton, and that no tribal funds are to be used by any Defendant in defense of this action.
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The purpose of this meeting shall be to vote on the following resolutions:

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Willis said she wonders what might happen if a big earthquake were to happen along the route of the Dakota Access pipeline.

"Everyone needs drinking water," she said, "not only this generation but generations to come."

The pipeline is proposed to travel under the Missouri River, and that's what has the Standing Rock Sioux so concerned. The Missouri is their chief source of water.

In a September 13 memo to Energy Transfer Partner's 10,000 employees, Warren said the concerns are baseless.

"Concerns about the pipeline's impact on the local water supply are unfounded," he wrote. "Multiple pipelines, railways, and highways cross the Missouri River today, carrying hundreds of thousands of barrels of oil. Dakota Access was designed with tremendous safety factors and redundancies, including compliance with and exceeding all safety and environmental regulations."

Yet the Standing Rock Sioux are standing their ground, and their concerns have prompted thousands of American Indians to join them and their allies in North Dakota at the Sacred Stone Camp.

"This is a prayer camp movement to save our sacred land and water and has been entirely supported by the people and the campers," reads Gofundme.com/sacredstonecamp. "This pipeline will cross the Missouri River and the Cannonball River [a tributary of the Missouri River] ... is the lifeline to many tribes and non-native[s]. When this pipeline leaks, it will destroy water and land."

UTA English professor Kenneth Roemer, the adviser to UTA's Native American Student Association, said he cannot recall another time when so many tribes have come together.

Hawste Wakiyan Wicasa, an organizer at the camp, told BBC on September 2 that this is "the first time the seven bands of the Sioux have come together since Little Bighorn."

Through their donation page, Gofundme.com/ sacredstonecamp/donate, Sacred Stone has raised nearly \$800,000 for the thousands of men, women, and children at Sacred Stone camps.

Bluehorse believes it is not a matter of if the pipeline will leak but when.

Although the protest that Willis and Dewey attended at ETP's Big D headquarters was peaceful, American Indians near the Sacred Stone Camp experienced something entirely different the following day. Water protectors trying to stop pipeline workers from bulldozing the remains of sacred tribal burial grounds were met by private security guards and fang-bearing guard dogs. According to news reports, six people were bitten, including a small child.

Former NASA president Stephanie Vielle, a member of the Blackfeet Nation, said the move was an effort to intimidate her people. The damage, she believes, will never go away.

"It not only destroys us on the inside," she said, "but the [ancestral] history, we won't be able to share that with our kids one day."

However, the security force's strategy backfired. The dog handlers were caught on video by Democracy Now, an independent news program. In addition, the number of water protectors and their allies at the Sacred Stone Camp swelled following the skirmish.

An arrest warrant for criminal trespassing was issued for Amy Goodman, an executive producer and host at Democracy Now.

Although Warren declined to be interviewed for this story, his spokesperson produced a memo that the ETP CEO had written to his employees after the company got swept up in the media firestorm following the dog attacks.

"We respect the Constitutional right of all assembled in North Dakota to voice their opinions for or against projects like ours," Warren wrote. "However, threats and attacks on our employees, their families, and our contractors as well as the destruction of equipment and encroachment on private property must not be tolerated."

Warren went on to say that the right of way for the entire pipeline has already been obtained and that the states of North Dakota, South Dakota, Illinois, and Iowa have issued satisfactory permits and approvals. Warren also pointed to several studies indicating that no historically significant sites existed along the North Dakota section of the pipeline's route.

"If any potentially sacred objects were to be found, archaeologists, environmental inspectors, or trained construction staff are onsite throughout construction to ensure their proper care and that proper notifications are made," he wrote.

Contrary to Warren's memo, 4-traders.com, a stock exchange information site, reported that "a coalition of more than 1,200 archeologists, museum directors, and historians from institutions including the Smithsonian and the Association of Academic Museums and Galleries has written to the Obama administration to criticize the bulldozing."

A second round of pipeline protests at ETP's headquarters took place on September 24. Social media posts show water protectors marching to Warren's multimillion-dollar Dallas mansion that day. Some carried signs that spelled out "Arrest Kelcy Warren, Not Journalists" when placed together.

Lujan comes from the Big Bend area, where most people use propane, he said. He wants to keep the area pipeline-free and thinks people should step back and "look at the bigger picture." Here's part of it.

Over the course of 12 years, Warren and partner Davis built Energy Transfer Partners into one of the nation's largest pipeline companies, according to Texas Monthly. However, Davis retired from the energy goliath in 2007 and is now a co-owner of the Texas Rangers baseball team.

Since last year, Warren has been serving on the Parks and Wildlife Commission as an appointee of Gov. Greg Abbott, and former Gov. Rick Perry serves on ETP's board. Also on the ETP board is Ted Collins Jr., past president of Enron Oil and Gas, the Houston company ravaged by a widely publicized accounting scandal in 2001. The political powerhouses are part of the big picture of land protection versus oil and gas interests



Dean, a drama major at the University of Texas-Arlington stopped to sign a petition against the Dakota Access pipeline stating, "I just disagreed with it in general." (Photo by Karen Gavis)

But for Robert Rivera, the bigger picture has just started to come into focus.

The Arlington city councilperson said that the record-setting Oklahoma quake caused him to take a broader perspective of the oil and gas industry. Although Rivera made it clear that he is not making any assumptions about fracking and earthquakes, he did say that the method was the first thing he thought of after North Texas was jarred by the quake's rippling effects.

"It got me thinking more of the bigger picture," he said.

Rivera said there are more aspects of oil and gas issues than earthquakes and that his main regret during his 10 years as an Arlington city councilmember is voting yes on all of the oil and gas issues that came before him.

"I wish I could go back and change them all to 'no,' " he said. "Back then, it was an economic issue."

Alan Saxe, a UTA political science professor, said economics is also a major factor in the Dakota Access pipeline controversy.

"It is a classical struggle, seen many times before," he said. "The Indian tribes have the sympathy vote, but pipeline interests cannot be easily disposed of. There is sympathy, but the law and land rights also must be considered."

Saxe also said the use of dogs was a flashback to the Civil Rights era.

"But this time," he said, "it is not government against protesters but private entity."

Following the hired-guns-with-dogs incident, a federal judge ruled that the Dakota Access pipeline could proceed, forcing the Standing Rock Sioux

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dren, his great-great-grandchildren and so on would not be here. We're just very proud of Southwestern Oklahoma State University for honoring him in this way," Rory Little Raven, greatgreat-grandson of Arapaho Chief Little Raven, said.

The dedication hall at SWOSU was not only a time for bringing family and friends together but also served as commemoration to the great chiefs of the past.

"I think the great thing is that it brings attention now to Black Kettle, who he was and what unfortunately happened at the Washita, but also the great peace chief that he was and also Little Raven. So it tells a story and people now will refer to Black Kettle Hall and they'll know who Black Kettle was, so we intend it to be an enduring legacy of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people," Beutler said.

