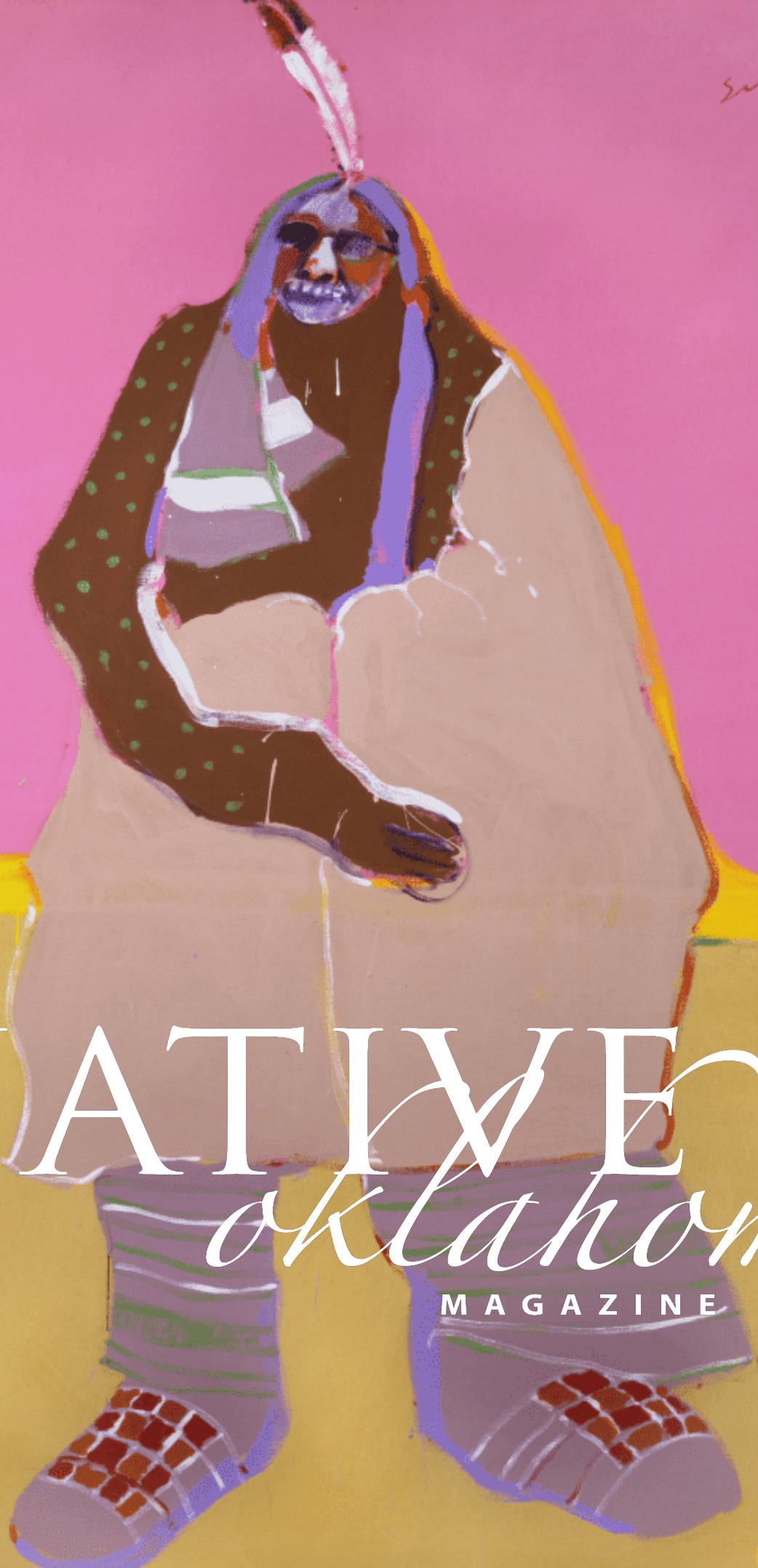


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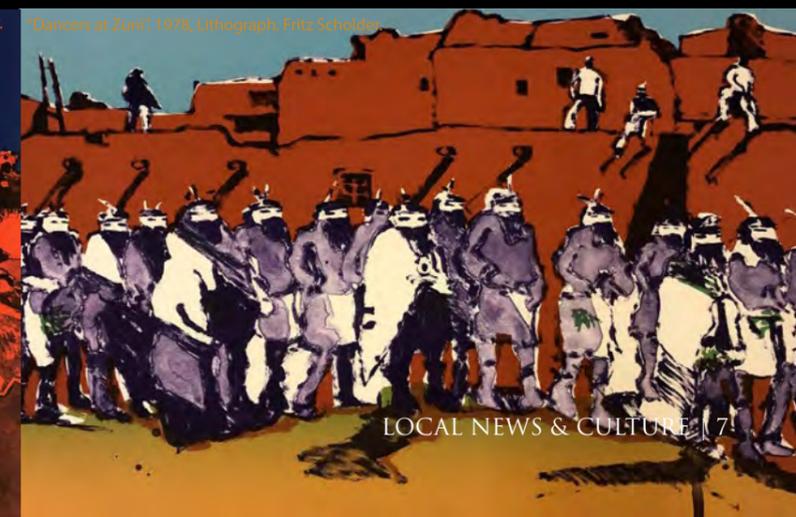


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- FRITZ SCHOLDER



“FRITZ SCHOLDER’S STEREOTYPE-BUSTING ART ON EXHIBIT IN OKLAHOMA CITY”

OKLAHOMA CITY – Ten prints and one painting from Fritz Scholder’s revolutionary “Indian” series are on exhibit through Jan. 2 at the Oklahoma City Museum of Art. “Fritz Scholder: Beyond Stereotypes” illustrates Scholder’s radical imagery of modern-day indigenous life, according to a news release from the museum. “Through his paintings and prints, Scholder challenged the popular stereotypical depictions of Native Americans within the world of fine art,” said exhibition curator Catherine Shotick. Shotick said that with his “Indian” series, Scholder sought to replace the tourist-approved narratives perpetuated by white artists with the realities he witnessed every day. An enrolled member of the Luiseno tribe, Scholder was born in Minnesota in 1937, and by 1964 he was teaching at the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe. He died in 2005 in Scottsdale, Ariz. The exhibit was originally planned to close on Nov. 7, but was extended due to the extensive interest shown!





Randy & Joy Anoatubby



Randy Anoatubby was the owner's representative for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Lucky Star Casino expansion project in Watonga. Pictured from left to right: Andy Rednose, Randy Anoatubby. (Photo provided by Randy Anoatubby.)

Randy Anoatubby choked up as he described the two years he spent ministering to underprivileged families in inner-city Boston.

"That was a real highlight of my life," he said after he was able to speak again. "It brings back good memories."

