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Homicide case investigation continues in the deaths of Raymond 'Koda' Paddyaker and Kayla Yates

Rosemary Stephens, *Editor-in-Chief*

February 14 is usually a day to celebrate love. Not on this Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 2022. This day was the day two families' lives would forever be changed when they learned of the shooting deaths of 40-year-old Raymond Lindsey 'Koda' Paddyaker Sr. and 30-year-old Kayla Julia Cherice Yates, both citizens of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

The deaths were ruled as homicides and are actively being investigated by Oklahoma City Police Department.

The Day of Discovery

Koda Paddyaker's sister, Toya Harragarra, said Feb. 14 started out like any other normal day. Her family rose early and going through their morning routines, when approximately 9 a.m. her mother, Winona June Goodbear received a phone call.

"My mom got a call from a relative, Scott Har-

ri-son, I call him uncle and Koda called him uncle, and he told my mom Koda had been shot and Shelley's daughter was shot. My mom was getting hysterical and I was in the living room. I started asking her what's wrong, what's wrong. She could hardly talk she was so upset," Toya said.

At first, she said, she thought he meant her sister, Shelley's daughter had been shot and all Harragarra could hear her say over and over was, 'no, no, no.'

The family immediately turned on the TV news and coming across the screen was a breaking news story about two people being found dead in a car with the news helicopters flying around.

"While we were watching the news, I saw them pulling my baby sister out of a trailer and I see her and I said that's Sheena. We all jumped in the car,



Raymond 'Koda' Paddyaker Sr., and Kayla Julia Cherice Yates were shot and killed in Oklahoma City Feb. 14, 2022.

my mom, me, my husband and kids and drove to Oklahoma City. The news had said N.W. 10th and Portland and when we got there the news channels had already left but all the detectives and police were still there and had it all blocked off and taped off," Toya said struggling to get her words as she began to cry.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

First Women's Gathering gives a voice to Cheyenne and Arapaho women

Submitted article

Two years ago when tribal elder Margaret Behan moved from Montana to Oklahoma, she proposed a Women's Gathering to address the issue of women's workhorse status without a voice and the need for more conscious participation of women in ceremony. This idea was supported by the Cheyenne Arapaho tribal administration and on May 8, 2022, 42 women responded to the call. The gathering was held at the Cheyenne Arapaho Lucky Star Hotel & Convention Center in Watonga, Okla.

The women met the first day in the afternoon on Mother's Day, May 8. Their first task was to answer the question of, "Why are we here?"

The issue that came up most strongly was the problem of internalized discrimination, followed by the need to preserve language and culture. The final concern

was the need to keep foster children in the community.

On the morning of Monday, May 9, the women attendees started with a panel of elders who were asked, "Where are we headed?"

They shared the story of their generation's survival so that future generations could know who they are as Native people. This was followed by talking circles in the afternoon led by middle aged women who were asked, "how should we get there?"

These women highlighted the fact they had been single parents and they were confronted with addiction and other mental health concerns. Consequently, they felt the need to hold ongoing intergenerational mutual support groups to heal internalized trauma.

On the final morning of the gather-

ing, May 10, the younger women were asked, "How can we support each other as we move forward?" They felt we needed to turn our attention to the existing social program being run by the tribes to make sure they are truly responsive. They know that burn-out is a big issue because there is still a big lag in access to housing, employment, health/mental health services, childcare and education. People can only talk about these needs for so long without gaining relief. They also shared great sadness coming from the experience of being scolded for not doing the right thing in ceremony before they



had the chance to really learn.

The group decided to hold annual gatherings followed by quarterly meetings as a means of including all women. Anybody who is interested in taking part, please contact Margaret Behan at 214-799-3282 or email gettay55@yahoo.com.

WOMEN VETERANS DAY JUNE 12 2022

Remembering All Warriors and the Effects of PTSD

By Matheson Hamilton

A person is a warrior when they can defeat their enemy, when I see a sober Indian person from our warriors group I know I see a warrior because they have defeated their enemy, the enemy that's inside alcohol bottles and drugs, then they can become a true warrior by taking care of themselves and their families.

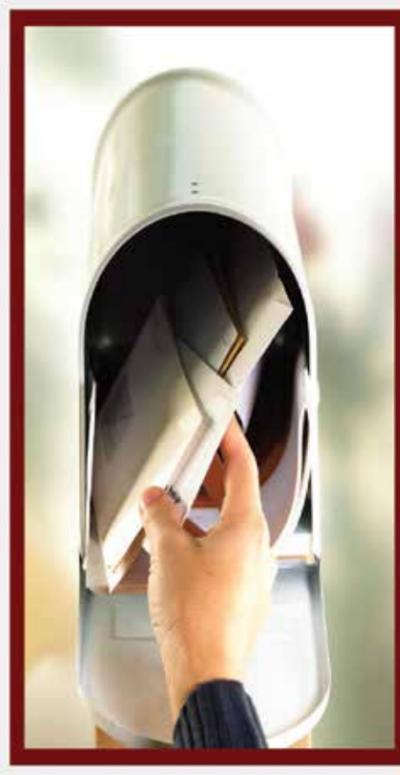
My brother Alex Warden Jr. use to say, "Heal the man, heal the family, heal the community."

I really miss a lot of my brothers and sisters that have taken their journey. In the service we are taught to never leave a man behind. When I miss any of my brothers or sisters, I

pray and then I soldier up, and remember the impact that each and every one of them had in my life to make me a stronger person. I know that when I take my journey I will leave people behind, I want to leave good memories of myself in everyone's life so that they might have learned something from me.

When we go to funerals of our friends and family members, at their gravesites we tell them that we love them, why don't we tell them that we love them when they are alive. People are put in our lives for different reasons, if it's bad we can change it, if it's good we can make it better.

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Doubly Sweet Graduation

Tribal Youth Commemorates Graduation with High School Diploma and College Degree

Latoya Lonelodge, *Staff Reporter*

As many graduates across the nation walk the stage to commemorate their high school or college accomplishments, very few can say they've graduated and earned a high school diploma and college degree simultaneously.

For Cheyenne and Arapaho youth, Christian Munoz, 18, it was a task he was up for.

Born in Claremore, Okla., and raised partially in Greenville, Texas, Munoz attended Greenville High School and Paris Junior College.

Since his sophomore year of high school, Munoz was a part of the early college program at his high school, allowing him to take college credits while attending high school.

Munoz said his graduating class was the very first class to be a part of the program.

"We were the first to graduate, it's kind of like high school except that we start out taking AP classes and then we would start taking actual college courses ... sometimes we had professors coming down from the college to teach us," Munoz said.

According to the Greenville ISD website, the Early College High School (ECHS) program includes high schools that allow students to attend college and give them the opportunity to earn a high school diploma and 60 college credit hours, which earns them a college associate degree. Students in the Greenville ECHS are enrolled in dual credit college courses beginning the fall semester of their 10th grade year and allows them the opportunity to have earned an Associate Degree in Aerospace Engineering from Paris Junior College by the time they graduate high school. The program provides dual credit classes at no cost to the students, offers instruction and accelerated courses, provides academic and social support services for students and increases college readiness.

