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In this edition, we shine a light on the essential pillars of our tribal government and cultural preservation efforts. From managing our finances to nurturing our cultural heritage, each facet plays a vital role in shaping the identity and well-being of our community. Our cultural traditions are the soul of our community. Through vibrant performances, exhibitions, and workshops, our Arts & Culture initiatives celebrate

the beauty and resilience of our heritage. As we delve into the intricacies, our administration and cultural preservation endeavors, we invite you to join us in celebrating the resilience, creativity, and unity that define our tribal community.

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Message from the Chairman



Dear Caddo Nation Membership, I am thrilled to share with you the latest updates on the remarkable progress and achievements we have made as a tribe. The Caddo Nation is forging ahead with determination and purpose, embarking on a historic resiliency plan to stabilize our programs and create a cohesive strategy for the generations to come. **Historic Resiliency Plan.** We are proud to announce the launch of our historic resiliency plan, a comprehensive initiative aimed at ensuring the stability and sustainability of our programs for

the long term. This plan will serve as a roadmap for the future, guiding us in our efforts to preserve our cultural heritage, foster economic growth, support education and youth programs, promote health and wellness, and strengthen community bonds. **Cultural Preservation and Revitalization.** Our commitment to preserving and revitalizing the rich cultural heritage of the Caddo people remains at the core of our resiliency plan. Through ongoing initiatives and programs, we are dedicated to safeguarding our language, traditions, and customs for future

generations to cherish and celebrate. Economic Development As part of our resiliency plan, we are actively working to enhance our economic development efforts and create sustainable opportunities for growth within our community. By fostering entrepreneurship, promoting economic self-sufficiency, and forging strategic partnerships, we are paving the way for a prosperous future for the Caddo Nation. **Education and Youth Programs.** Our resiliency plan places a strong emphasis on investing in the education and well-being of our youth. Through innovative programs and initiatives, we are empowering our young members with the knowledge, skills, and resources they need to succeed academically, culturally, and personally. **Health and Wellness Initiatives** The health and wellness of our community members are paramount to our resiliency plan. We

are dedicated to promoting overall well-being and providing accessible healthcare services to ensure the health and vitality of all our members. **Community Outreach and Engagement** Our resiliency plan underscores the importance of fostering community bonds and promoting unity among our members. Through community events, outreach programs, and engagement initiatives, we are building a stronger and more connected Caddo Nation. As we embark on this journey of resilience and progress, I urge each of you to remain engaged, involved, and proud of the significant strides we are making together as a tribe. The future of the Caddo Nation is bright, and with our resiliency plan as our guide, we will continue to shape a prosperous and thriving future for generations to come. Warm regards, Bobby Gonzalez Caddo Nation Chairman



Chairman Bobby Gonzalez



Vice Chairman Kelly factor

Binger District Representative



**Braden Steven Noah,
Interim Binger District
Representative**

We would like to take a moment to thank Travis Threlkeld for his time and service on the Caddo Nation Council as Caddo Nation Binger Representative. Mr. Threlkeld managed six state

parks for the State of Oklahoma and served on council. Recently, he put in his application for the position of Senior Administrator for the Caddo Nation, and was offered the position due to his excellent qualifications. Although he stepped down from his seat on the Tribal Council, he continues to devote himself to the service of the Caddo Nation, and we are glad to have him. Please thank him if you see him and welcome him in his new position. We are grateful for your service and dedication to our Nation as it grows in many ways at an almost dizzying pace. - Ho-wi'!



OKC Area Representative



**Jennifer Wilson,
Oklahoma City area
District Representative.**

As your District Representative for the Caddo Nation, I am thrilled to share some exciting updates and express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and participation in our community.

We have made remarkable progress and forward movement within the Caddo Nation over the past few years. From successful district meetings to the establish-

ment of new initiatives aimed at enhancing the well-being of our people, and preservation and perpetuation of our culture, it is clear that our community is flourishing.

I want to extend a sincere thank you to each and every one of you who took the time to attend our district meetings. Caddo Nation member presence and active engagement remain instrumental in shaping our collective vision for the future. Together, we have tackled important issues, shared valuable insights, and strengthened the bonds that unite us as a community.

As your District Representative, I want to reiterate that I am here to serve as your first point of contact for any questions, concerns, or information you may need. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me—I am here to listen, support, and

advocate on your behalf. If I don't have the answer, I will work tirelessly to find it for you.

Looking ahead, I am excited to invite everyone in the district area to attend the upcoming Caddo dances over the summer. These gatherings provide us with a unique opportunity to celebrate our culture, heritage, and traditions while staying connected to our community.

I encourage you all to join us in this celebration of our rich history and vibrant Caddo culture. Thank you for your patience, support and participation as we continue to move forward as a nation.

Together, we are building a brighter future for ourselves and future generations to come. Thank you for being an integral part of our journey.

Anadarko District Representative



**Tracy Martine
Anadarko District
Representative**

Dear Members of the Anadarko District, I hope you share the same sense of pride and joy that fills my heart as I write to you today. We are moving forward so fast as a Nation, and I am proud to sit on council as the Anadarko District Representative.

It is with great excitement that I share news of significant progress and growth within our beloved Caddo Nation community. I am thrilled to announce the opening of several new businesses in the Anadarko area that promise to enrich our community and provide valuable resources for generations to come.

Among these new establishments are McKee's Indian Store, George's Department Store, and the newly established Community Health Resources Center, named Koo-ah-nee-t'a-sa (Where one is repaired.) These ventures signify not only economic growth but also a deepening commitment to

the well-being and prosperity of our people and service not only the approximately 400 Caddo members in the Anadarko district, but also the larger community. McKee's Indian Store and George's Department Store will undoubtedly become integral parts of our community, offering goods and services that cater to the diverse needs of our members. Moreover, the establishment of Koo-ah-nee-t'a-sa represents a significant milestone in our ongoing efforts to prioritize health and wellness as well as information and access to resources within our community. With access to vital resources and services, we can ensure that the health needs of our people can be identified so that we can understand how to meet those needs with compassion and excellence.

In addition to these exciting developments in Anadarko, I am pleased to express gratitude for the progress made in the ground opening and construction of a new childcare and community facility in Hinton, OK. This facility will serve as a beacon of hope and support for families in our community, providing a safe and nurturing environment for our children to thrive and to be empowered to embrace their culture. I would like to take this opportunity to extend

my sincerest gratitude to each and every one of you for your support, patience and dedication to the betterment of our tribe.

Your attendance at district meetings and ongoing commitment to our shared goals are vital as we continue to make strides forward as a community.

As we celebrate these accomplishments together, let us also recommit ourselves to the Caddo values that have guided us throughout our history; Be good to one another. Teach each other. Take care of one another. Together, we can build a brighter future for the generations to come.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. As your Anadarko area District Representative for the Caddo Nation Council, it is my duty to keep my constituents well informed. I have a lot of love and compassion for my people. We have had several great district meetings, and I will continue to do the best I can in service for the Caddo Nation.



Fort Cobb District Representative



**Arlene Kay O'Neal
Ft. Cobb Representative**

What a wonderful experience it has been to serve the Caddo Nation as the Fort Cobb Representative. When the Council began the rebuilding of the programs, there was quite a lot to do. Yet, we had the support of our department leaders, and

they were more than capable of what was before them. Since then, we have grown and expanded our programs. It was good to be a part of the Caddo Census. It would not have been possible without the Enrollment and the Media Departments. We have updated the records of over 200 Caddo members. The census is still on the Caddo Nation website, if you need to fill it out. One thing that was on my heart was to start a library for the elderly. The CHR department gladly share the space in their building. By asking for donations, I received many books. We had been given so many that we

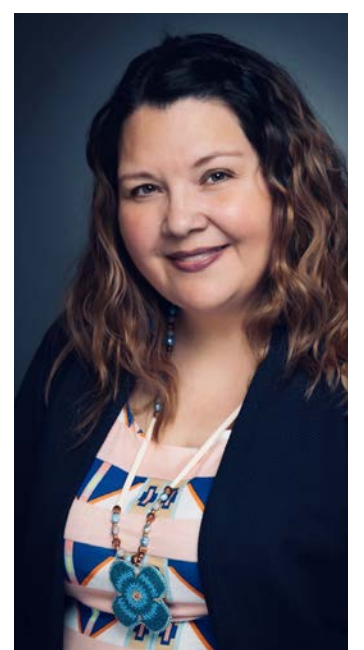
were able to give some of the books to AoA. Recently I was talking with the librarian at the Fort Cobb school library. I noticed that they could use some books too. The librarian said they would be happy to. I will be gathering donations over the summer for when school re-opens.

Soon, Chairman Gonzalez and I plan to meet with the Fort Cobb town Council to discuss road improvements. The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma and the Oklahoma Department of Transportation have partnered to rebuild roads in Caddo County. There are a lot of good things going on in our Nation. I am honored to be a part of it.