Youth project

continued from pg. 1 temporary Christian music were then dramatically and energetically presented by youths from New Hope Baptist. After intermission, when some locally-sponsored door prizes were given, Cheyenne tribal member Dwight WhiteBuffalo, a former world champion fancy dancer, gave a rousing demonstration of his moves and skills. Though now in his later 40's, WhiteBuffalo showed no signs of slowing down, ending his performance on the final drumbeat with a somersault and split! Long-time Watonga trio "The Hampton Brothers" moved the crowd with five of their bluesy gospel songs, starting with "Don't Let the Devil Ride." The final performers were the Native American Christian rap duo, "Mike Bone." The Pawnee tribal members, who had appeared on "America's Got Talent," not only roused the audience with their high-energy raps but also involved

some of the local youths. Eagle Valley Express has been approved by the Watonga school board for a six-month trial contract on the middle school property that includes a gym for after-school programs and other activities for students and also for young adults. Plans are to start those programs about Nov. 1.

Engaging and educating parents at Calumet public schools on parent engagement night

Parent involvement has become a topic of interest within the lives of Native students. On Oct. 18 the Chevenne and Arapaho State Tribal Education Partnerships (STEP) Program hosted Parent Engagement night at Calumet Public School in Calumet, Okla.

Children and parents, along with school officials were invited to interact with one another and be informed of ways they can actively contribute towards their student's education.

"One of the main concerns that we have in our schools and communities is that our schools have really kind of conveyed to us that we don't have a lot of parent interaction with our Indian students. Our children are behind in reading, they're behind in math, we have some of the lowest test scores in the nation and so just trying to help these parents realize that they can take an active role in their child's education and in their child's learning and help them through that and build better relationships with the school. We're pretty excited that we had some school personnel here tonight because of the fact that they need to see our Indian people, they need to see our Indian students, they need to know who we are and through that we

can develop stronger relationships," Mahgan Muskett, STEP director said.

The parent engagement workshop included informational slides presented by STEP education specialists pertaining to important information about the school, such as attendance and other school requirements. Along with informational presentations, one form of engaging with one another demonstrated was

by playing family

board games. Nine families were present and all participated in the activities provided by the STEP program.

"That's the whole idea behind parent engagement workshops, just to get them here and the whole idea of the 20 minutes, we only played that game for 20 minutes, that's how long that we played those board games and so they're able to see what an actual 20 minutes looks like and how much they can get done and how much fun

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter



Ashlynn Spain, 4, and Bretlynn Spain, 2, enjoy their 20 minute board game with their mother during parent engagement night in Calumet, Okla. (Photo by Latoya Lonelodge)

in 20 minutes," Muskett said.

The STEP program hopes to get more parent and student involvement with their school through hosting the parent engagement workshops. Prior to the Calumet parent engagement night, a workshop in Canton was held, with future workshops planned for the Hammon, Watonga, Kingfisher and El Reno areas.

"Hopefully a lot more parents come, more families come, and get comfortable with their school

they can have with their children and get to know their school. Get to know the school's personnel because a principle came tonight. That would've been a great opportunity for parents to come meet him if they haven't yet," Maria Thorpe, STEP coordinator said.

> Along with gaining insightful information, children were also given the chance to win board games of their own to take home. For the STEP staff, the night served as a successful resource for parents and children alike to engage with their public school.

Keith Tall Bear, who is director of Eagle Valley Express, revived it because of the profound effect the earlier program had on his life."Mr. King inspired me by bringing me into the program -- tutoring me and helping me build on my strengths," Tall Bear said. "I wanted to be in the movies and on TV and also be a deejay. He allowed me and my cousin, Kevin, to deejay at Eagle Valley Express and gave me an early boost of confidence. That's what I want to do now for other younger people to try to be a positive influence in their lives." Tall Bear went on to appear in movies, including "Last of the Mohicans," "Drop Zone," "Blast from the Past," "Invasion of the Body Snatchers" and TNT's "Geronimo" and "Broken Chain." He had a recurring role on the TV series, "Dr. Quinn Medicine Woman," and appeared on "Walker, Texas Ranger." He also has done radio spots, including for the UNITY tribal youth program. He announced this year's Cheese Festival parade.

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to take the matter to the United Nations -Warren has voluntarily halted work on the project. For now.

In his September 13 memo, Warren stated that he plans to meet with government officials since the Department of Justice, the Department of the Army, and the Department of the Interior said that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is looking into whether it will need to "reconsider" any of its previous decisions.

We intend to meet with officials in Washington to understand their position and reiterate our commitment to bring the Dakota Access pipeline into operation," Warren wrote. "I am confident that as long as the government ultimately decides the fate of the project based on science and engineering, the Dakota Access pipeline will become operational, bringing a safer means of transportation to a much needed supply of oil to communities across the country.'

UTA's Roemer said waterway issues with tribes along the Missouri River have been going on for more than half a century. Roemer spent some time as a kid on a Crow/Creek reservation in South Dakota. He talked about how he had once walked with Ruth Fire, who lived to be 104, to the top of a hill to gather firewood, but there wasn't any. Instead, Fire pointed out over the Missouri to where she said trees and the homes of many American Indians once stood. The Army Corps wiped them out during the construction of dams to control natural flooding along the river. The result was that many Native-owned lands were flooded.

"Often there wasn't enough thought about of the consequences," he said. "There's a whole history of problems related to the Missouri River, which is the lifeblood to many tribes."

While ETP's pipeline may succeed, one of the tradeoffs has been that he has drawn the ire of American Indians as well as numerous environmental groups. And at least one legendary musician.

According to Forbes magazine, Warren was so inspired by '70s singer-songwriter Jackson Browne that the energy titan named his only son Klyde. "Jackson" is Browne's middle name. His first is Clyde.

Browne, however, is disassociating himself from Warren. How do they know each other? Browne told Indian Country Today he met Warren once while playing at his ranch. In 2007, Warren launched a record label. Music Road Records has released albums by Hal Ketchum, Levi Parham, and Jimmy Lafave,

and in April 2014, a Jackson Browne tribute album.

All proceeds from Looking into You: A Tribute to Jackson Browne, Browne told Indian Country Today last month, will go to the American Indian tribes opposing the pipeline.

"I do not play for companies who defile nature or companies who attack demonstrators with trained attack dogs and pepper spray," Browne said.

Browne's statement has been echoed by other musicians, who also say they will not perform at Warren's Cherokee Crossroads, an annual music festival in the Hill Country, even though festival proceeds go to children's charities and public service organizations.

And several Denton bands recently played a fundraiser for water protector efforts.

"After a final counting of the donations, we are extremely proud to say that we raised \$372.76," Keara Soller posted on the group's Facebook events page: "All of the donations will be going to support the legal defense of the warriors protecting land, water, and human rights."

American Indians aren't the only groups struggling to preserve their culture.

According to Texas Monthly, Warren grew up in oil-rich East Texas. About a two-anda-half-hour drive from Fort Worth, the East Texas Oil Museum can be found at Kilgore College. A wooden oil derrick stands next to the building that boasts more than a million annual visitors. Inside, a life-size statue of oilman H.L. Hunt greets them. According to the museum, petroleum is used in more than 6,000 products, including golf balls, duct tape, linoleum, and ballpoint pens. Furthermore, the museum "is a tribute to independent oil producers and wildcatters, to the men and women who dared to dream as they pursued the fruits of free enterprise."

Tour guide Bobby Zager, 89, seems to possess an uncanny ability to size someone up, to determine if he or she has worked in the oilfields. Zager worked in oil himself, he said, conducting fracking at one time. He talked about how a man visiting the museum once told him, "I think you people are the ones causing the earthquakes." In response, Zager told the man he was surprised his pastor had not approached the subject from the pulpit, since the Bible talks about earthquakes in the last days throughout the land.

