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Bringing Our Children Home

Part 3 of a 5 Part Series

(CONCHO, OK) Beginning September 2025, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes will begin reinterment of 18 children who passed away and was buried on site while attending Carlisle Boarding School in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. The children will be laid to rest at the tribes’ Concho Indian Cemetery in Concho, Okla.

Nearly 200 students died while attending the Carlisle Indian School while it was in operation from 1879 to 1918.

It was the first federally funded off-reservation boarding school for Native American children in the country. The cemetery is on the grounds of what is now U.S. Army War College.

In part three of “Bringing Our Children Home” the following tribal citizens will be featured: Dora Morning, Cheyenne, Henry Morning, Cheyenne, Motavito Horse, Cheyenne and Leah Roadtraveller, Arapaho.

Dora Morning, Cheyenne
Entered Carlisle on August 31, 1882 at the age of 13

Passed on at Carlisle on June 25, 1885

Home address: Morning / Father listed as living / Mother listed as living

Outings: None

Dora arrived at Carlisle with her older sister Fanny on August 31, 1882. Fanny was sent home on June 12, 1883 due to failing health: https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/student_files/fanny-morning-student-information-card-0

Pratt wrote a letter to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs expressly recommending Fanny’s return home: <https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/documents/request-return-fanny-morning-and-kaha-kuh-home>

Henry Morning, Cheyenne

Entered Carlisle on September 21, 1886 at the age of 16

Passed on at Carlisle on March 28, 1889

Home address: Morning (Headman) / Father listed as living / Mother listed as living

Outings: Craighead, Carlisle (Cumberland County, Pennsylvania) from May 3, 1887 to September 5, 1887

J. Matthews, Solebury (Bucks County, Pennsylvania) from May 3, 1888 to September 15, 1888

Henry Morning attended Chilocco in 1884 (<https://www.okhistory.org/research/chilocco-record-97807&action=Search>)

Motavito/Black Kettle, Cheyenne

Entered Carlisle on October 27, 1879 at the age of 15

Passed on at Carlisle on February 19, 1882

Home address: Good (Gentle) Horse / Father listed as living / Mother listed as living

Outings: Howard Rupert in White Horse, Pennsylvania from June 24, 1881 to September 9, 1881

Richard Henry Pratt added the note “grandson of Old



Chief” to Motavito’s student information card in 1904.

Historian Richard G. Hardorff’s book Washita Memories: Eyewitness Views of Custer’s Attack on Black Kettle’s Village includes a “genealogical outline of Black Kettle” in its appendix. Black Kettle’s father was Black Hawk and his mother was Sparrow Hawk Woman, who had four children together (Black Kettle being the oldest). Hardorff writes, “In addition to Black Kettle, three more children were born to Black Hawk and Sparrow Hawk Woman. The second child was a son named Gentle Horse. During most of his life, he lived with the shame of killing his brother-in-law, the husband of his sister, Wind Woman. In later years he assumed the name White Shield to honor the memory of a deceased relative. One of Gentle Horse’s sons was named Little Hawk, born about 1840. Another son was enrolled at Carlisle Institute in 1879. Gentle Horse died in 1896” (pg. 430).

Leah Roadtraveller - Arapaho

Entered Carlisle on October 27, 1879 at the age of 18

(One of the information cards states that Leah Roadtraveller entered Carlisle on October 22, 1883. This is incorrect, as Leah Roadtraveller served on an outing at Mary Ann Davis’ residence in 1881 (see below).)

Passed on at Carlisle on December 20, 1883

Home address: Road Traveller / Father listed as living / Mother listed as living

Outings: None

Although the Carlisle records list no outings for Leah Roadtraveller, Richard Henry Pratt mentions Leah Roadtraveller in the chapter of his memoir, The Battlefield and Classroom, entitled “The Carlisle Outing.” In this chapter, he writes, “Each patron in charge of a pupil was required to send in a monthly report and at the close of the outing a final brief of the student’s worth and conduct. The following selections were given for that year.” (pg. 312)

What follows in Pratt’s memoir is a reprint of reports



Since Dora entered Carlisle in August 1882, it seems likely that she would be in this photograph (possibly the last girl in the second row, comparing her features to her brother Henry Morning’s?) <https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/images/fourteen-cheyenne-students-version-2-c1883>.



Portrait of Henry Morning from 1886: <https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/images/henry-morning-c1886>.

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Honoring Tradition and Youth Leadership: Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Celebrates 35 Years of Legacy

(CONCHO, OK) Amid the rhythm of drums, the scent of sage, and the vibrant swirl of traditional regalia, the 2025 powwow season holds a deeper meaning for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. This year marks the 35th anniversary of the powwow, a time-honored tradition that has uplifted generations carrying forward the cultural pride and public representation of the tribes.

Since its quiet beginnings in 1988, with Tamera Barber crowned as the first young woman to serve, the court has grown to symbolize more than just pageantry. It has become a platform for youth empowerment, cultural ambassadorship, and community service. From the inaugural pow-wow held in 1990 to the milestone celebrations in 2009 (20th anniversary), 2014 (25th), 2019 (30th), and now 2025, each year’s court has contributed to a living history stitched with stories, songs, and service.

In 1989 the “Oklahoma Indian Nation Gourd Dance Group” was formed and members traveled to various dances throughout Oklahoma. In 1990, after the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Business Committee generously extended their hospitality and offered the use of the old Concho football field for use as a powwow grounds, the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow (OIN) Club held their first annual powwow.

Johnathan Burgess, a business committee member at the time, was a strong supporter of this effort and Edward Wilson laid the design for the powwow grounds. For a short period of time there was a Northwest Chapter of the OIN Club which was known as the “Renegades.”

In 1990 James Hawk organized the Oklahoma Intertribal Veterans Color Guard. In 1993 the name was changed to the “Buddy Bond Color Guard” in memory of Ellis “Buddy” Bond who passed away too soon. Members traveled to many powwows. In 1995, when the Murrah Federal building was bombed. Oklahoma Governor David Walters called on 14 color guards to raise the flag. Buddy Bond Color Guard was among those invited. James Hawk was also instrumental in

founding the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Club in 1987 along with the Tallbear, Hamilton, Meeks and Whitebuffalo families. Today the Buddy Bond Color Guard continues in activities when called upon.

State Ends Official Mourning Flags Raised; Bomb Victims Remembered, published July 5, 1995:

“Color Guards, raise your colors,” Gov. Frank Keating ordered at 9:02 a.m. Tuesday. Fourteen Color Guards briskly raised 14 American Flags from half to full staff, ending Oklahoma’s official mourning period for 168 people killed in the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing April 19.

Raising of the flags was preceded by the presentation of colors by the color guard of the Oklahoma Intertribal Veterans Association, as American Indian drummers played “Honor Song.” Tulsa soloist Earnestine Dillard sang the “Star Spangled Banner” after the flags were raised. She closed the ceremony with “God Bless America.” Other music was provided by the Putnam City Honor Chorus, the Discoveryland Singers of Tulsa and a military band.

Oklahoma Indian Nation Royalty History

Some of the OIN princess court past members, like Tommye Dayle Simpson, a multiple-year participant in the early 1990s, and Millie Fletcher, who returned to serve alongside her fellow court member in 2003 and 2004, have gone on to become educators, cultural instructors, healthcare workers, and tribal employees.

The names on the list ... Sarah Black, Crystal Mason, Christina Birdshead, Rebecca Lanigan, Shelby WhiteThunder, Althea Hamilton ... and dozens more reflect not only a commitment to cultural values but also a rich intergenerational history. These young representatives serve during powwows, public events, school visits, and community gatherings, often sharing their language, teachings and tribal histories.

This year’s court, representing the 35th anniversary, includes Senior Miss Yanna Yellowfish, Junior Miss Emily La’Miyah Gray



Renegades, circa 1998

Pictured Back Row: Unknown, Kris Little Raven. Middle Row: Jesse Hamilton, Walter Hamilton, James Hawk Sr., Charlie Hamilton. Front Row: Lynn Littlehawk, Tamera Barber, Ralph Tallbear, Patricia Hawk, Evelyn Tallbear and Bill Tallbear Sr. (Submitted photo)

and Little Miss Parker Blessing. Their selection is a testament to continued dedication to tribal values, youth engagement, and cultural fluency.

A Cultural Celebration Resumed

After the pandemic halted the 2020 powwow and court selection, 2021 marked a careful return to tradition, with new protocols and renewed appreciation. Since then, each year has rebuilt momentum, leading to this year’s grand 35th anniversary celebration.

Looking Ahead

The powwow princess court continues to evolve. What began with one or two young women has grown to include multiple participants each year, often serving as senior princess, junior princess, and even cultural ambassadors. As the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes look ahead, the princess court remains

a living symbol of continuity, resilience and youth-driven pride.

Below is a list of past OIN princesses from 1988 to present:

- 1988 Tamera Barber
- 1989 Tommye Dayle Simpson
- 1990 Tommye Dayle Simpson/Sarah Black (First Powwow)
- 1991 Tommye Dayle Simpson/Sarah Black
- 1992 Ricque Richardson/Crystal Mason/Myrcine Deer
- 1993 Christina Birdshead/Alana Wolf-tongue/Bridget Blackowl
- 1994 Crystal Mason/Rebecca Lanigan/Tusheena Watan
- 1995 Nettie Littlecalf/Jessica Lanigan/Gabrielle Lanigan

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Through Her Eyes: Cheyenne women share stories of identity and art



Photo of Minnie Tallbear. (Photo provided by Minnie Tallbear)

Art created by two Cheyenne women is part of the “Through Her Eyes” show, on exhibit through Sept. 26 at the Red Earth Art Center in Oklahoma City.

Minnie Tallbear and Selena Palmer both attended the July 10 opening of the all-woman show featuring the work of more than 30 Native artists, which included beadwork, painting, sculpture, photography, digital art and more.

“Through Her Eyes is a powerful new exhibition featuring Indigenous women artists whose work celebrates identity, tradition, and creative resilience,” according to the art center.

“From painting and beadwork to photography and textiles, these extraordinary works offer a glimpse into the world through each artist’s unique perspective.”

Tallbear, 24, graduated from the University of Science and Arts in Oklahoma. She traces her creative interests to a high

school art class in her hometown of Thomas and to her aunt Kathleen Tallbear, who works for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and ran the Johnson O’Malley program when Minnie Tallbear was in high school.

The daughter of Ralph and Tisha Tallbear has three pieces in the show: an oil painting with 3-D elements; a still life of meat, bread, fruit and coffee that would be in a gift basket with a shawl; and a linoleum print that reads “I love you” in Cheyenne, with a depiction of someone getting their hair French-braided.

“My mom always braided my hair when I was younger,” Tallbear said.

Palmer, 29, lives in Columbia, Mo., where she and her husband, Nicholas Palmer, own a business called Rotten Rez, which creates pieces for haunted house attractions.

“We basically make monsters,” Palmer said. “He is a welder and does the fabrications. I sculpt them and makes them look scary.”

Palmer’s contribution to the show is an original poem about Deer Woman, presented with an illustration. She applied for the exhibition after seeing it advertised on social media.

