

AARP Oklahoma hosts 15th annual Native American Elder Honors

Latoya Lonelodge
Senior Reporter

(OKLAHOMA CITY) Recognizing 47 Native American elders from 23 of Oklahoma’s Tribal Nations, AARP, formerly known as the American Association of Retired Persons, held its 15th annual Native American Elder Honors on Nov. 1 at the First Americans Museum (FAM) in Oklahoma City.

The month of November could not have had a better beginning with honoring distinguished Native Elders as November is designated as Native American Heritage Month.

Since its beginning, AARP has recognized over 700 elders from all over Oklahoma’s 39 Tribal Nations.

Sean Voskuhl, AARP Oklahoma state director was the master of ceremonies for the event and gave welcoming remarks.

“Today is no better way to mark this anniversary and celebrate the many vast contributions made by our elders who are here with us today, it is the 15th anniversary, honorees connect us to the culture, the traditions and today we give thanks for helping build communities and inspiring next generations, our honorees were really just amazing,” Voskuhl said.

Voskuhl continued to say elders cultivate strong communities, inspire young leaders to do more and are community builders.

“On behalf of AARP our nearly 400,000 members we’re really thrilled to welcome you here today, we do have some former and current tribal leaders we want to welcome and thank you for your leadership,” Voskuhl said.

Out of the 47 Native American Elder honors, three were enrolled Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens that included Rev. Pat Gonzales, Cheyenne Peace Chief Larry RomanNose and Veteran Ed Wilson.

Gonzales served the state as well as her local community and the Indian Health Service for 40 years. She was the first Native American to serve on the Watonga Public School board from 1996-2012. Gonzales was also a member of Red Cross where she aided as a first response nurse at the side of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in 1995.

After completing three years at the Seminary school through the Episcopal Church in Houston, Texas, she graduated and became an ordained Deacon through the Oklahoma Episcopal Discese. Gonzales currently presides



over the Whirlwind Mission in Watonga, Okla.

RomanNose is a Cheyenne Chief, traditionalist and Vietnam Veteran from Watonga. He is a member of the 44 Cheyenne Chiefs Council and a United States Marine Corps Veteran who served in the Vietnam War from May 1968 - May 1970. A descendent of the famed warrior Roman Nose, he later became a Cheyenne Peace Chief. RomanNose attended Concho and Chilocco Indian School. He worked in various employment opportunities over his lifetime, including being a treatment coun-



Pictured l-r: AARP State President Jim Randall, former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council member, Tewanna Edward, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Rev. Pat Gonzales, AARP Audience Strategy Manager, June Kao and AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)



Cheyenne Peace Chief Larry RomanNose receives his medallion as an honoree at the AARP Native American Elder Honors.



Cheyenne and Arapaho Veteran Ed Wilson receives his medallion at the AARP Native American Elder Honors.

selor at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Treatment Center in Bessie, Okla. RomanNose also worked as a health educator for the native American Development Inc., as well as a counselor and substitute teacher for Watonga High School. RomanNose continues being a traditionalist for the tribes and provides prayer blessings for individuals, families, households and facilities.

Wilson is an U.S. Army veteran who served during the Vietnam war from February 1965 - December 1967. It was only after being discharged that Wilson became angry of the lack of services available for veterans who were transitioning from the military back to civilian life. Wilson currently serves on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Veterans Board and is a member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho American Legion Post 401 chapter. Wilson also served as the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Chairman in the early 1980s, advocating for the return of Ft. Reno land in Washington, D.C. He continues to work in the community advocating for veteran’s rights and benefits.

“Whether our honorees are well known or exhibit quiet devotion to family and community, they all represent a love of family, dedication, culture and the strength of our communities and we want to thank them,” Voskuhl said.

A memorial song was sung by Rowe Kishketon and following was the presentation of the Dr. John and Tewanna Edwards Leadership Award given to Carmelita Skeeter, a 2021 AARP OK Native American Elder Honoree alumni. Skeeter is a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and is known for her strong support of minority and Indian health needs.

After a short intermission, the presentation of medallions followed where each elder honoree was recognized for their accomplishments.

Mashell Sourjohn, Senior Associate State Director of Community Outreach for AARP Oklahoma said the event is looked forward to each year as elders are the treasurers in the community.

“It’s really incredible, the honorees this year it’s so wonderful to be able to spotlight their

accomplishments and contributions. We’ve had veterans, community leaders, people that just are everyday heroes that go out and provide food to their neighbors and so it’s just wonderful to shine a light on their work,” Sourjohn said.

Sourjohn said it’s important to be able to honor elders so they can inspire the next generation to become community builders. A lot of times elders and their stories aren’t told in mainstream media or history books.

“We look forward to it every year, our elders are treasurers in our community and it’s truly our honor to be able to recognize them,” Sourjohn said.

The ceremony opened with an invocation by Dr. Steven Pratt and lunch was provided by Thirty-Nine Restaurant of FAM. Following lunch, the Oklahoma Fancy Dancers presented afternoon entertainment as they performed in traditional regalia for all the attendees.

