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Building Legacies for Future Generations

Michele Meza, also known as Coach Michele D, finds herself working with People who cannot overcome mental blocks or irrational thoughts, which affect their daily lives, their businesses, and their relationships. People that are entrepreneurs who want to grow and scale their businesses to 6+ figures; startups who don't know where to start and small business owners who need help with streamlining business operations, business or marketing strategy, branding and digital design, help with content, and social media management.

In the beginning

Michele has always had the entrepreneurial spirit; self-starter, a go-getter, strong work ethic – her first job was at 14, dipping minnows for local fisherman at a convenient store in town and by the time she was a senior in high school, she was the assistant manager, and also managed the sno-cone stand owned by the same person.

Meza also started her first business her sophomore year in high school – a car detailing business.

Graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Entrepreneurship from Bacone College and majored in Marketing – Meza went on to work for la local college newspaper as a reporter, cartoonist and sold and designed ads. Not long after, she obtained her MBA from University of Phoenix.

Since then, she's been a private business consultant since 2010, where she worked with CEOs and executives teaching them how to streamline their operations and created leadership and training programs to develop their people.

A major life change happened that led her to become a single

mother in 2012. Even though her dreams of solely being self-employed were temporarily put on hold, she still managed to launch an eCommerce business while being a w2 employee.

Also in 2012, she launched a clothing company for girls. It started out as a necessity for girls needed outfits for dance, and ended up becoming a business. Her designs have been featured in magazines all over the world, runways in the USA, was featured on Zulily and top trending pins on Pinterest and expanded into bridal industry.

Since then, she's owned and sold a successful cleaning company where she completed commercial projects with local tribes and employed single moms, tribal citizens and partnered with local reintegration programs where she trained and employed women who were recently incarcerated and needed job stability and a second chance.

During Covid, she re-branded her company, added additional certifications for mindset coaching and added additional digital marketing services, Luksi Coaching and Consulting. Additionally, the serial entrepreneur will soon launch another business involving real estate.

If that's not enough, she also became a 2x International Bestselling author, where she co-authored and published two books: "Shattering the Stigma of Single Motherhood" released in 2022, and "Dream Big, Do Bigger" that released at the beginning of this year.

Her Journey

Over the last two decades, she's helped thousands of people and organizations. Here's a powerful story of impact and transformation:

Sarah, a mid-level executive in her career and an aspiring entrepreneur, who lost her way during the chaos of the pandemic. Sarah had a burning desire to create a meaningful career aligned with her true passions but felt paralyzed by self-doubt and uncertainty. In her darkest moments, she stumbled upon a podcast episode that

spoke of Michele's incredible ability to guide others toward their dreams. Intrigued, Sarah reached out for help, hoping that this extraordinary coach could ignite the fire within her once more.

From their very first conversation, Sarah knew she had made the right choice. Michele possessed a unique gift for listening intently, diving deep into Sarah's aspirations, and understanding the obstacles standing in her way. Together, they embarked on a trans-formative journey, exploring Sarah's strengths, values, and deepest desires.

Through her coaching techniques, Michele guided Sarah to uncover her true potential and discover her unique purpose. She helped Sarah gain a clear vision of her dream career and equipped her with invaluable tools to overcome self-limiting beliefs, which allowed Sarah to launch her business even during a worldwide pandemic.

But Michele's influence extended far beyond individual transformations.

Luksi Coaching and Consulting soon became synonymous with exceptional results and lasting change. People are drawn by her ability to cut through the noise, uncover hidden potential, and propel individuals and businesses to heights they had only dreamed of.