“I was kind of shocked when I was chosen, but my teachers always told me I have a special gift,” Palmer said.

“I just wanted to prove to myself that I could do it. I’m very proud of myself,” Palmer said.

Tallbear, who lives in Oklahoma City, said she was excited about attending the opening.

“I just love to see other Native American women being creative and showing their insights, what they want to show to the world,” she said.

Creating art, Tallbear said, “makes me feel empowered. I tend to gravitate toward more serious issues. I have to do extensive research. I’m expressing myself. It shows an insight into my world and my people.”



Selena Palmer (Photo provided by Palmer)

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OVA Hiking, Sweat Lodge, Bingo and Fishing Nights Highlight Emergence of Program

Submitted by Jerry Levi

For the last several months, the Office of Veterans Affairs (OVA) has had three bingo nights, two fishing excursions, two golf outings and two hiking days, all with one goal in mind: the overall well-being of our tribal veterans.

Ever since OVA received grant funding through the Staff Sergeant Fox Suicide Prevention Grant Program, prevention has been paramount and at the forefront of every event that OVA has conducted. Prizes for smallest fish have been given out, homemade strawberry lemonade has been made, and a hike that tested all the vets that showed up that day in Tulsa as an Intermediate climb was interwoven with great banter, laughter and sweat.

Sweat Lodge has also been done several times for prayers and has proven to be a great form of healing for veterans.



OVA Prevention Coordinator Rosanna Tall Bear reels in a record catch at the Veterans & Family Fishing Night at the Concho ponds, July 16. (Photos submitted by OVA)

“When the VA asked, during the narrative part of the grant for suicide prevention, if we planned on having any non-traditional forms of therapy, we suggested sweat lodge as a form of healing,” OVA Director Jerry Levi

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Veterans pose for a photo op in front of the Turkey Mountain sign after conquering the nearly four mile loop during the OVA Hiking Day, March 15 held in Tulsa, Okla.

Message from Tribal Council Coordinator Albert Old Crow

PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Tribal Council Meeting

Saturday August 16, 2025 @ 10:00 am

Respect Gym, Concho, OK

In accordance with the Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, pursuant to Article V, Section 3 (b) Special Meetings of the Tribal Council may be called by petition signed by one hundred fifty Members of the Tribes. All requests for a Special Tribal Council Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be submitted to the Office of the Tribal Council. Upon receipt of a valid petition, the Coordinator of the Office of the Tribal Council shall call the Special Meeting.

Special Tribal Council Meeting Agenda Items:

1. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Reducing the Percentage of Voter Participation in Constitutional Amendments
2. A Resolution to amend the Constitution for term limits for the Governor and Lt Governor
3. A Resolution to Amend the Constitution Regarding Residency Requirements
4. A Resolution to Allow Remote Participation and Voting for Verified Tribal Members

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An extreme amount of energy has been put forth in making the August 16 Special Tribal Council meeting a reality. The Dept. of Enrollment all 151 names were submitted. Thank you to the tribal members who signed this petition, let your voices be heard.

At the Special Tribal Council meeting there will be four resolutions to be considered:

A Constitutional amendment to lower the voters needed to vote in a Special Election, to amend the constitution for example, to at least 15% of the registered voters.

A Constitutional amendment to set Governor/Lt. Governor term limits. Upon completion of the third consecutive term, the Governor/Lt. Governor shall not be eligible to serve as the Governor/Lt. Governor until a period of four years has elapsed.

A Constitutional Amendment regarding Residency requirements for Governor/Lt. Governor and Legislators. Governor/Lt. Gover can reside anywhere at time of filing. If elected, the Governor/Lt. Governor must reside within a voting district in the Cheyenne and Arapaho territory as outlined in the Constitution and must be established by the time the candidate takes their oath of office. Legislative Branch: At the time of filing a nomination petition, a legislative candidate can physically reside anywhere and must be a registered voter in the district they are seeking candidacy. If elected, the legislator must reside within their voting district for the duration of their term and be a resident of that district for the dura-

tion of their term. Physical residency in the candidate’s district must be established by the time the oath of office is taken.

A Resolution to allow remote participation and voting by verified tribal members at annual Tribal Council meetings. This change would allow all tribal members, no matter where they live, to have the opportunity to participate in tribal governance.

At this Special Tribal Council meeting in August, transportation assistance (fuel cards) will be provided to tribal members residing over 200 miles roundtrip from Concho.

Legislative news

Per Cap was voted to be distributed at a Special Legislative Session on August 17. Tribal members should all have theirs soon, those not receiving direct deposit will have theirs mailed today August 1.

Hammon ranch – title is to be placed in trust status.

Broadband Network Development – resubmission approved.

Water feasibility study grant – Approved for the Tribal Utility Authority via the SEDS program.

I am attending the Family Wellness Days to visit tribal members in many communities. The wellness days event offers health and wellness activities, school supply distribution and screenings for all ages. I am also talking with tribal members to encourage them to take part in Tribal Council meetings, especially with many important items to be voted on.

Please take time to attend the Special Tribal Council meeting 10 a.m., Aug. 16, 2025, and take care.

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said. “But I told them that it was and is a traditional form for healing the warrior spirit, and the program managers understood that aspect and wanted us to incorporate it with our grant. We’re trying to build a community here. A community of veterans for veterans and having a monthly sweat is in keeping with that tradition.”

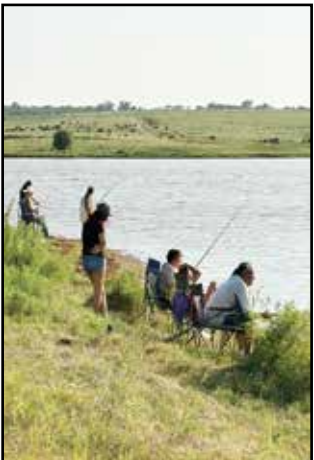
The bingo fundraisers also bring fun and food to each of the communities that OVA has had them in. Always on a Friday night, OVA has had bingo in Concho, Clinton, and Watonga, with Seiling, Canton or Hammon next on the tour. It’s the fundraising that helps provide for veteran coffee socials and veteran breakfasts, where veterans can come and have a safe space to share their story, hiking gear, fishing gear, prizes and food for the veterans.

Plus, as an OVA Prevention Coordinator Rosanna Tall Bear said, “People will always love bingo. But they love our bingo because of the prices of our packs and the concession stand, plus it gives them something to do on a Friday night.”

The fishing excursions, first at Canton Lake and more recently at the Concho ponds, have had more attend with each event. The word is getting out. The veterans are getting involved, and having fun while doing so, all with



OVA Director Jerry Levi watches his drive from the tee box during the Veterans Golf Outing at Roman Nose State Park held July 21.



Veterans and their families enjoying the Veterans & Family Fishing Night as they wait for their lines to tug as the buffalo graze in the background.

their overall well-being in mind.

Look for more events in the month of August, and as the weather cools, more hiking and horseback riding, bonfires, talking circles and of course, Friday night bingo.

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- 1996 Mandy Brewer/KayKay Franklin/Shelby WhiteThunder
 - 1997 Margaret Tallbear/Althea Hamilton/Virginia Hamilton
 - 1998 Carrie Lamebull/Brittany Yarholar/Ashley Blackcrow
 - 1999 Leah Davis/Larissa Walker/Emma Washee
 - 2000 Caroline Botone/Sofia Sandoval/Haylee WhitePlume Paddyaker
 - 2001 Cecelia Littlecreek/Raqueal Littlecreek/Trayla Reyes
 - 2002 Millie Fletcher/Amorita Williams/Jandra Levi
 - 2003 Millie Fletcher/Amorita Williams/Jandra Levi
 - 2004 Larissa Walker/Kelsie Montana/Tresa Snyder
 - 2005 Gemi Smith/Christina Wolfchief/Emily & Morgan Hawk
 - 2006 Elena Diaz-Gipp/Mikah WhiteCloud/Jaylin Reveles
 - 2007 Sarah Fanman/Cassandra Littleman Candy/Tina Ortiz
 - 2008 Courtney Reeder/Darlene GoodBlanket/Kaylianne Sleeper
 - 2009 Jennifer Morton-Hatten/Kayla Reynolds/Brandy Fasthorse (20th Anniversary)
 - 2010 Johnnie BigMedicine/Alexis Ortiz-Youngbear/Miklyn Lumpmouth
 - 2011 Alicia Reed/Sierra Littleman/AnnMarie Cometsevah
 - 2012 Marley Black/Jaylin Reveles/DoreneAllyn WhiteHorse
 - 2013 Emma Washee/Kensie Naranjo/ DanyElla RedShin
 - 2014 Veronica Youngbull/Brandy Fasthorse/Amariah Beaver (25th Anniversary)
 - 2015 Cassandra Candy/Santana Moquino/Bella Koda-seet
 - 2016 Kaitlyn Cayaditto/Santana Moquino/Ella Snow Lehi
 - 2017 Morningstar Hoffman/Christiana Dorenzo/Kirsten Coppage/Mahlea Warrior
 - 2018 Mya Guzman/ DoreneAllyn White Horse/Arial Roy
 - 2019 Adiana Tadooahnippah/Taelyn Buckman/LeeAnn Pratt (30th Anniversary)
 - 2020 No pow-wow; COVID 19



First Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Princess Tommy Dayle Simpson. Standing behind Tommy is James Hawk Sr., and Charlie Hamilton. (Submitted photo)

- 2021 Amaya Bonilla-Harris/Violet Roman Nose/Riley Saumty Flurry
- 2022 Trinity Black/Kambri-Ella Tsotigh/Riley Saumty-Flurry
- 2023 Santana Moquino/Abbygail Cometsevah/Emily La’Miya Gray
- 2024 Jacina Gould/Ivy Faith Williams/Emily La’Miyah Gray
- 2025 Yanna Yellowfish/Emily La’Miyah Gray/Parker Blessing (35th Anniversary)

Empowering Native Entrepreneurs: The Mission and Impact of CACDC

Introduction – Who We Are

Established in 2023, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Community Development Corporation (CACDC) is a Native Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI) and an entity of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. Based in El Reno, Oklahoma, CACDC provides small business loans, business support services, and financial education for tribal citizens and Native-owned businesses across our service area.



Looking Ahead

CACDC is expanding its loan products, increasing outreach, and exploring quarterly community updates to better serve tribal citizens. Our goal is to remove barriers and build generational wealth through entrepreneurship and financial access.



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Impact Snapshot (as of Quarter/Year)

- \$307,170k in loans deployed
- Four Native-owned businesses funded
- Serving tribal citizens in Oklahoma

Wassana-Gorham 2025

Proven Leadership.

Real Results.



The Wassana-Gorham team continues to deliver meaningful progress for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people through innovation, accountability, and a deep commitment to community. Highlights of our administration include:



REGGIE WASSANA
Governor

LAND INTO TRUST

First to secure any land into trust, which is over 300 acres for protection and growth.

STRONGER INFRASTRUCTURE

Renovated and new construction of 15+ tribal centers, offices, and casinos. Specifically, tribally funded Watonga Lucky Star Casino & Geary Exit Cheyenne and Arapaho Travel Center.