Mick Schovanec would expect such emotion from his lifelong friend.

"He loves everybody," said Schovanec, who lives in Collinsville and works for Master's Plan Church Design and Build. "He has a big smile and a very warm spirit."

"Growing up with him in junior high and high school, he was always very determined, and an amazing football player," Schovanec said.

"In ministry, he was the same. He has compassionately worked hard at whatever he did, whether it be football, ministry or serving the Tribal nations."

As president of Tulsa-based Anoatubby Consulting, Anoatubby has been involved in about \$2 billion worth of Indian Country construction projects over the past 10 years, working with tribes in Oklahoma and other states. His love for his fellow Natives is a guiding force.

"My job is to make sure the tribes are not being taken advantage of," he said. "I'm willing to go deeper at any level to make sure they are well-represented."

Anoatubby said he tries to help the tribes "get the biggest bang for their dollars."

"We try to drive down the cost of every project, from the architects to the construction managers to the subcontractors," he said. The way he sees it, those cost savings represent money the tribes can use for social programs such as healthcare and education.

"It's all about the tribal members," said Anoatubby, 54, who is Chickasaw and Cherokee. While in his spare time, he swims, lifts weights and attends church at The Assembly in Broken Arrow.

His son, Garrett, is in ROTC and has chosen music (guitar) over football. Growing up in the small town of Garber, near Enid, where his father, along with his mother and two sisters, was an Assemblies of God pastor. They enjoyed playing music at church.