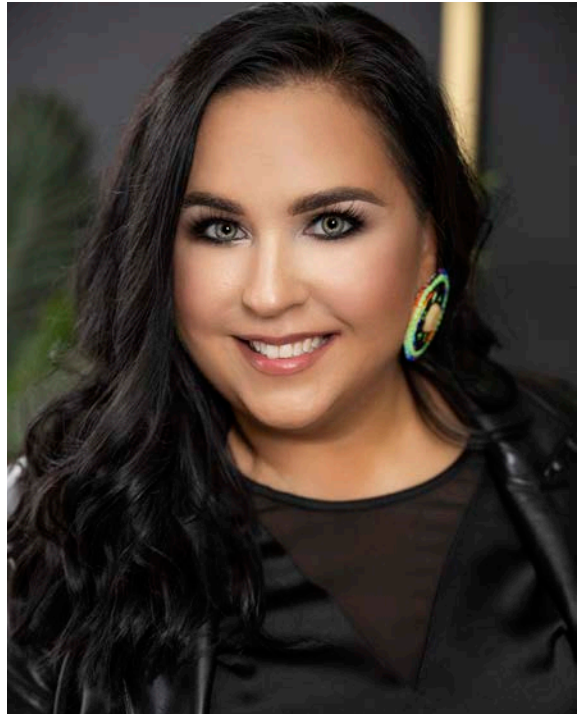
With each success story, Michele's passion burns brighter, fueled by the profound impact she made in the lives of her clients. Her unwavering commitment to growth, coupled with her genuine empathy, allowed her to create tailored solutions that resonate deeply with her clients and their communities.

Meza explains, "I'm known throughout Indian Country as a guru of transformation and business. My journey has not always been smooth sailing. In my early years, I experienced my fair share of setbacks and challenges. But rather than succumbing to defeat, I chose to rise to the challenge and embrace these obstacles as stepping stones to my own personal and professional development."

"Driven by my unyielding passion for helping others, I pivoted into the realms of coaching and consulting. Armed with my extensive knowledge, intuitive nature, and empathetic heart, I am determined to make a difference in the lives of those I encounter."

Her Identity

Meza continues, "I'm a charismatic leader and trailblazer who paves the path for others no matter what the journey entails. We only have one life and we all deserve to live our best lives while building legacies for future generations. I believe in leaving people, organizations, and communities better than how I found them. Transformation excites me and motivates me to produce impactful outcomes."



Michel Meza



Barrett Receives Community Recognition

By: Mary Leaver, Citizen Potawatomi Nation
Public Information Department

Citizen Potawatomi Nation Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett recently received recognition from two Oklahoma organizations.

Barrett will share his leadership and expertise by serving as a director on the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum board. His term began in January.

Barrett was inducted into the Shawnee Educational Foundation's Hall of Fame on March 21. The SEF Hall of Fame honors former students of a Shawnee-area school who have made significant contributions to education.

Oklahoma Hall of Fame

Barrett will serve a three-year term. The Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum are governed by a

board of directors representative of the state of Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Hall of Fame was founded in 1927 to honor Oklahomans who gave outstanding service to the state during their lifetime and to provide educational programming for students of all ages through the museum and outreach programs, according to the Hall of Fame's website.

"We are thrilled and proud to have him on the board and that he's able to bring his expertise and leadership to our organization," said Shannon L. Rich, president and CEO, Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum.

"I am honored to serve as a board member for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame," Barrett said. "Potawatomi families were among the first people to establish homes in 1873 in then-Indian Territory. Indigenous history is Oklahoma history. I am pleased to support the Oklahoma Hall of Fame's mission of telling Oklahoma's story through its people."

Through exhibits and experiences at the Gaylord-Pickens Museum, the Oklahoma Hall of Fame preserves Oklahoma's unique history and promotes pride in the state.

"The key mission of our organization is to tell Oklahoma stories through its people, and we do that by recognizing our inductee class every year at the annual induction ceremony and recognize incredible Oklahomans that way," said Michelle Sopp, director of marketing and communications for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame.

With Barrett's executive experience and long-time support of educational endeavors, Sopp believes the board found a perfect fit.

"He is joining a board of directors of more than 60 people from across the state of Oklahoma. The people on our board represent a variety of backgrounds and industries working as business professionals, civic leaders and philanthropists," Sopp said.

In addition to leadership, the board members are an important resource for the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum through their program engagement and participation as well as their wide varieties of knowledge and expertise.

