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ative Oklahoma Magazine is a publication not only for the visitor to Oklahoma, but also a resource for our Native community and neighbors. Every month, Native Oklahoma's awardwinning writers showcase Native artists, cooks, foods, culture, and crafts, as well as current events and powwows. Our issues include event calendars and lists of Native American attractions across Oklahoma, Native Oklahoma also includes a list of gaming venues, places to stay, and the location of tribal headquarters.



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Joey Friday Uses Recycled Clothing to Create Custom Fashion Pieces with Conscious Cuts

### By: Ryann Gordon

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Tulsa Native, Joey Friday, taught himself to sew and started a custom clothing line out of thrift store finds. Conscious Cuts is a clothing, hoodie and accessory line named after the mindset the owner keeps while creating clothing. Self-taught, he seeks to stay conscious of his clothing quality and individual customers' styles.

"When I'm in my flow and designing, I'm having to slow down my thoughts while cutting," says founder Joey Friday, "so a part of my process when creating is always staying conscious of every single time I cut, and by doing so helps hold me to a standard almost in my head."

A long-time jewelry maker, he began his business journey making wire wrapped gemstone rings and other jewelry. That expanded into his experimental

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fashion style, and began adding details like patchwork and hidden pockets to his clothing pieces.

"I just love clothing," says Friday, whose style is epitomic of his look, with waist-long hair above a typically oversized piece of outerwear with showy patterns and designs. "My inspiration is I make things I would wear. That comes from being in retail my whole life. I feel like I have a creative little side within the stuff I wear, it's like an expression of myself. I wanted to make things specific to my tastes. I wanted to be able to add patchwork to things if I wanted to, and the design side just kind of followed right behind it. The whole design process has come on pretty naturally."

After purchasing his first sewing machine over COVID quarantine, he began watching YouTube videos to teach himself to sew.

"I had never sewn before at all, but I got the sewing machine and did some research on it," says Friday. "I basically started YouTubeing stuff and still to this day I YouTube different methods or just different ways people will make different patterns or how they will stitch things certain ways, different folds. YouTube is like the cheat code for artists, I would say. You can learn anything on YouTube."

After building his skill level and self-promoting

his hoodies and bags, Friday began to receive requests from friends and started working directly with buyers to design custom fashion pieces.

"If I'm doing a custom piece for somebody, my first step is try to get to know them a little bit, ask specific questions, is there a color story?" he says. "Are they leaning toward khaki, browns; or like, black and red, or blues. Some people like neutrals and some people want a little more color. So I try to get that feel from them, then figure out the base of the product and start with a brand new sweatshirt or handbag, or other piece. Then I start going thrifting for specific colors.

"I always try and take a trip as specific to that person as possible, sometimes that'll be multiple stores. Sometimes I'll go a week or two without finding the fabric I think is the right fit. And sometimes clients tell me to just run with it, which I love."

Primarily hoodies and bags, with growing orders for joggers and overalls, Joey Friday's blends of recycled clothing create one-of-a-kind pieces that make a statement and feel good, with quality materials and blends of patterns that exemplify Conscious Cuts fashion. His decorative, oversized hoodies combine intricate layers of materials, colors and pattern schemes, making each product a 100% original.

"I read this thing that was like, 'Fabrics are one of the only things that makes you feel something before you actually think about feeling something,'" says Friday, "because fabric is on your skin, you touch it. When I'm comfortable and in clothes I feel good in, I always do feel better. I feel like a lot of people can relate to that, like wearing velvet — anything — feels good."

Conscious Cuts style exhibits unique blends of textures and patterns. Different fabrics and patterns with common color schemes are layered into unique designs to create unique symbols or custom, bold lettering.

"Some of my favorite fabrics are the Guatemalan style fabrics, that Native kind of look," says Friday. "Anything corduroy and paisley, if you can find corduroy and paisley together that is probably going to be the ultimate win. Velvet, velour, I use a lot of those, inside of hoodie pockets or inside the actual hoods. That way when you put on the hood and it has that velvet inside there, and then put your hands inside the hoodie pocket, it just makes you feel a little different than that regular old cotton. Those are little touches I like to add into my art."



