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The two-day summit is an opportunity for Tribal leaders and top administration officials to come together to discuss important issues facing Tribal communities, according to a White House fact sheet. Biden, who

“The most important thing for tribes in Oklahoma, certainly from the Cherokee Nation standpoint, is making sure there’s a really efficient way to get funding to our programs,” said Chuck Hoskin Jr., Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation.

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*Tribal leaders attend the Biden-Harris Tribal Nations Summit in Washington, D.C. Pictured above is Dustin Cozad, Apache Tribe Councilman, LaRenda Morgan, Government Affairs Officer for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana and Muscogee Creek Nation Principal Chief David Hill. (Submitted photo)*

# New Program Focuses on Aging, Alzheimer's, Dementia Care in Cheyenne and Arapaho Communities

Through in-home visits, staff will offer assessments, personalized support, education, and resources to enhance the qual-

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# Oklahoma Council for Indian Education hosts 44<sup>th</sup> annual Conference

## *Linda Hulbutta, citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Wins Educator of the Year Award*

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

In striving to honor native youth and students, the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education (OCIE) held their 44<sup>th</sup> annual conference at the Embassy Suites in downtown Oklahoma City on Dec. 3-5.

OCIE’s slogan for the 2023 conference “honor our ways” was highlighted throughout the three-day event where panelists, workshops, and networking opportunities were centered on sovereign education.

Oklahoma City Public Schools cultural program coordinator and OCIE president elect, Rochell Werito said in planning for the conference, discussion arose about the reality of the need for honoring students.

“While brain storming we just kind of got into discussion about the reality is we want schools and school districts and leadership to just honor our kids, honor our students, honor who we are and so then we just kind of came up with honor our ways, that’s what we want in our conference, how can we make these educational spaces perfect for our students as native people,” Werito said.

Approximately 190 were registered for the OCIE conference, with many registering under full memberships where they attend all three days of the conference.

Many workshops were based on Indian education or higher education, where information could be given to other educators or parents who attended the conference.

“We’re not always together so this is the one time we can really have impactful situations and collaborations where the east can meet the west of our state, just learn about each other because it’s, there’s so many tribes in our state that we’re able to give tools and resources to one another so we can all have a collaboration, not only with each other, but through teachers and through our programs,” Werito said.

The opening general session on day two of the conference included a panelist discussion over the “Killers of the Flower Moon,” a film focused on the series of murders of Osage members and the oil that was discovered on Osage Nation tribal land.

Many programs within the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Education were also present participating in workshop sessions and heading panelist discussions.

Tashina Tahdooahnippah, TEDNA ACE Senior Education Specialist gave a presentation about being a part of the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly and stories from the field as an education specialist.

“We wanted to promote all the barriers, the challenges, any of the success we had and how we identified educational resources within our programs ... the importance of that is we wanted to talk about the issues or challenges that we had in order to put that out in the open for other TED’s to identify and try to incorporate in their own educational areas or departments,” Tahnooahnippah said.

Tahnooahnippah said the conference promotes Indian education in a positive way as it continues to grow. She said it’s a good opportunity for Indian educators to come together, network and work off one another.

“For me it does benefit me, I’m able to outreach and promote the successes in our area, what has been working for us and often what doesn’t work for us that way it can help somebody else gain momentum in their own fields,” Tahdooahnippah said.

Werito said the overall goal of the conference was collaboration and having people feel confident and comfortable reaching to somebody across the state to build partnerships between all tribes and tribal education departments.

“Really just having a partnership with everybody here to uplift our students, that’s our focus, if we can have all these people that we can depend on then our students will be well,



**Linda Hulbutta, center, holds the Educator of the Year award presented to her during the 44th annual Oklahoma Indian Education Association’s conference in Oklahoma City.** (Photo / Adriel Clements)

keep on having these connections and making sure that Indian Ed staff are informed on what’s going on in our state and making sure we’re all cohesive and together for the betterment of our native students across the state,” Werito said.

And in supporting Indian educators across Oklahoma, OCIE awarded six educators for their continued work in Indian country and education.

The Oklahoma Council for Indian Education’s (OCIE) award winners announced an array of Native American educators throughout Oklahoma, including Cheyenne and Arapaho Citizen Linda Hulbutta as the educator of the year awardee.

Other award winners for OCIE were given for parent of the year, high school student of the year, high education student of the year, elder of the year and teacher of the year.

Born in California and raised in Geary, Okla., Hulbutta has spent approximately 20 years in education. Hulbutta is the director of Indian Education for El Reno Public Schools. Previously she served in positions at Darlington Public Schools as a basketball coach and P.E. teacher for third through sixth grade and in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Education as the STEP coordinator.

“I think the most important thing is just to help kids be successful within the public school system,” Hulbutta said.

And as an advocate for native youth, Hulbutta said she strives to work with both the tribe and the school administration.

“I work with the tribe and the school administration as well as the teachers just to try to be a liaison between all of those entities and the families and students,” Hulbutta said.

In the El Reno Public Schools, there are about 275 native students at the high school, which is 25% of the school’s population that Hulbutta serves.

“I enjoy working with the students and building a rela-

tionship with them, I’m primarily at the high school so that’s most of the students that I get to interact with,” Hulbutta said.

In her role as Indian educator, Hulbutta said she wants more education for school staff and the non-natives so they can understand and have knowledge of Native Americans.

“I just enjoy being able to advocate for our native families and students because it was rough growing up in Geary, lot of racism, lot of administration having low expectation for the native students,” Hulbutta said.

As athletics were a big part of her family growing up, Hulbutta remembers a time when school administrators had low expectations of her and told her coaches that she had built relationships with to not waste their time on her.

“So just trying to let kids know that they are capable and they can do whatever they want with their lives. That’s pretty much my mission in life,” Hulbutta said.

Werito said OCIE could see the impact that native teachers have in schools and what they can do and who they are.

“Our award winners are pretty phenomenal this year, I know Linda she’s one of my favorite people, she’s hilarious and hard working and overall wonderful so I’m glad she got educator of the year, I was happy to see her name

Werito said whoever wins awards from OCIE would then be nominated for the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) awards on the national level.

Hulbutta is married to Howard (Chuck) Hulbutta. Her children are Shelbie Hulbutta, Caleb Hulbutta and Ryn Hulbutta. Her grandchildren are Oaklyn Hulbutta, Lincoln Hill and Grayson Hill. Parents are the late Roy Hall and Josie Hall. Hulbutta’s siblings are Mike Dorsett, James Hall, Teresa Dorsett, Dena Dorsett, Barbara Paukei and Rosa Hall.

Next year’s conference will be held the first week of December. Other events coming up for OCIE will be legislative day and the honor society that will be held in the spring.

# The Need for Indigenous Social Workers and Community Support

Submitted article

At what point should people start working together to help their brothers, sisters, aunts, uncles, cousins, moms, and dads heal from the trauma they have or are experiencing? Social problems have long plagued Indigenous communities for quite some time. Natives continue to struggle with things such as historical trauma, mental health issues, substance abuse, domestic/family violence, adult/child abuse, and neglect. It is very common for most families to have experienced or know someone who has experienced at least one of these issues. People who have experienced trauma have a higher risk of developing long-term health issues. Losing family members not only affects the immediate family but also has an impact on the community.

Native people are known to be very family oriented. Children are often raised by not only their parents but at times by grandparents, aunts, uncles, or other family members. The phrase

“It Takes a Village” is used to describe the meaning of coming together as a community. The village is supposed to guide, teach, mentor, lead, and create healthy environments for all Native children within that community. Throughout Indigenous history, the concept of family has been an integral part of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. However, despite its importance, there is a lack of an early written record that truly captured what family meant to the way of life. Tribes have always preserved their values, traditions, culture, and history through storytelling from one generation to the next. But as time has gone on, the importance of family has transformed into something that people seem not to care about unless it benefits them.

In 1988, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Business Committee leaders worked alongside several departments with the University of California- Los Angeles on a pilot study of factors that led to

success amongst tribal members in the community. Mr. Neumann M.A., M.S., M.P.H, Ms. Mason, Ph.D., Mr. Chase, M.D., and Mr. Albaugh, M.S.W., M.P.A asked 100 tribal members a wide range of questions about their drug use, their tribal identity, their cultural behavior, their image, and their identity. The overall results showed that family, culture, and positive environments played a huge role in their success. In April of 1991 the Journal of Community Health published an article called Factors Associated with Success Among Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Indians detailing the study that was conducted. More studies and discussions can ultimately benefit both the family and the community.

The community also needs Indigenous Social Workers who can relate to the struggles and help guide families along their healing journey. There is a stigma of what a social worker does in native communities and that is under-

stood but social workers can work in different fields. The National Association of Social Workers Code of Ethics has standards that all professionals abide by when getting into this field. Hopefully, one day communities will be educated on the benefits of working with a social worker. Indigenous Social Workers get into this type of work because they want to help their communities. They understand the community culture more than someone who is not Native. Uniting and working to address social issues will create a more positive environment for future generations.

*Neumann, A. K., Mason, V., Chase, E., & Albaugh, B. (1991). FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH SUCCESS AMONG SOUTHERN CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO INDIANS. Journal of Community Health, 16(2), 103–115. <http://www.jstor.org/stable/45443668>*



# Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Governor calls for Special Session of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Ninth Legislature to Vote on 15 Items

Latoya Lonelodge  
Senior Reporter

On Dec. 7 a public hearing for a special session of the Ninth Legislature was called by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana in Concho, Okla.

The public hearing was called to order at 10 a.m., with invocation given by C1 Bruce Whiteman.

Legislators present during the special session were A1 Diane Willis, A2 Kendrick Sleeper, A3 and speaker Travis Ruiz, A4 Rector Candy, C1 Bruce Whiteman, C2 George Woods and C3 Darrell Flyingman with C4 Byron Byrd present via zoom.

On the agenda, 15 items were to be discussed and voted on:

A resolution to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a reservation proclamation for the 79.21-acre tract of trust land in Woodward, Okla.

On Nov. 2, 2023 the Bureau of Indian Affairs placed title to an off reservation tract of land in the city of Woodward, Okla., and according to the resolution, the Tribes wish to move forward by requesting the Bureau of Indian Affairs for a reservation proclamation for the 79.21-acre tract of trust land.

The reservation proclamation will clarify the Tribes’ trust land base as part of its reservation boundary and jurisdiction to support the Tribes for any future funding from the state or federal government.