ECONOMIC GROWTH

Own two hotels, expanded casinos, and created tribal businesses.

HEALTH & SAFETY

New El Reno IHS clinic owned and leased, storm shelters, and mobile medical unit.

ELDER SUPPORT

Home care, utilities, holiday aid, and COVID relief.

YOUTH INVESTMENT

Jobs, scholarships, clothing, and school programs.

VETERAN SERVICES

Free vehicle tags, community events, and Purple Heart Tribal Nation status.

LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Created Department of Language and Culture which offers classes, camps, mobile app, and language preservation.

STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

Federal, local, and corporate collaboration.

VISION FORWARD

Charter school, AI center, Canton marina, replacement of the Watonga Indian Health Center, construction of industrial parks, creation of utility authority, and developing a new Casino/Hotel/Travel Center in Woodward and a new Casino Resort in Elk City and El Reno.

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WASSANA GORHAM 2025

Together, We Build Tomorrow's Future

35th Annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow

Master of Ceremonies

Alan Gene Fletcher

 Ivit-hit-shive... Whoo-kie-wha-ha-maughts,
 Greetings, my Cheyenne name is White Antelope.

 My English name is Alan Gene Fletcher. I'm an enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Nations. I'm also one of our Cheyenne Traditional Peace Chiefs.

 I reside in El Reno, Okla., with my wife Dorris Turtle-Fletcher, along with our family and friends.

 It's an honor to serve as your Master of Ceremonies and I'd like to take this time to welcome each and everyone of you to this year's 35th annual Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow. I have had the pleasure and honor to serve as a Master of Ceremonies for over 20 years at various powwows, traditional gatherings, as well as community events. As your Master of Ceremonies, I will do my best to briefly explain the different dance categories and the protocol of the powwow.

 Once again, welcome to one of the world's greatest powwows. Please make yourself at home and enjoy a blessed weekend of fellowship, love and laughter. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask one of the powwow committee members or reach out and meet a new friend, anyone would be happy to help you

 May the Creator continue to bless you and your family with Piveaught/Ethete/Good Health and Happiness.



Marshall Williamson

 Ho! Wapimeha neteshitho. Nnemethiwitho. Kishko. It is a blessing to serve our Native people. I'm enrolled Sauk and also represent the Kiowa, Mvskoke Creek Nations. My parents are Sonya (Reeder) Orange and the late Josh Williamson. My maternal grandparents are Elizabeth (Long) Reeder and the late Clifford Reeder. My paternal grandparents were the late Christine (Barker) Williamson and the late Mitchell Williamson.

 I am blessed with several nieces and nephews, Halina, Tushka, Mahli, Homaiyi, Wop, Hendrix and my newest niece Sutv.

 I am a third generation arena director/master of ceremonies in my family. My late kohn (grandpa) Clifford was a proud Marine and an AD/MC in the 1970s and 1980s. My late saygee (uncle) Derek Reeder was an AD in the 1990s, when the Red Earth Festival was at its peak. All three of us have primarily served in and near the Oklahoma City Native community since the 1970s.

 In addition to coordinating our dances, I have worked with numerous organizations in consulting and strategic planning of powwows inside and outside the state of Oklahoma. I have grown up in the dance circle as a grass dancer, singer, arena director and more recently as an MC. It is a blessing to have a part in our tribal recreations.

 I will always give credit to the Cheyenne and Arapaho people for giving me my start in my powwow career. The late Roy Bates was my first mentor that I learned a lot from. I hope all your campfires burn hot, all those empty seats at your tables become full again and that everyone receives a blessing. Ketepi!



Head Lady Gourd Dancer

Tonya Bravescout Moore

 Nawa (Hello),
 I'm Tonya Bravescout Moore and I am honored to serve as this year's Head Lady Gourd Dancer for the 2025 Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow.

 I come from the Pawnee/Otoe/Cherokee tribes and I reside near Tahlequah, Okla., with my husband Edward Anderson. We have a son and daughter-in-law, Sean and Rachel Williams, and a daughter Emily Anderson. Our son Seth is an Army Veteran and the newly elected vice-president of the Pawnee Indian Veterans Committee.

 My father is the late Sidney Moore Jr. (Little Scout) and my mother is Beatrice McIntosh of Locust Grove, Okla. My grandchildren are Brooklynne, Seth, Ivy, Kyla and Colston. One of my granddaughters, Ivy, previously served as the 2024-2025 Jr. Miss Oklahoma Indian Nation Princess.

 I'm part of a proud family who enjoys dancing and singing (ceremonial and powwows). I appreciate all that was taught to me by my ancestors, especially my grandparents, the late Sidney Moore Sr., (Bravescout) and the late Dorothy Pearl Peters-Moore of Pawnee.

 I recently retired in May 2025 from the Indian Health Service in Claremore, Okla. During my federal career I worked at WW Hastings IHS-Tahlequah, Wewoka IHS, Pawnee IHS, the Muskogee VA Hospital and lastly the Claremore IHS.

 Since retiring I have time to devote to more beading, sewing and feather-work. I'm also able to travel more, spend the days with my mother and family and just live life to the fullest.

 I'm very elated to be selected as the Head Lady Gourd Dancer. Thank you to the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow committee for this honor at your respective celebration and I invite all to come join us.



Head Man Gourd Dancer

Kelly Loneman

 Heebe, Tous!
 My name is Kelly Loneman, of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. My Arapaho name is Hii nen Nii-seii. (Nen Niiseii). I reside in El Reno with my wife Laquita (Pinky), and son Kelly Trevor. I currently serve as the Arapaho District 2 Election Commissioner for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission. It is an honor for me to serve as this year's Head Man Gourd Dancer for the 35th annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow. I have been gourd dancing since a very young age and have served on headstaff at many powwows and dances as a child and thru the years as an adult. My family and I enjoy being around our social circle and are very active in our traditional Arapaho ways, ceremonial and social. I am a member of StarHawk Society of Oklahoma, long standing Arapaho Gourd Clan and my wife is involved with the StarHawk Society Ladies Auxillary. We enjoy powwows and dances and hope to instill the traditions and values of being Cheyenne and Arapaho into our children and grandchildren and being helpful and of use to our people.

 I would like to thank the committee for asking me to serve as Head Gourd dancer for this years event and I would like to invite all gourd clans and gourd dancers to come out and support the Oklahoma Indian Nations 35th annual Powwow! Hohou!



Head Man War Dancer

Freddy Gipp

 Freddy Gipp is an enrolled citizen of the Apache Tribe of Oklahoma. He is the grandson of the late Burgess and Millicent Tapedo.

 Born and raised in Lawrence, Kansas. He is a graduate from the William Allen White School of Journalism at the University of Kansas and is currently pursuing his masters in public administration with an emphasis in public policy from the School of Public Affairs and Administration at the University of Kansas.

 He would like to thank the OIN powwow committee for asking him to serve as their Head Man War Dancer.



Head Lady War Dancer

Tia Waters

 Tia Waters is the daughter of Joe and Leta (Limpy) Waters. Tia is Cherokee, Southern and Northern Cheyenne. She is a direct descendent of Chief Black Kettle and Chulio Livers, who walked the Trail of Tears.

 Tia has walked her own path of resilience and has been sober for many years. She is deeply honored to serve her community and proud to have been selected as Head Lady Dancer for the 2025 Oklahoma Indian Nation Celebration.

 Tia now walks beside her partner, Barry Bullcoming. She is a mother to Soncee Waters and Barry's children: Baily Renee, Chad, Chantz, Linsey, Junior and a grandmother to Neveah Marie and Jordan Neil.

 After more than 30 years away from the arena, Tia is dancing once again. In honor of her beloved sister, Tracy Waters, Tia is hosting a Fancy Shawl Special. Tracy suffered a stroke in January 2021 and has been on a remarkable journey of healing. This special is a tribute to her strength, her progress and the love that surrounds her.

 Tia fondly remembers dancing at Fonda during the Christmas Pow-wows, where she and Tracy would tie for first place. Tia dances for her family, her people, and for those who stood with her when times were hard. She dances in honor, in gratitude and in celebration.



Contest Coordinator

Juaquin Lonelodge

 Hohou! It is a great honor to my family and myself, Juaquin Lonelodge a proud Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizen, to be asked to be this year's Contest Coordinator for Oklahoma Indian Nations.

 OIN holds a very close place in my heart, and I have been a part of this celebration since I was a kid. My late Grandfather Clarence "Pete" Bailey who served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War, Military Flag was flown here. I have been the Head Man War Dancer here in the past years and now I have the honor of working with our powwow committee. I personally have danced all over the US and into Canada, but OIN always feels like home. I cordially invite all tribes, all my powwow families from all corners of the powwow road to come and experience one of our great Cheyenne and Arapaho celebrations.

 To all dancers you have a great gift to be able to dance, do not take it for granted. I encourage you to dance for the people, and dance for the ones that cannot anymore. Remember, you may not know it, you could be someone's idol, act accordingly and be humble. I will make sure you get the appropriate songs for you. Have fun, dance hard, and show your style! Keep this knowledge, contest songs are only a couple of minutes... make every second count!



Head Singer

Jesse Hamilton

 Heebie, Tous, Nenee'eeshinoo Woteen Noo'o (Hello my name is Black Kettle) also Jesse Hamilton. I am the Neisii (grandson) of the late Thomas Jr. and Aline (Bates) Shakespeare of Arapahoe, Wyo. The late Glen and Mildred (Tsoodle) Hamilton of Hobart, Okla., and my late grandmother Madeline (Wolf) Hamilton of Gracemont, Okla. My Nenihei (parents) are Delmar and Ava Hamilton of Boulder, Colo. My Netesih'e (wife) Jamelyn Hamilton (Tosee) and I reside in Anadarko with our Notoone (daughter) Hisei Nookchoose Niibei (Singing Sage Woman) Kendal Montana Hamilton. I also have a Neih'e (son) Beetee Yookuu (Medicine Stand) Bow Grant Hamilton of Ft. Duschene, Utah.

 I am a U.S. Army Veteran having served from 1990-1994. I am very honored to be asked to help with this year's Oklahoma Indian Nation Betoot. From my family to yours welcome to the 2025 Oklahoma Indian Nation Betoot here in Kooheiyei't (Concho), we hope you make new friends, visit old friends, and dance, sing until you're filled with happiness!



Buddy Bond Color Guard



 In 1990 James Hawk organized the Oklahoma Intertribal Veterans Color Guard. In 1993 the name was changed to the "Buddy Bond Color Guard" in memory of Ellis "Buddy" Bond who passed away too soon.

 Members traveled to many powwows etc. In 1995 when the Murrah Federal building was bombed Gov. Walters called on 14 color guards to raise the flag. Buddy Bond Color Guard was one invited.

 James Hawk was also instrumental in founding the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Club in 1987 along with the Tallbear, Hamilton, Meeks and Whitebuffalo families.

 Today the Buddy Bond Color Guard continues in activities across the country when called upon. We give our Thanks to all the Veterans and families that were members throughout these years.



