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Special Election will Decide THREE Amendments to the 2006 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Constitution

Dec. 1, 2023 Tribal Tribune article "Special Election Will Decide Two Amendments to the 2006 Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution" CORRECTION: The Jan. 18, 2024 special election will determine THREE Constitutional amendments:

Under Tribal Council Resolution No. 100723ATC-004- A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to amend the Constitution Regarding Residency Requirements (for both governor/lieutenant elections AND legislative elections). This resolution

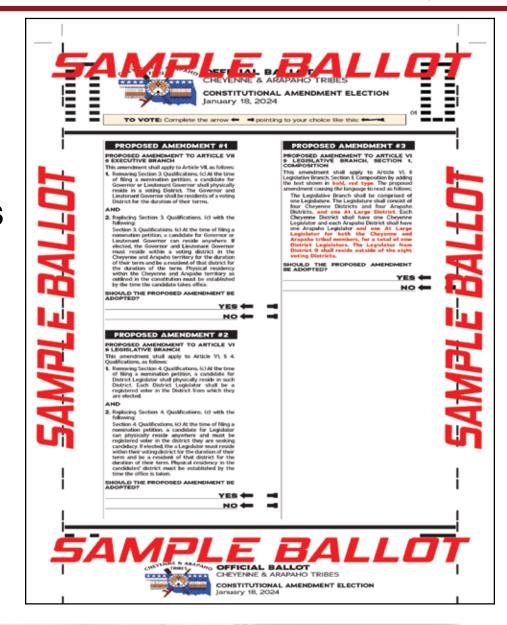
calls for two separate Constitutional amendment votes. (SEE OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT POSTED).

Under Tribal Council Resolution No. 100723ATC-005-A Tribal Council Resolution to amend the Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution to include an "At Large Legislator" for Out of District Tribal Members.

This will be the THIRD Constitutional amendment item on the ballot.

Registered voters will vote **YES** or **NO** on the THREE amendments.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Gilbert 'Gib' Miles ERC

(GEARY, OK)
Friends, family and community members gather to honor the late Gilbert 'Gib' Miles, Lt. Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, with the opening of the new Gilbert 'Gib' Miles Emergency Response Center (ERC) in Geary, Okla.

On Nov. 9 the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes held a ribbon cutting ceremony to officially open the doors, beginning the ceremony with an invocation by Fred Mosqueda, followed by traditional flag and honor drum songs.

Arapaho District 2 Legislator Kendricks Sleeper welcomed everyone to the ceremony and led the event's agenda as master of ceremony.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana took the podium next to make special remarks about the newly built ERC.

Wassana said it was A2 Legislator Sleeper who continually pushed for the property.

"We bought this property and we started planning, this is the last public facility that we'll build for awhile that I can think of that we actually need, but I truly believe that as that day we broke that ground and me and Gib were standing out there ... we

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Pictured with a portrait of the late Gilbert "Gib" Miles are his daughters Mariel Miles, Mariah Miles, Mahgan Muskett, Mallory Miles and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

December Oil & Gas Per Capita payments Dec. 11

(CONCHO, OK) The 2023 Oil & Gas Per Capita payments for Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizens will be mailed out Monday, Dec. 11, 2023, in the estimated amount of \$859.50.

For those who signed up for direct deposit, prior to the deadline date, those individuals will have their payments direct deposited directly into their designated accounts.

The annual Oil & Gas per capita payments are distributed to all enrolled tribal citizens, both children and adults. The amount varies from year to year based on oil and gas production on tribal lands.

A total of 14,500 tribal citizens will receive this year's payment, totaling approximately \$12,462,771.40, (adjusting for fees or interest).

The next per capita payment will be the annual Gaming Per Capita payment usually released in August. The Gaming Per Capita payments are paid directly to adults 18 and over, with minor payments being deposited into the minors' individual trust accounts. These accounts are held as a trust until the minor graduates high school and turns 18 years of age, whereupon they will apply for their trust funds to be released by contacting the Per Capita office.

For more information about the Minors Trust Accounts please contact the Per Capita office at 405-422-7559 or 405-422-7699.





TOR Project, 988 Response Program Continue to Promote TalkSpace, Online Counseling App for Three More Years

By Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

In their efforts to promote mental health awareness, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) project and the 988 Tribal Response program are coming together to promote TalkSpace, an app based counseling service.

With counseling services made available within reach of your pocket, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizens now have access to TalkSpace through their mobile phones. Through TalkSpace, tribal citizens over the age of 13 can sign up for virtual counseling no matter what their behavioral health needs may be.

"It's a medium to connect with licensed counselors in Oklahoma and so it'll be where you can actually sign up and then pick your counselor based on your needs and then you actually get to see the list of counselors that best fit you and you can match with them based on whether it's you going through grief, depression or trauma," Darien Chebahtah, TOR project director said.

TalkSpace has been made available for tribal citizens, tribal employees and Lucky Star Casino employees.

Chebahtah said the program along with the 988 Tribal Response program recently made a resolution for TalkSpace to approve more funding to increase counseling services. The resolution went before the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Ninth Legislature and was approved in October.

"The resolution was mainly just to appropriate funds for three years, so we did get the pricing plan for TalkSpace for three years to include one thousand active users, the two video sessions a month and the self-guided portion," Chebahtah said.

The newly upgraded plan for TalkSpace now assures that a thousand members can join TalkSpace and its services.

"The goal is to pretty much provide mental health care for as many people as we can to try to shift our views on getting help for counseling services there's a lot of stigma with self-help and finding care that we need and so we hope that talk space will kind of make it normal for people," Chebahtah said.

In order to sign up for TalkSpace, Chebahtah said there are QR codes and posters set up at several Emergency Response Centers for those interested in joining TalkSpace.

"We want people to be able to get that care and then hopefully shift the mindset of mental health in general, so we want to be able to show that mental health actually matters it's just as important as physical health," Chebahtah said.

In recent years, Chebahtah said the program has seen a lot of deaths due to Covid-19, overdoses and sickness that would cause grief and trauma that nobody would really cope with.