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Many centuries ago the Quapaw Nation followed the Mississippi River into our traditional homeland in Arkansas. This is the Origin of the name "O-Gah-Pah" which can be translated as the "Downstream People".

For centuries the O-Gah-Pah (Quapaw) people lived in four large villages and many smaller communities along the Mississippi River and across modern-day Eastern Arkansas. The Quapaw people would annually plant and harvest crops and hunt buffalo according to the seasons. The Quapaw traded pottery, painted hides and other goods through an extensive trade route based along the rivers. The Quapaw people were particularly known for pottery, which was often painted; swirls being a distinctive pattern of the Quapaw people.

After removal, the Quapaw Nation came to reside in Northeastern Oklahoma, where we are still located today. The Quapaw Nation continues to take great care and pride in crafting everything we put our name on including O-Gab Pah Coffee.



# 'Tis the Season to Snag!

The Snag App Offers the Native Network Social Media Platform and an Indian Dating Feature

Founder of Bearshaw Beauty, Jasmine Bear, introduces Native Network, a social media network designed specifically for Native Americans. The Snag App, as it's named, has features designed for connecting to Natives near and far, and for meeting new people with all-Native dating app built right in.

"The Snag App, it's a social networking app for indigenous users," says founder Jasmine Bear. "It has a feature in it called Native Network, which is kind of like Facebook but for Indians. Snag, the dating feature, is kind of like Tinder, but for Native Americans."

Native Network itself is completely free for users to download on their devices, but Snag, the dating feature, is \$9.99 a month. Launched in September 2024, Native Network is now being used like any other social media platform to connect people in and outside local communities.

"There's users here, people in other states, there's people in Canada on it as well," says Jasmine. "There's people all over that are using it and I do like seeing that people are using it to post like powwow flyers, charities, upcoming events. It's really similar to Facebook. You can update your status or post pictures. Some people are just sharing pictures of art or like their baskets they made, and you can comment and like them and stuff. It's just a good way to connect."

Whether it's for business, socializing, keeping in touch long distance or for seeking new relationships nearby, Native

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Network is an outlet in which Indians can connect with other Indians in and outside their community and social group.

"I wanted to create it so that Native Americans or indigenous users do have a way to meet other people in the community," says Jasmine. "There's Farmers Only, Christian Mingle, Black People Meet, then I thought — oh, why don't we have one?"

The Snag App name itself plays on Indian colloquialism. Jasmine Bear explains the wordplay on "snag," which in the Indian community is slang for "hooking up."

"It's funny, because I'd seen some posts talking about, 'Oh, I want to start a Native dating app, but like watch it just be a bunch of cousins," she says, laughing. "It's kind of funny, it's like a joke now."

Jokes aside, The Snag App dating feature is ideal for someone looking for a relationship or other with someone of indigenous heritage, saving the awkwardness of asking someone later.

"As you're building your profile, you can put where you are what you're looking for," says Jasmine, "if it's something serious, casual dating or if you're just networking, when it comes to professional networking, whether it be fashion, acting and modeling which is trending more these days in the indigenous community. You're able to specify that on your profile. And if you want to go ahead, you can add the tribes that you are there too."

One of the most beneficial aspects of the entire platform

is that it provides somewhere for Natives to relate to one another. Whether it's inside jokes or posts relating to one's cultural being — on Native Network, your followers get it.

"I do like Facebook and Instagram, but a lot of my followers and friends wouldn't get all my posts," says Jasmine Bear. "I guess there's a lot who probably wouldn't understand some of my more Native posts, it just really wouldn't make much sense. In the Native Network, it's more like something we all understand. It filters out some stuff, but not in a mean way."

Filtering out the unnecessary is important to someone like Jasmine Bear, who juggles a fulltime job while being a mother and fostering for Muscogee Nation.