Nominations for the 2024 AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors will open in January 2024.

Higher Education Program Hosts College and Career Fair

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

On Oct. 25 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Higher Education Scholarship program held a College and Career Fair at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Concho, Okla., where many students from schools in surrounding communities were invited to explore the many options available to them after graduation.

With various booths filled with college and career resources, the goal of the fair was to give students an opportunity to see what options lie in their future paths.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Higher Education Scholarship program director, Brianna Faris said the program invited a number of high schools to the event for anyone interested in either attending college or pursuing a degree in vo-tech or even just getting connected to employment resources.

“At higher ed we typically work with juniors and seniors, but we really are trying to expand who we serve and this event was also open to tribal, non-tribal, non-Native folks today so we just want to include as many people as we can, get them connected to resources to maybe try to help improve their lives,” Faris said.

As approximately 40 vendors showed up at the event, there was much to offer as students and attendees made their way from booth to booth connecting with different resources. Students



Riverside Indian School students Rayna Mendez and Nevaeh Sage show off their goodies at the College and Career Fair. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

from schools such as Clinton, El Reno, Geary and Riverside Indian School were in attendance as well as other schools.

“We’re getting them connected to resources and showing students that they have options, showing tribal employees that they have options, helping somebody improve their life in the long run or pursue something that they wanted to do for a long time, it’s really just about student development,” Faris said.

With over 100 attendees that participated in the college and career fair, Faris said the fair was to connect students to resources, however there is staff always



Melanny Muniz, Tina Ortiz and Nicky Howell from Calumet Public Schools attend the College and Career Fair.

available to help outside of events.

“We have staff in our office that can help talk with tribal citizens so even if they can’t make our events they

can always reach out and we can do a one-on-one zoom or just talk to them and talk about their options,” Faris said.

CATV and OU Nightly partnership hopes to encourage youth - both Native and non-Native - to enter broadcasting career

By Kimberly Burk, Tribal Tribune Contributor



Adam Youngbear, a language video producer for CATV Television, works on an episode of “Fry Bread Flats.” (Photo provided by CATV)

Fewer than one percent of U.S. newsroom employees are Native American, but CATV Director of Operations Randy Burleson is hoping a new partnership will make a difference among Native youth in Oklahoma.

Since Sept. 25, Cheyenne and Arapaho Television has been broadcasting OU Nightly, the student-led daily news broadcast of Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication at the University of Oklahoma.

“I thought it would be helpful for our Native youth to see other young people doing this kind of thing, to let them know that is an op-

tion,” Burleson said.

“There are very few Native people in the media,” Burleson said. “They need more representation in the media, and we are trying to promote that.”

Gaylord students present news, weather and sports reports from 4:30 to 5 p.m. every weekday that school is in session, as well as a 9 a.m. Game Day broadcast.

Barbara Merckx, OU Nightly news director, said there have been no transmission problems since the stream began. She said there is no cost involved in the

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OETA, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes host
Screening of “The American Buffalo”

GENERAL ELECTION

By Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

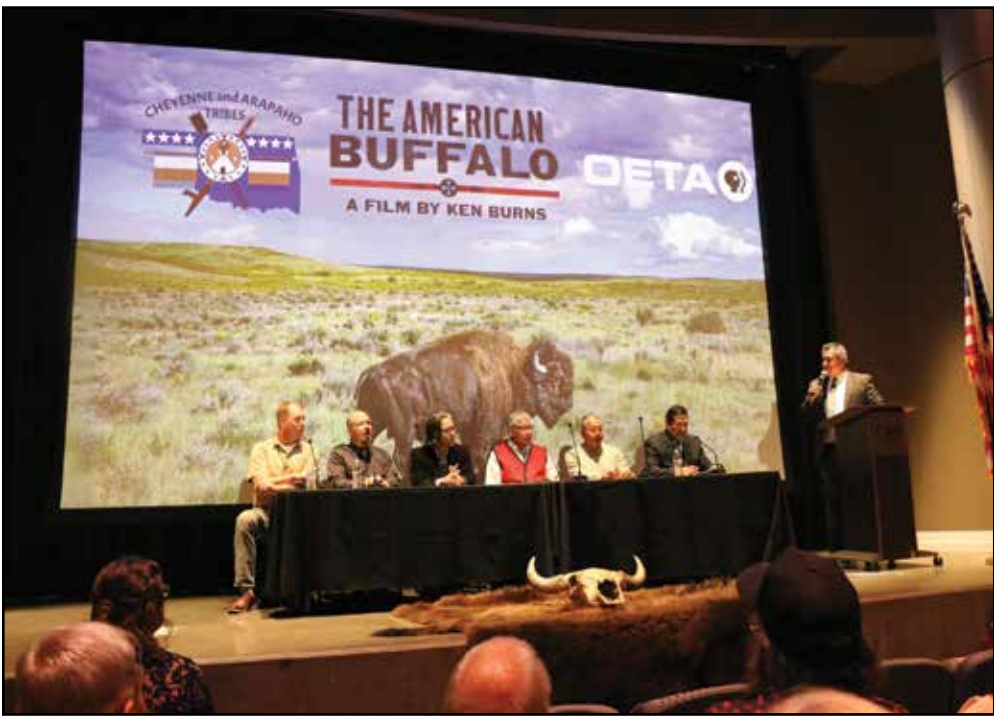
With more than 600 head of bison managed by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in western Oklahoma, the tribes prides itself with its growing bison herd as they continue to manage the largest herd of bison in Oklahoma.