"We know Chairman Barrett strongly supports education," Sopp said. "He's been instrumental in the growth of Citizen Potawatomi Nation over the past many decades. His leadership and expertise in governance is probably something we'll tap into a bit with him. (Board members are) a sounding board for everything we do here at the organization."

Barrett started his three-year term in January. If he chooses, he can opt for a second term. The organization hopes Barrett opts for the additional time, allowing their board and organization to fully benefit from his leadership.

Board members are selected and personally asked to serve, Sopp said.

"It is a personal ask that we make to different people from across the state. We look for diversity in all aspects of race, creed, backgrounds, professions, because we really want to make sure that when we make decisions as an organization, we are taking into account so many different considerations from all different viewpoints," she said.

Barrett's long tenure with CPN, and his vast experience in key tribal leadership positions was what the Oklahoma Hall of Fame was looking for.

"With Chairman Barrett, he is the longest serving (CPN) leader. He has such a diverse history of experience with the Nation. I know that that was a key factor with asking him to come onto the board this year," Sopp said.

CPN and Barrett are long-time supporters of the Oklahoma Hall of Fame, and he joins other Oklahoma tribal leaders on the board of directors, including Chief Gary Batton of the Choctaw Nation and Gov. Bill Anoatubby of the Chickasaw Nation.

"I think adding Chairman Barrett rounds out a very diverse group that is so connected. The tribes are such an integral part of Oklahoma and so connected across the state. I know Chief Batton has helped make so many connections with key people for us. I really look forward to working with Chairman Barrett in that aspect," Sopp said.

Chairman Barrett recently made an appearance on the This is Oklahoma podcast, sponsored by the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Host Mike Hearne interviews Oklahomans who have had an impact on the state through history, culture, education, government and business.

The This is Oklahoma podcast episode featuring Chairman Barrett can be found through the Oklahoma Hall of Fame's website or podcast providers such as Apple or Google.

To learn more about the Oklahoma Hall of Fame and Gaylord-Pickens Museum, visit oklahomahof.com.

SEF Hall of Fame

Chairman Barrett was also honored by a Shawnee group that provides crucial financial support to area teachers and students. The Shawnee Educational Foundation inducted Barrett into its Hall of Fame.

Barrett is a graduate of Shawnee High School. Under his tenure, CPN created its Department of Education in 2016, which provides college and career support to Tribal members across the country.

He was also instrumental in developing the Potawatomi Leadership Program. Held annually, the PLP educates, informs and encourages qualified Potawatomi students to develop a greater understanding of Tribal operations, history and culture.

The SEF noted Barrett's support of local education as part of his philosophy that "a rising tide lifts all boats," including both the Nation and Pottawatomie County.

The Shawnee Educational Foundation is a volunteer board formed in 1989. The group raises money through an annual banquet to fund teacher and site grants in the Shawnee area. The grants support innovative classroom activities that benefit students in Shawnee Public Schools, Grove School, Pleasant Grove School and South Rock Creek School. SEF also awards scholarships to graduating seniors.

To learn more, visit shawneeeducationalfoundation.org.

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“Announcing the First Ever: Tribal Captive Insurance Company Conference”

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By Fus Yvhikv

Does the idea of gaining the greatest degree of control over insurance, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars, and expanding tribal sovereignty captivate you? Then you must attend the upcoming First Ever: Tribal Captive Insurance Company Conference.

This conference is planned for February 2024 at the gorgeous Gila River Wild Horse Pass Casino and Hotel located just south of Phoenix. The First Ever Tribal Captive Insurance Company Conference is brought to you by the Captive Insurance Association for Native Nations (“CIANN”). You can find out more about CIANN at www.ciann.org.

What is a captive insurance company and how might it benefit your tribal nation? I’m glad that you asked. A captive insurance company is an entity that is owned by its parent company. In our case, the captive insurance company would be owned by a tribal nation. The captive insurance company provides various types of insurance coverages for the Tribal Nation as well as the Nation’s affiliated entities such as gaming, health care, the housing authority and employee health coverages and employee benefits. Many of these insurance policies are not offered by traditional insurance companies or they may only be offered at a very high cost.