"Bearshaw Beauty was my first business, then I just started this one this year in my little free time I had," says Jasmine, who designed the app on her own with the help of an app building platform. "This is my first app, I have no experience in this but I found an app building platform and I explored with it a little and I contacted customer support and they helped me out a lot. I did my own research and then I used my own resources. It's all funded by me, not like I have a kick start or anything, it's just that I work hard at my fulltime job and I use some of that to contribute to my businesses. I think Bearshaw Beauty kind of helped me realize it's not so scary. I can do it if I really wanted to."

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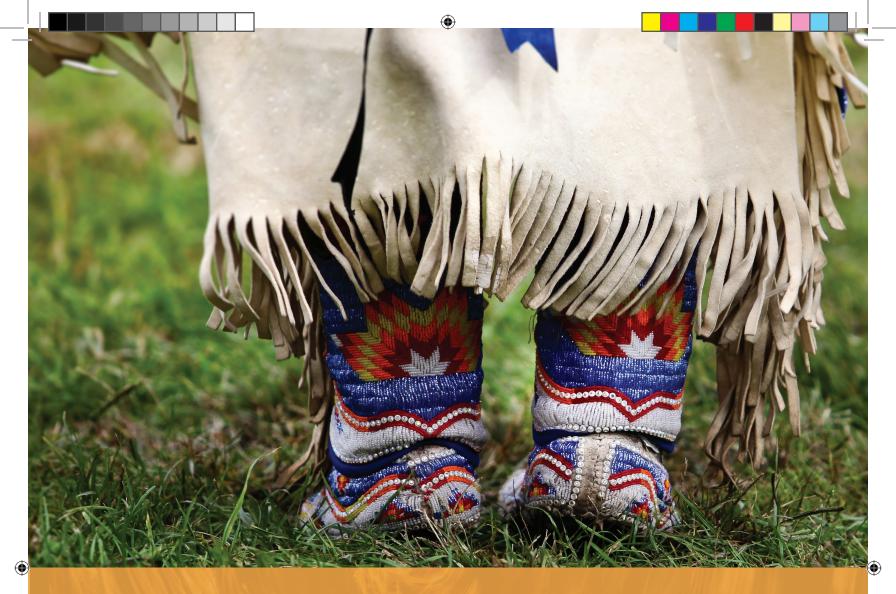
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The Sky-Eagle Collection is more than just a fashion brand, it is a celebration of Native American culture and a testament to the resilience of the human spirit. The brand was founded with Yanti, his wife, muse, premier of the Fashion House, and they named the brand after their daughter. Together, they are building a legacy that honors their heritage and inspires others to follow their dreams.

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### More than the mortgage

4 expenses you need to be aware of when buying a new home

### By Bill North

BOK Financial Mortgage

Buying a new home is an exciting time, especially when it's your first home. You may feel ready to go when you have the down payment and monthly mortgage amounts factored into your budget, but don't forget there are additional expenses to consider in the cost of homeownership other than how you'll decorate your new living room.

Working with trusted local loan officers and realtors is key to finding the right fit in a new home—and understanding the entire scope of your home purchase.

Mortgage professionals walk people through the process of buying a home, what they can qualify for and what to expect in the future. Loan officers also provide ongoing support and advice post-closing on topics like benefits of refinancing or how to use the home's equity for other needs in the future."

### More than the mortgage payments

Being able to cover your monthly mortgage payments is important, but there will be other ongoing costs associated with home ownership.

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In addition to the principal and interest payment, you have taxes, insurance, homeowner's association (HOA) dues and maintenance costs to consider.

Get your finances ready

The first step to preparing for homeownership is getting your financial house in order and working with a loan officer.

A loan officer will review your income, assets, liabilities, debt and credit score, and tell you what you may need to work on, such as improving your credit. We will also consult with borrowers on local programs that can help with down payment and closing costs. A good loan officer will help you understand the process and let you know when you're ready to move forward with homeownership.

When North meets with clients, he breaks down all the financial considerations for buying a home. He suggested the following ways to prepare yourself.

### 1. Factor in insurance costs

Because homeownership is a long-term commitment, repairs will need to be made along the way—some of which may be covered under insurance. Homeowner's insurance has risen in cost in recent years due to the increasing costs of labor and severe damage done to homes in natural disasters.

