

# 1865 Treaty of Little Arkansas Goes on Display at the National Museum of the American Indian

(WASHINGTON, D.C.) Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana travels to Washington, D.C., to attend the National Museum of American Indian (NMAI) for the Installation of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Treaty of 1865 in the Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and Americans Indian Nations.

Attending the NMAI event was Cheyenne District 4 Legislator Byron Byrd, Arapaho District 2 Legislator Kendricks Sleeper, Gov. Wassana, General Counsel Hershel Gorham and Governmental Affairs Officer LaRenda Morgan. NMAI Director Cynthia Chavez Lamar provided the welcome, followed by the National Archives representative where it houses more than the 360 treaties between tribal nations and the U.S. government.

“On the banks of the Arkansas River, 158 years ago, the southern Cheyenne and Arapaho people were made promises of Sand Creek Massacre reparations in 1865 by the Treaty of Little Arkansas. The United States government has not fulfilled its obligations of this treaty. We were removed from the land in the previous treaty and moved to present day Oklahoma,” Gov. Wassana said. “The words of our grandparents and great-grandparents forever remain in our conscious. We must never forget their ideas of who we are and why we are here. We continue to this day to make the government re-



Above: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana and Cynthia Chavez Lamar, director of the National Museum of the American Indian, unveil the 1865 Treaty of Little Arkansas. The treaty will be on display from May 2023 through October 2023.

Below: Viewing the original 1865 Treaty of Little Arkansas were (l-r): NMAI Director Cynthia Chavez Lamar, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Governmental Affairs Officer LaRenda Morgan, Gov. Reggie Wassana, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ General Counsel Hershel Gorham, Arapaho District 2 Legislator Kendricks Sleeper and Cheyenne District 4 Legislator Byron Byrd. The treaty was signed 11 months after the Sand Creek Massacre. (Photo / Christopher RomanNose)

member, to be accountable for its promises made to our people.”

After Gov. Wassana remarks, NMAI staff provided a tour to the Cultural Resource Center, home to the extensive collections and research programs of the museum. Items available for viewing were textiles, literature and various Cheyenne and Arapaho related items.

Gov. Wassana said he envisions, “our own Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Museum to house these items someday.”



## 35th Annual Sovereignty Symposium June 13-14



Artwork entitled, “The Ambassadors” by Eric Tippeconnic

(OKLAHOMA CITY) The Sovereignty Symposium is a national event held for the past 35 years in Oklahoma.

The symposium is to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues among those in the legal professions, federal and state officials, and the state’s Native American tribes can be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment.

It was originally established by the Oklahoma Supreme Court with this being the first year Oklahoma City University (OCU) will be involved in the symposium.

The move to transfer the symposium to OCU is because of the institution’s long history within its School of Law of teaching and working in Oklahoma Indian Country. OCU law houses the American Indian Law and Sovereignty Center as well as its

American Indian Wills Clinic.

OCU President Kenneth Evans said, “Oklahoma City University is honored to be able to host and administer the Sovereignty Symposium for years to come. Our School of Law and our university at-large emphasize collaboration with Oklahoma’s 39 tribal governments and their citizens. Hosting the symposium is a natural extension of our continuing efforts.”

This year’s symposium will take place June 13-14, 2023, at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City.


Titled “Treaties,” the keynote speaker will be Baroness Emma Nicholson of Winterbourne, a life peer and member of the House of Lords in the United Kingdom.

For more information or to register to attend, visit [www.thesovereignty-symposium.com](http://www.thesovereignty-symposium.com).

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**Tribal Enterprise Receives Clean Audit Six Years Consecutively**

(CONCHO, OK) For the sixth year in a row, Lucky Star Casino has received a clean financial audit for all six locations for the 2022 financial year.

A clean or unmodified audit means that all financial statements were represented with no material misstatements. An independent audit firm, Rose Rock CPAs, completed the external audit.

“We are always happy to report the great success and outstanding audits that our casino family has worked so hard to attain,” Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana said. “It is my pleasure to say thank you very much and keep up the hard work to our proud and vibrant casino family.”

Gov. Wassana, Lt. Governor Gilbert Miles, and the Lucky Star Executive Office extended their gratitude to the dedicated staff who has worked hard over the last several years to create a culture of excellence that shows in yearly audits.







# Student demands justice after school targets her eagle plume at Oklahoma graduation ceremony

(BROKEN ARROW, OK) High school graduate Lena’ Black, an enrolled citizen of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe and of Osage descent, filed a lawsuit on May 15, 2023, against the Broken Arrow School District for violating her rights to free exercise of religion and freedom of speech. Black seeks restitution for emotional distress caused when school officials singled her out and attempted to take her sacred eagle plume by force, damaging the plume that she received in ceremony when she was three years old.

“My eagle plume has been part of my cultural and spiritual practices since I was three years old. I wore this plume on graduation day in recognition of my academic achievement and to carry the prayers of my Otoe-Missouria community with me,” said Lena’ Black. “The law protects my right to wear this eagle plume at my graduation, and school officials had no authority to forcibly remove it from my cap.”

Governor J. Kevin Stitt recently vetoed Oklahoma Senate Bill 429, passed by the state legislature with near unanimous bipartisan

support to prohibit discriminatory graduation dress codes. The bill would have reaffirmed the rights of Native American students like Black to wear tribal regalia at graduations, a critical protection in the state with the second highest concentration of American Indians. Following his veto, Governor Stitt suggested this issue should instead be resolved at the district level.

Black is represented by the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) and Pipestem Law, P.C. “We will hold the Broken Arrow School District accountable for its discriminatory actions,” said NARF Staff Attorney Morgan Saunders. “The Broken Arrow School District violated Ms. Black’s rights despite existing laws that should have ensured she was able to wear her eagle plume without incident.”

“This lawsuit demonstrates why these decisions cannot be left up to individual school districts,” said Pipestem Law Partner Wilson Pipestem. “Without clarity from the State, Native students will continue to be forced to seek justice in the courts after their rights have been violated and their grad-



*Lena Black, enrolled citizen of Otoe-Missouria Tribe and of Osage descent, filed a law suit on May 15, 2023 against the Broken Arrow School District for violating her rights to free exercise of religion.*

uation ceremonies are long since over.”