“That was a requirement in order to extend our reservation in a legal sense to Woodward county they asked that the tribes adopt that resolution so that it can be part of our service area now and when we do anything as far as grants or those types of things we can just claim it period that if we develop then we can show that it is part of our reservation,” Gov. Reggie Wassana said.

Item number one passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to authorize Gov. Wassana to execute a memorandum of understanding allowing the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to participate in OLETS.

In November a social media post went viral on Facebook in regards to an Otoe-Missouri tribal citizen who was pulled over and was given a speeding ticket and a ticket for living outside the jurisdiction. It was determined that the address on the driver’s license wasn’t within the

Otoe-Missouri reservation boundaries.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Office of Tribal Attorney general counsel, Hershel Gorham said Oklahoma statute states that if applicable taxes aren’t paid, vehicles can be impounded and driver’s can be ticketed.

“It went viral and caused a big stir in Oklahoma amongst the tribes because it was felt that Gov. Stitt was taking another shot at tribes sovereignty,” Gorham said.

Gorham said tribes held emergency meetings at NCAI during that time and no one really knew about an official guidance given out by the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, Department of Public Safety or Gov. Stitt’s office, it was all hearsay.

“It caused a stir and fear amongst a lot of tribal members not just in our tribe but tribes everywhere thinking that if I drive outside of El Reno or wherever on the highway, I’m going to get pulled over because I have a tribal tag and that’s kind of the fear that was created,” Gorham said.

Previously, Gov. Stitt claimed the state is losing millions of dollars from turnpike fees because they moved to a plate pay system verses the old system and claimed that a lot of that was from tribes not having tags registered with the Oklahoma turnpike authority.

Gorham said a lot of tribes are in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (OLETS) and that the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes are one of the few tribes that are not.

“This is a database that allows intrastate and interstate access from law enforcement not only local law enforcement but Oklahoma Highway Patrol, FBI, the ability to access our registration motor vehicle tags, it would probably be the tribes best interest to move forward with that to quell the fear that it’s a public safety issue by them not having access to motor vehicle tags,” Gorham said.

Wassana added this might be one solution to help tribal citizens not get pulled over and the tribes not being on OLETS.

“In order to stop this excuse that it’s a public safety issue, that maybe that they would stop pulling over the Cheyenne and Arapaho tags because we are on OLETS and like Hershel said we are only one of the few that don’t comply and that’s kind of the hopeful

feeling that if they know we are then maybe they won’t have to pull us over for no reason,” Wassana said.

Item number two passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to appropriate funding for prairie dog removals.

Due to the Tribe’s prairie dog population on the Concho reservation increasing substantially over the years, it is required to conduct control methods in order to reduce damage to the property and natural resources because of the continued burrowing and digging activities.

A cooperative service agreement with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service with wildlife services is necessary to control the prairie dog population.

Tax Commission funds in the amount of \$120,000 will be appropriated for the removal process as the USDA will be handling the project management and removal, which will include surveying the lands and the 1200 acres of lands that were damaged.

Dayrah Elizondo, deputy general counsel said the removal will cost \$100/acre and that is where the \$120,000 amount came from.

“They’re not manageable anymore, they’re actually crossing on the north side and they’re getting into the pasture with the buffalo, since I’ve been here they used be all on the south side and they all are moving to the north side and they’re just really over populating our ability to develop,” Wassana said.

Wassana said after consulting with others about the prairie dog population, this is the solution they came up with and the USDA has people that have solutions.

“We’re just trying to manage them so they don’t get out of control and stop us from doing our cultural activities and developing the properties so that’s kind of where we’re at,” Wassana said.

Item number three passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to re-nominate Alden Whiteman as a gaming commissioner.

As a current gaming commissioner for the gaming commission, Alden Whiteman is being considered for re-nomination for another term that will expire in 2024.

Currently there are three gaming commissioners with staggered terms. Other gaming commissioners

include Clayton Prairiechief and Debra Woolworth.

Item number four passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to authorize the purchase of tribal member’s lands.

Ruiz said the resolution is for Gov. Wassana to have full authority to purchase all trust interest that individual landowners are selling through the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“I believe in the past we had to do resolutions per individual tribal citizen that was selling their land and that this resolution would allow for that process to be more expedited should tribal members want to sell their land opposed to every single tribal member having their land put on a resolution for the tribe to purchase,” Ruiz said.

Item number five passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to approve certain right of ways.

According to resolution, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have inherited fractioned interests from allotted trust properties and landowners have entered into different right of ways over the years with many of the right of ways coming up for renewal.

To facilitate timely execution of right of way renewals with no change to the material terms of the right of ways and when the tribal interest in equal to less than \$10,000, it is necessary to allow the governor the authorization to approve and renew in order to prevent hindrances to individuals who share the trust interest.

Item number six passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to approve an oil and gas lease in Canadian county containing 49.610 acres more or less.

A resolution to approve an oil and gas lease in Canadian county containing 12.120 acres more or less.

Bobby Bolton, oil and gas officer for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes said the resolution is a request from oil and gas lease and the property sits on the west side of the Concho property.

“The kicker is that we’ve actually negotiated a 25% royalty opposed to 20% and all BIA agencies are 20% and on tribal, we negotiated up to 25% royalty still with the good bonus, this is just a 49-acre tract that we would like to get royalties for it,” Bolton said.

Bolton stated items number seven and eight are the similar, the two tracts of lands are located on the

west side of Concho.

Item number seven and eight passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to approve the election commissioners’ request to approve funds for a special election that was passed by the tribal council on October 7, 2023.

Sarah Orange, C4 election commissioner said an official request of the resolution #100723ATC004 came into the election commission officer on Oct. 23 that called for residency requirements.

“Candidacy as it stands now requires you to live in district at the time of finding.

This amendment would allow members to run and if elected they would have to move in district by the time they take office,” Orange said.

Resolution #100723TC005 calls for an at large legislator with the candidate and elective living out of district.

The Election Commission is requesting approval of funds in the amount of \$26,485.18 for the special election that was passed at the Annual Tribal Council Meeting held on Oct. 7, 2023.

Orange said there would be three questions on ballots with yes or no answers.

“The residence requirement is two parts, it’s asking if the legislators can live anywhere and if they win they move in and the second question is asking the governor or Lt. governor or vice versa, but it’s two questions instead of one whole,” Orange said.

The election will be a mail-in only election and ballots will be sent out the week of December 11-15, with the election being held Jan. 18, 2024.

Item number nine passed with a vote of three yes and five abstaining.

A resolution to appropriate \$140,853 to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Fleet Management program under the Department of Transportation for fuel, vehicle and trailer maintenance.

According to the resolution, the Fleet Management program is responsible for the expenses of auto insurance, vehicle maintenance, fuel, toll fees and GPS for the 189 Cheyenne and Arapaho tribally owned vehicles and insurance expenses for 34 GSA leased vehicles for tribal programs.

Due to increased costs such as insurance and repair maintenance, the program requested funds in order to provide safe and operational vehicle fleet for

programs to provide direct services to tribal citizens.

Item number 10 passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to amend 9L-RS-2022-11-002 – a resolution to appropriate \$200,000 in tax commission funds for brick and mortar Indian churches located in the tribal service area.

The initial resolution was originally tabled in order to identify churches and their needs with no appropriations made previously. It was suggested during discussion by C1 Bruce Whiteman that the resolution be tabled and to bring the resolution back next session with updates on repairs.

Item number 11 was voted on to be tabled with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to request approval of a PL-638 contract for travel and training for the EPA program.

The resolution states there is a need for trainings and to enter into a contract with the Bureau of Indian Affairs for one-year beginning Jan. 1, 2024. Trainings will cover water, land, air and solid waste.

Item number 12 passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to amend resolution number 9L-SS-2023-1103-004.

The resolution is for the employee bonus to be paid for the most recent 12 months that each tribal employee has worked and earned within 30 days of enactment of the resolution at the rate of 6%.

Item number 13 passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to amend resolution number 9L-SS-2023-1103-005.

The resolution is asking for additional appropriation for vacation buyback for permanent tribal employees.

Item number 14 passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

A resolution to amend resolution number 9L-SS-2023-1103-007.

The resolution states to combine the four programs that the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are contracting into a single Title 1 contract. The four programs include Substance Abuse, Emergency Medical Services, Health Education and Community Health Representative. The contracts will be extended for a term of three years beginning Jan. 1, 2024.

Item number 15 passed unanimously with a vote of eight yes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.

# Special Election to decide THREE amendments to the 2006 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Constitution

In the Dec. 1, 2023 Tribal Tribune an article with the title, “*Special Election Will Decide Two Amendments to the 2006 Cheyenne and Arapaho Constitution*” was incorrect. The **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 governor elections AND legislative elections).* This resolution calls for two separate Constitutional amendment votes. **(SEE OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT)**

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.

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.

## Dear Editor:

Hello citizens of the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes! Welcome to the new enrollees! It’s an esteemed day to be recognized as a member of our Nations.

We have a special election in January. Three constitutional amendments are up for consideration by you, the people. All three amendments will make improvements for out of district tribal members, and ultimately, the Tribe, as a whole. The proposed amendment calling for an at-large legislator shall be the focus herewith. Either we vote for change or we keep things status quo. Our Constitution was adopted in 2006 and it has taken this many years to recognize that it is not all encompassing. The author meant for tribes to reshape it to fit the needs of its’ people. This is our opportunity to make that change. It is definitely not a one size fits all document! It has flaws and loopholes. As a side note, those utilizing the constitution day after day have found and are currently using the loopholes to their advantage. It is a document, which must work for us all including the tribal council. We are now 14,000 plus strong. Officially, we the people, are the fourth branch of government. We have a say in how our government should operate per the Constitution.

In our law-making branch of government, we have eight legislators seated to create laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution, which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes. Is your legislator making a difference in your life as a enrolled member of the Cheyenne & Arapaho? Has the quality of your life improved? Are there more opportunities for you or your family member offered by the tribes? Do

you believe he or she is doing all possible as a jurisdictional representative? These are questions that you, as a member of the tribal council, are entitled answers. Currently, they are paid a salary of 80k or more, plus a budget of 325k per annual to spend without any oversight. Where does the money go?? (These issues are to be addressed separately).