"I'm glad I addressed it that way," he said. Zager also said that oil reserves shipped from East Texas to refineries on the East

Coast helped win World War Π

In his September 13 memo, Warren wrote that he hopes his company can strengthen its "relationship with the Native American communities" as it moves forward with the project. He also said ETP plans to play by the rules and will trust the governmental process.

Yet for some, government processes and trust are not synonymous.

"Even if they did poison the whole reservation, probably nothing would happen," former NASA chief Vielle said. "It's almost like you can get away with anything the way the laws are on the reservation."

Vielle, who served in the U.S. Army, said her trust was further strained when she learned that the National Guard had been activated by North Dakota Gov. Jack Dalrymple prior to the federal judge's ruling that the pipeline could continue.

"I've been in the military," she said. "In my opinion, bringing in the military against civilian people, especially protestors, violates the First Amendment.'

Vielle has visited North Dakota, and she talked about the pristine beauty of the land as well as the purity of the water.

"That is something that should be as valuable as oil," she said.

Vielle also talked about how the government had placed her tribe on land that was difficult for them to survive on. She said after their small water source became polluted, they have had to rely on a municipal water supply.

Water is the new oil," she said. "It's expensive to pay a water bill for people who are living day to day."

Vielle will join others at the Sacred Stone Camp next week along with her boyfriend and a friend. She said she will report her experiences via YouTube. Vielle also has a Gofundme page, and she hopes to raise \$3,000 to help with the trip and buy supplies for other campers. She is concerned that they



Nearly 200 water protectors gathered in front of Energy Transfer Partners' Dallas headquarters recently. (Photo by Karen Gavis)

may need flashlights and blankets since temperatures have dipped into the 30s at night recently.

"It is not like a campground," she said. "This is a plot of ground. They don't have big cities that light up the sky. It is dark."

Dewey, who is from the Paiute Indian tribe, said UTA's Native American Student Association wants to raise more awareness about the Dakota Access pipeline project.

"We are not a big group," he said. "But when we come together, it just shows that we have all this pride to go out there and stand for what we believe in."

Sunday, according to NBC, a federal court denied a request by the Standing Rock Sioux for a permanent injunction to halt the pipeline, tsaying that while "the tribe hadn't met the strict requirements of the act to force a halt to construction, the three-judge panel said it 'can only hope that the spirit' of the act 'may yet prevail.''

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

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In 2015, five million people died from diabetes, making it the seventh leading cause of death in the United States.

Native Americans have the highest prevalence of diabetes at 15.9 percent, followed by non-Hispanic blacks 13.2 percent, Hispanics 12.8 percent, Asians Americans 9 percent and non-Hispanic whites 7.6 percent. Complications from diabetes include hypoglycemia, hypertension, dyslipidemia, stroke, heart attacks, blindness and eye problems, kidney diseases and amputations.

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Domestic Violence awareness event shines light on a dark topic

By Latoya Lonelodge, Staff Reporter



Alisa Kristine Sage and Vanessa Michelle Youngbear lost their lives to domestic violence.

Domestic violence is never an easy topic to discuss. However, on Oct. 19 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla., three speakers from the Hope: To Heal a Community event brought awareness to the realities of domestic violence today by sharing their personal tragedies.

One in four women will experience domestic violence in their lifetime. Sobering statistics. One common aspect among the speakers sharing their stories was to shine a light on the dark violent behavior that led to such tragic outcomes in each of their lives.

Alvin Deer, Minister at the Methodist Church, spoke about his daughter he lost due to domestic violence by her boyfriend at the time.

"I think it's very important because I have seen the violence in Indian homes, especially young people and sometimes it gets out of hand and things happen. I'm glad they're having this conference on domestic violence to make bring awareness. One of the things that I mentioned here, which was a revelation to me, was that we were going to have a prayer walk a couple years ago at the Washita Battlefield and I researched the battle and discovered that when Custer attacked the first village, they captured women and put them on horses in front of them and went and attacked the second village. The history that I read said that the Cheyenne warriors would not fire on the soldiers because they didn't want to hurt their women," Deer said. "It was noted 150 years after the battle that our warriors are now hurting our women, so we want to, in some way, reinstall the true meaning of being a warrior. It doesn't mean being macho, it means you are a protector."

Personal stories about the horrors of domestic violence were shared not only to bring awareness but to also serve as a tool to help bring healing to those who spoke of losing their loved ones. Being able to talk about their stories also does justice in the healing process, as Anna Sage, another speaker, commented.

"I kind of think the reason I'm here today because of some closure to my daughter's case. We had a long court case after her death in 2014. We just got sentencing back in January. We had a victim's impact at that time, which didn't really serve to me as closure. I believe that by speaking out and coming out and telling her story, I'm able to help out in the community in some way," Sage said.

Sage also lost her daughter, Alisa Sage, to domestic vio-

now in our community that need to be addressed, need to be spoken about and it's hard to get people to come out and speak about those things. A lot of it, for the victims, is to be anonymous and those who can speak from a different view point. I was brought in because of my daughter ... it didn't happen to me. So there's a difference but it's a different angle at domestic violence where I'm at and it did affect my whole family. My whole family lives here in this community and domestic violence reaches and touches people you wouldn't expect it to, their friends, their families and those that they associated with. So my kids are still out there and people are afraid to ask them, it might upset them, but I'm getting my voice to talk more about it and her being my only daughter, a lot of women can relate to that. That you miss your daughter, she was my buddy, she went places with me. So a part of



Sharon All Runner shares the story of her niece Vanessa Youngbear, killed as a direct result of domestic violence. Currently one out of four women will be a victim of domestic violence. (Photos by Latoya Lonelodge)

my life is missing now, but to go out and be able to talk to other's daughters is very important to me. I'm so grateful that I can reach people that have daughters that will listen, that's important for me," said Sage.

Domestic violence awareness continues to be a rising issue within communities and the speakers hope that through sharing stories and promoting awareness, the tragedies and horrors of the violence will be spread for prevention.

Sharon All Runner, another speaker, spoke about her niece, Vanessa Youngbear, who was killed as the result of domestic violence.

"She was 16 when she passed away and got killed ... she was pregnant at the time. The guy that killed her shot her

over here at Concho and they came to our house, my best friend Donna and told us we needed to get home something happened to Vanessa. I thought maybe it was childbirth or something. I didn't realize that she was shot and had died. All those days were just really a hazy daze for us, I couldn't cope with anything," All Runner said.

Domestic violence has been proven to occur in any area, at any moment, regardless of economic standing, race or financial status.

"I thought she was in a safe place, that I didn't have to worry, that everything would be okay but her life was taken from us so short. It's hard to go on and talk about her like this but if I can help somebody else that's going through this, I think that I can do this," All Runner said.

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"To me this awareness, domestic violence month in October is supporting because there is so many things going on right along with his brother and another guy. They found her the next morning and I was living in Oklahoma City at the time. I was working in the health field. My daughter was working If you are experiencing domestic violence or know of someone who is, there is help. Call the Cheyenne & Arapaho Domestic Violence at 405-422-7486 or the Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-373-5608.

Hitting the bullseye on substance abuse

What better way to combat alcohol and drug use among tribal members than to host hands on cultural learning classes, bringing youth and their families together. It is a win-win situation, building strong support systems for the youth and adults, as well as teaching valuable history about the Cheyenne and Arapaho culture. The latest series of cultural classes were on target, teaching traditional archery and the importance of the bow and arrow to Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

"Archery is very important to us as the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes because before we were warriors, we were hunters. We were skilled artists in bow making, archery and everything involved in that process," Max Bear, Culture & Heritage program director said.