“I filed this lawsuit to ensure everyone understands the importance of items like my eagle plume, and to prevent schools from targeting Native students like me in the future. No student should face ignorance and discrimination in their school or their community,” said Black.

While traditions vary, members of many tribal na-

tions wear specific clothing or objects, like eagle plumes, at graduation ceremonies to signify their academic achievement and in recognition of their spiritual and religious beliefs. Schools, school district leaders, educators, parents, students, and allies can learn more about creating inclusive graduation ceremonies and positive change at: <https://narf.org/cases/graduation/>.

## Attention Cheyenne and Arapaho High School Graduates: Minor Trust Distribution

If you are looking forward to your Minor Trust Distribution payout here is what you will need to complete:

First, establish yourself as an adult with the Dept. of Enrollment:

1. Adult Change of Address Form— Completed and Notarized
2. W-9 (Address must match the Mailing Address on the Change of Address Form)
3. Original Social Security Card (copies will not be accepted).

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1. Adult Payment Application – Completed and Notarized (Address has to match Enrollment/Per Capita Address)
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3. Copy of State Issued ID or Driver’s License
4. If you choose Direct Deposit, Voided Check or letter from


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This will need to be from a traditional bank. Deposits **CANNOT** be made to Chime, Venmo, CashApp or other internet based banks.


You can bring these items into the Per Capita office for direct assistance.

Payments are made from Providence on the last day of the month or the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. The bi-monthly deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> in order to receive your payment at the end of the month or if you turn it in after the 15<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month, your payment will be made on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the following month.

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**ELECTION COMMISSION**  
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**The 2023 Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Elections will be conducted according to the following schedule**

May 1, 2023	Candidate Registration opens for: District Legislative Office    A3, A4, C1 and C3 District Election Commission    A1, A2, C2 and C4
June 1, 2023	Candidate Registration closes Voter Registration closes
June 15, 2023	Posting of Preliminary Listing of Candidates Posting of Preliminary Listing of Eligible Voters
June 16, 2023 to July 17, 2023 <sup>1</sup>	Written Protest Period to the Preliminary Listing of Candidates and Eligible Voters, \$200.00 fee
July 17, 2023 <sup>1</sup>	Written Protest Period Ends
August 2, 2023	Election Commission decides on all written protest received
August 16, 2023	Posting of Final Listing of Candidates Posting of Final Listing of Eligible Voters
October 3, 2023	Primary Election
November 7, 2023	General Election

All other inquires can be made by contacting any Election Commissioner at:

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<sup>1</sup> The term "day" shall mean calendar days. If the last day counted falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday, the last day of the time period will be the next business day following such Saturday, Sunday or Legal Holiday.



**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OFFICE OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**CALL FOR RESOLUTIONS**

**for the Annual Tribal Council Meeting**

**Deadline: September 7th, 2023 by 4pm**

**No resolutions will accepted after September 7th**

**Date of Annual Tribal Council Meeting is October 7th**

**Jennifer Bailey, Tribal Council Coordinator**

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# 2023 VA Pay Increase Is Biggest in 30 Years

Veterans receiving VA disability compensation are set to see their monthly VA pay increase by 8.7% in 2023. To put that in dollars, for every \$1,000 a veteran currently receives in benefits payments, they will see an additional \$87 in 2023. The average veteran receiving disability compensation from the VA would see their monthly disability payments increase by around \$136. Spouses and family members receiving survivor benefits will see the same increase in their monthly payments.

Before 2022, the annual cost of living adjustment had stalled at around 1.5% for the last decade. This year’s bump is the biggest since 1981 and should help veterans and their family members keep up with rising prices across the board, but it could have been even bigger. A drop in gas prices in response to the lifting of the federal gas tax played a role in shaving a percentage point off the final figure. It’s definitely an improvement from last year’s increase of 5.9%.

Veterans receiving disability payments through the VA will get the same cost of living increase in their benefits payouts that Social Security recipients get. That’s thanks to passage of the Veterans’ Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of last year, a rare bipartisan success story.

The 2023 compensation bump is no doubt driv-

en by high inflation (Inflation increased at 8.3% from August to August, according to the Consumer Price Index). But it’s more than just a rate adjustment tied to inflation. It represents a quality of life guarantee for veterans who served honorably and are now dealing with service-connected disabilities that make it hard to work and provide.

You can calculate your 2023 disability pay rate by multiplying your current rate by 8.7 percent (or 0.087) and then adding that amount to your 2022 rate. The table below reflects the 2023 pay increase for a veteran with no dependents.

If you have a 30% to 100% disability rating and you have dependents, including children and dependent parents, your compensation rate goes up. At the 70% disability rating and up, each additional child under 18 adds an additional \$64 to \$92 a month.

If your spouse is receiving Aid and Attendance to help out with the caretaking, they would receive an additional \$119 to \$170 a month as well. It’s important to let the VA know of any changes to your marital status or dependents. If a child turns 18 and moves out of the home this could impact the amount of benefits you receive.

See the Veterans Disability Compensation Rates page at [www.VA.gov](http://www.VA.gov) for the latest posted rates.

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Culture Program are taking applications.

The deadline for running gear is September 16, 23023

Any applications after deadline will not receive running gear.

For more information please contact Culture office

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# Honoring Staff Sgt. Kelby Durnin



Staff Sgt. Kelby Durnin, U.S. Air Force

A Soldier’ Dance and Name Giving Ceremony will be held June 10, 2023 to honor Staff Sgt. Kelby Durnin, U.S. Air Force. The event will begin at 2 p.m. at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla., beginning with the name giving ceremony conducted by Chief Larry Roman-Nose. Dinner will be served from 5-6 p.m. All Chiefs and Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans are invited to attend. Vendors are also welcomed. For more information contact Henrietta Vasquez at 405-308-1855 or Shannon Scherer at 731-441-3790.