In preserving the bison, the Tribes’ herd was recently spotlighted through a film by Ken Burns titled, “The American Buffalo.”

Gathering on a Saturday evening, many were invited to a screening and panel hosted by the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA) and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on Nov. 4 at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City.

The screening included a selective cut from the “The American Buffalo” documentary, a two-part four-hour series that tells North American history, tracing the evolution of the buffalo and its significance to Indigenous people and the Great Plains.

Following the screening was a panel discussion where panel members expressed their thoughts on the bison and its significance. On the panel for discussion was Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana, Randy Hawk,



Panel members included Daniel McDonald, professional wildlife biologist, Robert Burch, producer and writer for OETA, Dustin Tahmahkera, an associate professor at the University of Oklahoma, Gordon Yellowman, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Language and Culture director, Randy Hawk, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe’s bison program manager, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana and moderator Darren Brown. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes bison program manager, Gordon Yellowman, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Language and Culture director, Dustin Tahmahkera, an associate professor at the University of Oklahoma, Robert Burch, producer and writer for OETA,

and Daniel McDonald, professional wildlife biologist, with Darren Brown, Cheyenne and Arapaho Productions, moderating the panel.

The panel began with Brown asking Wassana about economic opportunities

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Election commissioners are elected to serve a four-year term, however term limits are not stated within the 2006 Constitution.

Article IX, Sec. 3(a) reads: “There shall be an Election Commission to conduct all elections in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with laws of the Tribes. The Election Commission shall select one of its members to serve as the Chairman of the Election Commission. The Legislature shall not have Executive or administrative authority over the Election Commission.”

Article IX, Sec. 3(b) Election Commission: “The Election Commission shall consist of eight members with one Cheyenne member and one Arapaho member from each district. The members of the Election Commission shall be elected from their respective districts to serve a term of four years. Elected officials of the Tribes shall not be eligible to serve on the Election Commission.”



Newly elected Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Tommy Trout.



Newly elected Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner Kelly Loneman.

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partnership, and the agreement is open-ended rather than for a specific length of time.

At least two Native students are currently working on the OU Nightly broadcast, Merckx said.

Burleson said the partnership came about in part because CATV’s senior producer, Darren Brown, had previously worked with Merckx.

CATV, which is Oklahoma’s only tribally-owned television station, went on the air in 2012. It’s an affiliate of First Nations Experience in San Bernadino, Calif., a round-the-clock indigenous programming channel.

“We take their feed for the most part and during the day take an hour here and there to do our stuff,” Burleson said. “We insert some of our own news packages -- events in the community that are of cultural significance.”

One of the most important missions of CATV is to promote the tribe’s culture and language, Burleson said. That led to the creation of “Fry Bread Flats,” an animated program aimed at children ages 3 to 9 and now in its second season.

With tribal citizens and producers and their children providing the voices of the characters, the series introduces elements of the Cheyenne and Arapaho languages as well as cultural teachings, Burleson said.

CATV is on Channel 35 for viewers who have antennas, and transmits about 35 miles in every direction

from its headquarters in Concho, Burleson said.

“You can also see some of the videos we produce on our Youtube channel and Vimeo,” Burleson said. “And we have a Facebook page.”

The Facebook page is primarily how CATV receives feedback from viewers that they are enjoying the programming, Burleson said.

“A lot of people love being able to see people like them in the media,” Burleson said. “They love seeing people that they know. We just went to Colorado where they renamed Mount Evans to Mount Blue Sky. They were really proud that we were there representing the tribe.”

Other FNX programming carried by CATV includes cooking shows, animated children’s shows, documentaries and mini-series, Burleson said.

“We are excited to add another platform for OU Nightly,” Merckx said. “It gives our student broadcast further reach in Oklahoma and serves the tribal community in an area of our state that can be considered a news desert.”

OU Nightly can also be seen on Cox Cable channel 704 in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa television markets, and on YouTube and Facebook.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune also has a partnership with OU’s Gaylord College. Gaylord News is a student news service that provides free written news articles as well as broadcast packages and regularly offers Native affairs coverage.