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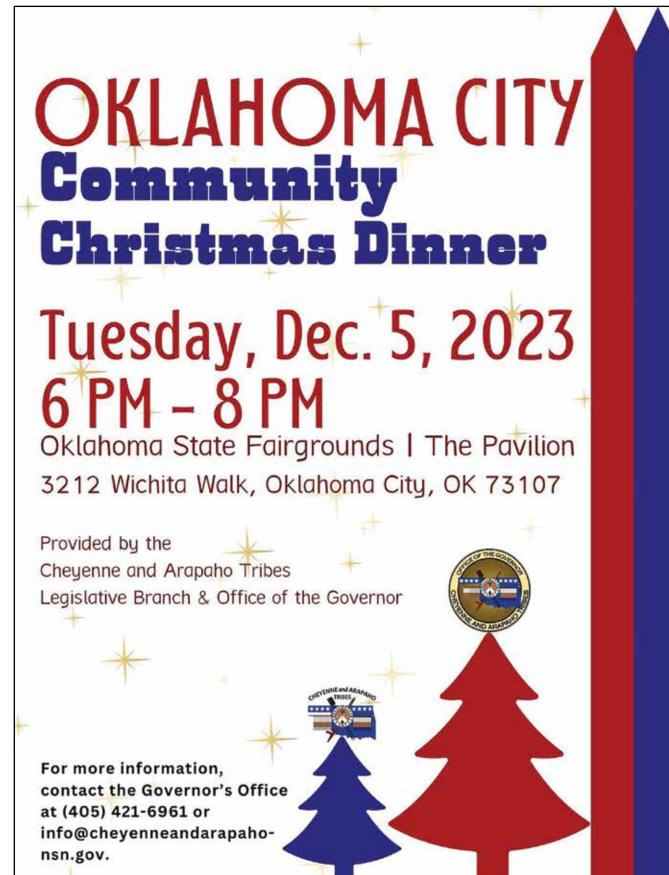


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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management host Two-Day Prescribed Burn Workshop

(CONCHO, OK) Continuing in their work of conservation efforts and land management, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management program along with Great Plains Fire Science Exchange held a two-day Prescribed Burn Workshop focused on Tribal Conservation for Tribal Lands at the Native American Church (NAC) on Nov. 14 and 15 in Concho, Okla.

Day one of the workshop included presentations given by John Krupovage, with Tinker Air Force Base who talked about urban prairie restoration, Miko Brandon, with Chickasaw Nation who talked about tribal perspectives, Chris Hise, with The Nature Conservancy Four Canyon, talked about conservation using fire, Jacob Shaffer, with Texas A&M University, who discussed water collection and Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Magagement presented burn workshop topics.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fire Management acting director, Phillip Daw said the two-day workshop was an opportunity for others to engage in resources regarding land management.

Daw said in the past three years the program has been trying to identify areas such as hazard mitigation and hazard fuel reduction projects through burning, prairie restoration and building blocks to help communities.

"This is what the purpose of this workshop is for, collaboration, questions, talking about what we can do as a community and helping each other out," Daw said.

The workshop served as an informational workshop for partners and collaborators to get together and talk about land conservation and how different agencies are doing their part in conservation.

"This is a pretty big deal to a lot of people, a lot of organizations aren't necessarily doing this, to be able to say hey this is what we can offer and if we can all put this together then we can collaborate a lot more and also too to show that the tribes are actively in conservation and we're trying to maintain our land," Daw said.

A big topic of discussion for the workshop was prairie restoration, which Daw said plays a big part in some of the projects that the tribes are going to do.

"As far as some of the sites ongoing planning and development, instead of dozing it we could think about putting a little bit of prairie in there, something like they're doing so they basically have the framework there that they're going to be able to assist us, it's a resource for us to be able to reach out to," Daw said.

Other guest speakers such as the Miko Brandon with the Chickasaw Nation talked about what they're doing with water and fire and incorporating both as well as their collaborations.

"Their collaborations sound like they have a lot of collaboration going on in their area and their tribal jurisdiction, so that's why I asked Miko to come, he can offer to say what their tribe is doing so it's like we're not the only ones doing it, there's others out there that are trying to help too," Daw said.

Daw said water is a part of conservation and Texas A&M was asked to talk about water collection.

"It's not just fire, its water, it's conservation, it's prairie restoration to bring back things that we lost," Daw said.

The fire management program also had the opportunity to present on what the program does with suppression, fighting wildfires and conservation.

"Setting up workshops like this is a good part for our partners, talking about some of the lands that we've been maintaining even though we're just going to focus on three, but there's also a lot of areas in there that we're trying to get, talking about some of the grants that we're going to be pursuing and also probably have the opportunity of getting and we're going to need help in some of that," Daw said.

With various topics about land conservation discussed throughout the first day, Daw said the workshop solidifies everything that fire management is trying to achieve by bringing other outside people in.

"It gives awareness, we talk about communication and that's a big part of us as fire management we want to be transparent as we can in what we're doing always and when people have questions about how to do something when it comes to land management that they have a resource to come to and that's us, it's not just our tribal members, but obviously other people," Daw said.

Day two of the workshop involved a hands-on prescribed burning experience for all attendees to participate in. The controlled burning took place on tribal lands in Concho.

In showcasing the prescribed burn, it was an opportuni-



ty to show other agencies how the fire management program conducts their procedures and ongoing efforts in land conservation.

"I just appreciate everybody that came, a little bit more people than I thought but it's a great opportunity for the tribes to show other partners and agencies what we're actually doing and we're helping, we're trying but we're so small right now, once we start building we will be able to offer more," Daw said.

Inside the "Project Runway" of Fashion Prep for the Austin Powwow

Designer Nan Blassingame will be busy making traditional jingle dresses and ribbon skirts right up until the ceremony.

By Elisabeth Jimenez, Texas Monthly

(AUSTIN, TEXAS) Fashion designer Nan Blassingame, of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, sits in her swivel chair, working on a traditional dance shawl. Her hands move up and down as she knots blue strings of fringe into black fabric, making loops in the tiny holes lining the hem. The shawl is set to be auctioned off this weekend at the thirtieth annual Austin Powwow. For Blassingame. 42, making Native American tashion by hand comes easily. She first learned how to sew in a home economics class back in her hometown of Hammon, Oklahoma. But it wasn't until her early twenties that she first learned how to make one of her most beloved pieces—a

Native American jingle dress. Blassingame's aunt gave her only one chance to get it down. "She told me, 'I'm going to show you one time and that's all," Blassingame recalls. Luckily for her, she was able to learn in just that one session. Now, even though the jingle dress is challenging to make and typically takes four days to complete, it's her favorite creation. "It sounds so beautiful. When you have thirty dancers out in the arena at one time, it just sounds like rain," she says.

