

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes TOR Project hosts Beats and Blessings: Recovery is Possible

Latoya Lonelodge
Senior Reporter

Recovery through the beating sound of the drum as a form of healing, with music and prayer interwoven, uplifts the spirits of many who are on their journey to recovery. Making beats and lifting the evening up in prayer with blessings, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) Project hosted Beats and Blessings in conjunction with Culture Shock Camp founder Brian Frejo. Frejo, a nationally known motivational speaker, was one of the main attractions at the event March 28 at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Gym in Concho, Okla. Various programs lined the gym with informational booths while community members and tribal citizens partook in the evening’s entertainment that included traditional drum songs, a jingle dress



performance and live music performed by Brian Frejo, Marcus “Quese IMC” Frejo and Olivia Komahcheet. Darien Chebahtah, TOR project director said the event was all about connecting through culture after substance use and how it impacts lives. “This is about the recovery adventure and how music and culture all play a part into our lives of healing,” Chebahtah said. In collaborating with Brian Frejo for the event,

the focus was to get people engaged in recovery and finding that connection that they may have been missing out on. “I feel like substance use is talked about a lot but the recovery side isn’t talked out enough and so we just want to bring the light to our people to show that recovery is possible no matter where you come from, who you are, your background, anything, just know that healthy healing life is available for anybody that comes,” Chebahtah said. Brian Frejo, who also owns a consultation working with substance use and addiction recovery programs called Created 4 Greatness said he wanted to create something for the community post Covid-19 when everything changed.

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Next Level Hoops: Cheyenne and Arapaho Youth Commit to Seminole State College Women’s Basketball

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

Bidding farewell after an undefeated 28-0 season full of breaking records and making history, Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Nazhoni Sleeper and Pauline Black-Harmon signed their letter of intent to play at Seminole State College in Seminole, Okla. As part of the El Reno High School girls’ basketball team, the duo will continue playing the sport they both grew up playing together at the next level. Surrounded by teammates, family and supporters inside of the Jenks Simmons Field House in El Reno, Okla., Sleeper and Black-Harmon committed to Seminole State College on April 3. With a swift glide of a pen, smiling grins could be seen on the girl’s faces as they acknowledged the moment and what they look forward to next in their journey. Playing basketball at the next level. Rita Story-Schell, Seminole State College women’s basketball coach said she’s recruited several players in the past from her ongoing relationship with El Reno girls’ basketball coach Jennifer Douglas. “I just appreciate her hard work, the dedication she has with her athletes, so we were recruiting for this year last summer and she said you need to come look at my seniors and she mentioned Nazhoni and Pauline, I said hey I’m all in,” Story-Schell said. Story-Schell said she met Sleeper and Black-Harmon back in October, where they exchanged numbers and had continuous conversations about what Seminole State College was all about. “Then we had them on campus, offered them everything that we had scholarship wise and by the grace of God they chose Seminole State College and we’re very blessed with that decision,” Story-Schell said.



Above: Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Pauline Black-Harmon and Nazhoni Sleeper sign their letters of intent to play basketball at Seminole State College while their families look on. Right: Pauline Black-Harmon and Nazhoni Sleeper pose for a photo with Seminole State College Coach Rita Story-Schell, El Reno Coach Jennifer Douglas and El Reno Coach Prince Ezeala. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)



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Tribal citizen takes on leadership role at Enid Community Correctional Center

By Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

(ENID, OK) Beating barriers and taking on the initiative to lead, Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Kyla Canchola found her true calling helping inmates through her career with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections. Canchola is the facility administrator of Enid Community Correctional Center, a community institution that is part of the department of corrections and houses 98 male offenders.

Born and raised most of her life in Enid, Okla., Canchola graduated Enid High School in 2003, she attended Northern Oklahoma College and obtained an associates degree in science and then continued her education at Northwest Oklahoma State University where she received her bachelor's in psychology.

Canchola has been working for the department of corrections since 2015 and has been in the facility administrator role for over a year. As facility administrator, Canchola takes on the duties of a prison warden and in her own words is "kind of like the principal over the prison."

"I make decisions associated to help benefit not only with budget, with case management, with programs, food service, maintenance, security, I determine and make those hard choices on what's best for my facility," Canchola said.

What led her to her career in the department of corrections first began with Canchola taking a keen interest in psychology. Canchola said she's always been fascinated with the way the mind works and

how people make choices.

"I love how everybody makes choices, I just love that thought process so what got my attention with the department of corrections, I was pursuing a field in psychology," Canchola said.

Originally, Canchola was thinking about a career in counseling and took a criminal justice class, which is where Canchola was introduced to the criminal side when her class took a tour inside James Crabtree Correctional Facility in Helena, Okla.

"We toured, we got to see the teacher interact with the offenders, a couple of offenders talked with us about their stay, their choices, how they're reexamining their life, different things like that and it kind of sparked my interest like, 'wow, psychology and people making choices,'" Canchola said.

Having to work her way up from various career choices, Canchola has been beating barriers almost all her life. Canchola was a teen mom at the age of 16 and after persevering her way through college, she said she was tired with school after completing her bachelors. She then took employment at her son's school as a kindergarten teacher for a year.

Searching for her true calling in what career she wanted to pursue, Canchola thought during that time of working in the school of working with children in the psychology field or juvenile counseling.

"I was emergency certified because they were short on teachers, so I did that for about a year,

during that time I was curious, possibly looking at juvenile, kind of working with children in the psychology field, counseling, different things like that," Canchola said.

It was during her time as teacher that a fellow co-worker shared information with Canchola about possibly becoming a probation and parole officer. When Canchola checked into the possibility of switching careers, she did not realize all that was involved in becoming a probation and parole officer.

"You attend the 16-week academy class, you have all this training, you get to LSI assessments, different things like that so I was like you know what this might be pretty cool, so I applied for the job here in Garfield county and I was accepted," Canchola said.

Canchola went to the CLEET training for 16 weeks and graduated and received her peace officer's certification.