35th Annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow

Arena Directors

Skylar “Moore-Bravescout” Vann

Nawa>Hello, my name is Skylar “Moore” Vann. I am the son of Riley and Jamie Moore-Vann of Locust Grove, Okla. I come from Pawnee, Otoe-Missouria and Cherokee Tribes. I am a descendant of the Bravescout Family from Pawnee, Okla.

Growing up in the arena, it has brought me many teachings and knowledge. My biggest inspiration was my Uppit, Sidney Moore Bravescout Jr. He was a well-known fancy dancer and his love for powwows inspired me to continue with those traditions. Dancing has made an impact on my life and it has led me to the path I am on now. I am very honored and grateful to serve as one of the Arena Director at this year’s OIN powwow. I would like to thank the committee for choosing me and I hope to fulfill my duties of my role and make sure everyone enjoys their time. Aho.



James Reveles Sr.

James Reveles Sr. is an enrolled citizen of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. His mother was the late Irene Knifechief Reveles and Donna Sweezy Rush, and father Jose Reveles. His grandparents were Manuel Knifechief (Pawnee) and Caroline Dero-in (Otoe).

James resides in El Reno with his wife Jaime, and children, Jaylin, James Jr., Josiah, Jakoby and Jeriyah.

Thank you to the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow committee for asking me to help with the 35th annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow.

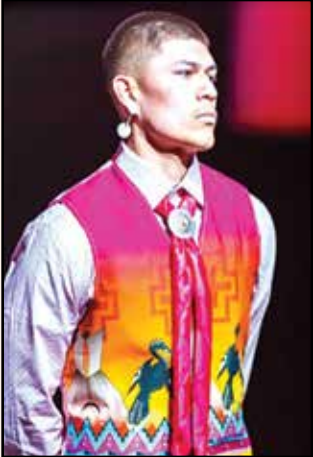


Marlon Chebon Whitlow

Marlon Chebon Whitlow will be helping out as one of this year’s Oklahoma Indian Nation powwow’s arena directors. Chebon currently works for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Food Pantry Program. Helping and serving our people means a lot to him, plus meeting family and relative he didn’t know.

His parents are Lori Brooks and Will Whitlow. He is the grandson of Dara Franklin and Quinton and LaDonna Roman Nose. Also, the late Patricia Ann Brooks and the late Bill Whitlow. He is the great-grandson of Ruth Yellowman Brooks of Watonga, Okla., and the late Arapaho Chief Virgil Franklin Sr., and Violet Bernice Youngbear Franklin.

Chebon has two siblings, William Whitlow and Ethan Brooks.



Honored Elders

Arapaho Elder -Eloise Bushyhead Rice

I feel very honored and would like to thank the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow committee for selecting me as Honored Elder for this year’s event. In the past, I have tried to support this committee, serving as Head Lady Gourd Dancer (my mother was living at the time) and also having my father’s flag honored.

My parents are Allen and Elsie (Harrison-Youngman) Bushyhead. I was born at the Concho Hospital. My paternal grandparents are Victor Bushyhead and Julia Vanhorn. Maternal grandparents are Scott Harrison-Youngman Sr. and Daisy Bent. My grandfather Scott Harrison-Youngman Sr. was full-blood Arapaho, hailed from and lived in Geary, Okla. Cheyenne chiefs placed him in as a Cheyenne Chief. My late husband is Joseph Rice, however I never was blessed to have children, but have nieces and nephews that have blessed and shared grandchildren with me. My late brother s is Fred Allen Bushyhead.

I, through the Native American Church, gatherings and travels, have met wonderful individuals who call me mom, aunt, grandma, sister, niece and friend. Blessed through prayers, I am a cancer survivor.



Cheyenne Elder-Ruth Yellowman Brooks

Ruth Yellowman Brooks was born and raised in Watonga, OK in 1935 to Mary Alice Antelope (maiden) and Eddie Little Yellowman, Sr. who was from Montana.

She is a full blood Cheyenne and will be turning 90 in September. She raised her nine kids on the same homestead she was born and raised outside of Watonga along with other Cheyenne and Arapaho families.

Ruth enjoys spending time with her kids, grandkids and great grandkids. She has been blessed with two great-great grandkids. Other hobbies include going to the casino, watching the 2025 NBA World Champs OKC Thunder, and her great grandkids play basketball.

Ruth is a proud and lifelong member of the Watonga Indian Baptist Church where she stills sings Cheyenne hymns. She is very proud of her 18 grandkids, 41 great grandkids, and two great-great grandkids.

Ruth and her family thank the Oklahoma Indian Nations Committee for selecting her to be the Cheyenne Honored Elder! Nease!



Co-Host All Nations Rezcovery

All Nations Rezcovery was established in January 2024 with a starting group consisting of Barry Botone, Casandra Fraser, Domingo Whiteman, Carmello Reveles Sr., and Darien Chebahtah. This group was formed to bring more people back into the arena after they have been affected by substance use disorder, losing a loved one to overdose, and losing the connection to our culture.

After the debut, All Nations Rezcovery has grown and impacted many communities through gourd dancing, public speaking, and cultural events. In September 2024, Carleigh Tai Flyingout was crowned the ANRGC Sr. Princess which she represents the youth that have been affected by substance use in their homes. Carleigh has been a beacon of hope for youth around the nation in which she has been an advocate for youth taking a stance against substance use on multiple platforms including sobriety conferences, public health events, cultural events and more.

The ultimate goal of All Nations Rezcovery is to support our people who are going through their Recovery journey and help others along the way. Learn more about us at www.rezcovery.org.

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Princess Royalty

Little Miss Parker Hu Blessing



Parker Hu Blessing is a proud 7-year-old member of the Cheyenne, Comanche Nation, Caddo, and Kiowa Tribes. She will be entering 1st grade this fall and joyfully carries forward the legacy of her families: YellowEagle, Parker, Bearshield, Blessing and Strouth.

Parker proudly embraces her Native heritage through powwow dancing and by participating in community and family events that honor her culture. With a heart full of kindness and joy, she represents her people with grace and pride.

Known for her sweet, respectful, and loving spirit, Parker also brings laughter and fun wherever she goes. She enjoys playing basketball, practicing jiu-jitsu, swimming, drawing, and spending precious time with her family — who are her biggest supporters.

Parker is honored to represent as Little Miss Oklahoma Indian Nations and hopes to inspire other young Native girls to be proud of who they are, where they come from, and the strong cultural traditions they carry forward.

Princess Royalty

Junior Miss Emily La’Miyah Gray



Emily La’Miyah Gray is the beloved daughter of Joseph Hales and Carmen Gray of Yukon, Oklahoma. She is seven years old and a proud student at Mustang Trails Elementary.

Emily comes from a rich and loving heritage. She is the granddaughter of Cecil Gray of Elgin and Carmen YellowEagle of Yukon. Her great-grandparents are Beulah YellowEagle Penn, Simon Toppah, and Dorthy Tsa-Toke Gray. She is also the great-granddaughter of Leonard and Abby YellowEagle, Cecil and Jenny Horse, and Cheavers and Esther Toppah.

A proud Cheyenne and Kiowa young girl, Emily enjoys attending school, going to powwows, swimming, drawing, and spending time with her cousins. She especially loves being a sister. Emily’s joyful heart, creativity, and deep connection to her culture shine brightly in all that she does.

Princess Royalty

Senior Miss Yanna Susana Yellowfish



Ha Marauwe! My name is Yanna Susana Yellowfish. I am the 2025-2026 Senior Miss Oklahoma Indian Nation Princess. I am 18 years old and am Comanche, Delaware, Caddo, and Alabama-Coushatta. I grew up in Dallas, Texas, but now reside in El Reno, Okla.

My mom is Elyssa Yellowfish of Dallas, Texas and my maternal grandparents are Ricky and Vicki Yellowfish of El Reno. My great-grandparents are the late Lyman and Irene Hunter Yellowfish and Lester and Frances Battise.

I love to dance and meet new people. I enjoy traveling to different powwows and celebrations where I can learn about other tribes and organizations.

It is an honor to be the Senior Miss OIN Princess and I will represent the committee to the best of my abilities. I welcome you all to the 35th Annual Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Come out and enjoy! Uдах!



Congratulations

Brandon Lee, owner of Lee Hometown Funeral Home in Clinton, Okla., was honored July 19 by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for being named president of the Oklahoma Funeral Director’s Association. Brandon was honored with a Pendleton blanket and gifted a beautiful pair of hand made moccasins.



RED EARTH ART

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Tallbear said the busy pace of art school, which included preparing for sophomore and senior shows, caused her to realize that she needed a bit of a break. She said a typical day now is to do oil painting about three hours a day, work evenings at a restaurant and then do some drawing after work. But art remains her passion, Tallbear said, and she eventually hopes to do it fulltime. Her role models include the indigenous artists James Luna and Edgar Heap of Birds, and her mentors in the Cheynne and Arapaho community include George Levi and Brent Learned. Palmer, who is enrolled Caddo, spent her formative years in California where she lived among indigenous people, especially the Pono tribe. She said the Pono became like family to her, which made her want to get to know her Caddo and

Cheyenne relatives after she and her mother moved to Gracemont. She was attending a night class in St. Louis when a teacher “helped me find my voice on paper,” Palmer said of her poetry. She said her grandmother also wrote poetry. Palmer is also a special effects makeup artist and works in oils. “I still have a lot to grow to be a better oil painter,” she said. Palmer said she met her husband, who is Kiowa, when she volunteered at his haunted house in Caddo County. Work by some of the artists in the show, separate from the pieces in the exhibition, can be purchased online at the Red Earth Inc. website.