Hosting the archery classes, along with many other cultural classes has been a team effort among tribal programs, including the R.E.Sp.E.C.T., Culture & Heritage and SPF-TIG programs. The idea is to promote living life substance free, still having fun and bringing families together for quality time.

"We want our youth and our families to live a healthy full lifestyle, and to show them there is so much more out there to do than drugs and alcohol," Clara Bushyhead, SPF-TIG coordinator said.

The archery classes were held in Cinton, Concho and Canton during the month of OcBy Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

tober. Culture & Heritage Project Manager, Greg Spottedbird demonstrated the making of a bow, while Bear gave the history behind the art of bow and arrow making, the uses of the bow and the importance to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

"Here you see a standard bow used in the old days, they were made out of Native wood you can find here locally, a certain kind of wood that is dense and not prone to break such as juniper, hickory or ash," Bear said holding up a hand made wooden bow.

Picking up a different bow, to all appearances appeared to be made out of wood but as Bear explained, was actually PVC pipe.

"Greg made these out of PVC and made it to look like wood and they are as tough as the wooden ones. Most warriors only had one bow that pretty much lasted them their entire lifetime," he said.

Spottedbird has been shooting and making bows since the age of 9, being taught by his grandpa Gilbert in Kingfisher, Okla.

"I painted my bow to look like cedar but it is really PVC pipe that I melted and fashioned by hand. This quiver you see was made in a certain style so when warriors wore it he could maneuver it around up on his shoulder or when got onto his horse he would move it down to his back making it very easy to get his arrows out," Spottedbird demonstrated

, placing the quiver over his shoulder.

Following the history presentation, everyone was invited outside to give his or her try at hitting that bullseye. There were four targets set up, with groups of four guests shooting at a time. Some obviously was very familiar with han-



Culture & Heritage Program Director Max Bear shows Tommy Cauley how to hold his arrow before shooting at the targets. (Photos by Rosemary Stephens)

dling a bow and arrow as their arrows

soar through the air and hitting the targets dead on, while others who were first time beginners made progress with each arrow they released.

What stood out the most during the event was the comrade between kids, their family members and program staff, and as evident by the laughter, everyone not only learned the history behind bow making and the importance of the bow, but had fun actually experiencing shooting the bow as well.

To learn more about upcoming cultural classes call 405-422-7428.



Donna Sage, 13, draws back and lets it fly on her first try.

A candidate for change in Oklahoma House District 60

Election day is right around the corner.

Many of us have been inundated with the nightly commercials touting 'Vote Republican,' or 'Vote Democrat.' And let's not forget the three entertaining, and somewhat sad, presidential debates between Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton.

Yes, we all know who our presidential candidates are, but do you know anything about your state and local candidates?

There are many seats up for grabs in the Oklahoma House this year and if Oklahomans want to see change, than Oklahomans will need to suit up and show up at the polls this year armed with information and facts about the candidates running.

Many residents are stepping up for the first time to run for the Oklahoma House, such as first timer Dennis Purifoy. Purifoy, both Democrat and Native American is running for House District 60.

"I just got dissatisfied with the legislature and I thought somebody had to step up and that's why I decided to step up and run. For a while I thought someone else was going to run but nobody else stepped up and finally I decided that that somebody to step up would be me. I have gotten so dissatisfied with our legislature that I thought I could do better because I know I can't do any worse," Purifoy said.

Purifoy, a voting member of the Choctaw Nation, and his wife Cassie have lived in the Yukon community for over 24 years. He graduated from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1973 and has had a 40-year career with the Social Security Administration. He is a survivor of the Murrah Federal building bombing in 1995 and participated in the planning of the Memorial and the Museum. He also served for six years on the Memorial Board of Trustees.

"Oklahoma is in crisis. It's not the kind of crisis where you see something on TV where something has been blown up or a natural disaster but it is a crisis. We need to stop By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

business as usual. If you want more of the same don't vote for me because I am a candidate for change. Because if you want change, we have to send different people to the legislature," Purifoy said. "Nothing against my opponent, Rhonda Baker, but she isn't about wanting change. I am the candidate that's willing to say we need to look at corporate tax breaks. I am the candidate willing to say we need to suspend the 2018 tax cuts and these are not easy stands to take because no one wants to have tax cuts taken away, but we have to have change in the legislature."

Purifoy was asked about his stance on several issues. Below are some of those questions and his answers.

What do you have to offer to Native Americans living in District 60?

For one thing I understand tribal sovereignty and most Oklahoma politicians don't understand what that means. They think they do, but they don't. I understand our water rights and treaty rights. I am also attuned to things like the gaming compacts will be coming up for renewal in 2020 and I understand how important that is to tribes. I think I am more attuned to tribal nations and a better understanding of tribal sovereignty. For most of our politicians today Natives are not even on their radar. I believe I also have a better understanding of the economic struggles that Native people face in this state.

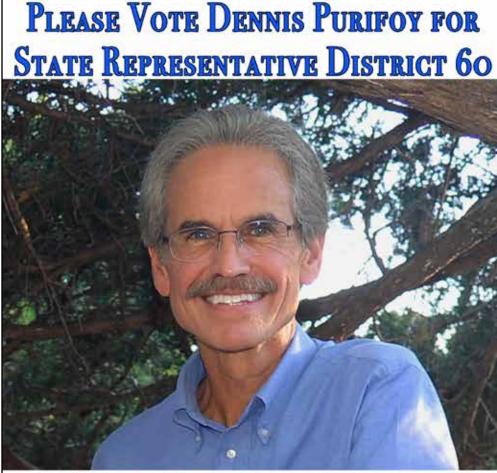
What problems do you see in the Oklahoma Legislature currently?

One of the problems we have right now the state legislature, both houses now are super majority Republicans. Now if I am elected I want to work with both Republicans and Democrats to get things done but the way it has been working is they know they have a super majority and they know they don't have to talk to democrats.

Right now they don't even work with all the Republican members on the budget. The budget, the way it has been done this year and the last several years, is a small group of peo-*See* **Purifoy for Dist. 60** *pg. 10*

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Miko's Native Cuisine is rolling across Oklahoma

What do you do when you get laid off from a job you hated?

You open a business. Challenging? Yes. Rewarding? Absolutely.

At least that's what Miko Barber has found out since diving into Miko's Native Cuisine, his own mobile Native food truck.

"I am the first Native American food truck around and it's kind of cool to be in my own lane right now, not really competing against anyone for business," Barber stated.

At the age of 23, Barber, Choctaw/ Comanche, said he has always loved to cook. His favorite television shows are about cooking and he is the chef in his home.