Secretary

This council has worked hard as a team to first stabilize the tribe and identify a path forward towards self-sufficiency, cultural proliferation and growth in an effort to uphold our core Caddo cultural values; take care of one another, teach one another and be good to one another. As we continue forward on this path of growth and development, I want to invite every to come out to the upcoming tribal dances scheduled for May and June. Our dances are a large part of who we are as Caddo people and an opportunity for us to come together as a community, to eat together, laugh together and continue our culture through singing and dancing. Together, we are building a brighter future for the Caddo Nation!



**Jennifer Reeder,
Secretary**

Human Resources

Our greatest asset is our people, and the Human Resources Department is dedicated to fostering a supportive and inclusive work environment. From recruitment to professional development, HR plays a pivotal role in nurturing the talents and well-being of our tribal workforce. We operate by our core tribal values, and enjoy growing our work family. In addition to recruiting and developing and implementing processes and procedures, the HR department also works with our many insurance and benefit contractors to make sure we can provide the best comprehensive coverage possible to ensure a competitive benefits package for our team.

Career Opportunities – The Caddo Nation of Oklahoma currently has several open job announcements and job applications available on the tribe’s employment link at: <https://mycaddonation.com/employment>

(Security)SORNA

The security department for the month of January 2024 took a total of (2) incident reports; those reports consisted of (1) improper use of tribal vehicles. (2) property damage. The department mileage for the month of January was (5954) miles driven while on patrol “noting” there are currently (3) vehicles assigned to the security department. The miles reflected above are the total between (3) vehicles. February 2024- The security department for the month of February 2024 took (2) incident reports the reports consisted of (1) property damage to trailer, (2) suspicious person. The department’s mileage for the month of February was (5237) miles driven while on patrol “noting” there are

The Caddo Nation Employee Association

The Caddo Nation Employee Association organizes raffles, and employee events, including our Employee Christmas Dinner. Be sure to participate in raffles to help support this wonderful organization. The raffles are open to the public. They do a great job for our Caddo Nation Team! For information, contact Lena Topaum at ltopaum@mycaddonation.com or Amy Stockton at AStockton@mycaddonation.com

**APRIL 1, 2023
ENROLLMENT CARD FEES:**

Tribal Elders All Cards	FREE
Paper 8x10 CDIB	FREE
Enrollment Certificate Card No Photo	15.00
CDIB with Photo (white card)	20.00
Western Hemisphere Tribal ID	30.00

PAYMENTS ACCEPTED:
Debit Card / Money Order / Cashiers Check

Enrollment

The integrity and accuracy of our tribal enrollment is fundamental to maintaining our community’s identity. Our Enrollment Department diligently oversees this process, working to update records, verify eligibility, and welcome new members into our fold. The Caddo Nation Tribal Enrollment Department is funded by 638 Grants from the Southern Plains Regional Office on a yearly basis to assist the Tribal Membership.

Total Enrollment currently is 7177 Tribal Members. New Members – 60 (I-Pending) Relinquishments – 2, (I-Pending) CDIB-Address & Name Changes – 65, Burials – 12, Members DHS Tribal Verification – 5, Indian Child Welfare Verification – 20, Tribal Verification from various tribes – 40, Probates Tribal Members Documentation – 5, Form BIA-4432. – 5 The Caddo Nation Enrollment/Burial Department handles all Burial Applica-

(3) vehicles assigned to the department. There was (1) more vehicle assigned to the department toward the end of the month totaling (4). March 2024- The security department for the month of march 2024 took (3) incident reports the reports consisted of (1) banned customer, (2) damage to tribal owned vehicle, (3) disruptive customer. The department’s mileage for the month of march was (8846) miles driven while on patrol “noting” that there are now (4) vehicles assigned to the dept. Total incident reports taken-7 Total miles driven while on patrol-20,037. The caddo nation security department continues to protect and secure all assets owned by the caddo nation.

All patrols are daily thru (3) shifts this includes the tribal complex, the town of gracemont which consists of the housing authority and the newly acquired store. Patrols also go to the town of Anadarko these patrols along with building checks include mckee’s indian store and the newly acquired odot building which houses the tribes social service program and will soon house the chr offices. The other building that is checked during this is shamrock financial which the tribe owns the building not the business. Included on the patrol and building check is the current chr offices and regency oaks elder apartments. Patrols are also done to the town of Hinton which will soon house the new child care facility.



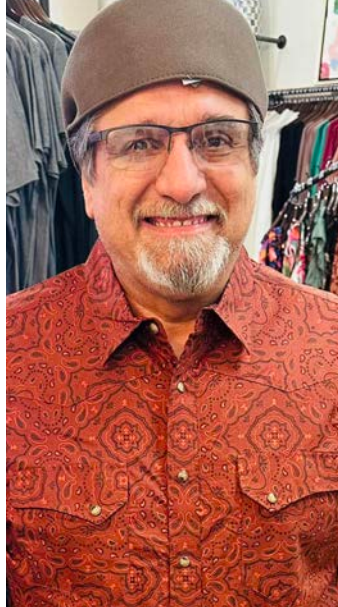
tions for tribal members. To be eligible for Burial Assistance Benefits, the Decedent must be an Enrolled Member of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma. The Burial Assistance Application must be complete and signed by the Person Responsible for the Burial Arrangements for the Decedent and then submitted to the Caddo Nation Burial Benefits Assistance Program. Burial Benefits payable from the Tribal Burial Fund will be up to \$2,000.00 per tribal member. Such Benefits include Direct Cost of Burial and related costs of funeral and/or burial stated on the Funeral Home Invoice. There must be a remaining balance of \$2,000.00 or less on the invoice and payment will be made directly to funeral home only. No Reimbursement is made directly to the family. If Funeral Home has any questions about payment, please have them contact the Caddo Nation prior to making funeral arrangements as we do not reimburse once payment has been made in full.

The Caddo Nation Child Care program recently donated a school bus from child care to Gracemont Schools. Lauryn French, Director of our Child Care Program, continues to demonstrate the commitment we have in helping community! Gracemont School District is home to many Caddo families with children, as well as many Caddo and Native teachers who do a wonderful job with our children and youth! We are proud to partner with them.

Tribal Resilience Plan

Around the country, cities and states are developing resilience plans so that their infrastructure can survive increasingly harsher weather events, pandemics, and other destabilizing events. This approach to resilience planning is important but largely ignores historical factors that render communities of color more vulnerable to disasters. It also ignores the importance of centering cultural resilience - the ability of cultures to absorb adversity, deal with change, and continue to thrive - and self-determination as inextricably linked with physical resilience. Indigenous communities have been engaged in culturally-centered resilience planning since time immemorial, but most of this planning work has not been comprehensively documented, which can pose challenges to implementation in an age when Native communities are increasingly dispersed and rely on digital information exchange. Caddo Nation will be one of the first Tribal communities in the country to develop its own Resilience Plan, which will become a model for land development both for Tribes and other communities around the country. What is the purpose of a

Resilience Plan? Chairman Gonzalez and his administration have been working hard over the past few years to buy back land taken from Caddo Nation during the Allotment Era. With over 1,000 acres of land now back in the community’s hands, determining how the land is developed to benefit Caddo members in the coming years is important to ensuring that the community can grow resiliently. The Resilience Plan: Provides an implementation roadmap for where, what, and when to develop/renovate the build environment across the Nation over time reflects the consensus built around administrative and community priorities for cultural resilience during the planning process. Consolidates recommendations for all Caddo administrative departments in one easy-to-find place. Streamline applications for grand funding and building permitting on future Caddo developments It is malleable and can adapt to evolving community and administrative priorities in years to come. To learn more about the Caddo Nation Resilience Plan and where we are in the process, please visit mycaddoantion.com



Maintenance

Keeping our infrastructure and facilities in top condition is essential for providing a safe and welcoming environment for our community members. Our Maintenance team works tirelessly to support our employees, departments, businesses and several grounds. The word “Maintenance” is merely an umbrella for the all of the diverse and vital duties they perform! If you see them give them a smile and big thank you!

Maintenance Director
Jimmy Head

Maintenance Crew
Xavier Norwood
Eric Autaubo
Johnny Gonzalez
Part time housekeeping
Joseph Ware

Lawn Care
The lawn care program is closed and complete for the year. Recently we partnered with EPA on a project and it came out well.



