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## A Week of Celebration: Oklahoma Indian Nations Proclamation by El Reno Mayor and Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor

(EL RENO, OK) Organizers of the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow and officials with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes were welcomed to a reception on Aug. 2 to celebrate the 33rd annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow.

Dara Franklin, one of the main organizers of the event, was presented a key to the city by El Reno Mayor Steve Jensen at the reception held at Great Plains Bank on Country Club in El Reno,

Former Mayor Matt White, now with Great Plains, was on hand to welcome the audience that included members of the media from Oklahoma City. Jensen read a proclamation proclaiming the week to be celebrated and dedicated to

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Dara Franklin is presented with a key to the city of El Reno and the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Proclamation by El Reno Mayor Steve Jenson Aug. 2 at the Great Plains Bank in El Reno, Okla. (Photo / Ray Dyer)

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## **Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Speaks at Monthly El Reno Now Event**

By Ray Dyer, rdyer@elrenotribune.com

only person to ever be re-elected governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He's also the only Chevenne and Arapaho ofncial to say the tribes have offered a long-term lease to the federal government to continue scientific research at Fort Reno, should the land be given back to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

Wassana spoke to a packed crowd at El Reno Now Breakfast. The event, hosted by the city of El Reno and El Reno

Public Schools, is held quarterly at the Public Safety Center on SW 27<sup>th</sup> Street in El Reno, Okla.

Now in his sixth year and second term as governor, Wassana provided a look into the operations of the tribes, which boasts close to 14,000 enrolled citizens. He said the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes own more than 21,000 acres throughout 11 counties in central and western Oklahoma. The tribes also have holdings in Colorado, site of the first tribal reservation, as well as Montana. There's even a presence in Italy, in the form of a "sister city," Gov. Wassana said.

Wassana has worked in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal government "since Bill Clinton" in the 1990s. He's seen the progress the tribes have made since adopting their first Constitution in April of 2006.

The turmoil and in-fighting of the tribes years ago has transitioned into a modern business operation that has some 600 people working in programs and govern-

Reggie Wassana is the ment, as well as more than 1,000 people who work in tribal casino and hospitality positions. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are the largest employers in some of the counties where they have operations. He said the city of Elk City and the city of Clinton are working with the tribes on new ventures.

Wassana said the minimum wage for employees is \$12 per hour, while a "tip-paying" position minimum wage is \$9. He said the casino "tip jobs" are coveted. 'We have some of our tip employees making \$90,000 a year," Wassana said.

The tribes own six casinos, two hotels, a couple of travel plaza properties and farm and ranch operations that include more than 1,000 head of buffalo and 450 head of cattle. A ranch of more than 7,000 acres was purchased near Hammon in western Oklahoma.

The tribes also have big plans for more business expansion and development. Wassana said he fields calls regularly from entities wanting to partner with the tribes on various ventures. From technology-related businesses to agriculture and manufacturing, potential business partners are plentiful, he

But the one thing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes covet and have for well over a century is the return of Fort Reno. The 6,000acre former military post that now hosts the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) ARS operation is something Wassana and the Cheyenne and Arapaho



Gov. Reggie Wassana speaks at the monthly El Reno Now breakfast event in El Reno, Okla. (Photo / Reggie Wassana)

Tribes say could mean transformation for not only the tribes, but for the entire area and especially El Reno.

Representatives from Sen. James Lankford and Rep. Frank Lucas were in the audience at the El Reno Now event. Wassana said he has met with both members of Congress over the years as well as the Secretary of Agriculture and Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska.

"I even met with President Trump," Wassana said. "He said, 'Yeah, I hear the tribes are doing good things,' and I remember thinking, how would you know."

He said he has not met with President Biden.

Wassana said the tribes have offered a long-term lease to keep the ARS operations at Fort Reno in return for the land. He said discussions have included the possibility of bison research, a major business for the tribes.

Wassana said a restaurant owner in Colorado told him she sells more than \$1 million in buffalo burgers and steaks in a year. "She wants all we can

supply her," he said.

Wassana showed slides of potential developments at Fort Reno. He said the tribes' ability to market the fort could help boost tourism for the area. The possible uses

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### **Grand Opening** Celebration of McKee's **Indian Store and Susan Peters Gallery**



Caddo Nation Tribal Council with Lane Factor at the Grand Opening Reception. L-R: Arlene Kay O'Neale, Tracy Martine, Jennifer Reeder, special guest Lane Factor, Caddo Nation Chairman Bobby Gonzalez, Caddo Nation Vice-Chairwoman Kelly Factor, Verna Whitebead Castillo, Jennifer Wilson and Travis Threlkeld.

(ANADARKO, OK) The Caddo Nation celebrated the grand opening of McKee's Indian Store and Susan Peters Gallery on Aug. 2, in conjunction with the opening of this year's American Indian Exposition. A grand opening reception was held Aug. 3, with visitors getting the opportunity to meet Lane Factor, known as 'Cheese' on the FX hit show Reservation

Dogs. The grand opening of McKee's Indian Store marked a significant step towards revitalizing Andarko's Main Street. McKee's Indian Store has long been a cherished landmark in the Anadarko community known for its rich history in Native art and a wide range of supplies for arts, crafts and traditional clothing.

The acquisition also included the Susan Peters Gallery, an integral part of the McKee's Indian Store, providing a platform to showcase the diverse cultural and artistic talents of the community. The Caddo Nation aims to celebrate and honor the Indigenous artists from the local communities, whose works have garnered both local acclaim and international

recognition. "Acquiring the store and gallery allows us to showcase the diverse cultural and artistic talents of our community," Caddo Chairman Bobby Gonzalez said. "Our goal is to acknowledge and uplift the beauty of our artistic traditions and empower our communities and younger generations of artists."

The celebration featured the remarkable artworks of Caddo artists, Jeri Redcorn, Chase Earles, Chad Earles, Wayne Earles, and Yonaveah Hawkins, exhibited in the Susan Peters Gallery.

McKee's Indian Store will be open 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday. It is located at 116 W. Main Street in Anadarko, Okla. Visit their website at www. mckeesindianstore.com.

## Final Listing of **Candidates Release** for 2023 Cheyenne and **Arapaho Elections**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission releases the final list of candidates for the 2023 Primary Elections set to be held Oct. 3, 2023. Candidates will face off in the primary election Oct. 3, with the top two winners advancing to the General Election set to be held Nov. 7, 2023.

The final candidates for Legislature are: Arapaho District 3 Legislator: Travis Ruiz, incumbent, Patrick Spottedwolf and Alfred Whiteshire.

Arapaho District 4 Legislator Rector Candy, incumbent and Reva Wassana.

Cheyenne District 1 Legislator Bruce Whiteman, incumbent, Wilma Blackbear, Burl Buffalomeat and Cato Red Hat.

Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Gayland Perry Fraser, Tony George, Nathan Hart, Mary J. Higgins, Justin Ruiz, Thomas Trout, Charlene Wassana and Ronald Redshin.

Candidates for the Election Commission are Arapaho District 1 Election Commissioner Ray Mosqueda, incumbent and Ken-

Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner Dale Hamilton Jr., incumbent, Tina Stevens Littleman, Kelly Loneman and Dale

Chevenne District 2 Election Commis-

sioner Norma Yarbrough, incumbent (winning by acclamation due to no other cani-Cheyenne District 4 Election Commissioner Sarah Orange, incumbent (winning

by acclamation due to no other candidate

Below are submitted candidate introductions. (NOTE: Every attempt was made by the Tribal Tribune to include a submission from every candidate.)



#### **ELECTION COMMISSION** Concho, OK 73022



#### Election Commission Announces the Final Listing of Candidates for the 2023 Elections

Concho, Oklahoma (June 15, 2023) – The Election Commission has completed all the eligibility checks on the Preliminary listing of candidates and here is the Final listing of candidates for the 2023 Elections.

#### **LEGISLATORS**

**Arapaho District 3** 

Travis Ruiz, Incumbent Patrick Spottedwolf Alfred Whiteshirt

**Arapaho District 4** 

Rector Candy, Incumbent Reva Wassana

#### **Cheyenne District 1**

Bruce Whiteman Jr, Incumbent Wilma Blackbear **Burl Buffalomeat** Cato Red Hat

#### Cheyenne District 3

**Gayland Perry Fraser** Tony George Nathan Hart Mary J. Higgins Justin Ruiz **Thomas Trout** Charlene Wassana

#### **ELECTION COMMISSIONERS**

Arapaho District 1

Ray Mosqueda, Incumbent Kennesha Willis

#### Arapaho District 2

Dale Hamilton Jr, Incumbent Tina Stevens Littleman Kelly Loneman Dale Hamilton Sr

#### **Cheyenne District 2** Norma Yarbrough, Incumbent

**Cheyenne District 4** 

Sarah Orange, Incumbent

## Legislator Candidate Introductions

Candidate Arapaho District 3 Legislator - Travis Ruiz, Incumbent



Speaker Travis Ruiz, Arapaho District 3 incumbent, embodies the unyielding spirit of sovereignty for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes My relentless dedication to preserving our autonomy and Language has paved a path for self-governance and self-determination.