### 2. Maintenance costs are part of life

Homes also require a certain amount of upkeep not covered by insurance. The grass will need mowing, appliances will break down and things will need replacing. You need to budget for repairing or replacing things like the dishwasher and the roof, as well as services such as gardening and housekeeping if you're not going to take care of that yourself.

The rule of thumb has been to set aside 1-4% of the home's value every year for repairs. So, if you have a \$200,000 home, budget to spend at least \$2,000 annually on repairs, maintenance and updating.

If you have only rented before and had these things handled by a landlord, the costs may come as a surprise. Be sure to check for the average prices on these items and services, and take time to crunch the numbers.

### 3. Homeownership taxes continue past the mortgage

Every homeowner must pay property tax, which may include state, county and school district taxes. How much you pay will be dependent on local tax rates. This expense may be included in your mortgage payments while you're paying off the house, but once the house is paid for, property taxes continue. They go on for as long as you own the home. It'll be up to you to pay them when they separate from the mortgage payment.

Some neighborhoods also have homeowner's associations (HOAs) that enforce guidelines on the homes in the community. This may range from keeping your landscaping in shape and the colors you can paint your house to noise and parking ordinances. HOAs typically require an annual fee and may leverage fines for breaking the rules. Be sure to check if the neighborhood you're considering has an HOA and what the fees and requirements are.

### 4. Moving on up

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If you're considering an upgrade, remember that moving into a more luxurious home could increase your overall cost of living. The surrounding stores in your new neighborhood may be higher end, your children may feel peer pressure from classmates to have more expensive clothing, supplies and tech gadgets, and you may feel the need to "keep up with the Joneses."

Just because you can afford a specific payment on a house doesn't mean you should spend that much. I suggest that would-be homeowners build a holistic budget for all their living expenses, including the house.

A good strategy is 50% goes to must-haves, including housing, utilities, food, transportation, childcare and insurance. Another 30% should be allocated to wants such as vacation, entertainment and home décor, and 20% should go to saving for emergencies and retirement.

### The benefits of home ownership

- The prospect of homeownership is exciting and worth working toward because the benefits may include:
- Real estate values may increase over time.
- Homeowners build equity as they pay down their mortgage and values may increase.
- More stable housing payments year to year versus renting.
- Pride in ownership and strong community ties.
- Tax incentives (mortgage interest may be deductible).
- The ability to renovate and update a home to fit your needs.

Homeownership is generally a good investment because values historically continue to increase. Keeping a home well-maintained will help it hold its resale value to provide generational wealth to pass on to children or add to your retirement nest egg down the road.

With a bit of preparation, homeownership doesn't have to come with surprise costs and can serve as a good investment in a lifetime of fond memory making.

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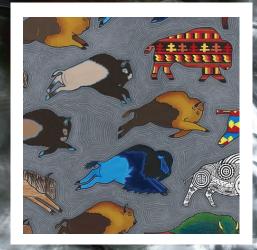
The Pueblo of Acoma is home to designer Loren Aragon. It is one of 19 thriving Pueblo communities, located in New Mexico, and is considered to be one of the oldest continually inhibited civilizations in North America. The deep rooted history and rich cultural heritage of the Acoma people is the fueling factor for Aragon and has become the foundation for ACONAV designs.

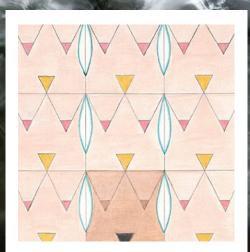


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### HATCHET WOMAN PILLOW

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The Battle of Ackia or Aahíkki'ya' as the Chickasaw call the event, was a battle between the French and Chickasaw. d'Arteguette launched the assault of Chokkilissa' (Ogoula Tchetoka in French), about 4 miles north of the town we call Tupelo, Mississippi today. The French military leader attacked on March 24, 1736. As they entered the area, Chickasaw women began singing loudly, and the French troops became disoriented. The singing women wielding hatchets advanced into the battle of Chickasaw warriors and French soldiers, frightening the French and forcing them to retreat. The singing, warring Chickasaw women became known as Hatchet Women. They are revered in Chickasaw history as part of the unconquered and unconquerable. Native Oklahoma has an intertribal outreach not only in Oklahoma, bu also to all American Indian tribes and nations across the country. Shop intertribal today!