"I was certified as a peace officer through the state of Oklahoma and then I started my career as a probation and parole officer," Canchola said.

Being from the Enid community, Canchola said Enid is a good community to come to when someone wants a fresh start.

"We don't judge here, we're really felon friendly we have a lot of manufacturing employers that will hire you based off your work ethic, they give you that chance," Canchola said.

While Canchola networked and made connections throughout her time in the department of cor-

rections, it was when Canchola's team supervisor had transferred over to the incarceration side that her career path took a turn.

"Being a probation officer, you don't get a lot of experience on the incarceration side and so when he came over here it kind of got my attention, he kept hinting hey we have a position open you should try it, come try the incarceration side, at the time I thought my true calling was out here in the community," Canchola said.

But then Canchola said she started noticing people getting released from prison and saw the struggles that released inmates faced firsthand.

"I can never relate, that's one thing I can never admit to is what you've gone through, but we can work through it and identify some certain areas where you make quick choices and reexamine some things to kind of get you on the right foot," Canchola said.

Canchola saw her true calling for the incarceration side and so she applied for the job in 2020 and became the case manager supervisor for Enid Community Correctional Center, one of the smallest community corrections in the state of Oklahoma.

"After I did case manager supervisor for two years, my facility administrator at the time transferred to another prison and this spot came open as a facility administrator and I said you know what, let me take that chance and apply for this position," Canchola said.

Canchola said the facility hasn't had a female administrator for the last 15-



Cheyenne and Arapaho citizen Kyla Canchola is the facility administrator for the Enid Community Correctional Center. (Photo provided by Kyla Canchola)

20 years as it's been mainly a male-ran prison in Enid.

"I thought I'm going to give it a try and I applied, it really took a lot for me to take that chance because the department of corrections, a lot of people think it's kind of like a men's world, we actually have quite a few wardens and administrators and deputy wardens that are actually female," Canchola said.

According to the Federal Bureau of Prisons website statistics, 28.8% of women make up the prison staff in prisons alongside the 71.2% that are male.

Encouraging Canchola and pulling her away from the probation and parole officer side of corrections, John Masquelier, Deputy Warden at James Crabtree Correctional Center de-

scribes Canchola as sharp.

"She knows how to look things up, she knows how to solve a problem, she's compassionate, she shows empathy she knows how to deal with an issue on both sides while maintaining a budget and maintaining a facility, doing all those little things that keep it running and kind of making all the parts work," Masquelier said.

In the department of corrections, Masquelier said there are a lot of different parts that make a facility work.

"You have to make it all run together and Kyla has been pretty good at doing that ... She's an up and comer, she's learned a lot, she's still young in her

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Cheyenne, Arapaho artists featured in Oklahoma History Center exhibit

By Kimberly Burk, Tribal Tribune Correspondent

(OKLAHOMA CITY) Cheyenne and Arapaho artists are well-represented in “Into the Mirror,” which opened March 30 at the Oklahoma History Center. The exhibit features 20 Native artists whose works are part of the museum’s permanent collection.

The earliest work in the exhibit was created by the Cheyenne artist Buffalo Meat in 1878 while imprisoned at Fort Marion in Florida, and a colorful acrylic on canvas painted in 2012 by Cheyenne and Arapaho artist Brent Learned represents the work of contemporary artists.

Also in the show are Arapaho Carl Sweezy watercolors from the 1940s and 1950s, and a 1950 tempera on paper painting by Archie Blackowl, who was Cheyenne.

During an opening lecture and reception for members of the Oklahoma Historical Society, Oklahoma History Center Museum Director Leon Natker said it is appropriate for historical museums to collect and exhibit art, especially ancient art, “because it tells us what they saw and how they saw it. And what art can also tell us is what they were thinking.”

How Indians are represented has been controversial from the beginning, Natker said.

“What I looked at with this exhibit is how Native American artists represent other Native Americans.”

Natker said he chose works that depict people rather than landscapes, and especially was interested in facial expressions.

“You really have to get up close to the paintings,” Natker said. “Look at how small the detail is. Look at their faces, their smiles.”

Many of the pieces in the show are delicate and must be stored in the dark, Natker



An acrylic on canvas painting by Brent Learned, titled “Elder,” is of Arapaho Chief Scabby Bull and was inspired by a photograph of the peace chief. The painting is one of the more contemporary pieces in the exhibit. (Photo provided by Oklahoma History Center)

said, especially those done on ledger paper. He said they were placed behind glass for the exhibit.

“Some of the pieces have not been out for decades,” Natker said.

The painting by Learned, titled “Elder,” is of Arapaho Chief Scabby Bull and was inspired by a photograph of the peace chief, who lived in the mid-to-late 1800s.

“He was one of my relatives who raised my great-grandmother,” Learned said.

“I’m Cheyenne-Arapaho, and I paint stories and historical figures from my tribe, to bring them more up to date in the art world. I’m not only an artist but I’m also an historian.”

Learned, who studied art at the University of Kansas, said his family owned an Archie Blackowl original when he was growing up. He said he started painting when he was a teenager and was in-

fluenced by Blackowl and by Carl Sweezy, author of the memoir, “The Arapaho Way.”

“Carl Sweezy, he’s like my Michelangelo,” Learned said.

The painting by Blackowl, who lived from 1911-1992, is entitled “Portrait of an American Indian Man with Headdress.”

Sweezy, who lived from 1881 to 1953, is represented in the exhibit with the watercolors “Indian Priest,” “Chief” and “Indians Fighting White Men.”

One of the three pieces by Buffalo Meat, who lived from 1847 to 1917, is entitled “Self-Portrait with Horse or In My Sunday Best.” Natker said the drawing is especially important because the artist diverged from the typical profile view and “deconstructed the horse and turned it to face the front.”

“Buffalo Meat is a tran-

sitional artist, there’s no two ways about it,” Natker said.

The art created at Fort Marion is done in red, blue, yellow, brown and black pencil because those were the colors of the bookkeeping pencils provided to the captives along with ledger pages and other paper, Natker said.

