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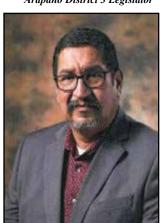
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Four incumbents win re-election bids in 2023 General Election



Incumbent Travis Ruiz Arapaho District 3 Legislator



Incumbent Rector Candy Arapaho District 4 Legislator

Arapaho voters chose their candidates for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Legislature and Election Commission.

Four incumbents won their re-election bids for another term, Arapaho District 3 Legislator Travis Ruiz, Arapaho District 4 Legislator Rector Candy, Cheyenne District 1 Legislator Bruce Whiteman Jr., and Arapaho District tion, Article IX-Elections, 1 Election Commissioner Ray Mosqueda.

Being elected to their first term is Thomas Trout, Cheyenne District 3 Legislator and Kelly Loneman, officials of the Tribes on Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner.

According to the official election results released from the Election

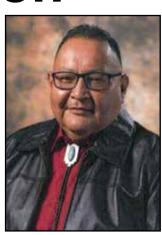
(CONCHO, OK) On Commission, a total of oath and an allegiance to Nov. 7 Cheyenne and 920 registered voters cast a vote, either in person or by absentee ballot, in the 2023 General Election. The breakdown was 70 votes in Arapaho District 1, 154 votes in Arapaho District 2, 140 votes in Arapaho District 3, 18 votes in Arapaho District 4, 189 votes in Cheyenne District 1 and 349 votes in Cheyenne District 3.

> Per the 2006 Constitu-Section 14-Oath of Office, it states, "A justice of the Supreme Court shall administer the Oath of Office for all newly elected the first Saturday of January following an election. The Oath of Office shall require all elected officials to swear an

serve all the People of the Tribes, to refuse all gifts or favors in exchange for official action, or to refrain from providing any gifts, favors or money in exchange for political gain, and to uphold the Constitution of the Tribes."

Under the Constitution district legislators serve four-year staggered terms of office and are eligible to serve three consecutive terms. Once completed, the legislator shall not be eligible to serve on the legislature until a period of two years has elapsed. A partial term is considered one full term. (Art. VI-Legislative Branch, Sec. 3-Terms)

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Incumbent Bruce Whiteman Jr. Chevenne District 1 Legislator



Incumbent Ray Mosqueda Arapaho District 1 Election Comm.

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Land into Trust: Woodward

(CONCHO, OK) On Nov. 2, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana signed a land into trust acquisition for 79 acres of land located in Woodward, Okla.

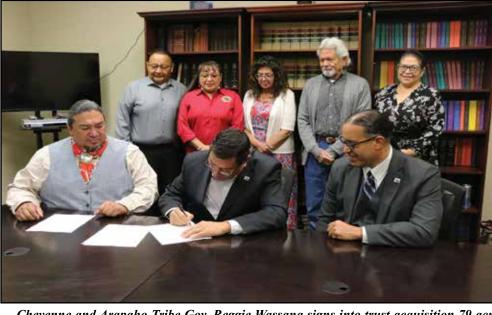
Putting the land into trust is a major achievement for the tribes as it is the third piece of property that the tribes have ever had in trust acquisition and also the largest piece of land.

"It's really historic that we're able to accomplish this, we're excited, and we can plan now for community events, community job structuring, new development and

hopefully we can offer tourists or travelers in that northwest quadrant a place maybe to shop, entertain, get gas, have an overnight stay and those type of things that we can develop there just outside of Woodward," Gov. Wassana said.

As the tribes have always contended that Woodward is part of the tribe's service area and a part of the tribe's traditional reservation, Gov. Wassana said putting the land into trust solidifies that Woodward is part of the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservation area.

"We're excited, we hope the tribal citizens see that in a very positive light that the tribe is moving forward and we continue to move forward and I believe that's going to help the tribe in many years and decades to come," Wassana said. "This is



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe Gov. Reggie Wassana signs into trust acquisition 79 acres of land located in Woodward, Okla. Front row l-r: Southern Plains acting Regional Director Gabe Morgan, Gov. Reggie Wassana, General Counsel Hershel Gorham.

Second row l-r: Cheyenne District 1 Legislator Bruce Whiteman, Concho Agency Acquisitions & Disposals Reality Specialist Cincie Upchego, Acting Division & Re-Entry Julie Anderson, Concho Agency Supt. Scott McCorkle and SPRO Reality Specialist Jennifer Hill. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

> a benchmark achievement in our Tribes land back initiative, especially since this was an off-reservation fee to trust application. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have always believed that our land stretches all the way up into Colorado and this land is now going to be held in perpetuity for our Tribes."