### Fellowship of Christian Athletes Player Spotlight

### Snowda Watie

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Year: Senior Height: 5'2 Position: Point Guard Sports: Basketball, Track High School: Stilwell High School Update: Signed with Northeastern State U

### Q and A with Snowda Watie

Tribe Affiliation: Cherokee

**Favorite Bible Verse:** "Strength and honor are her clothing, and she can laugh at the time to come." —Proverbs 31:25

### Nickname: Snow

Favorite food: My Mom's enchiladas and rice

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vorite Walk-Up Song: "Enter Sandman" by Metallica

Favorite Player: Iowa point guard-Caitlin Clark

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**Favorite Part of Being On a Team:** The behind the scenes action. Like all the inside jokes you make with different teammates and the support you get whenever you do anything. Also, being on a team teacher you so much about life, friendships, and how to work well with others even if you don't always agree with them. It teaches you how ti work together.

Who Do You Look Up To: My Mom, Mandy Watie. My life is full of many strong women but my mom, to me, is the strongest. She is always positive and adds more to my day everyday. She never lets anything get her down and if something is bothering her she goes straight to the Lord. She is a true living example of a Proverbs 31 woman and I love her more than words can say.

**Plans After Graduation:** I plan to attend NSU to continue my academic and basketball career. I don't really have an idea of what I am going to major in but I have a little time before then so might as well not worry myself over it. Whatever it is though, I know i'll enjoy it.

What Is Your Favorite Part of Being a Christian Athlete: Not having to worry about anything. Now im not saying that I don't ever worry because as humans we tend to about even the most mundane things, but I say this because when you have the Lord in your heart and remember He is always on your side, you can go through life knowing that He is in control and whatever happens it is always for your own good.

Who was my favorite Coach: My dad, Sundown Watie. He never let me get down on myself and always kept my head up but did it in a way that kept me humble. He's the reason why I work as hard as I do and have my love for the game. He was and is my number one supporter which I am very grateful for.

**Favorite part of Stiwell High School FCA:** The community that it brings. Everyone knows everyone. The support and love that you feel from Stilwells FCA is very special and I am so thankful to be apart if such a group.

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-Romans 5:8

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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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## What a strong connection to Native American heritage looks like in business

(SAVANNAH, Ga.) Just as a business owner inherits the strongest traits and characteristics from those before them, so will a business inherit these from their owner.

For Native American business owners, honoring a strong connection to cultural heritage manifests in ways such as job creation for other Native Americans, planning positive outcomes for future generations, and reinvesting in your tribal community.

My Tribe Print and Promo, LLC., one of dozens of AICCO Native businesses from all over the country, offers an extensive repertoire of print capabilities as well as promotional gear like apparel, bags, and even customizable health items.

Owner Tricia Williams is a citizen of Wyandotte Nation, a federally recognized Native American tribe headquartered in Wyandotte, Oklahoma. According to the Wyandotte Nation website, there are two other bands of Wyandot people, the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation located in Michigan, and the Wyandot Nation of Kansas.

"We are the same people separated by fate, the passing of time and choices made by our ancestors," the website states.

Wyandotte Nation was also reportedly instrumental in the founding of Detroit, Michigan, and Kansas City, Kansas, the latter of which was called Wyandotte City in the past.

At My Tribe, their commitment to honoring Native American heritage extends far beyond offering quality products.

"Through partnerships with Title VI programs for Native American tribes, domestic violence awareness initiatives, police departments, and family services departments, we've woven our business into a tapestry of support, advocacy, and cultural celebration," Williams said. "From apparel printing for the Shop with a Cop program benefiting the Wyandotte Nation to crafting Champion backpacks for children through the Bearskin Health and Wellness Center, we aim to make a positive impact and support critical community initiatives."

Williams told us the My Tribe logo was also designed with several Wyandotte cultural elements, including a mossback turtle that pays homage to their world origin story and a willow branch wreath that signifies the perpetual renewal of life.

