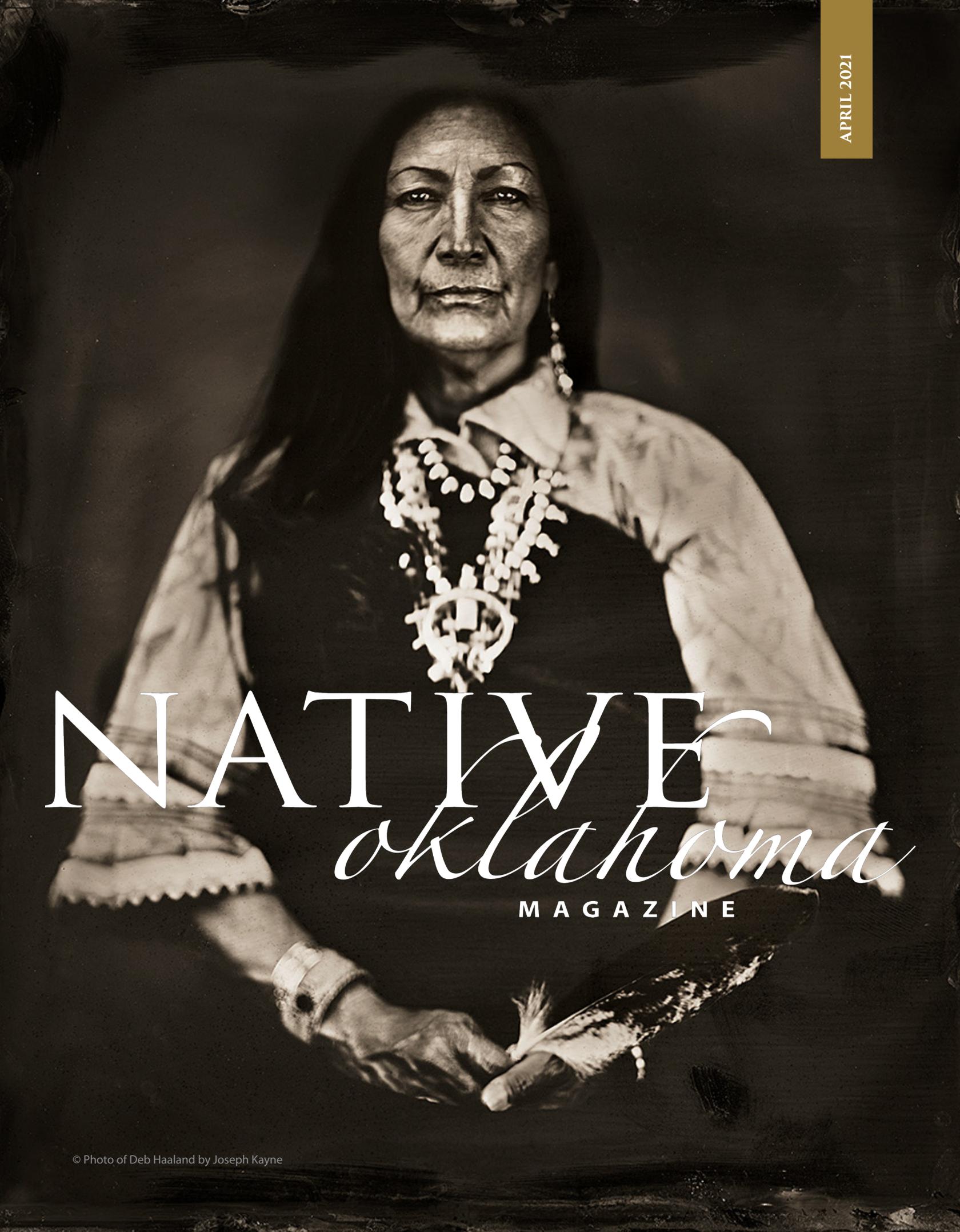


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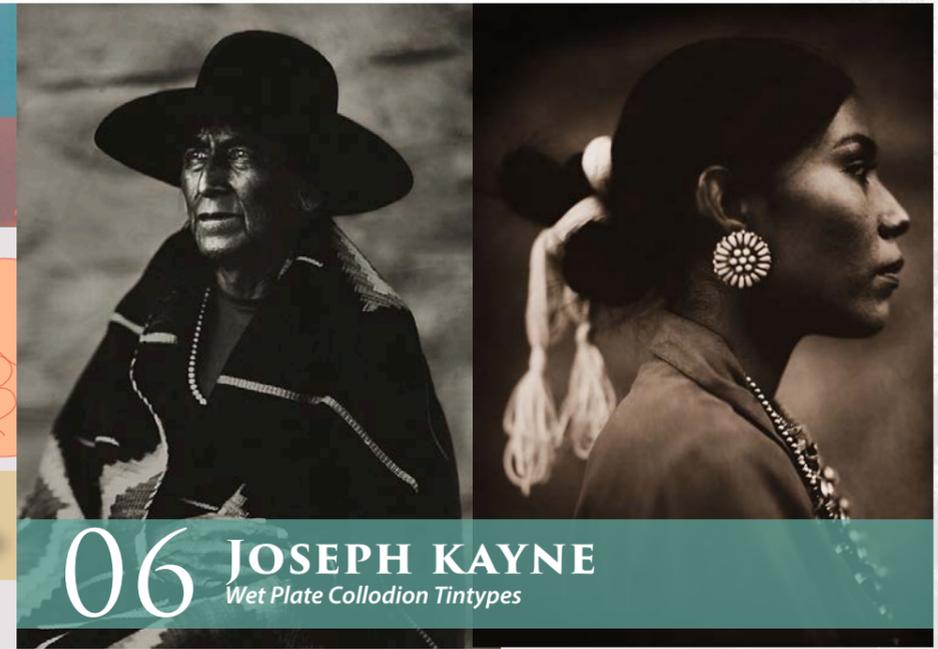
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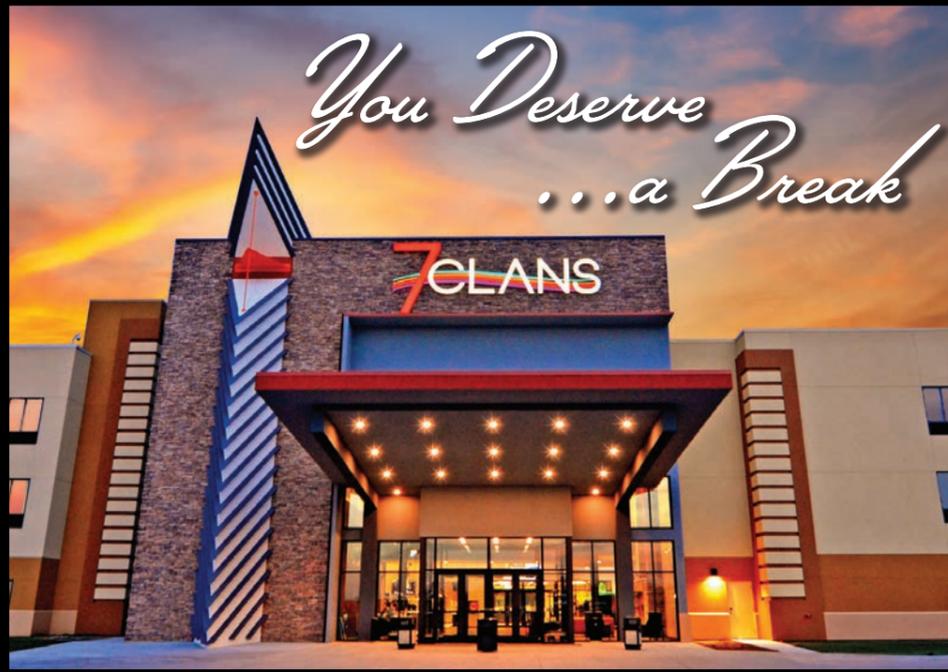
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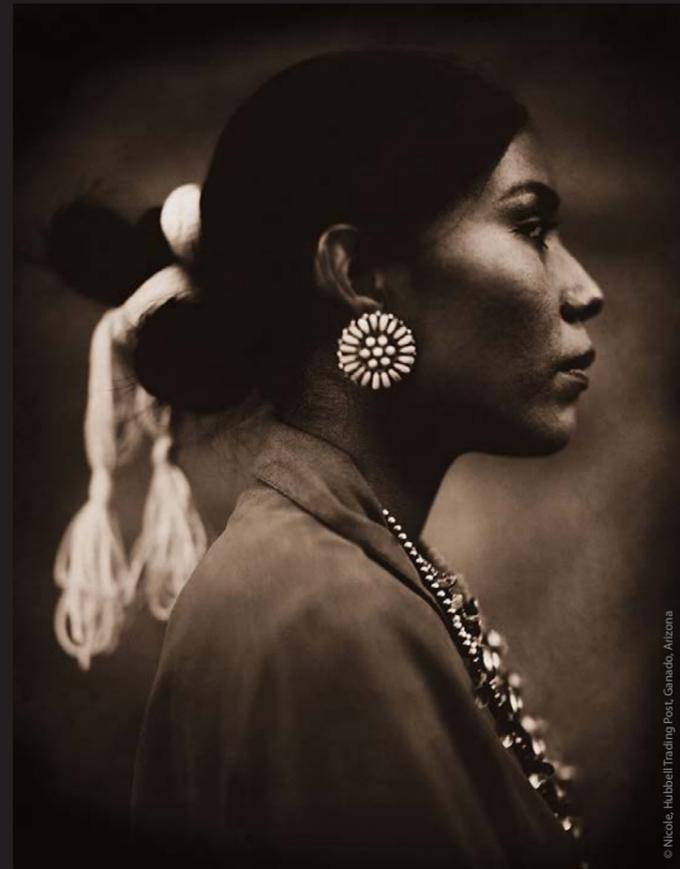
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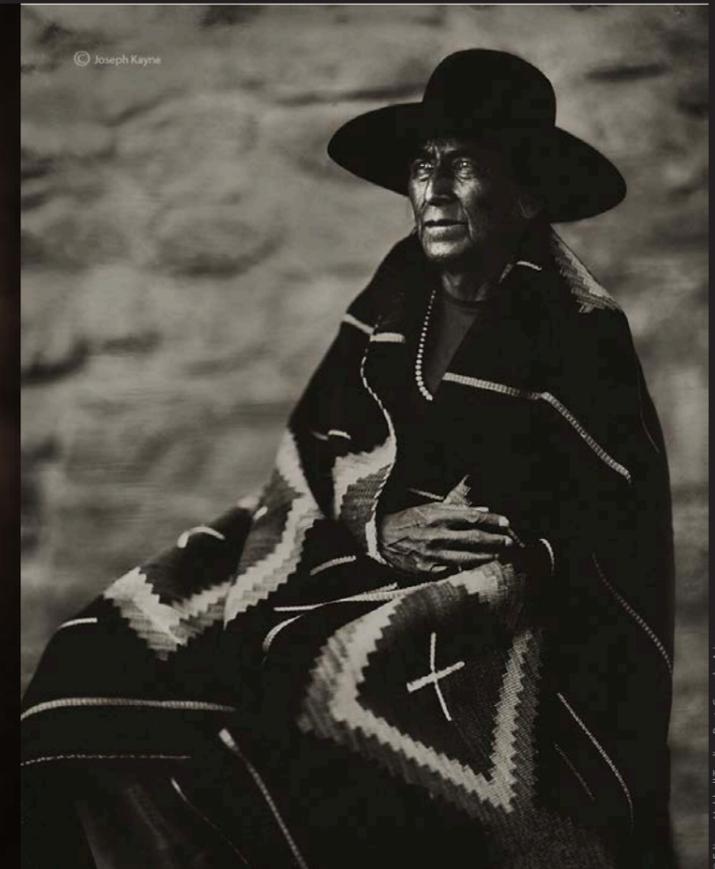
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Joseph Kayne photographs the American landscape, the Heartland, and Native American archaeological sites with a 4x5 large format view camera. His latest projects, involve working in the rare antique process, known as Wet Plate Colloidion Tintype photography, using an 8x10 old wooden camera and a brass Petzval lens from 1870. Joe's photographs have been exhibited in galleries, museums, and private collections across the country, and his tintype of Deb Haaland was shown on The Rachel Maddow Show. His clients include The Nature Conservancy, Sierra Club, National Audubon Society, CF Martin Guitar Co., and the U.S. Department of Energy. Joe has a rare collection of large format images of the tallgrass prairies and American barns. He was one of the first color photographers to portray the Anasazi archeological sites and dwellings as an art form, and he is well known for his barn images and large format nature photography. Joe was awarded 3 artist in residencies by the U.S. National Park Service at the historic Navajo trading post, Hubbell Trading Post in the heart of Navajo Nation. Joe's interest in photography started while he was working in archaeology in Egypt and Israel during his college years. He