The crowning achievement of my tenure, a constitutional amendment to our membership, represents

more than a legal milestone; it symbolizes our tribes' independent identity.

"One of the most important aspects of leadership to me is the ability to work together for future generations of Cheyenne and Arapaho people by helping keep our tribes progress moving forward."

This vision inspires us all, fortifying our sovereignty for generations to come.

Candidate Arapaho District 3 Legislator - Alfred Whiteshirt Jr.



Heebe ,Tous Nee'eeshi'inoo Alfred

Whiteshirt, Jr. My Arapaho name is Wo-teen Niice'Bii Black Horse. meaning My parents are Rosina Lime-Lonebear and the late Alfred Whiteshirt, Sr. I reside in Clinton, Oklahoma with my lovely wife, Heather Whiteshirt, and our 5 chil-

dren. I come from a strong bloodline, descending from the Whiteshirt, Lime, Whitehorse, and Chiefly families from the Seiling/Canton areas. I'm announcing my candidacy for the Arapaho

District 3. I am very proud to say I have been a loyal and committed employee with Lucky Star Casino for over 16 years. It is my belief that new faces, new ideas, and a new vision can bring positive changes for our Hinono'ei people and future generations without losing sight of our strong culture and traditions. I would greatly appreciate your support and vote as I Stand For Change for the betterment of our Tsistsistas & Hinono'ei Tribes. Hohou

Candidate Arapaho District 3 Legislator - Patrick Spottedwolf



I am seeking the A3 legislative seat, which I have held previously. In the past four years the people and district has been ignored, I plan to have regular meetings in the district to distribute information and get information

on tribal programs out to the people. I plan to have an office in the Clinton district and meeting with constituents on a monthly and quarterly time frame. I plan to have holiday dinners in district, back to having fellowship with tribal members, more help for the elders, more help for Veterans, making sure programs are used for all tribal citizens and making sure tribal employees treat tribal citizens with respect.

Oklahoma since 1987. I have four children, Shawn, An- in 1994. thony, Patrice, and adopted stepson Eddie Henry and two deceased children, John

and Lorenzo Henry. I also have 16 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

I am 4/4 Cheyenne and Arapaho, descendent from Baldwin and Nita Twins, my mother was Anna Slagle (all Cheyenne, and Ben & Helen Spottedwolf (Arapaho), my dad was Benjamin Spottedwolf and I am Northern Arapaho Rabbitman and sponsored the Northern Arapaho Sundance in 1986. I am a Veteran of the U.S. Ma-I have lived in Bessie, rine Corps and was honored to become an Arapaho Chief

I appreciate your support granddaughter Anna Helen, in voting for me for your next A3 Legislator.

#### Candidate Arapaho District 4 Legislator - Reva Wassana

Greetings Tribal Citizens. My name is Reva Wassana (Arapaho for Wasonee). My indian name is Gros Ventres Woman First light of the Early Morning. I was raised by elders, the late Susie and Chester Wassana, paternal grandparents. My great grandfather's name was Wassana and my great grandmother Crow Woman. When the US Government made us citizens of our own country. A name was either translated to English from Arapaho which Wassana translates into English as "Short Man."

Originally my great grandfather's name spelled phonetically was "Wasonee." My family never changed the typographical error when it was documented. This is how "Wasonee" became Wassana. My family pronounces it correctly, as did all my non-Native friends and the businesses in Weatherford where I grew up. I continue to correct the pronunciation of my great grandfather's name, Wasonee, that became "surname," my family's Wassana, out of respect for him and my family.

I am half Arapaho and half Wichita. My grandparents enrolled me as Arapaho with them in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. My father, the late Truman Wassana, married my mother Alma Stephenson from Anadarko. I have one older half-brother, James Nelson. I come from two strong tribal nations, the Arapaho and Wichita. My mother passed away when I was young. I never was able to see her, life's circumstances and I miss her every day. However, I could be my mother's twin. I feel the Cre-

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applications for the Homeowner Assistance Fund Program (HAF). The HAF Program received a high volume of applications and the HAF Staff is working diligently to get those applications processed and reviewed as soon as possible.



If you have any questions regarding your application or the funding, please give us a call at 580-331-2400 or stop by and make an appointment with the HAF Staff at 2100 Dog Patch Road, Clinton, OK, 73601.

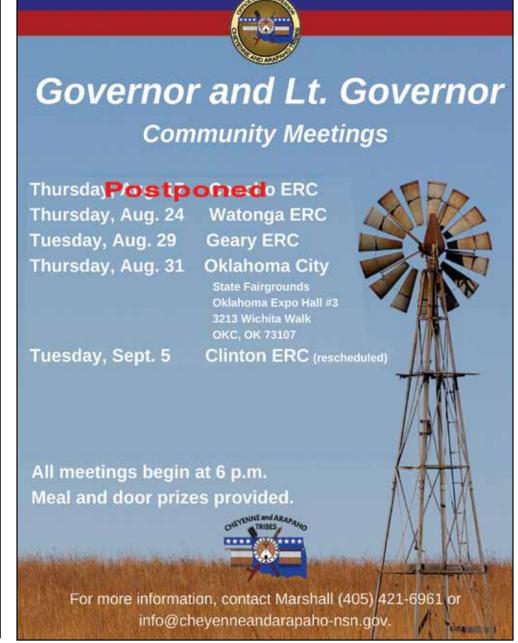
The HAF Program will only process applications already submitted

Thank you for your patience with us and the HAF Staff appreciates you!

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## Providing a Path to Medical Resources

## Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Launches Pathways to Community Living Program

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

(CONCHO, OK) Serving Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens in the state of Oklahoma, the newly formed Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Pathways to Community Living program strives to provide services to tribal citizens in need.

Whether it is helping tribal citizens enroll in Sooner-Care Medicaid, providing durable medical equipment or case management services, the ultimate goal of the program is to ensure tribal citizens are receiving the care their entitled to.

The Pathways to Community Living (PCL) program first launched in January under the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Health as part of a five-year grant entitled, 'Money Follows the Person.' The grant is from the Okla-



Beverly Jacquez was the first recipient to receive medical equipment on May 9 from the Pathways to Community Living program. (Courtesy photo)

homa Health Care Authority and is funded by the Center of Medicaid and Medicare. The Chevenne and Arapaho Tribes and Musogee Nation are the only two pilot programs in Oklahoma to receive the tribal initiative grant.

The program became fully staffed in May with Roberta 'Bobbie' Hamilton as the director and Susan Geary as the community health nurse.

Hamilton said the program provides services to help tribal citizens not only enroll in SoonerCare but also to help tribal citizens transition from the hospital to their homes and need assistance within their communities.

"We provide case management and durable medical equipment if needed and that includes hospital beds, canes, walkers, rollators, any medical equipment that the patient needs, we work with their physician, their discharging agency, we work with them trying to assess the need and how we can help them, we work with home health agencies, we work with hospice agencies and provide services to the clients," Hamilton said.

The program targets all ages with assistance, accepts referrals and applications for services readily available. After an application is filled out, the program initiates what they call a pathways standard of care.

"Once we receive a referral we do the application, we enroll that person in SoonerCare if they're not already enrolled, we complete a nurse assessment, we complete a mental health assessment and then lastly we complete a home assessment, from there it is determined what type of services that tribal member needs, it includes behavioral health counseling, it may include needing a rollator, whatever services they need," Hamilton said.

As a newly formed program, Hamilton said they're still developing the program as they go and have held several outreaches.

Taking on the role as the community health nurse for the program, Geary provides the nursing assessment to clients and works with local physicians and hospitals that clients come from as part of the nurse case management for the program.

Other staff in the program include Isaiah Garcia, Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) and Irene Lime, administrative assistant and bill coder.

"Initially I communicate with the tribal citizens and their families in regard to their healthcare, I'll receive numerous calls throughout the day regarding patients that are in ICU or nursing homes that are needing assistance and guidance on how to establish home health and hospice care," Geary said.

By establishing communication and coordination between the health facility, the patient and the program, Geary said her work is never ending.

"I'll have calls on the weekends at night just from patients having questions, which I don't mind it's something that's really needed and it makes a tribal citizen feel secure, knowing that they can call on this program and have that backup for them," Geary said.

Geary said the program also strives to educate tribal citizens on their health, such as with diabetes, high blood pressure and medical equipment. She said they go every-



Bobbie Hamilton is pictured with Robert Blackowl, who was one of two who received a semi-electric hospital bed on July 28. (Courtesy photo)

thing about the process, what to expect and who to contact.

"We have tribal citizens who aren't aware of certain services that are offered through our tribe and IHS and other entities around the area, so it's been a lot of outreaching and communication and including the tribal citizens and their families," Geary said.

Geary said a priority the program focuses on that helps benefits tribal citizens the most is getting citizens enrolled for SoonerCare Medicaid.

"A lot of them weren't aware that we qualify, and the target group is 19 to 64 that didn't know they could even apply for it and utilize those services through Oklahoma Health Care, so that's the main thing, just making them aware of the benefits that they're entitled to," Geary said.