"The weathered text symbolizes all of the trials and tribulations that my tribe, as well as myself personally, have weathered and have come back strong from," Williams said.

My Tribe recently hired a new Account Executive, another proud Wyandotte Nation Citizen, exemplifying their commitment to fostering talent within their heritage.

"Beyond our business endeavors, our brand serves as a gateway to Native American history and culture," Williams said. "At My Tribe Print and Promo, LLC., we're not just a business; we're advocates, partners, and champions of Native American heritage, committed to fostering empowerment, celebrating cultures, and leaving a meaningful legacy across communities nationwide."

To learn more about My Tribe, visit http://mytribepnp.com

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### "Gov. Bullstitt Fined For Cherokee Tag"

Gov. Bullstitt is addressing the media at the unofficial Governor's Mansion. It is his private \$5 million estate at the Hickory Tree Country Club in Edmond, OK. Bullstitt refuses to live in the official governor's mansion in Oklahoma City. A mansion that has housed all Oklahoma governors since its construction in 1928. Perhaps he feels more at home in the Criscoshortening white country club. Governor Bullstitt talks to the media in the driveway of his six-car garage.

"Ahem," the governor begins. "I call your attention to a dangerous issue that requires immediate action. Yesterday, I issued an emergency executive order directing the Highway Patrol to issue citations to tribal citizens who drive on Oklahoma roads with illegal car registrations. This addresses a significant public safety issue that puts law enforcement and others at risk. It requires immediate action on my part."

"Governor," a reporter shouts. "It has been reported that a female citizen of the Otoe-Missouria tribe was ticketed for failure to pay taxes on her vehicle. You didn't waste any time with enforcement."

"That's right," Bullstitt responds. "We issued a \$249 ticket. With thousands more such citations, Oklahoma taxpayers will be able to fully fund private Christian schools on the backs of tribal citizens."

"But Governor," the reporter continues. "You say this issue is an immediate threat to public safety. Yet, this has been the status quo in Oklahoma for at least twenty years. So why is this suddenly an urgent issue?"

Governor Bullstitt slowly scratches the side of his big head. He stands with a blank look on his face. He resembles a mashup of Gomer Pyle and Droopy Dog.

"Uh. Ahem! Top Ten State," the governor mumbles.

"Let me repeat the question. After twenty years, why is this suddenly an urgent issue?" the reporter presses.

Fixico shouts, "Because our so-called Cherokee governor has declared jihad against the tribes. The Moccasin Telegraph says Bullstitt got dumped by a Native girl years ago has been broken hearted ever since. He has vowed revenge and has gone on the warpath against the tribes."

There is mocking laughter. Bullstitt takes offense. "She didn't dump me," the gov haltingly protests as tears well up in his eyes. "I dumped her!"

More mocking laughter.

"Even if what you allege is true why couldn't you have worked cooperatively with the tribes and held consultative meetings so as to make a planned and orderly transition? Instead, you chose to ambush the tribes," the reporter asks. "Some say the Otoe woman who was ticketed is the Native girl that broke Bullstitt's heart," Fixico shouts.

Audible gasps from the reporters. Tarpalechee clutches his pearls.

"I've had enough of these silly rumors," the governor declares. "Get off my driveway. I'm outta here."

"Okay, Walt Kowalski, we'll get off your lawn," Fixico says.

The throng of reporters crack up laughing as they quickly disband. Bullstitt hops into his 2024 Mercedes Benz S550. He cruises the \$250,000 automobile past the huge iron gates at the entrance to the cotton ball white country club and heads south on Interstate 35.

All alone, Bullstitt is rocking out to his favorite song "Back that Azz Up". He makes animated hand motions as he impersonates Tupac. Bullstitt notices an SUV passing him on his left. It is a car full of African American men. Stitt turns down the radio, places both hands on the steering wheel, slumps in the driver's seat, and stares straight ahead.

Once the car passes, he sits up and reaches for the volume nob. That's when he sees it. An Oklahoma Highway Patrol car with flashing lights is attempting to pull Bullstitt over. "What the hell?" Bullstitt thinks. "Wait till this dude finds out who I am. I'll have his azz fired before quitting time!"

