



# Redlands Community College Establishes MOU with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Higher Education Scholarship Program

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*Senior Reporter*

(EL RENO, OK) Cheyenne and Arapaho youth attending high school will now have better access to college recruitment.

On Aug. 9, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was officially signed into agreement between Redlands Community College (RCC) and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Higher Education Scholarship program.

As part of the Native American Serving Non Tribal Institution (NASNTI) Part F grant at Redlands, the enrollment of Native Americans is at 10% and part of the grant is focusing on recruitment and student services.

Cheyenne and Arapaho  
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Scholarship program director Breanna Faris said the MOU would be focused on recruitment.

"It establishes a relationship between us and Redlands to get a head start, to really gain some traction on the recruitment part of Cheyenne and Arapaho students," Faris said.

Faris said what the program hopes to accomplish is building concrete institutional relationships with top institutions like Redlands, as they are in the top five institutions with the amount of Cheyenne and Arapaho students attending there.

There are four components of the MOU that will be carried out, including RCC providing group tour events for Cheyenne and Arapaho high school stu-

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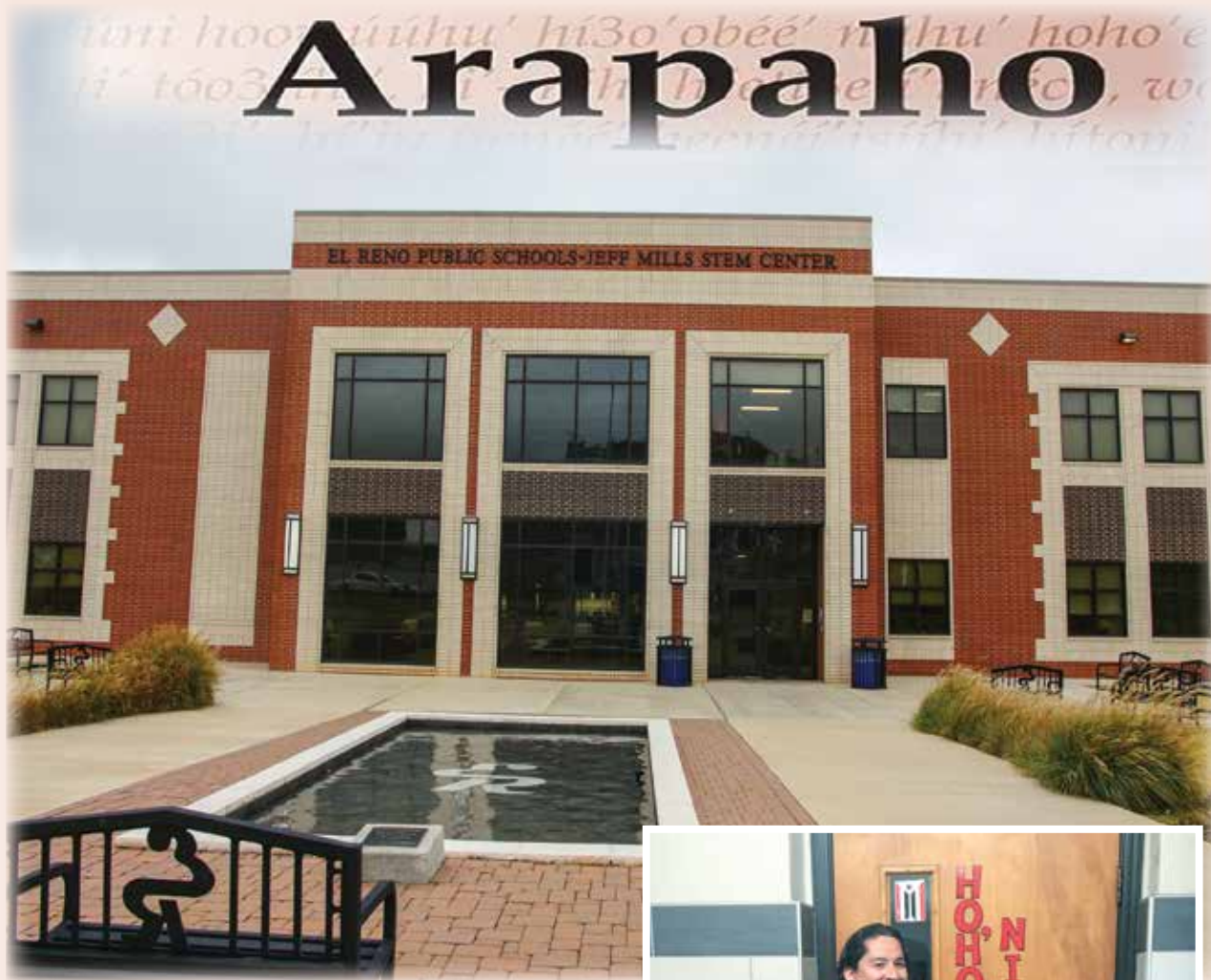
*Redlands Community College Interim President Jena Marr and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana officially sign the MOU agreement between Redlands and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Higher Education Scholarship program. (Submitted photo)*

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# El Reno High School offering Arapaho language classes



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For the first time in Oklahoma history, Nuhu' Hino-  
no'eitiit heetniixoofoo3ihei3i' Howoh'oowu' co'ouut-  
ou3eino'oowuu' (the Arapaho language will be taught at  
El Reno High School).

El Reno Public School Superintendent Matt Goucher and the El Reno School Board enthusiastically approved the curriculum for Arapaho language classes on July 17, 2023.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' headquarters are located just north of El Reno, thus El Reno Public Schools student body has a high percentage of Native American students.

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Jeff Black will be the lead teacher, teaching four classes per day Monday through Friday.

And it seems to already be a popular class, with the Arapaho language class having the maximum number of students, 60, sign up for the first semester.

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# Stop the rise of childhood obesity

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September is recognized as childhood obesity awareness month.

According to the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH), 32.3% of Oklahoma children ages 10-17 are considered overweight or obese. That is above the national average.

OSDH also noted that American Indians tend to have higher rates of obesity than Caucasians and other races. A few key factors that contribute to obesity include sedentary lifestyle and poor nutrition or diet.

Obesity places an individual at risk for complications of health and can often lead to chronic diseases.