Head Staff will be: MC George Woods,

Head Singers Emmitt Redbird Jr. and James Redbird, HMD Mah’Hivists Deer, HLD Bridget Blackowl, HLBD Junlian Harvi, HLGD Caroline Blackwolf, AD William Youngbird and Co-Hosts Albert Littleman Family and Star Hawk Society & Ladies Auxiliary.

About Staff Sgt. Kelby Durnin:

Durnin joined the U.S. Air Force Nov. 15, 2011, completing basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas.

Durnin attended Phase one of technical school at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas in March 2012 and became a Nationally Certified EMT, traveling to Travis AFB in Vacaville, Calif., and worked in the hospital.

He was promoted to the Rank of Airman First Class in June of 2012. Assigned to First Duty Assignment at the 4<sup>th</sup> Medical Group as a Medical Technician, Seymour Johnson AFB in Goldsboro, N.C. July 2012 working in family health for four straight years, gathering the experience he said he needed to go to IDMT school.

Durnin attained the rank of Senior Airman in August of 2013. He attended job specific training at Fort Sam Houston February - May 2016, graduating at the top of his class. He attained Job Specialty designation IDMT (independent duty medical technician) May 2016.

He was assigned to Second duty assignment at the 1<sup>st</sup> Special Operations Support Squadron Hurlburt Field July 2016.

“While there I was the NCOIC (Non Commissioned Officer in Charge) of training and

a Team Leader on Multiple Million Dollar Exercises,” Durnin stated.

He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant August 2016. Durnin went on to graduate from Special Operations Medical Element pipeline as Valedictorian in Paramedic course 2018 and also attended Casualty Evacuation course, Combat Shock courses, Survival Evasion Resistance and Escape course, Water Survival courses, Air Commando courses, and Small Unit Tactics courses.

Durnin deployed to Burkina Faso, Africa where he saved 11 host nation lives that were attacked by terrorist cells and was personally recognized by the AFAFRICA Commander Major General.

Deployed to Bagram AB Afghanistan in 2020, he flew 10 Combat missions during active fighting.

“Peace Talks were pursued with the Taliban while I was there and I was forward deployed for four days on standby in case there was an attack.”

Durnin was assigned to Aviano AB Italy in August 2021.

“I have an Air Force Achievement medal as well as an Air Force Commendation medal. I was awarded Non-commissioned Officer of the Year for the 57<sup>th</sup> Rescue Squadron for 2022. My current job title is Independent Duty Medical Technician- Paramedic. These are the highest qualifications someone in my job can get. I have been in the Air Force for 11 years. It entails seeing and treating patient in the in-patient setting as well as providing medical coverage for high-risk activities such as Tactical Aeri-

al Insertion (Skydiving), Diving, Fast roping from helicopter, as well as High Angle Rescue and Skiing,” Durnin said.

In addition to these responsibilities, he is also responsible for teaching and training Pararescuemen trauma medicine. “In addition to classroom lectures we also create elaborate rescue scenarios. On top of that I have to maintain my own currencies for both IDMT/Paramedic. Also, I have a sick pair of Heelys and a fat bulldog named Lola,” Durnin stated with humor.

SOLDIER DANCE & NAME GIVING CEREMONY

FOR

Staff SGT Kelby Durnin USAF

JUNE 10, 2023 2:00PM – 12:00AM

Concho ERC Building – Concho, OK

Name Giving Ceremony by Chief Larry RomanNose at 2:00 PM

MC: George Woods

Head Singer: Emmitt Redbird, Jr.  
James Redbird

Head Man Dancer: Mah’ Hivists Deer

Head Lady Dancer: Bridget Blackowl

Head Little Boy Dancer: Julian Harvi

Head Little Girl Dancer: Caroline Blackwolf

Arena Director: William Youngbird

Co-Host: Albert Littleman Family  
Star Hawk Society and Ladies Auxiliary

Dinner at 5:00 PM – 6:00PM

Inviting all Chiefs and all Cheyenne & Arapaho Veterans

Please come and dance with Kelby. It would be an honor to our family.

Vendors are welcome

Not responsible for accidents, lost or stolen items  
No alcohol or drugs are allowed on the premises

Contact Information: Henrietta Vasquez (405) 308-1855  
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# The Fight for Our Tribal Lands

Submitted by Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Darrell Flyingman

After re-reading the article, “After years, land grab still hurts for some,” published July 27, 2008 in “The Oklahoman,” I was the governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe. During this period I spent many hours and days talking and visiting with congressional leaders explaining the meaning of the Fort Laramie Treaty between the U.S. Government and the Cheyenne and Arapaho. Today, Gov. Reggie Wassana is still carrying on the fight to recover our land known as “Fort Reno.”

The U.S. Government took approximately 10,000 acres of our land from our Tribe and placed a fort on the land to protect tribes and keep the peace in this area. The U.S. Government’s agreement with the Cheyenne and Arapaho was to return Fort Reno back to the Tribes after all military operations ended. In 1947, al military operations ceased and discontinued, Fort Reno was not returned to the Tribes.

One should understand that in 1863, the Fort Laramie Treaty between the U.S. Government and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe provided the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe with approximately 4.5 million areas in Oklahoma, but the U.S. Government took the land back and gave away four million acres of our land in the late 1890’s to two land rushes. I believe the land giveaways were due to the discovery of oil.

The second part of the Fort Laramie Treaty was to appropriate, approximately 25% of North East Colorado, this was agreed upon by the U.S. Government and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe. Gold was discovered in the mountains of the new lands that was given to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. The governor of Colorado and the top general of the state decided to remove the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe from Colorado. A Malisha was formed in Denver to remove or kill all tribal members. Colorado wanted the land back regardless of how many Indians were killed.

At some point, congress agreed to return Fort Reno to the tribe, but the congressional leaders of Oklahoma blocked it. It seems that their reason for the blockage was to make Fort Reno an experimental research station for ani-

mals from Africa. This was an excuse to keep our land. This became a questionable matter for this tribe, other tribes and people in this area.

Oklahoma is a booming state for oil and gas and I was told by oil and gas speculators that the reason the U.S. Government would not return Fort Reno to the tribe was there is a large supply of oil and has under Fort Reno land. I worked in the oil and has field in the early 2000’s and saw many oilrigs drilling for oil around Fort Reno, maybe this was directional drilling. After the article, it made me think that this article is still relevant and true today, as it was in our early history of the tribe.

