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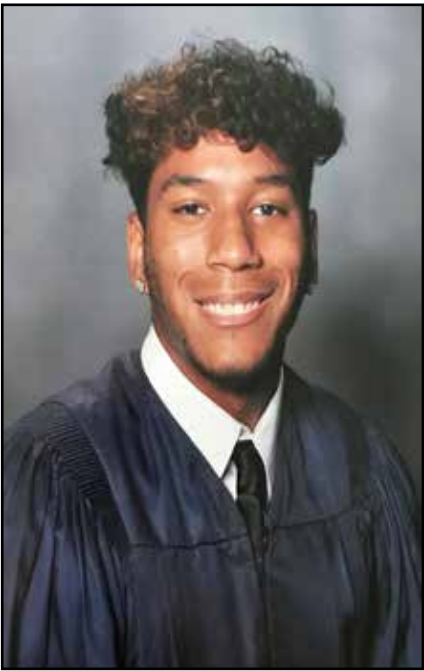


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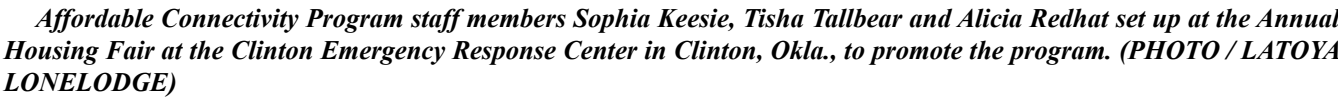


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
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
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Freedom of Expression: Tribal Youth Excels in the Arts and Beyond

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

(SALT LAKE CITY, UT) Displaying a keen knack for taking on the many skills he’s obtained over the years, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Benjamin Fire, 15, is what one of his teachers call a ‘Renaissance man’ with his many talents and broad knowledge of the arts, athleticism and academics.

Originally born and raised in Utah, Fire is an up and coming sophomore at Skyline High School in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fire exhibits many talents as he specializes in playing the piano and trumpet as his main instruments and is also learning how to play the ukulele and guitar. Outside of music, Fire loves sports and outdoor activities such as mountain bike riding, skateboarding, skiing and water polo.

His interest in pursuing other activities has only grown over the years, as he’s also been an avid artist since a young age.

“Outside of sports I love the arts so I love drawing and painting and doing all that. I love photography and videography, I work a job at my junior high doing lights and sound tech stuff for them, so I enjoy doing technical stuff as well,” Fire said.

Fire pursued interest in wanting to participate in activities starting at an early age. He said the first activity he can remember starting in was sports when his parents enrolled him in soccer, baseball and basketball.

“That’s where I kind of got into my activities with those sports and then the next thing I got into was piano, we had a piano and I wanted to learn how to play and so my parents looked into getting lessons for me and I started at around seven years old,” Fire said.

It was then that Fire’s love for playing the piano began.

“I definitely had more interest to pursue the piano because it was something about it that just seemed like it was an instrument that I wanted to play,” Fire said.

Along with piano, Fire continued with skiing, which he has been doing since the age of 4. During his elementary school years, Fire said that was mainly what he focused on, was skiing and piano.

“Then in junior high in sixth grade, I was playing piano for our jazz band and I was noticing a lot of the trumpet section and I wanted to play trumpet and so that year around Christmas I was given a trumpet for Christmas, so I started learning that,” Fire said.

And with an eye for creativity, Fire has always enjoyed his artistry side and has loved art since the moment he could draw. Fire recounts having pictures of when he was just 2-years-old scribbling on pieces of paper. It was around the time he began playing piano that his parents also put him in art classes.

“I love photo realism, when drawing with pencils and using pen dry mediums and then with white mediums like water color and acrylic, I also love doing big pieces of art, I mainly work from photos so I don’t just make up whatever I paint,” Fire said.

Alongside his love for the arts, Fire enjoys landscape and sports photography as well as editing and producing action videography.

In order to actively showcase more of his talents, Fire began a YouTube channel that he started in November 2022. While the channel is focused more on skiing, Fire said he also posts about his life and playing the piano and learning the ukulele.

“I’ve watched YouTube for a long time but it’s the aspect of me wanting to put myself out there and show people what I do, just for fun and put myself out in the world,” Fire said.

As an active skier and ski instructor at Brighton Ski Resort in Utah, Fire also helps teach 4-7 year olds and occasionally teaches the freestyle group, which is focused on 7-15 year olds and teaching them tricks on skis.

Fire said what he enjoys most about skiing is the feeling of freedom that it gives him.

“It’s really your playground to do what you want and I love that feeling along with flying through the air doing tricks, doing all those things and then my favorite part about teaching is that I get to go up there and share that amazing gift with everyone else that wants to learn and just seeing these young kids really enjoy that feeling of being up there and learning and having fun,” Fire said.

Aside from taking on several activities, Fire has established himself as a multitask learner as he can also speak fluent Spanish and is learning how to speak Russian.

“My mother is from Mexico and she’s always spoke Spanish to me my whole life, that’s one of my other first languages since I’ve spoken both English and Spanish since I could talk and then Russian just seemed like a really cool language to learn and so I decided to start learning it,” Fire said.

As the school year came to an end his freshman year, Fire has had to learn how to make a routine of managing his time efficiently when it comes to participating in all his hobbies.

“In the mornings I would get up really early around 4:30 and 5 a.m. to practice piano, I would practice piano until around six, then I would practice trumpet until 6:30 and during school I normally have an art class, that’s when I would do my art, then when I’d get home it’s mainly homework and that’s about all I have time to do during school and then on the weekends is when I would do all of my sports activities,” Fire said.

Through the school year, Fire has managed to maintain a 3.5 GPA.

Being well rounded in his extracurricular activities, Fire said it’s great to have various skills.

“Because for me it teaches me how to manage my time and kind of forces me to do that and then also just gives me a lot of options for what all I can do,” Fire said.

Of the activities he participates in, Fire



Benjamin Fire was asked to play keyboards for a different high school musical then the high school he regularly attends. (PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY JAMES FIRE JR.)

said he enjoys skiing and playing the piano the most, as they have been a big part of his life.

Fire said what he loves the most about playing piano is the amount of freedom that he has to express himself through music.

“You can really get every single emotion out on the keys of the piano,” Fire said.

Getting inspiration from classical artists such as Liszt, Rachmaninoff and Brahms, Fire said he enjoys playing classical and modern music.

Once a year, Fire performs and competes on the piano, with what’s called Federation, where he goes and performs in front of judges.

“They give us a score and five is superior and it goes down from there, in that sense I kind of compete, at my last performance I got four, I had gotten all superiors up until last year when I got four which is excellent,” Fire said.

Fire’s performance in the arts and theatres doesn’t end there as he also enjoys musi-



Benjamin Fire helping a student while working as a Peer Ski instructor at Brighton Ski Resort in Utah. BENJAMIN / pg. 7

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Labor hold Spring Career Fair

(EL RENO, OK) Springing into new opportunities for career and educational choices, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Labor hosted a Spring Career Fair on May 31 at the Canadian County Expo and Event Center in El Reno, Okla.

With the goal of navigating different career paths with mental wellness in mind, the spring career fair was geared towards promoting available career and jobs within the local areas.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Labor executive director Erwin Pahmahmie said while the fair was held to bring awareness to mental health month, it was also to facilitate opportunities for employment with local employers, including tribal programs and the casinos, as well as exploring options in areas of trades.

“It’s a big arrangement of different opportunities for the young people to explore, we want to make sure they get those options so paths take different ways and we want to make sure we’re providing those opportunities for them,” Pahmahmie said.

With booths set up, a variety of career options were available for participants to get more information on from military recruitment, college recruitment, trade schools, Lucky Star Casinos, Indian Health Service Unit and many more.

Pahmahmie said the career fair is the first event since 2018 that they’ve been able to hold due to the COVID19 pandemic. A virtual career fair was held in 2021, however

due to a lack of participation, the virtual fair wasn’t as successful as an in-person career fair.