"I wasn't raised in a traditional way," he said of his Native heritage. "But we were always open to it, and experienced some of it." His father's congregation was mostly eastern European.

"My dad was able to cross those barriers and become effective in preaching the gospel," he said.

To this day, he said, people he grew up with remain faith-filled "and attribute their relationship with God to my dad."

In college, Anoatubby played football at Evangel University in Springfield, Mo., where he majored in education and criminal justice and also earned a theology degree. That's where he met his wife, Joy, though it would be 20 years before they married. Anoatubby's firm also has business clients. Assisting him with that work are Annetta Abbott, who is Choctaw, and William Lowe, who is Muscogee.

Homesickness played a role in Anoatubby's decision to return to Oklahoma when he was in his early 30s. Working with the tribes has become an extension of the ministry he was trained for, but he credits someone else with having that vision. He was

living in Cincinnati not long after the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001, when many people were re-examining their life goals.

"A friend told me I needed to move back to Oklahoma and utilize the skills God had given me for my people. This was a white man who knew nothing about my culture. He said he felt led to tell me that." The secrets to success in business, he says, are "Honesty, and do what you say you are going to do. Honesty and trust are the most important things in Indian Country. As long as I do what I say I'm going to do, that trust level is there, and we get things accomplished." Some clients have no place in his firm, Anoatubby says. "Dishonest people who show a history of not treating people right, I don't do business with. Or people who don't look upon the tribe as a sovereign nation."

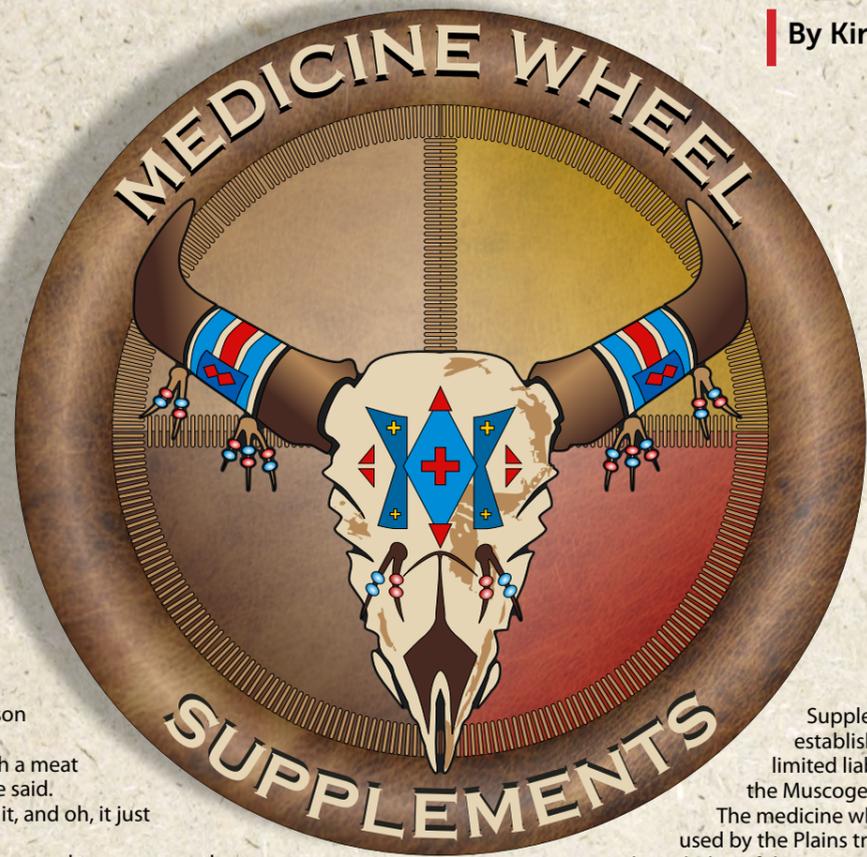
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By Kimberly Burk

Greg Wolf likes his venison chicken-fried. "We beat it real thin with a meat tenderizing hammer," he said. "We batter it up and fry it, and oh, it just melts in your mouth."

Roddy Murphy has a house and two acres on the edge of town, and he loves to walk barefoot in the yard "and feel the healing energy from Mother Earth."