The “Physical Activity Guideline for Americans,” issued by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), can be used as a reference for physical activity guidelines for school aged children and adolescents. It is recommended that children and adolescents ages 6 through 17, do one hour or more of physical activity at a moderate to vigorous level.

Some examples of physical activity include aerobics, muscle strengthening and bone strengthening. Higher levels of physical activity in children and adolescents, can lead to stronger muscles and bones, decreased body fat and overall improved brain health.

Nutrition is also a key factor in combating childhood obesity. Obesity occurs when calorie intake is exceeding calories burned, excess calories then becomes stored as fat in the body. Encouragement of healthy eating habits and limiting consumption of snacks with high amounts of saturated fats, can help decrease risk of childhood obesity.

Some healthy eating habits include eating lots of veggies and fruits, choosing lean meats such as fish, poultry or beans as a source of proteins. Replacing sugary drinks for water is also beneficial.

Benefits of healthy nutrition include prevention of chronic diseases, promotion of healthy weight, stronger bones and teeth, increased energy and even improved mental health

Many components contribute to childhood obesity. Interventions such as increased physical activity and healthier eating habits can help slow the rate of childhood obesity.

Teaching children to live a healthier lifestyle starts at home. By encouraging children to practice healthy eating habits and to steer from a sedentary lifestyle, we are decreasing risk of childhood obesity, which in turn can lead to healthier society as whole.



***Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Jeff Black stands outside his new classroom where he will be teaching Arapaho Language I for the first time in history at El Reno High School. (Submitted photo)***



# Darlington Public School Dedicates New Library and Fine Arts Building to Cheyenne and Arapaho Citizen Dara Franklin

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

(CONCHO, OK) Influencing students and the community for over 30 years, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Dara Franklin has played an influential part in the educational upbringing of many who have been a part of Darlington Public School.

On Aug. 15, many gathered at the Dara Franklin Library and Fine Arts building located at Darlington Public School in El Reno, Okla., to be a part of a dedication ceremony committed to honoring Franklin along with other honorees.

The dedication ceremony began with recognition of a newly painted mural inside of the library building that Darlington principal Gina Musae said tells a story.

“We wanted to tell the story through pictures of our students,” Musae said.

A presentation of honors was also given by Glenn Meriwether, retired superintendent of Darlington. The honorees that were presented with plaques that will be hung inside the Dara Franklin Library included Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens Dr. Natalie Youngbull, Virgil Franklin Sr., and Harvey Pratt.

“We selected some people and they’ve been so good to us here, all of them were involved and we want to honor them and we want their pictures in here, we want our kids to look

at these people and say, ‘hey we can do this too,’” Meriwether said.

Youngbull, a former student at Darlington, was a Gates Scholar who obtained her doctorates degree from the University of Arizona. Youngbull has since maintained strong ties to Darlington school.

“Darlington is so special to me, I learned how to love learning here and it was always because I felt so seen and cared for and I don’t think it would’ve been the same without these individuals sitting up here. This place has always had a place in my heart,” Youngbull said.

Virgil Franklin Sr. was honored next as Meriwether described him as a hero.

“He was real nice, did a lot of good things for people, Virgil Franklin Sr., we’re hanging his picture in here not just for all the nice things he did for people ... he was one of the top ten athletes in the state of Oklahoma,” Meriwether said acknowledging Virgil as an AAU boxing champion.

“He has all kinds of achievements on his plaque, Natalie does too, if we read all the stuff they have, we’d be here half the night,” Meriwether said.

Next to be honored was Harvey Pratt, a distinguished forensic artist, Veteran and well-known Native American artist. More recently known for his work that was selected for the Smithsonian’s National Native American Veterans Memorial for the National Museum of the American Indian that was unveiled in 2020.

“I’ve had a great career, I love this little school, I’ve always loved this little school and I always try to help whenever I can,” Pratt said.

Continuing with the ceremony, special remarks were presented from former superintendents of Darlington, Jim Martin and Jimmie Smith, as well as from the current superintendent Loren Tackett.

“I’ve been able to be in leadership positions because of the confidence I’ve gained from Darlington School and



**Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Dara Franklin has worked for Darlington Public School for over 30 years. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)**

the confidence that Dara was able to instill in me as well ... Dara was always accepting, she taught me just through her example what our kids needed, what helped our kids and Darlington School does a lot for our Native American students,” Martin said.

Smith remarked how honored he was to be able to partake in the dedication and recognize Franklin.

“I want you to know that your contribution to the positive culture and atmosphere in this school is immeasurable, through your incredible kindness, empathy and patience,

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## Arapaho Youth Visit Historical Homelands of Colorado

Submitted by Noobései Níibeí (Billie Sutton) and Regina Youngbear



**Arapaho Language Camp participants pictured at the YMCA of the Rockies in Granby, Colo., on the west side of the Rocky Mountain National Park are: Front sitting l-r: Laraya Alexander, Mya Levi, Ayanna C’Hair and Emily Scott. Second row standing: Billie Sue Sutton, Koneihii Sleeper, Ryleigh Burns, Gertrude Sara Whiteshield, Alyssa C’hair, Maria Rojas, Carman Little Raven, James Sleeper and Megan Guy. Third row standing: Regina Youngbear, Christopher Pratt, Aaron Sleeper, Autumn Scott, Anthony Scott, Jacob HisChase, Carmello Reveles Jr. (Submitted photo)**

After years of postponing due to COVID, Arapaho youth from Oklahoma and Wyoming attend the 2023 Arapaho Culture and Language Camp at the YMCA of the Rockies, Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby, Colo. The came ran for one week beginning Aug. 6.

Oklahoma youth were invited to submit an essay stating why they wanted to attend and experience this year’s camp. The intent of the camp was for the Arapaho youth to experience the area of the Hinóno’éi historical homelands where their ancestors had lived for thousands of years and to reunite the southern and northern bands of the Arapaho to reconnect with relatives and make new friendships. There were also opportunities to learn about their language, culture, history and local wildlife.

This camp was the result of years of discussion and collaboration with the Right Relationship – Boulder group, YMCA of the Rockies, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Arapaho Language and Culture Program staff, Northern Arapaho band representative Teresa HisChase and Southern Arapaho band representative Billie Sutton.

Attendees included eight students, four chaperones from the language program, two cooks, one elder/organizer from Oklahoma.

From Wyoming, seven students, one chaperone/organizer, five elders, one head start student and one grandbaby attended.