CHEYENNE and ARAPAHO TRIBES 2023 GENERAL ELECTION November 7, 2023 OFFICIAL RESULTS													
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RAY MOSQUEDA	4	2	2	0	0	4	1	0	0	30	43	61.43%	
KENNESHA WILLIS	1	0	4	0	0	5	0	0	0	17	27	38.57%	
TOTALS	5	2	6	0	0	9	1	0	0	47	70	100.00%	
ARAPAHO DISTRICT 2 ELECTION COMMISSIONER											TOTALS		
DALE HAMILTON, JR	0	0	0	0	5	15	0	0	0	36	56	36.36%	
KELLY LONEMAN	0	0	0	0	25	41	1	0	0	31	98	63.64%	
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	30	56	1	0	0	67	154	100.00%	
ARAPAHO DISTRICT 3 LEGISLATOR											TOTALS		
TRAVIS RUIZ	4	0	0	0	0	10	26	7	0	27	76	54.29%	
ALFRED WHITESHIRT	1	0	0	0	0	5	36	11	0	11	64	45.71%	
TOTALS	5	0	0	0	0	15	64	18	0	38	140	100.00%	
ARAPAHO DISTRICT 4 LEGISLATOR											TOTALS		
RECTOR CANDY	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	10	55.56%	
REVA WASSANA	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	3	3	8	44.44%	
TOTALS	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	12	4	18	100.00%	
CHEYENNE DISTRICT 1 LEGISLATOR											TOTALS		
BRUCE WHITEMAN, JR.	14	20	16	0	0	9	1	0	0	54	114	60.32%	
WILMA BLACKBEAR	14	6	26	0	0	5	1	1	0	22	75	39.68%	
TOTALS	28	26	42	0	0	14	2	1	0	76	189	100.00%	
CHEYENNE DISTRICT 3 LEGISLATOR											TOTALS		
THOMAS TROUT	0	0	0	0	0	12	117	27	0	35	191	54.73%	
CHARLENE WASSANA	0	1	0	0	0	9	70	12	0	66	158	45.27%	
TOTALS	0	1	0	0	0	21	187	39	0	101	349	100.00%	
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We, the undersigned members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Election Commission, hereby certify the above to be a true abstract of the votes cast in the General Election held November 7, 2023													
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Bison Harvest

Butchering bison is a carefully orchestrated art form depicting tradition and culture within the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. On Nov. 3 the Dept. of Language and Culture, along with the Tribal Bison Program hosted a bi-

son butchering at the Concho powwow grounds in Concho, Okla. Butchering the bison were Rainey Faris, Breanna Faris, Jocinda Walking-Night, Jandra Levi and Amanda Goljenboom.

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El Reno Indian Clinic, George Hawkins Treatment Center building, and child development buildings. Roman Nose is a U.S. Army Veteran and currently serves as a consultant to other tribes in program development and obtaining grants and water rights. The Moses Starr Jr. Honored Elder Award was created in 2019 in honor of Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen, the late Moses Starr Jr., because of his outstanding contributions to the tribes, education, health and Veterans. Starr also served as a faithful board member on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Health Board for many years.



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Lillian Lime, Clinton High School



(CLINTON, OK) Whether she’s throwing up pom-poms in cheer, dribbling a ball in basketball or running a course on the terrain in cross-country, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Lillian Lime, 17, can go the distance.

In her junior year at Clinton High School in Clinton, Okla., Lime wanted to try something new along with her other extra-curricular activities. So she tried her luck in cross-country.

Lime said with some influence from her parents, she wanted to choose a sport that would benefit her in basketball.

“I had a lot of coaches and my mom and dad tell me I need to be in cross country, that I was a born runner, I always told them I hated running but this year I said you know what I’m going to give it a shot and it turned out I really didn’t hate running, I actually enjoyed it,” Lime said.

In her first year of running cross-country, Lime said what she’s come to love the most about running cross-country is the challenge that each course brings.

“The toughness of the

courses, you don’t know what’s going to hit, it’s like I have to mentally push myself, I like that I’m making myself stronger that way, I have to like mentally tell myself to keep pushing don’t walk, once I overcome that it’s like a great feeling, once I accomplish the course it’s a great feeling after,” Lime said.

Lime’s motivation for running she said comes from her parents and her coaches.

“My coaches play a big part in pushing me, they push me to an extent but my mom and dad they push me harder, they expect a lot from me so I don’t want to let them all down,” Lime said.

For the season Lime said she looked forward to getting a better as she had a tough start to the cross-country season.

“In the beginning it was hard it was hard keeping up with my teammates and now it’s like I keep up with them, I enjoy that that I got somewhere and improved somewhere. I used to be far back behind but now I’m like up there with them and not running alone anymore,” Lime said.

And since the beginning of the season, Lime’s mindset has pushed her to finish the season strong as she went on to place at the state championship for cross-country. Earning her ticket to state was one of Lime’s goals going into the season.

“I’m proud that I accomplished one of my goals and just feel really accomplished that I met that goal, especially my first year in cross country, I pushed myself to get there, I had my coaches push me and believed in me, I used that as my motivation,” Lime said.

Alongside cross-country,

Lime actively participates in cheer and basketball that are ongoing sports she participates in during the same season. And while striving to keep up with a busy schedule of practices, Lime pushes herself just as much in the classroom as she has maintained a 3.8 GPA.