BRINGING OUR CHILDREN HOME

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that were printed in the September 1881 issue of Eadle Keatah Toh (Carlisle school newspaper). Among these reports is one from Mary Ann Davis (a “patron”), who writes the following about Leah Roadtraveller, “In returning the Indian girl Leah Roadtraveler to your care, it affords me considerable pleasure that I can say she has been obedient, cheerful and apt in the learning of household duties,” wrote Mary Ann Davis. In her book Wives and Husbands: Gender and Age in Southern Arapaho History, historian Loretta Fowler writes, “Several children from Little Raven’s band attended the Arapaho school in the 1870s and 1880s, even though their camps were some distance from the agency. Little Raven sent his youngest daughter, Anna, as well as other children in his band: Harry Raven (his grandson), Cleaver Warden (an orphan), Edwin Glenn, Jessie and Sarah Scabby Bull, Henry Lincoln, Lydia Harrington (an orphan), Alice Road Traveler, and Bessie, Grant, and Matthew (Red Woman’s children and Red Pipe’s grandchildren). Little Raven’s brother-in-law Yellow Bear sent his two daughters, Belle and Minnie, as well as Jenny Arrow, Percy and Leslie Scabby Horse, Willie Meeks (an orphan), Leah Road Traveler, and Chase Harrington (an orphan)” (117). (Historian Loretta Fowler also writes that Road Traveler’s son, Ben Road Traveler, attended Halstead in Kansas (pg. 134). Another

relative, Walker Road Traveler, also attended Halstead, and Fowler writes the following: “Halstead (also known as the Mennonite College) was operated near Newton, Kansas, as a family farm by Mennonites. Boys learned to farm and lived the country life, riding horses and hunting rabbits with a bow and arrow, according to Walker Road Traveler. Girls learned housework and probably other farm work, such as care of chicken. Halstead stressed religious indoctrination, as well as farm work and use of English. Walker resisted the pressure against speaking Arapaho.” Little Raven’s daughter Anna, Left Hand’s son Grant Left Hand, Yellow Bear’s daughter Minnie Yellow Bear, and Leah Road Traveler were in the same party of Cheyenne and Arapaho children who entered Carlisle on October 27, 1879. Historian Loretta Fowler writes that Road Traveler’s wife Pumpkin (and, after 1901, Myrtle Lincoln’s adoptive grandmother) was a member of the Buffalo Lodge. Fowler writes, “According to (Cleaver Warden), as the women with degrees walked through the camp, people touched them to attain long life. The last ceremony took place about 1888 near Left Hand’s camp. One of the women who received regalia of a high degree gave her grandmother four horses, two cows, and other property. Pumpkin (Myrtle Lincoln’s grandmother and the wife of Road Traveler), Coming Up (married to Henry Sage), Bitchea

(Mrs. White Eyed Antelope), and Singing Woman (Black Horse’s wife)—all wives of lodge men—became members.” Content warning for the following: suicide Historian Loretta Fowler continues: “Women had ceremonial careers that potentially helped them influence others. Arapaho women successfully resisted the agents’ efforts to have agency physicians attend to childbirth. Midwifery continued, and several women had medicine power to treat pregnancy, nursing mothers, and infants. Myrtle Lincoln’s grandmother Pumpkin (born in 1848 and married to Road Traveler) and Striking Night (born in 1858 and married to Big Head) worked as midwives [...] Several women worked with their husbands as doctors for all sorts of ailments. These midwives and doctors may have had influence with women. But it was possible for a woman to lose status. Road Traveler was a fairly prosperous band leader who, upset over

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his health, committed suicide about 1890. Thereafter, Pumpkin became poor.”

CANDIDATE CHALLENGES

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Bachelor’s degree from an accredited institution
No felony convictions in the past 10 years
Residency within a voting district and remain in voting district for duration of term
No outstanding debt to the tribes
Filing of five years’ tax returns and a list of personal property
“The Election Commission has stated they have all agreed to follow the Constitution in regard to these challenges,” Lt. Gov. Gorham said. “Both Gov. Wassana and I check the boxes on qualifying,” Lt. Gov. Gorham stated. “No person convicted of a felony within the last 10 years can serve as governor or lieutenant governor unless pardoned. Neither Gov. Wassana nor I have ever been convicted of a felony, and at the time of filing the governor and lieutenant governor shall physically reside in a voting district and shall reside in a voting district for the duration of their term and currently both Gov. Wassana and myself reside inside the voting jurisdiction, so that is not an issue.” Gorham stated the Constitution also states at the time of filing candidacy for governor and lieutenant governor shall submit a copy of their tax returns for the past five years and provide a written list of their real or personal property. “We have both done those things and it states candidate for the office of governor or lieutenant governor cannot owe any money

to the tribes, and neither Gov. Wassana nor myself owe any money to the tribes. Those are the qualifications to run for governor and lieutenant governor, and nothing else,” Gorham said. Gorham said none of Nabils’s complaints in her challenge address their qualifications to run for governor or lieutenant governor and because both of their names appeared on the preliminary list of candidates released by the Election Commission, both Gov. Wassana and Lt. Gov. Gorham met all the qualifications to run for re-election. Gov. Wassana said he felt this challenge was based on a lot of emotion and the emotion was hate, “Those things she (Nabils) pointed out, they didn’t really say we were unqualified. Those things were an emotional to say, ‘I don’t like those guys, I don’t want them to run, and I want someone else to win.’” Nabils stated the challenge was not a personal complaint, but to preserve the Constitution, “What about the ethics, they are required to be ethically sound, make decisions that are morally sound as well and I am here to defend the Constitution and the integrity of our tribal government and not to play politics.” After hearing all the evidence, and allowing for discussion among the Election Commissioners, a vote was taken to remove Wassana/Gorham from the 2025 ballot.

The commission voted in favor of retaining Wassana/Gorham with a vote of 4 in favor of retaining, 3 in favor of removing and 1 abstention. Challenge Against Amanda ‘Cedar’ Shirey Tallbear presented her challenge against Arapaho District 1 legislative candidate Amanda ‘Cedar’ Shirey next stating she brought the complaint to remove Shirey based on unapproved purchases Shirey made as the former Tribal Council coordinator, stating the Election Law, Section 2.812(B), “That the candidate must not owe any money or debt to the tribes.” Tallbear referenced unpaid invoices from Shirey’s former time in office as Tribal Council coordinator that were left unpaid and the purchases did not follow the tribes’ procurement policy. Once such invoice called into question was an invoice from 8th Generation for blankets that were delivered to an address in Shawnee, versus being delivered through the tribes’ Property and Supply office, which is protocol for all orders to be processed through their office. Shirey responded by stating she received a document every candidate must present when filing for candidacy from the Dept. of Treasury showing she did not owe any money to the tribes’ and claimed one of the purchases from 8th Generation was made by

her in her personal entity and paid for by her own funds and did not feel anything Tallbear stated disqualified her as a candidate. After executive session the Election Commission voted to retain Shirey on the ballot with 7 in favor of retaining and 1 abstention. Challenge Against Kendricks Sleeper Hamilton challenged incumbent Sleeper’s eligibility using a resolution from the now-invalidated Election Law. Sleeper responded that the commission had already agreed to follow the Constitution, and that Hamilton’s claim lacked relevance and substance. “This complaint doesn’t prove I’m unqualified,” Sleeper said. Following deliberation, the Commission voted 6 to retain Sleeper, 1 to remove, with 1 abstention. Next Steps in the 2025 Election Cycle With the candidate challenges resolved, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission continues preparations for the 2025 Tribal Elections. The commission will release its final list of candidates and voters for the 2025 elections on Aug. 15, 2025. For additional information about the challenges please contact the Election Commission office at 405-422-7619.



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ALDEN WHITEMAN -
Candidate for Governor

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USA Veteran

I am Alden Whiteman, a proud enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and I'm honored to run for Tribal Governor in the upcoming 2025 election. I've spent my career serving within tribal organizations, including the Gaming Commission, driven by a deep commitment to uplift our people and strengthen our communities. I am a Cheyenne Sundancer and a member of the Bow String Society. My work has always focused on listening, building trust, and creating real, lasting change for our citizens, both at home and beyond our tribal lands.

As Governor, I will lead with transparency, accountability, and a dedication to open communication. I believe that through unity and shared vision, we can overcome challenges and build a future that reflects the strength and values of our people. With your support, we can move forward together.

DEBRA WOOLWORTH -
Candidate for Lt. Governor

A.A and B.A. Sociology,
Redlands Community College

B.A. Sociology, University
Central Oklahomay



I am Debra Woolworth, and I'm honored to run as Lt. Governor alongside Alden Whiteman. Since 2016, I've made my home in Greenfield and have spent decades serving our tribe through vital programs such as Social Services, Indian Child Welfare, Elder Care, Gaming Commission and Enrollment.

My work has always been rooted in uplifting our people and addressing community needs. My leadership is grounded in honesty, integrity, compassion, and fairness. I bring experience, heart, and a deep commitment to serving where I'm most needed. Let's build a brighter future-together.

A Vision Rooted in Community & Culture

- Culture preservation
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 - Education scholarships & higher ed opportunities
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 - Housing solutions to end homelessness
 - Safety and support for children, elders, and women
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COMMUNITY MEETINGS

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- August 13th – Watonga ERC
- August 17th – Concho ERC
- August 23rd – Kingfisher ERC
- August 25th – Geary ERC
- August 28th – Clinton ERC

- September 6th – Hammon ERC
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happy and excited to take on the role. And feeling scared.

“I never had a title so I didn’t know how to carry it, but I know from my older cousin, Makayla Sage she has had the Denver March title too, so just watching her, I had a great role model,” Littlecook said.

As part of her princess duties, Littlecook’s role includes being a role model for others and carrying her title the best way she can. Littlecook had attended various powwows since taking on her title.

“I only had one weekend off since then and every weekend I’ve gone to a powwow or an event where I’m showing my title off

and trying to be the best princess I can be,” Littlecook said.

What she values most in her princess role includes being a role model for other people to look up to and for others interested in running for princess.

“If anybody wants to try to run for anything, to show people in my community, our young, the youth that we can have and we can do bigger things,” Littlecook said.

And what Littlecook has come to enjoy most in her princess reign is connecting with the communities and meeting new people.

“Having new friends, connecting with different people, different tribes, getting to travel and getting to see dif-



ferent tribal communities and their way of doing things and their traditions, it’s just really cool to see,” Littlecook said.

When Littlecook was invited to OIN as a special guest, she had quickly agreed and was excited for the opportunity as she hadn’t attended OIN powwow since she was a little girl. Littlecook looks forward to attending the powwow, the singing and the different events that will be ongoing throughout the weekend.

Littlecook will also be a part of the parade to kick-start the OIN powwow events, as well as participate in the past princess reception and powwow press conference.

Learning about different cultures and traditions throughout her princess reign, Littlecook felt proud to carry her title. Her overall message she hoped to convey to others involves giving back to her community and showing them what’s possible.

“Showing them what somebody from their community can do and what they can do, and other people in Oklahoma because I feel like we really aren’t around the big powwows, just like around here, but I think I can help relay the connection there.”

“I just hope everybody can be there and I hope that I can meet everybody and see everybody,” Littlecook said.

EDITORIAL: The Ugly Turn of Politics in Today’s World

Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Politics. Once a noble calling, a space where leaders with differing visions debated passionately yet respectfully over what was best for their people, has transformed into a toxic arena of personal destruction. These days, anyone brave enough to run for elected office, tribal, state, or federal, must be ready not just with policy plans or a campaign strategy, but with armor thick enough to withstand the mud that will inevitably be slung their way.

It used to be different. There was an unspoken code of decorum, a baseline respect that political opponents afforded one another. Candidates might clash on ideas, economics, or social policy, but they remained civil. Their debates sharpened ideas, not knives. And while politics was never perfect, there was dignity in the process.

Not so anymore.

Today, it seems that the race for public office has less to do with qualifications or vision and more to do with who can shout the loudest, smear the deepest, and fabricate the fastest. With the rise of social media, the political battlefield has extended beyond debates and campaign rallies. Now it plays out 24/7

online, where anonymous accounts hurl lies like grenades, untraceable, unaccountable, and often unchecked.

When did it all change? Perhaps it didn’t happen overnight. Maybe the erosion was slow, a compromise of values here, an unchecked rumor there. And then came the deluge. Platforms that once promised to connect us now feed off controversy, fueling divisions with algorithms that reward outrage over reason. Add in “keyboard warriors” emboldened by anonymity, and you get a cesspool of hate, lies, and character assassination masquerading as political discourse.