Media & Marketing

The Media and Marketing Department welcomed Kacey Roach (Caddo) and Jay Kaulay (Kiowa) to the team in late 2023. Kacey owns True Chiefs, a successful screenprinting company, and had previously worked with the Caddo Nation to produce several tees. She is multi-talented, however, and is also a powerhouse. Mr. Kaulay comes to us from the prestigious Buffalo Nickel Creative, and is a gifted graphic designer, writer, photographer, artist and licensed drone operator. Now we are three. With their wonderful help we have been able to support the growing needs of the growing Nation, launch McKee's Indian Store into online shopping, help to create logos for George's convenience store and are currently in the process of re-branding the convenience stores owned by Caddo Nation. We are also working to develop a logo for the Caddo Nation, separate from the seal, that can be used in several different applications and across many different platforms as we continue to upgrade and update the Caddo Nation website, our social media accounts, the Caddo Nation Headquarters campus and businesses. Media Branding Campaign & Broadcast Schedule In early 2024 we began working towards securing a Broadcast Schedule to run short television spots to extend our reach into community,

to re-introduce ourselves both the local area, the state and Nation, to highlight the work we do in local communities, to strengthen and build relationships, to showcase culture and advertise our businesses. The first of these spots began airing on April 17th, 2024. Lakota Beatty, our Caddo Nation Professional Basketball player, and Lane Factor, our Caddo Actor, star in the first four commercials. We will be working on producing several more over the course of the year. Visibility is important for a tribe that is indigenous to this area but has been in the background for so long. While we might not have the financial backing of the gaming industry, we have stories, we have knowledge, we have community and we have our songs and dances, and we have humor. As the Tribal Government works on building financial backing for our community programs and services, for our needs and dreams, we will be working to empower and highlight our community in another way. Through this avenue we are able to showcase the good work we do in community and who we are as a community. The work we do in media and marketing is to support the tribe, its programs and services and to showcase the deep reverence we have for our people and culture in an effort to make our community feel good and grow. To



capture history as it happens and to preserve it for future generations is our mission. When you see one of us at an event, smile big for not only the camera, but also your future great grandchildren! Production Studio - We will be working to outfit our offices for more production work and be set up for community interviews and to provide a place for other departments to create content as needed. The archive of video and photos built to date is growing rapidly and

will require a content management system to archive and organize everything. Yo Hasinai Tribal Newspaper A newsletter has been a major request for tribal members, and it is currently underway and being launched. "Yo Hasinai" will feature updates from each program and department as well as stories and eventually history and tons of culture. The Nation has grown exponentially in a very short amount of time, and social media has served as our main way of shar-

ing information in a timely matter, but our community wants and deserves a newsletter. We've decided to take a step further and create a traditional broadsheet style newspaper that will run quarterly. The newspaper will be available online in a downloadable PDF format and printed. Please make sure your address is updated with enrollment. The first Yo Hasinai will print this week for a May 1, 2024 date of sharing. Social Media The Caddo Nation

facebook page is a place to grow and support our community. It is a place of positivity and information. We will not tolerate abusive, extremely negative comments or slander. Our social media accounts are not a constitutional right. We provide this service as a way to connect to our members and allies and provide information. The District Representatives, Tribal Leadership and respective programs and departments of the Nation remain the source of contact.

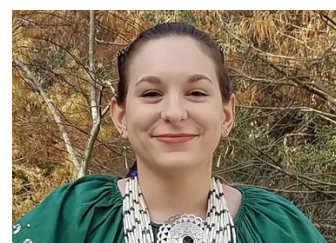
Our cultural traditions are the soul of our community. Through vibrant Caddo social dance demonstrations and community based cultural classes, our Arts & Culture initiatives celebrate the beauty and resilience of our heritage.



Language Preservation

The Caddo language is critically endangered, with less than a dozen speakers of varying language ability left. The Caddo Nation created its first program solely dedicated to language revitalization on August 1, 2022. The long term goal of the Caddo Nation language program is to reverse language loss in the Caddo community. Alaina Tahlate is the director of the language program and a language revitalizationist. She is a citizen of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma and comes from the Beaver and Edge families. She studied Native American Studies with an emphasis in tribal languages at the University of Oklahoma. Tahlate works with tribal elders on documenting and preserving Caddo language, history, traditions, and more for the Caddo language pro-

gram's library and archive. Tahlate also teaches Caddo language classes and is developing language learning materials for families. If you or your family would like to contribute to the Caddo cultural preservation, reclamation, or revitalization effort, please contact the Caddo language program for more resources and information. The language program can also assist in getting your family's Caddo tapes digitized for free.



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Caddo Cultural Club

We have appeared at universities, public schools, and museums throughout the United States performing our songs and dances and providing information about our history as well as modern activities. In the past year, we have appeared at many local events as well as event all across Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, and Arkansas. Some of our events include, the Annual Caddo Culture Day event at the Caddo Mounds Site near Alto, Texas, and the yearly Caddo Conference held at different locations across Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, and Louisiana. Our Annual Dance is held yearly on the third weekend of June at the Caddo Nation Dance Grounds. The Caddo Culture Club

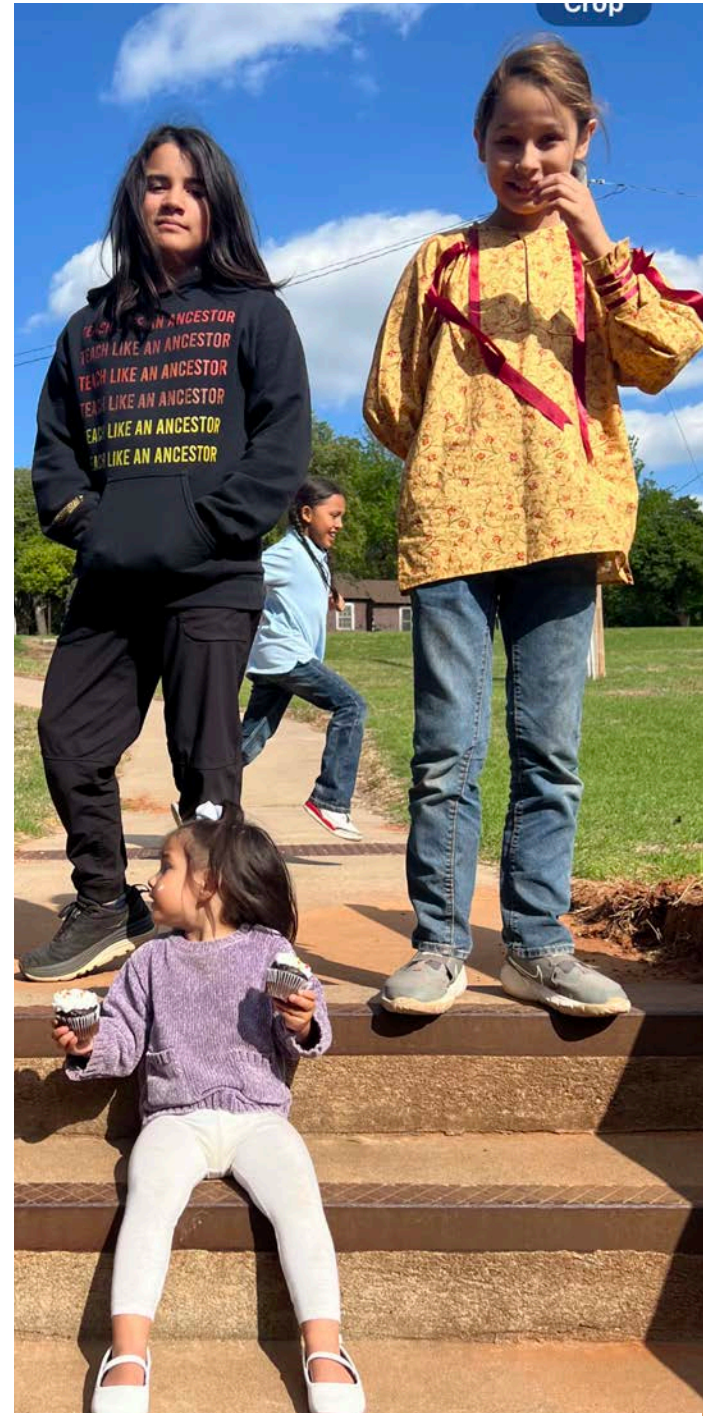
meets every 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at the Caddo Nation Cultural Building at 7:00PM to discuss upcoming events and activities. Members usually bring a covered dish for potluck and we practice our traditional Caddo singing and dancing after the meeting.

Caddo Culture Club Officers are Chairman/President Chad "Nish" Earles, Vice-Chairman/President Mason Meeks, Secretary Teresa Keller, and Treasurer Charlene Wright.





Arts and Culture



The Caddo Native American Church had their spring meeting on March 29th, 2024. Thank you to all who came from near and far, and everyone who had a hand in helping.



Caddo Nation Economic Development Authority

As the Caddo Nation continues to advance its infrastructure and energy independence, several key projects have been outlined to bolster sustainability and economic growth across the community. Below is a detailed overview of the upcoming projects that highlight the Caddo Nation's commitment to renewable energy and infrastructure development.