“I would say it’s hard for me right now, junior years really hard because I’m in votech in biomed so I have to go to school, go to practice, come home and stay up late and try to get my work done, but at the end of the day it’s worth it, for now it’s hard I have to keep pushing myself and tell myself don’t give up, keep going,” Lime said.

Lime also participates in the powwow arena as a southern cloth dancer, which she said she enjoys dancing along with her little sister.

For the season, Lime had a personal record time of 14:03 in cross country and has a time of 14:09 at regionals. Lime said she looks forward to next season in cross-country and going back to state to win a medal.

“I grew a lot, the beginning of practice, the first miles I was huffing and puffing, I was checking out but now once I pass that mile marker I’m like okay finish strong and push, now I finish stronger than what I did compared to my first meet, that’s the real difference there and my mentality is so much better compared to when I first started going to practice,” Lime said.

As a cross-country runner, Lime said it’s important to have a winning mindset.

“Before regionals my coach, my basketball coach texted me, what he texted me was have a winning mindset so I always want to say have a

winning mindset, don’t give up keep going you’re not going to like if you don’t have a winning mindset you’re not going to do so good, I always want that for others to have in mind too,” Lime said.

Throughout the season, Lime said running has taught her that she can do the impossible.

“I didn’t think I would win state or qualify for state like I thought I was far from that, but I proved myself wrong,” Lime said.

Clinton High School cross-country coach Robert Pitman said although there was not a full cross-country team for girls, Lime was their best girl runner.

“Lillian is a great student athlete that leads by example, in sports and in the classroom, she is a hard worker and is fun to be around. She is the kind of teammate that likes to keep things fun and bring smiles to her teammates,” Pitman said.

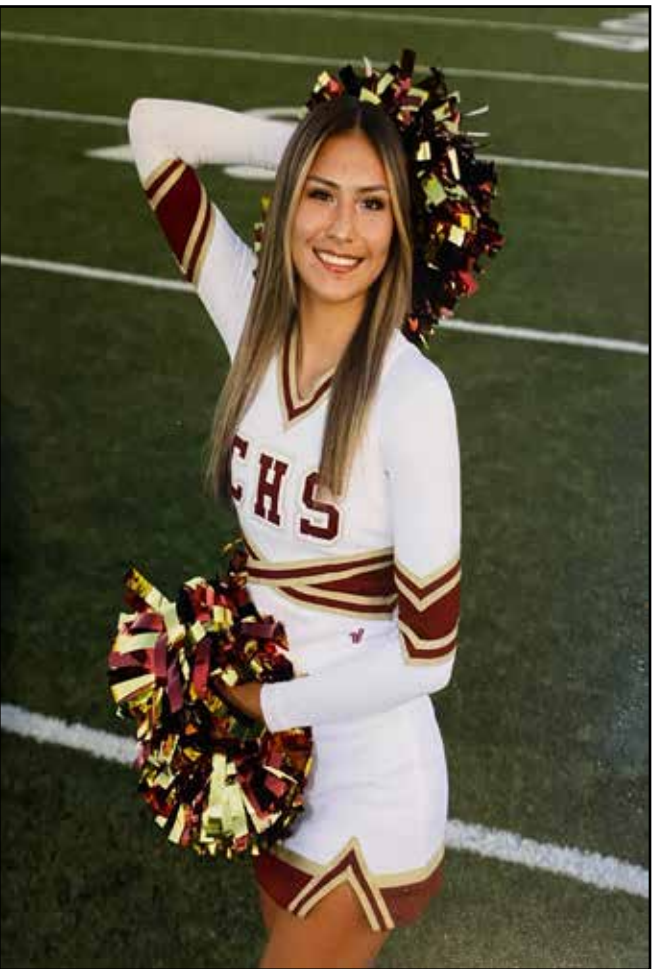
As it was Lime’s first year to run cross country, Pitman said she was really unsure of herself at the beginning of the season.

“It was great to watch her gain confidence throughout the season and having the success that she had,” Pitman said.

Pitman said throughout the season, Lime has placed at several cross-country meets as well as being a state qualifier. Lime is the first girl to qualify for state since 2015.

“Her success will lead to getting the sport on the map and get more girls interested, right now she is the face of the Clinton girls cross-country team and she will have a great senior year,” Pitman said.

Lillian’s Indian name is



Medicine Women and her parents are Robert and Vivian Lime. Her siblings are Andre Lime, CamRon Lime and Kyiah Lime. Lillian’s maternal grandparents are Bert and Betty Dennison and maternal great grandparents are the late George Whiteman and Ida Mae Bullcoming Whiteman. Her paternal grandparents are Ramon and Charlene Mendoza and her paternal great grandparents are the late Robert George Lime, Sr., and Laverne Whitehorse Lime.



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Many tribal citizens also participated in harvesting the bison meat.

More than 80 five-pound bags of bison as well as the ribs, heart and other parts of the buffalo were distributed to dozens of families in attendance.

