

City of El Reno, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Celebrate Unity and Tradition During 35th annual OIN Powwow

(EL RENO, OK) The spirit of unity and mutual respect between the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and the city of El Reno was on full display during a reception held July 30, kicking off the 35th annual Oklahoma Indian Nation (OIN) Powwow, held Aug. 1–3 in Concho.

When El Reno does well, the Cheyenne and Arapaho do well. When the Cheyenne and Arapaho do well, the city of El Reno does well, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana and El Reno Vice Mayor David Black shared those sentiments during the reception hosted at The Filling Station in downtown El Reno. The reception brought together tribal leaders, city officials, youth royalty, and community members to celebrate not just the powwow, but a growing partnership that strengthens both communities.

El Reno Vice Mayor David Black, standing in for Mayor Steve Jensen, echoed that same spirit of cooperation and unity. The city formally recognized the importance of the annual event by proclaiming August as *Oklahoma Indian Nation Month*, a gesture that highlights the powwow’s deep cultural significance and its major impact on the local economy. Organizers said this powwow brings in people from all over the country and even from Canada.

Black also presented a special pendant and blanket to 17-year-old Mash-ta Littlecook, Miss Denver March Powwow Princess and this year’s OIN Special Guest Royalty.



Pictured front row l-r: OIN Chairwoman Dara Franklin, guest royalty Miss Denver March Princess Mash-ta Littlecook, Senior Miss Yanna Susana Yellowfish, Junior Miss Emily La’Miyah Gray and Little Miss Parker Hu Blessing. Back row l-r: Eryn Roman Nose, Darren Brown, OIN Treasurer Christine Morton, El Reno Vice-Mayor David Black, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana, El Reno City Manager Matt Sandidge OIN Secretary Jessie Botone, Organizer David Bearshield and Violet Roman Nose. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Gov. Reggie Wassana (r) and Lt. Gov. Hershel Gorham (l) present honored Elders, Eloise Bushyhead Rice and Ruth Yellowman Brooks with Pendleton blankets and a trophy, alongside OIN Royalty l-r: Senior Miss Yanna Susana Yellowfish, Junior Miss Emily La’Miyah Gray and Little Miss Parker Hu Blessing. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow Honors Arapaho Elder Eloise Bushyhead Rice and Cheyenne Elder Ruth Yellowman Brooks

Arapaho Elder Eloise Bushyhead Rice

Looking back on a life built on education, independence and a good work ethic, Arapaho elder Eloise Bushyhead Rice is a shining beacon and living testament of what it means to value hard work.

Selected as the Arapaho Honored Elder for the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow held Aug. 1-3 in Concho, Okla., Rice’s story began in 1944 when she was born at the Concho Hospital.

Rice grew up mostly in the community of Calumet, Okla. Graduating high school in 1962, Rice went on to attend school at Haskell in Lawrence, Kan., and graduated in 1964. At the time, Haskell was a trade school and Rice earned a certificate for business secretarial courses. Rice went on to work for the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anadarko,

Okla., and eventually went to work for Indian Health Services. From there she received a scholarship with Indian Health Service to go to college in Phoenix, Ariz., where she received an associate of arts degree in 1966. Rice immediately started her job at St. Anthony Hospital where she worked for 20 years and then worked for Baptist Hospital, where she worked for five years. Other tribes had recruited Rice to work in their health care facilities, including the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Sac and Fox and the Kickapoo Tribe.

“They were opening a brand new clinic with their 638 contract dollars, so all those years that I worked was 40 plus years and I was supposed to retire last year, but I’m still working,” Rice said.

Rice retired from work, which led to a four-year break from working to take care of her mother. She eventually returned to work

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Denver plans \$20M American Indian Cultural Embassy near sacred bison herds

(DENVER, COLO.) The city of Denver could build a cultural center near Denver International Airport, part of an effort to welcome members of tribal nations to return to their historic homelands on the Great Plains and Front Range.

