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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana selects Hershel Gorham as new Lt. Governor

(CONCHO, OK) Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Reggie Wassana has selected his General Counsel, Hershel Gorham, to serve as Lt. Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for the remainder of his term. Gorham has been serving as the General Counsel for the Tribes since January 2018. During his tenure as General Counsel, Gorham has overseen the Office of Tribal Attorney and the Department of Justice while serving as the chief legal representative and advisor to the Executive Office. Gorham and his legal team have helped the tribes get several of the tribes' fee land placed into trust status that are key to the tribes long term economic development plans.

Gorham has also been serving on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Development Corporation (CACDC) as Ex-Officio Director which was recently notified by the U.S. Treasury that their SSBCI application and allocation of \$2.5 million has been approved.

Gorham was also recently approved by the El Reno City Council to serve as a Commissioner on its Municipal Planning Commission and he was nominated and approved to serve with the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services (OILS) as a board

Gorham is an Arapaho elder of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, as well as a veteran who reached the rank of captain prior to receiving an honorable discharge. During his time in the military Gorham served on a deployment to Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). Gorham also holds a Master of Science degree in Human Resources, a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree as well as his Juris Doctor (JD) of Law degree.

"It's an honor to serve as the Lt. Governor under Governor Reggie Wassana. Lt. Governor Miles' passing was unexpected to all of us and he will forever be missed. Moving forward, we are prepared to work

the tribal priorities which benefit the tribal membership," Gorham stated.

Gov. Wassana said Gorham has been intricate in helping initiate business economic devel-

opment endeavors and will be helpful in keeping all of the current plans and progress moving forward.

"With the remaining two years of my administration, we won't have to miss a step in our progress. This selection should help us save many hours of teaching someone our schedule, thus not delaying any of our projects," Gov. Wassana said.

Gorham is the son of the late Ruby Friday Gorham and William Gorham who resides in Georgia. His grandmother is the late Pearl Friday. He has five children and two grand-



Hershel Gorham has been selected as the new Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Lt. Governor for the remaining term of Gov. Reggie Wassana. (Submitted photo)

children.

"It is a great honor to serve with Hershel Gorham, the wealth of knowledge he brings will be beneficial to the tribes. My administration plans to continue progressing, working positively with our legislators, and keeping our tribal membership our priority," Gov. Wassana said.

Gorham will step into the Lt. Governor's role to fill the vacancy left by the sudden death of Lt. Governor Gib Miles Sept. 4, 2023.

He will be sworn in during the tribes' inauguration to be held 1p.m. Saturday Jan. 6, 2024 at the Frisco Center in Clinton, Okla.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes announce \$2.5M Investment. Creating an **Unprecedented Level of Loan Participation Capital** for Cheyenne and Arapaho **Entrepreneurs**

(CONCHO, OK) Governor of the Chey-Arapaho and Tribes, Reggie Wassana, and the Cheyenne Arapaho Com-Development munity Corporation (CACDC) announce the tribes' SS-BCI application was approved by the U.S. Treasury and will receive \$2.5 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding to provide access to capital for Native American entrepreneurs and small business startups. The tribes' CACDC State Small Business Credit Initiative (SSBCI) program will include access to competitive rate interest business loans.

"My administration remains committed and focused on retaining and creating jobs and supporting businesses in our reservation boundaries," Gov. Wassana said. "This program will support our innovative tribal employers, helping them to gain access to capital that was previously denied to them by conventional banks while helping them to grow and strengthen our communities here in Cheyenne and Arapaho country."

Gov. Wassana said never before have tribal citizens had such an opportunity to fund startups and early-stage capital for Native American companies.

"These funds present an enormous opportunity for loan participation in our reservation boundaries," Gov. Wassana said. "The COVID-19 pandemic devastated many

tribal businesses across the states, including our artist and entrepreneurs. Receiving this federal funding is going to go a long way in supporting the CACDC's goal of becoming a native certified CDFI. It will help leverage private funds and help native owned businesses continue to recover from the pandemic."

CACDC should begin making its first loans within 90 days. To learn more about the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes SSBCI program, please contact the CAC-DC CEO Shane Jett at shane.jett@cheyenneandarapahocdc.org CACDC's Loan Officer Jordan Adams at Jordan. adams@cheyenneandarapahocdc.org.

Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen chosen as new Inter-Tribal **Buffalo Council Region 2 Director**

Council (ITBC) has appointed Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Randy Hawk as the new Region 2 Director. There are a total of four regions for ITBC.

Hawk was voted into the position at the annual conference held in Las Vegas, Nev.

Hawk conducts buffalo tours on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Concho reserve for free and has assisted other tribal nations with their buffalo programs.

> About the ITBC In February 1991, Tribes

The Inter-Tribal Buffalo gathered in the Sacred Black Hills of South Dakota. Nineteen Tribes from all four directions attended. Lakota representatives from several of the Native Nations in South Dakota were there, as well as the Crow, Shoshone-Bannock, Gros Ventre/ Assiniboine, and Blackfeet Nations of Montana. Various Pueblo representatives from New Mexico, and the Winnebago, traditionally called Ho Chunk, from both Nebraska and Wisconsin came. Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, and some as



Randy Hawk is the new Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council Region 2 Director.

far west as Round Valley of California arrived. Some of these tribes were historically enemies, but they united for a common mission ... to restore buffalo to Tribal lands for cultural and spiritual enhancement and preservation.

American bison, also known as buffalo, have always held great meaning for American Indian people. To Indian people, the buffalo represent their spirit and remind them of how they once lived free and in harmony with nature. In the 1800's the white man recognized the reliance Indian Tribes had on the buffalo. Thus began the systematic destruction of the buffalo in an effort to subjugate Tribal nations. The slaughter of over 60 million buffalo left only a few hundred remaining. To learn more about ITBC

visit www.itbcbuffalonation. org.





Innovative "Native Oklahoma" program extends beyond host tribe reservations

By Brittany Harlow, Native Commerce News

(OKLAHOMA CITY) Oklahoma's 39 tribes are widely known for their innovation and fortitude, particularly relating to economic development, cultural preservation, and community support. For the last several years, many tribes have pulled back their dynamic curtain to reveal their inner workings to a select few.

Leadership Native Oklahoma (LNO) students with the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) 2023 alumni Nicolette Casula attended the program as a Community Relations Specialist at ArchWell Health. Several months later, Casula is now Director of Community Outreach, Engagement, and Development at Integrated Research Institute (IRI), a nonprofit focusing on identifying, researching, and improving health disparities across underserved communities.

"We are working directly with Oklahoma Tribes, including through multiple grants for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes," Casula said. "Our most recent award aims to assess the prevalence of Alzheimer's and Dementia within the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and address the root causes of cognitive decline."

Casula said building relationships with fellow students, chapter officers and state officers was a highlight of her LNO experience.

"To be honest, I expected to sit in a classroom setting and hear different presentations from different tribal leaders," Casula said. "To my surprise, this was a hands-on experience that would be hard to replicate. Our 2023 class was invited to different tribal reservations to learn their history and about their established systems of sovereignty."

But, Casula said, her favorite memory would have to be the graduation.

"It was beautiful to see us all in the room sharing our experiences and what we took from LNO," Casula said. "Specifically, I was moved by the support for community, the future, and all its possibilities. The one (memory) that puts the biggest smile on my face was when we convinced the DJ to play 'Creator Made an Animal' and 'Boujie Native' by Snotty Nose Rez Kids. Just picture a group of



'Aunties' breaking it down on the dance floor in their ribbon skirts. The best! I smile still today just thinking about it."

And the memories did not stop at graduation. Casula said the relationships built during LNO continue to blossom, resulting in new mentorship, friendships, and confidantes.

"If you're considering it, get your application submitted," Casula said. "This is an opportunity that will create opportunities down the line. It is an investment in your future."

Casula even decided to take her leadership to the next level this fall. Following a successful campaign to become secretary of AICCO's Oklahoma City Chapter, she said she's looking forward to having a seat at the table and joining a team of dedicated individuals to promote growth and partnerships with Native and non-Native businesses.

"I decided to run because I've been a member for several years and the growth is beautiful to watch," Casula said. "I want to do my part to serve and work towards the growth of OKC chapter."

If you are interested in receiving leadership education and training from Oklahoma's diverse tribes, applications to join the LNO Class of 2024 are now open. Both Native and non-Native applicants are encouraged to apply by the January 12 deadline. LNO 2024 will be held March through July with the LNO Class of 2024 Graduation in August. AICCO State President Bailey Walker said he expects this year will be the most exciting one yet. "The anticipation is certainly building for this year's leadership training program," Walker said. "Fueled by a commitment to cultural preservation and economic growth, our host tribes are already working to prepare 2024's transformative experience. This year will set new standards for success and empowerment." For more information, visit www.aiccok.org/leadership-native-oklahoma.