received an art grant from the City of Chicago and has been a featured lecturer at the View Camera Magazine Large Format Photography Conference. Joe's publication credits include: Lenswork, View Camera magazine, Sierra Club, Arizona Highways, Audubon Calendars (cover), Nature Conservancy (cover), Photo Life magazine, Natural History magazine, and the Chicago Tribune. Joe was a featured photographer and named a "Lord of the Landscape" in Outdoor Photographer magazine's landscape collector's issue and is recognized as a long time large format nature photographer. Joe's images have been presented on The New York Times LENS live blog. Joe's Navajo & Hopi Tintypes are part of the The Chicago Project representation at the Catherine Edelman Gallery in Chicago. Three of Joe's photographs were included in EGO, a photo exhibition with a focus on the exploitation, glorification and objectification of the individual, in the main gallery at the Zhou B Art Center, Chicago (August-September 2013). His images have also been included in exhibits at Southeast Center for Photography, Jackson-Junge Gallery in Chicago, and Perspective Photography Gallery, and Evanston Art Center, in Evanston, Illinois.



TRIBES TO GET RECORD FUNDING FROM AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN

By Joseph Tomlinson
Gaylord News

WASHINGTON — Tribes in Oklahoma are both hopeful and anxious as they wait for the funds and spending rules from the American Rescue Plan that President Joe Biden signed last week.

Native American tribes nationwide will receive more than \$31 billion as part of the American Rescue Plan, the largest one-time investment to Native American communities in history. However, the amount of money set to be given to Oklahoma tribes on an individual basis is largely unknown and likely will be until further tribal consultation has occurred.

Nonetheless, some tribes in Oklahoma hope the ARP will be able to pull them out of the fight against COVID-19 and return to normal.

"I think [spending will] be less [focused] on the PPE and testing

and [more focused on] the economy [being] decimated and making things kind of get back to somewhat of a new normal," said James Weigant, COVID Task Force coordinator for the Osage Nation. "But at the same time, you're hearing rumors of a fourth wave in Europe, and you know, the other shoe could drop, and we're back into the trenches again." Out of the \$31 billion that tribes will receive, \$20 billion will focus on combating COVID-19 and stabilizing safety nets in tribal communities. Additionally, \$1 billion will be split evenly among the 574 federally recognized tribes, portioning about \$1.7 million to each tribe, including the 38 federally recognized tribes in Oklahoma, said Libby Washburn, special assistant to Biden. The remaining \$19 billion will be distributed to each tribe using an undisclosed formula developed by the U.S. Treasury. Another portion of that money is from Housing and Urban Development, in which Oklahoma tribes will receive around \$65

million under the Indian Housing Block Grant program, Washburn said. Under a separate program from HUD — the Indian Community Development Block Grant program — there is a \$280 million pot from which tribes nationwide can seek grants. Housing infrastructure has been an ongoing issue for many tribes in Oklahoma throughout the pandemic, and Washburn expects Oklahoma tribes to take advantage of these programs. The Osage Nation, like other tribes, is developing an early and broad spending plan that remains difficult to finalize without further guidance from the federal government, but they're focusing on key areas, one of them being infrastructure. "We're trying to identify some of those areas," Weigant said. "It's still a draft and work in progress... but infrastructure is a big part of that."

U.S. Rep. Tom Cole (R-OK4), a Chickasaw Nation citizen who voted against the COVID-19 relief package, sent a statement to Gaylord News regarding the investment into tribal nations.

"While I disagreed with many provisions unrelated to the pandemic contained in the legislation signed into law by President Biden, I am glad that additional resources will be made available to support the pandemic response of tribal nations. This includes additional funds for vaccine-related activities, virus mitigation efforts and mental health services," Cole said. "As home to 39 tribal nations, Oklahoma's tribes will certainly put its future allocation of these funds to good use. Indeed, the investment will benefit the health and well-being of both tribal members and surrounding communities."

Despite the amount of money set to be sent to Native American communities, Ben Barnes, chief of the Shawnee Tribe, has concerns about the distribution process.

The tribe received the minimum \$100,000 from the CARES Act in March 2020, owing to a stipulation within the distribution formula that mistakenly accounted that the Shawnee Tribe had a population of zero. Several other tribes faced similar issues regarding the census, including the Choctaw Nation, the Delaware Tribe of Indians in Oklahoma, and others nationwide.

As a result of this uncorrected error, the Shawnee Tribe, which reported a population of 3,021 to the U.S. Treasury, was

effectively denied up to \$12 million dollars in the CARES Act. The tribe filed suit against the Treasury, and Shawnee Tribe v. Mnuchin is ongoing.

"My concern with the American Rescue Plan is they're going to try and come up with some weird formula. And they're not going to use a tribe's actual number of citizens for the distribution," Barnes said.

In a statement to Gaylord News, Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. also voiced concern about the needs of his tribe, including mental health services, Indigenous language preservation, domestic violence, substance abuse services as well as broadband infrastructure, sanitation infrastructure and much more.

"Tribes are unique in terms of the American Rescue Plan in that distribution of the funds will be based in part on tribal consultation, and there are strict timelines that federal agencies must adhere to in order to ensure timely distribution of funds," Hoskin said. "Based on our experience with the CARES Act funds, we are concerned about possible onerous, restrictive agency guidelines that could impede on our ability to serve our citizens and communities. We've asked the Biden Administration to allow for flexibility in use of the funds and defer to tribal nation decision-making given we are in the best position to know the needs of our communities."