Mayor Mike Johnston has proposed using \$20 million in proposed bond money to build the project, called the American Indian Cultural Embassy. Many of the details are undetermined, but the facility could serve as a gathering space and cultural hub for tribes with ties to the Denver area.

“The embassy would serve as a place for people to come, do business,” Councilmember Stacie Gilmore said in an interview. “All of the tribes that are across the nation that have ties to Denver, they will now have a place to come and do business, to partner with the city.”

The project would stand in far northeastern Denver on land owned by the airport. Gilmore would like to see it located at First Creek at DEN Open Space, near Pena Boulevard and East 56th Avenue.

“Denver should be recognized as a crossroads of Indian country, not just because of the geographic centrality, but because of the deep and layered histories of many tribal nations who have passed through camp, traded and made lives here for generations,” said Dustin Baird, a Denver resident who is Oglala Lakota, at Monday’s meeting of the Denver City Council.

“The tribal embassy will establish a formal space for tribal nations to engage in

government, to government relations with the city of Denver, support urban Native residents with community cultural programming and access to services in space grounded in sovereignty,” he said.

The location was chosen both for its proximity to the airport and to Rocky Mountain Arsenal’s bison herds, which hold deep significance for tribes with connections to Denver.

Johnston gave the project a huge boost Monday when he quadrupled the funding it could receive from the Vibrant Denver bond proposal. It had been slated for only \$5 million, but Johnston boosted it to \$20 million. Voters will likely decide whether to authorize that spending, and nearly \$1 billion in other bond projects, in November.

It was one of the last big spending items to be added to the infrastructure plan — beating out proposals for bike lanes, the Denver Zoo and elections facilities.

“I sincerely appreciate that he is the type of leader that listens to the people, and the ‘New West’ that he’s talking about can only proceed in hand with American Indians,” Gilmore said. “I’m excited about where this could go.”

The new embassy could serve as a new home for the Denver March Powwow, one of the largest powwows in the country, Gilmore suggested, and tribal leaders said they could locate offices in the building.

In a letter, the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes expressed full support for the project.

“The proposed embassy area is in the traditional

By Andrew Kenny, Denverite

homelands of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people,” wrote Gov. Reggie Wassana. “Since our people were relocated to Oklahoma, we have always known that present-day Colorado is still our home.”

Wassan described the project as a potential “first step to healing our communities.” Dozens of other tribal leaders and members also wrote to city officials in support of the project, including leaders of the Kiowa and Oglala Sioux.

“For us, this is not only a spiritual landscape, but also a place of renewal, trade, and reconnection,” wrote Edward Iron Cloud III, sergeant-at-arms for the Oglala Sioux Tribe.

Rick Williams, who is Oglala Lakota and Cheyenne and the president of People of the Sacred Land, said it was time for this type of project — especially because of, and in spite of, Colorado’s upcoming statehood anniversary.

“You know, you think about 150 years, the 150 celebration,” Williams said. “Well, for the tribes, there’s nothing to celebrate. It’s been a horrible history: assimilation, relocation, termination, extermination, it’s all been bad. And here we have an opportunity to start over, and in the next 50 years, we’ll have a different future for those people who were alienated from their homeland.”

In a statement, Johnston called it “a first, and long over-due resource, for Denver.”

The project is the largest

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Bringing Our Children Home

Part 4 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 four of "Bringing Our Children Home" the following tribal citizens will be featured: Reuben Tahpers, Cheyenne, Robert Wah She He, Arapaho and Percy White Bear, Arapaho. Research done by Christianna Stavroudis.

Reuben Tahpers, Cheyenne, entered Carlisle on September 9, 1896 at the



age of 16 and passed on at Carlisle on April 13, 1899 of consumption at the age of 19.