Captive insurance companies are a form of self-insurance where risks of catastrophic losses are passed on to reinsurers. Captives can offer insurance coverage at more affordable rates and captives provide the greatest degree of control over insurance and risk management.

Moreover, a captive insurance company also allows the tribe to further enlarge and expand tribal sovereignty via self-regulation. Just as is the case in gaming, tribes can form their own Insurance Commission to license, examine, and regulate the tribal captive insurance company.

So what are some of the major advantages of the tribal captive insurance company. In no order, the following represent the benefits a tribal nation can expect by forming and owning a captive insurance company:

Expands Tribal Sovereignty. The captive expands and enlarges tribal sovereignty via self-regulation

by establishing a tribal insurance commission;

Control. The tribal captive insurance company affords the tribal nation the greatest degree of control over risk management and insurance matters:

Customized and Tailored Insurance Policies. The tribal captive insurance company writes its own policies with the best interest of the Tribal Nation being foremost. No more off the shelf boilerplate policies with deceptive fine print:

Save \$\$\$\$. You can reasonably expect to save a significant amount of money via lower premiums and systematic loss prevention measures. You will no longer be paying premiums with embedded taxes, insurance advertising expenses, and huge sales commissions.

New Business Entity. It is appropriate to think of the tribal captive insurance company as a new business entity with a goal of making a profit. That profit, or surplus, can be returned to the tribe on an annual basis. The goal is to save money for the tribe and for the captive insurance company to write a check to the tribe each year.

No Political Instability. The captive insurance company is owned and controlled by the tribal nation. The captive must always act in the best interests of the tribal nation. Therefore, the captive will not be subject to political instability as we’ve witnessed with the state of Oklahoma in recent years:

Employee Benefits. Captives can offer their parent tribal nation’s employees a wide range of employee health care and employee benefits. These coverages are totally controlled by the Tribal Nation;

They Did It – So Can You. Today there are over 7,000 captive insurance companies worldwide. The first captive insurance company was formed nearly 100 years ago. It is a proven concept with a successful history. A captive insurance company is just that; it is an insurance company. Many organizations, large and small, have successfully benefited from owning a captive insurance company. They Did It – So Can You.

So now that we know what captives are and their primary benefits, let’s talk about the conference. CIANN is hosting the First Ever Tribal Captive Insurance Company Conference. CIANN, the Captive Insurance Association for Native Nations, is the organization conducting the conference. While the exact date has yet to be finalized, it is expected to be a 2-day conference during February 2024. The conference site will be at the beautiful Gila River Wild Horse Pass Casino and Hotel in Chandler, AZ.

The agenda is expected to encompass such topics as: Why Form a Tribal Captive? Captives 101, Captive Formation Stories, Sovereignty and Self-Regulation: The Tribal Domicile,

Using a Captive for Employee Benefits, and much more.

For more information on this groundbreaking Captive Insurance Company concept in Indian Country, please visit the CIANN website at www.ciann.org or email Kenny Tolbert, Executive Director, CIANN at Ktolbert@tolbertco.com.

If you are captivated by the idea of gaining the greatest degree of control over insurance, saving hundreds of thousands of dollars, and expanding your tribe's sovereignty, you must attend the First Ever Tribal Captive Insurance Company Conference!



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7 ways to protect yourself from online fraud

By Abdullah Aliya

Financial Crimes department, BOK Financial

Fraud is on the rise and the trends in online fraud are constantly changing, but we've seen a big influx of scammers impersonating banks or financial institutions in the last quarter or so.

In some iterations of the scam, scammers will reportedly text people pretending to be the bank and ask them to click on a link to verify information. Once they click that link, they grant access to all of their online banking information and now the scammers can send out large amounts of money.

How to protect yourself

While threats can come from a number of places, here are seven precautions you can take to protect your online accounts:

1. Avoid clicking on links. Unless you're expecting

a link or document to be sent, avoid clicking on links you receive via email or text messages.