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Wolf, a cabinetmaker who lives on the family farm east of Guthrie, is Creek. Murphy is Cherokee and Seminole and lives in Wagoner with his wife, Linda, who teaches fifth grade. Neither grew up with traditional Native ways, but some things are just instinctive. Sharing, for example, comes naturally for Wolf, who gives away much of the wild game he harvests.

"Why should I keep it when I have more than I need?" he asked.

When Murphy's parents suffered debilitating illnesses and became dependent on opioids,

the practices of his Native friends who were spiritual healers just made better sense to him.

"I believe our Creator and Mother Earth provided a lot of natural herbs and vitamins and put them here for a reason, to help us heal naturally," he said.

Wolf and Murphy became friends nearly 20 years ago while working at a cabinet shop, and now are partners in Medicine Wheel

Supplements, which they established in October 2018 as a limited liability company through the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

The medicine wheel is a sacred symbol used by the Plains tribes to represent all knowledge of the universe, Murphy said. It also is a symbol of hope – a movement toward healing for those

who seek it.

"We believe there is an alternative path to healing, a more holistic approach, a balance of mind, body and spirit as symbolized in the medicine wheel," Murphy said.

Their products include a vegan multivitamin, organic turmeric, an immune health supplement and hemp seed oil soft gels.

"Hemp seed oil is a plant-based alternative to fish oil," Murphy said. Murphy has a friend who is a biochemist who helped them get started in the supplement business.

"I wanted a more holistic, natural approach than prescriptions and spending your life savings on treatments that don't work," he said.

Murphy spent 15 years in the insurance industry and has also worked as a financial planner, real estate broker and stockbroker. He now works for Encinos Signs, and he and Wolf have maintained their fulltime jobs while getting Medicine Wheel off the ground as an online company. They intend to eventually expand into retail.



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"I found out a long time ago, after being in construction for a while, then starting with Prudential at age 22, I discovered that I liked people," Murphy said.

"Developing relationships with people, I was a natural at that. I like helping people. Money is just a byproduct of helping people."

Wolf said he looks forward to meeting more Natives as a result of the business.

"I don't really know that much," he said of his tribal heritage.

"I'd like to know more about it. Since Creek is a multiple group of tribes, I don't know exactly which one I am. I know my family came on the Trail of Tears."



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Wolf said his family grows a large garden, and he loves eating fresh vegetables along with the lean meat he goes hunting and fishing for, such as wild turkey, pheasant and quail. The farm provides meat from cattle and sheep, and Wolf knows how to cook all of it. He

said he enjoys good health that is only enhanced by the natural supplements.

Murphy said he relied in part on the healing powers of nature during an especially rough time in his life.

"It's hard to live on this earth for 50-plus years and not experience hard times," he said.

After going through a divorce when his children were young, he struggled with "not being around my kids every day like I was used to," he said.

"I was by myself on a lot of occasions. During those times when I was alone, I did a lot of reading of spiritual books, self-motivation books that helped change my way of thinking. I finally reached a point where I was OK with being alone. I could just go sit under a tree and be OK, being one with nature."



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Greg Wolf on the family farm near Guthrie, OK.



Roddy and Linda Murphy during a vacation to Lake Tahoe.





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“FIVE TRIBES WORKING TO IMPLEMENT JURISDICTION GRANTED BY MCGIRT”

The McGirt decision was “shocking, in a good way,” says Sara Hill, attorney general for the Cherokee Nation. But that doesn’t mean the tribe was caught off guard, Hill said during a breakout session on the final day of the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association convention.

“We’ve been working since the Murphy decision in 2017,” Hill said during the workshop on the implications of the ruling. “We knew this would be the one.”

In 2017, the Tenth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Oklahoma did not have jurisdiction to prosecute a murder committed by Patrick Murphy because it happened on the reservation of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. The state of Oklahoma argued that reservation no longer existed.

The U.S. Supreme Court upheld the appeals court decision in June 2020, ruling 5-4 on a similar case involving Jimcy McGirt, convicted by an Oklahoma jury of crimes that happened on the Muscogee Nation’s historically tribal lands. The decision held that the reservation was never dis-established and granted jurisdiction for criminal cases to the Muscogee Nation and eventually to the Cherokee, Chickasaw, Choctaw and Seminole.