Home address: Big Belly / Father listed as living / Mother listed as living

Outings: J. Schiele in Carversville, Pennsylvania from March 31, 1898 to August 5, 1898

Robert Wah She He, Arapaho, entered Carlisle on August 31, 1882 at the age of 17 and passed on at Carlisle on January 29, 1885 at the age of 19 of consumption.

Home address: Fool Dog / Father listed as living / Mother listed as living

Outings: J. Scudder, Fairville, Chester County Pennsylvania from September 13, 1883 to February 1, 1884

Washehe is mentioned as serving as the second person in charge of cooking for a camp of 80 boys accompanied by a Mr. Campbell while camping in Pine Grove in the summer of 1883 (news item from

the August 1883 issue of The Morning Star (Carlisle newspaper).

Percy White Bear, Cheyenne, entered Carlisle on September 9, 1896 at the age of 16 and passed on July 22, 1899.

(It appears that Percy White Bear may have passed on during his outing in Espy, Pennsylvania, as no date of return is listed on his student information card. Richard Henry Pratt also requests reimbursement of the private funds paid for "professional services rendered" by I.R. Wolfe, M.D. while away from the school in September 1899, a little over a month after his death: <https://carlisleindian.dickinson.edu/documents/standing-requests-authority-pay-treatment-percy-white-bear>)

Home address: Little Snake / Father listed as living / Mother listed as living

Outings: Dr. R. Osborne in Morrisville, Pennsylvania from October 26, 1897



to December 6, 1897

J. Webster in Newtown, Pennsylvania from March 31, 1898 to September 16, 1898

F. Hagenbeck in Espy, Pennsylvania from March 31, 1899 (no date of return listed)

White Bear was a Fort Marion prisoner and entered Carlisle on October 6, 1879 at the age of 30. He left Carlisle on March 2, 1880 due to ill health.

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.

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“Each loan we provide is more than a transaction—it’s an investment in a Native entrepreneur’s future. We work closely with our clients to ensure they’re not only funded but fully supported in building sustainable and thriving businesses.”

— Riley Logsdon, Commercial Loan Officer



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"At CACDC, we are deeply committed to empowering our tribal community through access to capital, business resources, and financial opportunity. Our goal is to create long-term economic growth while preserving the values and vision of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people."

— Tara De Leon, CEO



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



Substance abuse staff at the George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center in Clinton, Okla., front row l-r: Jodi Linder, Geraldine Warledo, Winnie White Tail, Eileen McGee and Toshia Cuccias. Back row l-r: Linda Wilson, Carol Limpy, Kenny Williams, Jose Warledo, John Acosta, Stephen Washa, Cera Bohay, Teisha Tall Bear. (Submitted photo)

George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center earns Wellbriety Certification, paving the way for culturally rooted recovery

(CLINTON, OK) The George Hawkins Memorial Treatment Center (GHMTC) located in Clinton, Okla., has officially received its Wellbriety Certification, a prestigious recognition that places the facility among a growing network of recovery centers offering culturally grounded healing for Native American communities.

This certification, developed through White Bison, Inc., marks a significant milestone in the center’s mission to address addiction by treating the whole person, mind, body, and spirit, through a lens that honors Indigenous culture and history.

Wellbriety, a grassroots movement born out of Native communities, represents more than sobriety, it’s a call for wellness and balance rooted in traditional values. The certification means the treatment center’s staff is

now trained to incorporate Native American teachings such as the Medicine Wheel, talking circles, and ceremonial practices into their recovery programs.

“Our goal at GHMTC is to bring hope and healing to the people of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes struggling with substance abuse. We focus on treating the disease as well as the whole person physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually by offering residential care providing long term support for addiction recovery as well as outpatient addiction therapy,” Winnie Whitetail, director of GHMTC said.

One of the central pillars of the Wellbriety movement is its acknowledgment of the deep and lasting effects of historical trauma experienced by Native peoples, colonization, forced removals, boarding schools, and

systemic disenfranchisement.