Herein lies the problem-- only 29% of enrolled tribal members live within tribal jurisdictional boundaries. 71% live elsewhere. The eight legislators are out of touch with many of us. My legislator has not reached out to me, or my family since being in office. How does he know what my needs are? Has anyone had a legislator conduct community meetings in your area to assess the needs of your fellow tribal members? How do we know money is appropriated in the best possible way? Does it go to the mouse that squeaks the loudest? Are some getting more pieces of the pie? Is he or she doing the best possible for his/her constituents?

In 1956, the American Indian Relocation Act was implemented so that Native Americans would assimilate into mainstream society, to learn a new trade –to leave the reservation aka tribal jurisdiction. What vanity that was. Nonetheless, we were told to leave our reservations. Some made the move and never came back. Thus, they became like many of us, looking for steady employment or attending school for higher education. Some were adopted out to non Natives. We intermarried, established families and put down roots. 71% of us became out of district tribal members of the Cheyenne and Arapaho. Yet we are full members like those living in jurisdiction. We do

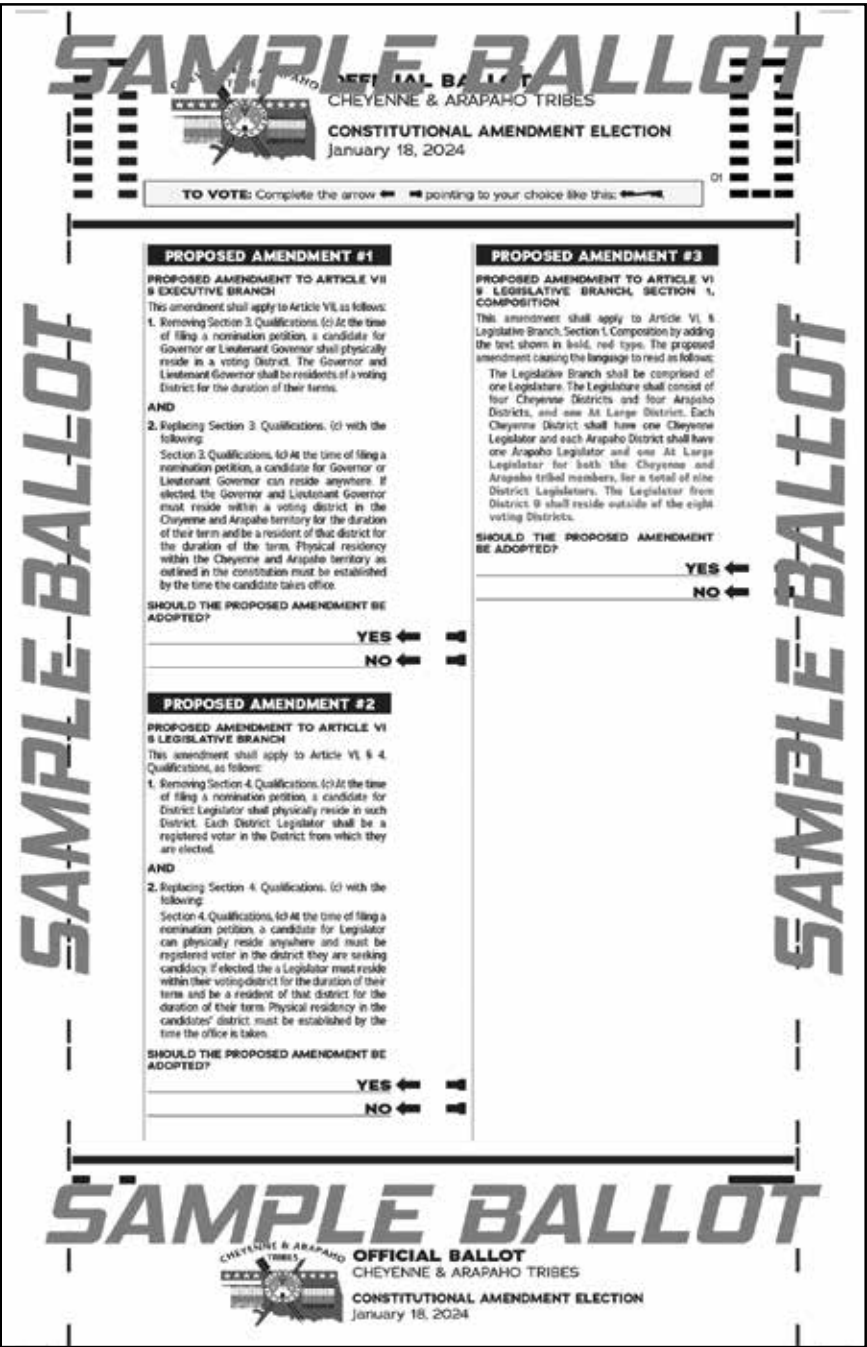
Both Constitutional amendments were voted on during the annual Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Tribal Council meeting on Oct. 7, 2023, Tribal Council Resolution No. 100723ATC-004 – A Tribal Council Resolution calling for a Special Election to amend the Constitution Regarding Residency Requirements **(for 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 for this election **CLOSED** ON Dec. 8, 2023.

New voters wishing to register to vote in future elections can do so online by visiting [www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/boards-commissions-task-forces/election-commission](http://www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/boards-commissions-task-forces/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.



## Teaching, Learning Native Languages a Win-Win

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

In the Sept. 1, 2023 issue of the *Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Tribune* an article published entitled, “El Reno High School offering Arapaho language classes.”

The opening statement reads, “For the first time in Oklahoma history, Nuhu’ Hinono’eiitit heetniixooohoo3ihe3i’ Howoh’oowu’ co’ouut-ou3eino’oowuu’ (the Arapaho language will be taught at **El Reno High School**).

A true statement according to El Reno Public School Superintendent Matt Goucher and Rebecca Risenhoover, Language & Resources director for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. The Arapaho Language being offered to high school students, both tribal and non-tribal as a world language credit is a first for El Reno High School.

However, it is not the first time in history the Arapaho Language was taught within the El Reno Public School system. That information came to the editor’s attention after receiving a phone call from tribal elder Donovan ‘Donnie’ Birdshead.

In 2005 Birdshead taught an Arapaho language class at Etta Dale Junior High School comprised of students from Darlington Public School and Robyler Middle School. The course lasted approximately nine weeks and was preparing tribal students for the annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair (ONAYLF). According to Birdshead, the course was cut short due to “internal strife within the tribal education department.”

He stated in a Facebook

post, “I was preparing my students for the language symposium at the University of Oklahoma. The course ended before the symposium was scheduled.”

Birdshead also said he was advised the students he was teaching during the nine weeks, went on to participate in the ONAYLF performing a skit they had learned during their time in his class at Etta Dale Junior High School.

This, too, was a “first” at Etta Dale Junior High School.

In the case of the Sept. 1, 2023, article regarding the Arapaho Language being offered at El Reno High School as a world language credit? It is the first time the Arapaho language has been offered to high school students as a world language credit and being counted towards the student’s graduation language requirements.

Also true, it is not the first time the Arapaho language has been taught in the El Reno Public School system. It would also be a true statement to say Birdshead was part of the historical process laying a foundation to achieve the goal of having the Arapaho language and eventually the Cheyenne language taught in all the school districts within the Cheyenne and Arapaho service areas.

Having the Arapaho language and the Cheyenne language spoken in any school district is a win-win.

To read the Sept. 1, 2023 article visit [www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/public-affairs/tribal-tribune](http://www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/public-affairs/tribal-tribune).



# El Reno High School hosts Carl Albert in Season Openers

By Glen Miller, El Reno Tribune



Carter RonanNose (Photos / Glen Miller)

Head coach Rodney Haydon stressed in the preseason that it could take some time for his team to jell under a new lineup from last year’s state quarterfinalist. Yet after last week’s season opener, the Indians showed they may be slightly ahead of their coach’s time frame. El Reno played Carl Albert, widely considered a top five team in Class 5A, to a 42-39 game over three periods. The Indians even outscored the Titans 17-14 in the fourth period. However, the difference in the contest was a 24-10 break by the Titans in the second period which propelled Carl Albert to a 66-46 victory in the season opener for both teams.

El Reno led the Titans twice in the first period, opening up with back-to-back baskets by Kaleb Blackwolf and Alex Elizondo. The Titans tied the game before Blackwolf gave EHS its last lead at 6-4 with a basket off an inbound play. Carl Albert scored the final five points of the first period and posted a 29-10 break over the last 10 minutes of the first half for a 33-16 lead. El Reno closed the game shooting 8-of-21 from 2-point range for 38 percent, but was 8-of-27 (30 percent) from the 3-point arc. The Indians made 9-of-16 free throws for 56 percent. Carl Albert held the edge in most statistical categories after shooting 59 percent from the field. The Titans led in transition points (21-8), points off turnovers (17-16), points in the paint (36-12), rebounds (42-20) and assists (15-13). El Reno led in steals (12-6), deflections (13-12)

and blocked shots (2-1). Carter Roman Nose led all El Reno scorers with 19 points off 6-of-13 shooting with four 3-pointers. The junior added eight steals, seven rebounds and four assists to his totals. Blackwolf, a freshman, closed with 15 points – six of those from long distance, and added three rebounds. William Elledge paced the EHS scorers in single digits with four points and a steal. Kason Haydon, Bradley Island and Josiah Reveles scored three points each and combined for five rebounds, three steals and two assists. Overcoming a disastrous first period, El Reno High School’s girls basketball team rallied past one of its oldest archrivals to kick off the 2023-23 season with a 63-50 victory over Carl Albert. El Reno is one of three teams in District 5A-1 to win its season opener along with Elgin and Shawnee, but getting there was not an easy task. The Indians missed 12 of their first 13 shots from the floor and trailed 14-9 after one period. Emmary Elizondo (7:04) scored the team’s first basket of the season but EHS did not make another shot until Raegan Bugaj’s jumper with 2:13 left in the opening frame. The only scoring over that 4:51 were two free throws from Eryn Roman Nose and one from Elizondo. Bugaj added two free throws to keep EHS’ deficit at five points going into the second frame. “The first period we were getting the shots we wanted, we just were not finishing. Hopefully that’s just first-game jitters,” said El Reno head coach Jennifer Douglas. It would not remain a deficit for long as EHS scored the first seven points of the period, five off the hands of Pauline Black-Harmon. Bugaj’s two free throws (6:10) gave the Indians the lead for good.