Bison were a pillar of life for Native Americans, in particular the peoples of the western plains. Every need they had was met by these large, majestic animals, using every part of the bison for food, clothing, shelter, tools, jewelry and in ceremonies.

Their strength was emulated by warriors and many tribes honored each animal’s slaughter with prayer.

“Being patient and respectful is a key part of the butchering process and learning. These skills learned today will move forward to the next generation of Cheyenne and Arapaho peoples.”

It’s estimated that bison herds once numbered as high as 60 million. They were the largest population of a wild animal in the history of the world. Bison meat was relied on heavily as a food source, and prior to colonial times was a plentiful one.

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

**Admin. Assistant
Office of Tribal
Council
Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification required. Working knowledge of computer software programs such as Microsoft Office Tools, and communications systems. Work related certificates. Excellent verbal and written communication skills. Ability to build relationships through strong interpersonal skills. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**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, Linux) hardware components and software applications. Familiarity with network protocols, TCP/IP and basic network troubleshooting, effective communication and customer service skills to interact with end-users at all levels of technical proficiency. Ability to work independently and collaborate within a team environment. Certifications such as CompTIA A+, Microsoft Certified Professional (MCP) or similar certifications a plus. Experience in working with Firewalls and Network Security, proficient in maintaining Microsoft Active Directory, and ability to multi-task is required. Cheyenne-arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**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 Credential. Oklahoma Competency Certificate in Early Care and Education, must have basic computer skills and valid Oklahoma driver's license. Random drug and alcohol testing, must pass a criminal background check and maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry. Level 3 Background check requirement. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Admin. Assistant
Tribal Transit
Program
Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Position is located in Weatherford, Okla. Must be responsible and reliable and able to work independently with little supervision. Must be able to follow directions, communicate effectively both orally and in writing. Must be willing to obtain CPS Technical Certification within six months of hiring to assist with car seat check events. Knowledge in grant management and compliance desired by not required. Minimal two years experience in office management or similar training. Minimum education requirement is a high school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Must pass pre-hire drug screen/rest and background check. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver's license and provide a good driving record to be insurable through the Tribes' Fleet Management insurance policy. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Education School
Administrator
STEP Grant
Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Devote 100% of time to provide training, support and supervision for the development of the charter school proposal. Master's degree in education or related field preferred with at least five years work experience working in school administration. Experience working in federal grants serving Native communities and families. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license, clean driving record, ability to pass OSBI background check and drug testing. Must be able to work flexible hours including weekends and holidays and must be willing and able to perform related travel associated with this position. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizen preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Water Program
Coordinator-EPA
Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Associate degree in related science field preferred, required high school diploma or GED certification. Two years work experience, preferably working with tribal programs and specifically environmental programs. Ability to work with limited supervision and complete assigned tasks in a timely manner. Computer literate with ability to learn new programs. Ability to learn to operate variety of office machines including water monitoring/testing equipment and software. Must have valid Oklahoma driver's license and be available to travel both in state and out of state on a frequent basis.

SALARY: Negotiable

**Executive Assistant
Treasury
Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school diploma or G.E.D. certification. Three years minimum experience in administrative procedures. Expert proficiency in the suite of Microsoft software packages. Demonstrated ability to use or learn new software applications (SAGE/Intacct). Demonstrated ability to handle multiple priorities and requests promptly and efficiently. Strong oral and written communication skills. Valid Oklahoma driver's license. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

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

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

SALARY: Negotiable

**Executive Director
Dept. of Health
Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Completion of bachelor's degree in health administration or related field. Demonstrated basic professional competence in the health field. Ability to prioritize, manage and complete multiple tasks and responsibilities. Time management and delegation skills are crucial. Knowledge of tribal and community resources for referrals of clients to most appropriate source of assistance. Possess strong communication skills, written and oral, sufficient to interact with Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. OSBI and criminal background check required. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various health problems and/or needs. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

**General Laborer
Road Maintenance
Closing Date:
Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must provide proof of high school diploma or G.E.D., associate's degree in management or related field preferred with at least two years experience in the maintenance or construction field also preferred. Must possess current Oklahoma driver's license and provide current Motor Vehicle Report with acceptable driving record. Must pass pre-hire drug and alcohol screen and adhere to COVID-19 protocols. Demonstrate skills in basic knowledge of map, plan or layout reading. Understanding construction material testing and determine applicability with regard to dirt work, subgrade work, concrete work and/or asphalt work. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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WELDON H. HUCKEBA
Plaintiff,
Vs.
VERA A. HUCKEBA
Defendant,

Case No: JFD-2023-0022

CIVIL SUMMONS BY
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CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHOTRIBES TO: VERA A. HUCKEBA
ADDRESS UNKNOWN

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

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

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

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

Dated this 6th day of November, 2023.

Dana Matrone, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of:
RUSTI SIMPSON
Petitioner,
VS.
DAVID WALTERS
Respondent,

Case No. CIV-2023-0037

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: DAVID WALTERS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 6th day of DECEMBER 2023, at 10:00A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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

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

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

Dated at the Trial Court this 6th day of November, 2023.