Worse still, these attacks aren’t limited to policy. They target personal lives, families, reputations, fabricating crimes with zero evidence, twisting pasts, and inventing scandals with the sole intent of destroying someone’s credibility. And somehow, this has become acceptable. Normal, even. A feature of modern campaigning, not a flaw.

Where is the truth in all of this? And why have we allowed lies to carry as much, if not more, weight than facts? When did we become more interested in

viral takedowns than real leadership?

The consequences are grave. Good people, honest, thoughtful, community-driven individuals, are discouraged from running. Who can blame them? Why step forward when doing so could cost you your job, your peace, your family’s privacy, even your safety?

Politics should be about ideas. About representation. About vision and responsibility. It should never be about who can ruin a life faster with the sharpest lie or the dirtiest meme. As voters, as tribal citizens, we bear a shared responsibility to demand better. To pause before sharing the unverified rumor. To question the anonymous post. To vote for those who lead with integrity, not venom.

Until we collectively call for a return to dignity and truth in our political systems, the ugliness will only grow. But it doesn’t have to be this way. The power to change the tone of politics lies in our hands, as voters, as community members, and as human beings.

Let’s raise the standard again.

Let’s bring respect back.

OBITUARIES

Lloyd ‘Chet’ Alexander Winn

Lloyd “Chet” Alexander Winn, born Aug. 2, 1945, in Clinton, Okla., passed away on July 12, 2025, at his home in Ethete, Wyo., following an illness. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his beloved wife Smyrna Sage-Winn. Chet was 79 years old and leaves behind a distinguished legacy of service to tribal communities, a deep commitment to his family, and proud military service.

At the start of his fourth semester in college, Chet voluntarily enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, reporting for active duty on Sept. 9, 1966, at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. Chet served in combat in South Vietnam from February 1968 to March 1969 and was honorably discharged on March 11, 1970. In the summer of 1980, he received a bachelor of science degree in general studies with minors in sociology and psychology from the University of Central Oklahoma. He graduated from the Denver Paralegal Institute, completing his paralegal training and earning his paralegal certification after completing a 100-hour internship with the law firm of Fredericks, Pelcyger, Hester & White in Boulder, Colo. He later attended Central Wyoming College in Riverton majoring in criminal justice, and pursued further studies in administration of justice through the University of Wyoming Outreach Program in Riverton.

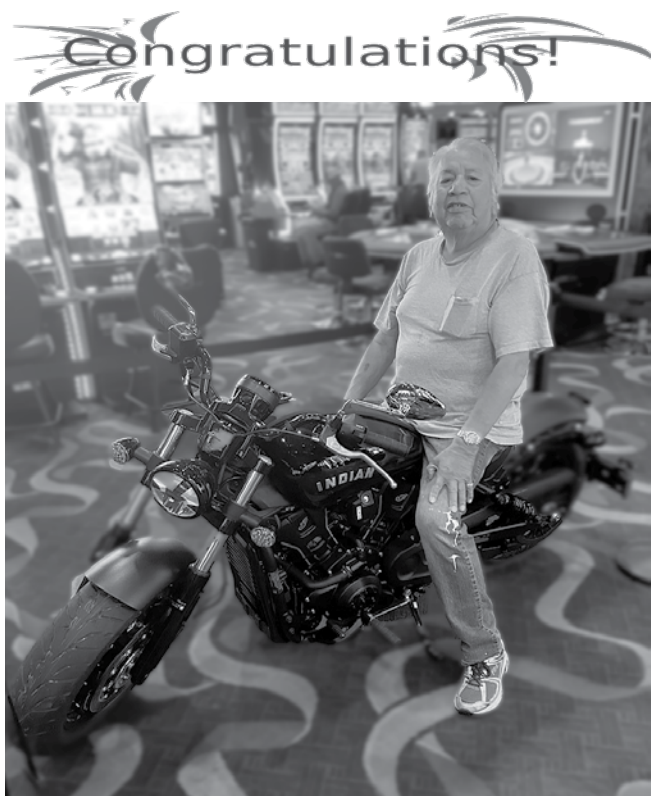
His professional journey included serving as executive director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma’s Comprehensive Employment & Training Act (CETA) Program from

1978 to 1979, supervising 44 staff, and later as Executive Director of the Tribes’ Food Distribution Program from 1984 to 1985, overseeing 12 staff in El Reno and Weatherford. In Wyoming, he was selected as interim executive director of the Wyoming Indian Affairs Council from 1995 to 1996, acting as liaison between Governor Jim Geringer’s office and the Eastern Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Tribes, addressing civil rights and discrimination concerns on the Wind River Reservation. Chet also served the Shoshone & Arapaho Tribes as a Tribal Court advocate after studying the Shoshone and Arapaho Law & Order Code and passing the advocate exam on his first attempt. He represented tribal members in civil and criminal cases and was appointed guardian ad litem for children and vulnerable elders. Chet shared over 24 years of love and companionship with Smyrna Sage of Ethete. After two years together, during a drive home from Montana following a bowling tournament under a full moon, Chet turned to Smyrna and simply said, “We should get married.” Smyrna smiled and replied, “Okay.” They were married on Dec. 30, 2002, in Fort Washakie, Wyo. Chet will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to advancing tribal sovereignty, protecting civil rights, and uplifting Native communities, as well as for the quiet, steadfast love he shared with Smyrna. He loved to bowl, take long walks, visit the casino, and spend time with family and friends. A Sundancer who deeply honored the Arapaho way of life, he



also carried profound respect for his grandfather, Daniel C’Bearing. He was proud to be a United States Marine. He is survived by his wife Smyrna Sage-Winn of Ethete, his daughters, Denise Lonelodge, Amber Winn, Alexandria Winn, and his son Lloyd Winn Jr., and his sisters, Lela Whitebuffalo-Cozad, Cheryl Whitebuffalo-Gouge, and Billie Propst, and his grandchildren Skuya Medicinehorse, Easton Hill, Auni Winn, and his aunt Imogene Jackson of Sacaton, Ariz., one of the oldest Pima elders, as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ethel Hall-Ellis and Mathew Winn, his grandparents, Benjamin and Phoebe (Hall) Ellis, his son, Benjamin Paul Winn, his sisters Winnifred Winn, Hazel Whitebuffalo Fourkiller, and Toni Whitebuffalo Pawnee; and his brother, Raymond White Buffalo Jr.

A traditional wake service was held July 16 at the family residence. Funeral services were held July 17, at Blue Sky Hall, with Father Tony Salwick officiating, followed by an interment at the Sage-Redman Cemetery in Ethete, Wyo., under the direction of Hudson Funeral Home.



Congratulations to Kent Stonecalf for winning the Indian Motorcycle at Clinton Lucky Star Casino giveaway.

AUGUST 2025 CAR SEAT CLINIC

Come see the Transportation Safety Program at the Mobile Medical Unit (MMU) Outreaches

WHEN
Thursday, August 14, 2025
Thursday, August 28, 2025
9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

WHERE
Western Tech Center
301 Western Drive
Elk City, OK

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION:

- Tribal ID/CDIB for child or parent/guardian
- Child's birth certificate or guardianship papers
- Proof of assistance (WIC, SNAP, etc.) if applicable
- Expecting mothers bring letter from physician specifying due date (Expecting mothers are eligible for an infant carrier no sooner than 30 days from due date)

Please scan the QR Code or use the Jotform link to access the Car Seat Application
<https://form.jotform.com/241124233181039>

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM
(405)262-0345, Ext. #27787
tsp@cheyenneandarapaho-nsn.gov

thank you

I would like to take time to say "Thank You" to the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes Burial Program for the assistance received for my daughter, Candace Dionne Jones.

The staff was very helpful in our time of loss. My family, and I, appreciate each and every act of kindness shown to us during this difficult time.

Once again, thank you.
Sincerely,
Mary Pope & Family

thank you

The Minnie Goodbear Family would like to thank all the people who donated to the GoFundMe account when we had a house fire. We know who you are. You're very appreciated.

- Minnie Goodbear

SUMMER FEST

BICYCLE PARADE

Sunday, August 3, 2025
LOCATION: Department of Transportation
300 N. White Antelope Rd.
Concho, OK 73036

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 10:00 AM
BICYCLE PARADE BEGINS AT 11:00 AM

Each participant will be fitted and receive a helmet and safety gear (elbow pads & knee pads) as well as learn bicycle safety prior to the parade. Decorations will be available until 10:45 AM.

AGE GROUPS: 0-2, 3-6, 7-9, 10-12 YRS
1 BOY & 1 GIRL WINNER FOR EACH AGE GROUP AND EACH CATEGORY
2 CATEGORIES: Safety Rider and Best Decorated

Bring your bicycles, strollers, wagons, and scooters for you chance to win a Radio Flyer Tricycle Stoller for 0-2 years and an electric scooter for 3-12 years of age.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY PROGRAM
(405)422-7787 or (405)422-7778
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CONGRATULATIONS BRIAN THUNDERBULL

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July 18, 2025

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In the Matter of:
MARY BRAVO)
Petitioner,) Case No. CIV-2025-0057
VS.)
MAURICIO BRAVO ZARAGOZA)
Respondent,)

CIVIL SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES TO: MAURICIO BRAVO ZARAGOZA
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 17th day of July, 2025.

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

JFD-2025-0006

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In the Matter of the Dissolution of Marriage of:
BRIANNA WASHA)
Petitioner,) Case No. JFD-2025-0006
and)
JEREMY WASHA)
Respondent,)

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: JEREMY WASHA
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 20th day of AUGUST 2025, 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.

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

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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 15th day of July, 2025.

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

JFD-2025-0007

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In the Matter of the Dissolution of Marriage of:
JESSICA THUNDER BULL)
Petitioner,) Case No. JFD-2025-0007
and)
PHILLIP THUNDER BULL)
Respondent,)

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: PHILLIP THUNDER BULL
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

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Dated at the Trial Court this 15th day of July, 2025.

Tawny Melendez
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
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In the Matter of the Dissolution of Marriage of:
MATTHEW REYES)
Petitioner,) Case No. JFD-2025-0008
and)
NIKA REYES)
Respondent,)

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: NIKA REYES
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 20th day of AUGUST 2025, at 10:00 A.M., in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Dated at the Trial Court this 15th day of July, 2025.

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

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:
R.D.M.)
K.R.M.) Case No. PG-2025-0023
Minor Children,)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: JESSICA PETERSON
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

TAKE NOTICE that Kaden Miller, has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of Minor Children, R.D.M. and K.R.M., and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courtroom located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 10th day of SEPTEMBER, 2025 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.

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.

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Dated at the Trial Court this 23rd day of July, 2025.

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

ADULT AND CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES CASEWORKER

The Child and Adult Protection Services Caseworker is responsible for receiving, examining, investigating and evaluating every complaint concerning a child and adult when they have been allegedly subjected to abuse (physical, emotional, sexual) and neglect occurring on trust land. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us

ADULT AND CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES CASEWORKER (405) 422-7746



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
Concho Agency
P.O. Box 68
El Reno, Oklahoma 73036



ATTENTION:

The Bureau of Indian Affairs, Concho Agency is looking for family members of deceased landowners.