The students and chaperones were able to participate in many activities which included hiking several points of interest, icebreakers, zip-lining, crafting, tubing, basketball, volleyball,

roller skating, tubing, story-telling, hand game and language acquisition.

Currently there are plans to make this camp a yearly event so many more youth and adults can attend, therefore, any donations are greatly appreciated.

A huge HOHÓU to all the people who donated and collaborated to make this camp possible.

GoFundMe donors included Right Relationship – Boulder group, Gov. Reggie Wassana, Lt. Gov. Gib Miles, Sallie Robinson-Ward of Right Relationship - Boulder, Karen D’Ofronio of the YMCA of the Rockies, Dr. Andy Cowell of Colorado University - Boulder, Ranger Jeremiah RisingBuffalo Maybee, National Park Service, cooks, Lynn LittleHawk and Virginia Hamilton, Food Distribution Program, R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program and Diabetes Wellness Program.



**Kara Lehman and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana. (Courtesy photos)**

On Aug. 15, 2023 Kara Lehman, Public Relations Manager for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, was awarded the United Women’s Tribal Gaming Employee of the Year by the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association during their 2023 conference and trade show held in Tulsa, Okla.





# Accepting Nominations for the 2023 Moses Starr Jr. Honored Elder Award

(CONCHO, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Health Education Department is currently accepting nominations for the 2023 Moses Starr Jr. Honored Elder Award.

This award will be presented at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Diabetes Wellness Program’s annual Elder’s Conference held in November.

This year’s conference will be held at Canadian County EXPO and Event Center in El Reno, Okla.

The Moses Starr Jr. Honored Elder Award will be presented to an individual exemplifying outstanding achievement in one or more of the following areas: Advocacy in Health, Tribal Engagement, Addressing Health Disparities.

Judging will be conducted by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Health Board (CATHB), with all decisions of the CATHB being final.

The award presentation will be performed during

the Elder’s Conference set to be held Nov. 2, 2023 at the Canadian County Expo.

To submit an nomination application, please visit the Health Education office in person at 1950 S. Shepard in El Reno, Okla. Online nomination applications may be completed by scanning the bar code.

Submission deadline will be Sept. 7, 2023. Any application nominations received after this date will not be considered.

You may also include any copies or links to newsletters, newspaper articles, etc., to support nominee’s accomplishments as an additional reference for nomination.

For any questions or more information on picking up a nomination

application, call 405-422-7676 or email [cahed@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov](mailto:cahed@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov).



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## Candidate Introduction Reprint

*NOTE: Below is a reprint of Candidate introduction for Perry Fraser, candidate for Cheyenne District 3 Legislator. The reprint is to replace the original introduction copy printed in the Aug. 15, 2023 Tribal Tribune by error. Below is the edited copy submitted by 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 Whitetail.

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

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2023 Voting Information

Concho, Oklahoma (August 24, 2023) The Election Commission approves the following Voting Information for the 2023 Election.

Polling Sites

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2015 Dogpatch Road  
Clinton, OK 73601

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Seiling, OK 73663

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Canton, OK 73724

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Kingfisher, OK 73750

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20415 Hwy. 33  
Hammon, OK 73650

Polling sites will be open from 7am to 7pm on October 3, 2023 for the Primary Election and November 7, 2023 for the General Election. Your photo ID will be required to vote such as CDIB, Driver’s License or State Photo ID.

Absentee Ballots for the Primary Election will be in the mail by August 31, 2023

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Preparing the groundwork to make Arapaho Language classes transition from just a dream to a reality began years ago with a \$2M grant for a Master Apprentice Program for language speakers awarded to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Language Program.

"Two years ago, when we received the grant, we were able to hire 16 apprentices and we had two goals in mind ... one, to get them advanced in the language and, two, to get them certified to become teachers," said Rebecca Risenhoover, Language & Resources director for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Dept. of Language and Culture.

Black, the primary teacher for the Arapaho I language classes, is one of those 16 apprentices who went through two full years of language apprenticeship in addition to taking 24 course hours through Chief Dull Knife College all pertaining to education.

"The apprentices were required to complete the 24 course hours, the two years plus apprenticeship and once passed, we certified them under their respective languages. We were hoping to get both Arapaho and Cheyenne language classes, but unfortunately, on the Cheyenne side of our language program we are still working towards the goal," Risenhoover said.

Working towards the goal of having classes offered in the public school system, Risenhoover said they hired a consultant out of Arizona, Mario Molina, former teacher and principal, who taught them how to write a curriculum based on how colonized education is and customized it for the tribes. Molina, who works for Indigenous Solutions, a not-for-profit organization, assisted Risenhoover and others with lesson planning and curriculum teaching in order for a proposal to be presented to the Oklahoma State Board of Education, El Reno School Board and El Reno Superintendent Matt Goucher.

"We did the curriculum and it's all oral, there is nothing written because you don't learn language by writing it, you learn language by speaking it," Risenhoover said. "We met with El Reno Superintendent Matt Goucher, the El Reno School Board and other individuals who create the school's curriculum, and on July 17 the El Reno School Board passed it unanimously."

Not only is the Arapaho language class being taught, but the best part is also the language class will count towards the students' graduation credits for language requirements. "It's just not an elective, it counts towards a graduation credit, and that's an accomplishment," Risenhoover said. El Reno Superintendent Goucher agrees saying it gives students an opportunity unlike any other to gain world language credits by taking Arapaho.

"In our area our Native American relations is so strong and our students have shown a lot of interest in this class ... I think it's a wonderful opportunity for us as a school," Goucher said. He gave recognition to



Arapaho I Language teacher Jeff Black welcomes students into their first Arapaho Language classroom at El Reno High School.

Risenhoover, who he said was one of his students early on in his teaching career.

"I am proud of Rebecca (Risenhoover), she has gone out there and with her language program she approached us with this idea, felt like she could get it done through the state department and we were really thankful and appreciative of her efforts," Goucher said.

He said if she was going to get it going, then they, "certainly wanted to partner with her and let it happen here in El Reno."

Although El Reno Public Schools may be first to offer Arapaho Language, there is active planning taking place to work towards having Cheyenne language added

next year to El Reno schools, Arapaho classes introduced into Geary Public Schools, Arapaho and Cheyenne language classes introduced into Clinton Public Schools and Arapaho language class introduced into Canton Public School.