Tammy Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:
PEGGY JANE TABOR-DAWSON
DOB: 05/18/1949
An Alleged Incapacitated Person,

Case No. PG-2023-4033

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: PEGGY JANE TABOR-DAWSON
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 6th day of DECEMBER 2023, at 10:00A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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In the Matter of:
MARIO GUZMAN
Petitioner,
VS.
ALISA HAMLETT
Respondent,

Case No. CIV-2023-0061

NOTICE OF HEARING
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ALISA HAMLETT
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 6th day of DECEMBER 2023, at 10:00A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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

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Dated at the Trial Court this 6th day of November, 2023.

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

Case No. JFJ-2023-0005

SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Shawn Black

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

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

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16th day of January 2024, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Petition and state whether you admit or deny its allegations.

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

Dated this 7th day of NOVEMBER, 2023.

Harmoniey S. Kinsch, OBA#32979
Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
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Concho, Oklahoma 73022
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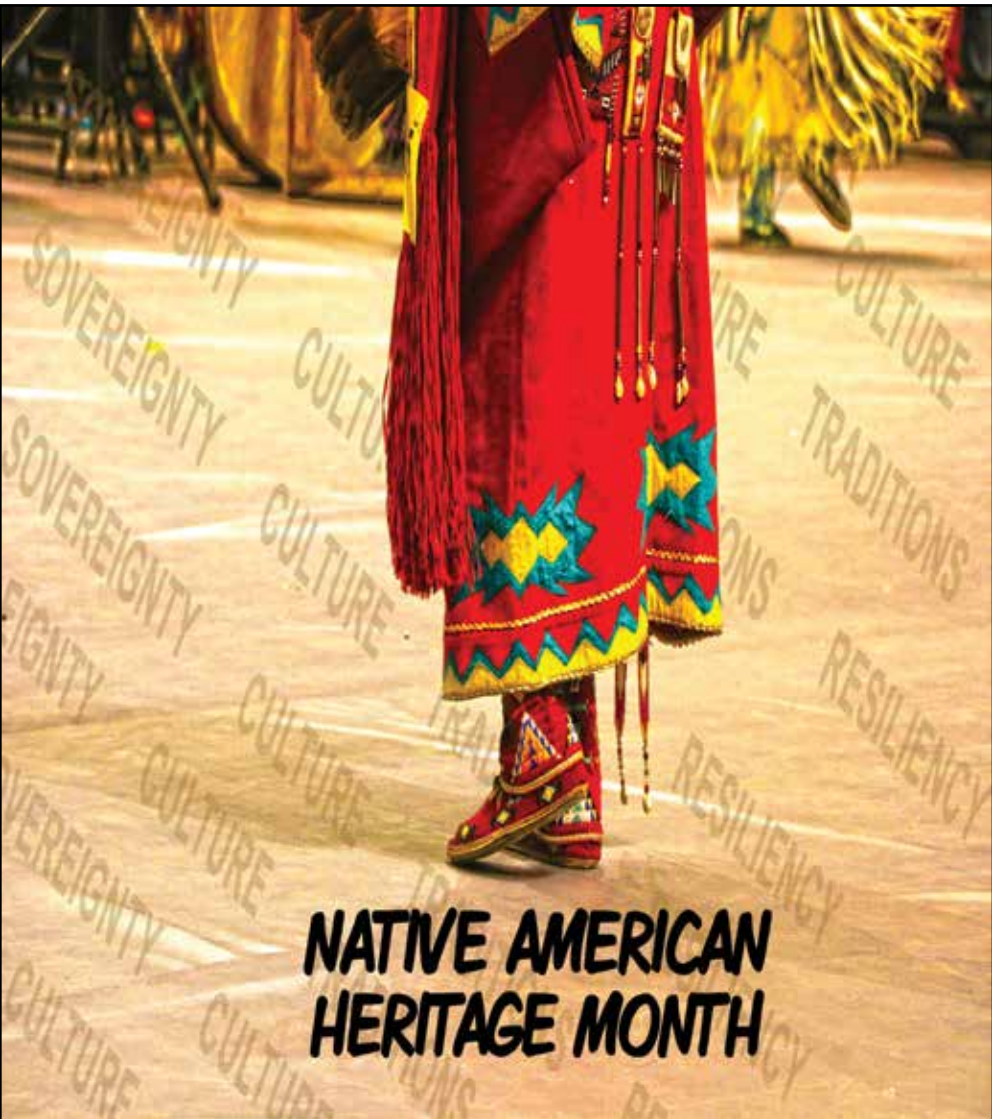
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OBITUARIES

Carl Heap of Birds

Carl Heap of Birds, 62, whose Cheyenne name was Sun Bear, died peacefully surrounded by family on Nov. 3, 2023 in Ada, Okla. He was born on May 5, 1961 in Wichita, Kansas to Margaret and Charles Heap of Birds.