"My wife and I, Terra, we would talk about having a Native food truck, you know, like a wish list something that you talk about, but don't ever think it will happen, but it did. When I got laid off in February my wife encouraged and supported me to go after my dream. I By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

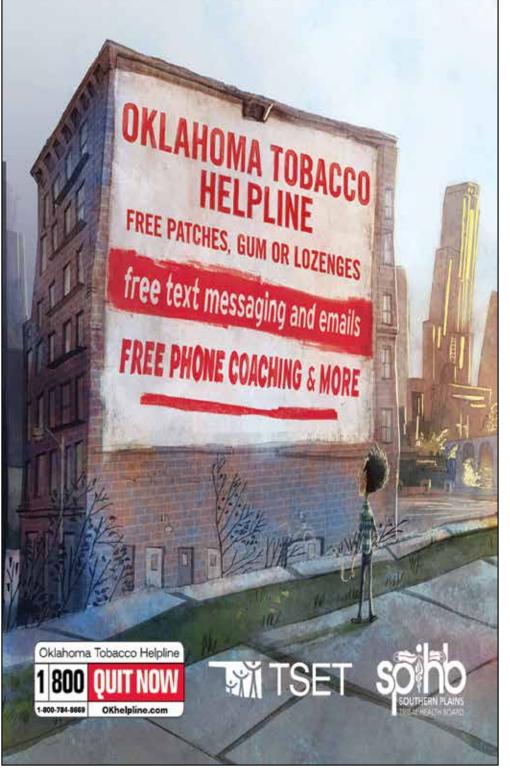
opened on July 20th of this year," Barber's said, his smile evident of the joy he feels in owning his own business.

Barber's passion for cooking, along side his interest in the role of food in Native history, combined together has motivated him to utilize many ingredients Oklahoma tribes used on a regular basis.

One of Barber's regular menu items is, of course, the NDN taco, "I have a green chili I make with pork that I debuted for the first time a few weeks ago and everyone loved it, so will be making that a regular item," he said.

Growing up Barber didn't see many Native American business owners and he hopes he inspires others when they see a Native American living his dream.

"I have a 6 year old son, Christopher, (Topher) who goes with me to set up and watches me, and without my wife and him, I don't know if I could have done all this ... they have been behind me 100 percent and has really encouraged me to *See* **Miko's Native Cuisine** *pg. 10*



Reaching for the stars First African American woman to turn professional beach body in GBO

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

When 45-year-old Cydne Fuston graduated El Reno High School in 1989 it is doubtful she imagined herself on the main stage as the lead female competitor for the Global Bodybuilding Organization (GBO) in the Mr. & Ms. Atlas competition. Or that she would make history by becoming the first African American woman to turn professional in the beach body category.

But that's exactly where she will be on Dec. 3 in Arlington, Texas.

The months of grueling workouts, strict diets, self-sacrificing and self-discipline all pays off the moment she steps into those spotlights and struts across that stage.

"A lot of people don't get to see what we have to go through to get ready for a show, what we have to go through for months and months prior. They only know what they see when we step on that stage," Cydne said.

At 5'4-3/4 inches tall, Cydne exudes a passion far bigger than her lean frame for healthy living. She was always active in cross-country and track, continuing her love of running far after graduating high school.

"As children our parents encouraged us to be involved in multiple different sports such as soccer, football, basketball, cross-country or track and field. They would always tell us, 'you will either play sports or have an after school job, but you are not going to be lying around the house doing nothing," Cydne said.

She chose to do both.

After high school she went on to obtain her bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Central Oklahoma. During her time in college, Cydne gave birth to her only son, Codie Nolan, whom she said became the reason for everything she set out to accomplish in life. Being content to build her life around her son, his sports, and her running, the years flowed by until one day she looked up and her son was a senior graduating high school.

"It was 2012, my son's last year in high school and I thought what am I going to do now. I had built my entire life around my son, going to all of his sporting events. I am a single mother and I always told him, 'I may be a little late, but there will always be someone there in place of me until I can get there.' So I was like, dang what I am going to do with no more Friday night football games in the snow and rain," Cydne laughed.

She was in her late 30s, still actively running and staying fit, but felt the tugging of wanting to go a step further. About that time her employer announced a biggest loser competition and she was intrigued. She decided to compete. What's the first thing you do? Get a trainer of course.

Cydne called her cousin, Vince Wright, who was once a personal trainer himself, asking if he knew of anyone that could help her get to the next level. And that's when Zandra (Star) Thomas walked into her life.

Thomas was a trainer at the Weight Room in Oklahoma City.

After a couple of biggest loser competitions, Cydne de-

cided they were not for her, but continued to train and workout with Thomas in Oklahoma City.

"The Weight Room had this photo wall of fame where there were pictures of all these people up there ... even my cousin, that compete from bodybuilding to figure to bikini and so forth. I kept looking at that wall, thinking to myself I want my picture up there. One day I pointed to the wall and told Zandra, 'I want my picture up there.' She looked at me and said, 'I've been waiting on you to say something, so let's get to work.' And that's how it all got started in 2012," Cydne said.

She would compete in her first show in May 2012 at the National Physique Committee's (NPC) Battle of Bodies. She would not place, but it was the hook that reeled her into wanting to compete in the world of bodybuilding.

"I decided to switch to physique for my next competition. I had only three weeks to learn the different poses and a routine just in case I placed in the top five. My second show was the June 2012 NPC Oklahoma where I placed second in women's physique. I qualified for a national show and wasn't going to stop until I hit one. In June 2013 I competed in the Junior Nationals in Chicago where I placed 13th. At that point in competing, I decided I wanted to have fun as well as competing, so I dropped down into the bikini class at the November 2013 NPC Grand Prix and won first place in the Masters Bikini category. I was shocked and smiling from ear to ear and I believed I found my niche," Cydne stated.

Cydne would compete once more in the NPC Nationals in Florida before deciding to take a break. A break from competing in bodybuilding, that is. Not in staying fit. She set a goal for herself to run in five 5K runs last year ... and with every other goal Cydne has set ... she reached.

"I took a break but then this year around March, the manager of the Weight Room contacted me and said, 'Cydne you need to compete in this show because it's the last show in Oklahoma to go pro in this industry.' So I was like okay when is it and she said, 'July'. So in March that's when I started prepping and hitting it really hard," she said.

And once again all her hard work and dedication has paid off, giving her the opportunity to step on the national stage in Arlington, Texas to compete for the Ms. Atlas title.

"My ultimate goal is to be a trainer for the elderly and the youth because there are far too many elderly people and youth just sitting on their butts not doing anything and not moving," Cydne said. "I am going to do this for as long as I can and the Lord is willing. I always told myself as long as I can breathe and wake up and walk around, I am going to do this, with God's blessing. Because when you lay down to that deep sleep you're not coming back, so do what you love and love what you do."

Cydne is an employee of the Cheyenne Arapaho Head Start Program. To help Cydne on her journey to the National Ms. Atlas title, donate at www.gofundme/The Road to Mr. & Mrs. Atlas.





Born and raised in Kingfisher, Okla., Jolie Woods, 17, gears up for her senior year of varsity basketball. At 5'10 she is a center forward for the El Reno High School basketball team.

When did you first begin playing and how?

Around fifth grade when my friends mom asked me to play with her for a league team. I just kind of got thrown out there.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?

Being a team and having a team that's like family.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?

It would have to be hitting the buzzer beater against Midwest City.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?

Getting all A's through high school.

What is your GPA (if known)?

3.8

What goals have you set for yourself in sports, school?

I want to be able to be #1 in at least one thing or getting my average points per game at a high amount. For school, I want to get all A's through high school and graduate with a 4.0 What actions are you taking to reach these goals?

I come to school and I always get all my work done.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?

Buzzer beater against Midwest City this past summer for team camp.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?

My coach in seventh or eighth grade, just to keep working at everything you do and just do your hardest because you never know when its going to be your last game.

Do you have a saying or motto that you live your life by?

Move forward by hope and not backwards by fear. Who or what inspires you the most?