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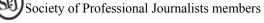
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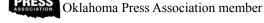
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Emma Roman Nose, Lawrence High School

(LAWRENCE, KANSAS) With a drive for competition, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Emma Roman Nose, 18, puts her all into everything she does. Whether that is playing harmonious notes with her violin or putting up baskets on the basketball court.

Born in Arizona and raised in Lawrence, Kansas, Roman Nose stands 5'7 and plays point guard for the Lawrence High School girls basketball team.

While actively playing in the basketball season, Roman Nose also partakes in cross-country and track.

Roman Nose began playing basketball in elementary school when she would play in recreational leagues and started playing AAU competitively in 4th and 5th grade.

"My dad always played basketball and I always watched, in Lawrence it's a college town because of the KU Jayhawks so I grew up watching a bunch of men's basketball and women's basketball, my brother was playing basketball too, so I wanted to start and try it out, I used to play a lot of sports when I was younger just to try them," Roman Nose said.



Roman Nose said she loves the competitiveness that comes with playing basketball.

"I just love being competitive, I love the atmosphere too because it's a team sport and it's the teamwork aspect of it," Roman Nose

What inspires her the most to keep playing, Roman Nose said is her brother Edward Roman Nose.

"I didn't play last year but I played my sophomore year, he inspired me to get back into it because he's a big basketball person, so he really pushes me to work out with him and learn different moves and be competitive," Roman Nose said.

And when she's not being competitive on the basketball court, Roman Nose shares her love for competition in the orchestra as she plays the violin. Roman Nose has been playing the violin since she was in kindergarten.

"I went on a field trip with my kindergarten class and I got to see a bunch of musicians play for the first time up close and I just thought it was really cool, I always loved music so I saw violin, I don't really remember the name but I saw someone playing the violin and I was like oh I want to try that," Roman Nose said.

Roman Nose has continued to be heavily involved with playing the violin as she's been placed on her school's highest orchestra called the symphonic orchestra where they compete in state competitions.

Last year, Roman Nose did a small ensemble and solo ensemble where she received a one at state, which is the highest rating for a solo.

Being active in sports and playing in the orchestra, Roman Nose said she must have a lot of discipline when managing her sched-

"After I go the whole school day straight to practice, I go home and do homework and the first thing with managing is pushing myself to get it done first just so I can get it out of the way, but I also have to practice the violin outside of class, it's just a lot of discipline to do it," Roman Nose said.

Roman Nose has maintained a 3.6 GPA in school amongst playing sports and being in the school's orchestra.

Looking forward to more playing time, Roman Nose said she also looks forwards to making new memories this season as well as improving on the court.

"I'm hoping to be more, push myself

more on the offensive side, just trying to be a better scorer, I'm very good at defense but offense is something I always struggled with so just being more aggressive on that side of the court," Roman Nose said.

Roman Nose said basketball brings out a different side of herself.

"I feel like I'm more extraverted because I'm a little bit shy but when I'm on the court I'm just trying to talk and just trying to get out there and bring a lot of energy," Roman Nose said.

Being a basketball player, Roman Nose said it's important to have a "next play" mentality and to have a lot of energy while on the court.

"If you make a mistake just shake it off and think about what you're going to do next time and when you have good energy that that rubs off on other people and it just helps a whole lot," Roman Nose said.

Lawrence High School girls' basketball coach, Jeff Dickson said Roman Nose is

best described as a hard working student, passionate competitor and a tremendous leader.

"Emma is the absolute best of us. She is the type of student athlete that you would pray that your own child would take after ... she has empathy for all those around her and she is wise and mature beyond her years," Dickson said.

Dickson continued to say Roman Nose is an intense and driven competitor who goes hard, whether in practice, games or in life.

"Emma is about solutions and working toward them as a team. Emma has quickly become one of the top players in our league, which is the best big school league in the state of Kansas, she has contributed extremely valuable leadership both by example and with her words and thoughts," Dickson said.