Munoz said he felt very relieved and accomplished knowing he was able to knock out a high school diploma and college degree at the same time. However, he was still indecisive of what he wanted to do next.

"I'm still not sure what I'm going to do next, a lot of people in my class were already applying to colleges and for scholarships, but I'm still trying to figure it out," Munoz said.

While Munoz maintained a 3.5 GPA in high school

and a 3.3 college GPA, it was challenging trying to juggle high school and college equally.

"Just like trying to stay caught up on work, trying to pay attention in class and understand, it's a lot," Munoz said.

Munoz said over the years he's struggled socially as he found himself not connecting with his classmates.

"It was a very lonely four years so it was hard on my mental health as well and with the depression and the loneliness it was very hard to be motivated or try to get caught up with my school work," Munoz said.

And through it all, Munoz overcame the odds and paid homage to his mother for supporting him the most.

"She's just always been the most supportive, probably the most understanding than anybody else," Munoz said.

"I would say my mom is more open minded, more willing to listen to what I have to say and more understanding and she's always been the most supportive, she likes encouraging me no matter what."

With a high school diploma and college associate degree in the bag, Munoz said he's not sure what his next move will be.

"I'm not sure what I plan on doing with this degree, engineering was not something I was really planning for in the future, I kind of want to study more, I've always been more of an artistic person so I want to pursue a degree in arts or something like that, that I enjoy doing," Munoz said.

While Munoz was unsure of his future plans with furthering his degree and education, he was appreciative of the opportunity.

"There's still a lot of opportunities that you can get with that degree and it can get you a lot of places," Munoz said.

Looking towards the future, Munoz said he would to pursue and study art related majors in college as art is his passion.

"That's probably one reason why I'll go back, with my associate's degree I already knocked out a lot of the required courses so depending on what I take, most of the courses I won't even have to bother taking," Munoz said.

Munoz's parents are Christian Munoz, Sr., and Lloyda Fields. His grandmother is Ezra Fields and he has two siblings, Gabriel and Sarahi.



Christian Munoz at his high school graduation with his mother, Lloyda Fields, father, Christian Munoz, Sr., and brother Gabriel Munoz.



Celebrating two graduations, Christian Munoz celebrates his college graduation from Paris Junior College with his mother Lloyda Fields, father, Christian Munoz Sr., brother Gabriel Munoz and his baby sister Sarahi.

With her face on a new U.S. quarter, Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee, is still inspiring Native Americans

By Michael Overall, *Tulsa World*

Wilma Mankiller did more than anyone else during her lifetime to raise the national profile of the Cherokee Nation, the tribe's current principal chief said Monday.

"And she's still doing it," Chuck Hoskin Jr. said. "Even now, after all these years, she's instilling a sense of optimism and pride and confidence."

The U.S. Mint released a commemorative quarter Tuesday with Mankiller as the "head" while tribal officials lined up in Tahlequah, the Cherokee Nation's capital, to be among the first to get the coins. Mankiller rose to national prominence in the 1980s after becoming the first woman to serve as the tribe's principal chief. During her 10 years in office, the Cherokee Nation's population more than doubled while she reformed the tribal government and advocated for improved education, health care and housing.

She received the U.S. Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, in 1998.

The coin depicts Mankiller wearing a traditional shawl while a strong wind blows through her hair.

"It's beautiful," Hoskin said. "She's depicted with the wind at her back, which is very symbolic of what she was about — looking forward, excited for the future."

Mankiller played a vital role in the famous 19-month "Occupation of Alcatraz" that sparked a nationwide civil rights movement among Native Americans. She won election as the Cherokee Nation's deputy principal chief in 1983, serving under longtime Principal Chief Ross Swimmer.

She became principal chief after Swimmer resigned in 1985 to take a high-level job with the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs.



Wilma Mankiller was born Nov. 18, 1945, in Tahlequah, Okla. She was the sixth of 11 children. Her father was a full-blooded Cherokee, and her mother was of Dutch-Irish descent. (Photo / Kelly Kerr)

"It's a big, big deal" to have Mankiller featured on a coin, Swimmer said Monday.

"It's a great honor to her, to her family and to the Cherokee Nation," he said, noting that he had bought several rolls of coins himself to offer as gifts.

Mankiller, who died in 2010, is the first of five women who will be featured on commemorative coins this year in the Mint's American Women Quarters Program. The other women will be author Maya Angelou, astronaut Sally Ride, suffragist Adelina Otero-Warren and actress Anna May Wong.

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Message from District Legiator Cheyenne District 3 Darrell Flyingman

Dear Tribal Citizens:

Some people have questioned my leadership as the First Governor for the tribes and I believe it's time to answer those critics. During my administration as the Tribes first Governor, we achieved many goals that I was very proud of. Economic development and job opportunities was a goal where my administration started three businesses, smoke shops, a grocery store, and a nursing home, all three being developed due to the needs of tribal citizens. Just think, if we had COVID and ARPS money, where do you think we would be. Yet, the businesses were closed during the administration that followed mine, due to poor leadership and management. As of this date, we have not started one business, nor have attempted to start one. I believe, we are better than that and we know it.

We have a program that is set up to recruit and train our tribal citizens for skilled jobs. We should have an OJT (On-the-Job Training) program, where tribal citizens could apply, interview for job training and then learn a job skill by working for the tribe. Does anyone ever wonder why we have so many unemployed and untrained tribal citizens? Sometimes, individuals are placed in the wrong position for various reasons. Maybe the position requires critical thinking, leadership or technical skills, however, the individual may not have the skills, background or experience, yet is hired anyway.



We see friends and relatives hired as executive directors and directors in skilled positions, then have a problem removing those they hired due to poor performance and low production because they don't have the needed expertise, nor experience. Yet, it seems we don't want to hurt any feelings, nor make friends or relatives mad. So, we keep them employed without removing them, and let our tribal employees and tribal citizens suffer through poor leadership rather than replace them with qualified tribal citizens. We are better than that and should know better.

During my administration, I was fortunate to have quality people working for me. Unfortunately, I also, had some bad judges working for me, who I inherited and were protected by the legislature. The Attorney General tried to throw me in jail a couple of times, but didn't have a case due to bogus allegations. After losing my reelection bid, this attorney remained employed with the elected Governor as the Attorney General. In my opinion based on what I

Staying on Top of Sales: Tribal Citizen Expands Business of 18 years with Flower Shop

Latoya Lonelodge
Staff Reporter

Keeping a business alive is hard work. And what's even harder is maintaining a business during a pandemic. For Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen, Angie Glenn-Newcomb, it's been a challenge worth taking as she's kept her business running for 18 years and counting.

Born and raised in Custer City, Okla., Newcomb grew up in western Oklahoma. She graduated Custer City High School in 1992 and graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1999 with a bachelor's degree in business administration. Newcomb met and married her husband, Chris Newcomb, whom she's been married to for over 27 years. Since starting her boutique, Pink Zebra, Newcomb has lived in Clinton, Okla., when her husband, a state trooper, was moved there for employment.