The Pathways to Community Living works in conjunction with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Diabetes Wellness Program, the Office of Veterans Affairs, Elder Care, the Hope program and Food Pantry.

"We strive to make sure that tribal citizens receive all eligible benefits and deliver those as we deliver items to the patient," Geary said.

Hamilton said the overall goal for the program is to become self-sufficient at the end of the five years.

"So far it's very successful, we have identified tribal citizens, who in their standard of care was not followed through by certain agencies for whatever reason so we came into their health pathway and picked it up in providing services that they need," Hamilton said.

## Laughs, Music, Fellowship

### Comedians and musicians come together for a one-night performance promoting the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow.

Walking into the Canadian County Expo Center guests were greeted by each of this year's 2023 Oklahoma Indian Nations Princesses with a shaking of the hand a greeting of welcome. Welcoming the guests were Senior Miss Santana Moquino, Junior Miss Abbygail Littleman and Little Miss Emily Gray.

As the guests were arriving Emcee One DJ Marcus Athony was busy on stage keeping the music playing as people visited friends and family and meandered to their seats.

Taking the stage first was rocker Lance Gouge, a 21-year-old Mvskoke citizen, who was raised in Henryetta, Okla. He grew up in a musical family and at the age of 13 he taught himself how to play the guitar. His "Red Dirt" sound has become a favorite throughout Oklahoma with his songs,

'This Time,' 'Tonight,' and 'She's a Good One' can all be found on Spotify.

Comedian Zebadiah No-Fire, Cherokee, is known for his comedic style challenging stereotypes and shedding light on unique experiences of Native Americans. He has his own brand of Indigenous comedy and kept the audience laughing throughout his performance.

Following came violinist virtuoso Sage Cornelius from Topeka, Kansas giving his rendition of 'Devil Came Down to Georgia,' capturing everybody's attention. Cornelius gives credit for his playing to his years spent in symphonic orchestras and to his roots as a bluegrass fiddle player. Cornelius is Dine, Oneida, Potawatomi and Kickapoo.

Also gracing the state were the Means Brothers, Natannii Means and Tatanka Means. Natannii Means is a



Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow committee members enjoy the night of comedy and music. From l-r: Jessie Botone, Dara Franklin and Christine Morton. (Photo / Rosemary Stephens)

well-established rapper and has a passion for creating movies and acting. Tatanka Means is an award- winning actor, with his most recent film being 'Killers of the Flower Moon,' set to be released in October 2023. He is also a motivational speaker and stand-up comedian.

Both are the sons of American Indian Movement leader Russell Means.

And no show would be complete without an appearance from Ms. Mabel Simmons, aka Madea. Who had the audience rolling with laughter.

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range from history tourism, recreation, manufacturing, agriculture uses and education.

Wassana said he has discussed the return of Fort Reno with Mayor Steve Jensen and former Mayor Matt White and what it could mean for the community of El Reno.

"This would not only be good for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people, this would be good for the whole

area," Wassana said. A grinning Wassana said the tribes would be reaching out to Buc-ees, the Tex-

as-based

that operates mega travel stores. Social media rumors have been floating around for several years that Buc-ees was planning an El Reno store.

"Probably not going to happen, but we will be reaching out to them, you never know," Wassana said.

Mayor Steve Jensen, also with a grin, told Wassana El Reno wanted a piece of the sales tax if the tribes land a Buc-ees.

"Sure, we can do that," Wassana said, again with a grin.

"I'm gonna hold you to that," Jensen said, as the two shook hands.

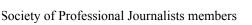
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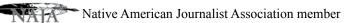
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Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow committee members and the 2023 Princesses, from l-r: Senior Miss Santana Moquino, Dara Franklin, Junior Miss Abbygail Littleman, Christine Morton, Little Miss Emily Gray and Jessie Botone. (Photos / Ray Dyer)

the Indian Nation Powwow. Chey- Plains Bank, they brought a powerful enne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana said the tribes and El Reno have a wonderful partnership.

"We are partners. We are friends and, in some cases, we are family," Gov. Wassana said.

The event was organized by Bearshield Promotions, owned by David Bearshield.

"We were so honored with the collaboration and cooperation with Great

August 31st 10:00am-3:00pm

**CONCHO RESPECT GYM** 

230 Black Kettle Blvd

Lunch Provided by:

**Diabetes Wellness** 

**Tradition Not Addiction** 

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**Native Connections** 

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**Health Education** 

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partnership with the city of El Reno through Oklahoma Indian Nations, making a huge impact on the state of Oklahoma. I am proud to be a part of this week's festivities," Bearshield said.

The powwow ran Aug. 4-6 at Concho Powwow Grounds in Concho,

(See list of powwow dance competition winners pg. 7)



Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Eryn Roman Nose performs the Lord's Prayer in traditional sign language.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Resources Available From:

George Hawkins

**Elder Care** 

Community Health

Representative

Vocational Rehab

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Outside organizational resources available from:

Unity House LLC

Red Rock

**Housing Authority** 

Affordable Connectivity

Program

**Food Distribution** 

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## **ELECTION COMMISSIONER CANDIDATES**

#### Candidate Arapaho District 1 Election Commissioner Ray Mosqueda, Incumbent



Candidate for A1 Election Commissioner

I am Ray Mosqueda from Canton, Okla., and I am running for the office of Arapaho 1 Election Commissioner.

I grew up in the Canton community having lived on the Cantonment Reservation for the first 16 years of my life and currently reside in Canton. I served six years in the United States Marine Corps where I worked as a fire control (radar) technician on an F4 Phantom Fighter Jet. After returning home, I worked at the US Gypsum Plant in Southard, Okla., as an instrumentation tech until taking early retirement. I then returned to college attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University earning my Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics.

I have worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Language Department, the Legislative Branch and the Election Commission. I am the current Election Commissioner for A1

and have been for the last five years.

I have gained some very good experience and I know I can help to keep improving the Election Commission office. I have a good understanding of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution and a good grasp of the Election Laws as now written. We will be updating the Election Law and with the help of our own Election Commission attorney and the Legislative Council, we should come up with a well-rounded and concise law that will serve the tribes for many years to

And so, with this, I respectfully ask for your vote in this 2023 Election.

#### Candidate Arapaho District 1 Election Commissioner Kennesha Willis



Kennesha Willis is an A1 lifer! I reside in Watonga,

Okla., with my three sons, Bryan, Leo and Marc. I also received my high school diploma from Watonga.

Ready for change and knowing that it begins with registered tribal voters is my motivating factor to run for the Arapaho District 1 Election Commissioner's seat.

I will focus on our youth's knowledge of elections and understanding the importance of using your voice to bring about change.

One of my goals is to in-

crease participation in future tribal elections for the 18-30 age group, which would include making sure they are properly registered.

While our future lies in the hands of our youth, I also know it is passed down from our elders.

I would like to reach out to every A1 community member for support and your vote in the upcoming election for A1 Election Commissioner. Use your Voice and VOTE!

#### Candidate Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner Tina Stevens Littleman



Hello, my name is Tina

Stevens Littleman and I am running for Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner. I have lived in the El Reno area for almost 26 years and like living in El Reno.

I grew up in Corn and Colony areas, then moved to Weatherford for where I graduated high school. I attended college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

I have worked for Glamour Shots as a digital artist, and then for Lucky Star Casino when it first opened its

doors. From there I moved to different departments within the tribe, such as the Crisis Program (before renaming to the HOPE Program), education and adult education.

In 2014 I worked for the Legislature for two years before moving to the Culture & Heritage Program.

I enjoy working to keep my mind off my physical health. Most of all I enjoy working for our people and I love getting out to meet new people with our tribe.

#### Candidate Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner Kelly Loneman



Heebe, Tous is Kelly My name Loneman, Nen Niiseii (Hine Nii seii). I am a candidate for Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner. I currently reside in El Reno, Okla., with my wife Laquita Pinky Loneman and son Trevor Loneman. I am the son/ grandson of the late Tennyson Goodblanket and Ruth LittleRaven Goodblanket, grandson of the late Charles Loneman of Ethete, Wyo.

Okla., area attending public schools there. I furthered my education was Western Oklahoma State College in Emergency Medical Technology, obtaining licensure as an EMT-Paramedic and becoming one of the first Native American Paramedics in the state. I also studied Welding Technology at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech.

I currently work with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Health COVID Task Force and have for the past two years. In my earlier years I worked for the tribes as the EMS Coordinator/EMS Director and with the Tribal Police as a patrol-

We previously resided in Geary, Calumet and Tulsa areas prior to moving back to El Reno. I have four children, five grandchildren, as well as bonus children and grandchildren. I am a memand the StarHawk Society, and proudly represent my family, family name and the Society.

ate your vote and confidence as your Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner. I will uphold the following: Assist and recruit ALL

I would greatly appreci-

eligible tribal citizens to register, update their voter registrations and to VOTE!

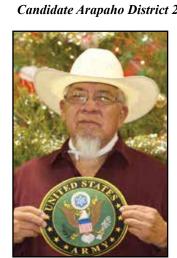
Ongoing recruitment for new voters in their respectful district.