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You don't learn language by writing it, you learn language by speaking it ...”  
Rebecca Risenhoover

Along with Black, who is teaching the Arapaho I language class, there are five other certified teachers waiting "in the wings" for their opportunity to teach, Regina Youngbear, Shayna Walker, Christopher Pratt, Amanda Goljenboom and Megan Guy.

"Someday students will

say, 'oh I graduated El Reno and I got to learn Arapaho,' even if they are non-Native and I think that's pretty exciting. As a former El Reno graduate this is more special to me to be able to make this connection with them and get Arapaho language into the school," Risenhoover said.

On the first day of class, Black stood at his classroom door and welcomed in his first class of students, admitting to Cheyenne and Arapaho Productions on camera, "the first day I was pretty nervous myself."

Black was featured as one of the 16 language apprentices in the *Tribal Tribune's* 'Language Apprentice Series' published in the April 1, 2023 issue.

Black started his apprenticeship in June 2021 after

he learned more about the program during a virtual language class. He never dreamed applying for the apprenticeship would lead him to making a commitment in his career choice.

"I did not realize at the time that the apprentice program was going to be a full-time job and so I was excited to have more time with learning the language. It was a big decision for me to jump from the career I had before into this," Black told the Tribal Tribune.

Black said the spoken language is the essence of language and then the reading and the writing are the tools ... but what is lacking are fluent speakers.

"We're losing speakers all the time, they are all elders and if we don't do something we won't have the language," Black said.

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my dad retired. I've been in Washington State ever since, I've attended Emerald Ridge High School and my last junior and senior year I got my associates degree," Kelley said.

Kelley applied through the program CLM Granada CILE that was affiliated with her college and after getting a recommendation from a professor, she was accepted. Kelley said she has been actively learning the Spanish language for a couple years now.

"I took high school Spanish, but I mean you can only do so much through not actually being in the culture and surrounded by the language, so I really wanted to immerse myself and be in the culture and be around people that are speaking the language so I can really retain it," Kelley

said.

CLM Granada is a college institution in Spain known for language learning and its renowned Spanish courses for international students.

"I am so excited, I am so amazed I got into this program, I'm really happy and I can't wait until this experience and then I'll learn Spanish, so I'll have that language check and I'll come back to America and I'll be fully immersed in the culture," Kelley said.

Kelley said what she hopes to gain the most from her experience in Spain is learning the language and what she looks forward to the most while there is making new friendships.

"I really want to learn the language, that's my main goal, my second goal is to make friends and deep con-

nections, third is to travel, see the culture and obviously have fun," Kelley said.

Having grown up traveling to other countries before, this will be Kelley's first time traveling to Spain. Countries that Kelley has traveled to in the past include the Dominican Republic, Ireland, Colombia, Belize, El Salvador and Puerto Rico.

After her program ends, Kelley said she will decide whether to take a quarter off from school and spend time traveling through Spain and Europe. And while she's no stranger to traveling across countries, this will be Kelley's first time being away from her family for an extended period of time.

"I'm used to traveling, I've traveled alone before, but this will be for a longer period of time, obviously



Amara Kelley will spend time with her family before departing for Spain. Pictured l-r: her mother Karisa Kelley, Amara Kelley, her grandfather Wesley Waysepappy and her grandmother Patricia Waysepappy.

I'll miss my family but I'm excited for a new experience and to get to know a new culture and learn a new lan-

guage," Kelley said.

Amara's parents are Karisa Waysepappy Kelly from Lawton, Okla., and Chris

Kelley from Puyallup, Wash. Her grandparents are Patricia and Wesley Waysepappy from Lawton, Okla.



## CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES

### HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

# 2023-2024 ACADEMIC YEAR EVENTS

<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 04, 2023</b> <b>WORKING ADULTS LUNCHEON</b> GOING BACK TO COLLEGE CASINO ADMINISTRATION BUILDING CONFERENCE ROOM - CONCHO, OK 12:00PM - 1:00PM	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>OCTOBER 25, 2023</b> <b>COLLEGE &amp; CAREER FAIR</b> RESPECT GYM - CONCHO, OK 10:00AM - 2:00PM	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>NOVEMBER 09, 2023</b> <b>FAMILY FAFSA NIGHT</b> REDLANDS COMMUNITY COLLEGE 6:00PM - 8:00PM
<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 01, 2024</b> <b>WORKING ADULTS WELLNESS EVENT</b> ZOOM EVENT 6:00PM - 8:00PM	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>FEBRUARY 29, 2024</b> <b>HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR FAMILY NIGHT</b> LOCATION TBD 6:00PM - 8:00PM	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>MAY 02, 2024</b> <b>HIGH SCHOOL &amp; COLLEGE GRADUATION BANQUET</b> RESPECT GYM - CONCHO, OK 6:00PM - 8:00PM



## Join the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing staff for a Housing Fair at the Concho ERC Building on Friday October 6, 2023 from 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. We will have a Scavenger Hunt, Demonstrations, Informational Booths, Raffles and Lunch will be provided.



If you have any questions contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority at (580)331-2400.

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



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there wasn’t a problem we couldn’t solve, you truly cared about these students and this school and everyone knew it, you helped me so much during my time here,” Smith said.

Current superintendent Tackett described Franklin as the person you lean on when coming to Darlington school.

“Dara takes us in and she takes care of us and she takes care of the kids and she’s a special person. I am so glad that somebody had the smarts to say let’s dedicate this because I’m proud to drive down the highway and see the library and see Dara’s name on it and I know she is and I’m so proud to be her friend,” Tackett said.

Nearing the end of the ceremony, an Arapaho eagle song was sung along with the presentation of a plaque in honor of Franklin that was accepted by her family.

Sitting and listening to all of the comments shared about her during the dedication, Dara shared her heartfelt gratitude when handed the microphone.

“I just want to thank the school board, the staff for giving me this honor and all



Some of those who gathered in honor of the dedication for theDara Franklin Library and Fine Arts building at Darlington Public School are l-r: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Lt. Gov. Gib Miles, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes A3 Legislator Travis Ruiz, Darlington former superintendent Jimmie Smith, current Darlington superintendent Loren Tackett, former superintendent Jim Martin, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Natalie Youngbull, former superintendent Glenn Meriwether, Darlington board member Deforest Tallbear, Darlington principal Gina Musae and Arapaho Culture Coordinator Fred Mosqueda.

my family that’s come, I said I wasn’t going to cry, I was so honored by this eagle song, it touched my heart, it’s probably one of the highest songs that can be sung among our people,” Dara said.