“We really couldn’t track any participants, we didn’t get very much participation to be honest and we wanted to make sure at least here, it was local in Canadian County Expo Center which is a very nice facility. I’m hoping that people will come out and take a chance and see what we got, what they have to offer, we got the colleges here from SWO-SU to OSU, to OKC and also looks like we even have some of our own IHS Clinton Service Unit as well,” Pahmahmie said.

By promoting opportunities at the spring career fair, Pahmahmie said he hoped to get more young people involved as well as provide an understanding of mental health awareness and how it impacts their lives in the work place.

“We’re seeing it more often where there’s possibly violence or disruption in the work place, we just want them to be aware, the 988 Tribal Response program is an option for them to seek that help as well as reporting things too ... we want to make sure that they have an understanding that they’re not alone, that we’re all in this together and that we want to provide awareness as well as promote these services and employers too,” Pahmahmie said.

Guest speaker for the spring career fair was Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana, who talked about making several career moves.



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana is guest speaker at the Spring Career Fair held at the Canadian County Expo and Event Center in El Reno, Okla. (PHOTO / LATOYA LONELODGE)

“As I run across a lot of people and talked about career moves, job moves, I always tell people and this is the kind of advice I always give to younger people and maybe the people who finish college and they’re looking for career paths to go to, is you always have another choice in your life,” Gov. Wassana said.

Gov. Wassana said he’s advised people to try to at least take three or four career paths or opportunities in their life.

“Somewhere down the road you’re go-

ing to have those experiences with another job that you’re going to reflect back on with another job and how you’re going to come about a decision ... it’s always important that at the back of your mind that you know that all your abilities and all your experiences and all your education is going to lead you somewhere else,” Gov. Wassana said.

With approximately 34 vendors in attendance at the spring career fair, vendors had

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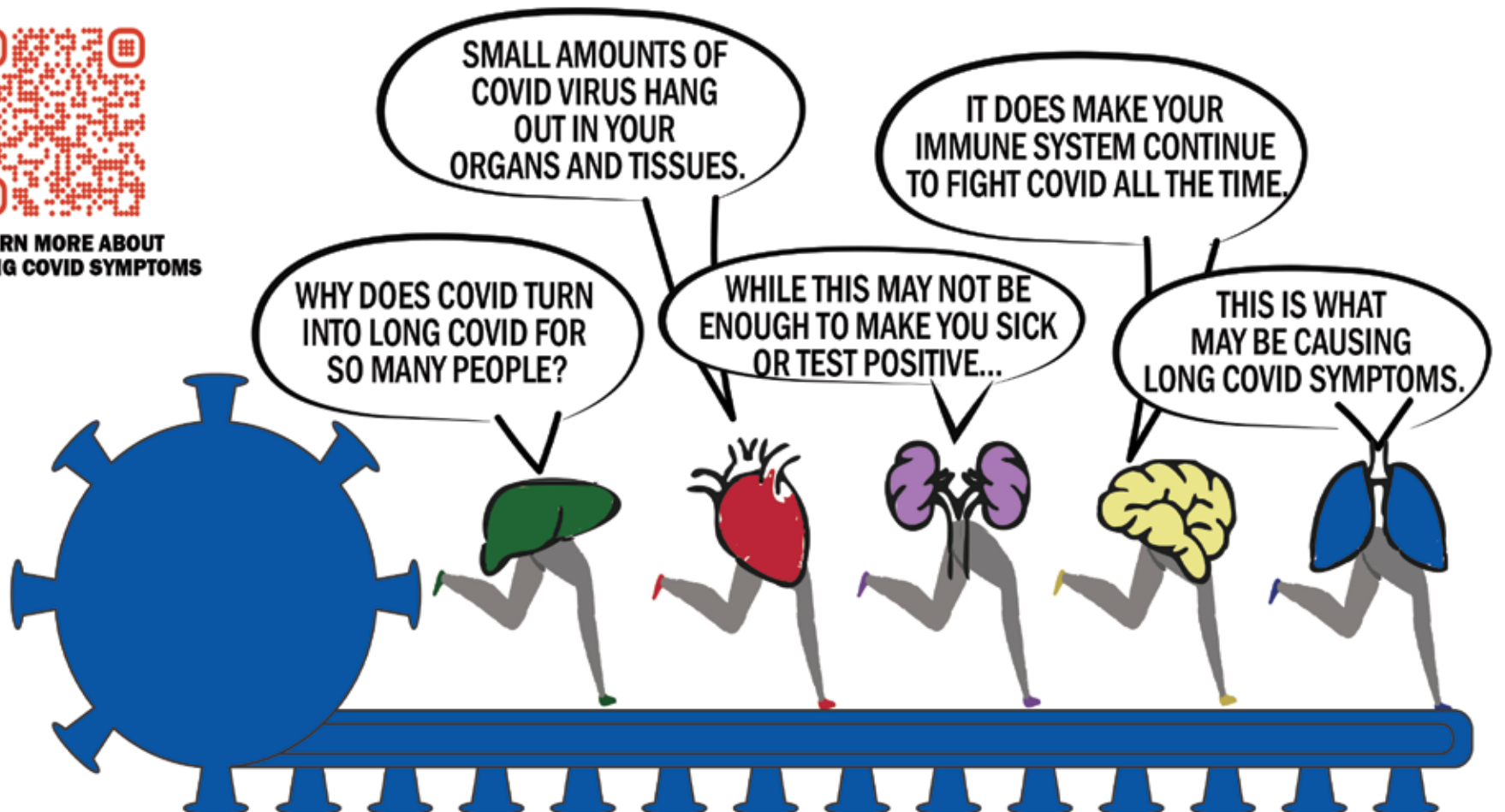
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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Housing Authority host annual Housing Fair in Clinton, OK

By Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

(CLINTON, OK) Keeping homeowners up to date with modern day easy house fixes and with current housing information was the goal as the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Housing Authority held their annual housing fair May 25 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla.

As several homeowners made their way through the housing fair visiting booths, they were presented with hands-on demonstrations on how to keep home maintenance up to par, with several stations and booths set up around the fair.

Part of the housing fair was to encourage participants to visit each of the stations to complete a scavenger hunt and fill out housing surveys that were presented to them and in return, win door prizes.

Executive Director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Housing Authority, Damon Dunbar said as part of their housing fair they have each year, this year they have booths set up for health programs, private programs, realty companies and Tribal HUDVASH.

“Our annual housing fair is the outreach for the housing authority, which we bring all of our pro-

grams out and we actually tell all of our home buyers and whoever’s here what kind of services they can get,” Dunbar said.

By having the housing fair, Dunbar said the greatest outcome they hope for is collecting surveys.

“So, we can show the needs when we start looking for grants, that’s the main thing, and to educate our tribal citizens on how to change their plumbing, air conditioning, filters, that type of stuff but the survey is really good,” Dunbar said.

Dunbar said as part of their Indian Housing Plan, they are required to do annual fairs and for the year they are planning to do two housing fairs.

“We usually just do one but we’re doing two now so we’re actually trying to reach out to different areas and next year we’ll probably go to Elk City and Woodward,” Dunbar said.

Making their way from station to station at the housing fair, participants were given various demonstrations by maintenance and construction employees of the housing authority.

Chandler Stone, with the housing authority construction, gave a demonstration on an HVAC unit, or electrical hot water

heater.

“It’s typically easier you really don’t have to use too many things for gas, but it runs all on electric ... there’s two types of elements, there’s an element for the upper thermostat and there’s an element that goes for the bottom thermostat, however how it works is these elements heat up to heat water, get your water hot and what goes through this is that it filters that hot water so it can give you fresh hot water and these are typically easy to change out,” Stone said.

By demonstrating on how to identify valves on the HVAC unit and change elements on the water heater, Stone said these are typically easily things to change at home.

“Instead of calling that person that will charge you a load of money, these are little things we’re trying to show people, these are typically real easy things you can change at home and especially with an electrical one, it’s real simple, it’s like you can literally just get on YouTube or anything, you can actually learn from hands on by somebody,” Stone said.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizen and realtor with Re/Max Gold Buckle



Michelle Bigfoot and Sarah Hulett, with the Housing Department, assist with sign ups and survey information at the annual housing fair. (PHOTO / LATOYA LONELODGE)

Realty was also present to provide services to interested home buyers as well as provide information about the down payment assistance the housing authority provides.