> The piece of land is located south of Woodward on the main highway

that covers I-40 all the way up to the panhandle, where many travelers use that corridor to travel. Future plans for the land will be forthcoming in the planning process.

The Tribes built a 10,000 square foot Emergency Response Center on this tract of land a couple of years ago so tribal citizens and the Woodward community could have a place of their own. Most importantly, because this land is now in trust, it is considered Indian Country and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will have parity with other local governments to participate in federal programs such as those for business development, housing, natural resources, transportation, law and justice.



Tribal Elder Receives the 2023 Moses Starr Jr. Honored Elder **Award**



Melvin Roman Nose is the 2023 recipient of the Moses Starr Jr. Honored Elder award presented at the Elder's Conference in El Reno, Okla.

(EL RENO, OK) The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Diabetes Wellness Program hosts its 21st annual Elder's Conference Nov. 2 at the Canadian County Expo Center in El Reno, Okla.

As part of the conference, one Elder is chosen to receive the Moses Starr Jr. Honored Elder Award. The award is given to recognize a Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal elder for their outstanding achievement, whether it is in advocacy in health, tribal engagement, or addressing health disparities.

This year's award was presented to Tribal Elder

Melvin Roman Nose. Roman Nose is the great-grandson of the late

Cheyenne Chief Henry Ro-

man Nose. Roman Nose has been employed with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for approximately 39 years, advocating and promoting the Cheyenne cul-

Roman Nose was instrumental in obtaining the Watonga Indian Health Services and the former multi-purpose building as one of his first projects, as well as the first tribal smoke shops.

During his early years of employment Roman Nose developed the Fire Management program, the Environmental Protection program and the Roads program.

Included in his many accomplishments, Roman Nose played a part in the successful completion of the

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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.

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

"On behalf of AARP 400,000 nearly 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," Voskhul 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 I-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)

selor at the Cheyenne as a health educator for 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. Armv 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 advocat-

ing for veteran's rights

and benefits.

"Whether our honorand Arapaho Treatment ees are well known or Center in Bessie, Okla. exhibit quiet devotion to RomanNose also worked 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 memoriam 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.

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Nominations for the "It's really incredible, the honorees this year

accomplishments 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.

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



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.

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

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 Calument Public Schools attend the College and Career Fair.

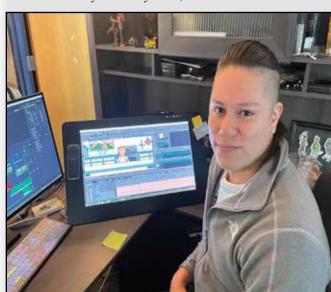
events

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

available to help outside of can always reach out and we can do a one-on-one zoom or just talk to them and talk about their options," Faris

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.

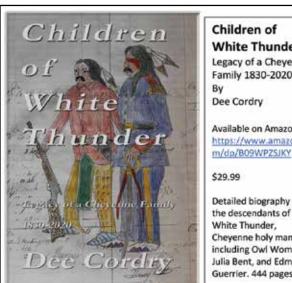
"I thought it would be helpful for our Native youth to see other young people doing this kind of thing, to let them know that is an option," Burleson said.

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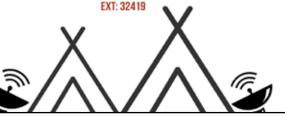
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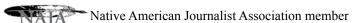
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OETA, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes host Screening of "The American Buffalo"

By Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

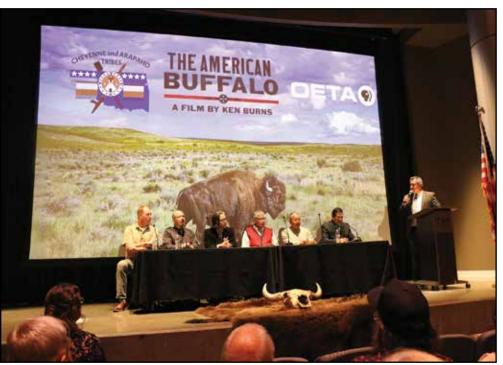
With more than 600 head of bison managed by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in western Oklahoma, the tribes prides itself with its growing bison herd as they continue to manage the largest herd of bison in Oklahoma.

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 Chevenne 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 Langauge 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 Langauge 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, Chevenne 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 fouryear 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) Commission: Election "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

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 cooking shows, animated 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 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."