The dress, used for the jingle dress dance, is sprinkled with about four hundred small metal cones, called *ziibaaska'iganan* in Ojibwe, the language of the tribe from which the dress originated. Each cone is strategically sewn to the fabric based on mathematical calculations, as they must be spaced correctly for them to hit one another and make



Jingle Dress designs by Nan Blassingame, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

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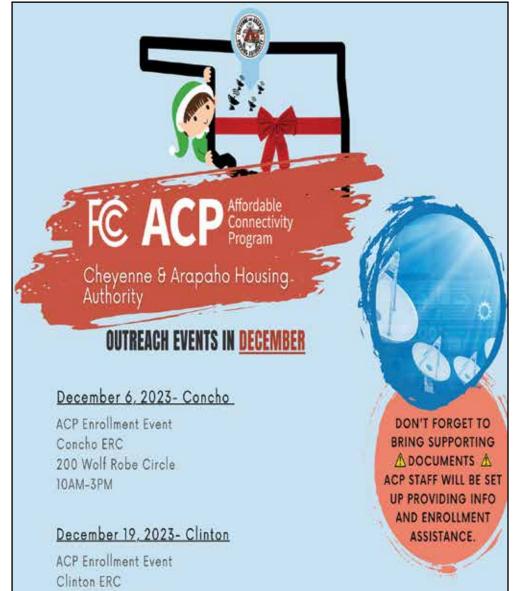
Through her work as programs director for the heritage organization Great Promise for American Indians, Blassingame is passing on the tradition of making Native American regalia by hand. In the run-up to the Austin Powwow, she's taught two student interns, Brianelly Flores and Raven Price-Smith, how to make jingle dresses, ribbon skirts, and beadwork earrings. The three women are from different Indigenous tribes across the North American continent, so the regalia styles varytypical ribbon thickness, for example, changes from tribe to tribe—but they have banded together to continue their traditions. Flores sees the powwow as an opportunity to show that "Indigenous people are resilient. We're still here," she says. "Nan showing me how to make a ribbon skirt, my mom showing me how to embroider a traditional topthese are acts of resistance."

The jingle dress dance reportedly originated in the midst of the 1918–20 influ-

enza pandemic, when a father had a vision of a dress and a dance that would heal his sick daughter. According to legend, she attended a drum circle where the dance was performed and was healed by the end of the ceremony. At the same time, Indigenous people lived under the Code of Indian Offenses, which banned Native American ceremonies, dances, and cultural practices. Over time, the jingle dress has become symbolic of Native resilience, and it is often used for healing ceremonies.

Aside from jingle dresses, Blassingame makes various types of Native fashion pieces, including more contemporary ribbon skirts, which are adorned with colorful ribbon sewn horizontally on the fabric, sometimes arranged in a pattern or adhering to a certain theme (Flores is making a sunset-inspired skirt). Blassingame first ventured into contemporary pieces in 2017, and a year later she made her fashion show debut at the 2018 Austin Intercultural Fashion Show. Blassingame isn't danc-

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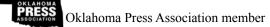
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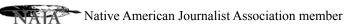
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On Nov. 21, 2023, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission announced a special election to be held on Jan. 18, 2024. The special election will determine **THREE** Constitutional amendments and will be by ballot mail in only. Both Constitutional amendments were voted on during the annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Tribal Council meeting on Oct. 7, 2023, Tribal Council Resolution No. 100723ATC-004 – A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to amend the Constitution Regarding Residency Requirements (for governor and lieutenant governor elections and legislative elections) and Tribal Council Resolution No. 100723ATC-005-A Tribal Council Resolution to amend the Cheyenne and

Arapaho Constitution to include an "At-Large Legislator" for Out of District Tribal Members.

Voter registration is currently open and will close on Dec. 8, 2023. New voters wishing to register to vote can do so online by visiting www.cheyennean-darapaho-nsn.gov/boards-commissions-task-forc-es/election-commission, scroll to the bottom and click Voter Registration Form, fill online. Registered voters may also use this site to update any changes to their voter registration.

Ballots will be mailed out the week of Dec. 11-15, 2023, and must be received by Jan. 18, 2024.

For questions or more information contact, the Election Commission office at 405-422-7619.

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ing at the powwow this year, but she'll be behind the scenes making sure the schedule runs smoothly. Her handiwork will still be all over the event: she's made regalia for family and friends as well as other pieces, including teddy bears made from tribal-pattern fabrics.

from tribal-pattern fabrics. Despite the months of preparation, sometimes inspiration for pieces strikes the night before, and it's almost its own tradition to stay up in the late hours of the night finishing skirts and dresses. "We would give Project Runway a run for their money," Blassingame says. It's all worth it for the Grand Entry, when the elders from Indigenous communities lead a parade of dancers to begin the opening dance. "It's just about that moment of coming in the Grand Entry," she says. "You've got that new outfit and it just makes you feel—I don't know, bougie?"

Flores and Price-Smith are learning how to make clothes

that feel "bougie." Price-Smith, from the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, decided to learn how to make her own dresses after attending the San Marcos powwow in October 2022. It was the first one she had gone to in over a decade, and she says joining the dance competition "felt like the first time I was dancing." She gravitates toward the "old-style" regalia more than contemporary pieces, like the jingle dress her mom once made for her; now she knows how to make her own.

The handmade regalia feels like "couture," says Price-Smith, because each item is one of a kind. "This dress I'm making right now," she says, laying down ribbons in blues, greens, whites, and reds on top of a red floral fabric, "there's not going to be another dress at all that looks like it."