My mom because she just pushes me to do everything I need to get done

What does your routine workout consist of to stay fit for your sport? How often?

Running a lot and stretching, I do weight lifting with the school. I go to the gym on Saturday nights to shoot around with my friends.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport? Being in shape and shooting, just being strong with everything I do so I don't get thrown around.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game? Any kind of fruit

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?

My mom

Photo & interview by Latoya Lonelodge

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?

Besides working out and practicing, I like watching Netflix.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?

Christian music, my favorite band is Hillsong United.

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?

I have a soft spot and I'm not *always* mean.

Were you ever bullied in school? What steps do you feel should be taken to protect those being bullied in schools today?

Just to stand up for yourself and do what you can for the person to leave you alone and if not, go talk to somebody.

How do you combat drug & alcohol use by peer pressure?

Not put myself in a bad situation to where they can pressure me into doing something like that.



If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?

The amount of youth still doing drugs and drinking

What would be a dream come true for you in your life?

To win state with my high school basketball team

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?

Jackie Robinson, he made an impact with being the only black man to play with an all white baseball team.

Which team is your favorite team?

OU softball, they make it look so fun and easy while they're playing.

What are your immediate plans after graduating high school?

To know what I'm going to study in college and get ready for college, I either want to study early childhood development or crimi-



El Reno's Jolie Woods fights for control of a loose ball in a summer league game with Mustang. (Photo by Glen Miller)

nology. I'd rather go to college somewhere outside of Oklahoma.

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?

To always go to school even though its not fun, you're not going to be there forever once its over.

Jolie's parents are Chiara RomanNose and Michael Woods. Her grandparents are Virginia Woods and Robert Woods. She has one brother, Mickey Woods, and two sisters, Micah Woods and Talyn Black.

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ple, somebody from the governor's office, somebody from the speaker's office, somebody from the senate office, they get together and decide what the budget is going to be and they present it in the last week of the session for the members to vote on. So most of the Republicans don't even know what's in the budget until that last week. Most other legislation has to go through committee process, but the budget doesn't. It should but according to the rules they have been operating under it doesn't and that's how they have been getting the budget through the last few years.

You say you are for doing away with a state tax cut? Could you explain why you would be against cutting taxes?

There is one big state income tax cut that I want to see done away with. It was a law passed several years ago, one went into effect this year. The problem with it is, it only puts \$30 to \$40 back into the taxpayers' pockets a year, but it cost us over a \$100 million. Now \$100 million, it's a lot of money, and with other things the legislature could have done, it would have meant we wouldn't have had to cut education so much and other things.

The tax cut that will go into ef-

fect 2018 will also cost \$100 million or more. The legislature last year would not even put that to a vote. Instead, what they did do is increase fees and fines. For example, if you get a speeding ticket, you're going 10 miles over the limit. The actual amount of the fine may be \$10 or \$20 but the entire fine is over \$190 because they tack on all these fees and fines on there. They are also going to mandate

that everyone get new license plates that cost \$5 more, and that's another way to increase fees and fines. The legislature did not increase higher education, so any family that has a kid in college or going into college in Oklahoma is paying a much higher tuition. So they can say we didn't increase income taxes, but believe me we are still paying.

On Nov. 8 voters will decide bill 779, a one-cent sales tax increase to fund teachers salaries. What is your stance on bill 779?

On the bill of 779, which is the one-cent sales tax increase, it will give teachers a raise, which they definitely need, but we will need to do more. But its not going to give more money to the schools, so it won't help class sizes or cuts in bus routes, so we have to do more.

I have some reservations about

bill 779 because it is an aggressive tax and hurts the poor the most, we already tax groceries in Oklahoma, unlike other states, and cities don't like it because the sales tax is their only form of revenue. But, I will put it this way, if I had any faith or trust that the Oklahoma legislature would do the right thing, I would not vote for 779, but I am voting for 779 because I don't trust them (the legislature). They have had several vears to do something about this problem and haven't done a thing, so I don't trust they will do anything next year. So I am going to vote for 779, but then I hope I get to the legislature to do more work on education to make things work better.

Health care is a hot topic all the away around, especially with proposed health care costs predicted to skyrocket in the coming year. What, if any, plan would you propose for health care in Oklahoma?

A law that has been proposed, which I support, is called the Medicaid Rebalancing Act. What that would do, is it's not full-fledge Obamacare, which some people hear that word and they go nuts. The federal government would give us \$900 million dollars of our own tax money back that we

have sent them and we can get that back home here in Oklahoma and we would pay \$100 million to get \$900 million and it would cover more people under Sooner Care and some of them would be eventually moved to Insure Oklahoma.

Now I realize there are some concerns with that, but the prospect of being able to prevent more cuts in the Sooner Care reimbursement rates, which has really wreaked hardships on a lot of people because there are doctors who now won't accept Sooner Care because their reimbursement rates are so low and three rural hospitals that have already closed down in Oklahoma in rural towns and seven others in bankruptcy. So we've got to get the reimbursement rates up and if we cover more people under Medicaid that will certainly help a lot of people who are uninsured.

The Dakota Access Pipeline, are you aware of the situation in North Dakota and what is vour stand on the oil and gas industry?

Choctaws have been supporting the fight against the pipeline from going under rivers and violating tribal rights and I support it too.

As far as the oil and gas industry, Oklahoma is built on oil and gas. I have concerns about the earth-

quakes going on and being tougher on that and shutting down some of those wells. I realize it is a big part of Oklahoma's economy and it is going to a big part of our economy and right now we really can't survive without it. We do need the jobs the oilfield provides and we do need the taxes the oilfield provides, but we need to certainly do it in an environmentally responsible way and I am concerned that the state has not been proactive enough with the earthquakes for instance.

I do look forward to a time when we have a more diversified economy so that when oil and gas goes down, our economy doesn't take a hit like it does. Such as clean energy.

One of the things we need to do is to look harder at corporate tax breaks, such as the Wind Energy companies operating in Oklahoma, which I support wind energy, but we are facing \$200 million in tax breaks and exemptions for wind energy between now and 2020 and that needs to be re-examined and other tax breaks such as oil and gas.

To learn more about Purifoy and his family visit www.PurifoyFor-House.com or you can call him at 405-640-1760.

brick and mortar restaurant is something Barber will for now he enjoys traveling different people, and hopes

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Breakfast dinner, health screenings, PSA screening criteria for men age 50-70 or men 40-70 who have a family history of prostate cancer or who are African American.

To register call 888-951-2277.

The 14th annual Elder's Conference - Empowering Native Elders to Thrive in a Changing Society

9 a.m. - 2 p.m., Nov. 3 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla. Open to all Tribal elders 55 years and older.

Health related topics, health screenings, arts & crafts and much more. For more information call 405-422-7723.

Memorial Gourd Dance in Memory of

Deacon Gerald Chavez Nov. 5 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

MC Burl Buffalomeat, HS Fred Mosqueda, HGD Henry Harjo, HL Karen Miles, Honored Veteran Cody Ayon, AD James Sleeper and Honored Family Deswood and Louella Koshiway.

Special invitation to the Redmoon Gourd Clan. For more information call 405-694-5324.

The 25th annual Aus-

tin Powwow & American Indian Heritage Festival

Nov. 5 at the Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane in Austin, Texas. Begins at 10 a.m.