Dara showed her appreciation by gifting Pendleton

blankets to current school board members Donna Wehmueller and Deforest Tallbear, along with former superintendents Martin and Meriwether.

“They gave me a job to raise them, my grandchildren and I just want to thank

Meriwether for giving me a job, I’ve been here 34 years, I think more but I’m not for sure I lost count,” she said laughing. “I have my family here, everybody that came has touched my life and the teachers, I’m real humble and I’m thankful.”



## Kylie Saal 2023-2024 Barona Powwow Princess

Kylie Saal will be the 2023-2024 Barona Powwow Princess in Lakeside, Calif., Labor Day weekend.

Kylie is Arapaho and is the daughter of Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Cameron Saal and his wife Petra Saal. She is the granddaughter of the late Myrna Wassana of Weatherford, Okla., and the late Phil Saal. She is the great granddaughter of the late Chester Wassana and Susie Pratt-Wassana also of Colony/Weatherford.

Kylie is currently entering her third year at UC San Diego studying public health and enjoys playing the saxophone and Bassoon in her spare time.

Kylie’s Arapaho name is Hisei Niibe (Woman Singing) and she has been dancing fancy shawl style for many years. She looks forward to representing the Barona Powwow and her Arapaho people.

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Presenting the 2023-2027 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS)


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**Food and Door Prizes will be offered at each event.**

**Join us at one or more Listening Sessions for a chance to learn more about the Tribe’s three Master Plans for Canton, Concho & Clinton, as well as Strategies for the CEDS Plan.**

<p><b>Elk City</b></p> <p>Tuesday, October 10, from 10 am-12 pm @Elk City Convention Center 1016 Airport Industrial, Elk City, OK</p> <p><b>Hammon</b></p> <p>Tuesday, October 10, from 2-4 pm @ Emergency Response Center 20415 HWY 33, Hammon, OK</p> <p><b>KINGFISHER</b></p> <p>Wednesday, October 11, from 10 am-12 pm @ Emergency Response Center 400 West Erwin, Kingfisher, OK</p> <p><b>GEARY</b></p> <p>Wednesday, October 11, from 2-4 pm @ Emergency Response Center 928 S. Arapaho, Geary, OK</p> <p><b>CANTON</b></p> <p>Thursday, October 12, from 10 am-12 pm @ Canton Gym Emergency Response Center 205 N. Jefferson Street, Canton, OK</p> <p><b>WATONGA</b></p> <p>Thursday, October 12 from 2-4 pm @ Emergency Response Center 257210 E. 820 Rd., Watonga, OK</p>	<p><b>CLINTON</b></p> <p>Monday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm @ Emergency Response Center 2015 Dogpatch Rd., Clinton, OK</p> <p><b>CONCHO</b></p> <p>Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 pm @ Emergency Response Center 102 Wolf Robe Circle, Concho, OK</p> <p><b>WOODWARD</b></p> <p>Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-12 pm @ Emergency Response Center 43554 S. County Rd. 206, Woodward, OK</p> <p><b>SEILING</b></p> <p>Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 pm @ Emergency Response Center 411 N. Main Str., Seiling, OK</p> <div><p>Planning &amp; Development Program Hannah PrairieChief, EDA Coordinator Christine Morton, Tribal Planner</p></div>
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- SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (SSI)
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# REDLANDS MOU

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*Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Higher Education Scholarship program pictured with Redlands Community College staff pictured l-r: Raven Morgan, Lexus Halfred, Jaelyn Olsen, Emily Chavez, Christina Yellowman, Breanna Faris, Melanie Youngbear, Jill Burgess and Morgan Bullcoming. (Submitted photo)*

dents that have interest in pursuing post-secondary education, the higher education scholarship program assisting RCC with efforts to recruit and retain students that are Cheyenne and Arapaho, RCC supporting and promoting campus events to raise awareness of American Indian culture and setting out terms for mutual cooperation to improve the efforts of RCC and the higher education scholarship program in providing coordinated educational services to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes.

“Redlands will provide group tours and events for C&A high school students that are interested and then what we will do is we will assist Redlands and any efforts to recruit and retain

students that are C&A students,” Faris said.

Whether it’s providing targeted information to students like an enrollment list or assisting Redlands staff with connecting students to resources that are available at the tribes, Faris said the program will be assisting students to recruit and retain.

“We want to increase interest and awareness around attending higher education institutions, we want to increase the number of scholarships we’re providing so if we’re starting earlier on recruitment and if we’re giving students a real pathway to meeting their educational goals through these partnerships then that’ll help us reach our goal of getting more students enrolled in

college courses and completing degrees,” Faris said.

While the MOU is directed towards students thinking about going into higher education, NASNTI Part F director Jill Burgess said there will be tours for non-traditional students as well.

“We’ll provide tours for non traditional students too, maybe adults wanting to go back to school but the primary focus is on high school students,” Burgess said.

Burgess said part of the NASNTI part F grant is partnering with different tribes that are in the service area for RCC.

“Redlands is going to focus on the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizens that are thinking about higher education to provide the students, like high school

students, with a specific tour date and we can provide many throughout the school year,” Burgess said.

RCC Student Engagement Specialist and Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Lexus Halfred will be providing the tours on campus showing what Redlands has to offer as an institution.

Faris said the MOU would benefit students with more holistic support.

“Redlands has resources that we don’t have here at the tribe and then we have a number of resources available here at the tribes that Redlands doesn’t have and so really it’s just through these partnerships and these open lines of communication we can really look at meeting the student’s holistic needs,” Faris said.

# Head Lady Dancer: Bridget Blackowl

Epeheva’e tsehvoomat-sese! Hello, my name is Bridget Blackowl. I am honored to serve as this year’s Cheyenne Head Lady Dancer for 2023 Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow. I am an enrolled citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

Natséhestahe. Nahe-sevehe Ho’et’séóó’e - My Cheyenne name is Lightning Woman. I am a proud mother to my son Brett Blackowl. My son and I reside in El Reno, Okla. My father is Welbourne Blackowl and my mother is Denise Karty. My paternal grandparents are the late Walter Blackowl and Christine (Fire) Blackowl. My paternal great grandpa

is the late Cheyenne Chief John Blackowl. My maternal grandparents are the Late Celena Jean (Webster) Karty and George Karty II. My maternal great grandpa is Nick Webster. I am a direct descendant of the Sand Creek Massacre through survivor Robert Sandhill.