I believe the U.S. Government never intended to honor the agreement between the U.S. Government and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe to return Fort Reno back to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Nothing has changed since the white man tried to eliminate the Cheyenne and Arapahos by massacring our people and forcing our people off our tribal land only to steal our land using the corrupt court systems. All this and more have been done to our original land owners under the selfish appetite of greed. I say to the future tribal administrations and tribal members, keep fighting to move forward in our effort to have Fort Reno and our land in Colorado returned to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. We learn much from our struggles to right a wrong, so never give up.

*The Oklahoma Sunday July 27, 2008 / Tribes: Recalling allotments*

*After years, land grab still hurts for some*

*Published in The Oklahoman, by Devona Walker, staff writer*

*Land was once the heart of America’s heartland, from which prosperity, power and politics sprang.*

*From the land run of 1889 to the subsequent American Indian land sales of 1908, the sooner state has one of the most chaotic and bizarre foundings in world history.*

*“Indian land was no man’s land,” said Brian Basore of the Oklahoma History Center.*

*“As soon as the restrictions were removed, it was taken – taken away from the American Indians by some of the most upstanding citizens of the time. And they were not the least bit ashamed of that.”*

*One hundred years ago today marks the end of federal restrictions on American Indian and black freedmen-owned lands and the beginning of sales of restricted lands to white settlers and land brokers – a period plagued by fraud, intimidation and theft.*

*An article printed in The Oklahoman, dated July 26, 1908, detailed celebrations and the prospect of population and economic boons.*

*“This is an embarrassing subject because separating ignorant people from their allotments was an acceptable way to make money,” Bastore said. “Many of the state’s most upstanding citizens made their first money doing that.”*

*Indians not only victims*  
*The same newspaper article detailed how land-brokers herded 30 black freedmen in Texas so their property could be sold.*

*“Ever since the restriction bill was passed land buyers have been quietly going around over the country selecting the land they want, finding the Indian and negro owners and making a deal with them to be consummated just as soon as the law becomes effective,” the article read.*

*“Negroes are being run out of the state and herded in towns and villages elsewhere and will be kept there by the land buyers who expect to get deeds to their land at one minute past 12 o’clock Monday morning.”*

*Between 1906 and 1920, black freedmen and American Indians in Oklahoma lost deeds to roughly 90 percent of lands titled to them just a few years earlier. At the Oklahoma History Center, detailed files – thousands partially burned in a deliberate attempt to get rid of evidence – show how this occurred.*

*Grand juries were convened sometimes under the threat of settler violence. These efforts led to the indictment of dozens, including then Gov. Charles Haskell.*

## MENTAL HEALTH NURSE

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care,” WhiteTail-Martin said.

Serving in the capacity of psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, WhiteTail-Martin said it’s a provider role with a specialty in psychiatric mental health.

“We mostly work alongside psychiatrist doing psychiatric evaluations, medication management, we can treat the Serious Mental Illness (SMI) population, I’ve had rotations in community mental health, assessing, diagnosing and treating mental health needs of patients so we can provide therapy and prescribe medications,” WhiteTail-Martin said.

Working in the health field for over 13 years, WhiteTail-Martin said it’s been an honor.

“I think it’s an honor to be able to help others during their time of need and assist them with their health care needs,” WhiteTail-Martin said.

While completing her program and on her way to earning her Master of Science in Nursing degree from Frontier Nursing University, WhiteTail-Martin said she’s fortunate to complete one chapter of her educational journey. However, it won’t end there.

In the upcoming fall, WhiteTail-Martin plans to continue with her education and start on her doctorate of nursing practice program.

“Right now I’m likely to take a position with Crisis, Preparation and Recovery so I’ll be working with general mental health patients,” Whitetail-Martin said.

WhiteTail-Martin said she looks forward to getting more familiar with her new capacity in the health field.

“I’ll be working on my doctorate of nursing practice in the fall but also just getting



**Irene Frances Whitetail-Martin pictured with her husband Nathan Martin-Oneida.**

familiar with the field and becoming a confident provider and just to continue on the job training that will come with the role and the challenges,” WhiteTail-Martin said.

*Irene’s parents are Winnie WhiteTail and Charles Mendivil, her maternal grandparents are Beverly Wilson and Hailman WhiteTail, Francie and Joe Merchant. Paternal grandparents are Frances Carr and Carlos Mendivil. Irene has two siblings, Carlos Mendivil and Christina Mendivil.*

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# Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Host Southern Plains Region TTAP Meet and Greet

(CONCHO, OK) On May 11, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hosted a meet and greet for the Southern Plains Region Tribal Technical Assistance Program (TTAP) from the Oklahoma State University College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology out of Stillwater, Okla. The meet and greet was held at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla., where many participants were given an overview of the resources and courses that are available through the Southern TTAP Center.

The TTAP Center serves as a local resource for Tribal transportation training, technical assistance and technology transfer needs and opportunities to carry out the TTAP vision, which is seeking to enhance the quality of life in tribal communities by building capacity for tribes to administer and manage their transportation programs

and systems.

Many of the participants who attended were employees of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Transportation as well as participants from the BIA Southern Plains Region out of Anadarko, Okla. TTAP Center staff Samantha Shepherd, TTAP Outreach Education coordinator and Bruce Russell, TTAP co-director, conducted the meet and greet and answered questions in regard to TTAP and Local Transportation Assistance Program (LTAP) courses that are available through the center.

By partnering with tribes, TTAP offers federally funded training programs to tribes by providing transportation training and technical assistance to tribal communities, while building skills and expertise to ensure the safety and maintenance of tribal roads.