The Biden administration released a memorandum during the president's first week in office stating that they will "[make] respect for tribal sovereignty and

self-governance, commitment to fulfilling federal trust and treaty responsibilities to tribal nations," as well as stating "regular, meaningful and robust consultation with tribal nations" is a "priority." Tribes remain hopeful the Biden administration's commitment to Native American communities will shine through in the American Rescue Plan and help put COVID-19 behind them. "[Native Americans] were hit among the hardest in the entire country," Washburn said. "This is really helping them build back to where they were and get on a stronger footing for the future."

(Editor's note: Libbey Dean contributed to this report.)



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BLACKHORSE MARKETING JOHN TOINTIGH TALKS FAMILY, BUSINESS AND CULTURE

Photo: John and Keli Tointigh and their children, Boston, Caroline, Maris, Nolan and Gehrig.

John Tointigh paid attention to his elders, and the lessons he learned have made his life all the richer. "I grew up with my dad telling me a lot of stories," about his Kiowa and Apache ancestry, he said. "I picked up on a lot of cultural identify just by being quiet and listening." After his parents divorced, his mother, Sarah, who is Caddo, thought athletics were a good idea for a teenager living in a single-parent home. That led to four years as short stop and third baseman at the University of Science and Arts in Chickasha, and a love for the game so fierce that it influenced the naming of his children. "Our coach was really big on community," Tointigh said. "He really wanted us to be visible and helpful in the community. I got to meet a lot of the prominent people here in town." Those memories eventually drew him back to Chickasha, where his family has thrived. "It's a great town where time has actually stood still a little bit. You can go to a restaurant and get to the front to pay, and somebody will have paid your bill already." When Tointigh created his advertising agency 15 years ago, he named it Blackhorse Marketing. Blackhorse is the signature used by his artist father, Jackie Tointigh. "It was a name that belonged to one of my ancestors," he said, which was given to his father by his father. It had taken him a while to realize that he inherited his father's talent, though he uses it differently. "That proclivity is there. It manifested itself more in creative writing, and in ideas for marketing campaigns." Tointigh, a native of Noble, majored in communications and spent his college years as a sports broadcaster for radio stations in Chickasha and Anadarko. During the summer he worked as an umpire. "I really wanted to stay in the game, so when I graduated, I decided to try and continue my career as an umpire."



Newly married and with his eye on the big leagues, he traveled to Minnesota to umpire for an independent league. But life on the road soon lost its charm. "It's not easy to be away from home as a married man," he said. "We decided that was not what I was going to do." The couple lived in Ft. Smith for a while, then returned to Oklahoma, and he found other ways to enjoy the sport. He umpired college baseball for 14 years, and plays with an amateur baseball team, the Lake Hefner Pelicans. "Everybody on the team has played college and/or professional baseball," he said. "It's a great environment to bring our kids up in." His wife, Keli, who grew up in Bridge Creek, loves to travel, and it was during a trip to Las Vegas that they received a most unexpected telephone call. The Department of Human Services was on the line, asking if they could provide a foster home for two young children who were relatives on Keli's side of the family. This time, Tointigh did not have to rely on anyone else's advice. "I said to myself that if I say no, it's because we're being selfish," he said. "We were able, we were capable." The little boy was not quite 3, and his sister was 15 months old. Today, Nolan is 6 and Caroline is 4, and they've been legally adopted by the Tointighs, joining three older brothers. Gehrig plays baseball for Redlands Community College in El Reno. Boston is a sophomore in high school, and Maris is 11. So, what does the name Caroline have to do with baseball? Neil Diamond's 1969 hit, "Sweet Caroline" has for years been the eighth-inning anthem at Fenway Park, Tointigh explained. The family owns a small farm just north of Chickasha, which they had been leasing out. But a friend encouraged him to buy some cows, and once again he listened to sound advice. "My younger kids love the cows," he said. "This will be my retirement hobby."



Monica Champ

MONICA CHAMP NON-PROFITS & FUNDRAISING

Without nonprofits, Monica Champ says, "many people would go without." Champ, who is Cherokee and lives in Claremore, is a champion of nonprofits as a volunteer and as a consultant who helps charitable organizations with everything from staffing to raising money. "A real typical story for me to hear from the founders of nonprofits is that they have a real passion, but have trouble sustaining it year after year," Champ said. Champ Nonprofit Consulting started out as a side gig, Champ said. But the Tulsa Community College Foundation, where she worked until March as chief development officer, was re-organized due to changes brought on by Covid. Champ accepted one of the voluntary departure packages, and it seemed like a good time to go full bore with her business. Champ's initial career was in sales. Then she attended a Day of Philanthropy event hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals in Oklahoma City, "and that really flipped my switch." "I realized I could use my sales skills in fundraising," she said. "About 2004, I started doing that." She launched her development career at Rejoice Christian Schools in Owasso. Then she worked for American Red Cross, where she is still a volunteer and member of the board of directors. Champ is well-credentialed in her profession. She earned a certificate in fundraising management in 2008 from the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University; a certificate in nonprofit management from North Park University in Chicago in 2016 and a master's degree in nonprofit administration from North