Natker said Buffalo Meat became a principal chief, then a Baptist minister after his release.

“He helped his tribe transition into the modern world,” Natker said.

Other Oklahoma artists featured in the exhibit include Sharon Ahtone-Harjo, Kiowa; bead artists Vicky Watson and her daughter Jennifer Saenz, Cherokee; Woodrow Wilson Crumbo, Citizen Potawatomi; Enoch Kelly Haney, Seminole/Muscogee; and Jerome Tiger, Muscogee/Seminole.

The exhibit will run through Jan. 30, 2025.

Watonga resident hailed a hero after thwarting robbery



Delbert Hail, a citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes helps to stop a would be robbery at the Love’s Country Store in Watonga, Okla., March 23. (Courtesy photo)

(WATONGA, OK) On Saturday March 23 there was an attempted robbery at the Watonga Love’s Country Store in Watonga, Okla.

Love’s General Manager Lisa Dollar said at 8:39 p.m. a male dressed from head to toe in black clothing entered the store and immediately shoved a pistol at the store clerk. The clerk, Cantrell Easley, was checking out a customer at the time.

He said he tried to dissuade the would-be thief, telling him he really didn’t want to commit the crime.

The customer, Delbert Hail, seconded the idea and told the suspect it wasn’t too late to walk away. At that point the men said the suspect turned his gun towards Hail.

“I mean he (Hail) was trying to talk him down and he pointed the gun at him,” Easley said.

Hail never hesitated, shoving the gunman out the door. In the scuffle Hail was struck in the mouth with the suspect’s weapon, making a small cut.

“I wasn’t thinking,” Hail said when asked what was going through his mind when he tackled the man. “I just reacted.”

The suspect ran off towards the west. Both Hail and Easley said they looked around to no avail, and the police were there within minutes searching with a police dog, with no results.

On Monday, March 25, the Watonga police were looking at store video tapes and collecting surveillance

tapes from other businesses nearby, in hopes of identifying the suspect.

Neither Hail nor the store clerk Easley noticed any identifying characteristics, nor could they identify the race of the suspect due to the suspect wearing gloves, hoodie and a covering over his face. They were able to determine his height to be approximately 5’8” or 5’9”.

Watonga Police Chief Beth Massey could say very little about the ongoing investigation.

“We are reviewing the store video and we are asking anyone in the area who has video footage to contact the police department and let us know,” she said.

Easley is a longtime employee of the Love’s Country Store in Watonga and has been robbed once before in 2016 when the store operated 24 hours a day. He had some advice for the would-be robber.

“Everybody needs money. You need money, get a job. Every place is hiring. Fill out the application, go to work and get paid ... then you’ll have money.”

Although Hail doesn’t like to be referred to as a hero, in this scenario he certainly filled the shoes of a hero.

Anyone with information about this attempted robbery is asked to contact the Watonga Police Department at 580-623-7355

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Marcus “Quese IMC” Frejo gets the audience on their feet as he performs hip-hop lyrics. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

Brian said he wanted to bring a positive message and with culture, as culture brings good medicine to the communities.

“Communities have gone through a lot with Covid with loss, addiction and just the struggles that we see in our native communities on the reservation and in urban, so it just kind of came to me in a vision, a dream it’s something that I wanted to do,” Brian said.

Combining music, songs and dancing, Brian said there’s healing in movement.

“This is kind of what came to my mind is bringing the culture, bringing a positive message and it was more about expression, our people have a lot of talent so I knew it had to be songs, had to be music, dancing and

what I saw is there’s healing in movement, and so it was healing the mind, body and spirit and community through movement,” Brian said.

Partaking in Beats and Blessings, Olivia Komahcheet, from the Comanche Nation and Otoe-Missouria Tribe, is a musician, composer and music producer from Lawton, Okla. Komahcheet’s live performance had the audience engaged with her unique indie-electronic sounds and beats.

“I intertwine preproduced beats with live looping, live performance ... I intertwined a lot of samples from community, nature sounds or my grandpa and grandma talking, leaving voicemails, anything that connects me back to why I do music and

why it is such a good outlet for me,” Komahcheet said.

Komahcheet said having gatherings such as Beats and Blessings is helpful for youth and for the community as it is vital with everyone going through changes and trying to understand what’s going on in the world.

“Being able to reconnect with our ancestors and our family and understand that creator provides so much for us that a lot of times for us to see that, it’s something so simple as just bringing community together so I’m happy that everyone incorporated this event and brought us here to make it happen, it was really nice,” Komahcheet said.

Marcus Frejo, Pawnee and Seminole native is a hip-hop artist and producer.

Nearing the end of the event, Marcus brought energetic beats through his hip-hop lyrics that he shared with the audience.

Through his songs, Marcus said he hopes to have encouraged someone and “maybe give them a boost of that good energy.”

“To have that belief and hope for their future, for their lives and just striving to have a good life the rest of this journey that they’re on, just glad to be here among the Cheyenne and Arapaho land,” Marcus said.

Marcus said to him personally, beats and blessings can be compared to the sound of the drum and the heartbeat of mother earth.

“That drum represents the grandfather, so it’s the grandmother and grandfather together creating that balance here from the start, people to the earth, in all creation there has to be a balance and that balance is in that music, that balance is in that art form and that balance creates a future of hope, of life and to keep striving forward,” Marcus said.

And the blessings, Marcus said is whenever someone moves forward in a good way, balance is what they will get. “You’ll get that blessing, you’ll get an understanding, an insight of who you are as a person and where creator and ancestors want you to be for that path has been paved for you as they walked it before and as you walk, you walk to the sound of that drum, each



Marcus Frejo and Brian Frejo perform a drum song for the Beats and Blessings event.

step is a step forward in your healing and that’s a good thing,” Marcus said.

Touring to different communities with Beats and Blessings, Brian said Oklahoma is just the beginning of it and the event will be geared towards everyone, native and non-native alike.