By confronting and integrating that history into treatment, the center provides a space where healing becomes possible on all levels, emotional, spiritual, physical, and mental. Programs like “Mending Broken Hearts” and “Warrior Down” are part of the Wellbriety curriculum, offering support for grief recovery and relapse prevention within a culturally relevant framework.

For Native clients seeking addiction recovery, the Wellbriety seal represents more than quality, it represents understanding, safety, and shared values. That trust is critical in ensuring more Indigenous people are willing to access services without fear of cultural misunderstanding or judgment.

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Clinton Freshman Completes Prestigious BIA Youth Police Academy

By Shiann Dawson, Clinton Daily News

Cheyenne and Arapaho youth Nevin Hines, an incoming freshman at Clinton High School, recently concluded an enriching two-week experience at the third Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Indian Youth Police Academy (Class 03-25). The prestigious program was held June 15-27 at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla.

Hines, who is the son of Amanda and Rodney Hines, was among a select group of students from across the nation chosen to participate in the intensive academy. “I had to write a three-page essay about myself, which my dad helped me with,” said Hines. “Only 32 applicants were selected out of all the kids that applied.”

The BIA, in partnership with the Bureau of Indian Education, hosts this annual event to inspire, motivate, and mentor Native youth and foster positive relationships with law enforcement. “This gave me perspective of what law enforcement officers actually have to go through, from writing reports to investigating crime scenes,” said Hines.

The BIA Youth Police Academy is offered at no cost to the students, covering travel, housing in dorm rooms, and meals. Participants also receive uniforms for the duration of the program. The academy aims to provide a meaningful life experience, cultivate new friendships, and raise awareness of diverse career opportunities in public service for young adults.

Throughout the academy, Hines engaged in a comprehensive curriculum designed to provide hands-on training and leadership development. Activities included a diverse range of topics, such as accident investigation, emergency medical services (EMS) certification, and crime scene management. Cadets also



Deputy Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs Glen Melville, left, presents Clinton High School freshman Nevin Hines his certificate for graduating through the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ Youth Police Academy program at Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla. (Submitted photos)

participated in tactical training exercises, driving under the influence simulations, K9 demonstrations, and full-immersion learning field trips.

The most surprising part of the experience, according to Hines, was when the Chickasaw Lighthorse SWAT Team showed them tactical operations, and when the group underwent shoot/don’t shoot simulations at the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center.

Hines had quite a few favorite experiences to share. The group visited the U.S. District Courthouse for the Western District of Oklahoma, where they watched a short documentary on “Killers of the Flower Moon” and saw an exhibit at the U.S. Attorney’s Office. “We met with Assistant U.S. Attorney (AUSA) Arvo Q. Mikkonen, who discussed the many aspects of criminal jurisdiction in Indian Country and the roles of tribal law enforcement, prosecutors, and judges,” said Hines.

“Afterwards, we met with U.S. Magistrate Judge Shon T. Erwin, who allowed us



Nevin Hines

into his courtroom and provided an overview of the federal court process including investigation, allegations, arrest, and court proceedings. Later, the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation provided us an overview of the state crime lab, including evidence intake and the processing of drugs, DNA, firearms, and liquids that are used in prosecution cases.”

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A season of growth for DREAMS Program Summer Youth workers

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

Some youth enter the summertime with hopes of relaxation and time spent by the pool, but for others, landing a summer job to earn their own money and work experience are more important. For the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes DREAMS Summer Youth Program, it’s been a summer of growth for the youth participants with many being accepted to work for the eight-week job placement and employment services.

The DREAMS Program, an acronym for Developing Responsible Employees Aptitude and Marketing Success, has a mission statement of “Through compassion and acquisition of skills, we empower Indigenous families to achieve occupational and educational prosperity.”

The program offers summer youth employment services, connecting eligible youth ages 14-24 with hands-on work opportunities.

Anne Pedro, DREAMS Program director said the summer youth employment is a seasonal workforce development initiative, designed to bring tribal youth employment

opportunities during the summer months of June and July.

