

# GOLD

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Three, two, one ... GOLD.

As the final seconds ticked off the clock, El Reno High School guard Nazhoni Sleeper let out a yell and bounces the ball high off the Lloyd Noble Center court in Norman, Okla.

The senior guard turned and was immediately swarmed by teammates celebrating El Reno's 48-41 win over defending champion Sapulpa to win the 2024 Class 5A Oklahoma Girls State High School Basketball Championship.

"I felt a great relief and joy when the clock counted down. I just instantly had a smile on my face. I was so happy the game was finally over and that we had actually just won state. I had been waiting for a dogpile all my years of playing. It was on my bucket list and I felt zero pain on the bottom because of how much joy I was filled with," Sleeper said.

In their third trip to the championship game since 2019, El Reno secured not only the program's first-ever state title but did it with an undefeated 28-0 record.

Since 1919, El Reno becomes the 66th girls' team to post an undefeated record and the first in Class 5A since Shawnee (29-0) in 2012. There have been only three 5A teams to go an entire season without a loss, the other being Carl Albert (28-0) in 2000.

Among the 66 undefeated teams, El Reno's 28 wins ties it for the 35th best record.

"I'm super proud of our girls. That's an undefeated season and we have never won a gold basketball in El Reno history. We have never been undefeated.

"I told the girls we preach about teamwork, play as a group, a whole and a one and that's what we did today," said El Reno head coach Jennifer Douglas.

The championship was the first team title for El Reno in any sport sanctioned by the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association since a wrestling dual state gold in 2007.

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## EPA Program thrives through General Assistance Program

By Duane Dudley

In a steadfast commitment to environmental stewardship, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have been making significant strides through their Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Program, leveraging the General Assistance Program (GAP) to foster sustainability and protect natural resources.

Under the leadership of tribal authorities, the EPA Program has emerged as a beacon of environmental advocacy and action within the community. Through GAP, the tribes have been able to address a wide array of environmental concerns, ranging from water quality management to air pollution control.

One of the key successes of the program has been its emphasis on community engagement and empowerment. By involving tribal members in decision-making processes and fostering a sense of ownership over environmental initiatives, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes have cultivated a culture of environmental responsibility that resonates throughout the community.

The EPA Program's initiatives encompass various aspects of environmental conservation, including monitoring and remediation efforts to safeguard natural habitats and wildlife. Through GAP funding, the tribes have been able to im-



# Women in Leadership

## Lucky Star Casino women leading by example

By Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter



Chief Financial Officer for Lucky Star Casino Stephanie Black. (Courtesy photos)

Throughout history, women have fought for their rights. The right to vote, the right to healthcare and the right to work. As the years have passed women continue to push for their seat at the table and continue to succeed in many male dominant work environments. In the world of gaming, women have proven over time they play an instrumental role in the continuous progression of the gambling industry.

In celebration of Women’s History Month designated in March, women are honored for their contributions in American history. And throughout history, different women have taken on leadership roles in the development of the casino industry such as Mayme Stocker, who was the first woman to receive a casino license in Nevada when gaming was legalized in 1931. Or Judy Bayley, who was the first woman to own and operate a casino hotel in 1946 in Las Vegas, Nev., and became known as the “First Lady of Gambling.”

For Lucky Star Casinos, owned by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the women in the gaming workforce are making their presence known through their leadership roles.

Starting in 2014 for Lucky Star Casino, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Stephanie Black first began as a staff accountant before working her way up to becoming chief fi-

nancial officer at the Concho, Okla., location in 2018.

In her role, Black oversees several departments such as accounting, revenue audit, procurement and payroll. Since taking on the role of chief financial officer, Black said her role has included protecting the tribe’s assets and making sure they are ready for audits. In doing so, Lucky Star Casino has received clean audits every year since 2017.

As a tribal citizen, Black remembered always wanting to work for her tribe when thinking about her future when she was in college.

“I wanted to give back to my people and that has been one of the most beneficial things for me is being able to put good leaders in charge, good managers in charge of the departments that I’m over and really seeing those departments thrive and seeing the progress that we’ve made not only with our audits but working with an awesome team of people,” Black said.

When it comes to women in leadership roles, Black admits there are a lot fewer

women in leadership roles in gaming.

“I know there’s been several meetings or things that I’ve been invited to that I may be one of the only women that is in upper management and I’ve come to embrace that, I have also seen a little bit of a change over the last couple years where there are more women starting to emerge and be those leadership roles,” Black said.

Black said historically, if you look across the state of Oklahoma and those in leadership roles, in gaming there are mainly men and it does create a challenge for other women.

According to the American Gaming Association, nationwide women make up 48% of the U.S. casino workforce. In a diversity report, gender breakdown across job classifications are largely in-line with the national benchmark, however women are underrepresented in managerial roles in gaming as they are in both the national and hospitality benchmarks.

As stated in the Women in the Workplace 2023 report, for very 100 men promoted from entry level to manager, 87 women and 73 women of color are promoted. As a result, women fall behind and can’t catch up.

Striving to influence other women colleagues in the work area, Black said she

wants to show other women that they can do it.

“I know that we have a lot of women that currently work at Lucky Star or even at the tribe, who have been in their positions for years and they know their stuff, they know what the job entails and maybe they’ve just been comfortable in their roles and felt like they couldn’t have that leadership position, just encourage them to apply if there is a higher position out there and to really know their worth,” Black said.

Luckily for Black, she said she works with people that see her as equal in her role at Lucky Star Casino.

“I have two awesome people that I work day to day with, Andy RedNose and Charlie Welbourne, I feel like in my role right now at Lucky Star I’m in a really good spot and I appreciate that they see me as equal but I would say for like larger meetings or conferences, it is a little interesting to see how few women there are and I hope that changes as the years go on,” Black said.

Taking on the role as General Manager (GM) for Lucky Star Casino-Hammon in Hammon, Okla., Courtney Island has been with Lucky Star Casino for five years and has been the general manager for three years.

Originally, Island came in as an operations manager at Clinton and was then moved over to Hammon as the lead operations manager.

“I was already doing the lead ops job which is right underneath the GM and then honestly one day I came to work and they basically said you’re the GM now, it just came out of nowhere for me and so I just continued doing my job and then actually put in for the job when it came about,” Island said.