Lilly Thomas ripped a 3-pointer, followed by a basket from Phallyn McHenry-Guzman. Nazhoni Sleeper added two free throws to cap off a 14-1 break and a 23-15 EHS lead. The lead grew to 32-20 by the end of the frame as Elizondo (2), Bugaj and Black-Harmon scored in the final three minutes. Carl Albert chipped away at El Reno’s double-digit lead, cutting it to single digits seven times over the final two periods. However, the Indians answered each challenge with 2-point baskets from Black-Harmon (4) and Sleeper and a 3-pointer from Bugaj. Elizondo made two free throws (3:20) in the fourth period to snap a 4-0 run by

the Titans and pushed the Indians lead back to double digits. El Reno ended the game shooting 41 percent from the floor including a 3-of-8 (38 percent) effort from the 3-point arc. The Indians were 17-of-41 (42 percent) from 2-point range and 20-of-30 for 56 percent from the line. Elizondo was one of four players in double digits with 14 points, while adding four rebounds, two assists and a steal. Black-Harmon posted a double-double line of 14 points, a team-leading 12 rebounds, two assists and a blocked shot. Bugaj followed with 12 points, three boards and two assists. Sleeper closed with 11 points, five assists, four rebounds and two steals. Thomas paced those EHS scorers in single digits with eight points, five rebounds and a blocked shot. Roman Nose and Carley Kihega scored two points each and combined for seven boards.



Emmery Elizondo



El Reno High School’s girls basketball team debuted their new Nike N7 uniforms during the 2023-24 season opener against Carl Albert. The turquoise-colored uniforms are inspired by Native American wisdom of the Seven Generations. El Reno Public Schools is a Nike N7 school. The uniforms are also honoring Native American Heritage Month. The district held theme days the last week of November in observance. El Reno head coach Jennifer Douglas said the cost for the uniforms was \$2,026 and was paid for by Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes legislators George Woods (Cheyenne District 2) and Kendricks Sleeper (Arapaho District 2). The new outfits will be worn at different times during the season. Pictured from left are starters Nazhoni Sleeper, Lilly Thomas, Raegan Bugaj, Pauline Black-Harmon and Emmary Elizondo. (Photo / Glen Miller)

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# Dear Santa: All I Want For Christmas ...

## CANTON HEAD START & CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Dear Santa, I would like some deer clothes, Monty

Dear Santa, I would like a lion that roars with turkey and banana peels, Wyatt

Dear Santa, I would like a T-Rex dinosaur with bullets, Dace

Dear Santa, I would like a new costume, Hugh

Dear Santa, I would like a Dr kit, dress up shoes, dresses, sticky rocks, purse with lots of stuff, Kylin

Dear Santa, I would like a giant monster truck, Rocky

Dear Santa, I would like Trash trucks with forks, Ladd

Dear Santa, I would like slasher, Dinosaurs big house and Mario lego, Hayes

Dear Santa, I would like a T-Rex dinosaur, Tegan

Dear Santa, I would like a big monster truck from Target and a ramp, Jagger

Dear Santa, I would like a disguise, Liam

Dear Santa, I would like play doh, Ahmiyah

Dear Santa, I would like a buzz light year and hot wheels, Takotah

Dear Santa, I would like car hot wheels, NyKai

Dear Santa, I would like Hot wheels, cat, gabby doll house and frog, Roman

Dear Santa, I would like hot wheel cars and more cars, Haskell

Dear Santa, I would like a kitty cat, microphone with speaker, gabby dollhouse-, Shakota

Dear Santa, I would like Dump truck, tools, trucks, construction site, and kitchen stuff, Creed

Dear Santa, I would like Elsa, jack and Christmas, Azaria

Dear Santa, I would like candy, Ember

Dear Santa, I would like toys, Niko

## CLINTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

I would like dinosaurs, toys cars, puzzles, and magnet animals. Love, Alo

I would like cars, play tools, a firetruck, and magnet animals. Love, Aron

I would like a racecar track, toys cars, blocks, and dinosaurs. Love, Legend

I would like blocks, magnets tiles, toy cars, and dinosaurs. Love, Diego

## CLINTON CHILD DEVELOPMENT

I would like baby dolls, a play kitchen set, and bouncy balls. Love, Genesis

I would like baby dolls, Moana toys, and a coloring book. Love Mya

I would like toy cars, puzzles, blocks, magnet animals, and a racecar track. Love, Javy

I would like fidget toys, blocks, dinosaurs, and Co-comelon toys. Love, Ayden

I would like a mermaid tail, make-up, and barbies. Love, Paizley A.

I would like toys cars and puzzles. Love, Julian

I would like baby dolls, a play kitchen set, dress-up clothes, and make-up. Love, Carmen

I would like baby dolls and a play kitchen set. Love, Josephine

I would like toy cars, dinosaurs, and Spiderman toys. Love Wyatt

I would like Bluey toys, a castle, princess dolls, and a cute dinosaur. Love Amberly

I would like toy cars, dinosaurs, and a racecar track. Love, Armando

I would like a dollhouse, dolls, and a dog. Love, Brynlee

I would like a doctor play set, toy cars, Legos, and a baby doll. Love, Jocelyn

I would like toys cars, dinosaurs, and Spiderman toys. Love, Courage

I would like dress-up clothes, an art coloring set, and Barbie dolls. Love, Erin

I would like art supplies, play kitchen set, princess poster, and a rainbow hair bow. Love, Madelyn

I would like art supplies, roller skates, hoover board, and a robot. Love, Tinsley

I would like make-up, a craft set, Bluey toys, and dress-up toys. Love, Serenity

I would like Barbie dolls, dress-up clothes, a kitchen set, and art supplies. Love Adelyn

I would like anime, art supply set, and manga books. Love, Beau

I would like sharks, art supplies, and racecars. Love, Drayden

I would like Barbie dolls, make-up set, and art supplies. Love, Ryann

I would like Baby Shark toys, baby dolls, dress-up clothes and a play kitchen set. Love, Paisley

I would like Barbies, baby dolls, dress-up clothes, and a play kitchen set. Love, Delphina

I would like Legos, blocks, toy racecars, and a racetrack. Love, Amari

## CLINTON HEAD START

I would like cars Love, Julian C

I would like a princess kitchen and a motorcycle Love, Abril R

I would like cars, a kitchen, and shoes Love, Alejandro Q

I would like a bike, an excavator, and a monster truck Love, Alexandrya P

I would like a toy unicorn and lots of Barbies Love, Annelise G

I would like lots of toys, a car, and puzzle Love, Asher K

I would like a game to play, an airplane, and a baby Love, Ayvah B

I would like a bike, monster truck, and cookies Love, Devin A

I would like a monster truck and a big big truck Love, Khalil D

I would like horse toys, unicorn, and lots of presents Love, Leila A

I would like a dirt bike, a Spiderman, and a Christmas tree Love, Lejend J

I would like a horse, clothes, and a baby doll Love, MaryJose A

I would like a bike, a soccer ball, and a car Love, Courage F

I would like a doll, a car, and a shirt Love, Vanessa B

I would like a baby and nail polish Love, Adreena S

I would like bubblegum and some paint Love, Joaquin H

I would like a make-up table and a bike Love, Lilliana G

I would like an airplane and a kitchen Love, Royal H

I would like a baby dog and nail polish Love, LaRayne W

I would like a Princess Peach dress and an Ipad Love, Yurayli R

I would like nail polish and a Barbie doll Love, Tiraji W

I would like a kitchen and a baby doll Love, Emma A

I would like a dinosaur and a racetrack Love, Levi W

I would like a firetruck Love, Jerek J

I would like a bike, dinosaur, and paint Love, Rivynn D

I would like apple juice and a tiger shark Love, Erin W

I would like Mario and blocks like school Love, Ace K

## CLINTON HEAD START

I would like a racecar and books Love, Jocelyn V

I would like blocks, toys, and cars Love, Trevor R

I would like a dollhouse and puppy dogs Love, Brynlee S

I would like cars and a monster truck Love, Omar Q

## CONCHO CHILD DEVELOPMENT

I would like a soft musical caterpillar and baby rattles. Love, Nahlani

I would like a tummy time mat. Love, Carson

I would like an activity cube pull up toys. Love, Zori

I would like a baby doll, puzzles, and kitchen play set. Love, Lovelynn

I would like a baby doll, kitchen play set, and books. Love, Amari

I would like a baby doll, telephone, and books. Love, Sunni

I would like a baby doll, kitchen playset, and plastic connectors. Love, Luna

I would like a cars, trucks, animals, and community people. Love, Kamden

I would like a baby doll, puzzles, and kitchen play set. Love, Saige

I would like a dinosaur and musical toys. Love, Reese

I would like a dinosaurs, legos, cars, and books. Love, Hudson

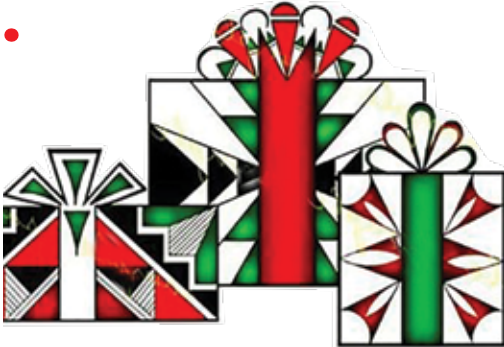
I would like a baby doll, dress up clothes, and coloring books. Love, Wyoma

I would like a baby doll, kitchen play set, and coloring books. Love, Prentley

I would like a barbies, books, and coloring books. Love, Amina

I would like a cars, dinosaur, legos, and books. Love, Dayton

I would like a baby doll, a reindeer, play food for kitchen, and coloring books. Love, Grayson





Dear Santa: All I Want For Christmas ...