Ensure that all Cheyenne and Arapaho elections remain fair, proper, honest and that ALL votes count.

Assist in bringing back the trust of tribal citizens and uphold the integrity of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission and the Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner's office.

Hohou for your vote and confidenc!

#### Candidate Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner Dale Hamilton Sr.



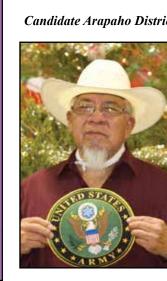
I am running for Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner. I've proven my sin-

cerity by holding that position for six years previously when we were paid poverty wages.

My Indian Name is Ni Vi a Huma (Sandhill). My father is the late Alvin R. Hamilton, Sr. and my mother is Verna M. Williams Hamilton. My grandfather is Bill Williams (Hou Noo

Ki - Whitecrow). My grandmother is Amanda Hoof Williams. My great grandfather is Bullthunder and his wife is Medicine Woman. My grandfather Bill Williams participated in the last Arapaho Sun Dance here in Oklahoma in the 1930s. My wife is Roberta "Bobbie" Hamilton, formerly White Thunder. I would appreciate your

vote.



Heebee Nietoueinoo

### **CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS**

#### CONTINUED: Candidate Arapaho District 4 Legislator - Reva Wassana

ator made me look just like her so I could see her every day until we reunite in Heav-

My father remarried and I have only one half-brother living, my baby brother Timothy Wassana. I have only two brothers, James and Timmy. Reggie is of no relation to me. When I first went to live with my grandparents we lived in Colony, USA. My grandparents and five other families started the annual Colony Powwow. Their goal was to create a homecoming for all Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizens to return home to. I was raised by the example I observed my grandparents lived their lives by with importance to be involved in our Cheyenne and Arapaho community. The importance for Tribal Unity was instilled in me, my life and my heart. Both my grandparents attended boarding school. In my home education was stressed with importance for proficiency in English. My grandparents raised me with everything I needed to succeed in life. This is why it was always my personal goal when I reached a certain professional level I would move home, give back to our tribes in some small way contribute to their furtherance. I thought it was in 2008 when I was promoted to COO over all four of our casinos, that I would achieve that goal.

Unpredictable, life with no warning can be hard. I weathered a wrongful termination with faith the Creator holds the plan. I worked all my life. A Weatherford high school graduate in 1977 with honors and an All-State tennis player. My heart was happy my grandparents proudly watched me graduate with my first degree. My grandfather passed, but my grandmother attended my graduation for a B.B.A. Soon after, she also passed. I earned an electronics degree, a second bachelor's in computer science (B.S.C.S.) and my M.S. in Telecommunications. My grandparents continue to inspire me, I learned from

them, pray for what you need and work for what you want. What I want today is to see the struggle end that plagues so many of our tribal people. I learned from a tribal business mentor, that if I'm not a part of the solution then I am a part of the problem. I have real world professional Information Technology specialized in tribal gaming business experience. I could have walked away with a settlement from a wrongful termination lawsuit. But the tribes would have had to pay and not the offenders. I was fired for being too smart and too honest. If I had to do it all over again I would do it the same, because I did the right thing. Because tribal people are my heart, not money. Family and non-familv tribal citizens asked me to move home and asked for my help. I am here to advocate for those that need my strong voice. It is for them that I stepped up to the plate by running for A4 District Legislator. Hahou, all my re-

our children to continue our

way of life. Our communi-

ties are strong, without the

people, there are no districts

and without the people there

is no Tribe. We, as commu-

nities, need to develop and

move forward and I am ask-

ing for your support to do so.

each community and home

and continue as a Tribe to

govern ourselves with our

inherent right of Sovereign-

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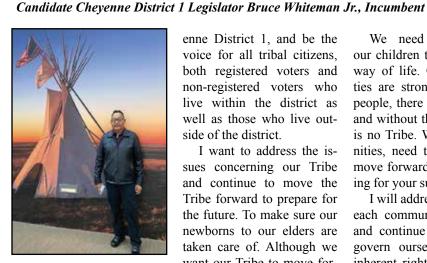
your support as we move

forward together.

Hahou (thank you) for

I will address our needs in

### We need to empower



My name is Bruce Whiteman Jr., current Cheyenne District 1 Legislator. I am declaring my candidacy as the incumbent for Cheyenne District 1 Legislator.

I am running for Cheyenne District 1 to represent the tribal citizens of Cheyenne District 1, and be the voice for all tribal citizens, both registered voters and non-registered voters who live within the district as well as those who live outside of the district.

I want to address the issues concerning our Tribe and continue to move the Tribe forward to prepare for the future. To make sure our newborns to our elders are taken care of. Although we want our Tribe to move forward into the future, we must never forget our past.

Our past as Cheyenne people is the only reason we are here and who we are. We need to preserve our way of life, our culture, our languages, our traditions and

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 1 Legislator Cato Red Hat



É-peveešeeva (It is a good day)

Greetings! My is Cato Gene RedHat. My Cheyenne name is Aénohe Óhvó>komaestse (White Hawk). I am a member of the Dog Soldier Society. I come from the RedHat, Nightwalker, Little Coyote and Black family. My father is Randal RedHat and my mother is Karen Little Coyote, both whom reside in Seiling, Okla.

I come from a large family. I was born and raised in Seiling, as the oldest twin brother of five siblings ... I know the importance of

family and culture. My wife, Rayelynda and I make our home in Seiling with our two

sons, Wesley Ray and Jayden

I am currently seeking the position of Cheyenne District 1 Legislator. As a fellow voting constituent, whose main focus is for our people, I would like your support and vote as I embark on this new endeavor of Cheyenne District 1 Legislator.

Together We Can Make A Difference. Neaese "Thank Vote4Cato.C1@ gmail.com.

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 1 Legislator Wilma Joyce Blackbear



My name is Wilma Joyce Blackbear and I am running for Cheyenne District 1 Legislator.

My father was Eugene Blackbear and my mother was Stella Bessie Roman Nose Blackbear. My paternal grandparents were Ralph Paul Blackbear and Stella Minnie Red Wolf. My maternal grandparents were

I have six children and 22 grandchildren whose futures

depend on us making good choices and decisions while serving as a legislator in the Legislative Branch of Government.

John Roman Nose and Nona

I also have six sisters, the late Imogene Blackbear, Ida Blackbear Parton, the late Frances Blackbear Doctor, Roberta Blackbear Osage, Susie Blackbear and the late Barbara Franklin, and six brothers, Fred Blackbear, Ralph Blackbear, Rex Blackbear, Eugene Blackbear, Larry Roman Nose and Anthony Tuau. I am married to Malcolm Whitebird Jr., and have resided in Watonga, Okla., for most of my life.

I will listen to your concerns about various issues within our Tribe and be your

voice, whether in district or out of district, we are all Cheyenne, Arapaho people. I will continue to honor our ancestors, protect our culture, language and traditions as we move forward as a whole and prosper together.

I will strive to ensure all branches of government follow our Constitution, promote transparency and sharing of information, ensure Veterans are receiving the maximum assistance they are entitled to, and their needs are being met, assisting our youth as they pursue their higher education and ensure our children are safe, their needs are met and are thriving in all of our communities, not only in Oklahoma but across the country.

I am asking for your support and VOTE on Oct. 3,

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 1 Legislator Burl Buffalomeat



Burl Buffalomeat for Cheyenne District 1 Legislator

Hello. I am running for Chevenne District 1 Legislator and would appreciate your support and your vote.

I was sworn in, in January 2016 as the Cheyenne District 1 Legislator and served for four years. During that time I was a part of the following accomplishments

New Fonda Community building

Storm Shelters with handicap accessibility

Elder Tribal Car Tags Elder Home Repairs

Along with being part of the Watonga Lucky Star Hotel & Convention Center and new land purchases. I will do my best to serve

the Cheyenne District 1 people, listening and advocating for our people.

Thank you for your support and your vote.

**Burl Buffalomeat** 

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Gayland Perry Fraser Hello Cheyenne and



Arapaho Tribal Members: My name is Gayland

'Perry' Fraser. To all my relatives and longtime friends who still call me by my nickname and to all of you that do not know me, I simply prefer to be known as Perry Fraser.

My grandparents were Charlie and Nellie Whitetail. They were originally from east of Arapaho,

Okla., on Turtle Creek. They moved to Thomas, Okla., where I was raised by my grandmother Nellie, and mother Alice White-

I am announcing my bid to run for the Cheyenne District 3 Legislative seat. I would be extremely honored to represent all of our tribal citizens that reside in the C3 District. Haho

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Thomas Trout



Haa'ah Tsistsis'tas nahesevehehe Meonestoohe

Thomas Trout, a member of the Cheyenne District 3 community. As issues continue to rise in our community, I have decided I would like to be part of the solution, not the problem or the navsaver. I believe in what my community has to say and I find great value in every word given from each and every

one of you.

As I run for Cheyenne Greetings, my name is District 3 Legislator, I am prepared to listen to tribal citizens that want to express any thoughts, questions or concerns that needs to be heard. I will be a voice for our communities and our people, so we can stand together rather than apart.