"We lived in Clinton but the highway patrol moved us to Enid, we were there for three years and then an opening came back in Clinton so we've been here 17 years, I've been in business 18 years," Newcomb said.

What first began as a small business ran out of her in-law's café store, soon became a growing and thriving business for Newcomb as she found her calling and moved to a brick and mortar building.

"I've been in business for 18 years I've been in my brick and mortar for 16 and a half years," Newcomb said.

In finding her place as an entrepreneur, Newcomb was also a stay at home mom. She found inspiration to begin her boutique of baby, children's and lady's clothing when her children as she has one daughter and two sons.

"I was a stay at home mom and I was running it out of my in-law's store and I was just so busy that my mother in-law said I think you're going to have to open up a store front yourself," Newcomb said.

It was then that Newcomb found a building that she de-

scribed as old, leaking and was used as a storage.

"We just redid the whole thing and then we moved everything over, started small and ended up big. Then I added a flower shop this year," Newcomb said.

In extending her boutique to include a flower shop, Newcomb found herself in a position to expand her business in the Clinton community when a local flower shop went out of business.

"That was right at January 1, I started receiving texts and they were saying you should totally open a flower shop and I said, 'yeah, that wasn't ever something I said I was going to be, was a florist,'" Newcomb said.

In speaking with her husband, Newcomb said she wanted to help in the community and wanted to know how she could do that.

"He said, 'well you'll just expand your business' and so he told me, 'you have a college degree you can go and use that anytime, make a lot of money or the sky's the limit,' is what he told me," Newcomb said.

When the COVID-19 pandemic came and still wanting to expand her business, Newcomb was up for the challenge.

"I'm that girl, I'm an only child, no one tells me no and I will figure it out," Newcomb said.

So Newcomb went all over town and created 'spread joy,' where she would sell plants with a card attached that included inspirational sayings and Bible verses.

"It was something I made up out of my mind because I said well let's see, we got to make up \$280 today to keep the store afloat so I would figure out how many plants I can do," Newcomb said.

Newcomb went to a local greenhouse called Janie's Garden Center and bought as many flowers that she knew she had to sell and then would advertise through social media by doing live streams.

"I would just go buy up what I knew I had to make that day, so if I had to make \$300 that day I'd go buy it



Angie Glenn-Newcomb has been running her boutique business for over 18 years and has just recently opened a flower shop inside her brick and mortar located in Clinton, Okla. (Submitted photo)

and then I would put it on social media like my Facebook I never got tired of looking at myself going live every single day," Newcomb said chuckling.

Along with call-in promotions and sales, Newcomb also offered free delivery with her orders she received.

"You would call in and I would say I have 20 plants and the first 10 people that buy will get them for \$5 each, then after that the rest remaining will be \$15 and I would just do free delivery," Newcomb said.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Newcomb said she would deliver and knock on the door and make her way back to her car to embrace the moment from afar.

"I would walk to my car and point down and then they'd read the card and be like oh that's awesome, then I communicated back to them like thank you so much for shopping Pink Zebra, I enjoy spreading joy," Newcomb said.

And in spreading joy, that's how Newcomb came to the decision of expanding her business with a flower shop.

However, Newcomb didn't always see herself as

a florist and boutique owner as she described herself as an indecisive girl growing up.

"I was like I wonder what I want to be when I grow up and the joke was I'd be the backup dancer for Fleetwood Mac, okay so that's not ever going to work, but I love dancing, I have fancy shawl danced all my life," Newcomb said.

Newcomb said she grew up dancing traditionally and would travel and compete at powwows.

"I would go to Red Earth, I'd go to Montana, that's what I did like that was my job for the weekend is that I would go dance and I mean I would place so I knew I could kind of dance, but I've never been one of those kids that say still to this day, 'I wonder what I want to be when I grow up,' and it's always been the backup dancer for Fleetwood Mac," Newcomb said.

In seeing her business thrive throughout the years, Newcomb said she's proud that her boutique has lasted as long as it has. She gives thanks to all the many things that have helped her business be successful.

"Being positive and being a loving mom and a wife and

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Ironman Bike Race: Who Will Go The Distance?



The Ironman Bike Race, held May 19-21, was in Tulsa, Okla. starting at Keystone Lake. According to the Ironman Website, the Ironman Group is the largest operator of mass participation sports in the world and provides more than a million participants annually. Since its inception in 1978, athletes have proven that anything is possible by crossing finish lines around the world ... beginning with a single race.

The Ironman Bike Race was a 112 mile journey.

Below is the first hand account of Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Daniel Tallbear's participation in the Ironman Bike Race.

Wake up at 3:07, thinking to myself, "I'm not ready for this". Use the bathroom and get my stuff packed. Everyone is still asleep, because who wants to be up at this hour.

Get the athlete village and get onto a cold bus that I was clowning on the day before lol. We take the 20-minute ride to the lake and it's so cold, it has to get better right?

I get all my stuff ready, still very apprehensive about this whole race. Many questions running through my head, did I train enough? Am I ready? Am I hydrated? What will people think if I don't finish?

I see all my training buddies and we all get pumped at the swim! We line up and they announced that the swim course is changed!! Oh my god, what now? Thinking this is pretty good indication on how the day will go. Here we are, minutes from starting the race and they throw a curve ball.

We get in the water, it's warmer than the air temperature, so it feels good! Slight chop to the waves, make it just a little

harder to sight and breathe. Trust the training.

Success!! We are out of the water, at 2:02:35! A lot slower than what I practiced. (This will come into play later. Keep reading)

They gave me my bag for the bike and I feel great, now on to the 112 mile ride. Feeling good, not too cold, it's a beautiful 68° and a slight 12 mph wind from the north. Come to the first climb. I'm gassed already, this is not good, there is a man walking his bike up the hill. I don't think I've ever rode so many hills in my life! It was unbelievable, you'd think there'd be a downhill for every hill, but this was not the case in Tulsa.

We got to mile 107 and all I'm thinking is "I'm not going to make cutoff." My watch is showing 8:07 and the cutoff is 10:30 with a 2:02 swim, that means I would have to ride 5 miles in 15 minutes, not possible at all. Just then, a guy came riding up and said, "how's it going?" "Oh, just trying to make cutoff, how are you?" He replied, "they gave us extra time because the swim was long" it was like angels descended from heaven and were singing Eye of the Tiger! I got a second wind and crushed the rest of the bike! Thank you Jesus! I was so happy!

Make it to transition 2 and I'm feeling some way, legs are trash, shoulders hurt. One step at a time, we got this! I come out of the tent, and there is my family cheering me on!! They want pictures, I gave my daughter high five, I am crying re-playing this in my head. Made me so happy to see them!

Make it to mile 1 and I couldn't believe it! My triathlon club members are working the aid station!! It was so nice to see them! Here we go, 25 more miles to go!! Run was super flat and nice, it was all mental at this point. I was still worried about the cutoff! I have to finish this race, I've put too much work in. I saw my training partners on the run a few times and we all cheered and helped each other! The sun is starting to set, I'm nervous about making it, trust the training and keep moving... A guy on the motor bike comes around and said 2 hours and we're shutting it down. I'm at mile 17 when I hear this. I better pick it up.