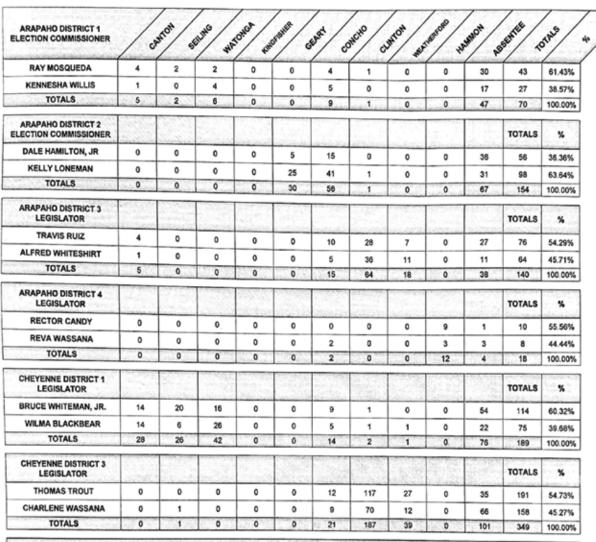
OU Nightly can also be seen on Cox Cable channel 704 in the Oklahoma City and Tulsa television markets, and on YouTube and Facebook.

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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We, the undersigned members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Election Commission, hereby certify

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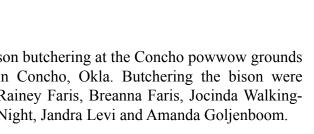


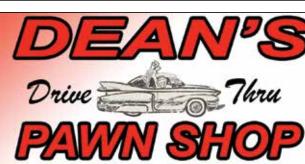
Bison Harvest

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 bison 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.







Lillian Lime, Clinton High School



(CLINTON, OK) Whether she's throwing up pompoms 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 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.

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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.

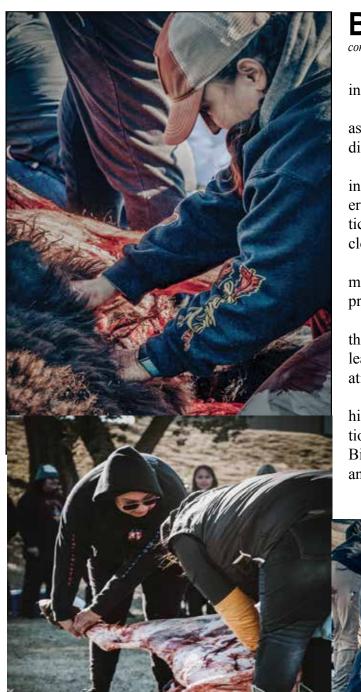
"Her success will lead to getting the sport on the map and get more girls interested, right now she is the face of the Clinton girls cross-country team and she will have a great senior year," Pitman said.

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.



BISON HARVEST

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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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AMERICAN BUFFALO

the tribes have through the buffalo.

"We like to establish our herd so we can go into production and sale of the meat, there's a lot of nutritional value in buffalo meat as most people know but not only that but the tribes have used a lot of parts from the buffalo," Wassana said.

Wassana said bison has been tied into the culture very heavily because of its size.

"It can get up to 1800 pounds easily, they can feed a lot of people and they are lean and it's a great source of health for tribal members as well as for anybody that consumes the buffalo itself, so we want to get it out there, we want to put it in our restaurants in our casinos, we want to sell it," Wassana said.

Next, Hawk talked about the first-hand experience in working with the buffalo herd.

"It's like in this day and age working with this animal it's all about spirituality for us for the tribes. I get to see things and experience things that money can't buy especially with these animals, working with them everyday, feeding them you get to know them as a big family," Hawk said.

Brown asked Yellowman to discuss the significance of the buffalo and its meaning to the tribes.

"Our relationship with the buffalo goes way back to our origins and that relationship was sacred and it's powerful, it empowers us spiritually and physically, but it provides us guidance also, reminds us of the times that were hard for us on the plains when we didn't have anything to eat, the buffalo was always there with us," Yellowman said.

Yellowman said the buffalo provides everything for people and the only way to keep a healthy relationship is to continue to take care of the buffalo.

"The buffalo is always with us, throughout the past, it's with us today, we take care of it now because he took care of us in the past. So that relationship is special," Yellowman said.

Tahmahkera talked next about his involvement in the documentary after giving acknowledgment and thanks to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes for providing buffalo for the Comanche Nation Buffalo Harvest in late September.