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Lt. Gov. Gib Miles makes opening remarks and welcomes TTAP staff to the Tribes. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

### Arapaho Occupations Word Search

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NOTONIHEIHII (Doctor)	BENIINESEI (Soldier female)	BETEIHII (Dancer)
TOUKU3EIHII (Policeman)	BI3BEIHII (cook/chef)	NEYEI3EIBEIHII (Teacher)
BENIINEN (Soldier male)	CIINOHHUU (farmer)	NIISI3OO (Work)

### Cheyenne Occupations Word Search

C	U	U	A	X	E	F	D	I	C	L	E	E	V	W	U	H	X	D	E
B	N	O	T	A	X	E	V	E	H	O	E	S	H	V	F	O	U	O	N
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Q	V	E	P	L	J	G	L	T	W	N	R	K	J	P	R	Z	A	C	B

naa'eve'ho'e (Doctor)	notaxeve'ho'a'e (Soldier female)	moxe'estooneve'ho'e (mailman)
matanaeve'ho'e (Policeman)	homoseve'ho'e (cook/chef)	tse-ho'soo'estse (Dancer)
notaxeve'ho'e (Soldier male)	enano'eve'ho'e (farmer)	vovestomosanéhe (Teacher)





# Employment Opportunities

**Submit Tribal Application, Resume, Transcripts, Diploma, Certifications, License and CDIB (if applicable) to: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Personnel Dept. P.O. Box 167, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email to [atisdale@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov](mailto:atisdale@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov). Local Office: 405-422-7498 / FAX: 405-422-8222 / Toll Fee: 800-247-4612, ext. 27498. To view a full listing of job vacancies visit [www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/careers](http://www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/careers).**

**Administrative Assistant  
Tribal Transit Program  
FT/Perm  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

*Location: Transit Weatherford Satellite Office / Weatherford, Okla.*

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Requires responsible and reliable individual able to work independently with little supervision and make decisions concerning the organization of records and files. Applicants must be willing to obtain CPS Technician Certification within six months of hiring to assist with car seat check events. Knowledge in grant management and compliance desired but not required. Two years' minimal experience in office management or have received similar training. Minimum education requirement is a high school diploma, or GED Certification. Must demonstrate knowledge in the operation of various office machines. Demonstrate computer skills and/or knowledge, specifically Windows, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access and/or other various other applications. Must maintain a high level of confidentiality on all department matters and able to conduct self in a manner that brings credit to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/test and background check. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license, provide a good driving record to be insurable through the Tribes' Fleet Management insurance policy, and have dependable transportation. Knowledge in Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native American cultures and values are preferred. Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Notice of Office Closure  
Monday June 19,  
2023 in observance  
of Juneteenth Day.**

**Tobacco Education Specialist/Health  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Prior experience in a health related field. Experience in working with policies preferred. Bachelor's degree in health related field preferred. Must have driver's license and provide current motor vehicle report (MVR). Must be willing to obtain CPR and First Aid Certification. Familiar with organization policies and procedures. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho Culture. Must be willing to work flexible hours including nights and weekends. Must be willing and able to attend various training opportunities as designated by the program coordinator and OSDH. Must pass background check. Maintain confidentiality. Must be in good physical condition and able to lift heavy items.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Arapaho Junior Apprentice  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Experience learning Cheyenne, Arapaho, or another foreign language. Experience teaching or leading a group of people. Ability to use language related technology, such as recording devices, video conferencing tools, and electronic dictionaries. Ability to track data and monitor progress using simple spreadsheets. Ability to work on a flexible schedule according to the availability of Master Speakers. Ability to work with children, adult learners, and elders. Excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Must be able to pass a background check. Must have valid driver's license. Must have clean driving record. Must have completed a minimum of one year of the MA Program.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Physical Fitness Assistant / Health  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Personal Trainer Certification or Group Fitness Instruction Certification preferred. Bachelor's degree in health-related field preferred. Two years experience in Physical Activity, Sports or Recreation. Prior experience in a health related field. Must have valid driver's license and provide current motor vehicle report (MVR). Must be willing to obtain CPR and First Aid Certification. Familiar with organization policies and procedures. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Knowledge of Cheyenne-Arapaho Culture. Must be willing to work flexible hours including nights and weekends. Must be willing and able to attend various training programs as related to position. Must pass background check. Must be in good physical condition and able to lift heavy items.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Paralegal Justice Dept.  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. Must have a minimum of High School Diploma/GED. Associate Degree/Paralegal Certificate (preferred but not required). Proficient with Microsoft Office, specifically Outlook, Word, and Excel. Strong oral and written communication skills. Excellent organizational skills. Must be able to effectively multitask, manage time-sensitive documents and have exceptional organizational skills in a fast-paced environment. Must be able to function in a busy, team-oriented environment. Must be able to pass pre-employment drug test and background check. Office administration experience (preferred).

**SALARY:** \$40-50,000 depending on education and experience



**Arapaho Language Teacher  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** High School Diploma or GED and 2 years of learning and speaking the Arapaho language; or an equivalent combination of education and experience sufficient to successfully perform the essential duties of the job. Bachelor's degree is preferred. Ability to read and write the Arapaho Language at a level that would allow the incumbent to perform the duties listed is preferred. Ability to understand Arapaho is preferred. Must be able to pass an oral interview to establish language fluency. Must be an enrolled citizen of the Cheyenne or Arapaho Tribe. Must possess and maintain a valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must have dependable transportation, MVR, and be insurable with the tribes. Must have a current Level 1 Oklahoma Clearance Card or be able to obtain the Level 1 Oklahoma Clearance Card within 90 days of hire. Failure to maintain a current Level 1 Clearance Card will result in removal from this position. Must pass a background check and drug test; fingerprinting requirement determined by funding and sensitivity of position.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Travel Technician I  
Accounts Payable  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Two years finance or accounting experience required. Proficient in Microsoft Excel and Word. MIP Software Experience preferred. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. High School Diploma or GED. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Teacher - Head Start  
Concho  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** In consultation with supervisor, develops own professional work goals and training plan. Participates in training as requested. Associate's or Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education, with 2 years experience working in a preschool setting or an equivalent combination of training and experience. Computer experience a must. Knowledge of Head Start Performance Standards. Ability to clearly articulate the program's goals and philosophy and the role of the early childhood development. Leadership ability in the area of planning, organizing, supervising and implementing program design. Ability to work positively with parents and work cooperatively as a team member. Obtain and hold a current food handler's care/first aid and CPR. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry. Random Drug Testing. Fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Cheyenne and Arapaho Preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Court Bailiff II  
Judicial Branch  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's degree preferred or 4-year experience in security, law enforcement, or legal services. Strong typing and hands-on computer skills. Must abide by confidentiality policies. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license. Must have reliable transportation and able to use personal vehicle for community supervision or address verification checks. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture preferred. Demonstrates moral integrity and fairness in business, public, and private life. No convictions of a felony. No misdemeanors within the last three years. Must pass pre-hire and random drug screening.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**DREAMS Counselor  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Associates Degree in Education or related field preferred; or an equivalent combination of education and experience, substituting one year of experience in teaching for each year of the required education. Four years experience with federal, state, or tribal government. Must possess a valid state driver's license, dependable transportation, MVR, and be insurable with the tribes. Must be able to pass a level II Background Investigation. Must pass drug and alcohol testing. Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