I make it to 22 and there is this lady with some coke and said drink this and go! You are on a time crunch!

Mile 25, I see Brandon and Alena! They are still there and



cheering! The same people from mile one! Oh, it was the best, but wouldn't you believe... another hill to climb! Yay...

I made it to the top of the hill and see Natalie and Jo! Jo said DAD! I could've stopped right there and just been done, then I saw my mom and she said GO! It's right there. That gave me all I needed, I ran across that finish line and heard them say, DANIEL TALLBEAR, YOU ARE AN IRONMAN. The feeling is so elating and made all the training and sacrifices worth it! I am truly blessed to do these events and my support crew is the best ever and I wouldn't have it any other way.

Tulsa, you are one tough course.

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The family would spend four and a half hours sitting waiting for answers as they sat and watched not having any answers verifying who was in the car that had been shot. A hectic scene with police cars coming and going. Toya at one point saw her baby sister in the back of one police car and asked the officer if she could talk to her but she didn't even know it was their brother in the car.

"My sister is an addict, she has problems with addiction and doesn't have a grip on reality sometimes ... she's really bad off, but she didn't even know it was Koda in the car," Toya said.

As they sat Toya said she saw a police car pull up and Koda's best friend, Jackie Hughes was sitting in the back. She said he seen her at first and immediately looked down and refused to make eye contact with her.

"I saw him put on his ball cap and face mask, he just kept looking down, wouldn't look up at me and when the cop pulled him out of the car to place him into a different police car I asked him, 'Jack is that my brother in that car?' He didn't look at me he just shook his head yes. I lost it then, I started screaming, 'what did you do, what did you do to my brother.' I screamed and screamed and yelled for Koda, then the cops told us that it was Koda and Shelley Yates' daughter Kayla," Toya said.

Background

Toya said Kayla and Koda used to date years ago up until the time he went to prison. When he was released, he began dating Leslie Black. Three weeks prior to his murder Leslie and Koda had split up and two weeks prior to him being murdered, him and Kayla had gotten back together and were rekindling their old flame. They were only back together for two weeks before they both were murdered.

When Koda and Leslie Black broke up, Koda had gone to Oklahoma City to stay in the trailer rented by Corey Rowe and Koda's best friend Jackie Hughes. According to Toya, he had only been living in the trailer for about three weeks prior to his death.

"Apparently the rumor is Corey and Jack ran to my uncle Scott's house, which he lives about four or five blocks away from the scene. They told him what happened and my uncle Scott's girlfriend called in a welfare check. That's when the cops went over there to do a welfare check and they found my brother and Kayla in the car deceased," Toya said. "I don't know if the cops know the actual time of death yet, they haven't told me, all I know is my brother was shot twice in the chest and Kayla was shot once in the head and they found them about 9-9:30 a.m. Valentine's Day morning."

Raymond 'Koda' Lindsey Paddyaker Sr.

Raymond 'Koda' Paddyaker Sr. was born Oct. 1, 1981, to Raymond Lee Paddyaker and Winona June Goodbear (Blossom). He was an avid Broncos and Thunder fan and always

had a smile on his face. One of his favorite sayings was 'don't threaten me with a good time.'

Growing up Toya said everybody called Raymond Koda and it was just recently he took the name 'Foolish.' She said their grandmother gave him the nickname Koda on her mother's side, June Goodbear, from "Triumphs of a Man Called Horse."

"Koda was the best little brother ever. Between me and Koda, we have a sister Tonya. The first three children are Paddyakers, me, Tonya and Koda," Toya said.

She told the story of when her mom first brought her sister Tonya home from the hospital, Toya refused to speak with her mom for about a week. Puzzled, her mother finally sat her down and asked her what was wrong.

"She said I looked at her and said I told you I wanted a brother, you need to take her back and bring me a brother. She said, 'Toya Marie I can't do that,'" Toya said chuckling. "When Koda was born I was so happy I had a little brother, I was about 6 years old. My sister Tonya and Koda are like 13 months apart, and they would always follow me around being the oldest," she said.

Growing up Koda loved taking things apart and putting them back together again. She said he was active, funny and was a chubby little kid until he turned 16 years old and he got taller and more handsome. He attended Denver North High School in Colorado and went to vo-tech for operating heavy equipment.

"He was not angel, but he wasn't a bad person ever, he just made some bad decisions in his life in the past," Toya said.

Kayla Julia Cherice Yates

Kayla Yates was born Feb. 16, 1991, to Oscar Birdshead Sr. and Shelley Yates. Her Arapaho name was Woxu Hisei, meaning Medicine Woman. She grew up in El Reno and Geary, Okla. and graduated Geary High School in 2009. She was working on her Associate Degree in Business Management and worked as a CNA. She also worked as a blackjack dealer, waitress. She was known to have big heart and nothing but for everyone she encountered. She was also a member of the All Tribes Baptist Church

Rumors and the 'NDN' Grapevine

Toya said she has heard a lot of rumors about people who were involved. One rumor floating is that someone paid \$1,000 to kill Koda and another is the Savages were involved in the shooting.

"I don't trust anybody at this point right now. There have been text messages sent to me and to Kayla's mother and one of them stated the hit was meant for Koda only, not Kayla, that Kayla was just in the way and they didn't want any witnesses. We don't know what or who to believe or what is the truth. One text message gave a whole story about it was meant for 'Foolish' and had a lot of details," Toya said.

Another rumor is of an individual in Clin-



Koda Paddyaker (r) with his mother and siblings at a family event. (Submitted photo)

ton bragging about being the one who shot and killed Koda.

"There are so many rumors going around, and I am just praying and putting it in God's hands and I pray the truth will come out. I'm hoping the reward money we are raising will make someone want to come forward and tell what happened. I don't think it was just one person," Toya said.

Active Investigation

Currently the State Medical Examiner's office is finishing up with the autopsy, which will reveal the exact time of death, manner of death and hopefully a ballistics report showing what type of weapons were used in the murders.

"The detectives are actively following up on new leads and have hours of video surveillance they are going through at this time, but at this time there is no new information I can release in regard to this case except to say the detectives are actively working the case," MSgt. Dillon Quirk, assistant Public Information Officer for the Oklahoma City Police Department said.

For Toya, her efforts and time are being focused on MMIP and MMIW trying to get help and resources to try and help the detectives actively investigating the case.

"We are going to try and raise some more money and we just had a fundraiser to raise the reward amount to \$6,500. I know these detectives have a heavy caseload and my brother and Kayla's cases aren't the only ones they are working on, so I'm just trying to find different people to help guide me and help me not let this case go cold," Toya said.

Prior to the death of Koda, Toya said she had not known Kayla's mother Shelley, but because of what's happened they have become friends, for which she is grateful for.

"I have told Koda he brought two families together that probably wouldn't have been before. We have to keep Koda and Kayla's



names out there. We had their funerals on the same day, so our family was not able to attend Kayla's funeral. The day my mom was burying her baby, Shelley was burying her baby the same day," Toya said. "I told Shelley I am so mad at the way this has happened, but they were holding hands when they both walked through the golden gates, they were together and they were not alone. My brother had his beautiful Kayla with him."