Island said her role as GM is probably different for the locations because each location has its difficulties and for the Hammon location, the issue was thinking in the old ways of doing things.

Breaking the barriers of doing things the old way, Island said she came in and brought new ideas and started integrating more people to become more empowered in what they do.

“I think honestly I’m informally mentoring many women out here, which I love and I love to see people succeed and I love to support other people and help them grow in any way I can,” Island said.



General Manager for Hammon Lucky Star Casino Courtney Island.

Island said she’s walked into many rooms where the majority are males but is confident that her voice as a female will be heard.




“I try to lead by example and I try to make other women and men alike feel face strong and empowered so I feel like I’m a role model, I kind of have to be that for them and then I try to bring everybody up with me as I go and teach them so that they an replace me one day,” Island said.

Island said the influence she hopes to have on other women in the workforce is the example she sets in bringing fairness.

“I try to bring fairness, I try to show them that a woman brings a more balanced perspective, we’re able to nurture, also enforce and better organize our teams because women tend to foster actual relationships with their organizations and I want the women here to continue that,” Island said.

Concerning the gender gap, not just with Lucky Star but across the nation with respect to promotions, General Manager for Lucky Star Casino-Canton Tommye Black Crow said women in the workforce are evaluated on performance and men are arbitrarily valued by their potential. However, that doesn’t keep Black Crow from encouraging and empowering women to take on leadership roles.

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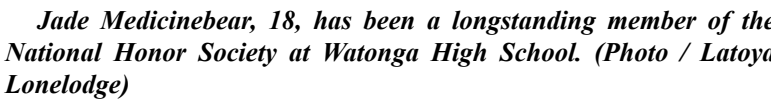


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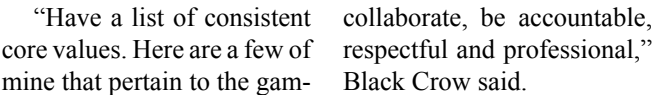
Since taken her oath of induction her freshman year at

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As GM for Canton, Black Crow's contributions to the casino have included building better relationships and communication with managers and employees, which in turn make a better environment for customers to enjoy their visit to the Canton location.

Offering words of encouragement to other women pursuing leadership roles, Black Crow said to be brave, stay

Throughout her freshman and sophomore years, Medicinebear has done volunteer work working concession stands for school football games as part of NHS volunteer

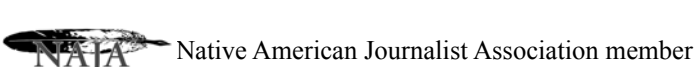


As a longstanding member having maintained the requirements for NHS, Medicinebear said it feels good to be recognized for all her hard work and encourages others.

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# 28-0 - El Reno High School Girls' Basketball Team Makes History



Phallyn McHenry



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Pauline Black-Harmon

Pauline Black-Harmon sat at the podium in the post-game press conference at Lloyd Noble Center with her cheek resting on the microphone as she wiped away the tears from her eyes.

“It hasn’t hit me yet that that was my last game,” said Black-Harmon.

Her words were spoken through those happy tears which have been decades in the making. The last four years as a starter for El Reno on the state’s biggest stage, the Class 5A state tournament, all under head coach Jennifer Douglas.

“I’m glad it was with Coach Douglas,” said Black-Harmon before getting a warm hug from her coach sitting just inches away.

Tears and hugs that were the culmination of countless hours of hard work, film-watching and an emotional roller coaster. A ride which has taken both player and coach from the lows of losing a state title game two years ago to the highs of winning the school’s first-ever gold ball.

Yet it was not a ride taken alone.

It’s a ride that began with El Reno’s first-ever trip to state in 1991 and has been rolling through the twists and turns of 14 state tourney appearances and 22 games before getting to fulfill the dream of hoisting the gold ball.

“Even alumni and coaches from the ‘80s and ‘90s, they are all invested. I can’t tell you how many messages I get because they are all truly invested in this program and are so proud of the girls,” said Douglas.

Former coaches like Terri Willey, who guided the 1995-96 team to state. That squad, with players like Sonja Gatz-Denwalt and Heather Mason, set the school record for most wins in a single season at 23 - which stood until broken with 24 wins by the 2021-22 state runner-up team.

That record has now fallen in the wake of El Reno’s perfect 28-0 season.

“I’ve never met Jennifer in person but I know who she is and I’m impressed with her,” Willey said, who teaches special education at Del City High School.

“Jennifer has built a phenomenal program and whatever she is doing, she needs to teach it to everyone else,” he said.

Willey added she was cheering for El Reno each game of state – especially the title game.

“You don’t know how excited I was. I was yelling and screaming for them in the championship game. They are truly amazing to watch. The teachers from here that went to the Del City game came back to school in awe of the teamwork El Reno had with passes behind their back and knowing where everyone was on the court,” Willey said.

Chemistry that is needed

to win a championship.

“That’s the dream of every coach, to have that type of chemistry. Usually, every team has a player with attitude, but her team has no attitude. They all know their jobs and what they are supposed to do and that’s why they work so well together,” said Willey.

Chemistry, which was fun to watch and drew El Reno fans, well into the thousands, to the LNC to witness one more time. A crowd filled with former EHS players like Tiffany Thompson and daughter, Ashlyn Evans-Thompson – the program’s career scoring leader for 5-on-5.

“I’m so proud of them. When that final buzzer went off, Ashlyn and I were crying like we were out there on the court with them. The whole town of El Reno was there, they showed up and showed out for the girls,” said Thompson.

For her daughter, the emotions were even greater, having been to two state championship games (2019, 2022), but settled for silver instead of gold.

“It was an emotional time for everyone. It was great seeing them win because I’ve been in their shoes and I’m so happy for them to be on the other side of things and get that gold ball for the first time ever,” said Evans-Thompson.

Happy and a little jealous at the same time.

“I was a little jealous. I ran into Kayla Jones (2019 finalist) and we were both crying. We agreed that we were so glad that they won but a little jealous. We were more happier that this was the team to do it because being undefeated is just an unbelievable accomplishment,” Evans-Thompson said.

Other former players like Lexus Halfred, Charlee Bushyhead, Rachel Roman Nose, Sierra Sioux, Jaylin Reveles, Leslie Valdez and Paige Primeaux to name a few, were also front and center to watch history being made.