For Flores, from the P'urhépecha tribe, in Michoacán, Mexico, learning how

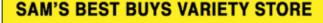
to make regalia from Blassingame connected her to her community, based a thousand miles away from Austin. Regalia from the P'urhépecha tribe can include embroidered beadwork details, big floral patterns, gems, and rows and rows of pleats on skirts. Flores likes to balance both traditional and contemporary pieces, which is why she plans on having three different outfit changes at the one-day Austin Powwow.

Of course, the powwow is more than just a fashion show. Blassingame says being able to wear regalia and perform traditional dances makes the ceremony all the more meaningful. It was only 45 years ago that Congress passed the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, which protected the rights of Native Americans to practice their spiritual, cultural, and religious traditions. "It's all just about keeping our culture alive and telling

everybody about us," Blassingame says. "For us to be able to share that nowadays is a big thing."

For Price-Smith, that's one reason why the jingle dress dance she participates in is so important. "That's what I'm always thinking about while I'm dancing—not who's watching or whatever—I'm just dancing for those who can't."

Native American traditions often stay in the pages of history books for non-Native people, Flores says. But the colorful blurs that streak the earth during ceremonial dances, deep drumbeats, and long vibratos, and the four hundred small cones clanging together to create rainfall, represent the enduring existence of Indigenous tribes on full display. Native American fashion is just one part of that existence, Flores says. It shows that "we aren't people of the past. We exist now, and we'll be here in the future."



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RISING of the 'Victims of **Crime' Tipis**

Four Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens, all victims of crimes, influence the Victims of Crime Grant submission - Rising of the Tipis



Isabella Little Elk



Leah Mahseet

On Nov. 16, The Victim Services Department, tribal citizens, family members and traditional members of the Native American Church and tribal supporters of cultural Indigenous lifeways came to help raise one of the tipis for victims of crime. The event was to dedicate and give prayer blessings for the tipis. Gordon Yellowman, Larry Romannose and Roderick Sweezy were on hand for the event.

The event provided an honor for the moment of silence for four tribal citizens named as the ones that motivated the submission of the Victims of Crime (VOC) grant application for the Chevenne and Arapaho Tribes.

The VOC grant and the inclusion of the tipis were written with the influence of tribal citizens in mind. The four who impacted the

writing of the VOC grant were Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal victims of crime, Isabella Little Elk, Linda Zsotigh, Ida Beard and Leah Mahseet. The trauma and pain for family and friends continues to this day.

The families of Isabella Little Elk and Linda Zsotigh were present at the event. The great grandmother and relatives of Isabella traveled a long way from out of state to attend. Lana Little Elk, Isabella's grandmother from El Reno spoke and honored her granddaughter with cherished thoughts. She said Isabella would have been 9 years old in two days. Carol Whiteskunk spoke and honored Linda Zsotigh. Both Isabella and Linda were murdered. Isabella died of her injuries on Nov. 19,

2015. She was battered and beaten by her babysitter/daycare provider in El Reno. Linda Zotigh was found murdered on Sept. 9, 2017.

The VOC grant was written to address the need for victims in the transition from being a victim into a survivor through the provision of services through the grant initiative and to include approaches to cultural avenues to address trauma and healing.

The grant proposal sought to address the grant portion of cultural innovative aspect in the approach of the healing methods. The approach and method is the tipi. The plan is to endeavor in the use of an important element of a historic icon within the tipi. The use of the existing culture practices is to provide a care network of Indigenous healers and supporters.



Linda Zsotigh

Ida Beard

The iconic tipi has provided a home anchor and an identity of survival throughout history. It overcame seasons of US government policies of annihilations and displacement. The resiliency and stature of the tipi can be tapped into and build an approach that instills hope and safety. It can be used to cover victims and survivors with healing and rise again.

The VOC grant application was awarded to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. The federal grant funding providers approved the acquisition of the two tipis after undergoing an intensive interview. The question-

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were just amazed and shocked that this building is going to be built and it was going to be here for Geary," Gov. Wassana said.

Gov. Wassana said the building will be good, not only for the community, but for the future of the tribes.

"It's a really good building that I think not only the community members here at Geary will be able to appreciate it but as the tribes goes on because we're always trying to look for buildings, facilities to have events and planning, and sometimes Geary is between some of those other towns going back west so I believe this is going to also help the tribe," Wassana said.

The building will have basketball goals set up and a playground are in the works. For the Geary community, Wassana said the building would fit a lot of the needs that the community desire to have.

"Gib was really excited to see this happen ... he always tried to drive the youth, he always supported the community any time there was a benefit dance or a pledger coming through, he was always proud to be there to support the community so although he may not be here, he still here in spirit because I know he's happy and excited to say hey we completed it and now the kids in Geary have somewhere to go to," Wassana said.

Legislators with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Ninth Legislature also made remarks including C1 Legislator Bruce Whiteman, C2 George Woods, A1 Diane Willis, A4 Rector Candy and A3 Darrell Fly-

Assistant speaker C1 Legislator Whiteman said the building would bring communities together.

"Something like this is really good for the community, it brings communities together, I know that we had a dance about a month ago at the other one and it was just about five deep and we had to move to Watonga where there was more room so I'm glad this community has this facility. It's good that we move forward, I'm glad that I was part of the eighth and ninth legislatures to be able to be

a part of it," Whiteman said. Next, remarks were given by the daughters of Gilbert Miles.

Mariel Miles-Ayers said while the Miles name may die out someday, the building would be there for future generations.

"Miles is just going to be a name that the

Lt. Governor had but now it's going to be where my nieces and nephews can bring their kids out here and say hey this is 'grandpa's' place, this is Gib's place and so I hope when they have activities and everything out here, my dad's name lives because everyone's going to say hey where's that powwow at this weekend, hey it's at Gib's place," Mariel

Mariah Miles took the podium next to reminisce on how much the Lt. Governor looked forward to ribbon cutting ceremonies and dedications for the tribes.

"A way to look at it was how much the tribe has grown and how proud he was after buildings were being made and built up for future generations, not just for now but for your grandkids and many more to come," Mariah Miles said.

She reflected on what was once said by Gib at one ribbon cutting ceremony.

"One day I'm not going to be here, Reggie's not going to be here, but this building will be here and this building has the capability to save lives whether it be through food, shelter through providing a place for younger kids to come in and build a scale," Mariah Miles said.

While growing up in the Geary community, Mahgan Muskett spoke about the early days when her father would open the Geary gym for pick-up basketball.