**Family Service Coordinator  
Head Start  
Closing Date:  
Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** An Associates or a credential/certification in social work, human services, family services, counseling or a related field. A minimum of three years teaching experience in early childhood program. Computer experience a must. Knowledge of Head Start Performance Standards. Ability to clearly articulate the program's goals, philosophy, and the role of the early childhood development and the family & community content areas. Leadership ability in the area of planning, organizing, supervising and implementing program design. Obtain and hold a current food handlers card/first aid and CPR. CDL license with bus driver's certification. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry. Random Drug Testing. Fully vaccinated for COVID-19. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

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**Fundraiser/Benefit Dance for the Western Oklahoma Indian Baptist Family Camp**

Saturday June 3, 2023 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 p.m..

Head Staff: MC Gerald Panana, HS Oklahoma Jammers, HM Earl Sleeper, HL Janelle Sharp, HLB Quinton Reynolds, HLG Avianna Oldman, Honored Elder Ona Etsitty, Honored Camp Pastor and wife, JC and Michelle Smith, Co-Host Elk River Whiteskunk Sisters and AD Billy Youngbird.

For more information call Ron Starr at 580-500-7786 or Angie Lime at 580-309-4165.

**Soldier Dance & Name Giving Ceremony for Staff Sgt. Kelby Durnin**

2 p.m. Saturday June 10, 2023 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla.

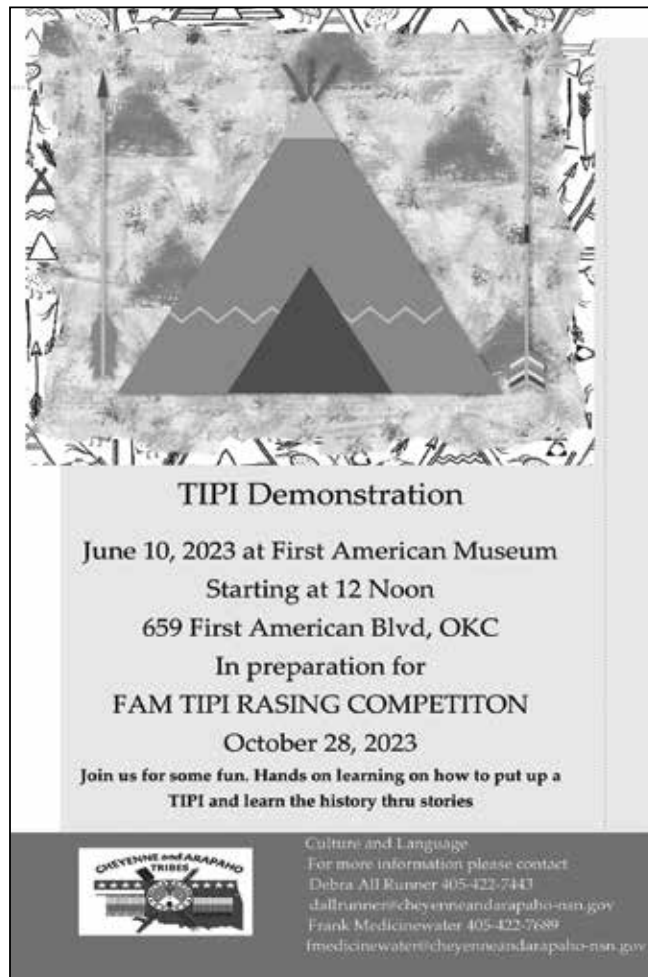
Name giving ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. with Chief Larry RomanNose. Dinner at 5 p.m. Inviting all Chiefs and Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans. Vendors welcome.

Head Staff: MC George Woods, HS Emmitt Redbird and James Redbird, HMD Mah'Hivists Deer, HLD Bridget Blackowl, HLBD Julian Harvi, HLGD Caroline Blackwolf, AD Williamn Youngbird, Co-Host Albert Littleman Family, Star Hawk Society and Ladies Auxiliary.

For more information contact Henrietta Vasquez 405-308-1855 or Shannon Scherer 731-441-3790.

**Tipi Demonstration hosted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Culture Program**

12 noon, Saturday June 10, 2023 at the First Americans Museum, 659 First American Blvd., in Oklahoma City. This will be in preparation for the annual First Americans Museum's Tipi Raising Competition held in October 2023. For more information call 405-422-7443.



## Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Storm Shelter Program

**WHO QUALIFIES?**

Enrolled Tribal Citizen Home Owners who reside in the following Oklahoma counties: Blaine, Beckham, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Kingfisher, Roger Mills, Washita, Major and Woodward

**PREFERENCE ORDER:**

Wheelchair bound, physically handicapped, 55 years and older  
All Remaining Tribal Citizens

**REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:**

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB)  
Deed/Proof of Ownership in Applicant's Name  
Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Title Status Report (TSR)

**For Applications Call Mary Youngbull at 405-422-7525**





# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Happy 4th Birthday  
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June 3  
We love you Bubs!  
Mom, Dad, Dante,  
Rhiannon, Kaydence,  
Karl, Nate, Marco &  
Derek

Happy Belated 19th  
Birthday Kaydence  
Karissa!  
May 13  
We love you Sissy!  
Mom, Karl, Nate, Marco,  
Chase, Liz, Eleonora &  
Bryson

# Congratulations



Congratulations to  
Ethan Everett Sweezy for  
obtaining your Bachelor of  
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University of Oklahoma!  
Ethan is the great-grandson  
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and great-great-grandson of  
Arapaho Native Artist  
Carl Sweezy.  
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CHEYENNE & ARAPAHOTRIBES  
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IN THE TRIAL COURT FOR THE  
CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES  
JUVENILE DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 102  
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
In the Interest of:  
A. B., DOB: 11/12/22  
J.W., DOB: 6/26/2019  
Alleged Deprived Children.