1. EV Charging Stations

The installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations on Methodis Road marks a significant step towards reducing carbon emissions and promoting the use of electric vehicles within the community. Despite financial constraints, the project aims to leverage existing land resources to support this green initiative.

The development cycle for the capital, Land, located on Methodis Road, will be determined based on funding and community needs, as budget limitations require strategic financial planning.

2. Community Solar Energy

This project focuses on harnessing solar energy to provide sustainable

power to various businesses and community facilities located on WCD lands. By utilizing community-shared solar arrays, this initiative aims to lower energy costs and reduce the carbon footprint. The capital, Land, located on WCD Lands, is currently under planning with exact timelines to be determined, and will serve areas including Riverside, BIA, Delaware Casino, and other businesses on WCD lands.

3. Manufacturing for Industrial Commercial

The capital value of the land has an estimated cost to the nearest \$10,000, with the development cycle pending final cost assessment and funding allocation. Developing this industrial track for manufacturing will create job opportunities and stimulate economic growth in Anadarko, OK. The project is focused on attracting commercial manufacturers to utilize the space for industrial purposes.

4. Plugging Abandoned Wells

Addressing environmental concerns, this project involves plugging abandoned wells on Caddo lands to prevent poten-

tial hazards and environmental degradation. This initiative underscores the Caddo Nation's dedication to land preservation and safety. This capital value has an estimated cost of \$10,000, with the development cycle pending final cost assessment and funding allocation.

5. Biodigester Office Supplies Project

The capital for Caddo Industries Enterprise includes land and resources for setting up a biodigester. Aiming to convert organic waste into useful energy, the biodigester project at Caddo Industries Enterprise will support office operations while promoting sustainable waste management practices.

6. Microgrid Development

The capital for CCF in Hinton, OK, includes land and the CCF building, with an estimated cost calculated to the nearest \$10,000, and budgetary limitations that need to be

addressed. The microgrid project in Hinton will enhance energy resilience by providing a localized energy source that can operate independently or in conjunction with the main grid. This project will ensure a reliable energy supply, especially during outages.

7. Tribal Utility Service to Generate and Distribute Energy

The project, Caddo Nation Utility Service, located in Binger/Anadarko involves capital in the form of land, with costs estimated to the nearest \$10,000.

Service Areas: Binger, Anadarko, Hinton, and surrounding areas.

This initiative will establish a tribal utility service dedicated to generating and distributing renewable energy, thereby reducing dependence on external energy sources and fostering economic self-sufficiency.

Arrowood Infrastructure Projects



Photo of Robert Palmer – Arrowood Construction

Several infrastructure projects under the Arrowood initiative are also in progress:

The project costs are as follows: CCF in Hinton, OK at \$10.2 million; Cummins Road in Hinton, OK at \$2.9million; Cummins Road Waterline in Hinton, OK at \$310,000; Halfmoon Circle in Gracemont, OK at \$457,000; and CN Grocery in Gracemont, OK, with the budget pending. Cultural Trailhead Facility, Hinton OK: Budget pending. Transportation Facility, Binger OK: Bud-

get pending. These projects are crucial for improving infrastructure, enhancing transportation, and providing essential services to the Caddo Nation community. The Caddo Nation's comprehensive plan for energy and infrastructure projects highlights a strong commitment to sustainability, economic growth, and community well-being. By leveraging land resources and focusing on renewable energy, these initiatives will pave the way for a greener and more prosperous future for the Caddo people.



Caddo Travel Plazas

The Caddo Travel Plazas (CTP) serves the communities of Binger, Binger-Y, Gracemont and surrounding areas with gas, snacks, beverages, etc. CTP Binger 117 Bison Road, Gracemont, OK 73042 – 405.345.9865 7:00am – 6:00pm Daily. CTP Gracemont 214 North 2nd Street, Gracemont, OK 73042 – 405.901.4060 – 6:00am – 8:00pm Daily. We have welcomed two new employees in this quarter bringing CTP staff to eight employees. 7 of 8 are Native American 6 of 7 are Caddo Members or Caddo Descendants. CTP Binger is working towards opening the café therefore we are doing a test kitchen offering a lunch special (11am-

1pm or until supplies last), working on different menu items, this is giving our customers a fast casual meal option which gives us good feedback and a glimpse to what will sell. CTP Binger has a complete staff to open and operate a new and revitalized café, which will offer our customers a new seat down and enjoy a meal restaurant experience. CTP Gracemont is a work in process, we are working to offer more grocery store options; we have brought in fresh vegetables and fruits as well dairy and some frozen goods. We are in continuous pursuit of finding the best vendors to serve our customers with the best products.



McKee's Indian Store

ANADARKO OK – The Caddo Nation proudly announces the Grand Opening of McKee's Indian Store and Susan Peters Gallery, a significant step towards the revitalization of Anadarko's Main Street. The Caddo Nation has acquired the iconic McKee's Indian Store, a cherished landmark in the Anadarko community known for its rich history in Native Art and a wide range of supplies for arts, crafts, and traditional clothing.

The Caddo Nation aims to celebrate and honor the Indigenous artists from the local communities, whose works have garnered both local acclaim and international recognition. "Acquiring the store and gallery allows us to showcase the diverse cultural and artistic talents of our community," said Caddo Chairman Bobby Gonzalez. "Our goal is to acknowledge and uplift

the beauty of our artistic traditions and empower our communities and younger generations of artists."

"Acquiring the store and gallery allows us to showcase the diverse cultural and artistic talents of our community," said Caddo Chairman Bobby Gonzalez. "Our goal is to acknowledge and uplift the beauty of our artistic traditions and empower our communities and younger generations of artists." Store Hours: Monday - Friday: 10 AM - 5 PM. Saturdays: 10 AM - 3 PM Location: 116 W. Main St, Anadarko, OK 73005 Phone: (572)226-0013 Shop online at www.mckeesindianstore.com



George's Department Store

ANADARKO, Okla.— Georges Department Store, a longstanding fixture on Broadway, is gearing up for its grand reopening on February 16th, 2024. With the building's retail roots tracing back to 1913, when it was known as Singers Department Store, this establishment has been a cornerstone of downtown Anadarko, specializing in clothing and shoes. In 1948, George Salamy bought the building and renamed it

George's Department Store. Salamy's dedication kept the store thriving through out the decades as a local favorite for quality fashion. After Salamy's passing in 2014, his children carried on the family business for nearly a decade. Today, the Caddo Nation is taking ownership of the store and building, marking a new chapter in its storied history. The event on February 16th will honor the store's history and its exciting future, invit-

ing the community to join in the celebration. "We are thrilled to revitalized the department store back for the community of Anadarko," expressed a spokesperson for the Caddo Nation. "This reopening is not just about celebrating a historical building; it's about honoring the enduring spirit of entrepreneurship and the community that has defined this establishment for generations." The grand reopening un-

veiled renovated spaces with modern updates, a blend of contemporary shopping and timeless charm. Georges Department Store looks forward to once again serving as a hub of commerce for the community of Anadarko, maintaining its legacy for years to come. Store Hours: Monday - Friday from 10a.m. to 6p.m., and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The store is located at 124 W. Broadway in downtown Anadarko.



Historic Preservation

The Caddo Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office continues to advocate for the protection of the Caddo Nation's cultural resources. The following list provides an update of specific projects that the Historic Preservation Office has continued and/or started work on in recent months.

We were officially awarded a \$100,000 NAGPRA Grant this past October by the National Park Service, in which the Caddo Nation is working with Dr. Mary Beth Trubitt of the Arkansas Archaeological Survey to consult with the Joint Education Consortium (JEC), consisting of Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University, regarding the repatriation of the JEC Hodges Collection which includes approximately 1,350 associated funerary items currently in the possession of the JEC and housed at the Henderson State University Caddo Center.

The Repatriation Committee, NAGPRA Coordinator, and THPO have begun active efforts to begin consultation efforts with the Sam Noble Natural History Museum at the University of Oklahoma to consult on a significant amount of collections housed in their facilities, which consist of both ancestral remains and associated funerary items.

They currently possess a vast collection, and the THPO Office intends to apply for further NAGPRA funding to assist in that process. We are continuing to monitor the construction of the Lake Ralph Hall project in Fannin County, Texas. Archaeological investigation have begun within the project area that will be inundated. Our office is engaging with the Army Corp of Engineers, Texas Historical Commission, AR Consultants, and the Upper Trinity Regional Water District to discuss alternative mitigation strategies, outside of excavation, that may be used in the event of the discovery of burial sites.