“I help buy and sell homes, I have the down payment assistance information, I’ve utilized that myself the \$10,000 and I’m just really interested in getting tribal members to know that it’s not that hard and it can be a very simple process to own a home,” Youngbull said.

Youngbull said she specializes in western Oklahoma, however she covers all of Oklahoma in buying or selling homes. And while her clientele involves a lot of fellow tribal citizens, she helps everybody.

“I just love handing the keys over and telling them congratulations because it’s such a huge accomplishment and some people don’t ever get that experience in so I’m glad that I can help someone do this,” Youngbull said.

Youngbull was also present at the previous

year’s housing fair and said she loves how much information is being presented to the public.

“It’s so much information that they provide, they have informational booths all over, they tell you about your housing and how to keep it updated and keep your appliances going and I love it, I think everybody should at least try to come out here to see what they can provide,” Youngbull said.

The next Housing Fair will be held in October 2023 in Concho, Okla.

American Legion Post 401 Elects New Commander

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ American Legion Post 401 elected new commander, Ret. Col. Kerry E. Norman on May 31, 2023

Col. Norman hails from Kirkwood, MO and was raised in Marin County, Calif. Her last assignment was Chief of Staff, Deputy Commanding General (AR), U.S. Army Maneuver Support Center of Excellence.

Currently Col. Norman works for the State of Oklahoma as a Department Director in the Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Col. Norman’s key assignments include Forces Command Action Agent, Sixth U.S. Army; Executive Officer, Alpha Company, 8830th Military Police, J-8, Joint Task Force Bravo, Honduras; Provost Marshal, Joint Task Force Nuevos Horizontes, El Salvador; Operations Officer, 82nd Airborne Division; Commander, 377th Military Police Company; Deputy Chief Marketing and Advertising, Office of the Chief of the Army Reserve, Wash, D.C.; OIC DET 2, 733rd CID; Provost Marshal, U.S. Army Reserve Command; Commander, HQ and HHC Commander, Fort McCoy; Provost Marshal, Military Intelligence Readiness Command; Deputy Counter-terrorism Unit, State Department; Commander, 1-411th Regiment; Director International Programs, US-ACC; and Professor of Military Science, Seattle University; Director Strategic Initiatives, 104th Division at Joint Base Lewis-McChord; Commander, U.S. Army Garrison Fort Hunter Lig-



gett; Deputy Commandant, U.S. Army Military Police School.

She is a graduate of numerous military schools to include the Quartermaster and Military Police Basic Courses, Military Police Captains Career Course, French and American Combined Arms and Services Staff School, NBC Defense Course, Law Enforcement Senior Leaders Course, Command and General Staff College, Defense Strategy Course, Special Operations Interagency Collaboration Course, Special Operations Support Team Orientation Course, the Joint Combined Warfare Course, and the United States Army War College.

In addition, Col. Norman graduated with honors from Oklahoma City University with a Bachelor of Science in Technical Management and has completed three separate graduate degrees.

Col. Norman enlisted in the Army in February 1986, and received a direct commission as a 2nd Lieutenant in March 1992 while serving at Sixth U.S. Army, Presidio of San Francisco. She has served overseas in five of the seven continents.

Col. Norman’s military

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cal theatre and acting, where he’s performed in and out of schools plays.

“The first musical was Descendants at Midvale Main Street Theatre and this was outside of school and the second one outside of school was Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory, which was with Cottonwood Heights Musical Theatre,” Fire said.

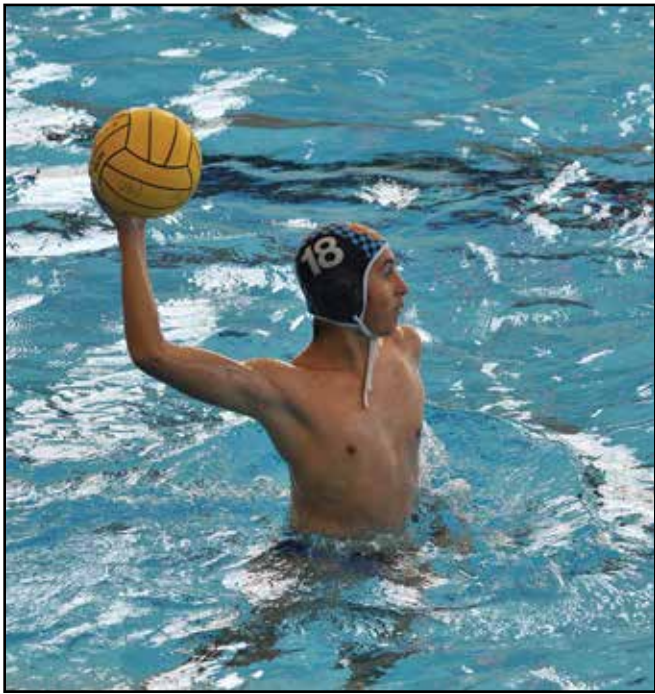
As an up and coming artist with many talents, Fire has high hopes for the future and where he hopes his skills will take him.

“One of my biggest dreams is to become a professional freestyle skier and then compete and eventually when I retire I want to continue with piano, so going

to get educated, becoming a music major and then competing with skiing and once that career is over because sports careers aren’t very long lived, then teaching piano for a living,” Fire said.

With many options to pursue in the future, Fire said if he were to set his skiing career aside, he would want to pursue music to the fullest and become a soloist.

Benjamin is an enrolled citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. His father is James Fire Jr., and his mother is Veronica Fire (Mendez) from Mexico City, Mexico. Grandmother is LaVonne Avans (Clark) and step-grandfather is Wallace Avans.



Benjamin Fire shooting the ball during a water polo match, (Photo submitted by James Fire Jr.

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the opportunity to introduce themselves and share what services they offered at their booth.

In order to encourage more youth to participate in the career fair, Pahlmahmie said participants and students who interacted with different vendors that were set up had the opportunity to win door prizes.

“We want to make sure that they at least visit one and then they’re able to get them to sign off with it and if they bring it back to our booth, we’re able to give them a door prize ticket so that way they get entered into the drawing and we have some great door prizes, we have a 40 in TV, lots of bags, we received lots of donations too from the vendors themselves so that was great,” Pahlmahmie said.

While initiating the spring career fair post covid-19, Pahlmahmie said the department hopes to make the career fair an annual event as they are trying to get back into the groove of planning events.

“We would like to start trying to call this an annual event and maybe even pair it with our summer youth program too, the director had mentioned that being possibly an option for



The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Labor hosted the spring career fair with executive assistant Sierra Shadaram welcoming attendees to the event.

next year which I think would be a great opportunity for the youth to kind of get on board and understand what it takes to plan events like this,” Pahlmahmie said.

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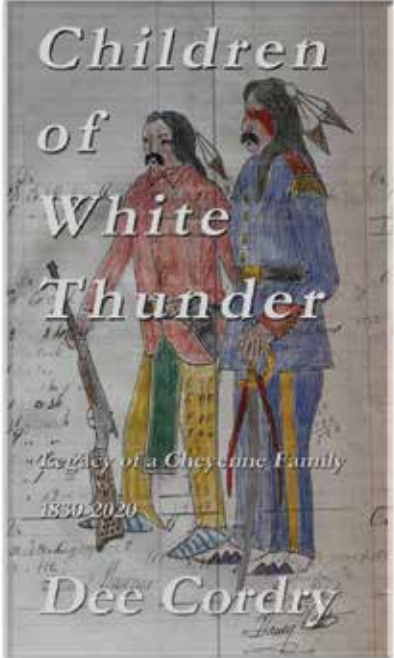
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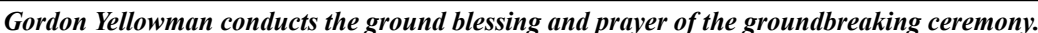
"I will say it's good to see that our tribes judicial branch is going to be expanding I know everybody likes to see the tribes grow in a positive direction and so it's good to

"We're actually in town right now, but definitely our services will be easier, accessible, especially around the administrative building and court house, we're definitely excited," Patterson said.