CONCHO HEAD START  
- CLASSROOMS 1-3

Dear Santa, I would like  
a cat, puppy, wagon and  
baby doll ... that's all.  
Love Aaliyah

Dear Santa, I would like  
an elf, coloring book, pretty  
book, baby dolls and Christ-  
mas decorations for the  
lawn.  
Love, Holly

Dear Santa: I would like  
a monster truck, car and a  
couch.  
Love, Kolson

Dear Santa, I would like  
a swimming pool, bounce  
house, park, spatula and  
a new controller, plus an  
IPad.  
Love, Zoran

Dear Santa, I would like  
a puppy, bike and magnet  
toys.  
Love, Greyson

Dear Santa, I would like  
socks, dinosaur toys, bike  
and that's all.  
Love, Emmanuel

Dear Santa, I would like  
a baby doll, scooter, clothes  
and a Barbie.  
Love, Stevanna

Dear Santa, I would like  
a scooter, red shoes and  
dough play.  
Love, Izaiah

Dear Santa, I would like  
candy, blanket, new Christ-  
mas slippers and a Barbie  
house.  
Love, Kodie

Dear Santa, I would like  
a blue dinosaur, colorful ro-  
bot and a black dragon with  
wings.  
Love, Seth

Dear Santa, I would like  
a witch, Christmas tree and  
baby dolls.  
Love, Soslikah

Dear Santa, I would like  
a Barbie bike, new soccer  
ball, and giving mom some  
Dr. Pepper.  
Love, Nova

Dear Santa, I would like  
some dolls, beach shoes,  
IPad and that's all.  
Love, Clementine

Dear Santa, I would like  
some new baby dolls, clothes  
and a baby bed.  
Love, Camila

Dear Santa, I would like  
a baby named Lova Bella, a  
keyboard and microphone,  
a tiara and a mermaid tail.  
Love, Andrea

Dear Santa, I would like  
a dinosaur, hot wheel bike  
and some paint.  
Love, Ademar

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a set of blocks,  
a train and cars.  
Love, Justin B.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a little sister,  
kitchen toys and baby dolls.  
Love, Hazel C.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Batman  
toy, Spider-Man toy and  
4-wheeler.  
Love, Cooper C.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for blocks, a tablet  
and Play-Doh.  
Love, Emiliano E.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for blocks, Play-  
Doh and robots.  
Love, Nea'he G.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a baby doll,  
baby brother and Play-Doh.  
Love, Rudy L.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a bike, skates  
and magnets.  
Love, William M.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for Bluey toys, a  
tablet and Play-Doh.  
Love, Sidney M.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a mom Barbie,  
dad Barbie and a baby Bar-  
bie.  
Love, Madilynn O.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a fairy toy,  
Play-Doh and a Grinch toy.  
Love, Alexandra P.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for robots, a space-  
ship and Play-Doh.  
Love, Theoden P.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a doll, kitchen  
set and a Barbie.  
Love, Rilynn R.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for magnets, play  
food and a bike.  
Love, Noah S.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a baby doll,  
Play-Doh and a kitchen set.  
Love, Yesinia S.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for Play-Doh,  
Play-Doh toys and balls.  
Love, Jesse B.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a monster  
truck, robot and little rocket  
toy.  
Love, Adakai S.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a bike, mag-  
nets and a baby doll.  
Love, Adaleigh A.

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a baby doll  
play sand, and kitchen toys.  
Love, Maria O.

I would like a train set,  
trucks, and legos. Love,  
Elias

I would like cars, a train  
set, and legos. Love, Dakota

I would like a basketball,  
cars, and legos. Love, Zeph-  
yr

I would like a remote  
control car, nerf gun, and  
spiderman toys. Love, Gage

I would like an iPad,  
minecraft, and mystery toy.  
Love, Wyland

I would like barbies, a  
mickey mouse toy, and a  
baby doll. Love, Evanna

I would like a spider-  
man bag, toy, and costumes.  
Love, Harrlyn

I would like a train set,  
trucks, and a costume. Love,  
Chris

I would like an American  
girl doll, Gabby's dollhouse,  
and a baby doll. Love, Josie

I would like power rang-  
ers, legos, and lights. Love,  
Samheer

I would like candy, car  
toys, and chase toys. Love,  
Eli

I would like a toy boat,  
crayons, and books. Love,  
Jailene

I would like dirt toys, fire  
trucks, and spiderman toys.  
Love, Kendrick

I would like a baby doll  
and a pink tree. Love, Xi-  
mena

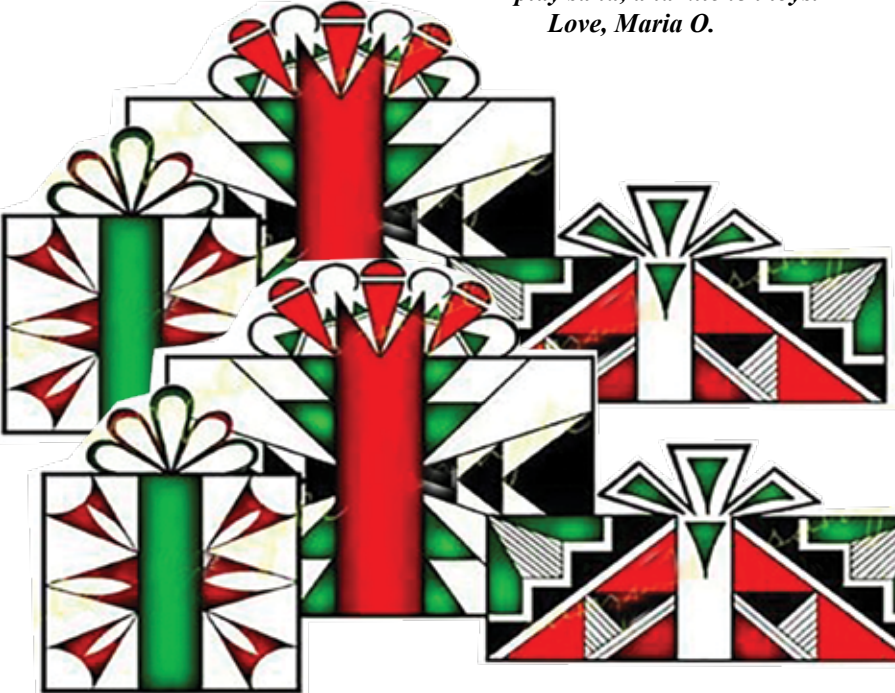
I would like a riding  
horse, Rapunzel doll, and a  
new car. Love, Eevee

I would like a Barbie  
house, Barbie dolls, and a  
book. Love, Abril

I would like a toy vacu-  
um cleaner, a computer, and  
some stickers. Love, Arya

I would like a bull dozer,  
trucks, and a train. Love,  
Huxlee

I would like magnatiles,  
a train set, and trucks. Love,  
Ashton.



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Latoya Lonelodge, *Senior Reporter*

(CLINTON, OK) Wrapping up his football career as a senior, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Parrish Blackwolf, 19, had high hopes of making a lasting impression for his last season in uniform and cleats as a Red Tornado.

Standing 6'3, Blackwolf played tight end for Clinton High School football.

Born and raised in Clinton, Okla., Blackwolf started playing football in the fifth grade after his mother suggested he play.

Blackwolf said he used to play other sports however he had to undergo hip surgery and has since focused primarily on football.

"I used to play other sports until I had my hip surgery then it just had to be football after that. I had hip

surgery my junior year and my sophomore year on my left hip," Blackwolf said.

Coming together as a team is Blackwolf's favorite part about playing football.

"Just how it brings everybody together at hard times and the physicalness of it," Blackwolf said.

And Blackwolf's inspiration for playing he said comes from his mother.

"I'd say honestly what inspires me the most, my mom inspires me to play, to keep going, even when I don't feel like going. But then also I got my brothers on my team too to help me keep going," Blackwolf said.

Blackwolf's goals for the season involved getting better overall on the field after his hip surgery.

"I went to physical therapy, without that I probably wouldn't even be playing or walking," Blackwolf said.

Along with getting better on the field, Blackwolf was working hard off the field to build up strength in his hips.

"I went to lifting class everyday with Coach Higbee

in the mornings, just did that everyday to keep my body healthy and my strength maintained,” Blackwolf said.

In his senior year on the field, Blackwolf said what he looked forward to the most was building relationships with his teammates.

"I looked forward to just getting better each day and getting along with all of my teammates and just trying to go compete for another state championship," Blackwolf

said.

Blackwolf helped his team win the state championship in 2021 and was the starting tight end as a sophomore.

Clinton High School head football coach John Higbee said Blackwolf would be missed in the upcoming season.

"He had a great personality always had a smile on his face, as far as playing, extremely aggressive really physical, played really hard just worked really hard," Higbee said.

Higbee said when Blackwolf suffered from his hip injuries, it was upsetting to Blackwolf when he couldn't practice with the team.

“He couldn’t stand not being able to practice or not being able to play in the game, it just killed him not being able to do stuff like that, he’s one of those guys as a coach you like those guys, you live for the guys that want to work that hard to get better,” Higbee said.

Throughout his years of playing football, Blackwolf said football has taught him to never give up no matter what and has shown him growth over time.

"I've grown more mature, more responsible with keeping up with my things, waking up when my alarm goes off, just little things, it's helping to discipline, just like being a leader to show everybody that you can get up and do this no matter if you're tired or not." Black-

A close-up portrait of Clinton Smith, a football player, smiling broadly. He is wearing a maroon jersey with 'CLINTON' and the number '27' in white with gold outlines. The Adidas logo is visible on the upper right chest. He has dark hair and is wearing a gold medal around his neck. His right hand is partially visible, showing white tape on the fingers. The background is a blurred crowd of spectators.

wolf said.

What Blackwolf wanted to accomplish the most in his final year of playing football was to get along with his teammates and sticking together when things get rough.

“Just getting close with my team from the beginning of the year because we wasn’t really as close as we was at the end of the year and I felt like that was an accomplishment,” Blackwolf said.

As a football player, Blackwolf said it's important to have a good mindset as well as a good coach.

“Having a good mindset will help with a lot when you’re under stress and having a good coach when things are getting tough, he’ll be there, not screaming

at you just understanding the player you are," Blackwolf said.

Clinton high school football ended their season 6-4 and as Clinton always had a run in the playoffs in the past, Higbee said Blackwolf has been a huge contributor to the team.

"I'm going to miss him, he's a heck of a player and a good kid, just a really good young man it was really a pleasure to watch him develop," Higbee said.

Set to graduate in the spring of 2024, Blackwolf plans to get his CDL after graduating.

*Parrish's mother is Amber Mount and his siblings are Shayla and Renee Blackwolf. His grandmother is Sophia Cometsevah.*



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Hoskin said the U.S. gov- ernment has an obligation to fund certain programs and initiatives for Tribal com- munities, and that having to navigate so many hurdles or compete with states for federal funds goes against a “government-to-govern- ment relationship based on respect.”