Park University in 2018. Nonprofits she has worked with include the American Dream Center, a crisis pregnancy center and the Crossroads Clubhouse mental health service. Champ has been learning more about her culture through a Cherokee friend and the Claremore Potluck Society. One thing she loves about the Cherokee way is the collaborative spirit. She describes that as "let's do this as a group. Make decisions that don't harm others." She's also discovering that certain of her personality traits can be attributed to her heritage, such as the fact that she is "stubborn, and fiercely independent." "As you get older, you start to examine the reasons why you act the way you do," she said. "It's good to explore your genealogy and have those 'aha' moments. I know my genealogy, and it's fascinating to know who I'm related to and how I got here." Champ and her husband, Harry, who is an attorney, have been married 40 years and have two sons. In her spare time, she loves to cook. "We have perfected a recipe, the Chicken Popper, on our Hasty Bake Grill," she said. They also like to boat and to fish, which is mostly catch and release. Grand Lake is a favorite recreation spot.

By Kimberly Burk

“VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT”

House Makes Significant Moves For Women During Women’s History Month
by Bennett Brinkman | Gaylord News

WASHINGTON -- The House used Women’s History Month to serve as the backdrop for passing legislation to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act and to remove the 1982 deadline for states to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution.

House Democratic women dressed in suffragette white to commemorate the occasion and to usher through what they say are landmark pieces of legislation to advance women’s rights.

The House voted 244-172 on Wednesday to pass the legislation, with 29 Republicans, including Oklahoma GOP House members Stephanie Bice, Tom Cole and Markwayne Mullin, joining Democrats in support of the bill.

“While there are many misguided provisions that do not belong in the reauthorization legislation passed by the House, I am very supportive of the areas concerning Native American tribes and their ability to combat and end violence against women and children in their own communities,” said Cole, who is a member of the Chickasaw Nation, in a press release.

Part of the new legislation in the reauthorization bill will expand protections for Native American, immigrant and transgender women.

“With passage of HR 1620, the House has recognized that Native victims of sexual violence, child abuse, stalking, and trafficking deserve the same protections that Congress afforded to domestic violence victims in VAWA 2013,” said Traditional Councilwoman Juana Majel Dixon, Co-Chair of the National Congress of American Indians Task Force on Violence Against Women.

“This is about our right, as governments, to protect our citizens from violence,” she said.

The reauthorization comes six months after the signing of two laws designed to improve coordination between law enforcement agencies while developing a plan to combat the rising tide of missing, murdered and kidnapped Native Americans, something that has not happened before. More importantly it brings Indigenous people into the process.

The Violence Against Women Act was last reauthorized by Congress in 2013 and was originally passed in 1994. Then-Senator Joe Biden authored the original bill.

The Act provides funding and protection to help women

suffering from domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking.

The White House released a statement Wednesday applauding the House’s passage of the bill.

“Writing and passing VAWA is one of the legislative accomplishments of which I’m most proud,” said Biden in the statement. “VAWA has transformed the way our country responds to violence against women. And, with each reauthorization, the Congress has expanded VAWA’s provisions on a bipartisan basis to improve protections, including for Native American women and survivors from underserved communities, and improve efforts to prevent intimate partner violence.”

Oklahoma’s other two House members, Kevin Hern and Frank Lucas, joined the other 172 Republicans in voting against the bill.

“Unfortunately, the bill that we voted on yesterday included numerous partisan poison pills that have nothing to do with the goal of protecting women from domestic violence,” Hern said in a statement.

New provisions in the bill include closing the “boyfriend loop,” meaning all dating partners convicted of domestic violence will be prohibited from owning guns, rather than just spouses, parents, legal guardians or partners who live together. This, along with another provision barring those convicted of misdemeanor domestic abuse or stalking, prompted the National Rifle Association to oppose the bill when it was introduced in the last session of Congress.

Jennifer Baker, a spokeswoman for the NRA, told the New York Times in 2019 that for “many of those ‘offenses’ — and I’m using air quotes here — the behavior that would qualify as a stalking offense is often not violent or threatening; it involves no personal contact whatsoever.” She argued that the provision is “too broad and ripe for abuse.”

the clock and claim that there should be no deadline at all for ratification of the amendment,” Cole said.

Both bills will now go to the other side of the Capitol, where they could face significant obstacles in the evenly-divided Senate.



