

White Buffalo Woman to be Honored Saturday

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Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College will have a ceremony on Saturday, November 16, at 10 a.m. to honor White Buffalo Woman.

A monument will be placed at the base of a redbud tree planted earlier to honor White Buffalo Woman. The event will take place in front of the Old Science Building on the Weatherford campus. The event is open to the public, and a reception will follow in the basement of the Old Science Building.

White Buffalo Woman was a Cheyenne traditional healer and a midwife, who was believed to have been born in 1853 in Wyoming Territory. She was a member of Black Kettle's band, and she and her family followed him as the United States government negotiated several treaties, which successively moved them south through Colorado Territory, into Kansas, and finally into Indian Territory.

White Buffalo Woman lived until 1938 and is buried at Hammon Oklahoma. She stands as but one of the many braved-hearted Cheyenne people, who were twice massacred and who today live in western Oklahoma. Dr. Henrietta Mann, a great-granddaughter, is president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College located on the SWOSU campus. The monument reads: **White Buffalo Woman:** Sand Creek & Washita Survivor & POW 1868-69.