A sight which did not go unnoticed and both Douglas and her current players are quick to give thanks.

“For us, it means a lot. We are used to not having a lot of fans, but this one there was more people and it made it 10 times better. It boosted our confidence and the way we played,” junior guard Emmary Elizondo said.

Douglas added this gold ball is for all who have worn an El Reno jersey.

“From that first year on, I truly believe that they are all proud of us and we have made them proud because they are the ones that started it. You think about all the people that have poured into this program; it wasn’t just about this year. It’s been over all the years that they have been working to set the foundation for this culture and the expectation that this is what we are going to do,” Douglas said.



Nazhoni Sleeper



Lilly Thomas



Emmary Elizondo





# STATE CHAMPIONS

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The last basketball team championship, won by the boys, came 71 years ago in 1953 under legendary Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame coach Jenks Simmons.

Douglas’ program now has two silver and a gold basketball in her eight seasons at El Reno. The team’s 3-0 run to the title lifts EHS’ record at state under Douglas to 9-6 in 15 games.

El Reno has made 14 trips to state and sports a 9-13 overall mark.

“The special thing about this team is that if you shut one person down, someone else is going to step up and that is what is so cool. All five of my starters are heavy hitters and then the first two or three off the bench will play their role to get the job done.

“That’s what we did and how we came out with the win,” said Douglas.

After four ties and five lead changes in the first period, El Reno surged ahead for good on two free throws by Emmary Elizondo with 0.9 seconds left in the frame for a 13-12 advantage.

The Indians built the lead to a three-possession game in the second period behind a 13-8 scoring edge. Sleeper highlighted that effort with a trio of 3-pointers, the last with 34 seconds left in the half for a 26-19 edge.

“She is our quarterback and runs the show. A lot of people want to sleep on her and think she is not a shooter, but she is in the gym two or three hours a day after practice and has turned herself into a shooter,” said Douglas.

El Reno increased the margin to 10 points three times



in the second half, the last coming on a layup by Elizondo with 3:30 left in the game for a 40-30 lead.

Sapulpa, which eliminated El Reno a year ago, battled back to within 40-36 before El Reno answered with a three-point play from Rae-gan Bugaj (2:44) and a layup by Elizondo (2:23) to push the lead back to nine.

Sleeper, Elizondo and Bugaj added a free throw each in the final 1:05 to keep the Chieftains at bay. Lilly Thomas sealed the game with a steal with 11 seconds left and got the ball to Sleeper to run out the clock.

“We have a crazy rivalry with Sapulpa and have faced them the last four years at state. We knew they were not going to give up and we had to make sure we stayed disciplined on defense. They rebound so well and we had to

make sure we rebounded,” said Douglas, whose team was outrebounded 38-27.

El Reno shot 49 percent (16-of-33) from the field including a 4-of-8 effort (50 percent) from the 3-point line. Elizondo was one of three players in double digits with 16 points off 5-of-6 shooting. She added three rebounds, three assists and one of the team’s 10 steals.

Sleeper followed with 10 points, four steals and two rebounds. Pauline Black-Harmon added 10 points, six boards, a block and a steal. Thomas and Bugaj closed with six points each and combined for seven rebounds, six assists, five blocked shots and three steals.



*The Cheyenne and Arapaho El Reno High School basketball athletes include: Junior-Lilly Thomas, #0, Junior-Emmary Elizondo, #1, Junior-Phallyn McHenry, #3, Sophomore-Eryn Roman Nose, #4, Senior-Nazhoni Sleeper, #13, Sophomore-Deilah Sandoval, #14, Senior-Pauline Black-Harmon, #21, Senior-Carley Kihega, #22 and Senior-Bryhanna Blackowl, #24. (Photo courtesy of Glen Miller)*

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striving to maintain their grades, to keep trying.

“It feels pretty good, I’m actually getting recognized for what I’m doing good and yeah ... Just keep trying is all I got to say, keep trying and you will succeed one day,” Medicinebear said.

Looking toward the future, Medicinebear said NHS will help her stand out as a candidate for schools and resumes.

“After graduation I’m going to get my cosmetology license, so I’m thinking of maybe getting a business management

degree, if I want to get my salon, I can know how to run a business or maybe go to school for crane operating,” Medicinebear said.

By being a NHS member, Medicinebear said she has proven to herself and others that she has the discipline and commitment to excel in her studies.

“National Honor Society provides opportunities for members to develop and showcase our leadership skills,” Medicinebear said.



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# ATHLETES' SPOTLIGHT

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

## Edwina Pewo, Hammon High School



(HAMMON, OK) Pouring her heart out into the sport she’s come to love, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Edwina Pewo, 18, ended her senior year of basketball on a sentimental note.

Coming out from winning the state title last year, the 5-foot-6 shooting guard had high hopes of winning back-to-back championships. She entered the season hoping to win the state title once again in her senior year. However, the Hammon Lady Warriors fell short by one-point against Lomega in the semifinals 56-57.

Although Pewo ended her season with a different outcome, her high spirits of making her family proud will carry on.

Starting at a young age, Pewo began playing basketball in the third grade because she wanted to carry on the family tradition.

“I think I wanted to start playing because my family’s just a big basketball family. I was kind of motivated by them,” Pewo said.

And what she’s come to love the most about playing the sport of basketball is the friendships she’s made along the way.

“The friendships its brought me and how they made me closer to people and just the love I have for it,” Pewo said.

Through her time playing basketball, Pewo said her family has been her biggest inspiration for playing.

“They support me, they’ve been to every single one of my games and I think they just motivated me to play better,” Pewo said.

For the season, Pewo said she believes she contributed the most to her team by being unselfish on the court.

“I was not a selfish player at all, I got a lot of assists and I hit three’s when we needed them,” Pewo said.

As a player, Pewo has seen herself grow on the basketball court as she’s become more confident in her abilities.

“I’ve gotten way more confident with the way I play, because I never played like that, so I think this year was the year that I was like I’m going to let all the other stuff behind me and I’m going to play like how I want to play,” Pewo said.

In the beginning of the season, Pewo’s goals were to win the state championship back-to-back, however her biggest goal was to make her family proud through it all in playing the sport she loves.

“One of the main goals was to win, go back-to-back but we fell short of that, but one of the main goals was to make my family proud and I think I did that,” Pewo said.