Carl grew up in Wichita, Kansas and in 1981, married Brenda Gouladdle. Together they had three children, Lianna Kay Heap of Birds, Krystal Marie Heap of Birds and Carl Charles Heap of Birds. After high school Carl pursued a career in welding at United Welding Institute and worked as a welder for over 25 years. He was particularly known for being a reliable and proficient worker.

As a youth Carl was talented in visual art but his lifelong passion was fishing. His favorite fishing spots were O.J. Watson Park and Beech Lake in Wichita. He would often return from

these lakes with stringers full of fish. Carl also enjoyed traveling and he hiked up Berthoud Pass in the Colorado Rockies. Later in life Carl was very lucky in gaming and often was the family member who consistently accrued the most winnings. In 2013 Carl moved to Clinton, Okla., and lived with his brother Guy Heap of Birds at the Independent Living Center run by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Carl is survived by his wife Brenda Gouladdle, his daughter Lianna Kay Heap of Birds, his son Carl Charles Heap of Birds and nine grandchildren including Saidah Jenai, Kaleb Jay-taj, Brandon Tyrill, Kateri Lanett, Telyah Kay Joyce, Nakayah Marie, Precious Lyric, Lessie Tyrone Jr., and Isaiah Tremaine. Carl is also survived by his mother Mar-



garet Heap of Birds, brothers Edgar, Guy, and Arthur Heap of Birds, and sisters Jean and Charlene Heap of Birds.

Carl was preceded in death by his father Charles Heap of Birds and daughter Krystal Marie Heap of Birds.

Wake services were held Nov. 10 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held Nov. 11, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Susan Greany Velasquez

Susan Greany “Sue” Velasquez age 73 passed away Oct. 25, 2023, in Durango, Colo., surrounded by her children. Sue was born Feb. 6, 1950, in Clinton, Okla. to Clifton Greany Sr. and Hazel Stoneroad. She was a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Sue attended Chilocco Indian School in Oklahoma for a short time before moving to Ignacio, Colo. She was a 1969 graduate of Ignacio High School. There is where she met her honey and soul-mate Abel Velasquez Sr. The two of them were married straight out of high school. They didn’t want to waste any time. Not soon after they started their family.

Sue was devoted to her education, and eventually graduated from San Juan College in Farmington, N.M. with her AA in Early Childhood Education. Sue started from the bottom and worked her way up at The Southern Ute Montessori Head Start. Eventually

becoming the director and retiring. Sue was an avid reader and enjoyed her Tony Hillerman books. She loved her music and dancing. Sue always had her Motown Hits and Eagles playing. Sue absolutely loved her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, her sister Brenda, and brother Tom. In her remaining days she was filled with so much joy when she was with her family, especially her grandbabies. Sue was the matriarch of her family, and her shoes could never be filled. She would want all her loved ones to remember “Take it Easy”- The Eagles.

She is preceded in death by her husband Abel Velasquez Sr., son Randel “Ben” Velasquez, brothers, Clifton Greany Jr., Henry “Hanko” Howell and Richard Greany, sister Stacy Greany-Ferguson, and parents Clifton Greany Sr. and Hazel Stoneroad.

She is survived by her children Abel Velasquez



Sr. (Tina), Kelly Velasquez (Sam), Susan Velasquez, Tim Velasquez, Cheyenne Vasquez (Jon), Roman Vasquez, her sister Brenda Velasquez, and Brother Randel “Tom” Greany. As well as numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends she considered family.

Wake services were held Oct. 29 at the family residence. Funeral services were held Oct. 30 at the Hood Funeral Chapel in Durango, Colo., followed by an interment at the Ignacio West Cemetery under the direction of Hood Mortuary.

Richard Byron Whiteman

Richard Byron Whiteman was born Aug. 23, 1953 in Okarche, Okla., to Wanda (McAllister) Whiteman and Clifford Whiteman. He passed peacefully from this earthly home on Nov. 2, 2023.

He was a devoted Christian. Rick grew up in El Reno, Okla., Oklahoma City and Houston, Texas. He graduated from Capitol Hill High School in Oklahoma City. Rick attended Oklahoma State Technical Institute specializing in automotive and diesel mechanics. He competed in putt putt miniature golf tournaments when he was young and he was also a backup hockey goalie. He loved OU football, Nascar races, professional wrestling, rock & roll and

country music, fishing and beadwork crafts. He worked at a variety of restaurants in the Oklahoma City area and construction work.

Rick was a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and was the great-great grandson of Chief Little Raven. Rick was also proud of his Sac & Fox and Irish heritage. He had many fond memories of times he spent attending sports events with his dad until his dad passed in 2005. Rick was always sharing stories about his life experiences.

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter Barbara Whiteman, grand-daughters Alison Roy and Ruby Roy, grandson Zheave Houchin, sister Marshal Harris (Glen), nephew Phil-



ip Ray and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents Wanda and Clifford and step-mother Peggy (Davis) Whiteman.

Funeral services were held Nov. 9 at the Huber Benson Funeral Home, with his cousin Mark McGehee officiating, followed by an interment at the El Reno Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