Holuby said phase II of the justice center will include approximately 10,500 sq. ft. of

The ceremony concluded with officials and tribal leadership packing shovels in the ground and turning dirt, officially declaring the start of construction for phase II of the justice center ground breaking. The estimated completion date for phase II is September 2024.



By Dee Cordry, author of Children of White Thunder

As representatives of the Fort Wallace Museum, Pearce and Goodrich presented to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes a beautiful painting depicting buffalo grazing on the prairie at Twelve Mile Creek along the Smoky Hill River in far western Kansas. Starr and Bear accepted the gift on the

The September 1874 murders of a white family near Russell Springs intensified the efforts of the US army. The outcome of those conflicts is of special interest to Larry, Melvin, and Quinton Roman Nose. In 1875 Henry Roman Nose was one of the thirty-three Cheyennes accused of war crimes and

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MENTAL HEALTH

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ing alcohol and other drug use beginning at younger ages, at higher rates than other ethnic groups. Suicide rates for Native youth are exceedingly high, over double the rate of white youth. NAMI attributes these statistics with the long history of generational trauma and the forced assimilation including children being forcefully separated from their communities to be educated in boarding schools where their Native culture and languages were discouraged through extreme discipline and violence, often resulting in death.

“I want the Native youth to realize it’s okay to seek help. I know one of the negative stigmas about it is just because someone might see a therapist or counselor they are looked at as crazy, and that’s not the case at all. Talking to someone

them know what alcohol and drugs can do to you,” Williams-Sullivan said.

The mental health youth summit opened with a prayer by Chief Roman Nose, followed by an opening welcome by Arapaho District 3 Legislator and Speaker, Travis Ruis.

“Firstly, mental health is a crucial part of our overall well-being. It is not a sign of weakness to face challenges or struggles. Each one of us may experience stress, anxiety, or sadness at times. The important thing is to recognize the significance of our mental health and to seek support when needed. Don’t hesitate to confide in trusted individuals, such as elders, mentors, or professionals, who can provide guidance and understanding. Remember, you are not alone, and there is strength in



Ace Greenwood, world chamption Stickball player, teaches the basics of the playing Stickball.

about your feelings, talking to someone about how you feel or anything you may be going through and addressing it in a healthy way is a positive,” Williams-Sullivan said.

She said the prevention programs focus on mental health, suicide prevention and substance abuse and trying to prevent those things by targeting the younger age groups.

“The Oklahoma Needs Assessment, with data being collected every two to three years, indicates the youngest age at which a kid intakes alcohol, I believe is states was 12 years old, so we want to target those elementary school kids, middle school and then high school and up and let

seeking help,” Ruiz said addressing the youth in the audience.

Following the opening, Christian Parrish aka Supaman performed for the youth, interacting with them during his performance.

Morning break-out sessions included Stick Ball 101 by FAM, Ace Greenwood & Tresa Gouge, Vision Board Activity led by the 988 Tribal Response Program & Diabetes Wellness Program, a screening of the documentary “Lakota” by Lakota Beatty and Traditional Hoop Games led by Max Bear. The youth also participated in a Talk Space/Yoga group led by Domingo Whiteman before breaking for lunch.



Max Bear teaches the Traditional Hoop Game with youth during one of the breakout sessions at the Mental Health Youth Summit. (PHOTOS / ROSEMARY STEPHENS)

“This is a really good turnout for the first event, a lot of kids are here and I’m really happy to see all the youth participating,” Dylan Fox, prevention specialist for the Suicide Prevention program said.

Following lunch, afternoon break-out sessions included Flute Class with Shawn Williamson, Traditional Dancing led by Courtney Reeder & Domingo Whiteman, and Film Industry/Drug & Alcohol Prevention by motivational speaker Christian Wassana, with an afternoon performance by Generation Why (GNWY).

GNWY is a collective of creative artists of multiple mediums such as dancing, rapping, spoken word and combats the topic of anti-bullying and brings awareness to suicide prevention. Their passion

is to reach every generation and helping them to discover their WHY and providing opportunities to pursue it.

“This was our first mental health event and I’m really excited about it. We wanted to dispel the negativity around mental health and the premise of not talking about suicide ... we need to talk about it more, especially in schools, and that’s one of our goals is to bring a positive approach to talking about suicide prevention and the mental health of our kids,” Williams-Sullivan said.

To reach the Suicide Prevention Program call 405-295-1766, Tradition Not Addiction call 405-295-1772 or the 988 Tribal Response Program call 405-295-1756.



Kati Williams-Sullivan, project director for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Preventive Programs, interacts with tribal youth Kynadee Hamilton during the Mental Health Youth Summit in Clinton, Okla.



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awards include the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Commendation Medal with six Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, National Defense Service Medal with Bronze Star, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal with Bronze Star, Military Outstanding Volunteer Service Medal, the Order of Saint Barbara, Order of the Marechaussee (Silver), and the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Award. Also included are the Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Superior Unit Award, and other various awards.

Col. Norman is a lifetime member of the Association of the United States Army, the Reserve Officers Association, the Military Police Regimental Association, the General Douglas MacArthur Leadership Foundation, Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association, First Americans Museum, American Legion Post 401 and Charter Member of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

Veteran Spotlight

Barry Whiteman



Barry G. Whiteman was born in February 1975 in Oklahoma City to Ginger Warrior and divided his youth between San Juan Pueblo, New Mexico, just north of Santa Fe with his uncle Daniel Whiteman Sr. and spending time in Oklahoma City. He has two sib-

lings, a sister and a brother.

Barry would go on to graduate from Santa Fe Indian School in 1994 and did various things between high school and his enlistment, labeling it ‘bouncing around’ and at the age of 26, he decided to enlist in the Marine Corps. Feeling like he wasn’t really doing anything, his enlistment date changed all of that, late August 2001. Not more than two weeks later 9/11 happened, and Pvt. Whiteman knew that serving his country in the Marines was “where he needed to be.”

Based out of Cherry Creek, N.C., Pvt. Whiteman would go on to do three tours of duty in Al Asad Airbase, Al Anbar Province, Iraq, all of them he volunteered for as a part of a MWSS, Marine Wing Support Squadron as a Expeditionary Airfield Systems Technician.

If you watched the movie Top Gun and its sequel Top Gun: Maverick, the jets have to come to a complete stop and fast using arresting gear on the ground and a tailhook on the back

of the aircraft which catches the plane as it lands, only instead of being on a ship. Whiteman was part of a squad that did that on an airfield, sometimes setting up auxiliary airfields quickly in wartime conditions and poor weather, such as ‘brown-out’ conditions where the Marines had to spray dust abating materials to help with visibility for the pilots landing and taking off. Whiteman was a part of several different MWSS, like 271, 273 and 274, but it was 271 where the Master Sergeant wanted Whiteman to be a permanent body because he was so good at what he did.

Whiteman would serve for four years and nine months, with his last rank of Corporal (E-4), earning the Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (Iraq), Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal and several other Badges and Appreciations.

Whiteman enjoys col-



Barry Whiteman with his wife Michelle and his family. (Photo Courtesy of Barry Whiteman)

lege football and most notably OU football, and enjoys traveling and going on lots of different cruises with his wife Michelle on their vacation time. If you’ve ever gotten your tag at the Tribal Motor Vehicle, you’ve probably met Whiteman, as he’s been the Motor Vehicle Tag agent for 10 years. Whiteman is also a member of the Buddy Bond Color Guard, performing ceremonial posting of colors at events and funerals for tribal vets.

We honor and remember his service to our country.

If you would like to make a submission to honor a tribal veteran, living or posthumously, email jelevi@cheyenneandrapaho-nsn.gov and send a short bio that includes their service history, life after the military, a verifiable DD-214 and two pictures, one military and one civilian. All submissions must be Honorable Service discharges only.

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for the existence of the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority, the state’s Public Broadcasting Service affiliate.

Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chuck Hoskin Jr. thanked the Legislature following the veto override announcement on May 24.

“I hope Governor Stitt hears the message that his blanket hostility to tribes is a dead end,” Hoskin said in a statement. “The majority of Oklahomans believe in respecting the rights of Native Americans and working together with the sovereign tribes who share this land.”