“Everyone understood that as with the Muscogee Nation, so would go the five tribes,” Hill said.

In a typical year prior to the ruling, Cherokee prosecutors would file about 50 criminal cases, usually coming from the casinos, for such offenses as bar fights and public intoxication, Hill said.

Since the court of criminal appeals ruled for the Cherokee Nation in March, it has filed 1,600 cases, Hill said, “made possible by years of preparation since 2017.”

Hill said she now has six fulltime criminal prosecutors. The Nation has made extensive changes to the criminal code and has completed cross-deputization agreements “with every single law enforcement office on the reservation,” she said, including the OSBI, Grand River Dam Authority, Department of Environmental Quality

and county sheriff’s offices.

Choctaw Tribal Prosecutor Kara Bacon said “a lot of code drafting” has happened since the rulings, with the Nation enacting a traffic code, a mental health code and a wildfire code, for example. Bacon said the Choctaw have cross-deputized 794 officers in 54 agencies, including two universities and 11 sheriff’s departments. “Those were crucial,” she said of the cross-deputizations. “It also helped with relationship-building.”

In rural Oklahoma, many law enforcement agencies are so small that it’s difficult for even one person to go to court to testify. It also can be a hardship for victims and witness to travel up to 2 and a half hours to court, Bacon said.

The relatively small court costs, such as \$100 for felonies and \$75 for misdemeanors and traffic, help the tribe reimburse the small agencies that send an officer to testify, she said. Witnesses can be reimbursed for mileage.

Choctaw criminal dockets are now online, Bacon said, so that “victims can find out when their cases are coming up.”

Matt Morgan, OIGA chairman and an attorney for the Chickasaw Nation, said the McGirt ruling “was not just a five-tribe decision. It’s a new way of looking at reservation boundaries.”

“This is going to be discussed for many months, even years,” said Morgan, who moderated the panel discussion. “There have been problems for generations now.”

The Indian Nations in Oklahoma “have well-educated and seasoned tribal lawyers,” Morgan said. “There is not a tribal leader I know in this state that says this is too much. They understand that by working together we can improve our criminal justice system.”

By Kimberly Burk

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Thinking they might be shuttered for a week or two, 989 casinos across the nation, many of which had never once closed their doors, ceased operation temporarily last year as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Oklahoma, more than 130 casinos closed within a period of three or four days in March 2020, panelists said during a "state of the industry" breakout session at the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association convention in Oklahoma City.

But thanks to the quick work of casino operators who immediately started creating safety protocols, most were open again by late June 2020, said Matt Morgan, OIGA chairman.

"We are starting to learn how to live with this, how to exist," said Victor Rocho of Victor Strategies, who moderated the panel. "Personal responsibility is so important."

Jessica Feil, vice president of government relations and gaming policy counsel for the American Gaming Association, said that nationwide, the gaming industry is on pace for a record-breaking year in 2021.

"It's a reflection of pent-up demand," Feil said.

Sheila Morago, executive director of the OIGA, said during a "News from Around Indian Country" breakout session that Oklahoma casinos have reported record numbers for the past four months.

"We are watching the delta variant very carefully," Morago said. "I

think you are going to see a lot of things that we put in place stick around."

Many casinos that went smoke-free during the worst months of the pandemic have stayed smoke-free, Morago said, and a lot of customers like the change.

In the meantime, Rocho said, "sports betting has really taken off like wildfire across the country," including betting on auto racing, football, basketball and tennis.

A Supreme Court ruling cleared the way in 2018 for the states to adopt legal sports betting, and nearly half have done so.

Morgan said Oklahoma casino customers "have wanted sports betting for a long time," but most of the tribes don't see eye-to-eye with Republican Gov. Kevin Stitt about fees and compacts.

"There is an ocean between where we are and where he is," Morgan said. "If you want to do sports betting, you have to sit down at the table with all of us. I think tribal leadership is ready to have that conversation."