THPO Jonathan Rohrer will be attending a site visit at the project site near Ladonia, Texas on February 15th, 2024, and will be visiting with staff from the Water District, as well as representatives from Army Corp, THC, and AR Consultants. The Caddo Nation, along with the US Forest Service, is co-hosting the annual Bridging the Gap Conference, which is slated for April 1st-4th, 2024, and will be held at the First American Museum (FAM) in Oklahoma City. THPO Jonathan Rohrer has been coordinating with the Core Planning Team for the last few months in preparation for the annual event, with will also include a cultural night on April 3rd. Our office is currently coordinating with the Army

Corp of Engineers regarding the finalization of the reinterment of ancestral remains and associated funerary items that were excavated from burial sites at Millwood Lake near Ashdown, Arkansas. This process should be completed by the end of the year. Ongoing consultation with the Army Corps of Engineers and the City of Texarkana, TX in developing a plan to address the ongoing impacts to burial sites surrounding Lake Wright Patman.

Our office is engaged in Monthly Consultation Calls with the Army Corp, Texas Historical Commission, and City of Texarkana to establish a Programmatic Agreement for the archaeological investigations that will take place to ensure adequate protection of Caddo sites in and around the reservoir. We are still engaging with the BIA Cultural Resources Unit (CRU) and have established a partnership between the Caddo Nation, BIA CRU, and the Army Corps of Engineers to develop a more robust surveillance scheme for monitoring known Caddo cemeteries around the Piney Woods Lakes. Special Agent Jeremy Wingo has already engaged in one survey trip to get acquainted with the territory with hopes of starting quarterly or bi-annual surveillance trips to the area.

Developing a Traditional Cultural Properties (TCP) Inventory for the Toledo Bend Project in Texas and Louisiana, in collaboration with NDN companies out of Jacksonville, a Native-owned consultancy firm. With this project we are currently seeking tribal elders with traditional/historical knowledge and experienced field surveyors to help assess the importance of identified archaeological sites and to determine



if such sites are affiliated with the Caddo. These will be temporary paid positions. If interested, please contact me at: jrrohrer@mycaddonation.com.

Continuing to support the Chairman in raising the Caddo Nation's concerns regarding the excavation of burials at Bois d'Arc Lake in Fannin County, Texas. Consulting with the Army Corps of Engineers in the development of a Master Plan for the management of cultural resources at Millwood Lake in southwest Arkansas. Consulting with the Army Corps of Engineers in the development of a Master Plan for the management of cultural resources at Hugo Lake in Choctaw County, Oklahoma. Continuing to monitor and diligently respond to all governmental agency requests for consultation with the Caddo Nation THPO.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the Caddo Nation in this role and look forward to the work ahead. Our overarching goal continues to be the protection of the Caddo Nation's interests in preserving its cultural resources and sacred sites. Please feel free to reach out at any time with questions and/or concerns.



Child Care Cultural Program

We have been operating the cultural program to build the cultural education environment in our Hasinai center and within our provider facilities. Caddo Nation offers trainings and incentives for all of our providers and families. Please reach out to Leonard Kionute (Instructor) lkionute@mycaddonation.com; River Whittle (Coordinator) whittle@mycaddonation.com for additional information.

Photo credit: River Whittle



Hasinai Scouts

Hasinai Scouts is a group that meets weekly at 6 PM on Tuesdays at the Cultural Building at the Caddo Nation in Binger, Oklahoma, for the purpose of learning and practicing Caddo values, mindsets, songs, dances, arts, and traditions. In early April we participated in the Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair and received several first and second place awards for songs and books we offered in our Caddo language. In mid April we attended the Bridging the Gap Conference where we danced and sang at the First American's Museum, which helped our youth on their journeys to become confident and comfortable in participating in their traditional culture with many other community members and allies. As May begins, we are hosting a Caddo Community Garden Planting Day (May 4th, 11-3PM, Caddo Cultural Building, Binger, OK, Indian tacos provided) as part of an ongoing effort to restore Caddo Nation's food sov-



ereignty. All Caddo youth and their parents, guardians, or families are invited to attend Hasinai Scouts. In addition, we strongly encourage all of our people to come and share their knowledge of our culture with us and the youth. Please contact River Whittle, Cultural Coordinator, at mwhittle@mycaddonation.com, Leonard Kionute, Cultural Instructor, at lkionute@mycaddonation.com, or Lena Topaum, Operations Manager, at ltopaum@mycaddonation.com



Metro Caddo Culture Club

The Metro Caddo Cultural Club is a non-profit organization, incorporated in the State of Oklahoma in September 2010. The MCCC mission is to preserve Caddo cultural history and traditions and to educate others about Caddo culture. In particular we wish to teach younger Caddo about our culture and to bring the elder and youth together. Our highest priority is to

educate our Caddo people and to be of service to the community. The Metro Caddo Cultural Club Board of Directors are President Jeri Redcorn, Vice-President Yonavea Hawkins, Secretary Cricket Connywerdy, Treasurer Jennifer Wilson. Additional Caddo member members include, Donna Williams, Genny Deer, Terry Ragland.

Administration on Aging

We are open daily for congregate lunch at the Fritz Hendrix Memorial Building Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and on Fridays, we serve brunch from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

The Gracemont Congregate is located at the Assembly of God dining hall in Gracemont, OK. They are open Monday – Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. We encourage our Elders to come by and pick up a menu and/or check it out on our Caddo Nation AoA FB page.

In January we opened our Gracemont Congregate and welcomed Ms. Janet Lee to our team. The congregate has remained steady in numbers. AoA celebrated Heart Health when we partnered with the CHR program in February. In March the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma AoA partnered with CHR & Social Services and held an “Elder Fun Day” in

Gracemont Oklahoma. A fun time was held by all. Ms. Alana Tahlate joined AoA for recent activities of crafting Valentine’s Day Greeting Cards with phrases in the Caddo Nation Language as well as creating the family tree with old family photos. Both events were great and informative and Ms. Alana had a wonderful turn out. We try to host 2 events monthly, one general activity and one with Ms. Anana Tahlate.

Our AoA activities room and health room are open daily. We have a computer with internet access for elders to use as needed. We encourage elders to come in and sit, have a visit, tell us some of your stories, speak some Caddo so that we may become more familiar. Come share a good meal and enjoy some leisurely time in our living area. We have just recently completed our FY through ACL on March

31, 2024. Our program operates off of grants awarded through ACL. Those are Title VI – Part A, Title VI – Part C, NSIP and MIPPA. The Gracemont Congregate and our program is supplemented by a grant awarded by the Caddo Nation that will allow to buy better quality food and provide a better delivery system so that staff can reach out to those most vulnerable clients in our rural areas affected by COVID 19. We saw a need and are grateful to be able to satisfy the necessities to keep our Elders fed.

Current staff: Jackie Meeks, AoA Cook, Janet Lee, AoA Server – Gracemont Congregate, John Sifford, AoA Van Driver/Aide & Genevieve Moore, AoA Programs Director **General Assistance Program.** We have aided 16 participants this quarter with lending closet items and have given away PPE to 2 families. I have aided 9 elders in completing

paperwork/applications and have typed up simple things for 2 elder. Elders come in to the office for this type of assistance; they will work on their items themselves in the Elder’s activity room or they will have me to help them complete their task. We’ve had interest in one elder coming in to use the services.

Respite Program Elder-care. Chores We assisted 3 participants with respite and 8 with eldercare chores this service this quarter. These programs provide the opportunity to plan, develop, and implement family caregiver support programs for the benefit of nonpaid family members (not living in the home) caring for their elders and grandparents caring for their grandchildren. Must be in AoA service area.

Lending Closet

The following items are in stock and are available: wheelchairs, walkers, motorized scooter, elevated

raised toilet, shower chair, bed side commode, inflatable ring, walking canes, crutches, briefs, binders, back support, hand brace, and wound care supplies. The lending closet items are available for elder use through our Caregiver program. You may sign any of these items out if needed. *Currently out of coccyx cushions, wheelchair cushions and bariatric supplies: wheelchairs & walkers. Must be in AoA service area.

Wellness Check

We have made 9 wellness checks, provided supplies for 5 of those participants, 4 transports for people this quarter; currently we are monitoring 1 elder in long term care facilities. Our program continues to work with the CHR and Social Services program on various tasks.

If we receive a call regarding an elder, then our team goes out and assesses them as needed and refers them to the appropriate people.

Child Care Program

Caddo Nation Child Care Program is supported by the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) awarded by the Office of Child Care and is a forward funded program. CCDF funds are used to support our subsidy assistance program, tribally operated center, and our cultural programming.

Team Members: 12 out of 14 team members are Native American. 7 out of 14 are Caddo enrolled or have Caddo heritage. Caddo Nation Headquarters Office Phone: (405) 656-2344.

Resource and Referral: We are currently processing community data gathered through the summer and fall months to better address needs of our service area. Please reach out to Amie Stockton at outreach@mycaddonation.com

Education

The Higher Education program provides scholarships to qualifying tribal member college students. Scholarship amounts vary according to unmet need (as determined by the Federal Student Aid Program), and range between \$500.00 and \$3,000.00 per term.

Scholarships are funded on a first come, first served basis for completed applications.