While the season has just begun, the team has been ranked in the top 10 in 6A in Kansas and have recently dropped out. However, Dickson said the team has played a tough schedule as they are coming off a season

where they went 18-5 with a trip to state.

"We lost four very good starters off of the team who all went on to play college basketball so we have had some major growing pains but Emma has stepped in and filled a major role for our team. She is a starter and has started every game and guards one of the best players for our opponents," Dickson

Dickson said Roman Nose averages six points per game.

"That will climb to double digits, she is one of our best defenders and offensive rebounders, she can literally do it all," Dickson

Roman Nose will graduate in the spring of 2024 and plans to further her education in college and study exercise science.

Emma's parents are Christie Cooke and Milan (JR) Roman Nose and her brother is Edward Roman Nose.



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NSU said their staff are working with administrators at Bacone to close any gap students are facing following the school's recent challenges.

"The Bacone College Board of Trustees has regretfully made the decision to suspend classes for the spring 2024 semester. The spring will be a time for Bacone to restructure and rebuild. Our primary concern is the impact the suspension of classes is having on students," Dr. Rebecca Truelove, Vice President of Academic Afthe support Northeastern State University is showing by reaching out to students during this enrollment pro-

NSU is also removing application fees for the students wanting to transfer and scheduling Zoom meetings to set up their course schedules.

"I am thankful that

through this partnership Northeastern can provide a seamless option for students to stay on track to achieve their educational goals-close to home and with an institution that knows firsthand the sacrifices they and their families have made to get to this point," Dr. Carla Swearingen, NSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, said.

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Celebrating 24-years of Service: C. Kay Mackety Retires from Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

(CONCHO, OK) Dedicating 24-years of service to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Department of Treasury, C. Kay Mackety retires as a staff accountant as the tribes honor her during a retirement celebration held on Dec. 27 at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Concho, Okla.

Surrounded by family and fellow coworkers, Mackety was commended for her many years of service to the tribes.

"I've learned a lot from her, as well as the staff, I've learned a lot from Kay," Nikole Upchego, Chevenne and Arapaho Tribes treasurer said in opening the ceremo-

Having spent a lot of time with Mackety in and outside of the work environment, Upchego said Mackety's work ethic will never be replaced.

"She is there in the morning, she's there late ... Kay loves to work and so we didn't realize how many grants this woman has until ness manager and then a staff accountant and from there eventually becoming the treasurer. After some time, Mackety took a leave of absence to go back to Washington where she previously lived. It wasn't long before Mackety returned to Oklahoma and continued her work as a staff accountant for the treasury department.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana commended Mackety for her 24-years of service to the tribes.

"Congratulations to Kay, we don't get very many people who actually stay with the tribes or who are involved with the tribes for 24 years, I always had a lot of respect for Kay," Wassana

Wassana admitted when he was going to run for governor, Mackety was one of his first choices as a running mate because of the kind of person she was.

"I knew Kay had a lot of respect and she had a lot of



Elder Kay Mackety retires after 24 years of service with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

for Mackety's retirement, she was gifted a plaque with her years of service engraved

ment, Mackety said what she enjoyed the most was serving all the different programs.

"Especially all the employees, other employees that I worked with through the years, some have gone on already, but everybody has always been so nice and I've worked when Darrell [Flyingman] came in, then the other governors that have come since the new constitution and so we've all worked together," Mackety said.

Looking forward to her retirement, Mackety said she's going to spend her time reading and sewing for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

"Today it's just wonderful, I was real thankful and grateful for everyone," Mackety said.

The celebration ended with a prayer and a catered lunch along with cheers applauding the beginning of Mackety's retirement after

24 years. "I want to say thanks to Kay for all that she's done for us and what she's given us, many memories that we have now that we can cherish and she's welcome back any time with the tribes, the doors open if she would like to work, she can, she can volunteer or she can come and tell us stories but she's more than welcome back with the tribes," Upchego said.



Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana and Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Treasurer Nikole Upchego gift Kay Mackety with a plaque for her 24 years of employment, as well as a Pendleton blanket and coat.

we asked and did some re- solid, stable ideas and she 60 grants that she takes care of, that's a lot of money, that's finances, that's reports, that's check requests," Upchego said.