"My dad would open that gym and Sundays and Wednesday nights and people would come play ball and I remember when we had a new superintendent and they took my dad's key away and they were no longer able to play basketball here and so a lot of people moved towards Calumet to start playing basketball there," Muskett said.

Muskett said with the newly built building, she's excited for the youth and the community in Geary.

"I've watched Geary play basketball and there are so many amazing athletes here in Geary, they just need a place to be able to go, another option to keep them on the right track and so that was one thing my dad always had a lot of pride in was just how many athletes we had here in Geary and give them the opportunity, basketball saved his life and so having a place to go is going to save so many people," Muskett said.

also includes restrooms, locker rooms, laun-Erick Westfahl, with Redhawk Construcdry room, commercial kitchen, a command



Maghan Muskett, eldest daughter of Gib Miles speaks to the audience during the dedication ceremony of the new Gilbert 'Gib' Miles Emergency Response Center located in Gib's hometown of Geary, Okla.

tion spoke on what an honor it was to be a part of the project.

"It was through 57 progress meetings where we would discuss and plan and make changes to have positive impacts on the community so I think with the construction of a few of these projects that we've been a part of, it seems to have come full circle with this one and it's been a tremendous honor to have a project that's being dedicated," Westfahl Jason Houluby, with New Fire Native De-

sign thanked the tribal leadership for their involvement with the project.

"We were fortunate enough to be in a number of emergency response centers, but through all of that they shared their experiences and tribal experience and expertise about what is important to all your communities, this project will be a testament to their vision and understanding of what's needed to support the community," Houluby said.

The newly constructed emergency response center is 8900 sq. ft. including a main hall, which measures 3900 sq. ft., and can

hold up to 260 people for events, and in-

cludes a full basketball court. The building

center and offices.

Houluby said the building was designed during the pandemic for clean abilities and to house people potentially in case of emer-

"Everything is hands free as much as possible including the entrance doors, the faucets, the toilet fixtures and all those things but beyond the facility itself let me say that to me this project really is the perfect representation of where we are today as tribal people, this project is to serve your community," Houluby said.

In closing, all attendees along with the Miles family gathered in front of the building to cut the red ribbon officially declaring the Gilbert Miles Emergency Response Center open for business.

"We want to have something nice for our community, like every other community and we wanted to honor the lieutenant governor so we all got together and decided to name the building after him because of all the great things that he did during his time as the lieutenant governor, just a good guy so he wanted to honor him and his family, have a good place for their children and grandchildren to make good memories," Sleeper said.

AnnMarie Cometsevah

Thomas High School

(THOMAS, OK) When she's not on the sidelines cheering on her team with the cheer squad, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth AnnMarie Cometsevah, 18, is active on the basketball court as a team player first.

Standing 5'4, Cometse-



vah plays as a shooting guard for Thomas High School girl's basketball. Cometsevah began play-

ing basketball in the seventh grade when she wanted to become more involved in other school sports. Thomas also plays softball, slow pitch and fast pitch and has been on the cheer team for the past two years.

What Cometsevah said she loves most about the sport of basketball is her team.

"The team and like how we get along better than the other teams I've been on before." Cometsevah said.

Being a multi-sported athlete, Cometsevah finds her sports schedule intervening at times, especially when cheering for basketball. However, Cometsevah manages her busy schedule as a student athlete with a 3.39 GPA.

Gearing up for the basket-

ball season, Cometsevah said she looks forward to helping her team in any way she can.

"Just being a good teammate and doing whatever I can on and off the court," Cometsevah said.

Knowing it's her last year on the basketball court as a senior, Cometsevah feels humbled in her experience.

"I'm scared because I want to do good this year and since I started in seventh grade I'm farther behind in skill level whereas all the other girls are, so I just want to be there for the team and hope I can help," Cometsevah said.

Seeing herself grow in the sport and on the court, Cometsevah said basketball has become a sport she's grown to love since she first started it.

"At first I was just doing the sport just to do it but then kind of just grew more into it, it's fun now," Cometsevah said.

Playing the sport of basketball, Cometsevah said it makes her feel good about herself when she's out on the court.

"It makes me feel good, I like playing, just the adrenaline that comes along with it and the excitement, the thrill of it all," Cometsevah said.

Cometsevah's goals for the season include being a better shooter and being a good teammate.

"I'll help my team when they're down and give them inspiration," Cometsevah said.

And as basketball player, Cometsevah said it's important to be calm and respectful while on the court.

"Nobody wants to play a team that is rude and dirty, and being calm, with your adrenaline if you're panicky, it's kind of hard to play," Cometsevah said.

Cometsevah said what she hopes to accomplish the most through playing basketball is to be an influence to younger athletes.

"Seeing the little kids at the game I want to give them inspiration to be involved with the school and do more." Cometsevah said.

Thomas High School Girls Basketball head coach, Jim Petree said he has had the pleasure of coaching Cometsevah for the past three years.

"She is an outstanding young lady in the classroom and on the court, AnnMarie has a great attitude and sets a good example for our younger students, as a senior this year she provides our team with leadership by her hard work and dedication," Petree said.

Petree said this season Cometsevah will be seeing more playing time on the court.

"She has a chance to be an

outstanding defender and will guard our opponents best player most games. She is truly a team first player and will do anything to help our team win," Petree said.

Thomas Lady Terriers finished the 22-23 season 17-10 last year with many seniors on the team already graduated.

"We will need our



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players to expand the offensive roles, I feel like we have a chance to be really good on defense, we hope to make big improvements throughout the regular season and make a good playoff run," Petree said.

Cometsevah will graduate in the spring of 2024 and plans to continue her education in college and become a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN).

AnnMarie's mother is Angela Littleman and her siblings are Daniel Cloud, Warren Cometsevah, Dakota Littleman, Addison Cloud and Abbygail Littleman.

TALKSPACE

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"We know it's hard to talk to people sometimes so that's why we wanted to establish this initiative to people to provide care for people that mainly don't want to talk face to face with somebody or even ask for counseling services and so that's why we have posters with the instructions to sign up and spread all across our service area," Chebahtah

While TalkSpace offers virtual counseling, there are benefits that come with it such as instant access to therapy services. Chebahtah said currently with Indian Health Services, there is a two to three month waiting period for an initial evaluation and assessment.