Together We Will Stand -Vote Trout 2023!

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Lt. Gov. Gib Miles

El Reno Mayor Steve Jenson Great Plains Bank of El Reno Matt White

Arapaho District 3 Legislator/ Speaker Travis Ruiz

Arapaho District 2 Legislator Kendricks Sleeper

Arapaho District 1 Legislator Diane Willis

Elsie Sage, Culture & Heritage Reno Program

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Gina Musae, principal, Darlington Public School

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And especially to our all our dances and participants

### Congratulations to all of the 2023 **Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Contest Winners**

Champion-Rose Hill

1st Consolation-Thunder Hill 2<sup>nd</sup> Consolation-Ocese Band

Men's Golden Ag (Combined):

2<sup>nd</sup> – David Reyes

4th - Terry Tsotigh

Men's Grass Dance:

4th - Kenneth Taylor

Men's Traditional Dance:

1<sup>st</sup> – Louie Sage

2<sup>nd</sup> – Jordan Beartrack

3<sup>rd</sup> - Adrian Redbird

4th - Nolan Shawnee

Men's Straight Dance:

1st – Henry Hunter

2<sup>nd</sup> – Dillon Moore

3<sup>rd</sup> - Cary Chasenah

1st - Shaunda Poncho

Women's Golden Age (Combined):

1st – Joneda Sage 2<sup>nd</sup> – Melanie Motah

3<sup>rd</sup> – Edwina Whiteman

4<sup>th</sup> – Tammy Battiest

Women's Cloth Dance:

1st – Cordelia G. Falls Down

2<sup>nd</sup> – Laura Sage

3<sup>rd</sup> – Liz Nevaquaya

4th - TyLyn Thurman

Women's Buckskin Dance:

1<sup>st</sup> – Toni Mule

2<sup>nd</sup> - Anna Spottedwolf

3<sup>rd</sup> – Brittany Taylor

4<sup>th</sup> – Janet Bullcoming

Women's Jingle Dance:

1<sup>st</sup> – Kyla Sage

2<sup>nd</sup> – Brittany Yarholar

3<sup>rd</sup> – Krystle Logan 4th - Makiah Shawnee

Women's Fancy Shawl Dance:

1<sup>st</sup> – Carol Melting Tallow

2<sup>nd</sup> – Rose Good Eagle 3<sup>rd</sup> – Yolanda Valenzuela

4th – Desba White

Junior Girl's Cloth Dance: 1st - Mahlea Warrior

 $2^{nd}$  – Isha Gray

3<sup>rd</sup> – Anessa Blackbear Junior Girl's Buckskin

Dance: 1st – Naomi Yarholar

2<sup>nd</sup> – Kinley Rivera

3<sup>rd</sup> – Riley Flurry

Junior Girl's Fancy Shawl Dance:

1<sup>st</sup> – Tatiana Barcindebar

 $2^{nd}$  – Emma Lonelodge

3<sup>rd</sup> – Glory Gray

Junior Boy's Grass Dance:

1<sup>st</sup> – Dezmond Bissonette

 $2^{nd}-Lakota\ Lewis$ 3<sup>rd</sup> – Ceron Goodblanket

Junior Boys Traditional: 1<sup>st</sup> – Tye Thurman

 $2^{nd}$  – Ethan Byrd  $3^{rd} - NONE$ 

Junior Boy's Straight Dance:

1st – Touch Cloud Watan

 $2^{nd}$  - Charlie Whiteshield  $3^{rd}$  – Rozen Moore

Junior Boy's Fancy Dance:

1st – Jacoby Shawnee  $2^{nd}-Joran\ Fingernail$ 

3<sup>rd</sup> – Tahlo Gray

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### CANDIDATE INTRODUCTIONS

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Tony George

My name is Tony George. I have lived in Clinton, Okla., most of my life and I am running for Cheyenne District 3 Legislator.

for almost 20 years, getting my G.E.D. certification in 2013. I have worked retail and the oil and gas industry.

I am running for C3 Leg-I have worked as a CAN islator because I know I can make a difference, and with your vote, we can make this happen, making C3 great again.

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Nathan Hart



Greetings Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislative District 3 members. My name is Nathan Hart and I am declaring my candidacy for Cheyenne District 3 Legislator.

I envision being on at team to transition the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Justin Ruiz

toward a sustainable future. Our tribal government has been a recent beneficiary of federal relief funding. As federal programs end, we must meet future funding challenges with forward thinking, open to new development opportunities which can provide revenue streams benefitting programs for our C3 District members.

Our legislative body has an important role to play in helping address some of the most pressing environmental and social challenges of our time. It is very important that our governance system aligns leadership's vision with our tribal citizens' expectations. Our roles as legislators should be to de-

velop the internal controls to promote transparency and accountability. We must continually examine our impact on the social well-being of our communities.

We must, also, promote practices that minimize negative environmental impacts.

I am the son of Lawrence and Betty Hart. Our family has been established in the Clinton community since 1963. I currently work as the tribal relations and investment officer for a company developing eco-industrial parks. I specifically work in the areas of broadband infrastructure investment and implementing the Inflation Reduction Act funding of clean energy projects.

My wife and I opened our home up as a Cheyenne Arapaho tribal foster care home in 2020, and successful assisted a family in reunification. We have also sponsored and supported STEP UP Transitional Living program for almost five years.

I really enjoy helping our tribal members out in times of need with things such as digging graves to towing and working on vehicles when members had no other resources.

I am currently a natural gas compressor mechanic where I work and construct multi million dollar equipment on a daily basis. I own and operate Chief Trucking and Welding LLC established in 2018.

I'm very resourceful and well know by city, county, and state representatives. Having a good friendship with other community partners could help further our tribal relationship within these communities.

Thank You for your time and please consider voting for me in October-C3 2024!

tin Ruiz and I am currently running for Cheyenne district 3 legislator. My mother is Wanda Morgan, my late grandmother is Eldine Fire, and late grandfather is Ray-

Hello Cheyenne Arapa-

ho people. My name is Jus-

mond Stonecalf Sr. I grew up in Clinton and started my oilfield career right out of high school. I started my own family in 2004 and am currently married to my wife of 13 years and we have four children.

I attended votech in my free time in 2008 and got my first responder license. I started part time on-call status for the Cheyenne Arapaho Emergency Medical Service and have worked there for over 10 years helping out our tribal members. I also obtained my CDL,

attended Welding school and become a certified welder. Part of the core classes were learning how to read and understand blue prints. In 2015, I started a new career in a foundation company where I utilize my CDL and welding skills also working directly under a mechanical engineer. In 2020, during the pandemic when things were slow, I decided to attended Heavy Equipment College of America to help further my education. I became certified in operating heavy equipment and cranes. Part of the core training was learning about sub grade foundations.

During my busy schedule I found time to sit on the Arapaho city council for over four years. As a city councilman, I approved budgets, voted on many agenda items, managed employees and directed the town law enforcement and fire depart-

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Ronald Redshin



Hello Cheyenne District 3 tribal citizens. My name is

Sonny Redshin and I am candidate for Cheyenne District 3 Legislator. I am currently the Executive Director for the Parks & Recreation Department. I'm confident I can do more for the district as the legislator.

My intent is to connect with all the citizens from elders to school aged children alike and provide that voice for all our tribal members. As a former legislator and current director, I have the experience and understanding on how to better improve communications within our area. As the previous representative I networked with all program directors, tribal members (young and old), issued donations, conductcommunity meetings, and held activities for all Provided that I'm ages. given the opportunity as the District 3 Legislator I know the best representation for all tribal members will be given. Haho for your time and hopefully your support.

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Mary J. Higgins



"On Your Side for the Tribe" Hello my name is Mary Jo Little Elk- Higgins, my family is the late great grandpa Darwin Hayes and late great grandma Lilly Elk River- Hayes, late grandma Mary Etta Hayes -Little Elk and late grandpa George Little Elk my late mother Ruth Little Elk- Higgins our present Mother's Irene Hayes and Margaret Ann Hayes.

Our late grandpa Darwin Hayes and late great uncle Shoeboy are two of four Natives that sold their lands in 1903-1912 took an act of Congress to do this so that Clinton could be established and become a township, posted in the Clinton 100 Centennial paper later on many other native families sold their lands, we have a lot of native families that live in Clinton because these lands are our lands and where we come

I held the legislative seat in 2008-2012, I feel have the experience to make a better

legislator for you, we did a lot of great things in our community's here for our districts. I was able to work with our late Rev. Swallow to get semi-trucks of much needed supplies out to our people. Furniture, tables, beds, and computer desks, food, and medical supplies.

Received the first Native American Volunteer from American Cancer Society Dec.1, 2008

Sponsored the playground for our district done by Damon Dunbar

Worked with former Tom Ivester State Senator for District 26-Tribal issues at a State Level Oklahoma State Liaison for Tribal Contract's Gaming Compacts and Worked with NIGC on gaming compacts, Tribal budget.

I graduated from Hammon High School 1988. College Preparation Arizona Indian Bible College from 1992-1994. Teacher – changed coarse attended Arizona Institute Business and Technology - July 20, 1992 – Feb 22, 1993 – Degree in Medical Records Coding.