During her time with the tribes, Mackety served in many capacities throughout the years. Mackety first came to the tribes from Fort Hood in Texas as she started out as a payroll clerk, Mackety was then approached to be a busi-

search and I think it's around was a really good person so I had asked Kay if she would run for governor with me, she told me no at the time, but I really appreciate who she was and what she's all about and what she's been through, so you are much appreciated ... I just want to say thank you to Kay and the family for allowing her to be here with us every day," Wassana said.

As part of the celebration

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Darrell & Franda Flyingman May you both be blessed with many more years

together. Love your family & friends along with a Pendleton blan-

ket and jacket. Celebrating 24-years of employment and with a facial expression full of joy, Mackety expressed her feel-

ings toward the crowd. 'Right now, I'm happy and kind of sad because I worked so long, I'm anxious to retire and stay home because I think it's time. I'm 76 years old so it's time," Mackety said laughing.

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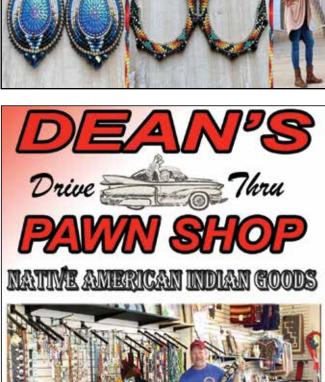
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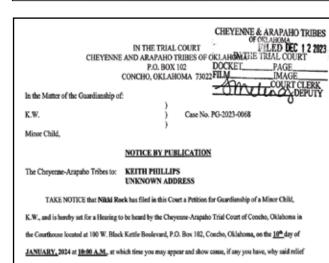




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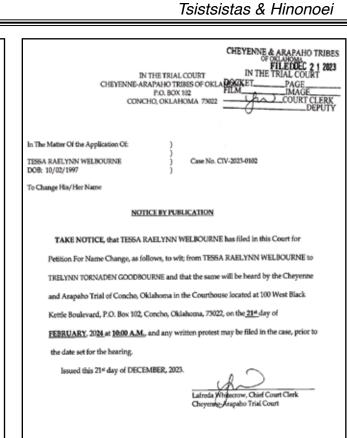
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The granddaughters of Rose Lobaugh Sleeper all served the family meal, without being asked, after the burial ceremony of Rose, which made me cry. Our beautiful teachings of our beloved Rose Lobaugh Sleeper is being carried on through her grandchildrenLydia West