IF your family member appears on this list, please contact us via email

Concho_Agency_Probate_Office@bia.gov

(This listing goes through the end of 2021; A total of 108 names are attached w/date of deaths.)

Another list of more recent deaths for which information is needed will be published soon.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	DATE OF DEATH			
RUTLEDGE	LIO LEE	12/4/2015	BLACKOWL	EDWINA NELL	4/25/2020
HARRISON JR	EDWARD JAMES	1/1/2017	CHOTEAU	EUGENIA MAE	5/27/2020
DONAVICH	MARY CROTZER	4/18/2017	PRATT	ATALOA	6/7/2020
ALVARADO	FRANK	4/25/2017	COCHRAN	RICHENDA JUNE	7/24/2020
STRAIGHT	NEAL WAYNE	7/7/2017	BUFFALOMEAT	VERNA ANN	8/3/2020
KAULAITY	RAEVEN ARLENE	7/7/2017	COWART	ELAINE SHIRLEY	8/17/2020
EADES	RICHARD DAVID	8/9/2017	GOODBLANKET	LAHOMA MARIE	8/18/2020
ANDERSON	SHANE TYLER	11/11/2017	WHITESHIRT	AMY DUAN	8/23/2020
PATTON	MARVIN L	12/23/2017	PLUMMER	ALLEN DEAN	8/27/2020
SHELTON	FASHANE LOU	12/27/2017	KODASEET	DEBORAH R	9/9/2020
JOHNSTON	JAY WILLIAM	1/18/2018	FRANKLIN JR	ALFRED WILSON	9/23/2020
LOYD	BILLIE	2/2/2018	RAYA	DANIELLE RENEE	9/25/2020
OLD CROW III	JOHN MATTHEW	2/26/2018	CALVILLO	MARY ANN FRIDAY	9/30/2020
CAPTURE JR	GARY LEON	4/22/2018	WILLIAMS	KEVIN FRANCIS	10/6/2020
PLATT	RAMONA BOHANON	5/19/2018	FISHER	CARRIE ANN	10/25/2020
STARR	REGINALD ERWIN	5/21/2018	HIDRAGO	ANNA JOYCE	11/7/2020
TILLEY	LORI ANN	7/8/2018	WEST	JOHN WILLIAM	11/21/2020
SMART	LEROY	8/20/2018	REDNOSE	EUGENE JAMES	11/28/2020
STONE	KATHLEEN MARIE	8/28/2018	LONEMAN	JESSE RUTHERFORD	11/30/2020
BUFFALOMEAT	CHARLES RUDOLPH	9/11/2018	ORANGE	VICTOR ROBERT	12/5/2020
HATCH	FREDA	12/13/2018	JUNKER	MARTHA GRETCHEN	12/13/2020
GODDARD	LINDA LOU	1/21/2019	BACON	RICHARD DEWAYNE	12/19/2020
TWO BABIES	KEVIN CLINT	2/17/2019	NAHWOOKSY	FRANK ROBY	12/28/2020
WHITE CROW	DELFRED	3/16/2019	ARMSTRONG	TIMOTHY LEE	1/1/2021
TALLBULL	MELVEN CHARLES	3/22/2019	MORRIS	CAROLE SUE	1/6/2021
BENEVENTO	HEATHER DAWN PARK	4/20/2019	TALLBEAR	ANTHONY EUGENE	1/9/2021
GARCIA	RAYMOND MICHAEL	5/4/2019	FOX	LISA DIONNE	1/11/2021
CROTZER	ROBERT BRUCE	5/8/2019	SHIREY JR	WILLIAM JACOB	1/12/2021
STARR	JOHN ANTHONY	8/18/2019	PARTON JR	FREDERICK EMAN	1/12/2021
NEWSOME	JEFFREY JAY	9/6/2019	GAWHEGA JR	DELMOND WAYNE	1/24/2021
HARRAGARA	SHARON ELAINE	9/17/2019	PARKER	ELOISE	1/30/2021
TALLBEAR	KEVIN EARL	10/19/2019	WHITETAIL	PEGGY SUE	2/26/2021
MORTON	DAVID BYRON	11/9/2019	SANKEY	SCOTTIE	2/27/2021
SHAWNEE HUSBY	ELIZABETH ANN	11/10/2019	HAAG	BRYAN JAY	3/10/2021
WATAN	MAX	11/15/2019	SHORTMAN II	LAWRENCE	4/9/2021
DOYEL	DARLA LEA ANNE	1/9/2020	BIBLE	BENJAMIN CARL	4/9/2021
COLLINS	ANNIE SIDONIA	3/23/2020	RODRIQUEZ	JULIA KAY	4/16/2021
PEKAH	LYDIA LOUISE	5/12/2021	HATFIELD	ANNA MARIE	4/23/2021
ZARSKY	WESLEY WILLIAM	5/14/2021	STROUD	JOAN	4/26/2021
WARDEN	FREDERICK MACK	5/19/2021	WILLIAMS	KAYLINE MICHELLE	4/27/2021
CHILES	STEVEN LINN	6/6/2021	LONG	ALLEN RICHARD	5/2/2021
KENRICK	LAVONTA ROSE	6/8/2021	CHASENAH	DONNA GRACE	5/8/2021
STINSON JR	AMOS LEE	6/26/2021	BARNES JR	JERRY WAYNE	5/8/2021
FLYINGMAN	ROBERT	6/27/2021			
RED BIRD	LESLIE ALLEN	7/5/2021			
OLD BEAR	CHESTER LEFORCE	7/5/2021			
POWER JR	EVERETT L	7/22/2021			
RETA II	MARCELO MEDICINEBIRD	8/18/2021			
HARRINGTON JR	CHARLES	8/21/2021			
TOLEDO	SARAH STAR MCNEIL	9/6/2021			
COX	DAVID LEE	9/17/2021			
AKEEN	ELLA DENCIE	9/18/2021			
SMITH	EVELYN PEARL	9/27/2021			
WALKER ARIAS	CRUZ ROBERT	9/29/2021			
REYES JR	TONY	10/28/2021			
MARTIN	ROSALIND ANITA	11/2/2021			
REYES JR	MATTHEW WADE	11/11/2021			
DAUKEI	CHARLES LUTHER	11/24/2021			
IBANEX	IRIS	12/4/2021			
LITTLE THUNDER III	GEORGE	12/5/2021			
LYNN	DEBORAH JUNE	12/8/2021			
HATCH	CAROL MARIE	12/13/2021			
BLACK	MARSHALL KEITH	12/21/2021			
HUNTER	LENA BEARSHIELD	12/23/2021			

Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority

Date: August 21, 2025

Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Location: Watonga ERC, 257210 Hwy. 33
Watonga, OK

There will be food, drinks and door prizes!!!

For more information please contact CAHA at (580)331-2400.



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CORNELL SANKEY



**CANDIDATE FOR GOVERNOR
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES**

WHY VOTE FOR US?

Cornell Sankey is a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a lifelong public servant dedicated to building a stronger, more sovereign future for all tribal citizens. With deep roots in our communities and a legacy grounded in service. Cornell brings integrity, experience and a heartfelt commitment to the people he hopes to serve as Governor.

Cornell is the son of the Late Milton Clarence Sankey and was raised in the Hammon, Weatherford, Canton, Watonga and El Reno tribal communities by his mother, Ima Jean Whiteskunk. He honors the sacrifices of his mother, a single parent who worked hard to raise him and his brothers with strength and values rooted in the Cheyenne and Arapaho tradition. He is a first-generation college graduate who has never stopped learning. Cornell earned his AA in Business Administration from Redlands Community College, his Bachelor's in Business Administration Finance from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. His academic and professional journey reflects a belief that education is key to our collective success.

Cornell's background bridges tribal traditions and policy with modern leadership. He gained early inspiration from his grandmother, Mary Elk River Whiteskunk. His path was further shaped by the values and service of his grandfather, WWII veteran Edward Whiteskunk; his uncle Warren Sankey USMC Korean War and cousin David Sankey USMC Vietnam Conflict Silver Star recipient. Cornell himself proudly served in the USMC during the Gulf War continuing a family legacy of defending and uplifting Native communities.



He brings to this campaign a clear mission to rebuild trust in tribal leadership, restore unity among our citizens, and advance opportunities for youth, veterans, and elders. With professional, cultural humility, and a grounded sense of purpose, Cornell is ready to serve all tribal members with transparency and accountability. "Our ancestors endured, survived, and overcame. Now it's our turn to lead with courage and vision. The time to strengthen our sovereignty, invest in our people, and create lasting change is now. I humbly ask for the support of all Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens. "Together, we will move our tribes forward." - Cornell Sankey

SANKEY MEDICINEBIRD — 2025 —



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DENNY MEDICINEBIRD

CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOVERNOR
CHEYENNE & ARAPAHO TRIBES

HONOR. RESPECT. TRADITION.

Denny MedicineBird, Cheyenne name Aenohe, meaning Hawk, is a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, a U.S. Army veteran, and a dedicated public health advocate. His name, Aenohe, was given to him in his earliest years by his late great-grandfather, Joe White Antelope—a name that continues to carry spiritual strength, identity, and purpose in his journey of service.

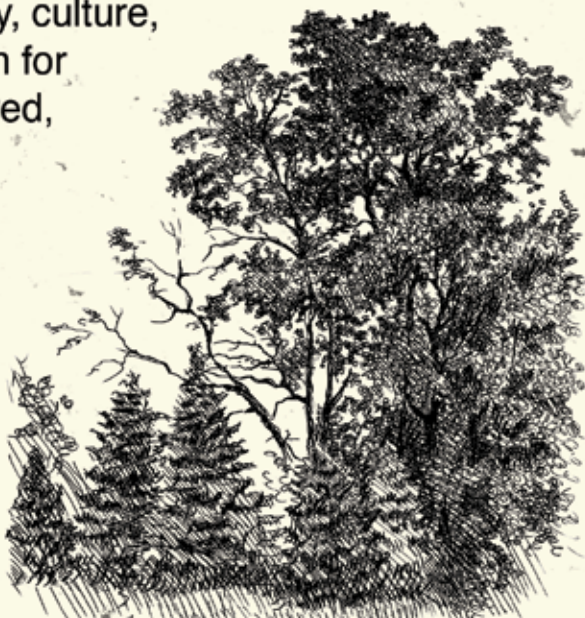
He is the son of the late Murray MedicineBird and Stevette Mopope, and a direct descendant of Chief White Antelope-whose sacrifice and prayers continue to guide Denny's path. His lineage and upbringing have instilled in him a deep sense of responsibility to his people and a commitment to honor those who came before.



Denny holds a Master's Degree in Public Health and has led initiatives across tribal health systems, focusing on culturally rooted prevention, youth development, and wellness. He has served as a Veterans Services Coordinator and Vice Chairman of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Veterans Board, working tirelessly to improve conditions for Native veterans and their families. As a former Army medic who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, Denny brings firsthand knowledge of leadership, discipline, and sacrifice. He has applied these principles in civilian service developing programs to combat substance use, secure health equity, and strengthen tribal capacity through grants and policy planning.