Toya said she will continue to pray daily for the truth to come out, "There are people who know what happened, they just need to come forward and tell the truth. My brother and Kayla leave behind five children each, that's 10 children whose lives are forever changed and the families."

If anyone has information about this case contact Crimestoppers, Sergeant Wordley at 405-272-7300 using case #22-10424. All calls are anonymous and any tips that lead to an arrest will be eligible to claim the \$6,500 reward from the family and another \$1,000 from Crimestoppers.

Letter to the Editor:

A couple of weeks ago I attended one of our Legislative meetings, a "special session," called by the Governor of our Cheyenne and Arapaho people. There were many tribal citizens present who had concerns about the items on an agenda that included a \$13.8 million dollar purchase of land, allocation of ARPA monies, and other important items. Most were there due to what they considered excessive spending without consultation of the fourth branch of government, the people or more notably known, the Tribal Council. More importantly, the spending of tax monies earned of which tribal citizens should be able to have an opinion on how it's spent.

In the course of the discussion a statement made by the C2 legislator has resonated with me, not in a good way either, when the discussion of the elders age 62 and over receiving ARPA assistance, reasons for excluding the elders aged 55-61 were given by leadership.

The main reason stated was because this age group is more likely to still be in

the workforce. Counter arguments were made that we, as a Nation are not the typical American and cannot have the same data and/or statistics applied to us, we live shorter lives, raise our grandchildren and have higher rates of unemployment, and other socioeconomic factors that make us a society within a larger society, with its own unique problems.

It was strongly suggested to leadership to including the ages 55-61.

As stated earlier, the C2 legislator in a weak court argument, stated that he had personally witnessed some elders going straight to the casino to blow their elder's checks. My first thought was had this comment of his been tossed around by the legislative branch and executive branch in their working sessions? Are tribal citizens discussed in a negative light? Not only is the comment ignorant, it is also counter-productive.

My suggestion to the C2 legislator is to educate yourself and get to know your constituents better. It could be possible that the elder you

witnessed had an oil and gas royalty, or some other source of income to play the slots. The statement was not appropriate.

In a related observation, the current administration has made comments in other public hearings that have implied some of our tribal citizens are flawed in character. Comments have been made that implies laziness. We have a drug and alcohol epidemic within our Nation. We have suffered generational trauma, boarding school horrors and abuse, even death. What we have is a maladaptation to this trauma. It has affected other Native Nations as well.

When we fail to view our problems as a result of generational trauma, then we fail to get a proper grasp of its societal impact on our tribal citizens. When we fail to view addiction as a disease, and instead view our issues as a character flaw, then we have fallen victim too.

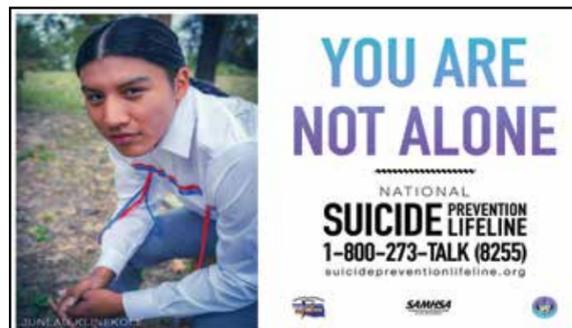
I say to you in leadership to educate yourselves as to the reasons we have low rates of unemployment, chronic drug and alcoholism, suicide,

domestic violence and other socioeconomic issues. One cannot simply say "pull yourself up by your bootstraps," as this colloquial phrase, often used in conservative and political discourse, is associated with the rugged individualism of the frontier days. Mind you, in the frontier days, the Indigenous people (our ancestors) were surviving by functioning as a group. Tribes depended on each other to survive. We cannot apply other culture characteristics to our people, we are not them. We must remember our own history, experiences and develop, use and apply our own measures to strengthen ourselves.

I implore you in leadership to ask yourself, "have I thought this piece of legislation through?" "How will it benefit our tribal citizens?" "What will be the repercussions of my proposed law?" "Will the infrastructure (tribal citizens) become a strong and proud people?"

You have been elected to take your people forward, all eyes are on you.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Harjo Nabils
Arapaho Elder



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C3 LEGISLATOR

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know is true, this same attorney should still be in prison after his participation in the Poker Tribes. I fired Brian Foster, the former manager of Lucky Star Casinos and also removed Jim Druck, owner of the management company and his management team. Foster was rehired by a former governor who followed me, and paid him \$1.4 million yearly, as manager to oversee gaming money. Foster was later sent to prison by the IRS for one year. The Tribes have lost a lot of money because of poor leadership and embezzlement by the "white man" and some of our own tribal citizens. I was accused of stealing millions of dollars from the tribes, so I told these accusers to get their evidence and take me to court because it was not true. However, they didn't have the evidence nor was able to show that the accusations

were true, yet, they publicly accused me but never took me to court. I never stole money from the Tribes, yet during the period as governor, I was taken to court at least 50 times due to my position and business issues. I had a professional tribal attorney who defended me and the Tribes in legal matters. This year I recommended Robert Lytle to be our Legislative Attorney, but he was voted down by the Legislators, because I was told he is "too old." Although, Robert Lytle is Cheyenne and Arapaho, I believe the legislature was influenced by other attorneys to not hire Robert. Yet, we always say hire qualified tribal citizens, but we don't. One good example how we don't look for qualified people, a person was nominated to fill an executive director's position at a special session. I felt very uncomfortable about voting.

Nonetheless, I voted "yes" to go along and to get along. Later, however, I asked how many applications were submitted for this position, and was told that there were 14 applicants. We should have interviewed some of the 14 applicants, so I realized that I should have spoken up, as I usually do.

When I was elected C3 legislator, I really thought I could help make some changes, but I couldn't, as I only have one vote. There are good qualified tribal citizens who would like to make changes for the good of the Tribes. Look for good people you can trust and who will work for the tribes, be honest, research the applicant's resume, work history, experience and expertise are needed so you can vote them in based on your research. I'm not very pleased with my performance as a Legislator,

in fact, I'm ashamed. For these reasons, I have been considering resigning in July, but what I've learned in the last few months, I believe I will stick around to follow through with the information that I've been told. I know that our Tribes have many needs, yet we have resources we need to follow up on and put them to use to make it better for all. I have a lot of information to share with our citizens, leaders and all, and feel that I need to speak out and I will.

Lastly, I would like to encourage our Tribal citizens to get involved in tribal politics. Attend meetings, talk to each other, voice your opinions and you will find out what is really going on with the Tribes. Then, run for office or support someone who has the Tribes' future at the heart of their mission.

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BUSINESS OWNER

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keeping God first, just staying on top of things and always having to change with the times," Newcomb said.

When Newcomb first started her business it was during a time before social media came into effect.

"Newspaper was the only way you would advertise so being on top of the game I guess is the word," Newcomb said.

And with staying on top with her business, Newcomb has had to transition her store throughout the years to keep with time, such as implementing an online store for her boutique where they ship items worldwide. Newcomb eventually added tanning salon services as well.