Elected as Cheyenne District 3 Legislator from 2008-

Customer service IT Department, promoted to supervisor – after I wrote a training manual for Wells Fargo IT Department. I was promoted to travel for the company to teach other's how to use our software and later relocated to Riverside California Achievements include;

Homebound Care Program (care packages, food boxes, water, & rides to I.H.S, home visits) Hospital visitation

Nursing home (care packages, and visits) specialty needs for the hospice care (food, blankets, and personal items) I will carry these duties on.

I am a big advocate for our children, homebound people and nursing home residents just to name a few once we started legislation for C3 our tribe went through a hardship lot of goals and legislation I wanted to do for our district did not happen. We can make it happen now.

I encourage you to vote for me, I am available for you to take the necessary steps to achieve future legislation. We can have monthly forums to come up with ideas so we can get the resolutions, bills and laws into placement for the betterment of our tribe. I have great working relationships with our tribal departments, local city businesses, multiple organizations, tribal and city court systems. Let's walk into the next four years as a team, let's make our district the best one out there, so let's work together to make this happen.

Remember, every accomplishment counts towards achieving a great outcome for you. To have stability, awareness, knowledge, and power of our tribal government. You are the governing tribal people, vote for me and let me work for you.

#### Candidate Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Charlene Wassana



I am Charlene Curtis-Wassana (vé'ho'á'e), a candidate for the Legislative seat in Cheyenne District 3. I am an enrolled citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and affiliated with the Navajo Nation. I am a direct descendant of Black Kettle and the legendary Cheyenne Scout Stacy Riggs. My educational qualifications include a master's degree (Master of Legal Studies) in Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma and a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN) from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. I am a Registered Nurse with twenty-five plus years of experience. I serve as a board member of Action Associates, which provides service to victims of domestic violence.

I share many of the same values as tribal members living both in and outside of the service area. I have listened to the concerns voiced in our community. This is where my commitment to serve as your legislator arises. Kev issues lie before us, demanding our attention and action. As your legislator, I will be a tireless advocate who is determined to make a positive difference and direction for Chevenne District 3.

Your vote is crucial in the upcoming election. I am asking for your vote of support.

Legislative Duties:

Make laws and resolutions in accordance with the tribal Constitution, which are necessary and proper for the good of the tribe.

Adherence to the tribal Constitution in interchange relations with other tribal branches of government.

Transparency and Accountability:

C-3 representation for individuals that reside both within and outside of the service area.

Open communication, provide regular updates on legislative matters and the budget.

Maintain accessibility for all constituents who reside both within and outside of the C-3 district.

Vulnerable Populations:

Provide resources for Veterans and active-duty military members, their families, and caregivers.

Interaction with the homeless population to develop a coordinated approach that includes the delivery of services and crisis response solutions.

Resources for chronic and acute handicap needs.

Health Care:

Collaborate with health care facilities and tribal entities in relation to resources, transportation, mental health care, care for the vulnerable, and a decrease in barriers to health care.

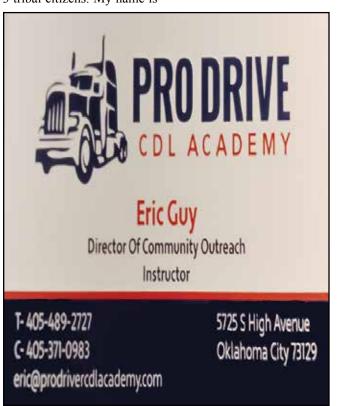
Tradition and Culture:

Support and encouragement of cultural empower-

Support and encouragement of language, dance, and traditional ceremonial values.

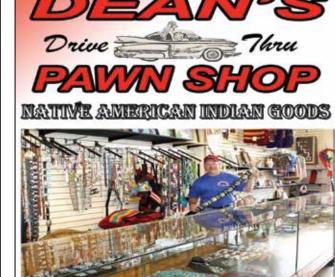
Community Cohesion:

Representation schools, city and county offices, police departments and other entities to reflect collaboration.





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#### **Systems Support** Technician/COMIT **Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** Associates degree in computer science or related field or related experience 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 Comp-TIA A+, Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) or similar certifications a plus. Experience in workking with Firewalls and Network Security, proficient in maintaining Microsoft Active Directory, and ability to multi-task is required. Cheyenne-arapaho

**SALARY:** Negotiable

preference.

#### Admin. Assistant **Tribal Transit Program**

**Closing Date: Until Filled** 

#### QUALIFICATIONS:

Must demonstrate knowledge in the operation of various office machines. Demonstrate computer skills and/ or knowledge, specifically Windows, Microsoft Word, Excell, Access and/or other applications. Must be willing and able to attend various training programs as directly related to job duties and responsibilities. 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 prehire drug creen and background check. Must possess a valid driver's license and provide a good driving record.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

#### Caseworker Hope Program **Closing Date:**

## Until Filled

**QUALIFICATIONS**: Prefer bachelor's degree in social work or related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Requires two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other hours including after 5 p.m. Ability to maintain high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act. OSBI and criinal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or

needs. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

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).

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

#### Transportation/ **Floater Head Star Closing Date: Until Filled**

**OUALIFICATIONS:** Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license and be willing to obtain a CDL and Bus Driver's Certificate within 90 days of hire. Must be in good physical health which allows lifting and moving. Ability to work independently. Knowledge of head start is desirable. Must have high school diploma or G.E.G. certification. Obtain and hold current CPR and First Aid certifications. Maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry, random drug testing. Be a positive role model. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

#### **Arapaho Language** & Culture Coordinator **Closing Date:**

#### **Until Filled** *OUALIFICATIONS:* Bachelor's degree in Native

American Studies, languages or related field preferred. Education or Arapaho language and cultural expeerience may be substituted for degree. Language revitalization experience preferred. Experienced in teaching Arapaho cultural activities and songs with youth and community. Demonstrated managerial, organizational, planning and writing skills. Excellent interpersonal and communication skills required. Must work well with public and tribal citizens. Substantial knowledge of the Arapaho history, culture and philosophy. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license and be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference

SALARY: Negotiable

#### **Coordinator: Office** of Tribal Council-**Closing Date:** Sept. 7, 2023 by 4 pm **QUALIFICATIONS:**

Must be 18 years or older and be an enrolled citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. The coordinator will be employed directely by the Tribal Council. Anyone interested in applying must submit an application. All applications will be published 30 days prior to the annual Tribal Council meeting where the coordinator

will be elected.

#### **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 require-Cheyenne-Arapaho ment. preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

#### **Grocery Store Mgr. Food Distribution** Closing Date: **Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Must pass physical/ medical examination and TB test within 30 days of hire. Possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license, Class B CDL required. Forklift operator license required. Food Handlers Certification, Narcan training, OSHA training course, customer service training, Microsoft training courses, civil rights training, sexual harassment training, must be able to do moderate to heavy lifting. Minimum two year's supervior or management experience and work with a high level of confidentiality and professionalism. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

#### Cheyenne Language & Culture Coordinator **Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS**: Bachelor's degree in business or Native American studies preferred with seven years verificable supervisory experience. Strong management and supervisory skills and strong writing and communication skills. Traditional and supervisory experience may substitute for educational requirements. Familiar with culture, history and traditions of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Must be able to demonstrate professional conduct and must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license to be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

#### Exec. Admin. Assist Langue & Culture **Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS**: High school graduate or GED with minimum of three

years administrative or clerical experience. Knowledge of federal and tribal regulations, reporting skills and a minimal of accounting skills. Familiar with SAGE Accounting System/Paycom. Must have advanced computer skills with ability to manage databases and spreadsheets. Knowledge of trial programs, service,

Arapaho preference. **SALARY:** Negotiable

guidelines. Cheyenne and

#### 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

#### **Probation Officer** Trial Court **Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS:** A bachelor's degree in criminology, sociology, criminal justice or related field is preferred. Experience required in case management, probation, parole, or law enforcement is preferred. Must be computer literate and have excellent communication and listening skills. Strong time and stress management skills with good interpersonal and decision-making skills. Must possess valid Oklahoma driver's license, have reliable transportation, use of personal vehicle required with mileage reimbursements available. Must agree to a comprehensive background investigation, and pass pre-hire drug screen. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho cultures preferred.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

#### Historian Language & Cultural Resource **Program Closing Date: Until Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS**: Degree in field of historypreferred. Combination of education and work experience may be considered as a substitute for degree requirement. Five years experience with federal, state or tribal government. Must have basic computer skills with MS Office experience. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license, pass an OSBI background investigation and pass drug and alcohol testing. Must have dependable transportation and be insurable for government fleet insurance. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

#### Resources **Specialist** Language & Culture **Closing Date: Until Filled**

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:** Valid Oklahoma driver's license, must be insurable, high school graduate or

equivalent. Five years experience in Arapaho traditional services and five years verifiable project mgmt. experience. Familiar with culture, history and traditions of Arapaho. Available to work nights and weekends, good

**SALARY:** Negotiable

writing and communication

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

#### **QUALIFICATIONS:** Personal Trainer Certifica-

tion 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

#### Admin. Assistant Cheyenne and Arapaho **Productions** Closing Date: Until **Filled**

**QUALIFICATIONS**: High school diploma or G.E.D. regired. Administrative or secretarial experience required. Must possess strong organization and computer skills. Must have a valid Oklahoma driver's license and be able to lift 50 lbs. Must possess great written and verbal communication skills, maintain a wholesome, favorable rapport with the general public, tribal citizens, tribal employees and vendors. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

**SALARY:** Negotiable

#### Cheyenne and Arapaho **Tribes**

P.O.Box 38 Concho, OK 73022

(405) 262-0345 / (800) 247-4612

#### **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

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

#### **OUALIFICATIONS:**

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.