I recently obtained an Associate of Arts in Diversified Studies and am now currently taking online courses at University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, Okla., to obtain a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Leadership. I also work full time for the Legislative Branch of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.



I would like to welcome everyone to the 2023 Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow. Neaese!

# Master of Ceremonies: Jason Goodblanket



Jason Goodblanket, Cheyenne, is from Clinton, Okla. He lives with his wife Tammie and their son Ceroné ‘Roney’ Goodblanket. Jason is a 1988 graduate of Clinton High School.

His Cheyenne name,

“Motsesooné’hee’ e” means Flint River. He is the son of the late Irvin ‘Toby’ and the late Dorothy Howlingwater Goodblanket. He is the great-grandson of Cheyenne Chief Highchief Howlingwater from the Redmoon District. He has two adopted daughters, Emille and Cheyenne. Jason is currently employed with the Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, as one of the operations managers and has been with the company for 22 years.

Jason is a traditional Cheyenne Chief, who has invested much of his time and effort into helping teach the younger generation about the Cheyenne culture. He teaches them through language, song, dance and ceremony. He was initiated into the

Chieftain Society in 2012. He took the seat of his uncle Jerome Howlingwater. The Council is still practiced and honored to this day as it has for thousands of years.

Jason is also a singer at the center drum. He has traveled all across Indian Country attending and participating in many powwows. His participation includes sweatlodge and Sundance ceremony. He serves as the Camp Crier for the Hammon Sundance.

It is with great honor that Jason continues this way of life. He would like to thank the Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow committee for asking him to be a part of this year’s celebration.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Powwow

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HL: Bridget Blackowl Regina Youngbear

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2023 Cheyenne & Arapaho Labor Day Princesses

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Sr. Arapaho Princess Brooklyn “Beans” Kodaseet Jr. Arapaho Princess Skylene Beaver Tiny Tot Arapaho Princess Tiraji Warden

Parade Info: Cheyenne & Arapaho Labor Day Parade September 2, 2023—11:00 a.m.

Saturday will be Dedication to those who attended Residential Boarding Schools in the U.S. and Canada. C&A Tribal members will Honor Saturday as the Day of Remembrance of our Cheyenne and Arapaho Ancestors who attended residential boarding schools.

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**Sept. 8**  
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momma, brother Kurt,  
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and uncles and all your  
cousins and friends



Happy 31<sup>st</sup> Birthday  
**Katie Mae**  
*We all love and  
appreciate everything you  
do! Love Dee, mom,  
brothers, your neice and  
nephews and your loving  
babies Kurt and Jo*



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**MaKayla Tru**  
I love you and am so proud  
of you! Love, mom



Happy 8th Birthday  
**\*\*Pedro Twins\*\***  
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**DAY TWO: Wednesday, September 13th**  
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**COMMUNITY INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS**

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**MEETING DATES & LOCALES**

Wednesday,	Sept 6,	Hammon ERC
Tuesday,	Sept 12,	Clinton ERC
Wednesday,	Sept 13,	Seiling ERC
Tuesday,	Sept 19,	Geary ERC
Wednesday,	Sept 20,	Concho ERC
Thursday,	Sept 21,	Canton ERC
Tuesday,	Sept 26,	Kingfisher ERC
Thursday,	Sept 28,	Watonga ERC


**Doors open at 5:30 PM.**  
**All meetings will begin at 6PM.**  
**A light meal will be provided.**

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO), 5 CAC §5.600, as amended August 13, 2022, requires the preferential employment of Indians by non-governmental employers within the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal boundaries.


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**Discrimination Financial Assistance Program**

**Paid Internship/Outreach Assistant Recruitment**

**Description:** Personnel for this project will be supporting the USDA’s efforts to provide outreach to those that qualify for the USDA Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP) [IRA Assistance for Producers Who Experienced Discrimination](#) | [Farmers.gov](#). This is a 1099 contract.

The overall scope of this project is to provide:

- Outreach
- Technical Assistance (possible)

**Essential Duties:**  
**OUTREACH (OR) & TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA)**

- OR events** include attending county fairs, farmers markets, other agricultural events, as well as scheduled workshop and presentation events to provide information on the program and answer questions
- TA events** include explaining the USDA farm loan assistance program to farmer applicants Helping farmers complete their USDA application form at events.

\* The application is approximately 40 pages

**Duties**

- Disseminating written materials (flyers, press releases, applications) and tracking the quantity Distributed
- Travel to different locations for scheduled Outreach events
- Image document each event and submit post event
- Submit required data collection information post event
- Maintains a daily work activity log as well as weekly time & expense sheets.
- Bilingual is a plus

**Desirable Qualifications**

- Strong interpersonal communication
- Organizational skills and attention to detail
- Customer Service experience a plus
- Maintain a high level of confidentiality
- Facilitation skills to effectively communicate with a variety of audiences
- Ability to listen and understand the experience of historically underrepresented communities
- Experience in the agricultural sector a plus

**Job type:** Paid internship (Limited Term thru October)  
**Work Schedule:** Part time (Hours vary) Weekends and Weekdays as determined by event  
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***HOLIDAY: All Tribal Offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 4, 2023 in observance of Labor Day Holiday. Tribal offices will also be closed beginning at 1 p.m. Friday Sept. 1 to prepare for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Labor Day Powwow held in Colony, Okla., Sept 1-4, 2023***

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**SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING**


Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Albert Redhat, Jr.


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

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District  
 Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023, at the hour  
 of 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Motion for  
 Termination of Parental Rights of Father and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of  
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YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and  
 in opposition to the granting of said Motion at the time and place above shown. You have the right to  
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 with law.

Dated this 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023.