In her years as a business owner and with the addition of the flower shop, Newcomb said what she's come to enjoy the most is hearing and seeing her customer's excitement with each purchase.



Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Angie Newcomb pictured with her husband Chris Newcomb and their three children, Trey, Addison and Ty.

"Just seeing people and the smiles on their faces and just being involved in my community," Newcomb said.

Angie's mother is Norma Fisher and her grandmother is Imogene Fisher. Angie is married to Chris Newcomb and they have three children, Ty, Trey and Addison.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Parks & Recreation

The Emergency Response Centers, NAC (Concho), powwow grounds, and Canton Lake are all tribal grounds and buildings under the Parks and Recreation Department for the tribe. These tribal buildings and grounds are available to all tribal members in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The program director is in communication with other tribal programs to accommodate tribal members in the event of an emergency or natural disaster. The ERC's and powwow grounds also can be used for personal use such as a powwow, benefit dance, birthday, handgame, etc.

A \$150 fee is required to secure the date of your event, at least 2 weeks in advance before the event for any ERC building and \$200 for any of the powwow grounds. An application will need to be filled out along with a money order for the fee. Please leave money order blank. The money order will be returned when you clean up after your event. Wakes and funerals do have priority. In the event of a wake or funeral, you will be asked to reschedule.

Non-tribal members are allowed to rent these areas and buildings for a fee of \$200 and a

deposit of \$50. The deposit will be returned when you clean up after your event. In the event of a wake, funeral, or dinner the fee is \$50 for those that are non-tribal.

No drinking or drug use on these premises. All buildings are SMOKE FREE. There will be ZERO TOLERANCE and will affect future use of these tribal buildings and grounds.

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OBITUARIES

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Pamela Jean Heap-of-Birds

Pamela Jean Heap-of-Birds was born Sept. 25, 1962, to Edgar and Clara (Thunderbull) and Edgar Heap-of-Birds in Clinton, Okla., and passed away May 25, 2022 in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City. Pamela was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1980. Soon after high school she enlisted in the U.S. Army serving a four-year stint. She returned home and attended college at Haskell University.

She worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma in the Housing Authority for several years and most recently the Clinton Health Services as a billing technician. Heap-of-Birds was preceded in death by her parents, son David Heap-of-Birds and sister Dorothy Heap-of-Birds. She is survived by a daughter of the home.

Wake service was held May 30 at the Koinonia Indian Mennonite Church in Clinton, Okla. Funeral ser-



vice was held May 31, at the same venue, with Pastors Susan Hart and Gerald Panana officiating, followed by an interment at the Clinton City Cemetery.

John Tyler Hoffman

John Tyler Hoffman was born April 18, 1943 to Fred Buster Hoffman and Kathryn (Youngbull) Hoffman in Clinton, Okla. He passed away May 28, 2022 in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, surrounded by loved ones and family.

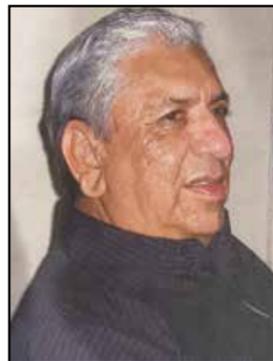
Hoffman was raised and attended school in Hammon, Okla. While in high school he was active in sports, especially basketball. He graduated in 1961. He continued his education at the Okmulgee Technical School in Okmulgee, Okla. and obtained a certificate in accounting.

Hoffman was a veteran of the United States Air Force. He was honorably discharged after four years of active-duty service. He later moved to California where he met and married the love of his life, Pauline Cheromiah on Aug. 27, 1971.

He was employed by the University of California, San Francisco, Indian Action Program of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma and later became the director of the Farmington Inter-Tribal Indian Organization of Farmington, New

Mexico. He then began his career with Indian Health Service (IHS) as an Information Technology Specialist. During his career with IHS he worked in New Mexico, Alaska, California and Oklahoma. He retired from IHS in 2007 after 20 years of service.

He was a member of the Assembly of God and the Native American Church. He participated in fasting ceremonies at Bear Butte, S.D. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren, travel and go to the casino. He is preceded in death by his parents, infant daughter Christina, brothers Frederick Hoffman, Archie Hoffman, sister Mary Patricia Rhodes, niece and nephew Jewell Michelle and Archie Hoffman Jr. He is survived by his wife Pauline, son John Paul Hoffman of MD, daughter Janelle Hames and husband Gary, of AK, son Randolph Tyler Hoffman of Okla., sisters Lucy Snyder, Thelma Kauahquo, Ida Hoffman, Sheila Arlene Chapman (Johnnie) all of Okla., and niece Trish Lime and husband Darwin, of Oklaho-



ma. He is also survived by three grandchildren whom he adored, Sabrina and Christian Tyler Hames of AK, Kayla Leiann Hoffman of MD and one great grandchild, Joseph W Lomman V of AK. He was very fond of his nieces and nephews and has numerous other family members, including the Youngbull family of Oklahoma and the Cheromiah family of New Mexico.

An all night traditional wake service was held June 3 at the Hammon Emergency Response Center in Hammon, Okla.

Funeral service was held June 4 at the Hammon High School Auditorium, followed by an interment at the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery.

Nathan Martin Standingwater

Nathan Martin Standingwater was born Oct. 8, 1954 to Woodrow Standingwater and Helen (Whiteman) Standingwater in Clinton, Okla. He passed away May 25, 2022 in the Clinton Therapy and Rehab Center in Clinton, Okla. Standingwater was raised in Hammon, Okla., and attended Hammon schools graduating in 1972. He was a lifetime resident of Hammon and worked in the oil field as a pipe inspector. He was a member of the Hammon Indian Mennonite Church. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing, listening to music and hanging out with friends and family. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Leona Standingwater-Stepp,

and Sharon Standingwater-Byrd and a nephew, Randall Jenkins, two granddaughters, Amber Lynn Youngbull and Amber Lynn Candy, grandson Corey Martin Youngbull, niece Karen Standingwater, and nephew Darryl "Dondi" Byrd. He is survived by four daughters, DeAnna Davis of Elk City, Okla., Tammi Candy of Elk City, Brenda Byrd of Hammon and Janell Byrd of Hammon, five sons, Chester Whiteman of Geary, Okla., Terry Byrd, William "BJ" Stepp, Wilson Standingwater, all of Hammon, Denny Standingwater of Canton, Okla., two sisters, Ruby Standingwater, and Margie Pewo both of Hammon, and two brothers, Leland Standingwater of Hammon and



Denny Standingwater of Canton.

A wake service was held May 31 at the Hammon Emergency Response Center in Hammon, Okla. Funeral service was held June 1 at the Hammon Community Fellowship Church, officiated by Rev. Delfred Whitecrow and Rev. Dolen Ivey, followed by an interment at the Hammon Mennonite Cemetery.

Adam Wayne Pratt

Adam Wayne Pratt was born on Feb. 10, 1963 in Clinton, Okla. to Samuel Theodore and Angeline (Spotted Corn) Pratt. He passed away on June 2, 2022 in Oklahoma City at the age of 59.

