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Sand Creek Monument Dedicated to the Citizens of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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CONCHO, OK) On May 11, 2021 the Sand Creek Monument was officially dedicated to the citizens of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, in remembrance of those who were murdered in the 1864 Sand Creek Massacre.

The dedication ceremony was a somber event for many, as they reflected on their ancestors who survived the massacre and those whose lives were brutally taken on that day, Nov. 29, 1864.

Master of ceremony Cheyenne Chief Gordon Yel- lowman welcomed everyone and called on Lightfoot Hawk- kins, a descendant of Chief White Antelope to open the ceremony with prayer.

Following the prayer, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana spoke from the podium sharing his thoughts and welcoming everyone in attendance.

Nov. 29, 1864 molded us to be who we are today. We are here today because of those events and we shouldn’t forget where we come from. Those horrific events that happened and our tribal members who were brutally murdered should never be forgotten and that’s why we are here today,” Gov. Wassana said.

It was on March 8, 2021 when the monument was erected on the south side of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ headquarters, near the Veteran’s Memorial Wall in Concho, Okla.

Arapaho Culture Coordinator Fred Mosqueda stated in a previous interview, the Sand Creek site superintendent Alexa Roberts, told the Sand Creek Tribal representatives to sit down and design a Sand Creek monument for...


Fifth Row: Andy Mendez-PFS, Tara Connover-DSW Director, Tony LaCrosse-CHR, Mona Costello-EMS/HED, Lakota Beauty-FES, Jamie Bureau-Task Force/Screeners, Marcus Bureau-DWP Fitness Coach and Justin Kinichalo-PFS.

Not Pictured: Anna Schaffer-EMT/EMS/EMT, Penny Schaffer-EMS/Paramedic; Donna Laferr EMS/Paramedic; Kathy Valentine EMS/Paramedic; Drake Holland-Task Force/Screeners and Kimberly West-Task Force/Screeners.

LaRenda Morgan, Cheyenne citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, is presented to LaRenda Morgan and Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Christian Wassana were the recipients of three awards during their virtual 2021 Tribal Public Health Conference.

The Tribal Community Impact Award

The Tribal Community Impact Award presented to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Dept. of Health is given to a community leader or organization that has developed unique community or grassroots projects that have a positive impact on the community by bolstering resiliency, health, and healing within the Native community. According to the SPTHB’s outreach advocate, Janice Knight, the Tribal Community Impact Award is one of the three highest awards presented.

“Everyone within the Dept. of Health has had a big impact on our tribal communities, especially during the past year in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic. They work hard and are deserving of this award. I want to say congratulations and thank you for all your hard work,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana said.

Sally Carter Legacy Award

The Sally Carter Legacy Award was presented to LaRenda Morgan, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ governmental affairs officer and citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and/or organization who in advocacy for tribes’ citizens through laboration with tribal organizations. This importance of building nerships between tribes and community orga- programs and policies which aim to improve the lives of native people. Morgan received the 2021 Tribal Public Health Sally Carter Legacy Award while advocating for Ida’s Law that was recently signed into law by the Oklahoma governor. She also received the key to city of El Reno, OK, where she was raised.

“We are very proud of her hard work and accomplishments,” Christian Wassana, citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes tremendously,” said Gov. Reggie Wassana.

Youth Leadership Award

The Youth Leadership Award was presented to Christian Wassana, citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and founder of the ‘I Am, I Can, I Will’ movement. The Youth Leadership Award is given to an exceptional youth advocate ages 12 to 24, who are passionate about building resiliency and leading others to live healthier lives through ed- ucation, advocacy or example. This award recipient embodies the notion that what we do today impacts the next seven generations to come.


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If Anita’s father should be on there, because of the way I was raised and the stories I was told, when the Cheyenne went into battle and were outnumbered they called on the Arapaho’s, who showed up and vice versa. We’ve always stayed up for each other and we still do,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Lt. Gov. Gilbert Mills said.

“White Antelope descendant,” she said. “It was good and it was awful. It was a blessing and a curse,” she said. “I’m not going to like it. I’m going to hate it. It’s going to be good. It’s going to be a good thing. I can picture it. It’s going to be something we remember for a very long time.”