The House also voted Wednesday to remove the deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, an amendment to the Constitution proposed in 1972. The original bill required three-fourths of states to ratify the ERA by 1979, later changed to 1982, before it could be added to the Constitution. Only 35 of the 38 states needed ratified it by the deadline.

The ERA would ban sex-based discrimination and strengthen legal equality for women in the Constitution.

All five of Oklahoma’s House members voted against the removal of the deadline. At a House Rules Committee hearing Tuesday, Cole said the bill is unconstitutional.

“But now, 42 years after the deadline has passed, the majority is trying to turn back



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—Job 1:20-22

Last month marked the one year anniversary of Covid-19. We as a nation were rolling right along and one of the most devastating events happened that changed the world as we knew it.

The bible tells us about Job. Job did not endure a pandemic, but he did endure the death of his children, the loss of all material possessions and severe health issues. Job had the opportunity to question God, but instead he turned to God and trusted Him.

The below scripture passages remind us that God is there no matter what we face or go-ing through.

"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

TRUSTING GOD every single day. I get ahead of God and want to do things my way, and it always is not the best way! I need to think about Him and know that He is the ruler of the universe!

"Consider it a great joy, my brothers, whenever you experience various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. But endurance must do its complete work, so that you may be mature and complete, lacking nothing."

—James 1:2-4

We need to consider all of our trials a test that increases our faith. God wants us to rely upon Him every time we face adversity! As a FCA Field Rep, I must run with endurance every day. I need to be reminded daily that His complete work will be done through the way that I turn to Him daily.

"For we walk by faith, not by sight,"

—2 Corinthians 5:7

I consider this my number one go-to verse! I know that God has everything worked out in my life for a reason. My faith is in Jesus Christ, I know every single moment has already been mapped out by God and I just want to be part of His magnificent plan!

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"Even when I go through the darkest valley, I fear no danger, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff — they comfort me." — Psalms 23:4

To live without fear of death, knowing that God is in complete control of our eternal destination. I can get up every day knowing that this could be the last day on this earth and knowing that I will stand before God without any regret, because I lived every day for Him!

Now here are our next steps that we need to consider for the rest of our lives! Let us be the example and of faith and love for Jesus here on earth! Consider the way that God has called us live for Him.

1. READ GOD'S WORD DAILY

"Your word is a lamp for my feet and a light on my path."

—Psalms 119:105

2. PRAY DAILY

"Pray constantly." —1 Thessalonians 5:17 HCSB

3. MEDITATE ON GOD'S WORD

"Instead, his delight is in the Lord's instruction, and he meditates on it day and night." —Psalm 1:2

4. FIND A HOME CHURCH

"not staying away from our worship meetings, as some habitually do, but encourag-ing each other, and all the more as you see the day drawing near."

—Hebrews 10:25

5. SHARE JESUS DAILY

"Then Jesus came near and said to them, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you al-ways, to the end of the age." —Matthew 28:18-20

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SOUR SOFKEE: “IN A PICKLE”

Fus Yvhikv

Me, Yahola, Tarpalechee and Fixico were all kicked back in the Rez Bar enjoying a pint of Pabst Blue Ribbon. Harjo, the rotund bartender/proprietor, busied himself cleaning rocks glasses with his bar towel. It was a bit of a self-defeating effort as the ashes of Harjo’s cigar kept falling into the glasses that he was cleaning. Heyluh!

Suddenly, in strolls Fixico our rapper buddy wearing his signature black felt Godfather hat with the gorgeous beadwork on the brim. He never would disclose the name of the lady who did his beadwork for fear that she would get too busy to bead anymore of his stuff. Typical Fixico!

“Hey boys,” Fixico said, “Let’s go play some pickleball!”

We were momentarily taken aback as Fixico produced a pickleball paddle and began swinging it wildly around. He nearly whacked me upside the head.

“Pickleball?” Tarpalechee asked. “What the hell is that?”

“It’s an old person’s game for those who are too elderly to play tennis” Yahola responded as he laughed wryly.

“No it’s not!” Fixico protested. “It’s a very fast-moving game. Lots of young people play. You’ll see.”

“In that case, I’ll be sure to bring my Hoveround,” I said jokingly.

We all cracked up laughing. Except Fixico.

“Well if you dudes think the game is so easy then let’s go play,” Fixico challenged us.

“Alrighty then. I’m in.” I declared. “Lets go!”

It happened that the local YMCA was just a block away. They had several Pickleball courts. It took us only ten minutes to walk to the Y. It would have been only five minutes but Yahola tried to leave the Rez Bar with his beer. He argued with the burly bouncer until the bouncer got tired of Yahola and drank the rest of his beer. Yahola vowed revenge.