MC Tim Tallchief, AD Bill Takes Horse, Co-AD Emiliano Flores, HMD Dijay Yarholar, HLD Alva Fiddler, HGD Lowell Nibbs, Head Judge Juaquin Hamilton, Northern Drum Sage Point and Southern Drum Otter Trail

Dance

2 p.m. - 10 p.m., Nov. 12 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Pot luck supper 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Honoring Cheyenne & Arapaho tribes' last surviving WWII Veterans, Frank Seger, US Army, Kenneth Haury, US Army and Lawrence Shortman, US Navy.

MC Eddie Wilson and Charles Fletcher, US Army, HMD Darrell Flyingman, US Marines, HLD Marie Whiteman, HS Moses Starr, Veteran's Day Gourd US Army, AD American Le-

gion Post 401, Honored Veteran George Sykes, US Army and Color Guard Cheyenne & Arapaho American Legion Post 401.

Three-Fold Celebration: Revival/WhiteCrow Family Reunion/Delbert WhiteCrow's 72nd Birthday

Nov. 18-20 at the Clinton Community Center in Clinton Okla. Revival starts 7 p.m. Nov. 18 led by Delfred 'Bunny' WhiteCrow.

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TALL DRLAN

The R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program hosted its annual Fall break camp out for students in 7th through 12th grades Oct. 13-14. J.R. Lonelodge, KK Whitlow and Yolanda Whiteman demonstrated individual men and women dance styles to the students. Photos by Latoya Lonelodge

Dear Editor:

This last couple of days it's been hard. I lost a good friend of mine named Alex Warden and when Alex and I talked he used to tell me about how our tribes are losing respect from the little kids, because we are not giving the little kids the respect they need. Everything is going crazy in our tribe.

Alex always talked about respect and I wanted to write a story about respect. In this life we are all given the right to live our lives the way we choose. A lot of us choose the military way of life because of the family influence, fathers, mothers, aunts and uncles. One can say tribal traditions, as most tribes, have Warrior Societies. For me, I joined the military because of friends and family and the reason I am writing this is for everyone to think about a time in their life when one word made them feel as if they accomplished something major in their life.

When I was young, and most vets may agree with me, I finished Basic Training but during basic training my

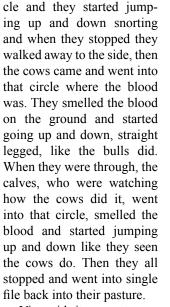
drill instructors came up to me and called me down. All the words were derogatory and I thought he didn't like me, but he was just training me to be a soldier. I know all vets will understand what I mean, be it a Marine, an Airman or a Sailor. When my training was over in boot camp my sergeant came up to me, "How you doing today soldier?" Which made me feel like I had earned his respect and that was a major word in my life.

A lot of my family and friends are not military and I love them for being behind me and for the respect. I don't know of any tribes that have looked down on any of its warriors as in my lifetime I have seen this country look down on Viet Nam vets coming home. It made me ashamed of how they were treated. I am a vet, but I was a state side Viet Nam era vet. When I seen all the vets coming home I felt ashamed of the way they were treated.

A lot of people have traditions as with our tribes, a lot go to military, a lot go the way of education and a lot by ceremony. What path a person chooses is good, if we all respect the person's choice.

I was visiting my friend Vic Robideaux over in Perkins, Oklahoma when he told me a story of respect shown to him by buffalo. In his words I will tell the story and maybe this is how one of my favorite dances got started.

Vic said they kept buffalo in their pasture over at the eagle sanctuary where they keep eagles. One time the tribe wanted him to put a buffalo down so they could dispense the meat so everyone could eat. When he killed the buffalo and called for them to pick it up, they picked it up with a hoist and they drove it off and all the other buffalo came, in single file, out of the pasture and seven of the bulls got around where the blood was spilled. One stood over to the side and the others went into a frenzy hitting each other with their horns and their heads and knocking each other down. When those six got done they got into a cir-



Vic said it was strange because he had never seen anything like that. Then four days later they came back, all the buffalo in single file and did the same thing. This time they didn't hit each other or bang each other, this time they were showing respect when the six went in and smelled the blood, jumped up and down, as if they were dancing and the other one stood to the side. When they got through the cows did the same thing, and when they were through, the calves came and did the same thing. When it was through they again went single file back into the pasture.

I told Vic that's probably where we get the buffalo dance. He said, 'yes that's respect shown to the one we put down, the oldest of the herd."

It just tripped me out and I asked him if I could put it into a story and he said yes. This is why I wanted to put this into a story form because it was showing respect. And respect in this life, even by buffalo, amazes me.

A lot of things we have in this life we don't show respect for. Our tribe is losing respect. Our tribe is going down and maybe we could come back again and show each other respect again. When we have dinners or dances and we eat, we could go out and have an offering to the earth and come back and then eat ... showing respect to Mother Earth. Maybe we'll start getting the respect back from the younger people.

A lot of times I look at our tribe and I think we have lost something and Alex said its respect that we have lost and I believe him.

I go to the tribe sometimes and I get buffalo meat when they give it out, and if they don't have any I am still grateful I can get it when it comes. I seen a couple of people get really mad because it wasn't there. It is given to us free. We get free shoes, glasses and per cap payments, I see other tribes and they don't receive a lot of the free things we do and we need to be thankful, not get mad. I don't see how anyone can get mad about things that are given to us for free. We should show respect.

I pray in the future that maybe our tribe will understand what Alex and I talked about. Respect.

Our tribe lost a good friend in Alex Warden. I lost a brother and he will be missed.

Mathison Hamilton Mustang, Okla.



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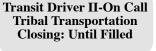
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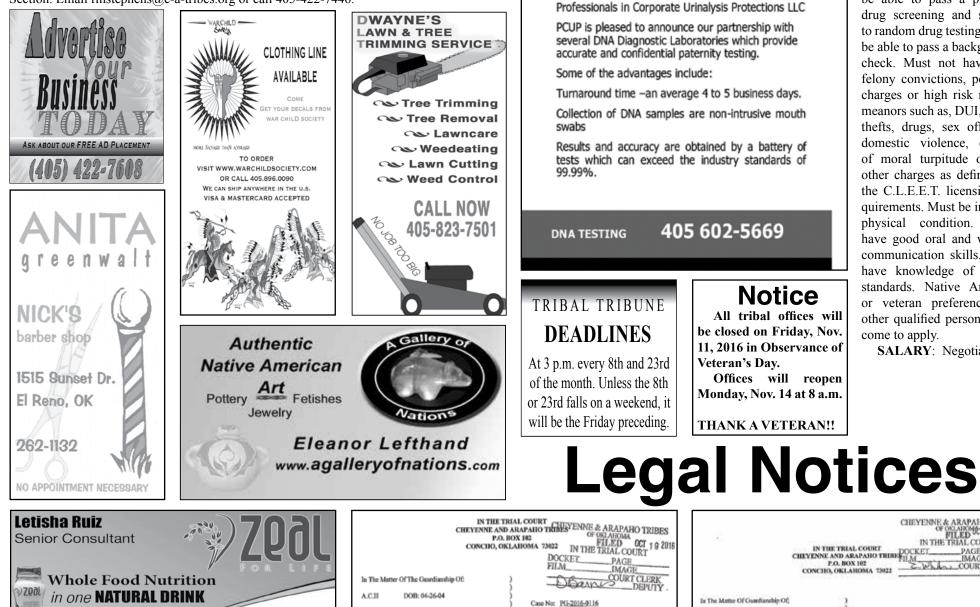
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Sundance Institute's Native program director believes in the power of stories

By Lynette Lobban Sooner Magazine/University of Oklahoma Foundation Reprinted with Permission

Wrong place, wrong time. That's how N. Bird Runningwater describes turning points in a life that traversed three cultures and put him at the center of racial tensions as a University of Oklahoma student twenty years ago. Instead of setbacks, the wrongs added up to the right path for Runningwater to give voice to others as director of the Sundance Institute's Native American and Indigenous Program.

