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As part of Indian Market 2021, Morning Star Gallery of Santa Fe is pleased to announce a new exhibition and sale by renowned Oglala Lakota ledger artist Dwayne "Chuck" Wilcox. "Prairie Tales" will open Thursday, August 19th, from 5–7 p.m. and run through the end of the month. This is the first public opening at Morning Star in the post-COVID era.

Henry "Chick" Monahan, Director of Morning Star Gallery, says that "when we came across Chuck's ledger art more than a decade ago, we were immediately captivated, and our admiration only continues to grow. Chuck combines his obvious artistic skill with his unique perspective on contemporary Plains Indian life. By using a traditional art form as a backdrop for modern social issues, he employs both humor and satire to celebrate Native life and the interactions between Native and non-Native peoples."

Along with the artist, curator Karen Miller Nearburg will be at the opening to discuss the drawings and to sign advance copies of their new book, *Visual/Language: The Ledger Drawings of Dwayne Wilcox*. The book was designed by David Skolkin of Santa Fe and published by George F. Thompson, well-known to Santa Feans for publishing award-winning books of fine art.

Established in 1984, Morning Star Gallery has long been the standard-bearer for presenting the finest antique and contemporary Native American art. The gallery is located in a beautiful historic building at 513 Canyon Road in the heart of Santa Fe's art district.

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