When we arrived at the Pickleball courts I immediately knew we were all in over our heads. Most of the courts were in use. The players were slamming the ball at each other from all angles. It was indeed a very fast paced game.

On the court, Tarpalechee tried to serve to Fixico. Tarpalechee

threw the ball up high as in a tennis serve and swung wildly at the ball with his paddle. He missed by a mile.

“Stop!” Fixico commanded. “That is an illegal serve!”

“Huh? What?” a dumbfounded Tarpalechee asked.

“You can’t serve like in tennis. You have to swing your paddle in an upward motion and you have to make contact with the ball no higher than your waist” Fixico instructed. “Like this.”

Fixico proceeded to show up the proper motion. It was definitely different but looked easy enough. Tarpalechee tried it. He whacked the ball and it went sailing into the adjacent court where it hit a player in the back of the head. Disgusted, the player kicked the ball back into our court. Things went downhill from there.

During the next thirty minutes we proceeded to hit the ball everywhere except where it was supposed to go. We hit the ball into the adjacent courts more often than in our court. We hit each other. We hit the lights in the roof. We hit the net. We hit passersby. Frustration got the best of us. First was all the yelling at each other. Then the cursing. Finally we got into a combination of a fistfight and an MMA smackdown that tore down the net. Everybody was appalled at the sight of these Indian boys kicking the hell out of each other. Of course we got tossed out and told to never show our faces at the Y again.

Back at the Res Bar we nursed our bruises, bumps, cuts and contusions with cold beers that we alternatively drank and held against our wounds.

Our brief experiment with Pickleball ended ignominiously. Never again would we call it an old person’s game.



POWWOW SEASON

By Kimberly Burke

For many Oklahoma tribes and Native associations, canceling last summer’s public gatherings was a no-brainer. This year, even with vaccine distribution well underway and COVID-19 infection rates trending downward, it’s more complicated. Some events will be back this year. Others have already been canceled for a second year, and in some cases the decision has not been made.

Phil Dupoint, president of the board of the American Indian Exposition in Anadarko, said the long-running expo will return this year. Dupoint, a beadwork artist who lives in Carnegie and is director of the Kiowa tribal museum, said at least a dozen tribes help sponsor the expo, scheduled for Aug. 18-21 at the Caddo County Fairgrounds.

Events will include softball and basketball tournaments, a carnival, tribal and competition dancing, opening and closing parades, arts and crafts booths and food vendors.

“The Ponca have the world champion fancy dance,” Dupoint said. “We have the national fancy dancing championship. Any time you win these two titles the same year, you are the man.”

The expo is open to the public from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, and expenses are funded in part by small admission and parking charges. “We’re not real greedy, but we want to make sure we have our bills covered,” Dupoint said.

“It’s just a gathering of all the tribes. They all come together and can share their cultures and their traditions with one another, as well as the public, so everybody has a better understanding of us.”

The 35th annual Red Earth Festival is set for June 12-13 at the tribally-owned Grand Casino Hotel and Resort in Shawnee, according to the Red Earth website.

Activities will include the art market and competition featuring some of the most talented Native artists in the United States, dancing and storytelling, lectures and the added amenities of the hotel and event center, including on-site restaurants, twin

rooftop pools, free covered parking and an RV park.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has canceled its 2021 Family Reunion Festival, typically held the last Saturday in June.

“When we had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 festival, I never imagined that this pandemic would cause us to cancel another,” Tribal Chairman John “Rocky” Barrett said.

“While we are beginning to see hope with the vaccines, there is still too much uncertainty to host a large gathering.”

The Cherokee and Muscogee (Creek) Nations were still debating in March whether to hold their annual festivals. The Creek Nation is considering holding its festival later in the year with limited, socially distant-complaint events, said Jason Salsman, press secretary.

As of late March, no events had been held for more than a year at the Stokes Stomp Grounds in eastern Oklahoma, said L.S. Fields, a Native Cherokee speaker and member of the stomp grounds. “It’s to protect our elders,” Fields said. “You can’t think about just one person.” Before Covid, Fields said, members met every week for stomp dances, to play stickball and to hold religious fasts. He said many of the older members have been vaccinated, but they will not resume events at the stomp grounds until the time is right.

The Delaware Tribe has scheduled its 56th annual powwow for May 28-30 at the Fred Fall-Leaf Memorial Campgrounds near Copan, according to a publicity flier. Admission and parking are free. Events will include gourd and stomp dancing, a fundraising auction for war veterans, a church service and Sunday afternoon turtle races. For more information call Lu Ann Hainline at (918) 327-5020.

The Otoe-Missouria Encampment is set for July 15-18. For more information call (405) 258-8342.

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