“Our communities are diverse now, our people are mixed with all different backgrounds and so we’re including everybody, this is inclusive of everyone because a lot of our families have those intertribal dynamics and so I want to recognize that and acknowledge that and this is one way of doing it,” Brian said.

Johnson O’Malley Program Honor Club

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Johnson O’Malley Program has an Honor Club Program that awards enrolled Cheyenne and Arapaho students in grades 2nd-12th grade every Semester. Parents must complete an Honor Club Application; submit a report card that shows 1st or 2nd semester grades for current school year, and a copy of the child’s tribal membership. The Tribes Honor Club has set deadline dates for submission to receive an incentive for first Semester is Feb. 28, and second Semester is June 26 each school year. All students receive a Visa card, JOM sweatshirt/hoodie, or t-shirt, and a JOM certificate. The JOM Honor Club application is on the Tribes website under Department of Education/Johnson O’Malley. We want to thank all the students who applied for the first Semester awards, and want to say, “Keep up the Good Work in School and Congratulations, Job Well Done.”

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All A’s-

Broken Arrow- Kayliana Correa, Briarwood Elem, OKC-Jasmine Tippeconnic, Canton-Sariah Vargas, Clinton-Madicyn Whiteskunk, Marley Gamboa, Aliah Adair, Coweta-Isabela Becerra,Darlington-Alaniyi Rednose, LC Jenkins, Khloe Knossah, Deion Hayes, Aizleigh Nguyen, Marc Richardson, Alex Halfred, Joyce LaPierre, Michelle Hoffman, ReyNoah Escobedo, Patricia Escobedo, Antonio Serrano, Macen Moore, Caitlyn Mendez, Durrant-Kali De La Garza, El Reno-Brett Blackowl, Isaac Scraper, Issac Mixon, C’Allah Griffin, Aizen Etcitty, Serenity Jones, Margo Levi,



Honor Club Students from Darlington Public School are pictured l-r: Adriana Halfred, Michelle Hoffman, Alex Halfred and Selena Hoffman. (Submitted photo)

Epic-Makaela Zeno, Mia Zeno, Geary-Paris Littlebird, Zayden Bellymule, Harding Fine Arts, OKC- Makayla Rivas, Hammon-Tanner Ray, Kingston- Lena Warden, Merritt-Autumn Barber, Mustang-Nayeli Coppock, Alik Serrano, Miguel Serrano III, Antonio Serrano, Paris Harjo, Riverside Indian School-Leia Parton, Seiling- Cameron LittleCoyote, Cayden LittleCoyote, Isabella Bates Peyton Bullcoming, Wesley Redhat, Lane Paris

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der Meyer, Seiling- Sydnee Carter, Kassiddi Hartfield, Delaney Hartfield, Charles Washington, Ameila Russell, Sulphur- Aniyah, Maul, Thomas- Tanner Blackbear, Watonga- Makenzie Thunderbull, Weatherford- Camden Guerrero, Emme Guerrero, Woodward- Dax Roberts, Yukon- Madilyn Reiner, Alexia Heredia

Perfect Attendance- Coweta- Edilan Gonzalez, Darlington- Aizleigh Nguyen, Leo Willis, Marc Richardson, Liberty Morton-Hatten, Serena Morton, Macen Moore, D’Michael Elledge, El Reno- Issac Mixon, C’Allah Griffin, Kaydien Saucedo, Evelyn Saucedo, EPIC- Makaela Zeno, Mia Zeno, Geary- Caroline Sharp, Harold ISD, TX- Graydon Hunt, Adelyn Hunt, Ringwood- Xander Meyer, Sulphur-Aniyah Maul, Mustang- Lendi Coppock, Alik Serrano, Miguel Serrano III, Antonio Serrano, Myshell Serrano, Watonga- Mackenzie Thunderbull.

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With both teammates playing vital parts for El Reno, Sleeper was a starting point guard and Black-Harmon a starting forward, Story-Schell said when she seen the duo play, she liked the way they run the ball.

“They shoot, they don’t get nervous, they don’t get too excited, they are just solid players, they see each other on the court more than any team that I’ve ever seen in the last five years, I just like their fluidness and how smooth they make it look when it’s not a really easy game,” Story-Schell said.

As Sleeper and Black-Harmon prepare to play at the college level, El Reno High School girls basketball coach Jennifer Douglas said it’s going to be hard parting ways with the two athletes.

“They are definitely program changers,” Douglas said as Black-Harmon has started for the last four years and has a mass 1,100 points and 779 rebounds. Black-Harmon also broke the El Reno High School career rebounding record in her senior year.

Sleeper had 476 total points and was a starter for the last two years, she had an assist to turnover ratio of 2.43 with a recorded 158 total assists.

“They definitely have done a lot for our program, not to mention winning a state title for the first time in El Reno history, so they’re pretty special,” Douglas said.

In parting ways, Douglas



Cheyenne and Arapaho Productions feature the El Reno High School Basketball Champions senior team members and El Reno High School Coach Jennifer Douglas as their guest on a recent podcast. The podcast was narrated by Carrie Whitlow, executive director of the Dept. of Education. (Photo / Darren Brown)

said it’ll be especially hard because of the personal relationship she’s built with both athletes over the past four years.

“Having them the last four years and getting to know them on the court and then getting to know them off the court, so it’s definitely hard for me, as a person, as a coach to lose somebody that you’ve developed such a strong relationship with,” Douglas said.

With the duo playing vital parts in the program, Douglas said that’s half of their points for the season.

“Nazhoni ran the show and Pauline did anything and everything that we could possibly ask to be successful and so they’re definitely going to be missed and I’m excited for them to move on and fly and be successful and represent us really well,” Douglas said.

Apart from making history as state champions for El Reno 5A girls’ basketball, Douglas said coaching the team overall has been very special. Over 80% of the El Reno High School girls’

basketball team consists of Cheyenne and Arapaho youth.