Convention-goers could choose from more than 40 workshops during breakout sessions on Aug. 17 and Aug. 18, during the convention and trade show held at the new Oklahoma City Convention Center. Topics included problem gambling, cultural tourism, marketing innovations, women in leadership, legislative updates, cybersecurity and technology advances.

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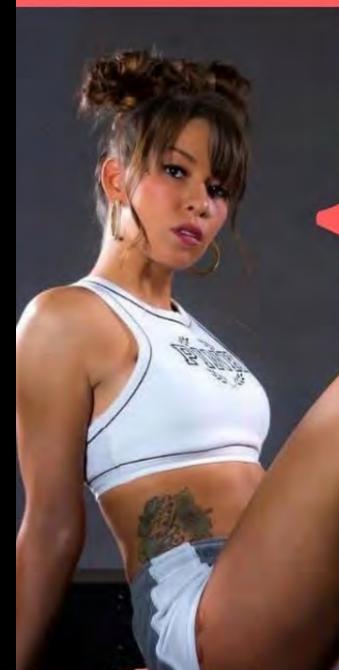


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I was pondering life the other day, and I thought about this fact, we are again in desperate times. Desperate times call for desperate measures! Our country is once again looking at a resurgence of COVID-19/Delta Variant. I am looking at this in a way that God would have me look what is going on around the Northeast part of Oklahoma. One thing is for certain, I am not scared or worried about what is going on because of this fact, God is in control of my life and I will accept His plan for my life!

My life verse is very simple, "For we walk by faith, not by sight," —2 Corinthians 5:7.

SO, LET'S DO THIS, LET'S BE B.O.L.D!

B-LET'S BE BOLD IN OUR FAITH!

Let's not worry about what the world thinks about difference situations that are going on around us. Let's get back to basics of life. Let's love another, like Jesus loved while He was on earth! We need to share our Jesus story with someone today! A story about what Jesus has done or helped us get through a time in our life, that we couldn't. Jesus has done a lot for me, Jesus saved me from my sins.

In John 3:16, it says this, "For God loved the world in this way: He gave His One and Only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him will not perish but have eternal life." —John 3:16, Thank you Jesus!

O-LET'S THINK ABOUT OTHERS FIRST!

We are in a time that we often think only of ourselves. We are taught to be number #1! It doesn't matter how we get there, we can lie, cheat and steal our way to the top and most everyone doesn't care how you got there. WE need to put the focus back on Jesus! Jesus came to this world to be a servant to others, not be served!

In Mark it says "Jesus called them over and said to them, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles dominate them, and their men of high positions exercise power over them. But it must not be like that among you. On the contrary, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be a slave to all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be

served, but to serve, and to give His life — a ransom for many." —Mark 10:42-45, Let's be like Jesus!

L-WE NEED TO WATCH OUR LANGUAGE!

We need to speak life, not doom and gloom! We also need to watch what kind of language we speak to everyday. We need to keep our tongue in check at all times.

In Ephesians it says, "No foul language is to come from your mouth, but only what is good for building up someone in need, so that it gives grace to those who hear." —Ephesians 4:29. Our tongue is small but it can cause huge damage to people, let's be like Jesus!

D-DISCIPLESHIP IS THE KEY TO GROWING IN OUR FAITH WALK!

We all need accountability in our lives. We need faith partners, we are not "Lone Rangers" here on this earth. Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs to do His work and to build relationships to get others involved in the faith work as well!

WE NEED TO DO THE FOLLOWING AS WELL...

Read God's Word-if we don't read, how do we get to know our Heavenly Father? Pray-God wants to hear from us, open communication is vital to our relationship.

Meditate on God's Word-think about it all day long and see how your day goes! Be the church-we need love each other and show it! Share our Jesus Story-share what God has done for you!