"Then you're waiting another four to five weeks to get into that counseling apppintment so that's two months three months that somebody doesn't have counseling services so that's why with these five-minute sign up and already being able to message that same day that we're seeing a lot more people respond positively to that," Chebahtah said.

TalkSpace is also anonymous, however Chebahtah said they've been receiving steady positive feedback.

"TalkSpace does send reports about because they do their own internal surveys for customer satisfaction and so they've seen a lot of people give positive feedback they've seen a little bit over 70% of people showing clinical improvement and that'll be significant improvement that they've

seen," Chebahtah said.

The 988 Tribal Response program has also been assisting tribal citizens with signing up for TalkSpace as well as promoting the online counseling service as it relates to mental health.

Christina Sharp, mental health specialist for 988 said during their mental health screenings they helped tribal citizens download the app.

"We help set up members getting the application downloaded on their phone, answer any questions, help them go through the intake process that way we can kind of answer questions right then, because the intake questions on TalkSpace is very similar to going to an in-person counselor," Sharp

The program emphasized importance of tribal youth to utilize the service as well. Sharp said in western Oklahoma there's very few counselors available for youth.

"With the initiative that was done they get two free sessions every month, but they also get the ability to text their therapist and they can do just a phone call counseling or they can do video counseling, there's also individualized resources on the app that they can utilize at any time," Sharp

Rosanna Tallbear, project coordinator for 988 said it's also important for tribal youth because of the convenience of being able to text a counselor opposed to traditional in-person services.

"With the students we want this available for them

because a lot of them don't feel comfortable talking to their parents or somebody they can trust and this is another way to talk to somebody using TalkSpace," Tallbear said.

Sharp said TalkSpace has been proven to be beneficial for working parents as it's convenient for their sched-

"It's actually it's a lot of our tribal employees between the ages of 30 and 50 we see a lot of working parents that have said Talkspace works for them as they can get on Talkspace on the weekends, in the evening time, in the morning time so it's really beneficial," Sharp

During the intake process, participants set their hours and what days of the week work best for them. They are then paired with a counselor that would best suit their needs. Sharp said another unique feature about the app is participants choose their own counselor.

"One of the things that's good about it is if your counselor and you aren't really working well together, if you don't feel like you're getting a good response from them you can request to change your counselor at any time and there's an option on there that you can choose Native American counselors so they understand everything that's going through the spiritual side, the cultural side," Sharp said.

For people that aren't familiar with using their phones and using the online program, Sharp said the 988 program is always there







The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Dept. of Health Tribal Opioid Response Project (TOR) & 988 Tribal Response Program (988-TRP) want to encourage all tribal members and tribal employees to take advantage of the TalkSpace Online Counseling Services

- GRIEF
- **TRAUMA**
- DEPRESSION
- DEPENDENCY RELATIONSHIPS
- OTHER THERAPY TOPICS

TOR Project & 988-TRP are partnering with Talkspace to bring you convenient, personal, and professional online messaging therapy. With Talkspace, you can regularly send text, audio, and video messages to a dedicated licensed therapist anytime, anywhere. Talkspace is confidential and secure. 3.



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www.talkspace.com/chator or Scan QR Code below Enter your email

To Sign Up Go To:

4. Ask any DOH Employee for Passphrase Complete Questionnaire and match with your counselor in minutes

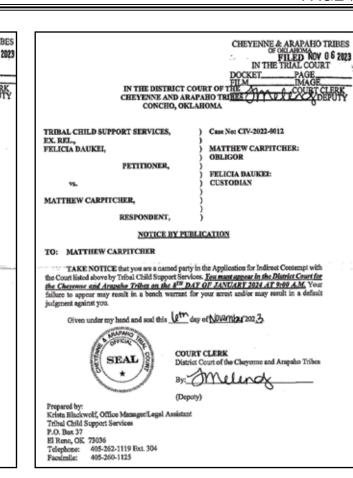


to help. Tribal citizens are "Sometimes those quesencouraged to reach out to tions are kind of medical the program to arrange an terminology and sometimes in-person meeting to help it's hard for people to underthem set up the app and walk stand what's being asked of them through the steps. them so we're always avail-

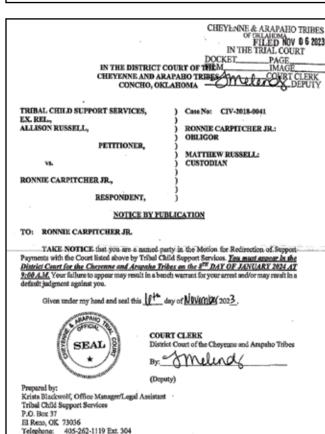
able to walk people through that so that they can get the right answers and not get frustrated with all the questions that are being asked," Sharp said.

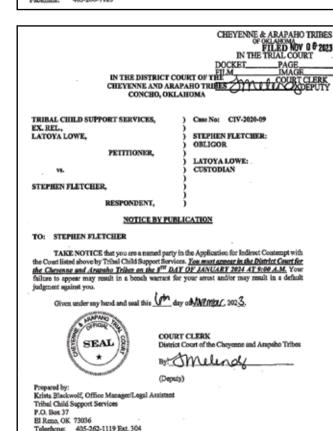


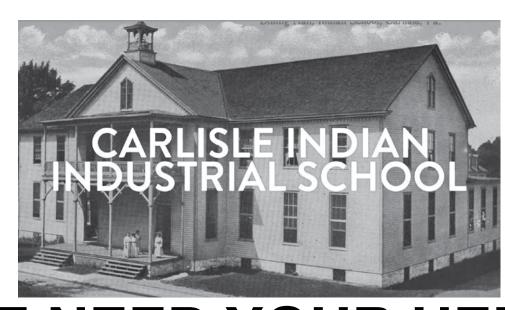












WE NEED YOUR HELP Chiefs, Society Men and Elders

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 Reuben Tahpeds age 16 Father Big Belly / DOD 4/13/1897 - Cheyenne Elsie Davis age 16 / Father Bull Bear / DOD 4/13/1898 - Cheyenne Percy Whitebear age 16 / Father Little Snake / DOD 7/22/1899 - Cheyenne



To our beloved son Patrick Emhoolah II Heavenly Happy Birthday Nov. 15, 1977 - April 24, 2017

Sonny there's not a day that goes by that you aren't on our minds. It's been 6 ½ years but each day is still hard to bear. We carry on and look forward to the day we can all be together and rejoice. Continue to watch over pops and I. Enjoy your day with your heavenly family.