Adam was a lifetime resident of Geary, Okla. Out of 16 brothers and sisters, Adam was the 13th child and the youngest son. He was full blood Arapaho and had the honor of being named after his uncle (the late) Adam Shakespeare who was the Arapaho Pipe Keeper in the 1950s, 60s and 70s. His favorite hobby was playing pool, he was an exceptionally talented pool player and competed in many pool tour-

naments. Adam referred to himself as being, "The best of the best." He was loved by many and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Samuel and Angeline Pratt, his siblings, Ducky, David, and Gloria Spotted Corn, Susie Gilbert, Curtis Pratt, and Mary Jeffers.

Survivors include his siblings, Oscar Pratt, Stephen Pratt Sr., Patricia Waysepap, Sandra Pratt Thunderbull, Leah Pratt, Gayle Pratt, Julia Pratt, Alicia Pratt, and Regina Pratt Buffalomeat, daughters, Annabel Castleberry, Alexis Sealy, grandsons, Logan, Zach, Raymond, and Lane Castleberry, as well



as many other relatives and friends.

A wake service was held June 7 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral service was held June 8 at the Geary First Baptist Church, with Rev. Waylan Upchego and Harvey Pratt officiating, followed by an interment at the Geary Sunset Cemetery.

Mary Louise Meeks

Mary Louise Meeks entered this life on July 19, 1942 to Virginia Childs in Clinton, Okla. Mary entered into eternal rest on June 3, 2022 in Shawnee, Okla., at the age of 79.

Mary worked as a CNA for Independence Manor and Sunset Estates Nursing Homes. Mary enjoyed watching Dancing with the Stars, having movie nights and anything on TLC. She enjoyed all the available church activities. She enjoyed attending powwows, women's conferences and, Women's Missionary Union. Mary looked forward to family dinners on the holidays. Mary cherished spending time with all of her

grandchildren and family.

Preceding Mary in death is her beloved husband Wesley Meeks, her son George Arthur Magpie Jr. Her grandsons, Lee Roy Deatherage Jr. and Josh Dewayne Deatherage. Her five sisters and four brothers. Her great grandchild Dian Lee and her great great grandchild.

Left to cherish her memory is her sons, Larry Magpie and William Wesley Meeks. Her daughters, Dorothy Magpie, Colleen Meeks, Lydia Meeks, Janice Deatherage, Genevieve Meeks, Wesley Meeks III, and Kimberly Meeks. Her 18 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchild-



dren. Along with a host of other family and friends.

Wake service was held June 9 at the First Indian Baptist Church of Shawnee. Funeral service was held June 10, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Canton Indian Mennonite Cemetery in Canton, Okla.

Sonny Sky Spotted Corn

Sonny Sky Spotted Corn was born on March 19, 1982 to Donald Paul Jr. and Marguerite Sue (Whitebear) Spottedcorn. He passed away on May 30, 2022 in Oklahoma City, at the age of 40.

Sonny grew up in Denver, Colo., and the family moved to Oklahoma in 2009. Sonny enjoyed going to the casino, loved collecting all the Denver Broncos memorabilia, he was a big fan of the Broncos and of OU, loved watching movies, collecting shoes and jerseys. Sonny really enjoyed spending time with his nieces, who he was very close to, Mirylye and Allison and nephews, Donald Paul IV (Batman) and Matoska. He will be missed by all who loved him.

He was preceded in death his parents, Donald Spotted Corn Jr. and Marguerite

Whitebear Spotted Corn, his grandparents, John and Mary Whitebear, Donald Sr. and Norma Jane (Bates) Spotted Corn, his uncle Levi Spotted Corn, his aunts, Gaynell Williamson, Edna Mae Sutton and Rena Rose Youngbear.

Survivors include his siblings, Donald Paul Spotted Corn III of Geary, Okla., Whitebear Spotted Corn and wife Kathy of Moore, Okla., Clarinda Fletcher of Geary, and Robert Silva of Geary, his nieces, Mirylye Sky Spotted Corn and Allison Campbell, nephews, Donald Paul (Batman) Spotted Corn IV, and Matoska Spotted Corn, William Geionety, Cody Campbell, and Gabriel Silva, his aunts, Denise Spotted Corn and Normalean Pyatt and husband Kenny and Connie Eudy and husband Tom, his uncles, Carlton Wood-



cock and wife Carol, and Avery Spotted Corn, as well as cousins, many other relatives and friends.

An all-night wake service was held June 5 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral service was held June 6 at the Geary First Baptist Church, with Rev. Waylan Upchego officiating, followed by an interment at the Geary Sunset Cemetery.

Russell Keith Lumpmouth

Russell Keith Lumpmouth died May 22, 2022 at St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City. Keith was born April 12, 1964 in Lawton, Okla.

He was raised in El Reno graduating from El Reno High School in 1982. He was a truck driver mostly in the oil field industry and a member of the Native American Church. A Cheyenne Chief and outdoorsman, he was a member of the NRA and enjoyed fishing, shooting and hunting. Keith liked Dixie Cryptid Podcasts, listening to music and attending his grandchildren's games.

He is survived by his daughter Nakayla Lump-

mouth of El Reno, son Robert Hawk of Archbold, Ohio, siblings, Rhonda Milam of Holdenville, Okla., Robert Milam of Moore, Okla., Janie McGehee of Holdenville, Okla., Kena Lumpmouth Harris of Alma, Colo. and Lamont of California, four grandchildren, Isaiah Sam, Miklyn Lumpmouth, Aden Lumpmouth Sam and Ronin Hawk, and a great-grandson Josiah Sam.

His father Robert Reed Lumpmouth, mother Mary Jane (Wilson) Milam, maternal grandparents, Ben and Molly Wilson and paternal grandparents, Glen Sr. and Rhoda Lumpmouth, preceded him in death.



A wake service was held May 26 at the Huber Benson Funeral Chapel in El Reno, Okla. Funeral service was held May 27 at the Wesley United Methodist Church, with Pastor Allen Carson and Vernon Yarholar officiating, followed by an interment at the El Reno City Cemetery.

James Daniel Whitlow

James Daniel Whitlow passed away on May 18, 2022 at his home in Northglenn, Colo. He was born on June 14, 1956 to Geraldine Tallbull Morton and William Joseph Whitlow in Chicago, Ill. When the Indian Relocation Act took place in 1956, the family relocated to Chicago where both brothers, James and Billy Whitlow were born.

James was raised in Kingfisher, but also lived in Tulsa, El Reno and Denver, Colo. James attended Fort Sill Indian School and later earned his GED. He attended Okmulgee Tech in the early 1970s where he met and married Cherie Robidoux and they had one daughter, Cheryl "Yo-dat" Whitlow.

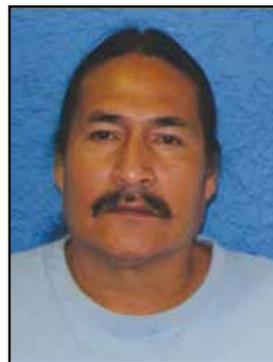
James was a general contractor, landscaper and a member of the Baptist church. A longtime resident of Denver, he was an avid Bronco Fan. To his family, he was the greatest brother, grandpa and uncle and was known affectionately as "Mr. Wonderful." Our brother James Whitlow was a sweet, handsome and hum-

ble person. His nickname was "Pogo," given to him by his aunt Mary because when he was young, he used to always be jumping on a pogo stick and was very good at it; his siblings affectionately called him Pogo.