Case No. JFJ-2022-0008

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Shawn Black

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, in the above-reference case, requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between the minor children and their natural mother, Jerissa Whitesunk.

YOU ARE THEREFORE NOTIFIED that you have thirty-one (31) days from the date of service or publication hereof to file a written Response or Answer to the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* with the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Petition* and state whether you admit or deny its allegations.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights* and the right to object to the granting of the amended juvenile petition and to show why your rights should not be terminated. Your failure to timely file with the Court a written Response or Answer or your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court adjudicating your said child as a dependent or neglected child in accordance with law and terminating the parent-child legal relationship between the children and their mother, Jerissa Whitesunk.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2023.

Harmony S. Kinchion, OBA#32979  
Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
P.O. Box 32  
Concho, Oklahoma 73022  
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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
In the Interest of:  
L. J., DOB: 01/25/2022  
Alleged Neglected or Dependent Child.

Case No. JFJ-2022-0004

### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Yasmine Jones  
800 Red Oak Terrace  
Edmond, OK 73003

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Mother has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is neglected or dependent child as to her mother, Yasmine Jones, and requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said child and her natural mother, Yasmine Jones, all as more fully set out in the attached motion filed in said cause.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Mother and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the motion.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Motion at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the Motion and the right to object to the granting of the Motion and to show why your parental rights to said minor child should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said child in accordance with law.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk  
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### SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Isaac Ramos

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Father has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is neglected or dependent child as to her father, Isaac Ramos, and requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said child and her natural father, Isaac Ramos, all as more fully set out in the attached motion filed in said cause.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Father and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the motion.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Motion at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the Motion and the right to object to the granting of the Motion and to show why your parental rights to said minor child should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the child, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said child in accordance with law.

Dated this 16<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

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In The Matter of Dissolution of Marriage:  
CHRISTINE LYNN ADDISON  
and  
JAMES DALE ADDISON

Case No. JFD-2023-0012  
Petitioner,  
Respondent.

### CIVIL SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES TO: JAMES ADDISON  
Address Unknown

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER to the *Petition* which is filed in the Office of the above-named Court. A copy of the *Petition* is available through the Court Clerk's office and to file your Answer with the above-named Court within twenty (20) days of service of this summons, exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your Answer must be delivered or mailed to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court P.O. Box 102 Concho, OK 73022.

AFTER THE TWENTY (20) days, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court shall set a date for hearing of this cause, and you will be notified of the time and date.

IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR before the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court on the date set for hearing; a Judgment by Default can be entered and the Plaintiff shall be awarded the relief asked for, in the *Petition*.

YOU MAY SEEK THE ADVICE OF AN ATTORNEY on any matter connected with this suit or your Answer at your own expense. Such Attorney should be consulted immediately so that an Answer may be filed within the time stated in this summons.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of MAY, 2023.

Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:  
B.S.  
B.S.  
Minor Children,

Case No. PG-2016-0118  
PG-2016-0120

### NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: CARIN MITCHELL  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE 2023, at 10:00 A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR, on the above date and time indicated for presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court. You have the option to appear in person or through Zoom. To appear via Zoom, you will need a smart device such as a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Your smart device will need a camera, microphone, and a stable internet connection. If you do not have access to a smart device, you can use a non-smartphone or traditional telephone.

Parties must use the following in order to log in or join the meeting.

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  - Meeting ID: 452 425 1494
  - Passcode: Court2021
- Phone conferencing for non-smartphone or traditional telephone users:
  - Telephone number: 1 (346) 248-7799
  - Meeting ID: 452 425 1494
  - Passcode: 854454251

Dated at the Trial Court this 19<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2023.

Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:  
P.O.B.  
Minor Child,

Case No. PG-2023-0031

### NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

TAKE NOTICE that Ronald Old Bear Sr. has filed in this Court a *Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child*, P.O.B., and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of JUNE, 2023 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR on the above date and time indicated for the presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court. You have the option to appear in person or through Zoom. To appear via Zoom, you will need a smart device such as a desktop computer, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Your smart device will need a camera, microphone, and a stable internet connection. If you do not have access to a smart device, you can use a non-smartphone or traditional telephone.

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ATHLETE'S SPOTLIGHT

By Latoya Lonelodge

Dezmond Bissonette,

Riverside Indian School



(ANDARKO, OK) Whether he’s running on natural terrain or on a track field, Dezmond Bissonette, 16, has raced his way to the finish line his junior year of high school.

Standing 5’11 tall, Bissonette is on the track and field and the cross-country team for Riverside Indian School, based out of Anadarko, Okla.

Born in Oklahoma City and raised in Clinton, Okla., Bissonette began to make a name for himself and his running ability his first year at Riverside by participating in cross-country and track and field.

Bissonette said he first took interest in running his freshman year of high school because of a family member.

“Mainly because my cousin, he encouraged me to do something, I wasn’t really doing anything at the time sports wise,” Bissonette said.

Bissonette said it’s the experience that he loves the most about running.

“The people you meet, you would think they would be competitive but they really help you a lot and give you advice, even when you’re running alongside them in the race,” Bisson-

ette said.

Encouraged by family members, Bissonette said a lot of his family are runners as well.

“I guess its just being native, something that comes with it,” Bissonette said.

For track and field, Bissonette participates in the two-miles, one-mile, 800M relay and two-mile relay.

In his junior year, Bissonette said what he looked forward to the most this track and field season was to see how far he has improved.

And from years previous, Bissonette said he’s learned a lot in the short time he’s been at Riverside.