Pewo gives credit to her family for supporting and helping her through basketball.

“Have a supporting family because without my family I don’t know where I would be and have God by your side because you wouldn’t be anywhere without Him,” Pewo said.

In her last year on the court, Pewo said although it makes her sad, she was ready to leave it all on the court by giving her all.

“I hoped to make my family proud and trying to win state again ... it’s taught me to be thankful for what I have and that I’m blessed to be playing this sport,” Pewo said.

While keeping up with basketball, Pewo has managed to maintain an estimated 2.8 GPA, which she credits her teachers for helping her when needed.

“I keep up, well I ask for a lot of help from my teachers, like last year one of my teachers helped me a lot and I give thanks to her because I probably wouldn’t have had the grade I had last year without her,” Pewo said.

Stepping off the court for the last time, Pewo said basketball has brought happiness to her life and that she hopes to be remembered as a humble player.

“Playing basketball makes me feel happy, if I have a problem and I play basket-

ball it makes my problems go away, basketball has brought me happiness,” Pewo said.

Hammon girls head basketball coach, Clay Conley described Pewo as a teammate that refuses to lose.

“She makes everybody around her better, great attitude, always smiling, super bubbly kid, on and off the floor and it makes it really enjoyable to be around her and makes it easy to be around her as a coach,” Conley said.

Conley said Pewo has started every game this season and has averaged seven points per game. Late in the season during the playoff run, Pewo played a huge part for the team.

“She’s stepped up like seniors should and did a lot of things for us down the stretch and had the best game of her season. In the last game of her career in the state semifinals she had 20 points for us and I’m really proud of who she’s become as a person and who she’s become as a player and looking forward to seeing what she does after high school,” Conley said.

In his first-year coaching for Hammon, Conley said a lot of the girls on the team stepped up throughout the season.

“We were able to win our five-county conference, was in the finals of two of our three tournaments for district, regional and area champions and made the semifinals before we fell short to the eventual state champion by just one point there in the semis, so really proud of my team and super proud of my girls,” Conley said.

For the season, Pewo shot 68% from the free throw line, had 94 total rebounds, 55 as-



Edwina Pewo, Hammon High School (Courtesyt photos)



sists and scored 222 points in 31 games.

Set to graduate in the spring, Pewo hopes to further her education by attending college.

*Edwina was raised by her aunt and uncle Wilbur and Edwina Bullcoming. Her grandparents are Margie and the late Edwin Pewo and her siblings include her twin brother Edwin Pewo and her younger brother Kenneth Pewo Jr.*



## Congratulations

Congratulations to the Cohort 3 graduating class for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and OSU-IT Fiber Optics Program graduation on March 1, 2024

Pictured back rowl-r: OSU Instructor-Jeremy Sixkiller, Nate Plentybears, Devin Campbell, Sage Williams, Dakota Stillman, Eric McKee, Seth Hill and Matthew Martin Jr. Front row l-r: Kyrie Wells, Alexia Holt, Chelse Yelloweyes and John Barron.

Cohort 4 begins on May 6, 2024. Spots are already filling up. The Fiber Optics Training Program is near-

ing its completion. There are two final cohorts left for the rest of this year and its final duration. If anyone is interested in being admitted to the program, they can contact me and schedule an appointment for application and funding source review prior to the start date. The last date to enroll for Cohort is April 29, 2024. Various funding sources are available and this program is open to the public (tribal preference). We do not provide lodging and this is not a paid training.

For more information contact Carressa James at 405-422-7734.



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- Learning to splice, hanging strand and fiber and lashing them together
- Hanging self- support and sagging to proper tension & troubleshooting.
- OSHA 10
- OTDR & Fundamentals of Splicing

Join us and get Certified





**Application Requirements**

- Must be 18 years old
- Driver's License, CDIB and/or State/Tribal picture ID
- GED/HS Diploma or college transcript
- Proof of vaccination or notarized statement for vaccination exemption.
- Application must have all required documents to be considered complete.
- All applicants are required to setup an appointment to apply.

**Training Expectations**

- 100% attendance / 10 weeks
- Monday - Thursday 8:30am-3:30 pm (subject to change per season)
- Training will be held outdoors in the pole yard
- Students will be responsible for the following: 8" Composite Toe Logger boots, leather gloves, hard hats and safety glasses.
- Student attire is long sleeve shirts and jeans at all times.
- Tuition Cost: \$4600.00

Please call 405-422-7743 for more information  
cjames@c-a-tribes.org 120 E. Black Kettle, Concho, OK 73022



## LEGAL NOTICES

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of: )  
W.L.L. ) Case No. PG-2014-0016  
Minor Child, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **RICK STANLEY LOBAUGH**  
**UNKNOWN ADDRESS**

TAKE NOTICE that **Eva Big Medicine**, has filed in this Court a Motion to Modify Guardianship of Minor Child, W.L.L., 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 **16<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2024 at 10:09 A.M.**, at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

**YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED TO APPEAR** on the above date and time indicated for the 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.

Parties must use the following in order to log in or join the meeting.

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    - Meeting ID: 452 425 1494
    - Passcode: Court2021
- Phone conferencing for non-smartphone or traditional telephone users:
  - Telephone number: 1 (346) 248-7799
  - Meeting ID: 452 425 1494
  - Passcode: 854454251

Dated at the Trial Court this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

*Tawny Melendez*  
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of Dissolution of Marriage: )  
BRITTANY DE LEON ) Case No. JFD-2023-0026  
Petitioner, )  
and )  
ELNES DE LEON SORIANO )  
Respondent. )

**CIVIL SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAH0 TRIBES TO: **ELNES DE LEON SORIANO**  
Address Unknown

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 available through the Court Clerk's office 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 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 this summons.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

*Tawny Melendez*  
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
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In the Matter of: )  
N.B. )  
DOB: 06/27/2017 ) Case No. JFJ-2020-0007  
A.B.J. )  
DOB: 05/07/2019 )  
Alleged Deprived Children. )

**AMENDED SUMMONS AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: **Albert Black Sr.**  
**2719 Villa Drive,**  
**El Reno, OK 73036**

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Notice of Disposition and Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Father has been filed in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Trial Court, Juvenile Division, alleging that the above named minor children are neglected or dependent children as to their father, Albert Black Sr., and requesting the Court to terminate the parent-child legal relationship between said children and their natural father, Albert Black Sr., all as more fully set out in the attached motion filed in said cause.