“It’s structured to support both personal growth and professional growth, allowing them to contribute directly to tribal departments, community programs or even the public sector,” Pedro said.

To be eligible for the summer youth employment services, participants must live within the 12 service area counties. The program offers eight-week work placement for youth to work up to 40 hours per week. The program was able to employ approximately 90 youth to over 40 work sites, where youth and young adults helped assist with work site duties and operations.

Over the years, the DREAMS program had undergone name changes, however, has remained operational in offering employment services for more than 30 years, if not more. DREAMS summer youth are also involved with the SAGE club, acronym for students achieving gainful employment, for youth ages 14 to 18 that are still in school. Through SAGE, youth are taught about entrepreneur-

ship and how to make money while still in school. As part of the club, youth were able to participate in activities where they learned how to make drums, arts and crafts and focused on mental health awareness.

As the program has grown over the years, Pedro said the overall goal for DREAMS has been to empower tribal youth through employment and training and cultural enrichment.

“The youth they are really interactive with all these different programs and I believe they help them out a lot, we have youth in DREAMS as well and we’re always having all these events, they help us out a lot as well with our load of work,” Pedro said.

As youth neared the end of the eight-



Tribal youth and young adults who participated in the eight-week summer youth program were presented with certificates of completion. Justin Hawk is presented with his certificate by Anne Pedro, DREAMS director. (Photo / Latoya Lonelodge)

week work placement for employment, the DREAMS Program held a youth banquet, celebrating the youth and young adult participants for their success.

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“We just completed our 13th 90 day cycle in July ... our success rate is 61% for all 13 cycles combined, twice the national rate,” Whitetail said.

While grounded in Native traditions, Wellbriety programs also complement clinical best practices. Studies show that culturally focused recovery programs often have higher completion rates and client satisfaction compared to conventional models. The George Hawkins center will continue integrating these traditions into evidence-based therapies, ensuring a robust and flexible path to wellness.

As a certified Wellbriety provider, the treatment center now joins a national movement supported by White Bison, Inc., with

access to ongoing staff training, educational materials, and community-based resources.

“We have worked hard and are proud to have earned the status of one of two wellbriety residential treatment centers in Oklahoma. Thirty years of research by Dr. Bruce Perry and Oprah Winfrey who studied trauma and healing and found the ways to heal from trauma are what we do at GHMTC. Dr. Perry stated we can all learn from the Indigenous people to heal trauma,” Whitetail said.

The Wellbriety certification represents more than a badge of honor, it’s a commitment to transformative healing rooted in identity, resilience, and the enduring strength of Native culture.

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for the Kickapoo Tribe.

“I was my mother’s caretaker for about four years and she lived to be 93 years old, my husband also passed away, which I took care of him, so then I just went back to work again after all that and so that’s most of my whole life is just working,” Rice said.

Rice’s work history also included being an adjunct professor at Rose State College teaching students while working in the hospitals.

“They would come and rotate through the hospitals so Rose State designated me to be an adjunct professor, I was proud of that,” Rice said.

Throughout her work history, Rice had been involved with the Native American Church, the state organization and was selected to be secretary for three different presidents and chairmen. In October 2018 they held a 100-year commemoration of the Native American Church that was held in Concho, Okla.

“We had this big commemoration event out there at Concho and so we worked on it for two years, we raised money and I was the treasurer. We did real good, I mean everybody, we had a committee but sometimes there would just be a few of us, but we got through it,” Rice said.

Proud of her work history through the years, Rice remembers what it was like growing up in Calumet when her parents didn’t have jobs. Rice would pick cotton for five cents a pound.

“My folks didn’t have jobs, but my dad always did farm work and I learned at the age of about 16, we did not have indoor plumbing, so I learned to live through that, but I also was able to pick cotton and chop cotton for extra money,” Rice said.