2. Pay attention to security alerts about data breaches. When a data breach occurs, businesses are required to alert consumers of what information was breached and might be available to cybercriminals. In this instance, it's a good idea to change your password if you have reason to believe your information has been compromised.

3. Do not share codes or authentication information. Banking apps and financial logins typically require you to set up multi-factor authentication (MFA) to protect your accounts. With MFA, when you use your password to login, a push notification or code is sent to your phone via text message, which you must enter to gain access to your account. Fraudsters may request this information while impersonating your bank or financial institution, but you should never give these codes to anyone.

4. Protect your banking information like you would your physical wallet. If you give someone your wallet, they have access to your ID, cash, debit cards, account information and your name. They can send money using various apps, and then you're out all of that money. Treat your digital information like your wallet and protect it as such.

5. Pay attention to passwords. Don't repeat passwords across accounts because, if there's a data breach and someone gets your password, they will have access to multiple accounts. Instead, use a password manager that allows you to store your passwords in an MFA-enabled account and autofill from your browser. Stay away from saving passwords in your browser—these are prone to hacking.

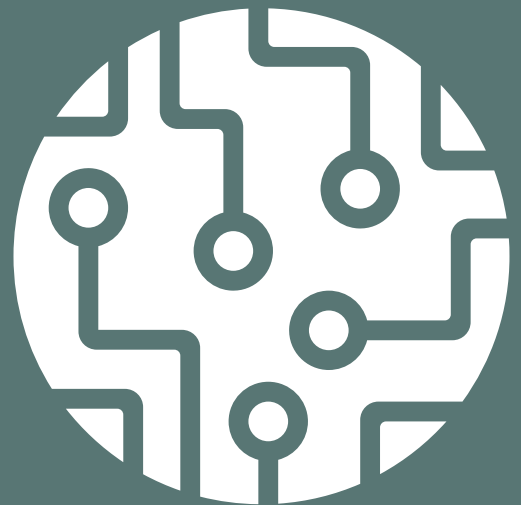
6. If your information is stolen, put a freeze on your credit. Reach out to the three credit bureaus and place a freeze or an alert so that if someone applies for a line of credit or there's an inquiry, you will know. If you're a part of a breach and you discover your identity has been stolen, visit [identitytheft.gov](https://www.identitytheft.gov), the Federal Trade Commission's reporting site, and file a report.

7. Monitor your credit. Prevention is the biggest thing you can do to protect yourself, so regularly monitor your credit score and report to ensure everything on there is your doing.

What to do if you get a banking alert:

In some cases, banking customers may receive alerts about a change to an account they did not make or notification of an account they did not create.

If this happens to you, immediately call the customer service line or stop by a branch to report it. Don't ever click a link. Do your homework, and if you get a text claiming to be from your, call and verify that it is in fact from your bank before you click on it.





The Gathering Business Summit to champion diversity at River Spirit this July

(TULSA, Okla.) The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) will return to River Spirit Casino and Resort this July for The Gathering Business Summit. Organizers say this year is all about championing more diversity within national economies.

“Our goal is to not just highlight and promote diversity throughout Oklahoma and across the US,” AICCO State Board President Bailey Walker said. “We are encouraging all of our tribal and business leaders directly to actively engage in what our chamber members and supporters have to offer. The strength of our community businesses and leadership is a force to be reckoned with, and we know here at AICCO it is a force for good.”

Launched publicly in Tulsa 30 years ago this year, AICCO is now the largest chamber of Native and minority-owned businesses in Oklahoma, committed to strengthening and advancing economic opportunity with an emphasis on the Native perspective.

The chamber has since branched out to additional chapters throughout the state, including an Oklahoma City chapter and an Eastern chapter in Okmulgee.

Now in its 8th year, The Gathering, AICCO’s biggest annual event of the year will return to its Tulsa roots, taking place Sunday, July 23, through Tuesday, July 25.

Full conference registration, One Day Passes, Vendor Booth Registration, and Artisan Registration are available for purchase [here](#).

Over the years, The Gathering has expanded from speakers and vendors to full-scale business matchmaking and multiple networking opportunities. Topics range from successful field-tested strategies of local organizations, how to secure government contracts, and getting funding and resources for small businesses.