The patrolman approaches.

"How's it going, gov?" the patrolman asks.

"Huh? You pulled me over even though you know I am governor?

"I'm ticketing you for driving illegally with a Cherokee tag as per your executive order."

"That's not supposed to apply to me!"

"Tell that to the judge. That'll be \$249, governor."

The patrolman drives off. Bullstitt sits in his vehicle still in a state of shock. Suddenly his \$250,000 Mercedes is rear ended.

"What the hell?" the governor shouts. "Can this day possibly get any worse?"

Bullstitt angrily exits his vehicle ready to confront the miscreant driver. To his shock and dismay he sees it is his wife who has wrecked yet another state-owned vehicle. Knowing this is a public relations nightmare, Bullstitt dashes back to his car, rips his Cherokee tag off, and accelerates away from the scene.







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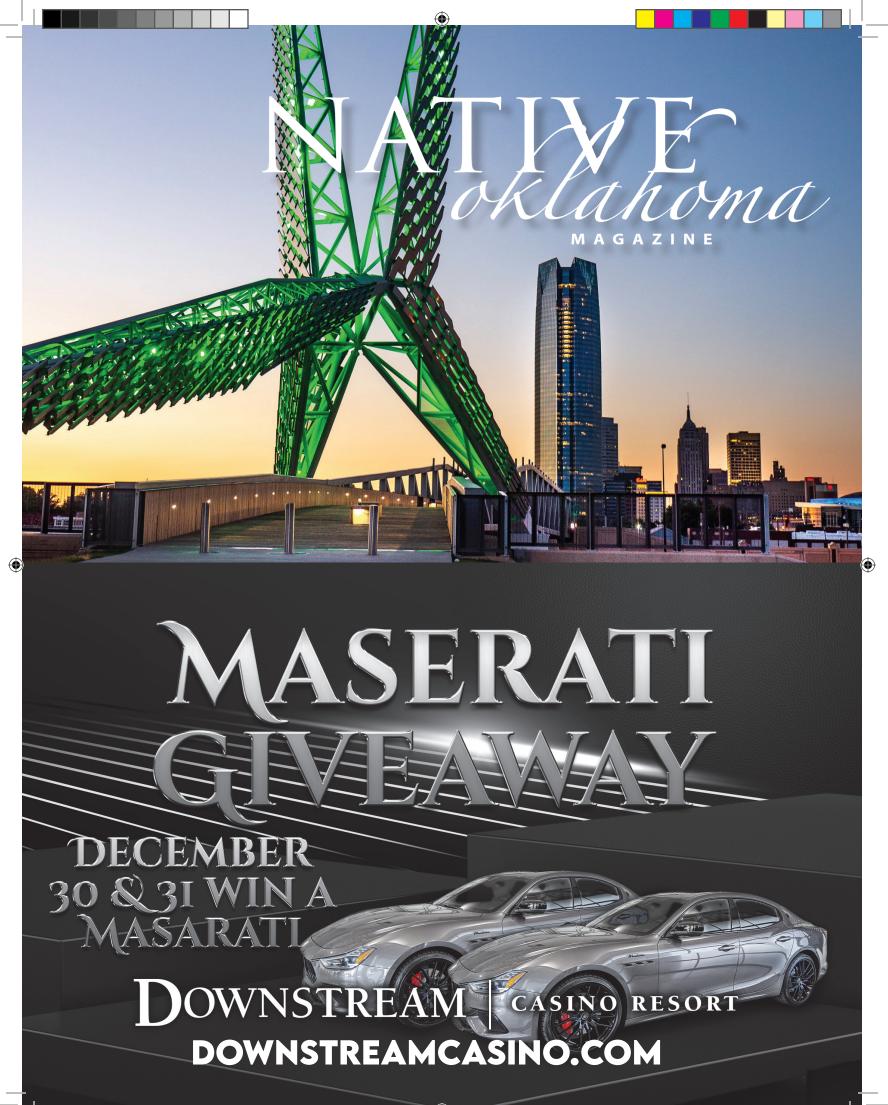


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