“Native young women have the opportunity and the chance and a fair shot to be successful here and so it’s cool to be able to see them flourish and actually work for something and actually show everybody that they’re just as good as anybody else and so it’s a beautiful thing to be able to see it,” Douglas said.

Douglas said when she came to El Reno eight years

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career but she has a lot of promise,” Masquelier said.

Having begun the role as facility administrator since March 2023, Canchola said it’s been a learning experience and she learns something new every day. She has learned to be open minded and that communication is important.

“Not only do I have my population to worry about, I also have my employees which, a lot of people say ‘oh there’s the boss,’ and I’m like no I’m not the boss, I’m the leader, it takes a team, that’s what I’m really big on is it takes a team to run this place and I cannot do it myself,” Canchola said.

Along with being open minded and having communication, Canchola said it’s important to learn that if she makes a choice and it doesn’t work out, not to beat herself up over it.

“Learning that I’m not the first person to deal with this, that someone else has might have a similar experience and can give me some input, just being confident in myself and a lot of self-improvement, like with a lot of trainings, different things like that and just constantly investing in myself is really what I’ve been doing right now,” Canchola said.

In facilitating a small community prison, Canchola said her facility houses a few Cheyenne and Arapaho inmates and she’s happy to promote the tribe’s services that are available. Canchola said she has tribal inmates that

are participating in learning trades that will prepare them for the work release program, where they will be able to get a career in an area that will help benefit inmates upon release.

Having a Native American background, Canchola said when she learns of any inmate with a tribal affiliation, she advises them on the services that may be available for re-entry.

“We start looking at where they’re going to relocate, if the tribe in the area or where they’re from has any services for re-entry, if that’s not the case we look at DOC programs and trade, work release, different things like that,” Canchola said.

As for her future in the department of corrections, Canchola said the sky is the limit as she wants to continue her career in corrections.

“They will invest in you as long as you invest in them and so I’m continuing to move up,” Canchola said.

Canchola said she would like to possibility go to Oklahoma City and try out a bigger facility.

“I need a lot more experience though, this is my first year and I’m the first to admit I still have a lot of learning to do, but continue with the department of corrections and taking advantage of every opportunity I can here and this department supports me with any choice I make, so it’s a great place to work,” Canchola said.

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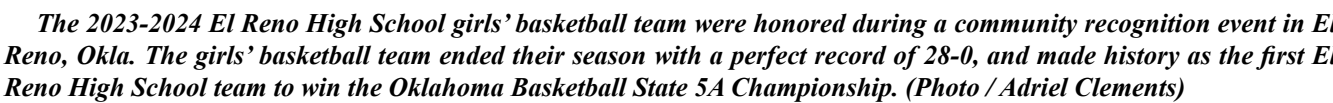
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"I really love the coach, she just brought us in and welcomed us in like we were always a part of her team and I think she has a great program and it's a great school and it's a

Winning the state championship alongside other fellow Cheyenne and Arapaho youth was also history in the making for Sleeper. She said it was heartwarming for everyone to see and she feels blessed to have been able to play with her teammates.

And playing at the next level, Black-Harmon looks forward to learning and

A community celebration followed the signing event the next day paying tribute to the girls' basketball team, coaches, and giving thanks to the community for their support.

Oklahoma Missing Persons Day 2024

WHEN: Saturday, April 27nd, 2024 10:00am – 3:00pm
WHERE: University of Central Oklahoma Forensic Science Institute, 801 East 2nd Street, Edmond, Oklahoma

All families and friends of Missing Persons are encouraged to attend anytime between 10am-3pm to initiate missing person reports, provide additional investigative leads, enter or review the missing person information in NamUs, and submit family reference DNA. All resources are available at NO COST to families.

Families may bring photographs, dental and medical records, and any other pertinent information about the missing person.

A graphic of the state of Oklahoma, outlined in blue. In the center of the state is the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma. The seal features a shield with a cross, a wreath, and a banner. The shield is yellow with a red cross. The wreath is green and red. The banner is red with white text. The shield is surrounded by a blue border. The entire graphic is set against a white background.

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Happy Birthday



Happy Birthday to Delbert Hail aka dad, gpa, great-gpa, uncle, nephew, and brother to many
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Happy Anniversary

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April 26, 2015



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE WILL BE
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In an effort to protect one of our most valuable resources, the Tribes’ land, the Department of Justice will be increasing their enforcement of the Law and Order Code’s Section 407.

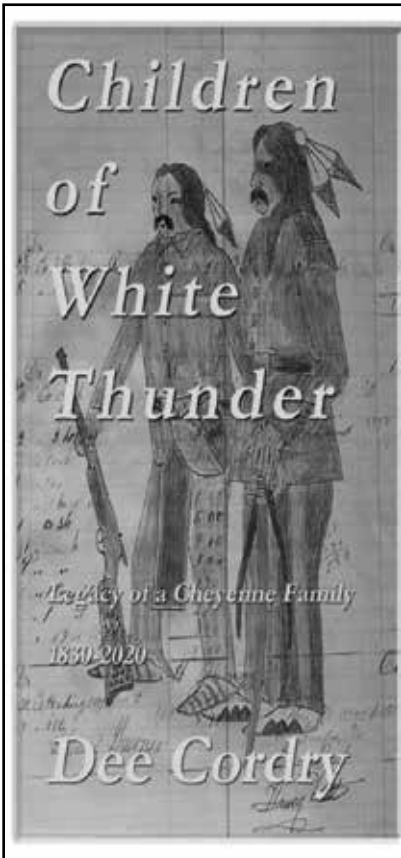
Section 407 makes it **illegal to deliberately discard any garbage, trash, waste, or debris on any tribal public property** or on any tribal private property of another within Tribal jurisdiction without consent of the property owner. Penalties for violating Section 407 include incarceration of up to Thirty (30) Days for tribal members, or fines up to Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for both tribal and non-tribal members. The Tribes’ Environmental Protection Agency have plans to assist the Department of Justice by strategically placing trail cameras in areas which have been consistently violated. All perpetrators will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. Any tribal employees or members wishing to report violations may visit <https://www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/executive/departement-of-justice> to fill out a complaint form.