The Education Programs fiscal year begins on January 1st of each year.

In the Higher Education Program, for CY 2024, we have had:

Applications: 85

Applications complete: 78

Students suspended: 0

Students on probation: 10

Withdrawn: 0

The Adult Education Program

The Caddo Nation Adult Education Program provides assistance to qualifying tribal members who are seeking short-term training (one year or less), literacy instruction,

cultural enrichment, or basic skills. The amounts of assistance vary according to the costs associated with the type of training/courses that the applicant will be taking. The maximum amount of funding for the training/course(s) is \$4,500.00 per academic year (Aug. 01 through July 31). Applications are funded on a first come, first served basis for completed applications. Eligible tribal members must reside within the jurisdiction of the Anadarko

Agency (Caddo, Kiowa, Comanche, Cotton, or Tillman Counties in the state of Oklahoma). The numbers of applicants for the Adult Ed. Program tends to be very low because of the jurisdictional boundaries, which is not negotiable in our contract. The numbers documented below are for the CY 2024:

Applications submitted: 2

Applications completed: 2

Withdrawn: 0

Job Placement And



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Child Care Subsidy Program

Subsidy Team: Caddo Nation is the only Federal Nation offering Categorical Eligibility. Categorical Eligibility allows Federally Recognized Native American families to receive assistance based on a priority rating scale in our 17 county service area.

Please reach out to our program for more information please at subsidy@mycaddonation.com ; our team is extremely helpful and oversees the application process with efficiency. Service Area: Blaine, Caddo, Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche, Custer, Grady, Garvin,

Kingfisher, Kiowa, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Pottawatomie, Stephens, and Washita. GY21 Awarded \$23,813,900.00 Funding Amounts Include annual funding, CARES, CRSA, ARPA, Disaster Funds. GY22 Fully Awarded \$5,848,755.00. GY23 Fully Awarded \$7,731,031.00. Current Total: \$37,393,686. 235 Total Families Served, including 24 NEW Families. 136 Total Child Care Subsidy Providers, including 86 Licensed Center and 50 Relative Providers \$138,000.00 Average Monthly Subsidy Payments. \$8,000.00 Average Increased payment for: Education, Experience and Native Lesson Activities \$4,382,400.00 Total Paid/Pending Provider Stabilization Grant Awards \$4,617,600.00 Remaining.

Assisting Child Care Sub-

sidy families and providers.

Projects Addressing Tornado, High Winds and Flooding Damage for Child Care Providers and Hasinai Facility. Million set aside for New Child Care Facility, Program Growth, and Continuing Subsidy Categorical Eligibility.

New Child Care and Community Center Construction Project

New Facility will be located in the town of Hinton, OK. We have a projected finish date in 2025. We are excited to be at this phase as it has taken more than three years preparing for this phase. The New Child Care and Community Center Facility will be located in the town of Hinton, OK.

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to fruition after many years of planning. The Ground Opening took place in the summer of 2023, and construction is moving right along. This will be a place for the proliferation of culture.

funds available for the Higher Education, Adult Education, and Job Placement and Training Programs are administered by the current guidelines of the P.L. 93-638 programs.

Current Number of students funded through other tribal funds (Higher Ed.) 37.

Current Number of students funded through other tribal funds (Adult Ed.) 3.

Current Number of students funded through other tribal funds (JP&T)

Funding has also been made available for the Education Department to assist tribal member Secondary Education students in grades 1 – 12.

The funds allotted are used to encourage students to finish their schooling, and financially assist tribal members attending public schools, including home-schooled students with certain school-related expenses and fees. Current Number of students funded through other tribal funds (1-12): 5



Environmental Protection Program

Since its foundation Caddo Nation Environmental Protection (CNEP) has received numerous grants through the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These grants are the General Assistance Program (GAP), Clean Water Act 106 program (CWA), and Clean Air Act 103 Program (CAA). CNEP also has obtained funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), to build capacity towards climate resilience, provide education on natural resources, and combat invasive species in the Caddo Nation Jurisdiction. With this funding CNEP will begin taking steps to better protect our Tribal Jurisdiction against the ever-changing climate. In the upcoming quarters CNEP will be applying for several grants through the BIA, and EPA. These additional grants will allow CNEP to expand and provide better services to the Caddo Nation. Beginning in January CNEP has begun meeting with the Comanche Nation EPA to discuss the upcoming Wilderness Explorers Environmental Camp that is being held at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Life Refuge in June 2024. This camp is being designed to provide insight into careers in the Natural Resources field. The target audience for this camp will be 10 to 14-year-old children. Be on the lookout for more information about this camp. Also, during this month CNEP attended a Prescribed Burn workshop in Bixby, Ok at the Euchee Butterfly Farm. During this workshop CNEP learned about proper techniques for prescribed burning, and the added benefits it brings to our lands. CNEP

is planning on starting a prescribed burn association and will be in partnership with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to gain equipment and additional expertise in locating invasive species located in the Caddo Nations jurisdiction, and tribally owned lands. In February CNEP hosted the Cherokee Nation Environmental Programs for a day of knowledge sharing. The Cherokee Nation Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC) will be assisting CNEP on performing Phase I environmental assessments on a few of the tribally owned lands located in the Caddo Nation jurisdiction. The purpose of a Phase I environmental assessment identifies recognized environmental conditions (RECs) and helps to ensure that leadership considers the environmental impacts when deciding whether or not to proceed with a project. CNEP will continue to work to protect mother earth, by advocating for environmental protection, and resource protection. In March CNEP

staff attended the Oklahoma Emergency Managers Association Conference in Durant, Ok. During this conference CNEP was able to network with other agency's from across the state of Oklahoma to build our capacity. CNEP also works closely with Caddo Nation Emergency Management (EM). We look forward to continually working with EM to ensure the Caddo Nation, and our communities are safe, and well taken care of if an emergency arises. CNEP would also like to welcome two new employees to the Caddo Nation Environmental Protection program. Cody Roberts is the new Office Assistant for CNEP. Previously Cody worked for the City of Anadarko as the water technician at the Anadarko Water Plant. With his knowledge of water quality, and its issues along with additional knowledge of agricultural practices, and horticulture he will be a valuable asset for the program moving forward. The next new hire is Kolby Williams. Kolby is the new Conservation



Field Technician. Kolby has knowledge of agriculture practices, and has a ranch background. Kolby will be assisting the Environmental Specialist, and Natural Resources Specialist in locating and removing invasive species to help restore native grasses to the Caddo Nation. We are lucky to have Cody, and Kolby and we look forward to their continued growth and development to better serve our tribal members, and our communities. For further information on any services provided, or information on the CNEP programs please contact us. Samuel J. Worcester Director, Environmental Protection jworcester@mycaddonation.com (405) 656-0990. Brandon Worcester Environmental Specialist bworcester@mycaddonation.com (405) 656-0966. Kolby Williams Conservation Field Technician kwilliams@mycaddonation.com (405) 656-0990. Cameron Roberts Natural Resources Specialist croberts@mycaddonation.com (405) 345-9880. Cody Roberts Office Assistant codyroberts@mycaddonation.com (405) 656-0990

The Caddo Nation Department of Environmental Protection (CNEP) held a roadside clean up along HWY 281 near the Caddo Nation Complex. In total we had 15 volunteers from different departments here at the Caddo Nation, and with a combined effort we collected 20 40-gallon trash bags of trash. CNEP wants to thank our volunteers and we look forward to hosting more events such as this in the near future. 1/1/2024. Beginning in January CNEP has begun meeting with the Comanche Nation EPA to discuss the upcoming Wilderness Explorers Environmental Camp that is being held at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Life Refuge in June 2024. This camp is being designed to provide insight into careers in the Natural Resources field. The target audience for this camp will be 10 to 14-year-old children. Be on the lookout for more information about this camp. Also, during this month CNEP attended a Prescribed Burn workshop in Bixby, Ok at the Euchee Butterfly Farm. During this workshop CNEP learned about proper techniques for prescribed burning, and

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Caddo Nation Environmental Protection was held at the Caddo Nations AOA building passing out indoor plants to promote cleaner air quality in your homes. Thank you for those who came out a recieved a plant!

The Caddo EPA hosted an Adopt a Highway Clean Up Day on Tuesday April 23rd, 2024. We had a great turn out for this Caddo Nation Earth Day event! Thank you to all who showed up, rolled up your sleeves and helped clean up!



Caddo Nation Housing

The Caddo Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) has several programs including: Affordable Home Ownership Rent to Own, Family Rental Homes, Elder Apartments, Homeowner Rehabilitation Program, Homeowners Assistance Fund-Approved Treasury, Emergency Housing Assistance and Down Payment Assistance.