As the first graduate of OU's Native American Studies program, Runningwater returned to Norman earlier this year to be honored as a distinguished alumnus of the College of Arts and Sciences and to celebrate the elevation of NAS to department status. He shared candid stories of his childhood — a blended heritage that began when a Cheyenne prom queen at Chilocco Indian High School met a Mescalero Apache "bad boy." His family tree is ringed with his ancestors sacred titles: chief, Sundance priest, keeper of arrows.

"I don't know how many of your grandparents wore matching outfits, but mine did," says Runningwater, offering a faded portrait of a handsome couple with a distinct style. "I was about two when we left New Mexico and my parents started college in Oklahoma. I went to live with my maternal grandparents in Clinton. My grandfather was a Cheyenne

chief, so we lived a very ceremonial life."

Runningwater remembers bumping along to tribal meetings and social gatherings in his grandfather's pickup. Cheyenne was spoken in the home. Preserving native culture was not an academic pursuit to his grandparents; it was everyday life. When his parents completed their college education—his mom with an OU nursing degree—they retrieved Runningwater on their way back to New Mexico, to "reintroduce me to the wild Apaches of the Mescalero Reservation."

"I was about six and I remember going onto the playground and everybody was speaking Apache. I thought, 'Oh, my God, I have to figure this out! I should have been here when everyone else was learning.""

His first feelings of "wrong place, wrong time" were mitigated by a loving family with blended traditions, languages and cultures. "I learned that some people only spoke one language, whether it was English or Cheyenne or Apache, but I had this fortune of having a home that spoke all three." Runningwater grew up assuming there were three different ways of saying things, three different ways of doing things, three different ways to consider before a taking step forward to honor whatever protocol were taking every native course possible," he says.

Runningwater took so many native courses that shortly before he was to graduate he was approached by Barbara Hobson, coordinator of Native American Studies. She told him that NAS was about to become a degree-granting program and added, "You're going to be our first graduate."

"Ok," said Runningwater. "What does that mean?"

It meant the fifth-year senior would have to postpone graduation another year to finish requirements. This "wrong place, wrong time" moment was life-changing, he says.

"If I hadn't stayed, I wouldn't have been a columnist for the OU paper when something quite definitive happened to our native community on campus," he recalls.

The year was 1994, and Runningwater had nothing more on his mind than finishing up, accepting his Woodrow Wilson Fellowship and starting grad school in Texas when a tepee on the south oval was vandalized and its occupants harassed by members of a fraternity. "Had we had cellphones back then, we might have been able to capture it and justice might have been more swift," says Runningwater. "But the incident was barely mentioned even though our students had filed complaints about being attacked." That week the journalist used his column to explore the vandalism and its aftermath. And that's when "a nuclear bomb kind of went off." The column sparked a debate among students, faculty and administration, both supporters and opponents. For the first time, Runningwater discovered the power of his voice. "I began to use my column week after week to document what was happening," he says. "There was no Facebook or Instagram or Twitter. I started to authenticate my own voice as a writer. I also learned speaking a truth can put you in danger." Runningwater started receiving hate mail at the Daily office, death threats on his voice mail at home. While unnerving, it was also gratifying that people were listening. Justice "somewhat" prevailed, he says. Although criminal charges were never filed, native students began having meetings with the administration and other groups on campus. Acrimony gave way to inspiration.





Embrace those moments when you think you're in the wrong place at the wrong time ... There are so many great stories yet to be told. — Bird Runningwater

might be in place at the time.

In 1988, he entered OU as a 17-year-old freshman wondering what to do with his life. After a trial and error of majors, he decided to look objectively at his strengths. "In fourth grade, we had to write books, and I was always telling stories about my grandparents in Oklahoma, about my horses and my cousins. My teacher loved them," he recalls. "So I thought, yeah, journalism."

During college, Runningwater worked as a writer and columnist for The Oklahoma Daily. He also took every Native American course he could find in any department, including literature, history, aesthetics and cross-cultural communication.

"I wasn't alone. Native students are so hungry for exposure to our own sense of being. No matter what the theme or subject, we "I left for Austin with a feeling of relief," he says. "So much had been happening emotionally and spiritually."

After earning his master's in public policy, he moved to New York for a job at the Ford Foundation, where he helped build its arts and culture program. He noticed during the '90s that Native American directors had yet to make feature films. The paperwork, non-profit status and legal requirements precluded many aspiring filmmakers from ap-

Kelly Damphousse, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, congratulates Bird Runningwater, left, on being honored as a Distinguished Graduate during ceremonies last spring. (Photo by Jawanza Bassue)

plying for available grants.

In 1998, the Sundance Institute invited top-ranking executives at the Ford Foundation to attend its annual film festival in Park City, Utah. None of them could go. "I was sent against my will," he says. "I was whining that it was winter; it was Utah; it would be cold."

That was the year "Smoke Signals" premiered at Sundance. Runningwater had met director Chris Eyre in New York when Eyre and screenwriter Sherman Alexie were struggling to make their first feature film.

"I had witnessed their struggle and then I was there at the world premiere and it won all the top awards," recalls Runningwater. "Miramax bought it and it ended up being the second highest-grossing independent film of that year. Sundance had supported Chris and Sherman and helped them through."

Back in New York, Runningwater had taken a new job with the Rockefeller Foundation, but was growing restless in the city. He was packing his office when the phone rang. It was Heather Rae, director of the Native American program at Sundance, offering him a job in Los Angeles. His response: "I'll be right there."

The job in native programming suited Runningwater as much as the California sun. Every wrong place and time coalesced into precisely the right background for someone who wanted to help others tell their stories from a native persepctive.

"It reminds me of writing for the Daily at OU," he says. "I had this story that I needed to tell and that I was trying to articulate. Try-

ing to convey these intriciacies and nuances in a scenario that was unfortunate, but still trying to reach the broadest audience possible and strike a common chord. It's very much what we do at Sundance."

The institute, founded by actor Robert Redford, has supported many native filmmakers, including Sterlin Harjo (Seminole-Muscogee), Randi LeClair (Pawnee) and Blake Pickens (Chickasaw). All attended OU.

"OU's Crossroads Film Festival is a great supporter of our work, as is deadCenter in Oklahoma City. I attended the premiere of Sterlin's film 'Mekko' at deadCenter, which was the only experience I've ever had sitting in an audience of 99.9% Creek people," he says.

"You could have heard a pin drop. You could also feel the pride and emotion. I think that was one of the highlights of any world premiere ever attended."

Runningwater has long worked to support native filmmakers on a global scale, including New Zealand, Hawaii, the Arctic Circle and British Columbia. He is also turning his attention to what he calls the "fourth generation" of native filmmakers, those in the 18- to 24-year-old range. Who will they be? How will they work? Will they make films on their iPhones?

No matter the medium, Runningwater offers a piece of advice to those starting out in film: "Embrace those moments when you think you're in the wrong place at the wrong time. You just have to stay open. There are so many great stories yet to be told."

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