Please lets work together to protect our Tribes’ valuable resources. Hohóú/Né-á’ěše!

Employment Opportunities

Submit Tribal Application, Resume, Transcripts, Diploma, Certifications, License and CDIB (if applicable) to: Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Personnel Dept. P.O. Box 167, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email to atisdale@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov. Local Office: 405-422-7498 / FAX: 405-422-8222 / Toll Fee: 800-247-4612, ext. 27498. To view a full listing of job vacancies visit www.cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov/careers.

Staff Accountant Treasury Closing Date: Until Filled QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor’s degree in business or related field preferred or a minimum of two years of tribal accounting experience and currently working on a bachelor’s degree. Knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles, excellent skill with both spreadsheet and word processing programs. Experience with fund accounting software packages, strong oral and written communication skills, detail oriented and strong analytical skills. Driver’s license required. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. SALARY: Negotiable	Communications/ Special Projects Tribal Transit Closing Date: Until Filled QUALIFICATIONS: Associate’s degree in web design, communications, digital media and/or general studies with at least two years experience in administration, management and/or website design is required. Experience may be acceptable equivalent to the degree requirement. Must possess current Oklahoma driver’s license and have reliable transportation and willing to provide a Motor Vehicle Report for insurance purposes. Must be willing to take pre-hire drug and alcohol test, COVID-19 tests and possibly a background check. Must provide copy of CDIB for consideration of Tribal preference. SALARY: Negotiable	Outpatient Counselor Substance Abuse Closing Date: Until Filled QUALIFICATIONS: Master’s or bachelor’s degree or similar work experience in behavioral science field, such as substance abuse, psychology or counseling. Knowledge of mental health and substance abuse recovery. Must keep license current and be sober a minimum of 12 months. Must be at least 21 years of age, have valid Oklahoma driver’s license and ability to pass a background check and drug screenings. Must be willing to work occasional weekends/holidays if needed, have a working phone and COVID vaccination/COVID testing requirements. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference. SALARY: Negotiable	Healing to Reentry Case Manager Judicial Branch Closing Date: Until Filled QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor’s degree preferred, experience in case management and knowledge of applicable software applications to include word processing, spreadsheets and database management. Proficient in typing, spelling, grammar and punctuation. Must have good working knowledge of Tribal Codes and Court policies. Must have valid driver’s license with dependable transportation and able to pass alcohol and drug screenings. Must be able to pass OSBI background investigation and complete and pass the OK Dept. of Corrections Volunteer and Certified Instructor training. Native American preference. SALARY: Negotiable
Court Bailiff II Judicial Branch Closing Date: Until Filled QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor’s degree preferred or four years experience in security, law enforcement or legal services. Strong typing and hands on computer skills. Must abide by confidentiality policies. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license, have reliable transportation and able to use personal vehicle for community supervision or address verification checks. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho culture preferred. Demonstrates moral integrity and fairness in business, public and private life. No convictions of a felony, no misdemeanors within the last three years. Must pass pre-hire and random drug screenings. SALARY: Negotiable	Transit Driver III (2) Tribal Transit Closing Date: Until Filled QUALIFICATIONS: Valid Oklahoma Class D driver’s license. Must possess or be willing to obtain CPR, First Aid training and AED certification. Must be able to place emphasis on medical care while transporting patients with a variety of medical needs. Must be willing to obtain Blood borne Pathogen training. Must pass pre-employment drug screening and subject to random drug screenings. Must be able to lift a minimum of 50 lbs. and communicate effectively to patrons and supervisors. High school diploma or GED equivalent. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference. SALARY: Negotiable		



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

April 27, 2024 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 Betty Rios and great-great granddaughter of the late Arthur and Bessie Seger.

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

71st Birthday Dance for Delbert Hail

April 28, 2024 at the Watonga Emergency Response Center in Watonga, Okla. Meal at 3 p.m., with dance to follow. Head Staff: MC Burl Buffalomeat, HS Fred Mosqueda, HMD Domingo Whiteman, HLD Winona Youngbird, HB Touch-Cloud Watan, HG Caroline Blackwolf, ADs Cody Zimmer and David Conner, Honored Elder Eugene Blackbear Jr., Honored Veteran Cailyn Brown and Co-Host Star Hawk Society. For more information call 405-532-0093.

Graduation Powwow for Hannah J. Blackbear - 2024 Graduate of John Marshall High School

Friday, May 10, 2024 at the Watonga Emergency Response Center in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., dinner 5 p.m., with social dance session immediately following.

Head Staff: MC Willie Bullcoming, HS Phoenix Whiteshirt, HM Alfred Whiteshirt, HL Helen Sheridan, HTB Joran Fingernail (17), HTG Cameron ‘Hamster’ LittleCoyote (14), HLB Tanner Blackbear (11), HLG Arya Eaglenest (4) and AD Nate Charley.

Vendors welcome with donation of raffle item. For more information call 405-618-2640.

Comanche Little Ponies 54th Annual Celebration

May 10-11, 2024 at the Comanche County Fairgrounds, Expo Center, 920 S. Sheridan in Lawton, Okla. Arts & crafts vendor fee \$50. Contests in all divisions, event live-streamed via LoneTipi Productions. Comanche Little Ponies 2024-25 Princess, Garison Yellowfish.

Head Staff: MC Martin Flores, HS Kelly Cable, HGD Danny Niedo, HLD Madison Fixico, HWD Asa Ace Samuels, ADs Travis Codynah and Charles Tahah

For vendor information call 405-400-4124 or email margwall1960@gmail.com. For powwow general information call 580-583-5279 or email lowellnibbs@yahoo.com.

Graduation Gourd Dance for Merlin Big-Medicine, Kade and Nanibaa LittleThunder

May 11, 2024 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Please call 405-412-9774 for specific time/details. Teen and Junior Boys Straight Dance Combined and Teen and Junior Girls Cloth and Buckskin Combined contests, first place \$300, second place \$200, third place \$100.