Forever in our hearts; dad James Michael, mom Georgia, aunts Rita Oliver and Jan Maxwell, sisters Stacy Lynn and Rayna, your children Anastasia Blaze and Jaylenn.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Storm Shelter Program

WHO QUALIFIES?

Enrolled Tribal Citizen Home Owners who reside in the following Oklahoma counties: Blaine, Beckham, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Ellis, Kingfisher, Roger Mills, Washita, Major and Woodward



PREFERENCE ORDER:

Wheelchair bound, physically handicapped, 55 years and older All Remaining Tribal Citizens

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS:

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Certified Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) Deed/Proof of Ownership in Applicant's Name

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Title Status Report

For Applications Call Mary Youngbull at 405-422-7525

Employment Opportunities

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@cheyenneandarapaho-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.

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

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

SALARY: Negotiable

preference.

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.



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 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.

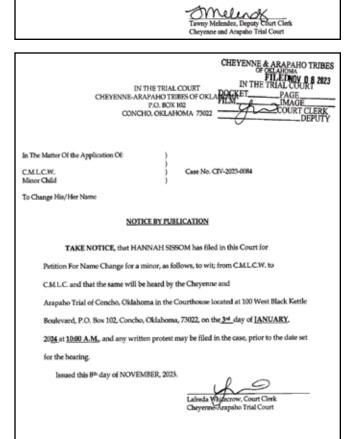
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IN THE TRIAL COURT CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKL In the Matter of CHARLENE WASSANA Case No. CIV-2023-0039 JAMES HARVIE, JR The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on te 3rd day of JANUARY 2024, 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 before the above-entitled Trial Court. You have the option to appear in person or through se. Your smart device will need a camera, microphone, and a stable internet connection. If you do no sust use the following in order to log in or join the meeting fideo conferencing for smart device users:

https://ws/Cwch.arom.us/j/4524251494?pwd=S2RCenU2WDV90FMsMnISQ3RXeTdHQT09 or

conferencing for non-smartphone or tra Telephone number: 1 (346) 248-7799 Meeting ID: 452 425 1494

Dated at the Trial Court this 9th day of November, 2023.





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

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

OUALIFICATIONS:

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

Child Care Master Teachers: Concho/ Clinton **Closing Date: Until Filled**

QUALIFICATIONS:

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

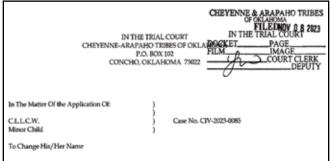
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Executive Assistant Treasury Closing Date: **Until Filled**

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





NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that HANNAH SISSOM has filed in this Court for

Petition For Name Change for a minor, as follows, to wit; from C.L.L.C.W. to

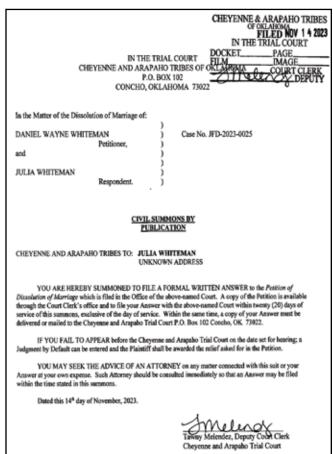
C.L.L.C. and that the same will be heard by the Cheyenne and

Arapaho Trial of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the 3rd day of JANUARY,

2024 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set

for the hearing. Issued this 8th day of NOVEMBER, 2023

Dated at the Trial Court this 16th day of Novem





Harmonniey Kinchion, Assistant Deputy Attorney General

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Concho, Oklahoma 73022 (405) 422-7855 or 256-8554



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ing was meant to justify the use or not approve to the tipis. The grant provided guidelines which included for tribes to use Indigenous (innovative) practices and tools to address trauma and healing.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic shutdown, the grant activities halted, and the tipis spent time in storage during the Covid shutdown seasons. The tipis came from Reliable Tent & Tipi in Billings, Mont. Gordon Yellowman stepped up and provided good storage and care of the tipis.

Victim Services under the Social Services Program is responsible for the implementation of the grant activities and future endeavors. Below are some of the plan/ service examples:

For victims and their families to seek healing and safety.

To honor and increase awareness to take cultural elements and practice for self-preservation and address trauma.

Increase awareness and education of the tipis as heal-

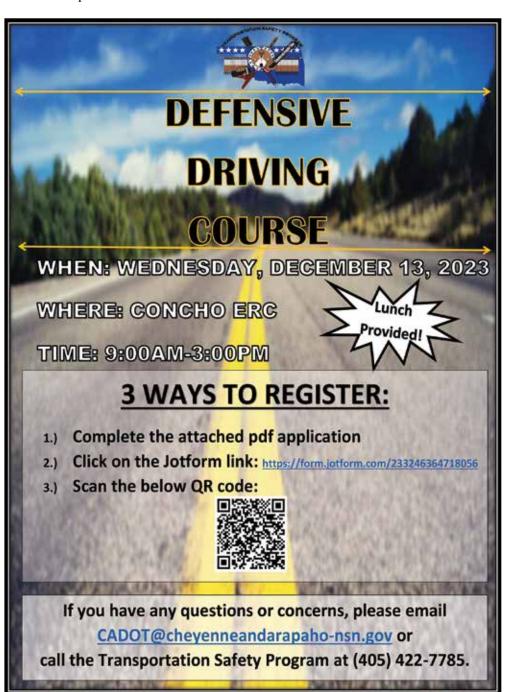
ing elements and for teachable moments.

Enhance the existing practices and approaches to bring well-being balance and safety.

For victim service program to educate and bring awareness of cultural practice and victimology.

For the use of group support, meetings, outreach, talking circle for program and survivors.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Social Services – Victim Service is available for services and can be contacted by calling 1-833-488-4887.