Kamryn Yanchick, a citizen of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, was denied the opportunity to wear a

decorated cap with a beaded pattern when she graduated from her high school in 2018.

Being able to “unapologetically express yourself and take pride in your culture at a celebration without having to ask a non-Native person for permission to do so is really significant,” said Yanchick, who is now a Native American policy advocate.

A Native former student sued Broken Arrow

Public Schools and two employees earlier this month after she was forced to remove an eagle feather from her graduation cap prior to her high school commencement ceremony.

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“We’re still new to it so we’re just basically trying to get the word out and trying to get people involved and enrolled as much as possible, I will also be taking the applications, gathering the data and help processing some of that,” Redhat said.

Redhat said she looks forward to helping people get discounted internet service.

“I’m really excited about it, I think we’re all pretty excited but just helping our community as much as possible,” Redhat said.

ACP event coordinator, Sophia Keesie said she will be working more behind the scenes talking with vendors and doing outreach work.

“I think ACP helps us push forward to building a stronger sovereign nation just because we don’t want to leave everyone out, we want everybody to be involved,” Keesie said.

As part of their grant, the program will run through until the end of April 2024. Tallbear said they will be able to extend the grant.

“It just depends on our data and our sur-

veys, there are other tribes that are doing this and we are one, the Choctaw tribe is the other tribe that participates in this and they’ve been doing this for seven months, we’re trying to work together with them to get our program up and running,” Tallbear said.

Serving in the new capacity as director for the program, Tallbear said she looks forward to helping people and getting the information out to as many people as possible.

“Do the digital divide to help them come up into the 21st century and we want all of our communities to have that advantage as everybody else does, there’s a lot of people that don’t have internet or anything to help with it and that’s what we’re going to help them with, to get to the 21st century,” Tallbear said.

To learn more about the Affordable Connectivity Program or to apply for discounted internet services, visit the Affordable Connectivity Program located in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Housing Authority building in Clinton, Okla., or visit www.affordableconnectivityprogram.gov.

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imprisoned for three years at the Fort Marion military prison in Florida. Starr and Sipe are also descendants of Fort Marion prisoners of war.

At least two of the Fort Marion prisoners of war are buried in the historic Watonga Indian Cemetery - Henry Roman Nose and David Pendleton Oakerhater. Quinton Roman Nose is a member of the board of directors of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society which has owned the cemetery property since 1897. The cemetery includes graves marked with gravestones and unmarked graves. Numerous Cheyenne warriors, veterans, Indian scouts, prisoners of war, and chiefs are buried there. There may be as many as thirty-five chiefs in the historic cemetery and recent research has verified fourteen graves of chiefs. One of those chiefs, Iron Shirt, was a hero of the Sand Creek Massacre due to his rescue of a young Cheyenne girl named Standing. She later became the wife of Henry Roman



Representatives from Fort Wallace Museum presents to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes a painting depicting buffalo grazing on the prairie at Twelve Mile Creek along the Smoky Hill River in far western Kansas.

Pictured l-r: Max Bear, Norene Starr, Jayne Humphrey Pearce, Deb Goodrich, Larry Roman Nose, Bill Seitter, and Melvin Roman Nose. (Photo submitted by Dee Cordry)

Nose. Norene Starr noted that the Fort Marion prisoners of war such as Roman Nose and Oakerhater were in fact military veterans.

The legacy of the historic cemetery has recently been threatened by encroachment and vandalism. Participants in the meeting discussed the need for new fences and a boundary survey, identifying the location of all unmarked graves, and the establishment of a buffer zone for the protection of graves. Concerns were expressed about the need

for education and more understanding of these real people with complex beliefs, the preservation of verbal stories, and more tribal representation in the development of museum exhibits. The leadership of Larry Roman Nose, with the assistance of many other people, brought together diverse communities from a broad geographical area who want to preserve Cheyenne history and protect important sites such as the historic Watonga Indian Cemetery.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
W.H., DOB: 08/02/2016
Minor Child.

Case No. JFJ-2021-0031

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Frank Hart, DOC# 789294
P.O. Box 97
McAlester, OK 74502-0097

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Father* 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 child and his natural father, Frank Hart.

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 of Father* with the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 8th day of August 2023, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Father* 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 amended juvenile petition 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 of Father* and the right to object to the granting of the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Father* and to show why your child should not be adjudicated deprived and/or 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 child and his father, Frank Hart.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2023.

Harmoniey S. Kinchion, OBA#32979
Assistant Deputy Attorney General
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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Lexi Hamilton
10290 N. 2392 Rd.,
Weatherford, OK 73096

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Mother* 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 child and his natural mother, Lexi Hamilton.

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 of Mother* with the Court.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 8th day of August 2023, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Mother* 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 amended juvenile petition 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 of Mother* and the right to object to the granting of the *Petition to Terminate Parental Rights of Mother* and to show why your child should not be adjudicated deprived and/or 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 child and his mother, Lexi Hamilton.

Dated this 1st day of June, 2023.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
In the Interest of:
R. T.,
DOB: 09/13/2022
Alleged Deprived Child.

Case No. JFJ-2022-0005

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Daisy Whitebuffalo

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Juvenile Petition* alleging you as the mother has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is a neglected or dependent child as to her alleged mother, Daisy Whitebuffalo, and requesting the Court to possibly terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said children and their alleged mother, Daisy Whitebuffalo, all as more fully set out in the attached *Petition* 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 5th day of September 2023, at 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Juvenile Petition*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said *Juvenile Petition* 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 *Juvenile Petition* and the right to object to the granting of the *Juvenile Petition* 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 1st day of June, 2023.

J. Melendy
Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Hawley Tsodile
221 N. Hoke, Apt. 3
Stillwater, OK

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a *Juvenile Petition* alleging you as the father has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor child is a neglected or dependent child as to her alleged father, Hawley Tsodile, and requesting the Court to possibly terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said children and their alleged father, Hawley Tsodile, all as more fully set out in the attached *Petition* 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 5th day of September 2023, at 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the *Juvenile Petition*.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said *Juvenile Petition* 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 *Juvenile Petition* and the right to object to the granting of the *Juvenile Petition* 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 6th day of June, 2023.

Kelli Coffey
Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter Of A Paternity Proceeding
CURADO BATES
Petitioner
VS.
BROOKE WHEELER
Respondent

Case No: CIV-2023-0011

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

You are hereby notified that Curado Bates has filed in this Court a *Petition To Establish Paternity* requesting that a court order be issued to name Curado Bates on the birth Certificate as father of Serenity Wheeler. Any interested parties may appear at the Hearing set on the 29th day of JULY, 2023 at 10:00 A.M. in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 25th day of May 2023.

T. Melendy
Tawny Melender, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: STERLING STONECALF

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in an Application for Indirect Contempt Citation filed in the Court listed above by Comanche Nation Child Support Program, asking that you be ordered to pay child support. You must appear in the Comanche Nation Tribal Court (584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton, OK) on the 14 day of July, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. Your failure to appear may result in the Application for Indirect Contempt being taken as true and the requested relief sought being granted.

Given under my hand and seal this 2 day of May, 2023.

T. Melendy
By: Tawny Melender, Deputy Court Clerk
The Comanche Nation Tribal Court

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Systems Support Technician/COMIT

**Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Associates degree in computer science or related field or related esxperience with certifications. Prefer minimum five years of experience working in a fast-paced IT help desk environment. Proven experience in providing technical support and troubleshooting for computer systems, software and network infrastructure. Strong knowledge of operating systems (Windows, MacOS, Linus) hardware components and software applications. Familiarity with netowrk protocols, TCP/IP and basic network troubleshooting, effective communication and customer service skills to interact with end-users at all levels of technical proficiency. Ability to work independently and collaborate within a team environment. Certifications such as CompTIA A+, Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) or similar certifications a plus. Experience in working with Firewalls and Network Security, proficient in maintaining Microsoft Active Directory, and ability to multi-task is required. Cheyenne-arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Tobacco Prevention 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 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

Child Care Master Teachers: Concho/Clinton

**Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
One of the following: AA/AS degree or higher with ECE/CD credit hours, 30 credit hours with at least 12 ECE/CD credit hours. Oklahoma Certificate of Mastery, Current Child Development Associate Credential or current Certified Childcare Professional Cr3edential. Oklahoma Competency Certificate in Early Care and Education, must have basic computer skills and valid Oklahoma driver's license. Random drug and alcohol testing, must pass a criminal background check and maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry. Level 3 Background check requirement. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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 multi-task, 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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tive American Day



OBITUARIES

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Larry Joe Pointer

Larry Joe Pointer was born Sept. 1, 1966, to Larry Pointer and Patricia Ann (Lunsford) Pointer (now Roque) in Watonga, Okla., and passed away very unexpectedly in his Clinton home June 3, 2023.