Head Staff: MC Wilber Bullcoming, HS OT Sankey, HM Kelly Loneman, HLD Jill Primeaux Hunter, HB Ace Boone Lopez, HG Sequoyah Ann WhiteThunder, Honored Family Farley and Arnita Pewewardy, and AD Daniel Baker.

Mother’s Day Dance in Honor of Diane WhiteThunder Hawk - Buffalo Walking Woman

May 11, 2024 at the Watonga Emergency Response Center in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., supper 5 p.m., with dance to follow. Contests: Tiny Tot sponsored by Emily La’Miyah Gray Family, Jingle Dress-Teen & Adult (2 categories) sponsored by the Hawk Family, Men’s Traditional sponsored by Cedar & Rivers Shirey, Mother/Daughter Contest-choose your style, sponsored by Jacques Moss and Junior Girls Fancy sponsored by Kierah Thunderbull Family. Vendors are welcomed with a donated raffle item.

Head Staff: MC Alan Fletcher, HS Amick Birdshead, HMD Kendricks Sleeper, HLD Lanette Franklin Bassett, HGD Emily La’Miyah Gray, Honored Veteran TBA, Honored Elder Karen LittleCoyote, Co-Host Red Moon Gourd Clan and ADs Brian and Kasen Fielder.

Graduation Dance for Jordan Trout and Brenna Maley, 2024 Class of Clinton High School

Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Clinton High School Tornado Dome, 2130 Gray Blvd., in Clinton, Okla. Gourd dance 3 p.m., supper 5 p.m., with evening program to follow.

Head Staff: MC Isaac Rhoads, HS Whiteagle Watan, HL Angela Littleman, HTB Rufus Ellis, HTG Anessa Blackbear, Honored Veteran Gerald Panana, Honored Elder Sharon All Runner, Honored Chief Thurman Starr, AD Billy Youngbird and Co-Host Red Moon Gourd Clan.

For more information call 580-445-0035 or 405-201-0521.

The 2nd annual Mental Health Youth Summit

9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday, June 1, 2024 at the Frisco Conference Center in Clinton, Okla. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Prevention Programs extends an invitation to all youth 7-12th grade. Breakout sessions, cultural dance exhibition, Native youth fashion show, stickball and more.

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In the Matter of Dissolution of Marriage:)
ROSE ELIZABETH SMITH) Case No. JFD-2024-0004
Petitioner,)
and)
TOBY LEE SMITH)
Respondent.)

CIVIL SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES TO: TOBY LEE SMITH
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 26th day of MARCH, 2024.

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

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Respondent,)

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ELNES DE LEON SORIANO
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 8th day of MAY 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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Dated at the Trial Court this 9th day of April, 2024.

Tawny Melendez
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:)
H.R.F.) Case No. PG-2024-0005
Minor Child,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: TALEI ONETAKA
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

TAKE NOTICE that Maribel Fraire, has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child, H.R.F., 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 15th day of MAY, 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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Dated at the Trial Court this 2nd day of April, 2024.

Tawny Melendez
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
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In the Matter of the Application of:)
K.M.W.) Case No. CIV-2024-0027
D.D.W.)

Minor Children,
Change of Name
By Next of Kin

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: DRU WILSON, SR.
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

TAKE NOTICE that Tiffany Balesmang, has filed in this Court a Petition for Name Change for Minor Children, K.M.W. and D.D.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 1st day of MAY, 2024 at 9:45 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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Dated at the Trial Court this 4th day of April, 2024.

Tawny Melendez
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
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D.L.M.D.) Case No. PG-2024-0014
Minor Child,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: UNKNOWN FATHER

TAKE NOTICE that Letha Pratt has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of a Minor Child, D.L.M.D., 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 1st day of MAY, 2024 at 9:45 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.

- Video conferencing for smart device users:
 - Zoom link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4524251494?pwd=S2RCenU2WkV0OFM6Mm15Q3RlcTdhOT09> or
<https://zoom.us/join>
 - 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 3rd day of April, 2024.

Dana Matasano
Dana Matasano, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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DEPUTY

In the Matter of the Application of:)
C.J.H.) Case No. CIV-2024-0030
Minor Child,
Change of Name
By Next of Kin
Tajana Roberts

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: MATTHEW R. HOLLON
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

TAKE NOTICE, that TAJANAI ROBERTS has filed in this Court for Petition for Name Change on behalf of a C.J.H., a minor child, as follows, to wit: from C.J.H. to the name of C.J.R. and that 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 15th day of MAY, 2024 at 9:45 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 4th day of APRIL, 2024.

Dana Matasano
Dana Matasano, Deputy Court Clerk
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ANY INTERESTED PARTIES

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES,) Case No: CIV-2018-0038
EX. REL.,)
SARA WHITESHELD,)
PETITIONER,)
vs.)
ALAN AKEEN,)
RESPONDENT,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALAN AKEEN

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 6th 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 27th day of March 2024.

By: *Tawny Melendez*
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
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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES,) Case No: CIV-19-32
EX. REL.,)
ADDISONIA HOPKINS,)
PETITIONER,)
vs.)
CHEYENNE BEAVER,)
RESPONDENT,)

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TO: CHEYENNE BEAVER

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TRIBAL CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES,) Case No: CIV-2022-0053
EX. REL.,)
JORDAN MEDICINEBEAR,)
PETITIONER,)
vs.)
DERRICK BENNETT,)
RESPONDENT,)

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TO: DERRICK BENNETT

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ATHLETES'SPOTLIGHT

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

Kendal Hamilton, Anadarko High School



(ANADARKO, OK) Running is more than just a sport to Kendal Hamilton, 18, but when it comes to competing, there’s no limit to what she can accomplish on the turf or terrain.

Standing 5’1, Hamilton is part of the cross country and track and field teams for Anadarko High School in Anadarko, Okla. Coming into the track season, Hamilton actively competes in the 800-meter relay, the two-mile relay and the mile relay.