YOU ARE FURTHER ORDERED TO APPEAR at the Courtroom of the Tribal District Court, Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024, at the hour of 10 o'clock a.m., and to remain and answer the allegations contained in the Motion for Termination of Parental Rights of Father and state whether you admit or deny the allegations of the motion.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that the Court will hear evidence in support of and in opposition to the granting of said Motion at the time and place above shown. You have the right to be present, to be represented by counsel, and an opportunity to be heard at said time and place, including the right to deny the allegations contained in the Motion and the right to object to the granting of the Motion and to show why your parental rights to said minor children should not be terminated. Your failure to appear at said hearing shall constitute a denial of your interest in the children, which denial may result, without further notice of this proceeding or any subsequent proceedings, in an order of the Court terminating your parental rights to said children in accordance with law.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

*Tawny Melendez*  
Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

*Harmoniey Kinchion*, Assistant Deputy Attorney General  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes  
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In the Matter of the Application of: )  
LOMARIA CHILES ) Case No. CIV-2024-0018  
DOB: 05/22/2004 )  
To Change His/Her Name )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **ANY INTERESTED PARTIES**

TAKE NOTICE, that **LOMARIA CHILES** has filed in this Court for

Petition for Name Change, as follows, to wit; from **LOMARIA CHILES** to

**LOMARIA BRINGINGGOOD** and that the petition will be heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on the **17<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of MARCH, 2024.

*Dana Matane*  
Dana Matane, Deputy Court Clerk  
Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of: )  
T.W. ) Case No. PG-2023-0059  
Minor Child, )

**NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **MICHAEL WATAN**  
**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 APRIL, 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 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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- Phone conferencing for non-smartphone or traditional telephone users:
  - Telephone number: 1 (346) 248-7799
  - Meeting ID: 452 425 1494
  - Passcode: 854454251

Dated at the Trial Court this 29<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024.

*Tawny Melendez*  
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk  
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Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

*Tawny Melendez*  
Court Clerk/Deputy Court Clerk  
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In the Matter Of Guardianship Of: )  
S.G.V. ) Case No. PG-2022-0016  
Minor Child, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: **FRANSICO VENEGAS**  
**UNKNOWN ADDRESS**

You are hereby notified that **JULIA OSAGE-MERRILL** has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of S.G.V., minor child, on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2024, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the **10<sup>th</sup> day of APRIL, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.**, at which time you shall appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Petition for Guardianship should not be granted.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of FEBRUARY, 2024.

*Lafreda Blackwolf*  
Lafreda Blackwolf, Chief Court Clerk  
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ) Case No: CIV-2023-0096  
EX. REL., )  
PEGGY BIGPOND, )  
PETITIONER, )  
vs. )  
AMARISS KARTY, )  
RESPONDENT, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **AMARISS KARTY**

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Petition to Accept Transfer of Jurisdiction 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 **15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 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.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

By: *[Signature]*  
COURT CLERK  
District Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ) Case No: CIV-2023-0097  
EX. REL., )  
JENNAE KANUBO, )  
PETITIONER, )  
vs. )  
JENNAE KANUBO: )  
CUSTODIAN )  
TRAVIS CLEEK, )  
RESPONDENT, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **TRAVIS CLEEK**

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 **15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 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.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

By: *[Signature]*  
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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ) Case No: CIV-2023-0099  
EX. REL., )  
OKIDES, )  
PETITIONER, )  
vs. )  
DAVID BEASLEY, )  
RESPONDENT, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **DAVID BEASLEY**

TAKE NOTICE that you are a named party in the Petition for 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 **6<sup>th</sup> DAY OF MAY 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.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

By: *[Signature]*  
COURT CLERK  
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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ) Case No: CNA-JFD-96-23  
EX. REL., )  
REGINA SLOVACEK, )  
PETITIONER, )  
vs. )  
JACK ALLEN JR., )  
RESPONDENT, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **JACK ALLEN JR.**

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 **15<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL 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.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February 2024.

By: *[Signature]*  
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District Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES, ) Case No: JFD-2021-0006  
EX. REL., )  
TERESA WILSON, )  
PETITIONER, )  
vs. )  
TERESA WILSON: )  
CUSTODIAN )  
MILES RAY, )  
RESPONDENT, )

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

TO: **MILES RAY**

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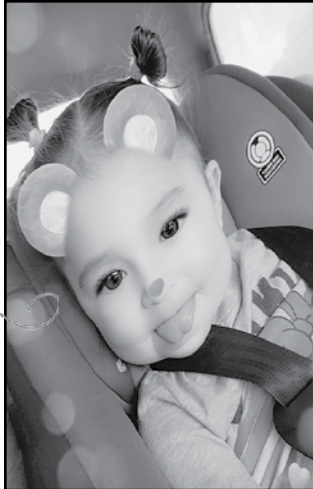


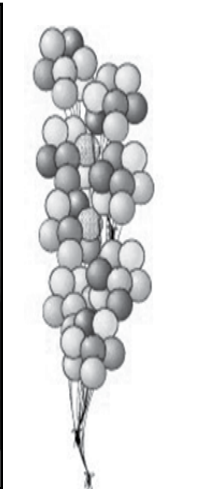

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Happy Birthday  
Alisun Kaylene!  
March 24, 1997  
We love you with  
all of our hearts!  
Drey, Ari, Avery,  
Axtun and  
momma

Happy 12<sup>th</sup> birthday  
Bubba (D'Mike)  
Thanks for being the  
best big brother,cousin  
and friend anyone could  
ask for! Keep striving  
in your sports and daily  
life. We all love you  
bunches.  
“Today was a good day”  
as you would say!

Serenity Bates  
April 19, 2022  
Happy Birthday  
babygirl we love  
you and hope  
you have the best  
birthday!  
Love, nonna, papa  
and the rest of us!

CHEYENNE  
LANGUAGE  
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Elder's Dinner

Inviting all our Cheyenne elders out to meet our staff,  
share some knowledge and join us in a potluck meal on  
the evening of

March 28, 2024,  
from 5p-7p,  
at Seiling ERC.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:  
(405)422-7921

CHEYENNE  
LANGUAGE AND  
CULTURE  
PRESENT

STORYTELLING  
AND CEDAR  
CLEANING

In memory of the late Forrest Deal FlyingOut Sr. who  
not only worked with teaching us our Cheyenne  
language but also shared many stories with us as well.