Larry was raised in Burns Flat, Okla. and Arapaho, Okla. where he attended school. He started his working career at an early age, began roughnecking in the oilfields and worked all over Western Oklahoma. He married Novale Gamble in 1987 in Clinton, Okla.

He was a member of the Church of Christ, he loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, exploring the wild, and he loved to fish. He enjoyed gospel music as well as classical music and he watched a lot of T.V. Evangelism and western movies. He was

well known amongst rattlesnake hunters and was often called the “Snake man.” He had a great passion for and being with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife Novale in 2011, his father, brother Jeremy McDow and stepbrother Joe Roque.

He is survived by his mother Patricia Rogue of Arapaho, two sons, Joshua Pointer and wife Stephanie, and Austin Pointer all of Clinton, two sisters, Shonda Williams and husband Andre of Clinton and Tammy Neihart of Oklahoma City, four brothers, Jeff McDow of Arapaho, Kevin Neihart of Oklahoma City, Manuel Roque and Raymond Roque, both of Littlefield, Texas. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Ella,



Jemma and Ezekiel Pointer.

A traditional all-night wake service was held June 8 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held June 9, at the same venue, officiated by Pastor Delfred Whitcrow, followed by an interment in the Arapaho Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.

Xavier Elias Sutton

Xavier Elias Sutton “Netsé Véhonévstse” began his earthly walk on Dec. 28, 2001, when his parents Galen Lamont Reed and Angel Iris Reed welcomed him into this world. He left this earth on June 2, 2023, at the age of 21 years, 5 months, and five days.

He was born in Oklahoma City and his family then lived in Edmond, Okla. Xavier attended grade school and middle school in Edmond with one semester in Woodward. He then attended Edmond Santa Fe for the 9th through 12th grade years.

Xavier was a talented athlete. He received multiple awards for track, football, and basketball. He was awarded several scholarships for his track and field accomplishments.

Xavier accepted Christ Jesus as his Lord and Savior on Dec. 30, 2018, and he was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church of Edmond where he attended regularly. Xavier enjoyed serving the Lord by going on mission trips to the Wind River Reservation, participating at Indian Falls Creek, and he especially enjoyed being the

recreational leader for these mission trips.

Xavier was employed in the construction industry as he relished being outdoors. His hobbies included running, fishing, hunting, basketball, football, and serving his church, which the missions trips gave him the opportunity to spread the word of God.

Xavier is preceded in death by his grandfathers, Donald Reed and Ray Sutton Sr., his great-grandparents, David Dogsleep and Isabelle Johnly, and Sophia Redhat and Fred Limpy, uncle Corey Eckiwardy, and great uncle Eugene Redhat.

Those left to cherish his memory are his parents, Galen and Angel Reed, sisters, Alicia Reed of El Reno, Okla., Calista Reed of Edmond, Tierra Reed of Edmond, Alaina Reed of Edmond, Nina Reed of Edmond, and Juliana Reed of Edmond, and brothers, Alex Reed of Edmond and Jalen Reed also of Edmond. Others who will miss his presence in their lives are his grandparents Claudette and Kenny Eckiwordy of Edmond, grandma Frankie



Lime of Woodward, Okla., niece Audrey Saldana of El Reno, and nephew Daniel Sutton of Oklahoma City. There are several aunts, uncles, a niece and a nephew, the Beverly Dogsleep family, Donna Gonzalez family, Corrine Washee family, Betty Joe Williams family, Nina Johnson Family, David Garcia Family, Ritchie Sutton, Ann Limpy, Mike Limpy, other relatives and friends who will miss Xavier in their lives.

A traditional all-night wake service was held June 11 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held June 12, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Cantonment Cemetery under the direction of Redinger Funeral Home.

Leah Deborah Cline

Leah Deborah Cline, a loving mother, sister, and grandmother, passed away on June 6, 2023, in Tulsa, Okla. She was born on July 25, 1967 in San Jose, Calif.

Leah was a thoughtful and adventurous woman who touched the lives of many with her warmth and kindness.

A high school graduate, Leah was a lifelong learner who enjoyed challenging herself with crossword puzzles and expanding her knowledge through reading and conversation.

Leah was an avid fisherwoman who found solace and joy in the peacefulness of the water. She also enjoyed planting flowers, tending to her garden and farming, Leah’s adventurous spirit led her to explore new places and experiences, often accompanied by her loved ones.

Leah’s loving nature was evident in the way she cared for her family and friends. She was always there to lend a helping hand, offer a warm

embrace, or share a kind word. Her thoughtfulness extended beyond her immediate circle, as she was known to go out of her way to help others in need.

Leah’s passing leaves a void in the hearts of those who knew and loved her, but her memory will live on through the countless lives she touched with her kindness, generosity and love. Her adventurous spirit, loving nature and thoughtfulness will be remembered and celebrated by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Leah was preceded in death by her parents David and Lillie (Jeannette) Jacobs, her grandparents, Edward and Mamie Riggs and Charles and Anna Jacobs, brothers, Kenneth Tallbear and Bobby Lee Holmes, and her nephews, Anthony Yanez and Xavier Rodriguez.

Leah is survived in death by her brothers, Stacey Jacobs and wife Vada of Rattan, Okla., Rod Jacobs of Rattan, David Jacobs and wife Corliss of Broken Bow,



Okla., and Freddie Tallbear of Enid, Okla., her sisters, Rebecca Gamez of Broken Bow, Gwyn Walker of Valiant, Okla., and Rachael Olvera of Broken Bow. Leah was a proud and devoted mother to her sons, Eric Cline of Broken Bow, Zachary Cline of Broken Bow, and Roberto Yanez of Rattan, and her daughter Jessica Yanez and significant other Kyle Kuykendall of Rattan. She was a doting grandmother who cherished every moment spent with her grandchildren.

Funeral services were held June 10 at the Serenity Funeral Chapel in Antlers, Okla.

Helene (Shawnee) Rasmussen

Helene (Shawnee) Rasmussen was born on Aug. 11, 1957 in Clinton, Okla., to Wilfred and Amelia Ruby (Bates) Shawnee. Helene passed away on May 26, 2023 in Oklahoma City, at the age of 65.

Helene grew up in Geary, Okla., and graduated from Geary High School. She worked as an Advanced Certified Medication Aide in several places but at Baptist Retirement Center in Oklahoma City for most of her career and was a workaholic. Helene loved to cook, could make a mean porkchop, liked to travel, loved to bead and tie shawls, and loved puzzles. Most of all, she loved her family and spending time with them, with her daughter Amelia, all her siblings and extended family. She will be

greatly missed by all those who loved her.

Survivors include her daughter Amelia Shawnee of Yukon, Okla., her grandchildren, Shyla Sanders of Oklahoma City, Ross Shawnee of Yukon, and Rayne LeFlore of Yukon, her siblings, Ioleta Shawnee Davis of Oklahoma City, Jewell Shawnee of Geary, Johnny Shawnee of Geary, and companion Thurman (D.C.) Ross of Geary, and a host of nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends.

Helene was preceded in death by her parents, Wilfred and Amelia Ruby Shawnee, her husband, Robert Rasmussen, her siblings, Susan Shawnee, Henry Shawnee, Willia Shawnee, and Francis Lipton Shawnee Sr, her niece Mary Shawnee, and



her nephew Francis Lipton Shawnee Jr.