Born in Colorado and raised most of her life in Oklahoma, Hamilton began running as a sport in track and field in the fifth grade.

“I remember I did it because I wanted to stay in shape for volleyball and plus, I always liked running and then it turned into my main sport,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton said she loves the feeling of freedom that comes with running.

“I like how free it makes me feel because when I run, I don’t think about anything and there’s no limit to where I can run and I like how it’s all mental and mostly individual,” Hamilton said.

And her inspiration for running Hamilton said, comes from her grandfather because “he never complains, he’s one of the toughest people I know.”

Hamilton said he has done a lot for her and by running, she’s doing her part in repaying him.

“I feel like when I run it’s my way of repaying him for all the things he did for me.”

Along with practice for track and field, Hamilton continues to improve her skill in running by taking it upon herself to go the extra mile outside of practices.

“I’ll go to the gym and when we’re not running on breaks or weekends, I tend to take it upon myself to run on my own, also my dad helps me with getting my workouts that I have to do on my own already, so he’s a big part of it,” Hamilton said.

When training, Hamilton said she’s working on endurance along with lifting weights.

“I lift less weight but more reps and then when I run, I have a parachute and that helps with my biometrics,” Hamilton said.

Outside of running, Hamilton spends her time participating in powwows representing



her title as she is the 2023-2024 Eugene White Thunder Descendent Sr., Princess.

“I go to powwows every weekend representing my title and just having a good time and learning about my culture, also I do run for fun sometimes it’s not just a sport,” Hamilton said.

In her senior year of high school, Hamilton is also racing to the finish line academically where she will be recognized as valedictorian of Anadarko High School with a 4.0 GPA.

Making good grades has become a serious matter to Hamilton as she’s become a good planner when it comes to competing in sports and going to school.

“I think I’m a good planner, so I plan out what I tend to do in the day and I don’t think it’s that difficult to prioritize what’s important first and I take those both very seriously,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton said what she looks forward to the most this season is the competition.

“I’m excited to see other athletes, also I’m excited to see the freshmen that I work with and how they’re going to be the next stars on our track team,” Hamilton said.

Hamilton’s goals included making it to state for the fourth time in a row and in an individual event and to be a state champion.

“I will work 10 times harder than I’ve ever worked before even through previous years that I’ve done track, I will put more time and effort, I will make it a priority even more so than I have,” Hamilton said.

Nearing the end of her high school career in running, Hamilton said it feels like a dream as she also grew up with seniors she looked up to.

“They would always tell me, I can’t believe it’s already my senior year it came up so fast and you don’t believe it until you get to that situation, that’s exactly how I feel and I’m very excited because I have freshmen and underclassmen that I’ve mentored and I’m glad I could be a part of their sports training,” Hamilton said.

For Hamilton, running feels like an accomplishment and as she’s grown through the sport, she sees herself more as a leader.

“I’m definitely someone to go to for advice or just anything that needs help with on the team, I’ve grown mentally stronger, I’m going faster, just overall I have good experience due to the number of years I have put into track and field,” Hamilton said.

Through her years of running, Hamilton said what she’s learned the most is that pain is only temporary.

“It’s all mental, if you think you can then you can, you have to be strong mentally before you can be strong physically,” Hamilton said.

Kendal’s parents are Jesse Hamilton and Jame Lyn Hamilton. Her grandparents are Delmar and Ava Hamilton and her great-grandparents are the late Glen and Mildred Hamilton.



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Johnny Keith Green

Johnny Keith Green was born April 14, 1960, to Albert and Daisy Green in Clinton, Okla. He departed this life April 1, 2024 at his home in Canton, Okla.

Johnny graduated in 1979 from Canton High School. He worked for Viola Rauh, John Caywood and Roger Brown over the years, helping with their farming and ranch operations. He loved spending time with family and friends, drawing, playing ball and farming. Johnny had a big heart and was always willing to help where he could.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Daisy Green, three sisters, Alberta Deason, Carol Green and Myra Gould, one brother Rupert Green, niece Amy Gould, Johnny is survived by one sister Adrianna Gould of Mustang, Okla., one brother Jimmy Gould of Longdale, Okla, one son Timothy Scott of Canton, nieces and nephews, Cynthia Matthews, Nikki Harris, Donna Taylor, Feather Lucas, Amanda Gould, Danielle Burchett, Lesley Burchett, Jessica Thunderbull, Kasey Biffle, Tosha Maldonado, James Gould, Jose Wanzer, Rick Gonzalez, Perry Gould, Elijah Burchett, Justin Burchett and Travis Burchett, and numerous grand kids.

Wake services were held



April 7 at the Canton Emergency Response Center in Canton, Okla. Funeral services were held April 8, at the same venue, officiated by Rev. Jim Scott and Brian Scott, followed by an interment at the Canton City Cemetery under the direction of Pierce Funeral Home.

Michael Lee Coyote

Michael Lee Coyote, 48, passed away at his home April 6, 2024. He was born Dec. 12, 1975.

Michael was preceded in death by his father Jack Hail, grandfather Jimmie S. Coyote and brother Kleo Coyote.

Survivors include his wife Allicia Coyote, mother Louise Coyote, daughter Mal-

lory Richardson, brothers, Nehemiah Shopteese and Lindsey Coyote and sister Katherine Coyote. Michael will be missed by his family and friends.

Funeral services were held April 13 at the Broadway Mortuary in Wichita, Kansas.



Steven Alex Jones



Steven Alex Jones was born Jan. 20, 1977. He passed away March 11, 2024 in Portland, Ore. Funeral services were held April 3 at the Omega Funeral & Cremation Services in Portland, Ore.

Sebastian Alexander Williams

Sebastian Alexander Williams was born Aug. 18, 2000. He passed from this earth on March 15, 2024. Funeral services were held March 29 at the Resthaven Funeral Chapel in Oklahoma City, followed by an interment at the Resthaven Memory Gardens Cemetery under the direction of Resthaven Funeral Home.