Gov. Reggie Wassana of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes said oftentimes the funds allocated to Native communities never make it there, preventing them from making necessary infrastruc- ture repairs or improvements on their land. Wassana said he hopes the Biden admin- istration looks at the policies and regulations that make it difficult for tribes to get these necessary funds.

Wassana said a lack of funding and resources also contributes to the ongoing missing and murdered Indigen- ous people crisis, which was one of the topics dis- cussed during the first day of the summit.

According to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, there are approximately 4,200 missing and murdered cases that have gone unsolved in the U.S.

“It all comes down to funding,” Wassana said. “They don’t have enough funds to put those many (of- ficers) out into the country to be in those areas where there’s probably a high rate of MMIP events.”

Hoskin shared Wassana’s concern, adding that the



*The Sizzortail Group, a world famous drum group, based out of Shawnee Okla. sits for a photo after their performance opening the ceremonies for the 2023 White House Tribal Nations Summit. (Photo provided by Sizzortail Drum Group)*

missing and murdered Indigen- ous people crisis is a big issue back in Oklahoma, as well as within the Cherokee Nation.

“Disinvestment in Indi- an Country leads to a great many ailments, including people that are dispropor- tionately victims of violent crime,” Hoskin said.

“It’s just the truth,” he said.

In 2021, Biden signed an executive order to improve public safety and criminal justice for Native Ameri- cans and address the crisis of missing and murdered

Indigenous people. This past year, the administration has continued efforts to imple- ment this order by creating the Not Invisible Commis- sion, MMIP Regional Out- reach Program and a national plan to end gender-based violence, among other ini- tiatives, according to a 2023 Progress Report for Tribal Nations released during the summit.

Also included in the re- port, which outlines progress the administration made in the previous year, was se- curing more stable advance funding for Indian Health

Service, and signing more than 190 new Tribal agree- ments to co-manage or co-steward federal lands and waters, a jump from the 20 agreements signed in 2022, according to the report.

Additionally, through the President’s Investing in America agenda, this year the Biden-Harris Adminis- tration has invested \$45 bil- lion — more than 15-years’ worth of the Bureau of In- dian Affairs’ annual budget — in Indian Country, said Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland.

Still, both the Biden ad-

ministration and Tribal lead- ers said the work is far from over to support Native com- munities and advance Tribal sovereignty and self-deter- mination.

“We usher in a new era of relationship between our government and Na- tion-to-Nation relationships. We’ve made progress. But we know Indigenous com- munities still live in the shad- ows of the failed policies of the past,” Biden said. “That’s why I’m committed to work- ing with you to write a new and better chapter in Ameri- can history.”

# DEMENTIA CARE

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ity of life for individuals with Alzheimer's and De- mentia. We are also able to provide referral information for additional screening for Alzheimer's and Dementia that can unlock additional resources for them and their caregivers. Our team of com- passionate professionals is committed to addressing the unique challenges faced by each individual and their families. Together, we can create a supportive plan of care that fosters understand- ing, compassion, and quality of life.

We invite you to be a part of this important endeavor as we strive to improve the lives of our Elders and their fami- lies impacted by Alzheimer's and Dementia. Together, we can make a lasting impact in our community and pro- vide much-needed support to those who need it most.

What you can expect from us:

We will be in a range of communities within the up- coming weeks and months. Our plan is to start with Can- ton on December 27. If you live in Canton and would like to schedule a home vis- it, please give us a call at 405-406-3257 or email us at CCR@cheyenneandarapa- ho-nsn.gov.

If you're interested in sharing your story as a per- son living with Alzheimer's or Dementia or are or have been a caregiver, please con- tact Nicolette at either the phone number or email listed above.

# LEGAL NOTICES

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In the Matter of: )  
)  
RUSTI SIMPSON )  
Petitioner, ) Case No. CIV-2023-0050  
VS. )  
)  
DAVID WALTERS )  
Respondent, )

NOTICE OF HEARING  
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: DAVID WALTERS  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR, on the above date and time indicated for presentation  
of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court. You have the option to appear in person or through  
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o Passcode: 854454251

Dated at the Trial Court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of The Dissolution Of Marriage of: )  
)  
JOHN LEVI CLARK )  
Petitioner, )  
vs. ) Case No: JFD-2023-0028  
)  
)  
ANGELICA MARIE CLARK )  
Respondent, )

CIVIL SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION

TO: ANGELICA MARIE CLARK  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

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

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

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

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

Dated this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Lafreda Wincrow, Chief Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

PETITIONER:  
John Levi Clark

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In the Matter of the Dissolution Of Marriage of: )  
)  
JESSICA LEEANN BOTONE )  
Petitioner, )  
vs. ) Case No: JFD-2023-0024  
)  
)  
KEITH CASEY BOTONE )  
Respondent, )

CIVIL SUMMONS  
BY PUBLICATION

TO: KEITH C. BOTONE  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO FILE A FORMAL WRITTEN ANSWER to the Petition which is  
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Answer at your own expense. Such Attorney should be consulted immediately so that an Answer may be filed  
within the time stated in the summons.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Danielle McManne, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

PETITIONER:  
Jessica L. Botone

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of: )  
)  
L.S. )  
M.B. ) Case No. PG-2023-0054  
P.B. ) PG-2023-0055

Minor Children, )

NOTICE OF HEARING  
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ADONSHIA CARNFY  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on  
the 10<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2024, at 10:00 A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Dated at the Trial Court this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In The Matter of the Guardianship of: )  
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A.C. ) Case No: PG-2015-0003

An Alleged Incapacitated Adult, )

NOTICE OF ANNUAL REVIEW HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: ROSA CHAVEZ  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for Hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and  
Arapaho Tribes on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of JANUARY 2024, at 10:00 A.M. O'clock, in the Courtroom,  
100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court. You have the option to appear in  
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Dated at the Trial Court of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes this 29<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of: )  
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TASHINA TAHDOOAHNIPPAH )  
Petitioner, ) Case No. CIV-2020-0035  
VS. )  
)  
NOTAH WAHPEPAH )  
Respondent, )

NOTICE OF HEARING  
BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: NOTAH WAHPEPAH  
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on  
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Dated at the Trial Court this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2023.

Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 59<sup>th</sup> Birthday to a loving father, Papa, husband and brother Frederic All Runner II  
Dec. 18, 1964  
We love you and thank you for everything you do for us.  
Debra & Kimora All Runner – Briana, Lynette, Taylor. Addi and Brady Joetta, Eva, Colette, Yvette, Craig and Kimberly

**Like to wish**  
**Marty Chavez**  
**Happy birthday**  
**DEC. 13, 1965**  
**Love Fred and Debra All Runner Family**

**Wishing Eva AllRunner**  
**Happy Birthday**  
**DEC. 16, 1965**  
**Love Fred and Debra AllRunner and family**

The Littleraven family would like to wish Brianna Littleraven, Lyle Littleraven, Dennis Littleraven, Giselle (Sky) Sleeper, Jacob Sleeper, Addy Pawnee, Curt Scabbyhorse, Brandy Littleraven and Mom Alberta C. Littleraven a very Happy Birthday! And if I forgot anyone else Happy Birthday, we love y'all!

Happy Anniversary  
Mom and Dad  
December 19, 1981

Happy Anniversary

George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center

NEXT TREATMENT CYCLE

January 17 - April 16, 2024

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., LEAH JOHNSON, PETITIONER, vs. MICHAEL BAACK, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: MICHAEL BAACK

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Motion to Reduce Arrears to Judgment with the Court listed above by Tribal Child Support Services. You must appear in the District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. Your failure to appear may result in a bench warrant for your arrest and/or may result in a default judgment against you.

Given under my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

COURT CLERK  
District Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
By: Smelendx (Deputy)

Prepared by:  
Krista Blackwolf, Office Manager/Legal Assistant  
Tribal Child Support Services  
P.O. Box 37  
El Reno, OK 73036  
Telephone: 405-262-1119 Ext. 304  
Facsimile: 405-260-1125

My Health— CHILDREN'S HEALTH CHECKLIST

Use this checklist to make sure your child is getting the preventive health care he or she needs during well-child visits to the doctor. These services are free with Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Plan (CHIP), and insurance plans purchased through the Health Insurance Marketplace. Learn more at <https://www.healthcare.gov/preventive-care-children/> or talk to your health care provider at your local IHS, tribal, or urban clinic.

For all children (0-17)

Done

Annual well baby visits

Autism screening (at 18 and 24 months)

Behavioral assessment

Blood pressure check

Developmental screening (under age 3)

Fluoride supplements (children without fluoride in their water)

Height, weight, and body mass index measurements

Hemoglobin screening

Immunizations (ask your doctor which vaccines your child needs)

Lead screening

Obesity screening and counseling

Oral health risk assessment (ages 0-10)

Tuberculosis testing

Vision screening

For adolescents (11-17)

Done

Alcohol, smoking, and drug assessment

Hypothyroidism screening

Sexually transmitted infection counseling and screening

Suicide and depression screening

Sign up

Visit your Indian health program, Go online to [healthcare.gov](https://healthcare.gov), or Call 1-800-318-2596

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IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP OF: L.B. Minor Child,

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: CHARLES BARNETT & JACINTA BLACK UNKNOWN ADDRESSES

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of JANUARY 2024, at 10:00A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Passcode: 85454251

Dated at the Trial Court this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2023.

COURT CLERK  
District Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
By: Smelendx (Deputy)

Prepared by:  
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., HATTIE FRYE, PETITIONER, vs. WILLIAM HAMILTON, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: WILLIAM HAMILTON

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Application for Indirect Contempt with the Court listed above by Tribal Child Support Services. You must appear in the District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. Your failure to appear may result in a bench warrant for your arrest and/or may result in a default judgment against you.

Given under my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

COURT CLERK  
District Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
By: Smelendx (Deputy)

Prepared by:  
Krista Blackwolf, Office Manager/Legal Assistant  
Tribal Child Support Services  
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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., SELENA JOHN, PETITIONER, vs. FURIOUS THOMPSON, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: FURIOUS THOMPSON

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Petition to Register Order Under Full Faith and Credit and Motion for Income Assignment on Per Capita Income with the Court listed above by Tribal Child Support Services. You must appear in the District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. Your failure to appear may result in a bench warrant for your arrest and/or may result in a default judgment against you.