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Desbien	Nina	1/23/44	1/2/23	<i>78</i>	Wolftongue H	Iillary Kate	1	1/13/92	7/4/23	30
Straight	Benny E	5/9/50	1/14/23	72	Howling Buffalo	•		/14/92	7/5/23	31
Townsend	John Edward Jr.	6/19/70	1/17/23	52		ugene		/3/77	7/7/23	46
Foster	Latisha Lorene Ann	1/27/87	1/17/23	35		hawn Michael		/14/95	7/8/23	28
Rivers	Orville Paul Jr.	8/14/63	1/21/23	59				2/6/55	7/18/23	6 7
Miles Donald	Lee Sr.	9/13/54	1/23/23	68	Rhoads D	akota Ike	1	2/16/92	7/18/23	30
Pedro	Daniel James	1/22/72	1/23/23	51	King Jo	oannie Sue	1	0/28/65	7/20/23	<i>57</i>
Davis James	Leroy	10/4/63	1/26/23	59	Tiger Jane K	ay	2	2/2/57	7/20/23	66
Tasso Elliot	Henry Jr.	7/19/49	1/27/23	73	Curtis M	lary Lee	6	/10/54	7/25/23	69
Shortman	Frankie Jo	6/18/67	1/28/23	55	Madbull L	eroy	5	/11/55	7/26/23	68
Bellymule-Zu	ıniga Gloria	10/20/49	1/30/23	73	Milligan E	lizabeth		1/25/64	7/29/23	58
Green	Darrell Edgar Jr.	11/23/59	2/1/23	63	Estrada R	enee T.	5	/5/59	7/29/23	64
Osage	Janice Ann	6/21/63	2/3/23	59				2/27/59	7/30/23	63
Hooten	Bailey Grace	11/24/08	2/3/23	14	Bearshield-Fire			/9/63	7/31/23	59
Wilson	Ferrell Lee	6/10/41	2/4/23	81		imothy Charles		/16/66	8/4/23	57
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Martinez	Joyce Marie	4/1/39	2/11/23	83		nni Lavita		/17/90	8/11/23	32
Barnes	Jackie C.	6/18/57	2/11/23	65		larry Dean		/2/53	8/13/23	7 0
Gawhega	Sonya Marie	6/22/77	2/13/23	45	Sam Louise			1/19/33	8/14/23	89
Russell	Donald Lee Jr.	7/31/82	2/14/23	40		<i>larie</i>		/1/34	8/20/23	88
Anquoe	J	1/27/41	2/15/23	82		ojer Washee		1/10/65	8/20/23	57
Godwin	Orley Arthur Jr.	11/6/40	2/16/23	82		Villiam George		2/7/89	8/20/23	34
Thunderbull	AnthonyAllen	6/4/61	2/20/23	61	•	rystal Nicole		/17/89	8/20/23	34
White	William Michael	4/23/68	2/22/23	54	•	onald Gene		/9/37	8/21/23	86
Rodriguez	Noel Bernardo	6/15/77	2/26/23	45		unni Red Faw		/28/85	8/23/23	38
Buffalo	Christopher G.f.	1/30/72	2/27/23	51	-	lyde Kendrich		/27/52	8/30/23	70
Duron	Rebecca Lynn	8/8/71	2/27/23	51	Ruiz Maxine			2/22/67	9/3/23	55
Christie	Daniel Roy	5/4/72	3/1/23	50	Miles Gilbert L			1/24/55	9/4/23	67
Goss Sydnie	Jade Coyote	6/26/99	3/1/23	23		ona Joyce		/29/84	9/8/23	39
Lamebull	Sonya Lee	10/13/61	3/3/23	61		ernice		1/7/60	9/10/23	62
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Whiteshirt	Brian Keith	4/12/81	3/6/23	41	Howling Wolf Jo			0/31/71	9/13/23	51
White	Wanda Rose	11/12/56	3/12/23	66	Red Cherries M			0/25/40	9/14/23	82
Williams	Joshua Martin	8/2/86	3/17/23	36		heila Renee		/12/76	9/15/23	47
Yellow Hair	Gustave Elmer	12/26/85	3/18/23	37		•		/19/45	9/23/23	78 70
Sawyer	Ashley May	4/20/86	3/21/23	36		atricia Mousetr		/13/44	9/26/23	79
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Lammers	Bea M	5/14/38	3/26/23	84	Daukei-Abrams			/22/57	10/5/23	66
Garcia	Selethia Ann	11/25/76	3/26/23	46	Ruiz Glenda K	•		/23/64	10/8/23	59
Snyder	Lucy Melvina	9/6/45	3/30/23	77				2/12/49	10/10/23	73
Morton	Alan Ray	6/15/90	4/4/23	32	Scabby Horse R			1/17/52	10/12/23	70 55
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Rasmussen	Helene	8/11/57	5/26/23	65		Villiam Darryl		7/2/57	11/23/23	66
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Rose Marie Lobaugh-Sleeper

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Rose Marie Lobaugh-Sleeper died December 19, 2023, and St. Anthony Healthplex in El Reno. Her wake will begin and 6 p.m. on Thursday (Dec. 21) and the funeral at 1 p.m. on Friday (Dec. 22). Both services will be at the Concho Emergency Response Center. Burial will follow at the Concho Cemetery under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.

Rose was born on August 4, 1941, in Enid. A longtime resident of El Reno, she was a nursing assistant and a member of the Native American Church. She belonged to the "Grandma Club" and enjoyed her grandchildren and cooking for holidays.

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She is survived by her children, Ricky Lobaugh, Rebecca Lobaugh, and Randy Lobaugh, all of El Reno; grandchildren, Javlyn, Jonah, and Jacob Lobaugh, Carlos and Ariana Garcia, and Kelsey, Luke, and Samantha Lobaugh; and great-grandchildren, Anyiah Davis, Alaysia Laws, Da-



mon, Zariah, Demetrius and Zoey Lobaugh.

Her parents, Stanley Kendrick and Pearl Marie (Tallbull) Sleeper; and a son, Robbie Lobaugh, preceded her in death.