Attendees, chamber members and non-members alike, are also from varied public and private sectors, such as telecommunication firms, digital enterprises, federal contractors, and even fashion designers and other artists.

“Looking back at history, Native Americans have always evolved to survive,” Walker said. “This goes hand-in-hand with why Indian Country businesses are thriving and worthy of time and investment today.”

Walker said diversity sparks innovation when integrated into business, bringing different

perspectives together to build best practices of success. That diversity-fueled innovation is what he hopes to highlight at this year’s event.

The Gathering’s diversity spotlight will also be facilitated by directors of preferred Indian-owned programs and Tribal Employment Rights Offices (TEROs) from a number of tribes across Oklahoma in attendance this July.

The Gathering Business Summit 2023 tickets are available for purchase now.

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Fellowship of Christian Athletes Player Spotlight

Seneca Steele

Position: Centerfield/Pitcher

Post: Quarterback

Height: 6'4"

School: Kansas High School

Q and A with Seneca Steele

Tribe Affiliation: Cherokee and Quapaw

Favorite Bible Verse: Colossians 3:17 "And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him".

Nickname: Man of Steel

Favorite food: Chicken Sandwich

Favorite Walk-Up Song: Follow God - Kayne West

Favorite Player: Giannis Antetokounmpo, he is very humble and works hard.

Favorite Part of Being On a Team: Making relationships with my team mates, and being able to compete against good competition.

Who Do You Look Up To? - My Mom and Dad, The way they carry themselves and them setting an example for me pushes me to do my best. I hope to be like them someday whenever I raise my kids.

Plans After Graduation: Go to college and become an engineer

What Is Your Favorite Part of Being a Christian Athlete: Being able to represent God through my performance.

Who was my favorite Coach: My football coach, Coach Kirk. He is a natural born leader and wants the best for me and my teammates. I wouldn't be the same without him coaching me and giving me the tools for success.

Favorite part of Kansas High School FCA: Being able to be with a community of Christians to make the world a better place

Words from Coach Kirk:

"Seneca Steele is a great leader on and off the fields and court. He's mature beyond his age. He's a true scholar athlete with a bright future. He works extremely hard in the classroom and he puts in the work on weekends or before school to be the best athlete he can be. He's been leading the locker room since his freshman year. As a Sophomore he had a great year at QB for us totaling over 2500 yards and 30 TDs and we're expecting those numbers to jump in the 2023 season. Seneca is just an all around great kid and he's the type of kid you can build your programs around. He's a great role model for my sons and the younger kids always showing others the utmost respect and kindness. Big things coming from him in the next two years."

Coach Warren Kirk

Kansas HS Head Football Coach

Fellowship of Christian Athletes: Greater Promise-You're seeing glimpses of what you can be as an athlete and it's exciting to experience competitive growth. But is it just about improving, achieving and winning? If so, that feeling of excitement might not last for long.

The world promises fame, success and status, but it's a mirage that leaves us empty and hollow when the lights of the world's success have faded and we are left in a hard season of struggle. Sure, it's exciting when the spotlight's on us and the roar of the crowd is amping up before the big game. But what about long after the stadium is empty, and the lights are turned off? Those fans who chanted our name won't remember us once our season has passed, and those same voices lifting you up when success was yours will cease to speak when you need words to lift you up.

It's easy to get wrapped up in your sport but doing so can leave you empty. More than anything you can find through athletic success, God wants to give you the greater promise that comes from Jesus.

Greater Promise Key Verses—"For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Anyone who believes in him is not condemned, but anyone who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the one and only Son of God." —John 3:16-18

John Morris is currently serving with Oklahoma Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Cherokee, Adair and Delaware Counties and is supported financially by faith partners. If you are interested in more information on FCA or being a faith partner go to this link <https://my.fca.org/johnmorris>. John can be contacted through email: johnmorris@fca.org or by cell number (785-760-1627).



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This is the official listing of pow-wows and Tribal festivals for the month of June.