Wake services were held June 1 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral services were held June 2 at the Geary First Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Waylan Upchego, followed by an interment at the Geary Sunset Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Andreanna Louise Tsatigh

Andreanna Louise Tsatigh was born on Aug. 27, 1977 in Watonga, Okla. to Andrew Tsatigh and Earla Littleman Bullcoming. She departed this life on June 4, 2023 at the hospital in Sherman, Texas after a lengthy illness.

Anna was on a waiting list to get a kidney but God had other plans. He knew she was very tired, but she fought hard for years hoping to be able to reunite with her daughters. Her husband Brian was by her side everyday taking care of her through sickness and health.

Anna was raised by her grandparents Earl Sr. and Ada Littleman and later lived with her mother and stepdad Larry in Canton, Okla. She attended Longdale and Canton schools. She went to Job Corp. in Tahlequah, Okla. where she met her husband Brian. They have been together since Feb. 27, 1997. They have two daughters, Lizeth and Jacquelyn. Things happened in their lives where

they could not take care of the girls and they had to make a hard decision to do what at the time seemed in the best interest of the girls. Grandma and grandpa Littleman took them in and raised them until their passing. Anna loved her girls and was proud of their achievements.

Anna was preceded in death by her grandparents Earl Sr. and Ada Littleman and Melvin Sr. and Elizabeth Tsatigh, cousin/nephew Kemper Shropshire.

She is survived by her husband Brian Van Pelt of Honey Grove, Texas, daughters Lizeth Van Pelt and companion Tyler Hall of Honey Grove and Jacquelyn Van Pelt of Canton, father Andrew Tsatigh of Colorado, step-father Larry Bullcoming of Enid, Okla., brothers Elmer Tsatigh and wife Misty of Canton and Aaron Bullcoming and wife Michelle of Enid, Jonathan Bullcoming of Enid, sister/ cousin Billie Shropshire of



Kansas, cousins Edgar Littleman of Kansas and Earl Littleman III of California, uncles Theodore (Teddy) Littleman of El Reno, Okla., and Earl Littleman II and wife Lucy of Kansas, many nieces, nephews and other extended family and friends.

Wake services were held June 9 at the Canton Emergency Response Center in Canton, Okla. Funeral services were held June 10, at the same venue, officiated by Pastor James Scott, followed by an interment at the Cantonment Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.

Santos ‘José’ Edward Marques

Santos “José” Edward Marques was born on Sept. 10, 1971, in Clinton, Okla. to Santos Marques and Annabelle Morton. He passed away on June 7, 2023, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 51.

Jose grew up in El Reno and Anadarko, graduating from Anadarko High School. José loved going to rock concerts, was an OU fan, loved going to football games, Mardi Gras, going to pow wows in New Mexico and going to flea markets. He was a big fan of Bruce Lee and liked collecting swords and battle axes. He also had a big collection of hats of all kinds.

José was very proud of his Mexican heritage and also very proud of his Arapaho heritage. He was a very caring man who loved his family, always concerned and checking on them to see that everyone was okay. He

especially loved spending time with his children, taking his grandchildren to the park, and all of his extended family. He will be missed by all those who loved him. José was a member of Swapping-back Indian Baptist Church.

Survivors include his children, Damien Marques and wife Katelynn Howenstine, Deanna “Nala” Marques, and Danielle Custar and husband Beau, his grandchildren, Caleb Marques, Evelyn Marques, Leanna Marques, Elijah Custar, Halle Custar, and Emmett Custar, his siblings, Stella Morton Redbird, Joseph Morton, Robert Morton, Karen Moore, and his close cousin that he took as a sister Anna Kaye Rowledge, his aunt Patricia Rowledge, as well as many cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

José was preceded in death by his mother Anna-



belle Morton and his sister Carol Sue Ridgebear. His grandparents, Samuel Morton Sr. and Stella Campbell Morton.

A traditional all-night wake service was held June 12 at the Swapping Back Church in Geary, Okla. Funeral services were held June 13 at the First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla., officiated by Waylan Upchego, followed by an interment at the Morton Family Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Joan Carol White

Joan Carol White was born Sept. 25, 1969. She passed from this earth on May 28, 2023.

Funeral services were held June 7 at the Romero Family Funeral Chapel in Denver, Colo., followed by a meal at the Denver Indian Center.



OBITUARIES

Floyd Allen Beaver

Floyd Allen Beaver was born Jan. 27, 1974, to James Melvin Beaver Sr. and Earlene (Littleman) Beaver in Clinton, Okla. and passed away May 22, 2023, in his El Reno, Okla. home.

Floyd was raised in Clinton and attended school at Riverside Indian School. He married Sassone Orange in 2013 in Concho, Okla.

He was a Black Kettle Wildfire Fighter; he also made a living doing auto mechanics and he received his certificate for barbering. He enjoyed working on vehicles, listening to music, fishing, hunting and free-style bike surfing.

He was preceded in death by his dad, son Kiya Bijan

Beaver and daughter Sweetwater Beaver and brother James Melvin Beaver.

His passion was his children which he loved with all his heart and he is survived by two daughters, Singingwater Beaver of El Reno and Dixie Rain Beaver of Elk City, Okla., four sons, Eagle Path Hamilton Beaver of El Reno, , Whitewolf Beaver, Thunder Beaver and Lightening Beaver, all of Elk City, , mother Earlene Beaver of El Reno, sister Bobbie Kaulay and husband Jonathan of El Reno, and brother George Oakley of Clinton.

Wake services were held May 26 at the Kiesau Lee Funeral Chapel in Clinton,



Okla. Funeral services were held May 27 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center, with Pastor Anthony Williamson officiating, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.

Donald DeWayne LeFlore

Donald DeWayne “Deezy” LeFlore was born Oct. 2, 1985 in Shawnee, Okla., to John Allen LeFlore Sr. and Colleen Haag Tabor. He passed away June 1, 2023 in Calumet, Okla., at the age of 37.

Deezy attended Calumet Schools. He was a laborer. He enjoyed playing basketball and was a talented Indian singer.

Deezy is survived by his mother Colleen Tabor of Calumet, his partner Leslie Alden of Montana, his six siblings, JoAnn Tongkeamah and Wendell of Oklahoma City, John Allen LeFlore

Jr. of Calumet, Janet Chavez and Selso of Calumet, Rani Tabor Starr and Seth of Oklahoma City, Feather Tabor-Chalepah and Richie of Calumet, Lydia Rose Tabor of Calumet, and step-daughter Naveah Alden, as well as many, many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his fathers Robert Tabor and John LeFlore Sr., sister Tish Haag and brother-in-law Dasmond Martinez.

An all-night traditional wake service was held June 5 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral services were



held June 6 at the Chief Cornerstone Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Jeffrey Haag, followed by an interment at the Geary Sunset Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Thomas Lightfoot

Thomas Lightfoot was called home May 26, 2023, in the Oklahoma University Medical Center. Thomas was born Aug. 30, 1959, in Lawton, Okla. to Helena Gawhega but was raised by Arthur and Cecilia Lightfoot who preceded Thomas in death.

Thomas was very outspoken and a Native American Church man. He traveled to many different states with his great friend Morgan LittleSun for different ceremonies, such as sun dances, peyote meetings and sweats. He helped out with the fire and where his help was asked of at times and always loved being a part of the Native American Church.

He was glad to meet new people wherever they traveled and would take in all the knowledge to learn new ways of the church. He will be truly missed but never forgotten.

Thomas is survived by three daughters, Brandy Lightfoot, Emma Lightfoot and her five children and one grandson, and Yvonne Lightfoot and her two children, uncle Arlen Lightfoot and wife Colleen, their daughter Gabrielle and granddaughter Abby Lightfoot, aunt Sandra Snelling and her two sons Shannon Snelling, Justin Snelling, and son Arthur and daughter Cecilia.

Traditional wake services



were held May 27 and May 27 at the Otoe-Missouri Cultural Building in Red Rock, Okla. Funeral services were held May 29, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Otoe-Missouri Tribal Cemetery under the direction of Poteet Funeral Home.

Ella Mae Morton

Ella Mae Morton was born on Aug. 15, 1937 in Concho, Okla., to Samuel Sr. and Estella (Campbell Warden) Morton. Ella passed away on June 4, 2023 in Carnegie, Okla., at the age of 85.