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Emily Raelynn Monton

Emily Raelynn Morton was born on April 13, 2011, and left this earth on Dec. 24, 2023. Emily is a beautiful 12-year-old Chevenne and Arapaho 6th grader at Watonga Middle School. She is the daughter of Stephanie and Levi Big Eagle and the late Alan Morton; sister to Sophia and Mavis, and granddaughter to Robert Brooks and Mary Onco, affectionately known as "Poppa & GiGi". Those who know Emily know Emily is a talented artist. Emily loves kittens and cats and loves to draw and paint. Emily loves playing games on her phone. Emily loves playing Xbox with her online friends and has a cat named Star, she has

had since a kitten and loves her very much. Emily worries about others more than herself. All love Emily.

She is survived by her mother and father, Stephanie and Levi Big Eagle, sisters Sophia and Mavis Morton, Poppa Robert Brooks and GiGi Mary great-grandmother Ruth Brooks and cousin Avelyn Laster all of Watonga, Okla., and many cousins, aunties, uncles, and grandparents.

She is preceded in death by her father, Alan Morton and two uncles, JB and Pat Yellowman. The family of Emily Morton thanks all for the prayers, thoughts, and kind words during this difficult time.



Wake services were held Dec. 28 at the Watonga Indian Baptist Church in Watonga, Okla. Funeral services were held Dec. 29 at the Watonga Emergency Response Center, with Pastor Waylan Upchego officiating, followed by an interment at the Watonga IOOF Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Homes.



Andrea Dianne Patton

Andrea Dianne Patton passed away Dec. 18, 2023, in Oklahoma City. She was born Oct. 24, 1977, in El Reno, Okla. She was raised in El Reno and Kingfisher and was a resident of Kingfisher and a member of the All Nations Church.

Andrea was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her joy in life was caring for her grandchildren.

On Feb. 3, 2001, Andrea married Christopher Patton who survives her. She is also survived by her children, Phyllisa Patton of Fairview, Okla., Rayna Patton of Phoenix, Ariz., Christopher Patton Jr. of El Reno, and Eric Patton of Kingfisher, sister Dorothy Island of Kingfisher and grandchildren, Taia and Everett.

Her father Fred Stone, mother, Nellie (Bushy) Rednose and sister Nena Hawk preceded her in death.

A traditional all-night wake service was held Dec. 22 at the Kingfisher Emergency Response Center in Kingfisher, Okla. Funeral services were held Dec. 23, at the same venue, officiated

Elsie Ruth Ross was

Enid, Okla., on June 1, 1933

to Mr. and Mrs. (Pearl) John

Lamebull. She died Dec. 16,

2023, in the early morning

hours. It appears that she

may have passed away in her

sleep. The family was noti-



lowed by an interment at the Kingfisher Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Elsie Ruth Ross

gave Elsie Ruth a suitcase and bought her a few new items

known as such as her aunt Elthat a young lady would need. sie married to Bill Lamebull was known as Elsie Lamebull. Elsie Ruth was born in

Elsie Ruth was proceeded in death by an infant John Sampson and her eldest child Enid Sue Tiger. Elsie is survived by her children; Francis Ray Haag of Muskogee, OK. Mona Haag Shea of Kansas City, MO. David Cisneros of Powhattan, KS. Pearl Haag of St. Joseph, MO. Harvey Ross Jr., of Oklahoma City, OK. Ralph Ross of Siloam Springs, AR. She is survived by her niece she called her first baby Marie Brown Brady She is survived by her nephew Hershel Gorham whom she was very proud of and her niece Delita Starr. She is also survived by a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and a couple of great-great grandchildren. Elsie Ruth had many friends throughout the years that are still living, Angie Heriman of Kansas City, Missori, Galila Mattwaoshe of Netawaka, Kansas, Mary Lou Powell of Oklahoma City, Sharon Blackwell of Oklahoma City, Jennifer Elise of Oklahoma City, Derrick, Esther, Miles and Dorothy of Andrews Square Apartments. Elsie Ruth made friends easily but was particular in making her friends. One of her distant relatives/friends is Ms. Glynna (Sammi) Jackson of Oklahoma City. Another is. Jorene Combs of Oklahoma City.

Elsie Ruth gave to numerous charities to include Shriner's Hospital for Children, the VFW, St. Francis Indian School along with several others every month, she also gave to the Capital Hill Hispanic Seventh Day Adventist Church in OKC to help build the first baptismal. They offered the family use of the church for services, however the number of expected attendees exceeded the capacity of the church.