James is survived by his daughter Cheryl Yodat Whitlow-Rogers of Kapaa, Hawaii, brothers, Gene Morton of Oklahoma City and Linwood Morton of Denver; sisters, Beverly Brown of Oklahoma City, Jessie Botone and Christine Morton both of El Reno, Corrine Morton of Yukon, and Dina Yazzie of Denver, and one grandson. Also surviving are his companion, Janice Archambault of Denver, stepchildren, Elaine Archambault-Carabujal, Renee Archambault, Delores Archambault and Phillip Archambault.

His father William Joseph Whitlow, mother Geraldine Tallbull Morton, brother Billie Joe Whitlow, sister, Ella Kat Morton, grandmother Mabel Horn and step daughter Lisa Archambault, preceded him in death.

Pallbearers to carry their



uncle James to rest were his nephews, William Whitlow, Hochene Botone, Shewah and Alex Hatten, Daniel Davis, and Linwood Morton Jr.

Honorary Pallbearers were Gene Morton, Linwood Morton Sr., Marland Whitlow, William Whitlow, Dale Yazzie, Jake Long, Cameron Longknife, Samuel Sittingbull, James Reveles Jr., Jacob Morton and Phillip Archambault.

An all-night wake service was held May 30 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral service was held May 31, at the same venue, with his aunt Rev. Joan Swallow officiating, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday Anthony Nibs Jr! Currently serving in the U.S. Navy Our families are proud of you! Many blessings and prayers while you serve our country. Son of Anthony Nibs Sr., and grandson of the late MSGT Timothy Nibs Sr., U.S. Army

Happy 4th Birthday River Rose June 9 Mommy loves watching you grow every day & we all love the beautiful and sassy little girl you've come to be. Never stop surprising us. Love, mom, Cory, Allie & Blakelee



PUBLIC NOTICE The 2022 Elder Lawn Service will no be longer accepting applications for lawn care. Thank you for your understanding. Cheyenne & Arapaho Housing Authority We apologize for any inconvenience.

Notice of Holiday Closing Monday, June 20 Tribal offices will be closed in observance of Juneteenth Day and Friday June 24 in observance of Little Big Horn Day.

8Ball Memorial Tournament for Antone Fletcher Saturday July 23, 2022 Touchdowns 10340 N. 2388 Rd. Weatherford, OK 620 Under race 3/2 \$20 entry with players auction Sign up at 1 pm Starts at 2 pm

PTSD continued from pg. 1 About 35 years ago when I was drinking, a person came into my life just for a day and changed the way I thought about my stepfather. My stepfather raised me and he was good, until he drank then he became mean. I respected him for teaching me a lot of good ways. I just didn't care for him, he was a Korean War veteran (Marine). The person I met that day (I think his name was Mouse Hauser, not for sure), he was a big Indian man. When I told him that my stepfather's name was Eugene Hummingbird he reached over and grabbed me, I thought he was mad, but instead he started crying. When I asked what was wrong he said that my dad had saved his life in Korea, now my dad had never told anyone about this, just bad things that the Chinese and North Koreans had done. But now I understand why my stepfather was the way he was, because I also have PTSD. I was lost for a long time until I went to the VA and received help (counseling), nowadays we can get help, where as back then they were on their own. Now when I think about my stepfather I do respect him and I wish that I could tell him that I love him for raising me the way he did. He was a warrior and I know in our tribe we have a lot of women, who are true warriors. Warriors are not people who have gone to war or are necessarily vets, but to me they are people who teach and take care of their families, also spread love and understanding to everyone in their life.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Notice of Hearing for Termination of Parental Rights. Filed June 2, 2022. Case No. JFJ-2014-0081. Court Clerk: Michelle Santos.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Notice of Hearing for Guardianship. Filed May 26, 2022. Case No. PG-2013-0034. Court Clerk: Shelly Yeahquoo.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Notice of Hearing for Guardianship. Filed May 26, 2022. Case No. PG-2017-0077. Court Clerk: Verchija Romannose.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Notice of Hearing for Guardianship. Filed May 26, 2022. Case No. PG-2022-0002. Court Clerk: Kendall Charley.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Civil Summons by Publication. Filed May 25, 2022. Case No. CIV-2022-0029. Court Clerk: Kendall Charley.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Notice of Hearing for Guardianship. Filed June 6, 2022. Case No. JFD-2022-0006. Court Clerk: Laureda Whitrow.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Notice by Publication for Adoption. Filed May 16, 2022. Case No. JFA-2021-0085. Court Clerk: Brenda S. Golden.

Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes Court Document: Notice by Publication for Adoption. Filed May 16, 2022. Case No. JFA-2021-0086. Court Clerk: Brenda S. Golden.

MILLION STEP WALKING CHALLENGE SUMMER 2022. June 13, 2022 - September 13, 2022. All wearables welcome. Includes logos for Fitbit, Apple Watch, Android, Google Fit, Garmin, Withings, and Misfit.



Cheyenne and Arapaho Head Start

2022-2023 Head Start NOW Accepting Applications

Applications can be completed online by scanning the QR Code or picked up and dropped off at each center Monday-Friday from 9am to 3pm

Ages 3-5

Our Head Start Program offers a preschool program designed to prepare your child for Kindergarten.



English Application



Spanish Application

Documents Required

- Proof of Income
- Immunizations (Shot Record)
- Birth Certificate
- CDIB (If Applicable)
- Social Security Card
- Court Documents (If Applicable)
- Medical/Sooner Care Card
- Disability information (If Applicable)

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TRADITION NOT ADDICTION (TNA) PROGRAM

About Our Program

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Partnerships for Success (PFS) Tradition Not Addiction (TNA) Program goals are to raise awareness of substance use disorder and to reduce Native youth underage drinking and nonmedical use of prescription drugs among all Native youth within five counties, Blaine, Canadian, Custer, Roger Mills and Washita, Oklahoma.

The PFS grant essentially builds upon the existing Tradition Not Addiction Program that has been very successful since 2017. The program achieved national recognition in 2017 as an Exemplary Prevention Program for its implementation of culturally appropriate prevention programs among Tribal youth.

Prevention Activities

<p>TNA Program Prevention Activities Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Beaded Earring Classes 2) Hat Beading Classes 3) Native Scarf Making Classes 4) Dreamcatcher Assembly Culture Classes 5) Memory Wire Bracelet Classes 6) Lazy Stitch Beading Classes 	<p>Partnership Prevention Activities Include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Summerfest Gatherings 2) Health Expos 3) Youth Summits 4) Wellness Warrior Camps
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CASH DRAWINGS EVERY SATURDAY IN JUNE 7 PM - 11:30 PM

ONE NAME WILL BE DRAWN EVERY 30 MINUTES FOR \$500 CASH

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