The family asked the chaplain to try and keep Nick’s death from being a surprise. The chaplain told them they should do what they felt was right.

“They decided to all get on the Zoom call and break the news to him,” Cheyenne Culture Coordinator Chester Whitman said. “That was the worst phone call I’ve ever made in my life,” she said. “It was horrible. The chaplain was in there, so I was grateful for that. But to hear my dad yells... she tralls off, her voice breaking with emotion.

Afterwards, the family spoke to the doctor, who told them to try and keep Nick’s spirits up through video conferencing calls with his family.

And it seemed to work for three days, his decline stopped.

“For those three days,” Greenwalt said, “he stayed conscious. He was watching the news. He was coherent. He was still talking to us.”

Anita’s sister, Velah, had been admitted to the hospital with COVID-19 before her father’s death.

“Like everything else, it was spiraling out of control,” Anita said.

On Sept. 20, the day before Emily’s eerys stapled so, Anita visited her.

Anita’s father condition had worsened. He had also been given oxygen treatments and used hand sanitizer.

“Just wanting to grab her and hug her and hold her,” Anita said.

Tuesday, he pointed to his family. A blanket was stolen from the living room.

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"We both thought we were just going to bounce back," Carla said. "It's not something we were expecting. We were both getting ready to retire. We were going to take some trips. We were going to see Alaska and then... her breath catches as emo-
tion washes over her... "we were going to go see Yellowstone."

"We couldn't wrap our heads around the fact we were in this position with our little brother," Ani-
ta said. "It just felt like a nightmare going on every day."

With Carla at his side and holding the phone, his siblings were able to tell him goodbye as he faded. "I was grateful for that," Greenwa said. "I got to tell him what a kickass brother he was."

Victor died the day after Christmas. He was buried with full military honors. Christmas. He was buried with full military honors. He was buried with full military honors.

"I feel like I'm honor-
ing him," Carla said. "I think he was this kickass brother he was." Anita closed Nick's Barber Shop a week before the executive order was issued, and it re-
lained closed for seven weeks while workers and customers were threatened to sue when they tried spitting on her after she was asked to do so. He insisted she was just "buy-
ing into that liberal bull-
shit," she said. She tried to tell him it wasn't about politics.

He said the virus was just a "hoax."

"That was the final straw. "You know what?" she said. "I wish some
ty to customers at the bar-
ershop."

"It's very disappointing to hear people are saying this. There have been people who have been coming into my shop for years, but this last year has shown me somebody else.

It was about two weeks after the death of her mother and father Anita

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can Student Association “2 Spirits.” “Unified we are all powerful. We are united as one, equal as one. We are not going anywhere,” Andrea Longorta, Calda, said.

When Carmen Harvie took to the podium, she paused for a moment over- come with emotion as she shared the many visits she has had over the years with families of missing or murdered Indig- enous women and girls.

“I’ve spoken with a lot of families, I have searched for a lot of people and I have cried a lot, and I’ve learned to pray more,” Harvie, Choctaw/Hualapai, said. Harvie said she went to search for a young girl one day who had gone missing and when she walked into their home where the mom is crying, the kids are crying, the brothers are crying, the grandmas are crying.

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In Oklahoma, after two years of advo- cacy for legislation to address missing and/or murdered Indigenous women, Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed the bill into law, named Ida’s Law.

Ida’s Law is named after 29-year-old Ida Joann Beard, a citizen of the Chey- enne and Arapaho Tribes, who went missing from El Reno, Okla. in 2015. She has never been found. Her case, like so many others, became known as a “cold case” in law enforcement, with lit- tle to no movement towards solving the mystery surrounding her disappearance.

“This legislation, called Ida’s Law, has been pushed and introduced last year when the pandemic started, and it died. Whenever we felt this bill was in jeopardy I would get a call from LaRen- da Morgan saying, ‘Reggie you need to get here (at the state Capitol),’” Gov. Wassana said.