Wanting to make her own money, Rice vowed to pick 100 pounds of cotton that day to earn five dollars, which Rice said, “back then five dollars was a lot of money to me.”

“And I guess that pretty much made me very independent too, you know, to work,” Rice said.

Rice credits her father for being instrumental in making sure she got an education to take care of herself financially.

“He made the comment, he said because you might marry a man that doesn’t work,” Rice said as she chuckled.

“I thought it was funny and I still tell that to people. He said, you need to take care of yourself. So I work, worked almost all my life pretty much and I’m still working. And I hope to retire this year,” Rice said.

Through the years, Rice had always attended the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow, having served as head lady gourd dancer when her mother was still alive and also being asked to fly her father’s flag.

“I try to be there, you know, even if I just sat on the side, I used to contest too at one time and I was telling my nephew when we were sitting out there, they had the prettiest shawl contest. I said, I remember I won that prettiest shawl, I don’t know how many times, it would be different shawls ... I know at least four times that I won first. But right now, my legs are not like they used to be,” Rice said.

Making shawls as a hobby, Rice had made many shawls for her giveaway during the OIN Powwow. And also enjoyed playing golf as a hobby.

“I don’t know how many shawls I made, but I made quite a few. My hobby is making shawls and also, before Covid hit, I was playing golf. I haven’t gotten back out there yet, but I really enjoyed playing golf,” Rice said.

While having no children of her own, Rice has enjoyed spending time with her family that mostly live outside of Oklahoma as she has nieces and nephews that have shared grandchildren with her. While also enjoying traveling to see family members and friends, Rice said she often jokes she will become a gypsy as she often travels to Arizona and New Mexico and around Oklahoma.

“It seems like my whole life is just a whirl. It’s just constantly moving.”

Rice can think back over everything in her life and where she’s been, what she’s done and often thinks, “it just doesn’t seem like long ago that all of this happened.”

“From where I was raised up until now. But all my life, I’ve pretty much worked,” Rice said.

And Rice says that’s been her joy, “just staying busy.” Rice would often travel alongside her late husband, Joseph Rice when he worked as a salesman for Indian Health Records.

“We had a good life together and that’s what I tell my grandkids, when you find somebody, when you get married, this is what him and I did when we got married, we made a pact that we would do everything 50/50,” Rice said.

When asked to be honored elder for OIN Powwow, Rice couldn’t imagine herself being an elder at 81 years old.

Following the honored elder presentation during the powwow when Rice was presented a trophy and Pendleton blanket, she sat and thought about her family.

“I was thinking about my grandfolks, my mother, my dad, and my husband, I almost got emotional ... all these people, I can’t believe I’m sitting here an elder. Because in our minds, sometimes we think we’re still younger,” Rice said.

So when the powwow announced honored elder for the presentation, Rice felt overwhelmed with emotion and gratitude.

“I was glad I took it, that honor, they asked me to be honored elder at dances, benefit dances, but that’s a different feeling than what happened,” Rice explained.

At OIN, Rice felt a presence of emotions that were different from other times when she was honored elder.

“To me it was different, their presentation, whereas if I’m an honored elder for a benefit dance or some kind of dance, it’s different, you’re just there for that position. But this was a whole different setting. I was real happy about it,” Rice said.

Having experienced a lot throughout her life, Rice hopes to one day write a memoir about her life and all that she’s faced. In 2014, Rice had been diagnosed with breast cancer. After having surgery to remove the cancer, Rice had continued to live cancer free since.

Feeling humbled by the life she’s lived, Rice has continued to uphold a productive and busy life, not allowing her age to hold her back.

“I felt humbled because I know there’s a lot of other elders that are older than me, but yet, I figured I’m an elder now at 81. I still can’t believe I’m an elder. I think back to everything I’ve done, been around and that I just have to be happy to be an elder.”

Continuing to upkeep her health and visit with other elders, Rice said she has had people call and ask for prayers over the phone.