The Caddo Nation in order to comply with HUD rules legally under federal regulations does not require a housing board. That board was dissolved in order to comply with HUD compliance laws and regulations. Currently the Tribal Council and CNHA applied for an Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) through a Competitive Grant Program for \$3,000,000.00 (million) to build 2 new homes and remodel housing units at Halfmoon circle that were originally built in the 1970s. The Caddo Nation

also captured federal funding to build new curves, fix the drainages, and repave Halfmoon circle through the BIA Transportation Program. The Caddo Nation Transportation Department put new speed bumps and signs to slow traffic down and to keep tenants and children safe.

An application was also successfully submitted to the Department of Energy DOE -Office of State and Community Energy Program for \$14,000 per eligible household (Caddo Head of Household) for energy efficiency and electrification and Appliance Rebates Program, Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) regardless of where you live in the United States.

We are also working with the Oklahoma State Department of Transportation along with the city of Anadarko and the BIA to fix a MAJOR engineering problem related to the lat-

eral lines that tie into State and City jurisdiction legally. A Federal Engineer is working on engineering plans to resolve the problems. Locating a Federal Engineer to resolve these issues was very difficult and we hope that all the entities involved approve the plans once completed. We apologies for the inconvenience and hope the work starts as soon as possible to fix the drainage system. We are also looking at what it would take to build 300 to 650 new homes and are working with several federal agents and agency programs to see if we can make this a reality for our tribal members and expand our jurisdiction to build. With this said; we will continue to apply for competitive grants, and locate other sources of funding as we build a strategy that is also echoed in the "Resilience Plan" being produce for the Caddo Nation by MASS design with all the programs in mind and the nation and its members.

Transportation

Recently, the Caddo Nation prioritized roads with the County Commissioners and the District Attorney's Office. We constructed 18 miles of new blacktop roads to benefit school bus routes for school districts in and around Binger, Oney and Fort Cobb, in which several Caddo students are enrolled. The roads project cost approximately \$300,000.00 per mile. These Bureau of Indian Affairs funds were made possible through the Caddo Nation Tribal Trans-

portation Program and totalled \$4 million dollars.

We are proud to serve not just our tribal communities, but also the local community as a whole. Soon, roads will be identified for the next roads priority list. The Caddo Nation Transportation Department is working with our contracted road engineer and design technician to assure accurate road construction plans are completed for different Tribal owned properties. We continue to attend all SS4A meetings and com-

plete quarterly reports until grant objectives are accomplished and the performance period comes to an end.

Long term goals include the development of a transit program, the construction of rest areas and Caddo Museum, to conduct a Safe System Approach Action Workshop, and to purchase equipment to implement a road maintenance program.

The Caddo Nation Department of Transportation is funded by the Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs through an annual funding agreement pursuant to Public Law 93-638. Program Title: 2% Tribal Transportation Improvement Planning Program Type: Roads and Bridge Construction Team: Khye weather, Transportation Director - Rondo Kopepasaw, Safety Coordinator and Ryan Guerra, Field Technician. The Caddo Nation Transportation department will analyze road projects within the tribal jurisdiction boundaries and prioritize these projects based on available funding. The Transportation Improvement Planning Program (TIP) will coordinate efforts with local, county, and state transportation officials for improving the tribal transportation system and to determine whether short or long range implementation should be used.

Current Projects Cummins Road - Hinton, Oklahoma Halfmoon Circle - Gracemont, Oklahoma Caddo Nation Travel Plaza Parking Lot - Gracemont, Oklahoma Caddo Nation Complex - Binger, Oklahoma County Roads - 1030, 1140, 1230, 1150 County Streets - 2620, 2520, 2530 Bridges - 14 Identified Future Anticipated Projects: Transit Program Railroad System Risk analysis of areas of high crashes and/or serious injuries.

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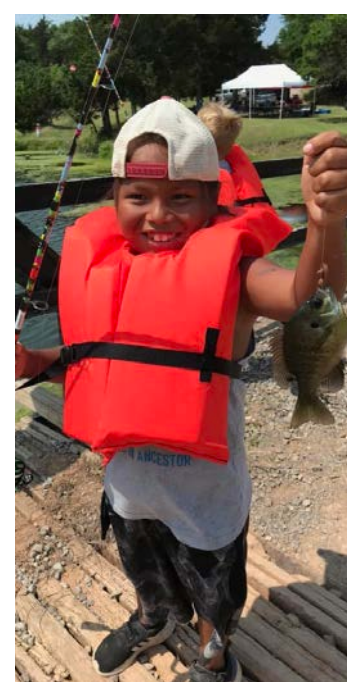


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Fishing Day

We partnered with our Caddo Nation Environmental Protection Agency for the Fishing Day. We taught the youth how to fish, what types of fish are in the area, cleaning a fish, prepping it to cook, cooking a fish (Bass) they learned about patience, how to hook a worm. We talked to the youth about taking only what you need, giving back what you don't, helping others, being aware of over heating in the sun. We shared stories about how Caddo People have a Fish dance and why we dance that specific way for that dance. We had a few that fished for the first time and others who were catching them left and right. The most caught today was 8 by one of our youth participants! That's AMAZING! We all had so much fun and look forward to our next one in the fall!



Community Health and Diabetes Program



Caddo Nation Emergency Management



The following Caddo Nation programs have moved to a new location.

Social Services
Indian Child Welfare
Adult Protective Services
Public Health Nurse
 211 W Main Street
 Anadarko, OK 73005

Social Services

The Caddo Nation Social Services- Indian Child Welfare Program is responsible for monitoring children who are placed in guardianships (permanent/temporary), have an active state child welfare investigation, Family Centered Service Plan, or is in an out of home placement in foster care. These children can be in the State of Oklahoma or any other part of the United States. We also are involved with adults due to their age or disability that are unable to care for themselves or do not have an appropriate care giver. The Social Services Indian Child Welfare program is responsible for the intake and process of Crisis and Li-heap applications, and to oversee IIM accounts when needed. The Social Service depart-

ment has been approved to aide families with weath-erization units if they are home owners. The Caddo Nation SS ICW program sees children in Oklahoma State custody in person at a minimum of every 45 days. The ICW program completed the worker visits in the areas of OKC, Shawnee, Lawton, Sapulpa, and Purcell. The ICW program speaks with placement providers, permanency workers, service providers, and the court. Children who are out of state the Caddo Nation ICW monitors the cases by completing virtual home visits, and speaking with placement providers, permanency workers, service providers, and the courts. New Location info with photos of building. Guardianship – There are 26 Caddo Nation children placed in guardianships through the Southern Plains Court of Indian Offences, 1 child in the Seminole Court, and 3 in State Guardianships. The Caddo Nation are required to complete worker visits for children and families in guardianships with the BIA who have had re-

cent court hearings, and to work with the children and families to help preserve the family unit if requested by the guardian or bio parent. These children that are in out of home care are in homes all over the state of Oklahoma. The Caddo Nation has 1 adult in a permanent co guardianship. The Caddo Nation is involved with helping families ensure the elderly and disabled are receiving the care that is needed for their health and well-being. The Caddo Nation SS works cooperatively with the Caddo Nation Nurse and CNA, Administration on Aging, Caddo Housing, CHR programs, and other outside resources to ensure the needs of the individual are met. Trainings and Meetings - Caddo Nation SSICW Participates in meetings and trainings with the Southern Plains Child Protection Team, Oklahoma Indian Child welfare Association, the National Indian Child Welfare Association, QIC-EY. The Caddo Nation has a parent child visitation center available for families at the Anadarko Office at 211 West Main. The Caddo Nation Social Services has applied for the Pathways Reimbursement and will be notified within the next 90 days if approved. Child Welfare State Custody The Caddo Nation this quarter There are a total of 18 enrolled Caddo and 3 eligible for enrollment with the Caddo Nation, with a total of 12 families. Listed below are those children's case plan goal, and status of custody.



Wildland Fire Crew

Working with BIA to process firefighter applications as they are received. Once we have enough applicants, and they have passed BIA requirements, we will work to begin running the Fire Program. Total applicants received:11 Total applicants processed: 5. Total Caddo Nation volunteer firefighters: 6. Brush truck training conducted March 2023, 4 employees in attendance. The small volunteer fire fighter force has been established to assist any surrounding community when needed. The Caddo Nation has three fully functional fire trucks that are ready to be deployed and one truck that needs minor work on the pump but can be deployed.

K9 Search and Rescue

The Caddo Nation Search and Rescue program is in the process of establishment. This program is to assist emergency response officers in an emergency situation where a missing person is a possibility. 'Gretel' (k-9) has been in Tracking lessons for the last three weeks, which she has been excelling. Once training is completed, internal training sessions will begin as well as study time to achieve certification for both myself and Gretel. As of June 30th 2023. The Caddo Nation has partnered with the Southern Plains Tribal Health Board, who has been gracious enough to provide a \$15,000 stipend to fund the K-9 Search and Rescue program.