## **Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes** Storm Shelter Program

**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:

years and older

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

For Applications Call Mary Youngbull at 405-422-7525

## WHO QUALIFIES?

#### Wheelchair bound, physically handicapped, 55

All Remaining Tribal Citizens

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

### PLEASE TAKE THE SURVEY **OFFICE OF GRANTS & RESEARCH**

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Office of Grants and Research are currently working to gather data from Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens within the tribal communities to assist with the HUD FY 2023 Indian Community Development Block Grant application. If awarded, this grant will support the building of a community hall centered around the needs and resources offered by the Dept. of Enrollment and

its Burial Program to carry out funeral services and related cultural events for the benefit of bereaved tribal community members. The survey will be available online until Aug. 31, 2023. For more information on how you may contribute to our efforts please contact Shanna Heap of Birds, Director, Office of Grants & Research at 405-422-7730 or Kim Goodbear, Grant Writer at 405-422-7736.

## **New Beginnings**

Crossroads Indian Baptist Church will begin Native American worship services at 518 Hayes Street in Clinton, Okla., at the Brittian Association building two blocks west of the fire station.

Native tribal singing and preaching led by Pastor Ron Starr, Native Missionary. (Look for gray Nissan sedan in front of office.)

Sunday - 1 p.m. refreshments and Scripture study / 2 p.m. Worship. For more information call Ron Starr at 580 500 7786. Haho.



Join the staff from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority for a Community Meeting at the Carnegie Hall (215 W Broadway) in Elk City on August 24, 2023 from 6:00-8:00 P.M. We will have food, raffles, and Housing Information. If you have any questions call (580)331-2400.



The Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority promotes Culture of Family First with opportunities' to foster education in safe, sanitary, and affordable housing.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**Happy 7th Birthday** August 4 My beautiful Girl Love. mommy & Kye Kye We love you so very much!



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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Elder Care Program

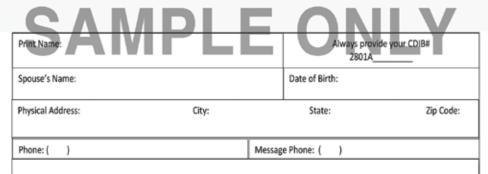
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2023 Summer Cooling Assistance Application

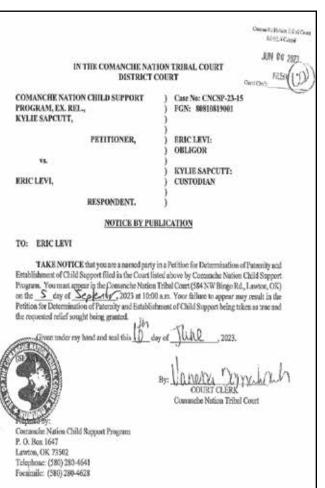
#### PLEASE CONTACT THE ELDER CARE PROGRAM FOR APPLICATION AT 405-422-7411 OR TOLL FREE AT 800-247-4612 EXT. 27411

- One (1) Electric Bill per elder household will be processed for the Summer Cooling Assistance. Electric Bill will be the only bill paid during this incentive up to \$100 on CURRENT AMOUNT only.
- If you are on AVERAGE/BUDGET/LEVELIZED BILLING, we will pay towards billing plan up to \$100.
- Pre pay accounts will receive \$100 in electric bill assistance, provide app/pre pay statement.
- No past due, disconnects, reconnections or deposits allowed.
- If you have a "ZERO" or "Credit" balance, NO payment will be made.
- Must submit your complete current electric bill, if bill is not in your name, you must have a 2023 Residence Verification form.
- This incentive will exclude any light charges and any extra equipment charges.
- \*\*Does not affect your 90-day assistance\*\* \*\*Last day to submit a bill is the day it is due\*\*



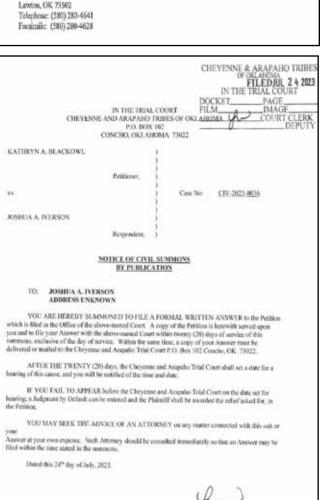
2023 Summer Cooling Assistance Application Electric bills accepted beginning August 1, 2023 through September 8, 2023 \*\*No applications/bills will be accepted after September 8, 2023\*\*

If you have any questions, please contact our office at 405-422-7411

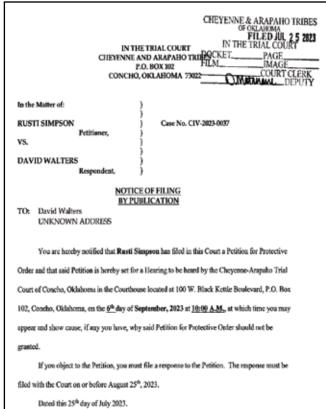


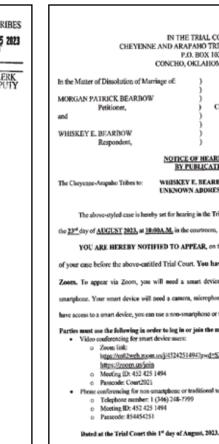






PETITIONER: Kathryn A. Blackowl







YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR, on the above date and time indicated for presentation

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## Mary Lee Curtis

Mary Lee Curtis was born June 10, 1954, to Troy Standbury Curtis and Lorene Lee (Haury) Curtis at Fort Hood, Texas and passed away July 25, 2023, in Oklahoma City.

Mary was raised in the Arapaho, Okla., and Thomas, Okla., areas, graduating in 1973 from Arapaho High

In earlier years she worked at the Collins and Aikman Factory in Clinton.

Mary enjoyed playing BINGO, going to the casino, traveling, watching old western movies on television and playing solitaire.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Homer Lee Armstrong, sister Nettie Big Medicine, and aunt Nancy Rhodes.

She is survived by her son Kevin Reed Curtis, sisters, Janice Beesely and her husband Henry and Darla Ocenar, all of Clinton, Okla., her brother Perry Fraser of Weatherford, Okla., and a host of nieces, nephews and

Wake service was held July 30 at the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Chapel in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held July 31 at the Clinton



Emergency Response Center, officiated by Rev. Gerald Panana and Pastor Wilma Jackson, followed by an interment at the Colony Indian Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

#### Ruth Juan Bearshield-Fire

Juan Bearshield-Fire was born Aug. 9, 1963, to Oberlin Bates and Sabina Bearshield in Clinton, Okla., and passed away July 31, 2023, in her Yukon residence.

Ruth was raised in Clinton during her youth and moved to Mescalero, N.M. when 17 years was old. She returned to Clinton and received her commercial driver's license. She was employed with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation working on heavy equipment. She was known to be a 'jack of All trades and master of many.'

She was a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a member of the Native American Church.

She was a jokester, prankster and just loved to make people laugh and playing disc golf.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother Jerald Bearshield, two sisters, Nona Bates and Sophia Rice, daughter Sophie Ann Colleen Fires and aunt Marjorie Sue Bearshield.

She is survived by sons, Jerald Bearshield and wife Jami, Yukon, , sister Coleen Guerrero and husband Donald Morton, Yukon, two brothers, Reed Bearshield, Mustang, Okla., and Eagle Runningwater, of N.M. She is also survived by one grandchild Kadence Bearshield, and a host of niece, nephews, cousins and other



family members.

Wake services were held Aug. 3 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 4, at the same venue, officiated by Troy Lee, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

#### Joannie Sue (Whiteeagle) King Joannie Sue (Whiteeaways willing to lend a helping hand to others, volunteered

gle) King 57, of Wyoming, passed away July 20, 2023, at OSF St. Joseph Medical Center in Bloomington. Joannie was born Oct. 28, 1965, in Clinton, Okla., and was raised by her adoptive parents, Daniel Johnson and Caroline Anderson. She married John King on Oct. 29, 2005, in Davenport, Iowa.

Joannie was a homemaker, who had many interests. She was a movie buff who enjoyed watching and collecting movies. She loved reading books and listening to music, going to yard sales, and enjoying the great outdoors while camping and fishing. She worked at the Toulon Rehabilitation and Health Care Center in their Alzheimer's unit for several years. Joannie was a very outgoing person. She was alat the meal site in Davenport, and was an organ donor to help save the lives of others after her death. Joannie valued spending time with her family and friends and will be dearly missed.