Elsie Ruth worked in many different areas throughout her life. Her last employment was as a contract worker with the Oklahoma City Indian Health Service Area Office where she started as a NICOA worker. Elsie Ruth also had an assignment at the Murrah Federal Building in the Social Security Office that took the brunt of the April 19th Bombing.

She knew countless workers who perished. Unbeknown to many she fortunately accepted another assignment a couple months before the bombing. Elsie Ruth worked in Gov. David Hall's administration as a bookkeeper in the VA department. She performed many jobs from City Directory Worker in Columbus, GA to Chandelier maker/



assembler in Hopkinsville, KY. Elsie Ruth was also a very talented shawl maker that tied a unique double tie. She sold hundreds of shawls in the 70s, 80s, 90s. Elsie Ruth collected TURTLES symbols of longevity and birther of creation in the traditional story of creation. She had hundreds of turtles, many of her productive, compassionate children and friends gifted her turtles on many occasions. Sadly, many of them went missing, which is not surprising as some of them were very valuable. There was NOTHING Elsie Ruth wouldn't do for her children and those she loved. Not because she owed anybody anything or because she was trying to make up for something, but because she had it in her heart to do for others. She used to buy ahead of birthdays and Christmas using Walmart's layaway plan when they had one. She had new items stored in her home for gifts for special occasions and even giveaways if needed. She was always prepared. She has passed that quality on to some of her children.

Wake services were held Dec. 19 at the Angie Smith Memorial United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were held Dec. 20, at the same venue, officiated by Will Onco, Church Deacon, followed by an interment at the Kingfisher City Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

followed. Everything was as she wanted it to be. Elsie and her brother John who proceeded her in death grew up at the Lamebull Family home West of Kingfisher. Elsie and her brother John were raised by her grandma and grandpa, Neuwakis and Sampson Lamebull until her Grandma Neuwakis' death when Elsie Ruth was 14 years old. She lived for a short time with her dad John Lamebull and returned home to Kingfisher where she graduated from Kingfisher High School in 1952. She became the first Chevenne and Arapaho to graduate from high school in Kingfisher. Her uncle Gilbert and his wife Lula acted as her guardians for several years. Upon graduation Uncle Gilbert forbade her to travel to Wyoming Elsie Ruth then elected to attend Haskell Institute, presently known as the Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, KS. When she left Kingfisher, many of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people came to see her off. She always told the story of an elderly Rena Cook gifting her 5 dimes, a small fortune back then. Her uncle Gilbert gave her several postage stamps. The banker's wife in Kingfisher

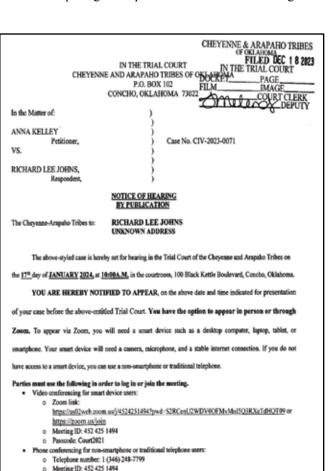
fied that CPR was being administered shortly after 7 am after

being discovered unresponsive after a shift change. She was

doing fine up to her 90th Birthday on June 1st even attending

her party and getting around and getting ready unassisted.

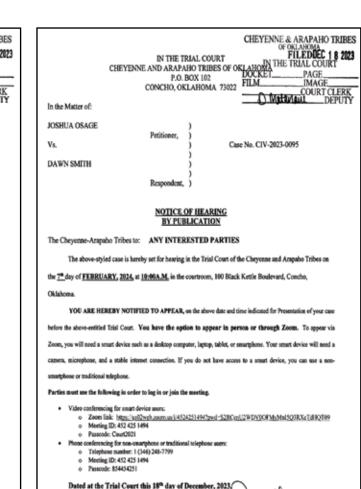
She began to decline shortly thereafter. All her wishes were



Dated at the Trial Court this 18th day of December, 2023



Tawny Melendez, Deputy Coor Cle Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court



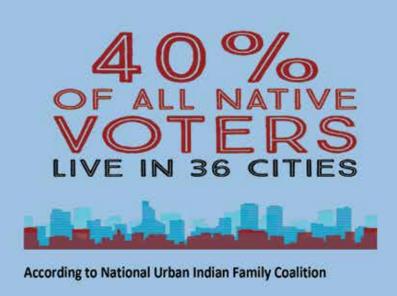


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