March 20th- Watonga  
March 21st- Concho

6pm-8pm  
for all locations

Bring your favorite dish and share  
some stories while we clean some  
cedar.

for more information contact: (405)422-7921

Join us for the annual

EASTER

EGG HUNT

Clinton - March 23rd  
Location: RESpECT Gym  
Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Start Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Lunch to follow  
Co-Sponsor:  
A3 Legislator Travis Ruiz  
C3 Legislator Thomas Trout

Watonga - March 21st  
Location: Legion Park  
Registration: 5:00 p.m.  
Start Time: 6:00 p.m.  
Dinner will follow under the  
Pavillion  
Co-Sponsor:  
A1 Legislator Diane Willis  
C1 Legislator Bruce Whiteman

Concho - March 30th  
Location: Softball fields  
Prizes: RESpECT Gym  
Registration: 8:00 a.m.  
Start Time: 9:00 a.m.  
Lunch to follow  
Co-Sponsor:  
A2 Legislator Kendricks Sleeper  
C2 Legislator George Woods

Each Egg Hunt will go by combined age groups!  
0-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, 13-15, 16-18 (High School), Elder's 55+  
Elder's will go 1st at each egg hunt!  
MUST BRING YOUR OWN BASKETS!  
For more info: (405) 422- 7572

March 1, 2024 | Public Notice

Elder Care Program  
Monthly Food Checks will  
provide Direct Deposit  
option! (online only)

Elder Care Program  
(405) 422-7411  
ElderCare@cheyyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov

Elder Care Program Food Checks will  
now be available for direct deposit!  
To apply online, visit [www.jotform.com/240283645694161](http://www.jotform.com/240283645694161)

Cheyenne Language and  
Culture present

Study of hymns and  
hymnal singing

Inviting everyone out to learn some  
Cheyenne hymns and a little history of the  
Southern Cheyenne Hymnals we sing today.

6p-8p at all locations

April 11- Seiling    April 19- Kingfisher  
April 12- Hammon    April 25- Clinton  
April 18- Concho    April 26- Watonga

Potluck meal to be served

For more information  
contact: (405)422-7921

Calendar of Events

3rd Birthday Dance for Jayden Cade RedHat

Saturday March 23 at the Canton Emergency Response Center in Canton, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., with dance to follow. Six and under Tiny Tot Special Contest. For more information call 580-922-1002

Head Staff: MC Isaac Rhodes, HS Jesse Hamilton, HMD Robert Cheney, HLD Yolanda Valenzuela, HBD Jakobe Whiteshirt, HGD Marionna Brown, Honored Family is Rod-erick Sweezy family, Honored Elder TBA and ADs Cody Walker and Brody Walker.

Oklahoma City Community Easter Drive-Thru Event

5 p.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday March 28 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 4001 NW 39th Street in Oklahoma City. Hot to go means will be provided while supplies last. For more information call 405-422-7734.

Beats and Blessings presented by Tribal Opioid Response Project

5 p.m. - 8 p.m. March 28 at the Concho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gymnasium in Concho, Okla. Guest speaker Brian Frejo. For more information call 405-766-9742.

Birthday Dance for Haley Marie Panana

Saturday, April 13 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Dinner at 5 p.m. with dance to fol- low. Haley is the daughter of Dyrone Panana and lea Panana of Weatherford, Okla.

Head Staff: MC Eugene Blackbear Sr., HS Kendall Kau- ley, HMD Moses Starr, HLD Winona Youngbird, HLBD TouchCloud Watan, HLGD Genevieve Goodblanket, Hon- ored Veteran Kinsley Heap of Birds, Host Red Moon Gourd Clan and AD Cody Zimmer.

Buffalo Runners Gourd Dance Fundrais- er

2 p.m. Sunday, April 14 at the Geary Emergency Response Center in Geary, Okla. All proceeds will go to assist Buffalo Runners basketball team with food, drinks, travel and tourna- ment fees. Arts and crafts vendors welcome. For more infor- mation contact Skyler Reyes at 580-819-2745.

Head Staff: MC Alan Fletcher, HS Al Santo, HMD Duane Harris, HLD Nelsie Kaudlekaule and HLBD Tahlo Gray.

Graduation Dance for Juliana Farias “Night Killer” - Class of 2024 Clinton High School

April 27 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., supper at 5 p.m. with program to follow. Juliana’s parents are Mary Rios and Noel Farias. Her grandparents are Tony and Tammy Rios, great-grandparents are the late Mary Seger, Manuel and Bet- ty Rios and great-great granddaughter of the late Arthur and Bessie Seger.

Head Staff: MC Burl Buffalomeat, HS Billy Youngbird, HMD David Strong, HLD Sophis Big Goose, HLGD Ge- nievie Goodblanket, HLBD Julian Mark Harvie, AD Joshua Farias, Honored Chief Roy Dean Bull Coming, Honored Veter- an Norene Starr, U.S. Army, special invited guest Cheyenne District 3 Legislator Tommy Trout.

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Linden Royce Blackwolf

Linden Royce “Dim” Blackwolf was born June 28, 1959, in Clinton, Okla., to Tommy and Lena (Smoker) Blackwolf. He departed this life on March 4, 2024, in El Reno, Okla., after a lengthy illness.

Linden was raised in Canton, Okla., and graduated with the class of 1977. He was a good athlete and enjoyed fishing, hunting and camping in the mountains. After graduation Linden moved north to Wyoming where he worked as a firefighter for the Shoshone Tribe for 33 years before retiring. He eventually moved

back to Oklahoma and resided in El Reno. His family enjoyed the fascinating stories he told from his experiences fighting fires in the Wyoming wilderness.

Linden was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and three sisters.

He is survived by two daughters, Susie Fanman and Sequoia Blindman, two sons, Sterling Blindman and Shilo Blindman, one sister Lisa Brown of El Reno, one brother Wally Oldman of Riverton, Wyo., and other extended family and friends.

Wake services were held March 8 at the Canton Emer-



gency Response Center in Canton, Okla. Funeral services were held March 9, at the same venue, officiated by Rev. Waylan Upchego, followed by an interment at the Canton City Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Homes.