"They asked if I'd be willing to come in and speak about my great-great-great-grandfather Quanah Parker and his relationship, the Comanches in the late 19th century and

early 20th century, the Comanche relations with buffalo and so it was a good opportunity it was good conversations," Tahmahkera

Tahmahkera said he went to Ken Burns' studio and was interviewed for hours.

"I think we went off script at some point but it was coming from the first episode of the film it was very dark, it was very tragic very sad the interview was going that way as well I remember talking about an hour in to catch a breath and also was very heavy and as a lot of people in this room know there's history that we carry with us," Tahmahkera said.

Continuing with the panel, Brown asked Burch to share the inspiration behind the documentary.

Butch said they wanted a local production to accompany the four-hour Ken Burns documentary.

"They came to me and said this is what we want you to do, we want you to do a show on the buffalo to go along with Ken Burns and I thought they're giving four hours two nights of documentary what can I say in 30 minutes that they didn't say in four hours. It was easy to come up with the answer, make it as local as possible," Burch said.

Burch said they tried to cover as much within the state as they could however the tribes had the greatest number of herds in the

McDonald talked next about what observations he's learned from the buffalo as he's managed bison at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge since 2011.

"It's a tragedy that they estimated there was 20 to 60 million running across the prairies and that we never almost completely wiped out some estimate there was less than a thousand animals left across this country and if it wasn't for those who preserved them we may not have any today," McDonald said.

McDonald said the Wichita Wildlife Mountain Refuge played a big part in that by establishing the herd they have today.

"Right now we have about 550, we just did our annual bison work last week and had 75 surplus animals that will be going to a couple tribes here in Oklahoma, Comanche is one and glad that the refuge and Department of Interior has played a role in helping with tribal bison management and supporting their bison herds across the country," McDonald



Pictured is: 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 Langauge and Culture director, Randy Hawk, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe's bison program manager, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana and moderator Darren Brown.

Julie Shuttlesworth, vice president for marketing and communications for OETA said it was through a grant from WETA that allowed OETA to partner with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in order to have the event.

"It's really to kind of promote the new Ken Burns documentary the American Buffalo and through PBS and WETA, they brought us this tremendous programming on the history and the culture and tradition surrounding the buffalo and the native peoples," Shuttlesworth said.

Shuttlesworth said the documentary will be streamed through the OETA website for free for a limited time. After a couple of weeks, it will be streamed on PBS passport which is the online streaming service of PBS.

"Ken Burns is a phenomenal master sto-



Tribal citizens Jennifer Riggles and Kerrin Fletcher participated in the night's events and screening of the "The American Buffalo."

ryteller of all things history here, particularly with America and obviously the native peoples are tremendous in that history and often get overlooked, I think this is an amazing way to really highlight the contributions and really the crimes against the native peoples and at the heart of that was the buffalo," Shuttlesworth said.



WE NEED YOUR HELP Chiefs, Society Men and Elders

that were sent to the Carlisle Institute. They're coming home!

Next year, 2024, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are making efforts to bring the children that passed and are still buried at the Carlisle Pennsylvania U.S. Army installation.

We need you to be included in this process so we can make sure we are on track to bring the

We are looking for descendants of the children children home to bury them with tribal burial rites. PLEASE HELP.

> Below are a list of names we currently have listed for Carlisle students coming home. Any information you have will be appreciated. Please call or email Max Bear at 405-422-7714 or mbear@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov or Frank Medicinewater at 405-422-7689 or fmedicinewater@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov.

Carlisle Students Coming Home

Abe Lincoln age 16 / Father Antelope / DOD: 1/16/1880 - Cheyenne Giles Hand age 16 / Father Wooly Hands / DOD: 5/8/1881 - Cheyenne Willey Curley age 8 / Father Curley / DOD 5/14/1881 - Arapaho Louise Thunder age 10 / Father Roman Nose Thunder / DOD 2/8/1882 - Cheyenne Matavito Horse age 15 / Father Gentle Horse / DOD 2/19/1882 - Cheyenne Leah Road Traveller age 18 / Father Road Traveller / DOD 12/20/1883 - Arapaho Robert Wah She He age 17 / Father Fool Dog / DOD 1/29/1885 - Arapaho Dora Morning age 13 / Father Morning / DOD 6/25/1885 - Cheyenne Henry Morning age 16 / Father Morning / DOD 3/28/1889 - Cheyenne Charles Whiteshield age 15 / Father Whiteshield / DOD 2/1/1887 - Cheyenne Jane Lumpfoot age 10 / Father Lumpfoot / DOD 5/20/1888 - Arapaho Belle Cahoe age 12 / Father Cut Nose / DOD 4/29/1890 - Arapaho George Harrison age 27 / Father Sun Making / DOD 9/12/1890 - Cheyenne Tabith Carrol age 14 / Father Coming on Horseback / DOD 2/18/1893 - Arapaho