The Pandemic is, hopefully, officially over with. Lots happen since everyone has had to distance themselves from each other. Always take time to love the ones that have gone on, natural or otherwise, and to remember keep these traditions and customs that's been handed to us to carry on.

For this year. Lots of dances! Lots of Tribal Festivals! Lots of food! So mark your calendars and make your plans to travel around Oklahoma and see some of the finest dancers in this state! You're going to get a glimpse of contest pow-wows to annual dances not seen anywhere else in the country.

Keep this issue with you for the course of the season and make sure you make it to every event this year!



Red Earth Festival

June 1st - 3rd, 2023

OKC, OK National Cowboy Museum and Western Heritage Center

The 37th annual Red Earth Festival is returning to our regular dates – the First Weekend in June.

We invite you to join us June 1-3, 2023, at the spectacular National Cowboy Museum and Western Heritage Center in northwest Oklahoma City.

53rd Annual Alabama-Coushatta Pow-wow

June 2nd - 3rd, 2023

Alabama-Coushatta Veteran's Pavillion

301 Daycare Road, Livingston, TX

Drum contest – Southern & Northern (Separate Categories)

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Spavinaw Pow Wow & Indian Arts Festival 2023

June 9th - 10th, 2023

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Iowa Tribal Pow-wow

June 16th - 18th, 2023

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Pow-wow Grounds

Perkins, OK

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Peoria Powwow

June 16th & 17th, 2023

Buffalo Run Casino Showplace (indoor & air-conditioned!)

\$50,000 prize money

46th Annual Muscogee Nation Festival

June 22nd - 25th, 2023

Okmulgee, OK

This one has it all! Starting off with Stomp dances on Thursday night. Each year, thousands gather at the Claude Cox Omniplex right here in Okmulgee for a weekend filled with activities celebrating the Muscogee people. This annual celebration includes cultural exhibitions, sports tournaments, concerts featuring local and national acts, arts and crafts, great food, carnival rides, a parade, and many more festivities for the entire family to enjoy. All activities are free and open to the public.

For more information go to www.muscogeenationfestival.com

48th Annual Tonkawa Tribal Pow-wow

June 23rd - 25th, 2023

Fort Oakland Community, Tonkawa, OK

This may be the 47th Annual Tribal pow-wow but it is originally the 137th Anniversary of the arrival of the Tonkawa to Ft. Oakland, OK.

Come out and experience the Tonkawa Tribal Powwow, an annual tribal celebration featuring Native American dancing, princess crowing, contests, crafts, artwork and food. This year marks the 48th annual event and will celebrate the "Year of the Woman."

Dance styles will include straight, war, gourd, fancy, traditional, cloth and buckskin categories. Stick around for a Traditional Tonkawa Scalp dance during the Saturday night program and a Nez Perce memorial contest Sunday evening. This year's event will also include a horseshoe tournament, fireworks, veteran's supper for encampment, disc golf tournament and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Free camping, along with electric and water hookups, will be available.

22nd Annual Miami Nation Pow Wow 2023

June 23rd - 24th, 2023

Miami Nation Arena

2319 Newman Road, Miami, OK, 74354

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Vendors – Tera Hatley 918-919-1444

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Friday, June 16

Gourd Dance 5:30-7:30pm
(contest registration open)

Grand Entry 8:00pm

Tiny Tots (6 and under)

Boys and Girls (7-12)

Golden Age Women (55+)

Saturday, June 17

Gourd Dance 12:00-2:00pm
(contest registration open)

Grand Entry 2:30pm

Juniors All (13-17) | Golden Age Men (55+)

Gourd Dance 5:30-7:30pm

Grand Entry 8:00pm

Adult Women (18-54) | Adult Men (18-54)

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Iowa

Tribe of Oklahoma

2023 POWWOW

**JUNE
16-18**

GRAND ENTRY

JUNE 16 at 8PM

JUNE 17 at 7PM

JUNE 18 at 7PM

MOURNERS MEAL - JUNE 14 AT 6:30PM, CHENA BUILDING

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