Jose Perez

Jose “Joe” Perez died Feb. 26, 2024, at the Oklahoma Veterans Center in Clinton, Okla. Joe was born April 12, 1947, in Eagle Pass, Texas to Remijio and Aurelia Perez. He was a longtime resident of El Reno, Okla., and a regular patron at the local casino.

Perez served in the U.S. Army as a combat veteran in the Vietnam War. He worked for the City of El Reno for many years and in various departments, but best known for reading water meters.

Joe is survived by two daughters, Lena Marquez and Bernadette Perkins, both

of El Reno, and a son Anthony Braxton of Moore, Okla. Siblings, Israel Perez and Eva Gonzalez, both of Topeka, Kansas, Jesus Perez of El Reno, and Dora Valderas of Yukon, Okla., grandchildren, Kristopher Perez, Nicholas Perez, Kristen Tisdale, Ocee-anna Perez, Jesse Marquez III, Johnnie Joe Perkins, Joshua Perkins, Dallas and Marie Howell, and Aaron Heartfield.

He was preceded in death by parents, Remijio and Aurelia Rodriguez Perez, wife Helen M. Perez; son Jose (Pepe) Perez Jr., siblings, John Perez, Ancelmo Perez, Fermin Perez, Gloria Ortiz,



Mary Henderson and companion Donna Jean Rush. Respecting his wishes, services will be private. Arrangements are under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.

Francis Keith Hamilton

Francis Keith Hamilton, Jr was born in Albuquerque, N.M., on Nov. 20, 1973 to Dena Coffey Tsatigh and Francis Keith Hamilton Sr. Keith, as many knew him as, mostly grew up in El Reno, Okla., but stayed part of his life with his uncle Dale Hamilton Sr. He passed away on Feb. 28, 2024 in El Reno, Okla.

At a young age of 19 is when he first became a father. His son Keanu (30), Keifer (30), Kobe (22), Marissa (20), Dorian (19), Kyle (18), Kyra (18), Clara, Anze, Keegan, Deneeta, Kraegan, Eroya and Klayton. Of those 14 children, he has three grandchildren, Kenai, Maliq and Mariella.

Keith has 11 siblings, LaForce Hamilton, Carrie Sue Hamilton, Scott Tsatigh, Fawn Tsatigh, David Tsatigh De La Cruz, Leah Hamilton, Will Hamilton, Gracie

Hamilton, Justin Hamilton and their baby sister, Desiree Hamilton. Keith also had numerous nephews and nieces whom he loved as his own. During his life, he met so many amazing people and made them his family. One thing about Keith is if he introduced you to anyone, you were introduced as his brother or sister. He loved to just talk and laugh all day and he loved making people laugh, even through hard times, he always managed to bring a smile to people’s faces.

Keith was the best dad to his kids. Somehow, somehow, he always made his way to them. If he could, he’d make the world stop for his kids. He had the biggest heart for everyone in his life.

He is preceded in death by his mother Dena Tsatigh, his other dad Melvin Tsatigh, sisters, Carrie Sue Hamilton and Fawn Tsatigh and broth-



er Scott Tsatigh, and his son Kraegan Hamilton. Keith is survived by his 13 children, his dad Francis Keith Hamilton Sr., stepmother Lydia Hamilton and eight siblings.

A traditional all-night wake service was held March 5 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held March 6, at the same venue, with Pastor Waylan Upchego officiating, followed by an interment at the Cantonment Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.

Robert Kenneth Wilson

Robert Kenneth Wilson Sr. of El Reno died Feb. 28, 2024, at Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon, Okla.

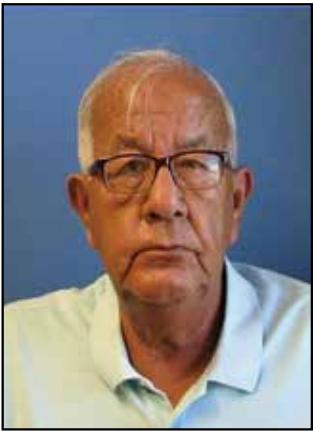
Robert was born in Clinton, Okla., on Oct. 12, 1945, to Woodrow and Mary (Blackwolf) Wilson. He worked in various departments for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes including land management and was a member of the Cheyenne Kit Fox Society.

On Aug. 17, 1969, Robert and Yvonne S. Pedro were married in Thomas, Okla. Yvonne preceded Robert in death in 2018. He was also preceded in death by his par-

ents, brother William “Billy” Wilson and sister Carol Wilson.

Robert is survived by two sons, Woodrow Wilson II and wife Julie, of El Reno and Robert Wilson Jr., also of El Reno, daughter Sunny Wilson of Oklahoma City, brother Eddie Wilson of Norman, Okla., two sisters, Linda Beartrack of Kingfisher, Okla., and Janice Wilson of Thomas, Okla., 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren with another one on the way.

Wake services were held March 3 at the Huber Benson Funeral Chapel in El Reno,



Okla. Funeral services were held March 4 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla., followed by an interment at the Concho Cemetery under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.

William Dean Rednose

William Dean Rednose was born Feb. 14, 1957, in Kingfisher, Okla., to Griffin Anthony Rednose and Elvena Newakis Starr.

He did labor on landscaping for a living. He married Leslie Rednose and they were married until her passing. They had a baby girl that passed at birth, Summer Dawn Rednose. Years later he married Daisy Bushy, and were married up until her passing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter Summer Dawn Rednose, his nephew Christopher Dean Campbell and wife Daisy Rednose.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Anthony Roy Starr of Oklahoma City, Myra Lynn Campbell of El

Reno, Okla., Edwina Kay Campbell of El Reno, Douglas Hanford Campbell and wife both of El Reno, Deborah Yvonne Campbell of San Diego Calif., Sheri Dawn Rednose of El Reno, Gloria Jean Brown of Durant, Okla., and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

He spent his last days with his sister Sheri Rednose, at his home in El Reno. He was a loving son, brother, husband, uncle, grandfather, and friend. He was loved by many people. He loved listening to the oldies and going to the casino. He loved fishing and hand fishing, watching wrestling, Friday Night SmackDown, and old westerns, hanging out with his brothers and sisters, and barbecuing.