  
 Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk  
 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court

  
 Harmony Kirshon, OBA# 32979  
 Assistant Deputy Attorney General



Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk



OBITUARIES

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### Donald Gene Blackwolf

Donald Gene Blackwolf, 86, passed away Aug. 21, 2023, at his home surrounded by family in Anadarko, Okla. He was born in Clinton, Okla., on March 9, 1937, to John Joe and Katherine (Parrish) Blackwolf. Donald attended the Concho Boarding school and graduated from El Reno High School. He joined the Air Force Oct 14,1956 and came home on Oct 15, 1962. He received the Good Conduct Medal. He retired from the Concho Boarding School as a boy’s dorm parent. He was seen as a father to those he coached and mentored. He was blessed with a house full of children, Karen, Vida, Betty, Donald, Daniel, Danielle, Kerrie, Kellie, Dex, Kelly, Henry, Queena, Junior, Tim, Jackie and Sheri. Donald loved his family and being part of the family functions. He loved playing and watching basketball, softball and golf. His greatest love was fast pitch softball, which at the age of 44 he was written up in the Daily Oklahoman paper as still having the ability to fast pitch at

the speed that he was doing in his younger years. He was abducted into the Oklahoma Softball Hall of Fame in 2007. He was an avid fan for the OU Sooners. He was a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He was preceded in death by his wife Marion, parents, John and Katherine, brother Joe Arlen Blackwolf, grandchildren, Junior Hart, Annie Bearshield, Hilary Wolf tongue, Dustin Wolf tongue, Shannon Blackwolf, Jessica Birdshead, Deven Blackwolf-Johnson and great-grandchildren, Parrish Blackwolf, Kiera Blackwolf, and brother-in-law Harold Koebrick.

He is survived by his children, Karen Blackwolf of Clinton, Okla., Vida Birdshead (Dwight Harding) of Anadarko, Okla., Betty Lynn Blackwolf of El Reno, Okla., Donald Blackwolf of Clinton, Daniel Blackwolf (Dianne Sanders) of Clinton, Danielle Blackwolf of Mustang, Okla., Kerrie Ann Blackwolf of El Reno, Kellie Sue Blackwolf of El Reno,



Dex Howell (Joyce) of Santa Rosa, Calif., Kelly Howell-Factor (Steve Factor) of Yukon, Okla., Henry Howell of Yukon, Queena Hart (Kenny Cable) of Lawton, Okla., Jackie Hunter of Lawton, Sheri Perez of Lawton, daughter-in-law Pattie Hart of Lawton, sister Barbara Koebrick of El Reno and 56 grandchildren.

He was loved by a host of family and friends.

Wake services were held Aug. 24 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 25 at the Bethel Baptist Church in Anadarko, Okla., followed by an interment at the Memorial Lane Cemetery under the direction of Ray & Martha’s Funeral Home.

### Onni Lavita Garcia

It pleased our Heavenly Father to take home His beloved daughter, Onni Lavita Garcia on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of August 2023, at the age of 32.

Onni was born in Denver, Colo., on Sept. 17, 1991 to Theodore Garcia and Levita Garcia.

A graduate from Everest College and a registered nurse, Onni enjoyed spending time with family, cooking and being outdoors. Onni ws the third eldest of seven siblings, Elias Garcdia, Philicia Ladeaux, Rebekah Bedoka, Theodore Garcia Jr., Aaron Yellowboy and Dale Jacob Garcia.

She is survived by two children, Ruben Emmanul Garcia and Annabella Louise Lopez.

We rest in knowing that God’s thoughts are not our thoughts and His ways are not our ways, He never makes a mistake.

Funeral services were held Aug. 25, 2023 at the Romero Family Funeral Chapel in Lakewood, Colo. Pallbearers included brother Theodore Garcia Jr., brother Aaron Yellowboy, uncle Dennis Bushy, son Ruben Emmanuel Garcia, cousin Sean Wilson and cousin Erik Wilson.



“The family wishes to acknowledge with deep appreciation the many expressions of love concern and kindness shown to them during this time of bereavement. May God continue to bless each of you. We shall be forever grateful,” ... The Family.

### Harry Dean Morlan

Harry Dean Morlan passed away Aug. 13, 2023 at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City.

Harry was born July 2, 1953, in Clinton, Okla. He lived in Watonga before moving to El Reno in 2016. He attended the Watonga First Assembly of God Church and enjoyed fishing, camping and traveling.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth Ann (Harrison) Morlan, two sons, Donnie Beard Jr. and Joseph Morlan, both of Watonga, two daughters, Wynona Wilkerson of Ft. Worth, Texas, and Dena Bowman

of Ada, Okla, brother Philip “Buddy” Morlan Jr. of Concho, Okla., nine grandchildren, Donnie Beard III, Christopher Morlan, Sebastian Thompson, Rudee Beard, Jocelyn Aquina, Giana Wilkerson, Mya Wilkerson, Tyler Bowman and Emily Bowman; and six great-grandchildren.

His parents, Phillip Morlan Sr. and Josephine Yelloweyes, daughter Melanie Morlan, three sisters and one brother preceded him in death.

A traditional all night wake service was held Aug. 17 at the Concho Emergen-



cy Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 18, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

### Louise B. Sam

Louise B. Sam was born Nov. 19, 1934 to Reuben and Lucy (Beaver) Bent in Clinton, Okla. and passed from this earth on Aug. 14, 2023 in Oklahoma City. Her Cheyenne name is Ma’heona’e meaning Medicine Woman. Her grandmother was Clara Packer and her grandpa was Tall Elk.

Louise was raised in Clinton and has been in the area her whole life. She married Clifford Ray Sam Jr. She was a member of the Indian Baptist Church in Clinton. She enjoyed sewing, beadwork, making moccasins, traveling, cooking, bowling, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Louise retired in the nursing field with the Indian Health Services.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Clifford, her maternal and paternal grandparents, two brothers Blyford Bent, Richard “Dickie” Goodblanket, her sister Hilda Bent, and uncle Johnny Bent.

She is survived by two daughters Karen Lyn Sam and Mia Marisa Sam both of El Reno, Okla., two sons, Randall Gene Sam Jr. and his wife Roxie of McAllister, Okla., Clifford Sam Sr. and his wife Lucinda of El Reno, 16 grandchildren Renae Pedro, Jonathan, Mia, Kodi, Mya, Anthony, Amelia, Aron, Pamela, Randall, Harlan, Miles, Jeremy, Cedar, and Hunter, numerous great and great-great grandchildren, special niece Debra Sam, special cousin Wilma



Sonecalf, and special caretaker/friend Anita Wynn.