He pointed Morgan out as one of the main figures who have pushed for Ida’s Law to be signed into law from the very beginning. Morgan is Ida Beard’s cous- in, and she is the governmental affairs officer for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

“LaRenda has spent everyday here at the capital advocating, talking and fight- ing for this to happen. We want to thank Mickey Dollens, who first carried the bill last year, and we want to thank Sen. Rossino and Rep. Walk for carrying the bill this year,” Gov. Wassana said.

Rep. Mickey Dollens first submitted Ida’s Law in December 2019 for the 2020 Legislative session. The bill passed the Judiciary Committee and House of Representatives, but due to COVID-19 shutdowns the bill never made it out of the Senate.


One of the guest speakers at the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women’s National Day of Awareness is Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana. (Photo / Rose- mary Stephens)

The rally featured a Red Dress Exhibition, open mic for those who wanted to share their own personal stories, and the family of Ida Beard, along with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes furnished a boxed lunch.

The rally closed as it opened, in a circle of prayer.
Candidate Registration Opens
May 3, 2021 / Closes June 1, 2021

In accordance with the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the Election Law for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the Election Commission opens nominations for elective office to qualified candidates. Nominations open May 3, 2021 and close on June 1, 2021.

ELECTIVE SEATS OPEN

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR:
Incumbent: Gov. Reggie Wassana
Incumbent: Lt. Gov. Gib Miles

LEGISLATURE:
Arapaho District 1
Incumbent: Billie Sutton
Arapaho District 2
Incumbent: Kendricks Sleeper
Cheyenne District 2
Incumbent: George Woods
Cheyenne District 4
Incumbent: Byron Byrd

ELECTION COMMISSION:
Arapaho District 3
Incumbent: Pat Smothers
Arapaho District 4
Incumbent: Elizabeth Birdshead
Cheyenne District 1
Incumbent: Sandra Hinshaw
Cheyenne District 3
Incumbent: Ramona Welch

REGISTRATION PACKETS

Registration Packets can be picked up at the Election Commission Office in Concho or from any Commissioner after the fee has been paid. The packet must be turned in before registration closes on June 1, 2021. The candidate will receive a copy of the Election Law, their district’s voter listing and an Election Schedule, once the packet is turned in.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration is open and will close on June 15, 2021.

TENTATIVE POLLING SITES

Polling Sites will be Confirmed Prior to Elections

Primary Election - Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2021
General Election - Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021

Canton Community Center, 205/207 N Jefferson St, Canton, Okla.
Seiling Community Center, 411 N. Main, Seiling, Okla.
Watonga Community Center, 1000 S. Clarence Nash Blvd., Watonga, Okla.
All Nations Church, North Broadway, Kingfisher, Okla.

Concho Community Center, 200 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, Okla.
Geary Community Center, 132 E. Main, Geary, Okla.

Clinton Community Center, 2015 Dogpatch Rd., Clinton, Okla.
Southwestern Oklahoma State University, 1121 N. 7th St., Weatherford, Okla.

Hammon Community Center, 801 Dunn St., Hammon, Okla.
Elk City Indian Baptist Church, 7th St., Elk City, Okla.

No campaigning within 100 feet of the polling site.

QUALIFICATIONS

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR

The minimum qualifications for Governor and Lt. Governor Candidates are as follows:

The Candidates for Governor and Lt. Governor shall be enrolled members of the tribe, at least 35 years of age and each must possess a minimum, bachelor’s degree from an accredited school.

No person convicted of a felony within the last 10 years shall serve as Governor or Lt. Governor unless pardoned.

At the time of filing a nomination petition, the candidate shall physically reside in a voting district and if elected, reside in a voting district for the duration of their term.

The candidates shall submit copies of his or her Federal Income Tax returns for the previous five years and provide a written list of all his or her personal and real property.

The candidates cannot owe any money or debts to the tribes; The Governor and Lt. Governor will run as a team.

LEGISLATOR

Each District Legislator shall be an enrolled member of the tribes, age 25 or older and shall possess, at minimum, a high school degree or its equivalent. No person convicted of a felony within the last 10 years shall serve as a District Legislator unless pardoned.