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding; think about Him in all your ways, and He will guide you on the right paths. Don't consider yourself to be wise; fear the Lord and turn away from evil." —Proverbs 3:5-7

| John Morris

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Fixico told us we were going to be movie stars. We should have known better. Fixico knew a guy who was involved in the production of the new FX series, Reservation Dogs. The guy had settled a poker debt with Fixico by arranging for us to appear as extras. We left Tulsa in the darkness of the early morning to head to the shoot location in Okmulgee. All too soon Fixico was rousing us from our deep slumber and announcing that we had arrived. We awoke to a scene that resembled 1920s Pawhuska. In fact, we were in Pawhuska! Fixico had driven an hour north rather than an hour south. "Heyluh! Yahola screamed at Fixico. "What are we doing in Pawhuska?" "Mvtawvte!" I added. "Fixico! I KNEW I should have driven!" "It's not my fault," Fixico protested as he kicked the radio. "My GPS must be on the fritz!" "That's a 1964 radio, Fixico," Tarpalechee yelled. "You have no sense of direction!" "What? I'm an Indian. I've got better dead reckoning skills than Tonto," Fixico protested. As we were shaking our heads in astonishment a stranger approached. "Where the hell have you guys been? Get your butts on the set!" he commanded. "Uh, dude, who are you?" Fixico asked. "I'm the production assistant who booked you as extras," the young man replied. "Get moving." We timidly exited the rez car while discerning that we had been mistaken for real actors. Oh well. "Remind me again what movie this is?" Fixico asked. "Killers of the Flower Moon, Einstein. Don't you ever talk to your agent? Go to wardrobe. Be on the set in five!" Before you could say "J. Edgar Hoover" we were dressed in 1920s period clothing and on the set of a general store. Martin Scorsese approached us. "Hello gentlemen. Thanks for being a part of our movie. In this scene you'll be playing poker. You can play poker?" We all cracked up. Fixico laughed the hardest. "Mr. Di Niro and Mr. DiCaprio will enter and ask to join the game. Just answer their questions. Generally 'yes' or 'no'. No extraneous dialogue. Got it?" "You can count on us Mr. Scorsese," Fixico replied. "Ready! Set! Action!" Scorsese yelled through a megaphone. Di Niro and DiCaprio strode onto the set. "Mind if we join you boys," Di Niro asked. "Sure," Fixico replied. "What's the game?" DiCaprio asked. "Oklahoma holdem. \$10 buy in." The game proceeded as the actors spoke their parts. Fixico won the hand. "Yeah baby! Take that! I'm king of world!" Fixico gloated triumphantly. "Cut!" screamed Scorsese. "I said no extraneous dialogue!" "Well, it's Leo's fault!" Fixico protested. "He was giving me that Jack Dawson look." "Don't say your good byes Rose. Don't give up. Don't do it," DiCaprio said winking.

"Let's get back at it," Scorsese ordered. "Action!" Di Niro examined his hand as he resumed dialogue with DiCaprio. "I fold," he said, tossing his cards on the table. "You talkin' to me?" Fixico asked to no one. "You talkin' to me? Well, I'm the only one here." "Cut! Cut!" Scorsese screamed as he stalked onto the set to confront Fixico. "Leo, what do you say that I make Fixico an offer he can't refuse," Di Niro said. "Frankly my dear, I don't give a damn," DiCaprio wisecracked. I decided to join the forbidden fun. "May the Force be with you," I said snickering. We were all giggling like trouble making schoolboys as Scorsese approached. "We're not in Kansas anymore" Di Niro quipped. "I see dead people." Yahola cracked. "Houston, we have a problem!" Fixico joked as he warily eyed the red-faced director. "You want a famous movie quote? Well here's one for you: I'm mad as hell and I'm not going to take this anymore!" Scorsese screamed as he grabbed Fixico by the lapels and pulled him up from his chair. Fixico instinctively threw a punch at the director. The old man expertly dodged and the two men were grappling like sumo wrestlers. They fell to the floor and were rolling across the set exchanging punches and kicks. Everybody stood paralyzed in a state of shock as the WWE Smackdown unfolded. The pugilistic pas de deux concluded when Scorsese head butted Fixico. The director won by KO in the 10th round! The old man stood over a prone Fixico. "You gotta ask yourself one question: Do I feel lucky? Well, do ya, punk?" Scorsese said with a grin. "You Rez Dogs get off my set and take this stiff with you." We immediately obeyed the famous director's command lest he kick our butts. As we carted off Fixico it was clear movie stardom had eluded the Flower Moon Rez Dogs yet again.

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