To Bridge A Gap

In its latest iteration, the To Bridge A Gap conference convened at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City for four days of discussions and collaborative efforts aimed at preserving cultural heritage, and fostering government-to-government relationships between federally recognized tribes and neighboring National Forests. The conference provided a platform to address contemporary challenges facing tribal communities in modern times. Discussions have spanned a wide range of issues, including Heritage Resources, fire management, watershed resources, GIS technology, traditional plant use, Sacred Sites, and land management planning. Tribal representative and attendees presented case studies highlighting the importance of cultural heritage preservation and the enforcement of federal laws under the Native American Graves Protection Act, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), National Forest Management Act (NFMA). There was a strong emphasis on the importance of archaeological resource protection and the role of agreements under the Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) and NAGPRA. Participants exchanged best practices and lessons learned. Another key focus area was the intersection of environmental policy and tribal sovereignty, with sessions dedicated to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the National Forest Management Act (NFMA). Attendees explored the implications of these policies and natural resources management on tribal lands. With subsequent conference initiative traces back to the first inaugural meeting hosted by the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma in Durant in 2002. From 2003 to 2009, the conference found its home among the Caddo Nation, Choctaw Nation, Absentee-Shawnee Tribe, Muskogee Creek, Chickasaw Nation, and the National Forest Service.

Currently Eight children in Permanent State Custody One Child adopted. Two children are placed in identified adoptive homes. Two children are placed in a Planned Alternative Placement; One child will age out of the system, two are in residential care. Twelve children and Five families with a Case plan goal of reunification Five children are placed in the home with bio parent. Four children placed in out of home care having supervised visitation with at least one of their parents. Three children in a court supervision case. Crisis and Li-heap Applications The Caddo Nation this quarter has received and processed approximately 26 applications for li- heap or Crisis funds were approved for assistance 3 HVAC applications were approved <https://mycaddonation.com/employment> Child Welfare State Investigations/ Tribal Verification Caddo Nation received 40 notifications of Tribal verification of Child investigations with possible eligible or enrolled child members. The Caddo Nation SS ICW have participated in in person and virtual court hearings



Tag Office

The Caddo Nation Tag Office is open Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:15pm. A renewal can be done at the office, or by mail, or by email. We will need the Caddo member's Oklahoma driver's license and the insurance. To register a new vehicle you can either come to the office or mail your information in. We will need the original rifle, purchase agreement/bill of sale and lien entry form, if you have a lien. Also the driver's license and the CDIB of the Caddo member on the title along with current insurance. Between January 2024 and March 2024 the tag office had 381 renewals and 163 new tag and titles issued. Sales totaled \$91,990.54.

STANDARD VEHICLE REGISTRATION YEAR	FULL YEAR FEE
2021 - 2024	\$86.40
2017 - 2020	\$77.40
2013 - 2016	\$59.40
2009 - 2012	\$41.40
2008 & OLDER	\$23.40
FARM	\$35.00
VETERAN	\$20.00

Newly purchased vehicles will be subject to an excise tax of 2%* of the sale price of the vehicle according to the Caddo Nation Tax Ordinance. For more information, please contact the Tag Office at (405)656-2209 or email tag@mycaddonation.com.



Abigail Trujillo
Paoli High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Go to trade school, college, and own my own business.



Alyssa Boss
University of Denver Colorado

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Bachelors of Art
What are you plans after graduation?
– I want to become a full-time elementary teacher.



Devon Edge
Gracemont High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Pursue a business degree and play basketball.



Chasydi Ireland
Cache High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– I plan to attend cosmetology school.



Arellana White
Anadarko High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Bachelors of Art
What are you plans after graduation?
– I want to get my registered nursing degree at SWOSU.



Drew Capps
Cache High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Finish my co-op internship program and receive my degree in accounting and finance.



Kinsy Rice
Prague High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– After I attain my LPN certification at Gordon Cooper Technology Center, I will pursue my RN certification at ECU.



Hayden Niastor
Anadarko High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Attend Caddo Kiowa Technology Center vocational training for carpentry. Looking forward to jobs dealing with construction.



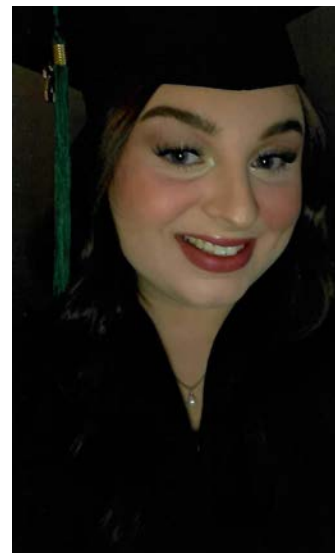
Kyanna Wilson
Cyril High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Attend Cameron University.



Jordyn Payne
Frank Phillips College

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Continuing my education toward a master degree in psychology. Attain my doctorate after.



Mckena Eckhout
Benbrook Middle High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Attend Tarleton State University.



Kenzie Tuinstra
Elgin High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– My plans are to become a Sonography Ultrasound Technician.



Randy Scoon
Ottawa University

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: MD
What are you plans after graduation?
– I plan to obtain my master's degree in athletic administration. Finish my last season of wrestling and then become my team's graduate Assistant. I would like to obtain my certified strength & Conditioning Specialist certification and open my new gym.



Sean Varela
Bridge Creek High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– I plan to attend the University of Oklahoma and attain my bachelors degree.



Sierra Cantrell
Piedmont High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Attend Redlands in El Reno majoring in Elementary Education.



Stacy Halfmoon
University of Oklahoma College of Law

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: MA
What are you plans after graduation?
– To continue supporting Tribal efforts and Tribal Nations in cultural preservation or other areas. To continue supporting Native artists.



Taedan Payne
Booker High School

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: Diploma
What are you plans after graduation?
– Attend Cameron University for Mechanical Engineering and finish with a masters degree from OU.



Travis Garen
Georgia Institute of Technology

Graduation Date: 2024
Degree: MS
What are you plans after graduation?
– Create a non-profit consulting business, which provides occupational safety & health services to Tribal Nations located through the U.S.



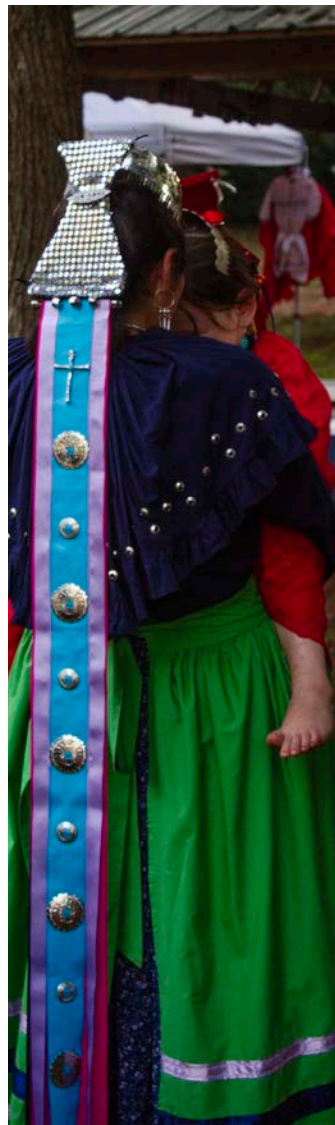
Ariaiah Mitchell
Class of 2024



Allyssa Gomez
Class of 2024



Lacey Longhat
Class of 2024





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 - Euchee Butterfly Farm
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Caddo Nation AoA Title VI/Caregiver Programs
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Binger, OK 73009 * (405) 656-9042



3 Manwich on a bun Tator tots Pickle speak Ketchup & mustard	4 Racetrack casserole Rice Mexican coleslaw Guacamole/sour cream	5 Loaded chili dogs w/cheese, onions & mustard Pork & beans	6 Garlic butter chicken Broccoli & rice casserole Corn on cob Roll	7 Sausage, egg & cheese on English muffin Cold cereal
10 Southern fried cabbage Rice Green beans Cornbread	11 Tuna salad sandwich w/lettuce & tomato Vegetable soup Pickle spear	12 Smoked sausage & potato casserole Grandma's broccoli salad Bread	13 	14 Sausage gravy over biscuit Scrambled egg Hashbrown
17 Taco soup w/toppings: tortilla chips, cheese, sour cream Salad w/dressing	18 Deli sandwich w/fixins Macaroni salad Pea salad	19 	20 Boneless pork chop Mac & cheese Stewed tomatoes Roll	21 Tator tot & bacon breakfast casserole Toast
24 Lasagna Green beans Garlic bread	25 Chicken salad on lettuce leaf Pasta salad Tomato spoon salad Crackers	26 Beans & franks Braised cabbage Cornbread Apple crisp	27 *Home deliveries will be made on 6/26/2024 **Both congregates will be closed	28 Sausage link Scrambled egg Pancakes w/syrup
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