A traditional wake service was held Aug. 17 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral service was held Aug. 18, at the same venue, officiated by Rev. Gerald Panana, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of Kie-sau-Lee Funeral Home.

### Roger Washee Johnson

Roger Washee Johnson, Sr. also known as Bear, passed away on Aug. 20, 2023, at the age of 57 in Okmulgee, Okla. Roger was born on Nov.10, 1965, in Bowling Green, KY to Martha (Washee) Johnson and the late Keeper J. Johnson Sr. Bear was a fun-loving individual who cherished his family and had a deep passion for athletics. He was an avid sportsman in his younger years. During his time at Morris High School, he was the quarterback on the 1983 Morris Championship Football team. Bear loved to reminiscence about his high school football days with his buddies and coaches. Professionally, Bear embarked on a successful career as a journeyman lineman. He dedicated 21 years of his life to East

Central Electric, where he used his skill and expertise, all while making lifelong friends along the way. Bear was a member of Belvin Baptist Church, where he found solace and strength. His faith was an important aspect of his life, and it brought him comfort and guidance. In his free time, Bear loved riding his Harley around Morris and spending quality time with his friends. He valued their companionship and enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. Bear was preceded in death by his father and brother Jeffery Linn Johnson. Bear is survived by his mother Martha Johnson, his sons, Roger Washee Johnson II and wife Leona, and Dallas Blake Johnson, his stepdaughters, Nikki Day and Brittany Pope, his broth-



er Keeper (Kip) Johnson Jr and wife Kim, and his sister Missy Blackeagle, as well as numerous grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

A traditional all night wake service was held Aug. 24 at the Belvin Baptist Church in Okmulgee, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 25 at the Trinity Baptist Church in Morris, Okla., followed by an interment at the Morris Cemetery under the direction of McClendon Winters Funeral Home.

### Angeline Pedro

Angeline Pedro passed from this earth on Aug. 8, 2023, at Integris Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon, Okla. Angeline was born Jan. 21, 1955 in Clinton, Okla., and was raised in Calumet, Okla.

She was assistant to the controller for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a member of the Native American Church.

She is survived by daughters, Anne Pedro, Linda Pedro and Elaine Tiger, all of El Reno, brother Robert Pawnee of Shawnee, Okla., and Albert Pawnee of Calumet,

sisters, Murial Pawnee of Shawnee, Rita Pawnee, Esther Pawnee-Pahmahmie and Wanda Pawnee, all of El Renoand Jane Pawnee-Tsoodle of Watonga, Okla., and her 12 grandchildren whom she was a loving grandmother.

Her husband Wesley Pedro, parents, William Freeman and Ester (Madbull) Pawnee, brothers, Leslie Pawnee and Samuel Pawnee and sisters, Mamie Pawnee and Maggie Patricia Pawnee, preceded her in death.

Wake services were held Aug. 15 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in



Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 16, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Pedro Family Cemetery in Calumet, Okla., under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

### Phillip Keith Redbird

Phillip Keith Redbird passed fromthis earth on Aug. 4, 2023 at Integris Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City. Phillip was born Jan. 7, 1992, in Kingfisher, Okla. He lived most of his life in Oklahoma City. He enjoyed playing pool, attending concerts and skate boarding.

He is survived by his son Snow Keith Redbird, his mother Ella Lamebull, of the home, father James Redbird, brothers, Gordon

Lamebull, Ethan Redbird, Derrick Redbird and Ryan Redbird and sisters, Jennifer Redbird, Cecelia Redbird and Jessica Redbird.

His grandparents, Gilbert and Sandra Lamebull, preceded him in death.

A traditional all night wake service was held Aug. 10 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 11, at the same venue, followed



by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

### Marie Alice Whitebird Whiteman

Marie Alice (Vóóhéhéva’e Morning Star Woman) Whitebird-Whiteman (Vétapahae-to’é’e Kiowa woman)

was born Sept. 1, 1934, in Watonga, Okla., to Mollie Curtis and Dawes Whitebird. She attended Chilocco Indian Boarding School and received her diploma from Watonga High School in 1953. Her 31-year nursing career ended in 1989 when the Blaine County Health Department was established. Her career with Opportunities Inc. began in 1990, with her retiring in 2003.

She was very active with the Watonga Hospital Auxiliary and was serving as treasurer up until her sickness took a hold. She received many awards and special recognitions throughout her life, being honored and humbled by each one. Marie was the last of the original Lightning Clan members.

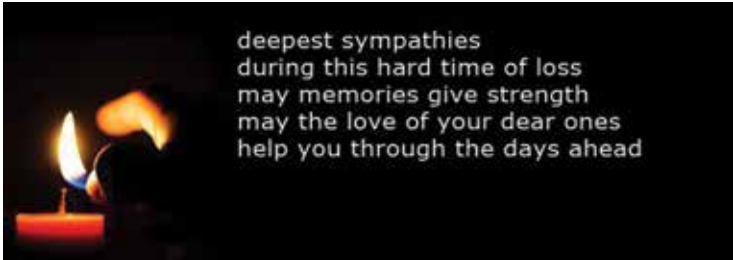
She also held numerous princess titles and most notably representing the Cheyenne in 1951 at the American Indian Exposition in Anadarko, Okla. She was a member and devout believer in the Native American Church ways and Cheyenne Ceremonies.

Granny, as lovingly called by her family, had two brothers, Lavern Whitebird and Charles Whitebird, preceding her in death, has seven kids, Wilma Cedartree-Horse (deceased), daughter and grandkids; Beverly Jimenez, husband, kids, grandkids, and great-grandkids of Moore, Okla., Karen Daratt, kids, grandkids and great-grandkids of Oklahoma City; Charles Howlingwater, wife, kids, and grandkids of Thomas, Okla., Lavada Gould (deceased), kids, and grandkids; Leatrice Gonzalez, partner, kids, and grand-



kids of Watonga, Janell Howlingwater (deceased); and 3 adopted sons, Greg Hart, spouse, and kids of Thomas, Chester Whiteman, wife, kids, and grandkids of Geary, Okla., and Stewart Candy (deceased) of Hammon, Okla.

Wake services were held Aug. 23 at the Watonga Emergency Response Center in Watonga, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 24, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the I.O.O.F. Cemetery under the direction of Wilkinson Mortuary of Watonga.








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