Nannie Little Robe age 12 / Father Little Robe / DOD 2/15/1895 - Cheyenne

Percy Whitebear age 16 / Father Little Snake / DOD 7/22/1899 - Cheyenne

Reuben Tahpeds age 16 Father Big Belly / DOD 4/13/1897 - Cheyenne

Elsie Davis age 16 / Father Bull Bear / DOD 4/13/1898 - Cheyenne

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The family and friends of Carman Joy Littleraven would like to wish her a Very Happy Sweet 16th Birthday! We love you and prayers for many, many more!



Also Happy Birthday to Rory Littleraven Nov. 13



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Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Title Status Report (TSR)

For Applications Call Mary Youngbull at 405-422-7525

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VERA A. HUCKEBA

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 so file your Asswer with the above-named Court within twenty (20) days of service of this summents, exclusive of the day of service. Within the same time, a copy of your Answer must be delivered or mailed to the Cheyenne and Anapaho Trial Court P.O. Box 102 Concbo, OK 73022.

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IN THE TRIAL COURT

P.O. BOX 102

Case No. CIV-2023-0037

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Employment Opportunities

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

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 current Certified Childcare Professional Cr3edential. Oklahoma Competency Certificate in Early Care and Education, must have basic computer skills and valid Oklahoma driver's license. Random drug and alcohol testing, must pass a criminal background check and maintain compliance with Criminal History Registry. Level 3 Background check requirement. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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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 prehire 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 backgrund check and drug testing. Must be able to work flexible hours inlcuding 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

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Executive Assistant Treasury Closing Date:

Until Filled OUALIFICATIONS:

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.

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

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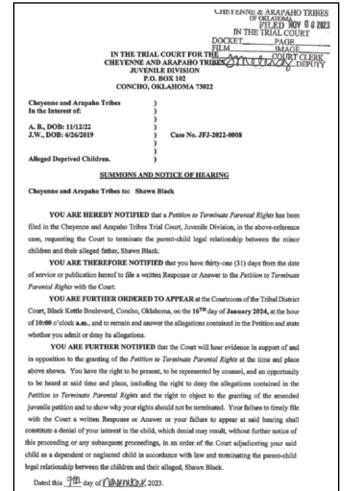
Completion of bachelor's degree in health administration or related field. Demonstrated basic professional competence in the health field. Ability to prioritize, manage and complete multiple tasks and responsibilities. Time management and delegation skills are crucial. Knowledge of tribal and community resources for referrals of clients to most appropiate 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.

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Must provide proof of high school diploma or G.E.D., associate's degree in management or related field prferred 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.

SALARY: Negotiable



Executive Director

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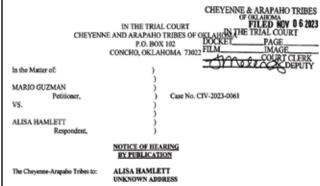
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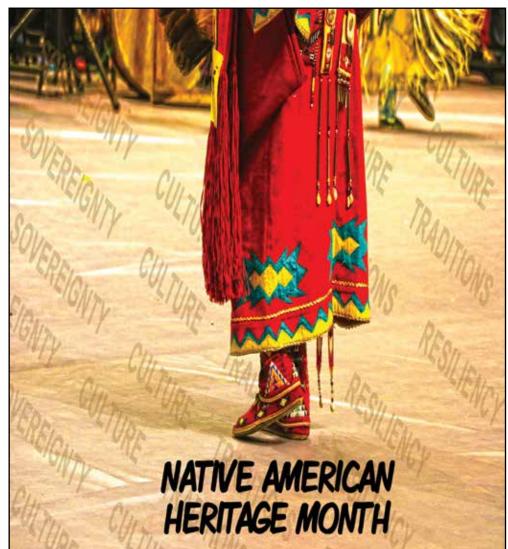
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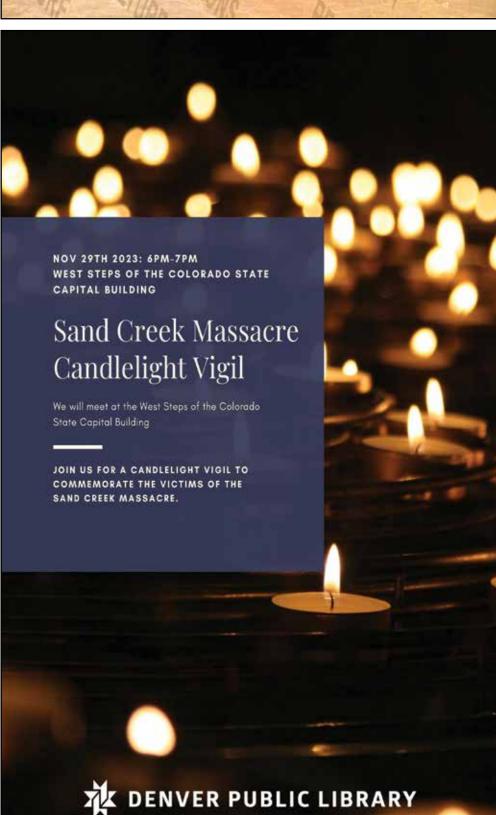
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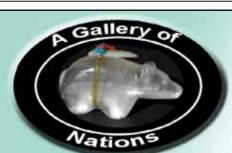