Denny's campaign for Lieutenant Governor is grounded in community, culture, and transparent leadership. He is committed to paving a leadership path for our youth, empowering our veterans, and ensuring our elders are honored, respected, and protected.

Now is the time for leadership rooted in tradition and driven by action. The Sankey-MedicineBird team humbly asks all Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens for your encouragement and support - together, we can rise, heal, and move forward. The time to change is now. Hohou-Nease!



OBITUARIES

Lawrence B. Francis Jr.

Lawrence B. Francis Jr. was born March 23, 1968 in Colorado. He passed away on July 9, 2025.

Lawrence had a lifelong love for music. As a proud member of the citywide marching band and color guard during high school he brought energy and spirit to every performance. He was also a featured singer in West High School’s singing Christmas tree, and enjoyed playing several instruments, especially the saxophone.

His creativity, warmth and musical talent will be remembered by all who knew him.

Lawrence is preceded in death by his mother Emma Francis, father Lawrence Francis Sr., and Joan White.

He is survived by his siblings Lonnie Mendoza and spouse John, Emily Wayka and spouse Patrick, Laura Wilson and spouse Daniel, as well as many loving cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were



held July 17 at the Romero Funeral Home & Cremations in Denver, Colo.

Marianne Marie Hamilton

Marianne Marie Hamilton, 45, of Kingfisher, Okla., died July 19, 2025. She brought joy into the world on Aug. 12, 1979, in Kingfisher, born to Patrick Hamilton of Elk City, Okla., and Renee Buckman Hamilton of Fort Belknap, Mont. Marianne remained a cherished resident of her hometown, Kingfisher, throughout her life. Her educational journey took her through Kingfisher Public Schools and extended to the University of Oklahoma, Rose State College, and Redlands Community College, where she earned an associate’s degree in business administration. With an outgoing spirit, Marianne found purpose in her work. She was employed at the Lucky Star Casino and later as a dedicated case-worker for the Cheyenne and

Arapaho’s Dreams Program. Her passion for empowering young people made her work in the Dreams Program especially fulfilling. Marianne was also OSHA certified. Beyond her professional life, she loved to travel, participate in traditional ways, including sweats and peyote meetings, and loved attending powwows. She enjoyed cooking delicious meals and, above all, spent precious moments with her two young grandsons, Tristen and Wesley Altizer, ages 2 and 3. Marianne is survived by her sons, Laudie Hamilton and William Altizer, both of Kingfisher, and their father Charles Altizer of Lexington, Georgia. She is also lovingly remembered by her siblings, Janene Hamilton, Shayla Hamilton, and Kristy Hamilton, all of Kingfisher,



and Joseph Starr of Moore, Okla., and Shane Hamilton and other family members in Montana.

An all-night traditional wake was held July 24 at the Kingfisher Emergency Response Center in Kingfisher, Okla. Funeral services were held July 25 at the Frontline Ministries in Kingfisher, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Home.

Candace Dionne Jones

Candace Dionne Jones was born on Aug. 31, 1984, in Oklahoma City, to Curtis Don Jones and Mary Esther Pope. She departed this life on July 11, 2025, at Baptist Integris Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Candace was loved by many people. She was smart, kind, and loving. She was funny, and she always had a song in her heart. She would wake up every morning when she was growing up and sing any song. The words might not have been the original words, but she would sing her version. Her version was funny, and you couldn’t help but laugh.

At the young age of 8 years old, Candace and her mother attended Central Baptist Church in Oklahoma City. One Sunday, the church

had a baptism ceremony, and she decided to get baptized. Throughout her life, when difficulties occurred, she would have to be reminded that she was a child of the most high God. She prayed her way through many situations.

She is survived by her mother Mary Pope of El Reno, Okla., her father Curtis Jones, her big brother Curtis Dewayne Jones, and her daughter Nevaeh Jones, all of Oklahoma City. She is also survived by her special friend Cedric Roberts of Oklahoma City and a host of uncles, aunts, relatives and friends.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Mary Stumphorn, Lee Roy Pope, Bessie Lou Jones and Sam



Jones, an older brother, five aunts, and four uncles.

A visitation was held July 18 at the Advantage Funeral Home Chapel in Oklahoma City. Funeral services were held July 19 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla., followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Advantage Funeral Home.

Reata Von Bighorse-Pedro

Reata Von Bighorse-Pedro, age 72, a lifelong resident of Clinton, Okla., passed away peacefully at her home on July 11, 2025. She was born Aug. 19, 1952, in Clinton, to Geneva Bighorse.

Reata was raised in Clinton and attended school with the Class of 1970. She was a faithful member of the Avenue Church and attended as her health allowed. She worked for over 17 years at Bar-S Food Services and most recently was employed in maintenance at the Lucky Star Casino in Hammon, Okla.

She loved life and found joy in the simple things, playing BINGO, taking her grandkids to the movies, working on puzzles, cruising around town, going to the lake, and spending cherished time with her great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother Geneva Bighorse, her son Matthew Pedro, her sister Norma Dougherty and her grandmother Laura Bighorse.

Left to honor her memory are her son William Lee Pedro of Clinton, her daughter Malaine Arriaga of Clinton, sisters, Sharon Swartz and Virginia Pack, both of Oklahoma City and her brother Robert Whitecrow of Clinton. She is also survived by her beloved grandchildren, Austin Arriaga, William “Keifer” Pedro, Eileen Pedro, Aaron Arriaga, Matthew Pedro, Miranda Cometsevah, Safire Noel Hughes, William Peralta, and Craig Pedro and her great-grandchildren, Eloise Salcido, Marcelo Juarez, Arianna Arriaga, Devin Arriaga, Catalina Arriaga, Malcolm Arriaga, William Pedro, Elias Pedro, Kayson Pedro, Juslynn Pedro, and



many more who brought light to her life.

A traditional all-night wake service was held July 15 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held July 16 at the Avenue Church in Clinton, with Delfred “Bunny” Whitecrow officiating. In accordance with Reata’s wishes, she will be cremated following the services. Services were under the direction of Lee Hometown Funeral Home.

Leroy Perry Jr.

Leroy Perry Jr. died in Oklahoma City at Integris Heart Hospital on July 15, 2025.

Leroy was born in Lawton, Okla., on Aug. 16, 1954, to Leroy Perry Sr. and Emma Virginia (Nibbs) Perry. He attended Lawton Indian School, graduated from El Reno High School, and studied at Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, N.M., Okmulgee Technical College, Kansas University and Oklahoma State University. Leroy was a journeyman electrician and owner of Mekko Arrow Electrical Company and later worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority before his retirement.

He was baptized at the Haskell Baptist Indian Mission by Cloyd Harjo and

attended the El Reno Indian Baptist Church. He was a strong believer in God and loved his children, great-grandchildren and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jenny Mae Perry, son Michael Dean Orange, brothers, Milan Perry and Virgil Perry, sister Ramona Sue Fletcher and nephew Martin Fletcher.

Leroy is survived by his son Damon Patrick Perry of El Reno, daughters, Desirae Perry of Peach Springs, Ariz., and Monica Perry of El Reno, grandchildren, Gerald and Zavondra Perry, Lillian, James, and Casey Levi, Aziah and Anthony Pedro; Michaela Orange and Jenna Bigfoot, and great-grandchildren, Jaden Levi, Ailani and Bryson Richard and Trevor



Loneman.

Wake services were held July 18 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held July 19 at the Huber Benson Funeral Chapel in El Reno, Okla., followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Nicole Howlingbuffalo Racelis

Nicole Howlingbuffalo Racelis, age 45, of Clinton, Okla., passed away at her home on July 7, 2025. She was born on Oct.13, 1979, in Clinton to Leslie Pewo and Ima Jean Howlingbuffalo.

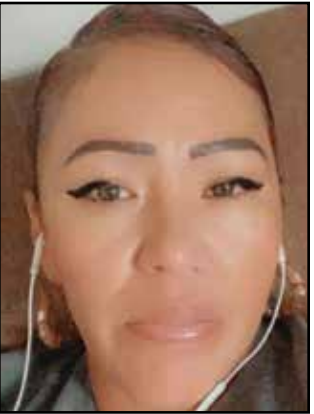
Nicole was raised in the Clinton and Hammon areas, attending Hammon High School before completing Job Corps in Tahlequah, Okla. She was a proud member of the Native American Church and deeply valued her heritage, frequently attending powwows and cultural celebrations. She enjoyed playing volleyball and softball and was known for her athleticism and vibrant spirit.

Nicole was employed most recently at the Lucky Star Casino. Her greatest joy was her family, spending time with her children, and

helping to care for her nieces and nephews brought her happiness and fulfillment.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sisters, Lisa Fox, Fiona Osage, Tabatha Osage and Helen Osage.

Left to cherish her memory are her husband Jason Racelis of Oklahoma City, her sons, Jared Cable of Clinton, Jason Racelis Jr. of Clinton, and Jaron Racelis of Oklahoma City, her daughter Jayla Racelis of Clinton, her sisters, Sonya Racelis of Clinton, Melvina Osage of Clinton, and Melinda Goose of Arapaho Okla., her brothers, Hiram Zachary Howlingbuffalo of Tulsa, Okla., Johnny Chavez of Tulsa, and Carlos Chavez of North Dakota, along with many extended family members and friends.



A traditional all-night wake was held beginning July 13 at the Hammon Emergency Response Center in Hammon, Okla. Funeral services were held July 14, at the same venue, with Rev. Gerald Panana officiating, followed by an interment at the Hammon Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Lee Hometown Funeral Home.

Enos Alfonso Svitak Jr.

Enos Alfonso Svitak Jr., passed away on July 11, 2025, surrounded by his family in El Reno, Okla. He was born to Enos E. and Naomi (Cozad) Svitak Sr., on Sept. 20, 1957, in Anadarko, Okla. Enos grew up and attended schools in Anadarko, graduating in 1976. He married the love of his life, Julia Sweezy, on Dec.23, 1976, in Caddo County, Oklahoma. Together they had three children. Enos loved spending time with his family and watching the Oklahoma City Thunder. Enos was a proud citizen of the Kiowa Tribe and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. He worked for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes until his retirement in 2008. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife Julia Svitak of the home, children, Andrea Renee Phemister and Kathrine Ruth Svitak, of El Reno, grandchildren, Andrew James Svitak, Donna Sue Minear, Hailee Marie Phemister, Ilias King Rowlodge and Naomi Kay Rowlodge, sibling, Marily Martin, Michael Svitak, Eva Svitak, Carrie Pennington, Norman Svitak, Norbert Svitak and Cathy Harrison, and a host of loving family members near and far.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Clarice Svitak, grandson Quinique Kawaykla, parents,Enos and Naomi Svitak, brother Edward Svitak and nephew John Michael Svitak.

Wake services were held July 16 at the Concho Emer-



gency Response Center in Concho, Okla. Funeral services were held July 17 at the Ware’s United Methodist Church in Anadarko, Okla., with pallbearers Andrew Svitak, Michael Phemister, Jeffrey Kawaykla, Ramon Ramirez, Joshua Davidson and James Youngbull, followed by an interment at the Ware’s Cemetery under the direction of Ray & Martha’s Funeral Home.



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