At the time of filing a nomination petition, the candidate shall physically reside in such District. Each District Legislator shall reside in the District from which they are elected for the duration of their term. Each District Legislator shall be a registered voter in the District from which they are elected.

A candidate for the Office of District Legislator cannot owe any money or debts to the tribes or be employed in any governmental capacity.

ELECTION COMMISSION

Members of the Election Commission shall be elected from their respective districts to serve a term of four years. Election Commissioners shall possess, at a minimum, a high school degree or its equivalent. No person convicted of a felony shall serve as an Election Commissioner. Each candidate for elective office shall file a nomination petition.

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FEES

GOVERNOR/LT. GOVERNOR...........$250
LEGISLATIVE.........................$200
ELECTION COMMISSION...........$100
CHALLENGE..............................$200

Fees are paid by money order or cashier’s check made payable to the Election Commission and are NON-REFUNDABLE.

The Election Commission will conduct elections, following the Election Law for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, at time set for the primary and general election. The tribes have selected the Election Commission as their representative body to conduct the elections.

The Election Commission is located in the Education Building, Concho Campus, Rooms 106 and 107. Currently the office is open from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office number is, toll free 800-377-4912 ext. 27459 or you may call or message any one of the commissioners for assistance:

A1 Ray Mosqueda 405-306-9281
A2 Pat Hamilton 405-345-7354
A3 Pat Smothers 405-531-7863
A4 Elizabeth Birdshead 405-464-6043
C1 Sandra Hinshaw 405-531-7864
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Della Ruth Youngbear French

Della Ruth (Yough'th'ne) French. Her. She was born on Nov. 8, 1959, to Herman W. Youngbear Jr. and Angie (Miles) Red Bird. She was raised in Hammon, Okla., and passed away on April 29, 2021 at an Interim Hospice Home in Oklahoma City. She was married to Orville L. White and had two children.

She attended the Oklahoma Indian University in Concho, Okla., and worked at the Crazy Horse Bar where she was a gourd dancer. She enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren, and especially her grandsons.

She is survived by her husband, Orville L. White; her children, Britton French and Cheyenne French; her parents, Orville and Angie Youngbear; her brothers, Danny Williams, Daniel Youngbear, and Rocky Youngbear; her sisters, Shelly Whitehawk, Summer Whitehawk, and Summer Youngbear; her grandchildren, and her nieces and nephews.

Whitehawk of Oklahoma is also survived by his children, Beatrice Magpie Ware, companion Matt Hayes and his great-grandson, Damian. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, a new companion, and a new great-grandson.

Whitehawk of Oklahoma was a well-known Fancy War Dance dancer and spent a lot of time dancing and performing with his dad in the American Indian Community School. He was an active member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and was a key to changing the Native American community.

He leaves behind his family, including his parents, Kenneth and Carol Lynn (Matos) Scott & White, his sisters, Cora and Caitlin Woodcock, and brother, Don Youngbear, and Monica Howling Runner, Delores Howling Runner, Jo Youngbear, and Monica Howling Runner and brother, Randal "Shorty" Youngbear of Clinton, Okla., as well as Billings, Mont., and the Crazy Horse Bar where she was employed as a nurse's aide and housekeeper.

She graduated from the Anadarko High School in 1988. She attended the University of Oklahoma in Norman, where she was a very talented rapper and hip-hop dancer. As a student, he was an online personality and performed at numerous powwows.

He loved to share his stories and experiences with the Native American community and was a very influential person in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He was also a gourd dancer and spent a lot of time dancing and performing at numerous events.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters.

Cecil Blaire Woodcock

Cecil Blaire Woodcock, age 18, passed away on March 5, 2021 at an Interim Hospice Home in Oklahoma City, Okla. He was born on Aug. 15, 1975 in Concho, Okla., and passed away on March 5, 2021 at an Interim Hospice Home in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Whitehawk of Oklahoma is also survived by his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom were very close to his heart.

She is survived by her parents, Dan and Kim Youngbear; her sisters, Shelly Whitehawk, Summer Whitehawk, and Summer Youngbear; and her brother, Don Youngbear.

