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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 member.

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

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

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

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 Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Reggie Wassana, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Development Corporation (CACDC) announce the tribes' SSBCI 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 sup-

porting 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 CACDC CEO Shane Jett at shane.jett@cheyenne-andaraphocdc.org or CACDC's Loan Officer Jordan Adams at jordan.adams@cheyenneand-araphocdc.org.

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

The Inter-Tribal Buffalo 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

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.



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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



Nicolette Casula, citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

‘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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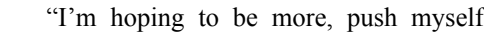
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Emma Roman Nose, Lawrence High School

“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.



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



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

NSU offers Bacone College students opportunity to transfer following auction

“Northeastern is proud to be able to work with our partners at Bacone College to welcome these students into the RiverHawk family during this difficult time,” President Rodney Hanley said. “Our commitment to their success began the mo-

“The Bacone College Board of Trustees has regrettably 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 Affairs for Bacone College, said. “Bacone appreciates

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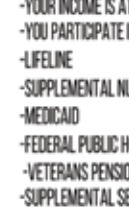
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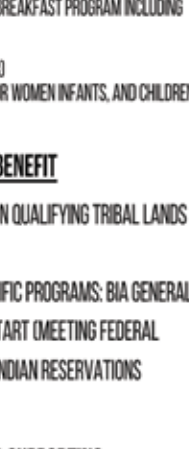
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Celebrating 24-years of Service: C. Kay Mackety Retires from Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

(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, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes treasurer said in opening the ceremony.

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 said.

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.

along with a Pendleton blanket and jacket.

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

In her 24 years of employ-



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 research and I think it’s around 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-

solid, stable ideas and she 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



Happy 46th Wedding Anniversary to Darrell & Franda Flyingman May you both be blessed with many more years together. Love your family & friends





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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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **KEITH PHILLIPS**
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TAKE NOTICE that Nikki Rock has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor Child, K.W., and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **10th** day of **JANUARY, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

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To Change His/Her Name _____)

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TAKE NOTICE, that TESSA RAE LYNN WELBOURNE has filed in this Court for
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FEBRUARY, 2024 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to
 the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 21st day of DECEMBER, 2023.

 LaFreda Whitecrow, Chief Court Clerk
 Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

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Rose Marie Lobaugh-Sleeper

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.

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



mon, Zariah, Demetrius and Zoey Lobaugh.

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

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



by Rev. Wendell Prim, followed by an interment at the Kingfisher Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Emily Raelynn Morton

Emily Raelynn Morton was born on April 13, 2011, and left this earth on Dec. 24, 2023. Emily is a beautiful 12-year-old Cheyenne 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

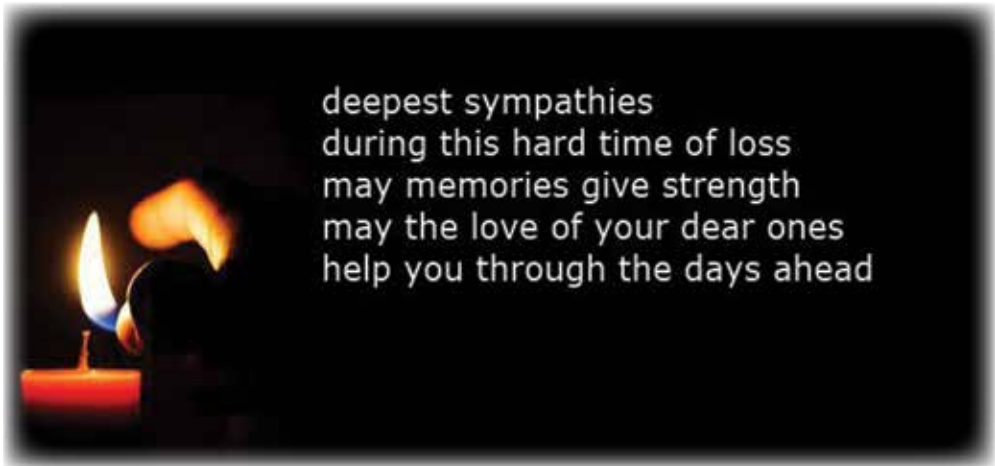
had since a kitten and loves her very much. Emily worries about others more than herself. All love Emily.

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



Elsie Ruth Ross



Elsie Ruth Ross was known as such as her aunt Elsie married to Bill Lamebull was known as Elsie Lamebull. Elsie Ruth was born in 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 notified 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 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 Cheyenne 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

gave Elsie Ruth a suitcase and bought her a few new items that a young lady would need.

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, Missouri, 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.

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In the Matter of:

ANNA KELLEY

Petitioner,

VS.

RICHARD LEE JOHNS,

Respondent,

Case No. CIV-2023-0071

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: RICHARD LEE JOHNS

UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 17th day of JANUARY 2024, at 10:00A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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

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Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk

Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of the Dissolution of Marriage of:

DANIEL WAYNE WHITEMAN

Petitioner,

and

JULIA WHITEMAN

Respondent,

Case No. JFD-2023-0025

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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: JULIA WHITEMAN

UNKNOWN ADDRESS

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In the Matter of:

JOSHUA OSAGE

Petitioner,

Vs.

DAWN SMITH

Respondent,

Case No. CIV-2023-0095

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 7th day of FEBRUARY, 2024, at 10:00A.M. in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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