Given under my hand and seal this 16<sup>th</sup> day of November 2023.

COURT CLERK  
District Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
By: Smelendx (Deputy)

Prepared by:  
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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., WILLOW ABRAHAMSON, PETITIONER, vs. JUAQUIN LONELODGE, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: JUAQUIN LONELODGE

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Petition to Register Order Under Full Faith and Credit and Motion for Income Assignment on Per Capita Income with the Court listed above by Tribal Child Support Services. You must appear in the District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. Your failure to appear may result in a bench warrant for your arrest and/or may result in a default judgment against you.

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COURT CLERK  
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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., BEATRICE FINGERNAIL, PETITIONER, vs. JORAN MORSETTE, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: JORAN MORSETTE

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Motion to Modify Child Support with the Court listed above by Tribal Child Support Services. You must appear in the District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. Your failure to appear may result in a bench warrant for your arrest and/or may result in a default judgment against you.

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, EX. REL., DIANNA SUKE, PETITIONER, vs. GERRY MOLINA, RESPONDENT.

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: GERRY MOLINA

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Petition for Determination of Paternity and Establishment of Child Support with the Court listed above by Tribal Child Support Services. You must appear in the District Court for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 8<sup>th</sup> DAY OF JANUARY 2024 AT 9:00 A.M. Your failure to appear may result in a bench warrant for your arrest and/or may result in a default judgment against you.

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Bobby Brandon Beard

Bobby Brandon Beard, Hoh’ei Yo Mahk’Sah, Stone Calf, was born May 30, 1976 in Clinton, Okla., to Daniel Bobby Beard and Violet Jean Washa. He passed away on Nov. 30, 2023, at his home in Oklahoma City.

Bobby was raised in Western Oklahoma and attended elementary school in Watonga before transferring to Weatherford where he graduated Weatherford High School. Bobby was a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Growing up he enjoyed attending and dancing in powwows and participating in Native American Church. After graduation he moved to Missouri with his sister, where he lived

for 20 years. In 2008, Bobby returned to Weatherford, where he made his home. Bobby enjoyed his dogs and listening to music. He was easy to get along with and loved spending time with his family, especially his son and nephews.

Bobby was preceded in death by his parents, Daniel and Violet (Washa) Beard. He is survived by one son Tristan McClain of St. Joseph, Missouri and his two children, Maverick and Mataya, two sisters, Virginia Addison and husband Trey, and Danielle Chounet Beard, and many nephews, cousins and friends.

A traditional all-night wake service was held on



Dec. 7 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Dec. 8 at the Lockstone Funeral Chapel, followed by an interment at the Chief Black Short Nose Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Lillie Jo Franklin (Cut Nose)

Lillie Jo Franklin (Cut Nose) was born on Oct. 2, 1969 in Clinton, Okla., to Alton and Aurelia (Naranjo) Franklin. After a few weeks, this little baby girl entered into Richard E. and Violet Rose (TallBear) Scrapper’s home. Lillie is the youngest child of Alton and Aurelia, and the oldest child of Richard and Violet. She was baptized at the Watonga Indian Baptist Church by Rev. Anne Hoffen. She was strong in faith and knew the Lord.

Lillie enjoyed shopping, concerts, traveling, sewing, beading, and crafts. She was proud to see Lita Ford in concert. She enjoyed listening to Dokken, White Snake, Pat Benatar, Motley Crüe, and Metallica to name a few. Lillie took cosmetology in high school and loved to cut hair. She graduated from Watonga High School in 1988.

After high school, she went to Lodge Grass, MT to live with Moses “Buddy” and Amber Lavonne TallBear. Lillie helped raise her younger siblings, cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. Lillie later

attended Bacone College in Muskogee, Okla. She returned home and continued to help family members as a babysitter while their parents worked. Lillie worked at the former Feather Warrior Casino in Watonga as a housekeeper. She enjoyed the time she spent there.

Lillie passed away early on the morning of Nov. 30 2023 with family by her side. Lillie is preceded in death by both parents, her mama Violet, grandparents, Jose Santos Naranjo and Lula Nellie (Lonelodge) Naranjo, brother Manual Franklin, uncles, Robert Goodbear, Junior George Franklin, and Ted Youngbear.

She is survived by dad Richard Scrapper Sr., aunts, Bonnie Franklin, Lois Jean Youngbear, Millie Youngbear and Bernice Youngbear, uncles, Moses TallBear and Duke Youngbear, siblings, Larenda Harjo, Penny Scrapper, Lucy Scrapper-Gonzalez, and Richard Earl Scrapper, nieces, Laquita Harjo, Sele-sa Scrapper, Geneva Gonzalez, Natasha Sankey, Happy Shortman, and Violet Ra-

mos, nephews, Noah Scrapper, Issac Scrapper, Gabriel Scrapper, Jose Gonzalez, Teivon Ramos, Vydell Ramos, Taylor Ramos, Calab Roan Horse, Anthony Whiteman Runs Him, Jerrin Whiteman Runs Him, Isaiah TallBear and Blake TallBear. She leaves behind a host of family members from Franklin, Naranajo, Scrapper, TallBear and Youngbear families.

Wake services were held Dec. 4 at the Watonga Emergency Response Center in Watonga, Okla. Funeral services were held Dec. 5, at the same venue, with Pastor Pat Gonzales and Pastor Gerald Panana officiating, followed by an interment at the Watonga I.O.O.F. Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.



Calvin Lee Oldcamp

Calvin Lee Oldcamp was born Dec. 26, 1958, to Beaulah Oldcamp in Clinton, Okla., and passed away Dec. 7, 2023, in his Oklahoma City home.

Calvin started his younger life in Clinton where he attended school being raised by his mother and grandmother, Lizzy Lefthand. In 1964 Calvin was adopted by Bud and Joyce Frank and moved to Purcell, Okla., to attend school but returned to Clinton to graduate from Clinton High School.

Soon after graduating high school, he joined the U.S. Navy and served his time in San Diego, Calif. Soon after his honorable discharge he returned to Oklahoma and attended Rose State College and Oklahoma City Community College to receive a degree in Cardiology Technology. He was employed as a technician at the Hillcrest Hospital for over 15 years.

He married Lynn Naranjo

in March of 1987 and to this marriage two children were born, daughter Tewa Leigh and son Nocomah John.

Calvin was a member of the Native American Church. He was proud of his heritage being a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, as well as his Chinese heritage. He enjoyed the traditions of being Native, powwows, gourd dancing and participating in Native events. He had earned a 3rd degree black belt in Karate. He was an avid gun collector and loved to go to his uncle Joe’s land and practice shoot.

Oldcamp was preceded in death by his parents, Bud and Joyce Frank, stepfather Vernon Magpie Sr. and mother Buelah Oldcamp, grandmother Lizzy Lefthand, and uncle Hill Boy Lefthand.

He is survived by his daughter Tewa Leigh Flyingout, son Nicoma John Oldcamp, sister Donna Bickette and Robbie Gee, three brothers, Grady Houch and wife,

Vicky, Billy Bickett and Vernon Mag Pie Jr., all of Oklahoma City.

He is also survived by nephew Tyler Magpie and six grandchildren, Cohen Flyingout, Carleigh Flyingout, Kyson Flyingout, Cash Flyingout, Cannon Flyingout, and Keagan Flyingout.

Wake services were held Dec. 12 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Dec. 13 at the same venue, officiated by Pastor Delfred ‘Bunny’ Whitecrow, followed by an interment at the Colony Indian Cemetery under the direction of Kiesau Lee Funeral Home.



William Darryl High Tower

William Darryl High Tower was born May 2, 1957, and left this earth on Nov. 23, 2023. A graveside service is being held Dec. 19 at the Mesa City Cemetery, in Mesa, Ariz., under the direction of Angels Cremation & Burial.

Jenni Jean Buffalomeat

Jerri Jean Buffalomeat known to her friends and family as JJ, passed from this life on Nov. 27, 2023, at the age of 13, in Tulsa, Okla. JJ was born on July 22, 2010, in Clinton, Okla., the daughter of Wylan Buffalomeat Sr. and Courtney Anne Pratt.

JJ grew up and attended Woodland and Hominy Public Schools. She was loved by everyone. She was active in sports especially basketball. She enjoyed playing video games, making TikTok’s and spending time with her friends. JJ is a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the Osage Nation. She is from the Zonzoli District and her Osage name is Oh -Tseh Nah-Zhi means “Standing Pretty.”

Survivors are her mother

Courtney Anne Pratt, brothers Wylan Buffalomeat Jr, Terrance Buffalomeat, Oliver Buffalomeat, Jace Pratt and Tucker Pratt; sisters, Katherine “Katie” Buffalomeat, Dayna Buffalomeat, SweetRaine Bigheart and Meckenzie Bigheart. Maternal grandmother Patricia (Barnes) Pratt, uncles Michael E. Pratt, Jr., Nelson Buffalomeat, aunts Kristen Pratt, Nikki Jo Pratt, Angela Pratt and a host of other relatives and friends.

JJ was preceded in death by her father Wylan Buffalomeat Sr., maternal grandfather Dr. Michael E. Pratt Sr., PhD. paternal grandfather Frank Nelson Buffalomeat, paternal grandmother Louise Whitehorse and aunt Katherine Jean Pratt.



Traditional Osage services were held Dec. 5, at the Hominy Indian Village Community Center with Eddy RedEagle Jr. officiating. Catholic Mass Dec. 6 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Gade officiating, followed by an interment at the A. J. Powell Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Powell Funeral Services.

Anthony Joe Costilla

Anthony Joe Costilla, (Heo’vena’hko) “Yellowbear” entered this world on Sept. 21, 2002, to Tony Sanchez and Joanna Rose Costilla. Anthony spent his younger years living at West Side with his parents and grandparents Joe and Ruth Costilla, aunts and uncles.

When Anthony started school at St. Labre Indian School he was staying at East Side with his mom and stepdad James Fisher, grandparents Eugene and Thelma Beaverheart, his brothers, and sisters. During his senior year at St. Labre, he transferred to Clinton High School in Clinton, Okla. There he stayed with his auntie Erica (Joseph) Dominguez. He graduated Clinton High, and his team won the soccer championship, he was very proud of his medal he received. Staying with his auntie Erica, he got very close to his brothers, Sammy, Rocky, Landon, Gabriel Standingwater.

Anthony loved hunting, fishing, football, basketball, running and lifting weights and soccer.