He is survived by his best friend, Rick, two step-children, Ben Edwards and Katie Youngbear; his fiancé, Peabody Museum, Branson, Mo., for his work in anthro- pology and performing with his own band,the Blackhawk Warriors. He was also a gourd dancer and spent a lot of time dancing and performing at numerous events.

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A Hammon Story: ‘Hammon Man No Socks’!

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

A phrase that pays and a beginning of another.

“I was on the junior high team and we were playing for the conference championship and the girls from Hammon also made it to finals as well,” Old Crow said. When the games were over, the girls had lost while the boys had won. Old Crow said he vividly remembers sitting on the bus waiting for the bus driver to come out of the gym.

“And at this happens, people were still coming out of the gym and Evelyn Gayle Highwalker, a Cheyenne, was on the girls’ team, and all I remember is that she put her window down and started yelling off to the crowd as they were walking out, ‘Hammon man no socks.’

“When Evelyn Gayle Highwalker said the infamous saying word for word, all of sudden, everybody else around her started saying ‘Hammon man no socks’ as well,” Old Crow said.

As time went on, the saying has become a part of many different story lines of where it first originated. Over time, the saying has happened in 1973 during a basketball game in Arapaho, Okla.

“I heard that comment, and it’s a way of teasing if you are from Hammon,” Old Crow said.

“Having grew up in the Hammon community, Old Crow said he agrees the saying has become a part of Hammon history.

“You can make that comment to most people out here in Western Oklahoma and they instantly know that that’s ‘Hammon man no socks,’” Old Crow said.

Over time, the saying has taken on many forms and has become a part of various different story lines of where it first originated. Continuing in its popularity and around the Hammon community, Old Crow said the phrase is always recognizable with Hammon history.

“The term does come out, ‘Hammon man no socks’ and that will be from people that don’t even live in Hammon, but they do know that’s what you say to Hammon people,” Old Crow said.
May is National Physical Fitness & Sports Month

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Growing up in a family of fast pitch softball players, KJ Miller, 20, also knew, from an early age, to play fast pitch softball naturally.

Standing 6'4 tall, Miller has been recognized for his talent as a senior at the University of Arkansas and was named as one of the top five softball players in the country in 2020.

Growing up, Miller’s inspiration for fast pitch softball came from his mother, Kariss Miller. His mother pitched for fast pitch softball at the University of Arkansas and is currently a coach for the women’s softball team at the University of Arkansas.

Miller said he was inspired by his mother’s passion for softball and her dedication to the sport. He started playing softball at an early age and has been playing competitively for most of his life.

“Fast pitch softball has always been a part of my life,” Miller said. “My mom was my role model growing up, and she showed me the importance of hard work and dedication.”

Miller said he has always been drawn to the fast pace and excitement of fast pitch softball. He enjoys the challenge of trying to out-bat the opposing team and the thrill of hitting home runs and making game-winning plays.

Miller said he is looking forward to the future of fast pitch softball and is excited to see how the sport will continue to evolve and grow in the years to come.

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The views of Edgar Heap of Birds, a renowned Native American artist, are often reflected in his monotypes, which are a type of printmaking. Heap of Birds’ work often explores themes of Native American history and culture, and his monotypes are a way to convey the complex and nuanced aspects of these histories.

In his monotypes, Heap of Birds often uses bold, graphic images and striking colors to convey a sense of the past and present. His work is both a celebration of Native American culture and a critique of the ways in which history has been remembered and told.

Heap of Birds’ monotypes are not just works of art, but also serve as a way to preserve and honor Native American history. His work is a testament to the resilience and strength of Native American peoples, and a reminder of the continuing struggle for justice and understanding.

Heap of Birds’ monotypes are a reminder of the importance of remembering and recognizing the past, and of the need to continue to work towards a more just and equitable future for all people.
“Age is just a number—not a way of life.”

Lucien “Luke” Rice
58-year-old citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes believes Senior athletes can go as hard as they ever could, even though the definition of “hard” changes. And he knows from experience.

Luke has recently qualified to compete at the national level in a variety of sports ranging from basketball, softball, track and field, to name only a few. For instance, he will be competing in the Senior Golf Tournament for his age group, 55-59 years old.

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