“So that itself to me, it’s really simple being an elder, to hear my nieces and nephews with their children call me grandma, auntie, to me that’s opening my eyes that I am an elder,” Rice said.

Cheyenne Elder: Ruth Yellowman Brooks

Having lived a life full of experience and compassion, while witnessing the world transform into a new era of generations one after another, Cheyenne elder Ruth Yellowman Brooks has come a long way from living on the traditional lands of her homestead, when there was no electricity or technology.

Known to many as a pillar in the community, Brooks was born September 23, 1935 and raised in Watonga, Okla.

Growing up, Ruth enjoyed life as a child and went to school, which was a small one-classroom building located one-mile away from her home.

“I live here out in the country and that’s

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The program also emphasizes personal growth and team building, with nightly events aimed at fostering camaraderie among the participants. The academy’s goal is to expose young individuals to various police and first responder professions, equipping them with specialized skills unique to each field.

“I want to go into law enforcement after high school,” said Hines. “My plans are to enlist in the United States Marine Corps and go into military police. From there, I hope to get on with the BIA and become a law enforcement officer, working in Indian Country to help serve the people on the reservations.”



Nevin Hines and BIA Police Chief (Anadarko Agency) David Conley who was in charge of the academy.

where I went to school and then I grew up and went to school in town at the Watonga schools,” Ruth said.

After graduating from Watonga Public Schools, Ruth worked for a tribal program called CETA for a while and then went to work for Watonga Schools as a teacher’s aide for many years. Ruth also worked for Opportunities in Watonga as part of their elderly nutrition program.

In 1954, Ruth married her husband Ernest Brooks and had moved to Santa Monica, Calif., where they spent some time before eventually returning back to Oklahoma. Ernest was a full-blooded Arapaho and Ruth was a full-blooded Cheyenne. Ruth had nine children, which had grown to 18 grandchildren and over 40 great-grandchildren.

Having spent most of her time in the country where she resides, Ruth has also been a longtime member of the Watonga Indian Baptist Church. One of Ruth’s biggest achievements she feels she’s become the most proud of are her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. And of her longstanding relationship with her church.

“I belong to the Indian Baptist Church in Watonga and that’s where I go and I enjoy going and am also a singer in my native language. I started going to church when I was about 10 years old, whenever my dad died we moved to town, so I started going to church in town and I sing in my native language, also in English,” Ruth said.

Ruth has also taught her grandchildren to sing in the native Cheyenne language and include songs such as Jesus Loves Me and Amazing Grace that she could translate as well as Cheyenne hymns.

Having always attended the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow (OIN) throughout the years, Ruth has always supported her great grandchildren that take part in the powwow.

In it’s 35th year, OIN chose Ruth as an honored elder, which Ruth felt happy to be a part of.

“I was very happy about it, they still remember me at my age and some of my relatives are on the headstaff,” Ruth said.

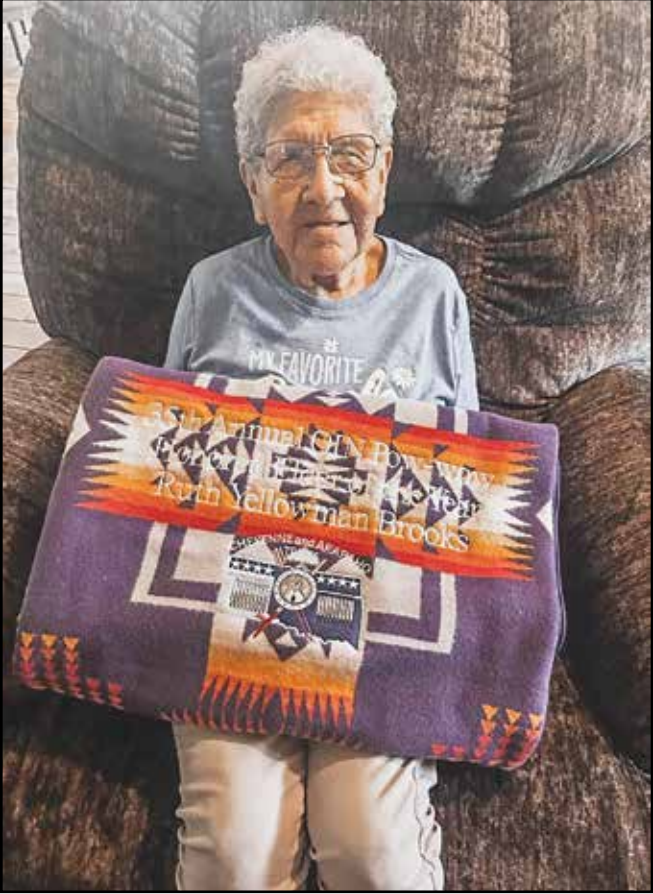
Attending the powwow, Ruth got reacquainted with old friends and people that she knew.