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Carl Heap of Birds

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 Chevenne 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 Jaytaj, 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 soulmate 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

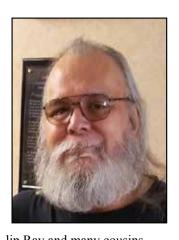
country music, fishing and beadwork crafts. He worked at a variety of restaurants in the Oklahoma City area and construction work.

Rick was a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and was the greatgreat 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

Those left to cherish his memory are his daughter h Barbara Whiteman, granddaughters Alison Roy and in Ruby Roy, grandson Zheave Houchin, sister Marshal ti

Harris (Glen), nephew Phil-



lip 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 MeGehee officiating, followed by an interment at the El Reno Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

By Hannah Rystedt, OU Daily

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(NORMAN, OK) The Sam Noble Museum "Living Languages," is a new exhibit displaying over 120 pieces of student art from two decades of submissions to the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair.

The exhibit serves as a celebration of the 20th anniversary of the fair, an event that judges pre-K through 12th grade students' mixed media based in the native language they are learning.

Raina Heaton, associate curator for the Native American Languages collection and director of the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, said the exhibit highlights years of materials that are "by kids for kids." The collection showcases the fair's value as a creative outlet for young people and is a helpful resource to other students.

"We just want to take (the collection) out, dust it off and remind people of all the awesome stuff that kids have produced here in Native languages in our state," Heaton said.

The live performances are split into categories including spoken language skits, poetry and song. The material submissions include poster art, films and comics.

Heaton said the fair provides the participants with a unique opportunity to take ownership of the space and celebrate their ılture.

"It's just so incredibly inspiring to watch the kids, the next generation, coming up, speaking their languages and filling this space, that is not an inherently Indigenous space, with native languages," Heaton said. "It's very special. Nowhere else in Oklahoma, or in the country really, do you get to have an experience like this or exposure like this."

The "Living Languages" exhibit highlights the growth and impact of the fair, focusing on native community, relationships and the new expressions of language that have been created by generations of students.

"We have one area dedicated to intergenerational connections because that's sort of how language works; you have to pass it down from one generation to the next," Heaton said. "The fair has been going long enough that we've seen people who attended as students (that) now have kids and come back and bring their kids."

Heaton said this preservation of Indigenous materials serves as a great teaching tool for students learning languages and hopes it brings public awareness to the contemporary study and presence of native languages in the state.

"These languages are living," Heaton said. "They are vital, they are alive and

people are using them today. Kids are learning them still as their first language. That's the goal, that's what we're doing, is we're trying to carry them forward. It's important to discuss (native languages) as being part of the here and now in contemporary Oklahoma and North American culture. It's part of us now, it's not a thing of the past."

Though language revitalization is often an isolating task, Heaton said the exhibit is a testament to the strong support network and sense of camaraderie that the fair provides.

"A lot of people think about native languages as being in the past," Heaton said. "Or they're often framed in this narrative around endangerment, language death, languages going extinct and that kind of metaphorical framework."

The "Living Languages" exhibit will be open through Jan. 28, 2024.



Aashari Hollins artwork entitled "5 Day Weather Forecast" was chosen for one of the exhibits at Sam Noble Museum's 'Living Languages' exhibition in Norman, Okla.. Hollins is a citizen of the Cheyenne abd Arapaho Tribes.

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