Anthony was very proud of his Mexican, Northern Cheyenne and Southern Cheyenne Heritage. Anthony was well mannered and caring young man. He always greeted everyone with a smile.

In Lane Deer, he worked at the Northern Cheyenne Charging Horse Casino/Bingo and Lane Deer IGA.

Anthony touched many hearts and will be greatly missed.

My oldest grandson is now rejoicing with the angels and all his relatives, who are greeting him with open arms.

Anthony leaves behind his great-grandmother Elaine Bird, grandmas, Ruth Costilla, Thelma Beaverheart, Cheryl (Al) Carter of Oklahoma, Mary Ann Miles of Oklahoma, Rosemary (Fernando) Armendariz, Roselyn Rodriguez. Grandpas James Miles of Oklahoma, Richard Bird of Oklahoma. Mother Joanna Rose Costilla, father Tony Sanchez, his stepdad James Posey Fisher. Uncles, James Costilla Sr., Juan Costilla Jr., Darrell Fisher, Darrell Sanchez, John Sanchez, Chuck Sanchez, Greg Sanchez. Brothers; James Fisher Jr., Bruce Fisher, Bryce Lonewolf Jr., Julius Jones, Juan, Jovan, Jason, Luna-Costillas, Tino, Joe, James Jr. Costillas, Blazen Shoulderblade, Deondre and D’Angelo Tushka. Sisters; Dallie Jo Fsher, Armani Castro, Joshawnee Eaglefeathers, Briannah Costilla, Dea Costilla, Jasmyn Luna-Costilla. Aunties; Jessica Costilla, Janae Costilla, Jeneva



Costilla, Erica Dominguez, Melissa Fisher, Connie Sanchez, Charlotte Sanchez.

Anthony is preceded in death by his great grandparents John and Minnie Miles, great grandma Geraldine Fisher, grandparents Charles and Marie Sanchez, grandpas, Eugene Beaverheart, Walter Miles of Oklahoma, Rudy Miles of Oklahoma, grandmas, Esther Segar of Oklahoma, Carol Standingwater of Oklahoma, Marlene Standingwater of Oklahoma, Betty Jo Bird of Oklahoma, uncles, Elton Ben and Bruce Sevenstar of Oklahoma.

Please forgive us if we have forgotten anyone in our time of grief. Our family is very large.

A traditional all night wake service was held Dec. 4 at the Lane Deer Menno-nite Church in Lane Deer, Mont. Funeral services were held Dec. 5 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, followed by an interment at the Fisher Butte Family Cemetery.

Laura D. Hutchens

Laura D. (McCoy) Hutchens was born Jan. 30, 1981, to Connie McCoy in Clinton, Okla., and passed away unexpectedly Dec. 5, 2023, in her Woodward, Okla., home.

She was raised in Clinton where she attended most of her schooling but moved to Woodward where she graduated high school. She continued her education and attended Nursing School and achieved her Licensed Practical Nursing Degree. She worked for 20 years plus for the Grace Living Center in Woodward.

She loved music, sing-

ing, dancing and she enjoyed cooking and spending time with her family.

She is survived by two daughters, Mariah McCoy, and Jasmeen Perez, both of Woodward and two sons, Mario Perez Jr., and his wife McKeleigh and husband Evan, mother Connie McCoy, and Monica Rodriguez and two brothers, Jose Rodriguez and Rogelio Rodriguez, all of Woodward. She is also survived by three grandchildren, Darvy Bailey, Amiriah Bailey and Luk Perez.

Wake services were held Dec. 10 at the Clinton Emer-



gency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Dec. 11, at the same venue, officiated by Pastor Delfred Whitecrow, followed by an interment at the Clinton Indian Cemetery.

David Charles Redmon

David Charles Redmon was born March 12, 1946 in Concho, Okla. He passed away Dec. 2, 2023, in Kansas City, Missouri.

Dave worked in construction as a cement finisher. He was an accomplished pianist and enjoyed camping and fishing. Dave loved life and lived it freely.

He is survived by daughters, Julie Lynn Krans and Jeannie Oriblo, and grand-

children, Michael, Paul, and Christopher.

His parents, J. Charles and Magolene E. (Lowman) Redmon and half brothers, Miller Red Cherries and James Pedro, preceded him in death.

Graveside services were held Dec. 9 at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.





# HEALTH UPDATES

## FREE BRAIN HEALTH PROGRAM

CREATED FOR PATIENTS WITH ALZHEIMER’S OR DEMENTIA AND THEIR CAREGIVERS

SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

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IN-HOME ASSESSMENTS & SUPPORT

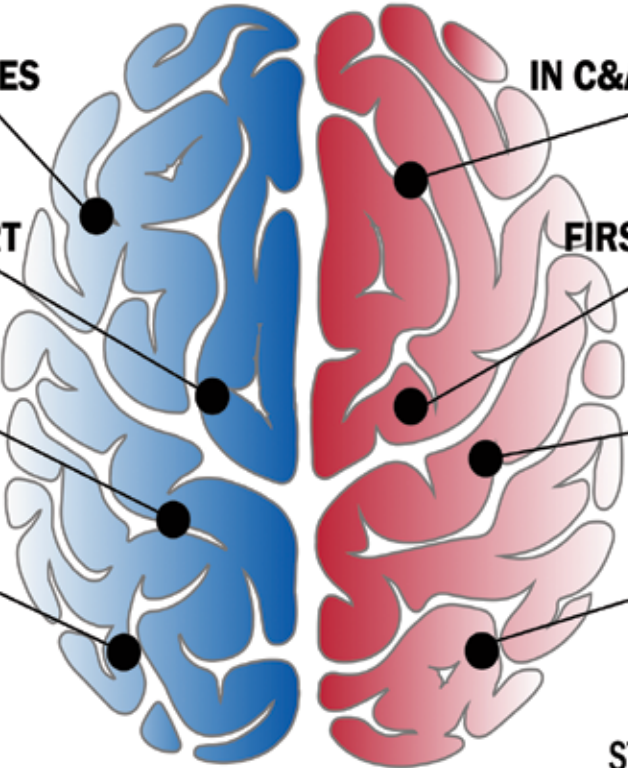
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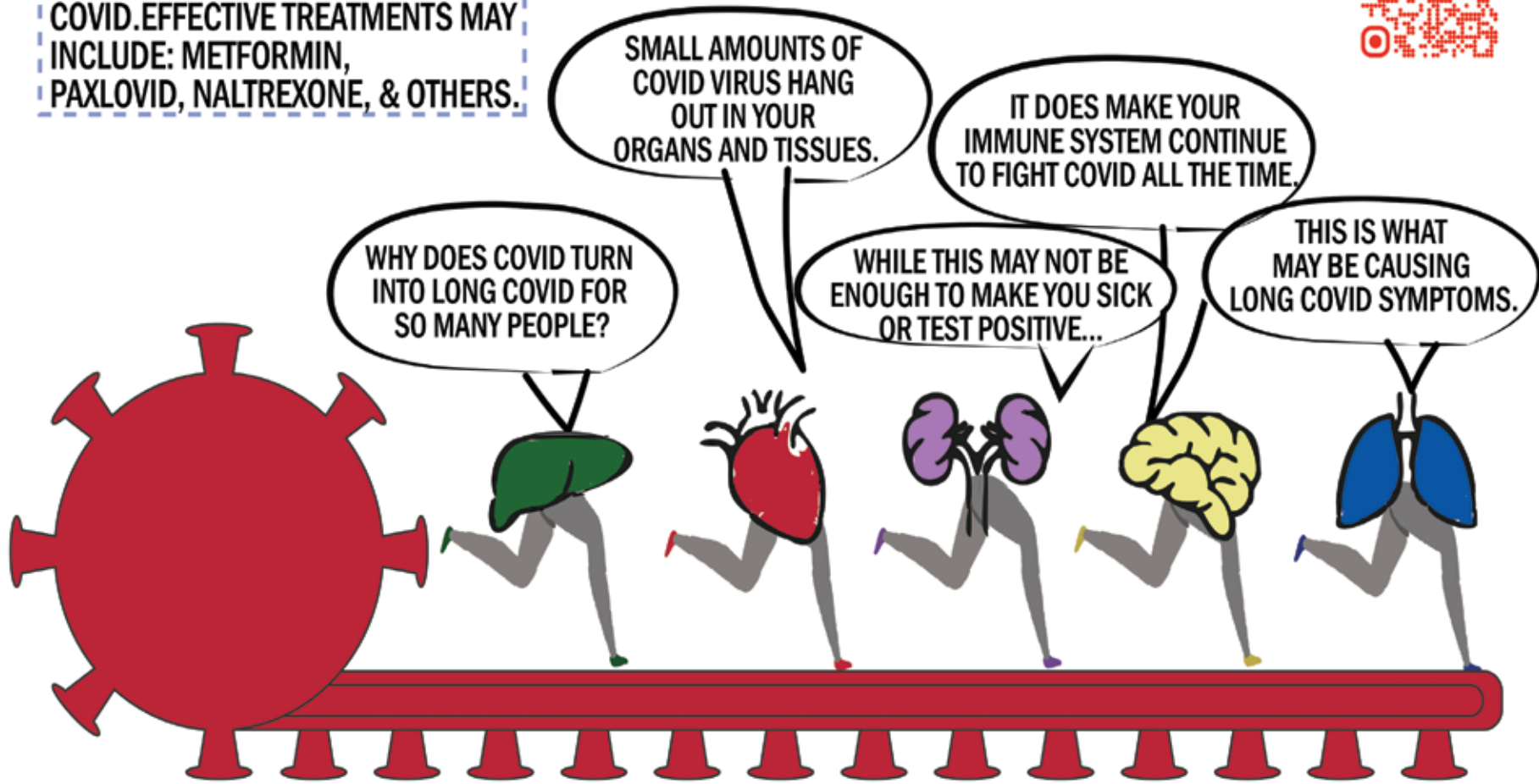
WHY DOES COVID TURN  
INTO LONG COVID FOR  
SO MANY PEOPLE?

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COVID VIRUS HANG  
OUT IN YOUR  
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IT DOES MAKE YOUR  
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TO FIGHT COVID ALL THE TIME.

WHILE THIS MAY NOT BE  
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EXPECTED TO RISE  
IN DECEMBER AND  
JANUARY.

## WINTER COVID PEAK EXPECTED.