Ella grew up in Geary, Okla., attended boarding school in Concho and graduated from Clinton High School. She attended Haskell College in Lawrence, Kansas.

Ella worked in Realty for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anadarko, Okla., where she lived most of her life. Ella was an excellent seamstress, she made Easter dresses every year and made many clothes over the years even made her own patterns. She enjoyed riding around Caddo County, liked being out in the country, and enjoyed going to the casino. Ella was very close to her family and extended family, often helping her nieces and nephews, always welcomed them into her home for whatever was needed. She

loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Survivors include her children, Lynda Morton and husband Joseph Limon of Anadarko, Delbert Morton of the home in Anadarko, Gary Morton and wife Starry of Concho and Donnie Morton and wife Colleen of Yukon, Okla. Her grandchildren, Tyler Limon, Lyndon Limon, Alexis Morton, Erica Morton, Tiffany Morton, Giselle Tsatoke, Gary Morton Jr., Patricia Hogshooter, Brandon Morton, Donovan Morton, and Deidre Morton, her great grandchildren, Lorenzo Limon, Riley Morton, Amya Lenae Lorentz, Sophia Morton, Emily Morton, Mavis Morton, Christopher Morton, Maelee Morton, Michael Morton, and Olivia Morton, her sister, Pat Rowledge of Geary, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Ella was preceded in death by her parents, Samuel and Stella Morton, her grandson



Alan Ray Morton, her siblings, Milton Morton, Samuel Morton Jr., Delbert Morton, Levi Morton, Cordelia Bearbow, Annebelle Morton, Linda Morton Bacon, Betty James, Ava Morton White-tail, Douglas Campbell and Charlie Campbell.

A traditional all-night wake service was held June 8 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held June 9, at the same venue, officiated by Rev. Waylan Upchego, followed by an interment at the Morton Family Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Atticus Dean Littleman

Atticus Dean Littleman entered this world sleeping with his angel wings on June 5, 2023. He was welcomed by his loving parents Alisun Little Coyote and Albert Littleman. He was a baby brother to Iziah Racelis, Adriana and Ariauna Benton and Avery, Axtun and Takoda Littleman. He was the grandson of Karen Little Coyote and Mary Littleman. There are many aunts, uncles and other relatives who will miss his presence on this earth.

Greeting little Atticus

in heaven are his grandparents, William Littleman Sr. and Gordon Whiteman, Nellie Littleman, Ruth Higgins, Harvey Miles, Cecil Dawes and Wilma Little Coyote, and Bubbas Alex Washington and Thunder Weaselbear. Also, great-grandparents Mary and Hailman Little Coyote.

Although his time here was brief, little Atticus will live in our hearts and he will be loved and cherished forever.

Wake services were held June 8 at the Ham-



mon Emergency Response Center in Hammon, Okla. Funeral services were held June 9 at the Seiling First Christian Church in Seiling, Okla., followed by an interment in the Brumfield Cemetery under the direction of Redinger Funeral Home.

Joseph Ray Lunsford

Joseph Ray Lunsford, was born Dec. 27, 1947 to Luther and Rosabelle (Wilson) Lunsford in Clinton, Okla., and passed away May 10, 2023, in Brule, NE.

Joseph was raised in Calumet, Okla., and graduated high school in 1966. He was a bull rider and joined the rodeo circuit riding in rodeos all over. He soon joined the oilfields and worked in Oklahoma and Colorado.

He is a citizen of the Cheyenne Tribes, enjoyed hunting and working with horses.

He was preceded in

death by his parents, two brothers, Tommy Lunsford and Luther Lunsford.

He is survived by five children, Scout (Lunsford) Jowell, Shannon (Lunsford) Yowell, Christy Joe Lunsford, Jeffery Lunsford and Selton Lunsford, three sisters, Patricia Rogue of Arapaho, Okla., Sue Ann Lunsford of New Mexico, Amanda Lunsford of Arizona, three brothers, Lou Allen Lunsford of Colorado, Mark Lunsford of Calumet and James Lunsford of Amarillo, Texas. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Braydon and Jake Yowell, and Candon Goble.



Wake services were held June 5 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held June 6, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery.

Murray Medicinebird

Murray MedicineBird was born June 14, 1950 in Clinton, Okla., to Frank MedicineBird Sr. and Minoma (Antelope) Davison. He passed away May 30, 2023 in Geary, Okla., at the age of 72.

Murray graduated from Chilocco Indian School and attended SIPI Trade School. He retired from Goodyear where he was a tire builder supervisor and worked at Sugar Creek Casino in his later years. Murray was a big OU Sooners fan, he played softball and basketball, and really loved all sports. He enjoyed going to powwows, participating in Sundance Ceremonies, and sweat lodge ceremonies, as an elder of the tribes he was a fluent Cheyenne speaker, and was a member of All Tribes Baptist Church in Geary.

Murray was a direct descendant of Chief White Antelope of the Sand Creek Massacre. He loved doing things for others without asking for anything in return, and if he did not know how or couldn't, he found someone who could help them.

Murray also enjoyed fish-

ing with his wife, Karen, going to casinos, and most of all, loved doing things with his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by all those who loved him.

Survivors include his children, Stephen MedicineBird of Lawton, Okla., Roland MedicineBird of Hinton, Okla., Janetta McGahagin of Weatherford, Okla., Denny MedicineBird of El Reno, Okla., Waymon MedicineBird of Norman, Okla., Jan-na Presley of El Reno, Earl Plumley of El Reno, and Christopher Plumley of Cyril, Okla. His grandchildren, Faith Salas, Carson MedicineBird, Tamryn McGahagin, Dino MedicineBird, Berto Medicinebird, Dorian Plumley, Dyson Plumley, Brandon Whiteman, Marina Berryhill, Stephen Two MedicineBird, Dugan MedicineBird and Cheyenne MedicineBird, his siblings, Edwina Whiteman and husband Chester of Geary, Francine Wilson of Geary, Myra MedicineBird of Canton, Deborah Whiteman of Watonga, Okla., and Mary Onco of Watonga, great grand-



children, Violet Salas and Marlowe Plumley, as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Murray was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Karen Coker MedicineBird, his grandfather Joe Antelope, his siblings, Gerald MedicineBird, Frankie MedicineBird Hale, Joe MedicineBird and Frank MedicineBird Jr.

Wake services were held June 2 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral services were held June 3 at the Geary First Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Waylan Upchego, followed by an interment at the Geary Sunset Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

Kimberly Joyce Daukei Lime

Kimberly Joyce Daukei Lime was born July 23, 1970 to James Wolf Daukei and Arlene (Standingwater) Daukei. She departed this life on May 30, 2023 at the Watonga Mercy Hospital.

Kimberly graduated with the class of 1988 at Canton High School. On June 30, 1989 Kimberly married Albert Aaron “Bo” Lime.

Kimberly attended cosmetology school in Enid, Okla. and then went on to study at Haskell Indian Nations College in Lawrence, Kansas.

Kimberly was a sister for the Kitfox society for many years until she was married. Kimberly held many princess titles for several different powwows while she was growing up. Kimberly danced traditional southern style buckskin and

cloth. Kimberly’s greatest accomplishment was when she had her daughter Neko Lachelle Watson.

Kimberly’s hobbies included cooking, listening to music, and most of all spending time with her daughter and family. She was always willing to help anyone. Kimberly had a heart of gold and always looked out for her family and friends. Kimberly was preceded in death by both her parents, husband Albert Aaron “Bo” Lime, two brothers Theodore “Ted” Daukei and Arlen Daukei, and two sisters Corrine Stewart and Carole Daukei.

She is survived by one daughter Neko Watson and one sister Ramona Abrams both of Canton, one brother Stacker Daukei of El Reno, numerous nieces, nephews,



grandchildren, extended family and friends. Kimberly will be greatly missed by all her family and many friends.

Wake services were held June 2 at the Canton Emergency Response Center in Canton, Okla. Graveside services were held June 3 at the Canton Reinterment (Chiefs) Cemetery, officiated by Past Gerald Panana, under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.

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