Surviving her is her husband John King. Also surviving are her mother Caroline Anderson of Galesburg, step-mother Joyce Armstrong of Iowa, four children, Jeff Martin of California, Josh Martin of Iowa City Andrea Martin of Muscatine, Iowa and Robert Martin of the Quad Cities; and seven grandchildren, seven siblings, Cynthia Whiteeagle, Floyd Whiteeagle, Carrie Richardson, Kim Goodwin, Jaye Johnson, Jared Johnson, Jennie Bordonaro, several cousins, nieces, and neph-



ews, and special friends, Allison McNaught and her daughter, Emma Davis both of Wyoming.

She is preceded in death her father and her two dogs, Zeus and Sox.

Wake service was held July 25 at the Haskell Funeral & Cremation Services in Wyoming. Funeral service was held July 26 at the Wyoming Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Tammy Shane officiating, followed by an interment at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

## Timothy Charles Wassana

Timothy Charles Wassana was born May 16, 1966. in Clinton, Okla., to Truman Wassana Sr. and Gerladine (Flying Man) Warledo and passed away Aug. 4, 202,3 in his Weatherford home.

Timothy was raised in Seminole, Weatherford, and Colony, Okla., and graduated from Strothers High School. He has been a resident of the Clinton area since 1993. He was a landscape architect, mechanic and steel fabricator by trade.

He was a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He was artistic and enjoyed arts and crafts, doing beadwork, making Dream Catchers, he also enjoyed refurbishing old vehicles, doing mechanic work and upholstery, collecting hot wheels, collecting rocks,

playing pool and gambling. Timothy was preceded in do of Colony, Craig Wassana of Weatherford, Reggie death by his father Truman Wassana of Weatherford, Wassana, stepfather Jimmy

Warledo, three brothers, T.C. Wassana Jr., Terance Wassa-

na and Homer Wassana. He is survived by the mother of his children and forever best friend Charlene Wassana of Clinton, six daughters, Mimi Wassana, Brittany Wassana, LaNessa Curtis, Brooke Curtis, all of Clinton, Stacy Wassana, Deanna Wassana, both of Santa Rosa, Calif., three sons, Timothy Wassana II, Shawn Spotted Wolf Jr. and Damon Dunbar Jr., all of Clinton, his mother Geraldine Warledo, of Weatherford, four sisters Reva Wassana of Elk City, Okla., K. C. Warledo of Clinton, Alexis Warledo of Weatherford, and Ashely Warledo of Weatherford, seven brothers, Jimmy Warledo of Cuba, N.M., Vanhorn Warledo of Weatherford, Emilio Warle-



Andy Wassana of Colorado and Marcus Horn of Hydron,

He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and numerous other family and friends.

Wake services were held Aug. 9 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral service was held Aug. 10 at the Cornerstone Church in Clinton, Okla., officiated by Pastor Delfred Whitecros and Pastor Gerald Panana, followed by an interment at the Colony Indian Cemetery in Colony, Okla.

### Leroy Madbull

Leroy Madbull passed away on July 26, 2023 at the age of 68 in Oklahoma City. He was born in Clinton, Okla., on May 11, 1955 to the late Julia Madbull. A lifetime resident of Geary, he attended Geary Public Schools and Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla.

He retired from Calumet Industries in 2013. Leroy was a enrolled citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a member of the Geary Indian Baptist Church where he was baptized in 1983 by Rev. Anne Hoflen.

He loved spending time with family and friends, playing chess, enjoyed journaling, and being a strong believer in his Baptist faith, he often wrote scriptures from the Bible. In his younger years he was very active physically, working out, lifting weights and run-

He is survived by his daughters, Jennifer Renee Madbull of Geary, Leann Madbull of Oklahoma City, sister Margaret Sutton of El Reno, Damon Dunbar (cousin) of Clinton. Grandchildren, David Madbull, Adam Pratt Madbull, Haylee Whiteplume Paddyaker, Kara, Angelina, Autumn Birdshead and Melissa Wayne BigMedicine.

He is preceded in death by his mother Julia Madbull, grandparents, Margaret Blindbull Lincoln and Ernest Madbull, uncle Ralph Lincoln, and cousin Anthony



Thunderbull.

An all-night traditional wake service was held July 30 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. Funeral services were held July 31 at the First Baptist Church in Geary, Okla., followed by an interment at the Sunset Cemetery under the direction of Turner Funeral Home.

## Elizabeth Vinginia Milligan

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Virginia Milligan was born Nov. 25, 1964, the second child to Francis and Edwina Starr Milligan in Kingfisher, Okla. Lizzie peacefully transitioned to be with the Lord on July 29, 2023.

Lizzie was a very loving, humble person from the time she was born. She attended school in Kingfisher, Oklahoma. Lizzie loved to travel to see her sister Sue's family. She enjoyed being with family and going out to eat and fellowship. Lizzie was an excellent cook, making the best made-from-scratch crust for peach cobbler. She also enjoyed going to the Casino to get out of the house and be with family.

Lizzie professed her hope

in Christ and was Baptized. Lizzie united with God's Covenant Church, which she attended faithfully before her health declined.

She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Leon and Elsie Bray Milligan, maternal grandparents, Roy and Esther Rednose Starr, and her parents, Francis, and Edwina Starr Milligan.

Lizzie was a dedicated aunt to eight nieces and nephews and seven great nieces and nephews. She is survived by her sisters, Sue Tasso (John) of Jackson, Calif., Shelly Heskett (Ralf), Vince Milligan (Ctaci), and Shari Clayton (Glenn Jr.), all of them from Kingfisher, Okla., and other family and



friends who love Lizzie.

Wake service was held Aug. 2 at the Kingfisher **Emergency Response Center** in Kingfisher, Okla. Funeral service was held Aug. 3, at the same venue, officiated by Pastor Wendell Prim, followed by an interment at the Banner Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral

### Scott Curtis Sumpter

Scott Curtis Sumpter, 65, began his journey to the big Cheyenne camp on Aug. 5, 2023, in Clinton, Okla., after a lengthy illness. He was born Dec. 8, 1957, to Colleen Rhoads Cometsevah home, daughter, Tyler and Curtis Sumpter.

Scott grew up in El Reno and Clinton. He attended of La Push, Wash., daughter, both El Reno High School and Clinton High School. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1976. In 1984 he relocated to Reno, Nev. Throughout his time in Nevada, he worked on construction and roofing. He traveled Indian Country and played fastpitch softball and basketball and made many friends throughout the United States. He also picked up the craft of being a cowboy where he attended ropings and brandings.

He enjoyed sharing his craft with anyone. He coached various youth and high school basketball and softball teams. He loved powwows, gourd and war dancing. He was a Golden State Warriors Fan and would talk NBA with you whenever he could.

He is survived by his spouse Janet Davis of the Sumpter, Austin Flores and granddaughter, Kya Flores Keri Romo of Nixon, Nev., and Chops his dog, son Justin Sumpter and grandsons, Kingston and Raleigh of Oklahoma City, daughter, Melissa Sumpter of Kansas, siblings, Dena Fanning of El Reno, Caroline Rhoads and Mitchell Sumpter of Clinton, and Kathryn Cometsevah of Oklahoma City, niece Brienne Sumpter of Oklahoma City, nephews Marshall Franklin of Yukon, Christopher Sumpter of Colorado, and Sean Sandlin of Clinton.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Isaac and Sophia Goodblanket Rhoads, Scott and Eloise Sturm Sumpter, parents, Curtis Sumpter, Colleen Rhoads



Cometsevah and Laird Cometsevah Jr., brothers, Frank Goodbear and Elgin Rhoads, Butch Everett Power, sisterin-law Linda Rhoads, son, Jon Paul Sumpter, nieces, Sondra Rhoads, Marisa Tiger and Feather Campuzano, favorite horse Super Dave, and favorite dog Max.

Wake service was held Aug. 8 at the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla. Funeral service was held Aug. 9, at the same venue, officiated by Pastor Delfred "Bunny" Whitecrow, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

## Jane Kay Tiger

Jane Kay Tiger died July 20, 2023, at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City. Jane was born February 2, 1957, at Clinton and was raised in Enid. She earned a master's degree in public health from The University of Oklahoma. In 2006 she moved to El Reno. She worked in various departments for the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes Planning Department.

including grant writer for the Jane was a full blood Arapaho and was active in

everything cultural.

loved animals and enjoyed playing pool.

She is survived by her husband, George Tiger of the home; son, Samuel Tiger of the home; brother, Tom Taylor of Buffalo, NY; and sisters, Helen Botone of Moore, Jean Fields of Claremore, and Francis Warrior of Ponca City.

Her parents, Lloyd Andrew and Dorothy Ruth (Johnson); birth parents, Noble, Sr. and Gladys (Geary) Lumpmouth; siblings, Joseph Geary, Noble Two Lances and Jennifer Her-



Kathy Lee, preceded her in

Her birth name was Clina Grace Lumpmouth.



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