A traditional all night wake service was held March 7 at the Kingfisher Emergency Response Center in Kingfisher, Okla. Funeral services were held March 8, at the same venue, followed by an interment at the Kingfisher City Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Service.

Octavius Emory Kaulaity Sitting Bull

Octavius Emory Kaulaity Sitting Bull was born in Los Angeles, Calif., on Feb. 8, 2024. He died at Children’s Hospital in Hollywood on Feb. 21, 2024.

Octavius is survived by his mother Feather De-Ahna Nadine Kaulaity, father Frederick Roy Sitting Bull Jr; siblings, Javian Elias Kaulaity, Natalina Dulce Kaulaity, Bryanna Macy-Lynn Kaulaity, Joe Kaulaity Blackwolf,

and Puma Rayden Kaulaity, and grandparents, Janice Marie Logan, Joyce Black, and Frederick Roy Sitting Bull Sr.

An all-night traditional wake service was held March 6 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Graveside services were held March 7 at the Concho Cemetery under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.



Wesley Dean Meeks

Wesley Dean Meeks passed away March 8, 2024 at the age of 69 years. He was born on Dec. 20, 1954, in Clinton, Okla.

Wesley started out in life as a son. He became a brother, nephew, cousin and uncle. Later on in his journey of life he had the opportunity to be seen as a father. He became a grandfather to many, a role he cherished. He was a friend to the many that came into his life. He enjoyed fishing all through his life. He worked many jobs, he was a newspaper delivery when he was 12 years old and moved on to become a truck driver, a job he loved.

His parents were Thelma L. and Daniel R. Haag

Sr. He had six brothers and four sisters. His brothers are Calvin E., Harry A., Daniel Jr., Andrew F., Bryan J., and Rory S. His sisters are Wilma M., Oneida L., Edwina and Clarice F. His children are Coleen E., Lesley A., Matthew W., Rosie and Roxie and Andria.

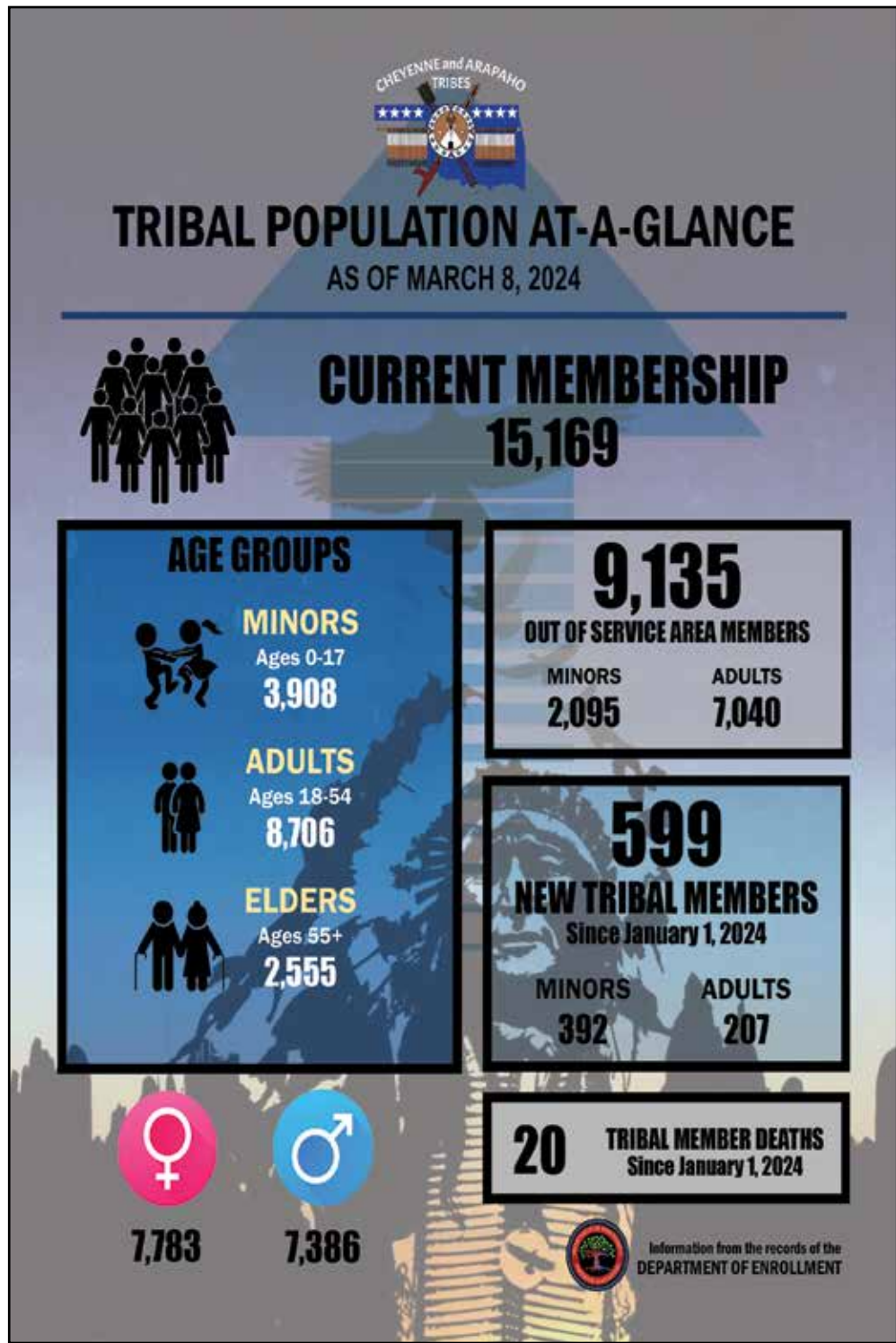
He also is survived by two grandsons in his sister’s home, Oneida’s home, Skye Manuel Falls and Bradley Hotshot Meeks and many nieces and nephews.

In life he accepted everything. You became his brother or his sister. He walked with you in spirit and with love. He never forgot you and he always looked for you and waited. Most of all



he prayed for you. All of you and loved you up until his death on March 8, 2024.

Wake services were held March 12 at the Shawnee First Indian Baptist Church in Shawnee, Okla. Funeral services were held March 13, at the same venue, under the direction of Brown’s Family Funeral Service.





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