FOOD PANTRY OUTREACH

DECEMBER 14-ELK CITY

Nazarene Church Parking Lot | 816 W. 6th St. 11 AM-2 PM

DECEMBER 28-SHAWNEE

Walmart Parking Lot | 196 Shawnee Mall Dr. 11 AM-2 PM

Food boxes will be available to all Chevenne and Arapaho tribal members. First come, first serve. One per household. Must present a Cheyenne and Arapaho CDIB. For more information, call the Concho Food Pantry: (405) 422-**7908**.

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Patricia Ann Ramos

Patricia Ann Ramos was born July 25, 1960, to Minnie Yellow Eagle in Clinton, Okla., and passed away early Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 23, 2023, in the Baptist Integris Hospital in Oklahoma

Patricia was raised and attended school in Weatherford, Okla. She was employed at the Collins and Aikman Plant in Clinton before working for Lucky Star Casino in the Smoke Shop and as cashier at the Lucky Star Casino.

She was married to Eusebio R. Ramos on Dec. 27, 1978, in Clinton and they made their homes in Clinton and Weatherford.

She was a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and a member of the Native American Church. She loved to cook, collect nick-nacks and especially hummingbirds.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a granddaughter Adriana, two sisters, Norma Bearshield and Iris Yellow Eagle.

She is survived by her husband, Eusebio, of the home, daughters, Minnie Ramos of Oklahoma City and Esperansa of Clinton, and four sons, John Yellow Eagle of Clinton, Philip Yellow Eagle of Anadarko, Okla., Eusebio Ramos Jr. and wife Amy of Weatherford, Armando Ramos of Clinton, and sister Yolando Yellow Eagle of Weatherford. She is also survived by 29 grandchildren and 11 great-grand-



A traditional all-night wake service was held Nov. 28 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Nov. 29, at the same venue, officiated by Lynn Littlehawk, followed by an interment at the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau-Lee Funeral

Ethelyn Joyce Moore

Ethelyn Joyce Moore, 86, of Greenwood, Ark. peacefully completed her earthly journey on Nov. 5, 2023. She returned home to be with Jesus, finding comfort in the arms of her Savior. Ethelyn loved the Lord with all of her heart, soul, and mind. She was a faithful member of Harvest Time Church for 45 years where she served. attended Bible college, and raised her family. Ethelyn left a legacy of faithfulness and fellowship through her unwavering love for the Lord, the Church, her family, and friends. She was a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. She represented her heritage proudly by being involved in tribal events not only with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe but also with the Choctaw Nation Senior

She will be lovingly missed by her daughters, Rechenda Blackdeer of Denver, Colo., Evelyn Kasworm of Ft. Smith, Ark., and Beverly J. Moore Honaker of Greenwood. Two son-inlaws, Robert Kasworm and Robert L. Honaker Jr. Ten grandchildren: Ahinawake Pritchard, Winter Kasworm, Robert "Bobby" L. Honaker III and his wife MaRae Honaker, Rechenda Marie Asher, Chevenne Boots and her husband Tanner Boots, Dr. Autumn Blackdeer, Courtney Honaker, Katherine Church and her husband Alex Church, Lakota Kasworm, and Nathan B. Deer Honaker. Two great-grandchildren: Robert L. Honaker IV and Jameson Honaker.

She is preceded in death



by her husband of 51 years, Thurman Moore, her son Kenneth L. Greene Jr., her father Sam B. Deer, her sister Viola B. Deer Cuppawhe, her son Sioux "Wally" B. Deer, and her mom Helen Littlecalf B. Deer.

A celebration of Ethelyn's life was. Held Nov. 10 at the Harvest Time Church in

Ft. Smith, followed by a graveside service in Tuskahoma, Okla., at the Choctaw Nation Veterans Cemetery.

Patrick Isham Washee

Patrick Isham Washee began his earthly walk on March 1, 2004, when his parents Fred Washee Jr. and Monica Leigh Curtis welcomed him to this world. Patrick embraced his Cheyenne heritage and his Cheyenne name Vé'hó'öhtse which means sweet grass. He departed this life on Nov. 21, 2023, at the age of 19 years, 8 months, and 20 days. Patrick, or Shiloh as he

was called, spent his young childhood in the Oklahoma Shiloh was an intelligent

young man. He enjoyed many things in life, he loved wildlife and the outdoors, art and drawing, and he was a talented artist. He also enjoyed playing handgames.

Patrick was preceded

in death by his father Fred

Inez Whitebuffalo, grandfather Gilbert Curtis Sr., grandfather John Washee Jr., uncle Adam Washee and aunt Regina Curtis. Patrick's memory will

Washee Jr., grandmother

live on with the ones he leaves behind. His mother Monica Curtis, grandmother Corrine Washee and grandmother LaFreda Whitebuffalo, brothers, Fred Washee Christopher Curtis, aunts, Carolyn Freeland, Emily Hill, Deann McNeal, Jamie Limpy, Ann Garcia, Andrea Curtis, and Sina Curtis, uncles, John Enos Washee III, David Washee, Virgil Curtis, Cameron Curtis, Eric Curtis, Gus Curtis

and Gilbert Curtis Jr., other

relatives and many friends.

Patrick's life on earth was

short, but his memory will



and the people whom he met during his time on earth.

A traditional all-night wake service was held Nov. 24 at the Seiling Emergency Response Center in Seiling, Okla. Funeral services were held Nov. 25 at the Redinger Funeral Chapel, followed by an interment at the Cantonment Cemetery under the direction of Redinger Funeral

Home.

Richard Byron Whiteman (Reprint)

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,

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 goal-

ie. He loved OU football,

Nascar races, professional

wrestling, rock & roll and

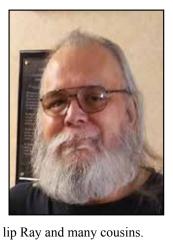
country music, fishing and beadwork crafts. He worked at a variety of restaurants in the Oklahoma City area and construction work.

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

en Houchin, sister Marsha

Harris (Glen), nephew Phil-

memory are his daughter Barbara Whiteman, granddaughters Alison Roy and Ruby Roy, grandson Zheav-



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.

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