“From my other schools that I went to that done track they didn’t focus on the people that were slow they just said run at your own pace, but Riverside they focused on everyone, even if you’re good or not, that really helped me,” Bissonette said.

Ending the track season, Bissonette participated in the two-mile for state and placed ninth out of 16 runners.

Overall, Bissonette’s best times for the track season were 10:57 for the two mile, 5:03 for the one-mile, 2:14 for the 800M and 2:18

for the two-mile relay.

While the season has ended, Bissonette said he will continue to train and stay fit.

“Usually I go on long distance runs that go from two to five miles and then usually on my rest days I do sprint work,” Bissonette said.

Bissonette said his expectations going into his senior year of running are to do better and work on his leadership.

“I’m not very outspoken but over the season I got more talkative to my teammates and they understood me more,” Bissonette said.

Growing in his running ability, Bissonette said he looks at running as more of an opportunity over being just another sport.

As a teammate, Bissonette said he looks forward to helping others and wants to be remembered as a teammate that always encouraged others.

“I try to help my teammates as best I can, I usually try to make them keep up with us but anytime they get discouraged I always talk to them and usually they say I help them a lot, so it’s good advice I give them I guess,” Bissonette said.

Track and Field coach, James Nells said Bissonette is one of the leaders of the team as far as running and when they do their workouts.

“He gets out there, doesn’t complain and runs, he’s excited about it and when we’re off the field, he’s pretty friendly with his teammates and other students on the campus they

get along quite well,” Nells said.

For cross-country, Nells said Bissonette ran his best race at the regional meet as well as helped the team get to state. Riverside Indian School placed in fourth at state and was regional champs.

“He was one of the solid members that helped and then in track he told me he’s going to make it state, I was a little hesitant because he had hadn’t been working very hard because of other circumstances and then he got out there and he started improving, started getting better and then he made it to state, he ran one of his best times at regionals once again and did well,” Nells said.

Nells said he’s excited to see what’s in store for Bissonette next season.

“I’m pretty proud of him, happy for him and excited for next year ... I look to him being one of my top two leaders ... I will continue to depend on him as far as leadership and what needs to be done on the cross country or the track team, I expect them to make it to state in both cross country and track and I expect them to win a medal so I expect great things out of him,” Nells said.

For the school year, Bissonette has maintained a 2.8 GPA and will graduate in the spring of 2024. He has hopes of going to college on a running scholarship.

*Bissonette’s parents are Chris Racelis and Sonya Howlingbuffalo and his sibling is Deon Racelis.*



OBITUARIES

Lawrence Birdshead

Lawrence Birdshead, 83, of Carlton, Okla., passed away on May 19, 2023. He was born Dec. 10, 1939, in Concho, Okla., to parents Joseph Jess and Rose (Tallbear) Birdshead.

He attended Canton Public School in Canton, Okla. He worked as a farm hand on Arapaho Ranch in Hamilton Dome, Wyo. He later moved back to Oklahoma where he became a bus driver for Canton School and lived the rest of his life in Carlton. He also was a member of the Native American Church of Oklahoma.

Lawrence is survived by his daughter Susan Cummings of Durango, Colo., son Doug (Susie) Urban of Casper, Wyo., daughter

Moosey (John) Goljenboom of Putnam, Okla., daughter Sharon Birdshead (Mark Hafner) of McLoud, Okla., sisters, Frances Bates, and Myrlie Hawk, brothers, Clifford, Laverne, Sterling Birdshead, 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents Joseph Jess Birdshead and Rose Tall Bear Birdshead, his wife Wanda Walker Birdshead. Sons Anthony Sr. and Kenny Birdshead. His brothers Earl LeBeau, Marvin Whiteshirt, Charles Birdshead Sr., Ralph Birdshead Sr., baby brother Amick Birdshead, Joseph Birdshead, and sister Tommie Rose (Birdshead) Cravit.

An all-night wake ser-



vice was held May 24 at the Birdshead residence. Funeral services were held May 25 at the Canton Emergency Response Center in Canton, Okla., followed by an interment at the Canton Chief’s Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.

Georgie Ray Smith

Georgie Ray Smith, 71, passed away May 13, 2023. Georgie was born Jan. 1, 1952 to Esther May Lefthand in Watonga, Okla. Georgie had a tough life where he worked hard, played hard and loved well. He was an Arborist for

Oklahoma State University until he was disabled. He was a fan of OSU, the Kansas City Chiefs, and the Oklahoma City Thunder. Georgie is survived by his ex-wife Clara Smith, step-daughter Ruth Ann Summers (Jayne), daugh-

OBITUARIES

George Edward Prairie Chief

George Edward Prairie Chief was born Feb. 17, 1955, to George Edward Prairie Chief Sr., and Happy Calf Prairie Chief. He passed way May 9, 2023 in the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

George was raised in Clinton and Weatherford and attended school at Chilocco Indian School in New Kirk, Okla. He worked most of his life in the oil fields as a tool pusher. He had worked all over Western Oklahoma.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, he enjoyed going to powwows, bead work, making chokers, doing crafts and fishing. He was a proud citizen of the

Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes.

He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Linda Prairie Chief, Anabelle Prairie Chief, and a brother Mack Prairie Chief.

He is survived by his companion Kathy Nitch of Corpus Christi, Texas, daughter Avril Prairie Chief of Las Vegas, Nev., and son Phillip Prairie Chief of Watonga, Okla. Four sisters, Georgiann Welbourne of Weatherford, Ercel Brian of Weatherford, Phyllis Prairie Chief of Clinton and Janice Boswell and husband, Frank of Weatherford, two brothers, Cedric Prairie Chief of Clinton and Eugene Prairie Chief of Woodward. He is also survived by one grandchild and several nieces and



nephews.

Wake services were held May 15 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Chapel in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held May 16 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center, officiated by Rev. Gerald Panana, followed by an interment at the Clinton City Cemetery.



ter, Georgia Renee Smith and brother, Norman Miller. May the hole in our hearts be ever filled with love, you shall be missed.

Funeral services were held May 25 at the Strode Funeral Chapel in Stillwater, Okla.





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