“I’m really proud, I’m really happy that I did accomplish that, that I lived this long, I’m just very thankful,” Ruth said.

Feeling honored for the occasion, Ruth has always been the compassionate person to help others in need and be there for them.

Lori Brooks, Ruth’s granddaughter, said Ruth had been a member of the Watonga Indian Baptist Church since she was a child and has sung Cheyenne songs for many funerals and church doings.

“She’s known as a real strong Christian, everybody that knows her, so I know that there’s many people throughout the years that have makings going on in their life, they come to her and ask her to pray for them, ask her to sing for them, any occasion, so she’s kind of like a pillar in our community as far as taking care of people and helping people



Ruth Yellowman Brooks serves as the Cheyenne Honored Elder of Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow.



Eloise Bushyhead Rice serves as the Arapaho Honored Elder of Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow.

and just making them feel better,” Lori said.

As Ruth raised many of her grandchildren, Lori said her grandmother took care of everybody, not only her immediate family, but also her extended family and people in the community, anyone that came to her for help, guidance and prayer.

“She likes watching her kids play basketball, she’s a real big basketball fan,” Lori said as she described how Ruth would watch the older generation of children play in high school and would travel all over to watch them.

“Then she’s really a big Thunder fan, she’s been to games and she always watches them on TV, so she’s a really big basketball fan,” Lori said.

While reminiscing with Lori, Ruth explained she remembered growing up without electricity and having to travel on wagon and horseback. And days when Ruth would go visit family in Clinton, Okla., it would take two days to travel by wagon.

Feeling honored and amazed by how time has changed with the use of technology and electric cars, overall Ruth feels joyous to be with her family.

“Just happy to be here with all of you, with all my grandchildren, my great grandchildren, all my friends, I thank God for that,” Ruth said.

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Built 10+ Emergency Response Centers

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Renovated the Concho casino with a new Rez Restaurant and separate bar, expanded the Canton casino with a new Rez Restaurant and are in process of a renovation at the Clinton casino.

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Increased Language And Culture Services And Activities

Built The Watonga Hotel And Convention Center And Purchased The Best Western In El Reno

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8/14	Seiling	Better Day Venue	208 N. Main St.
8/19	Geary	Geary Fairgrounds	202 E. Main St.
8/21	Watonga	Watonga HS Commons	1202 Eagle Ln.
8/26	Woodward	Woodward County Event CTR	105A Temple Houston Dr.
8/28	Canton	Community Building	301 N. Garfield
9/9	Weatherford	Pioneer Center	1000 Gartell Pl.
9/10	Clinton	Frisco Center	101 S. 4th St.
9/16	El Reno	NW Community CTR	520 N. Grand Ave.
9/18	Elk City	Party On Purpose	1309 Airport Industrial
9/23	Oklahoma City	South Lakes Event CTR	4302 SW 119th St.
9/25	Hammon	Hammon City Park	800 Main St.
9/30	Kingfisher	Place On Main	221 N. Main St.



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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.

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
 - Economic development & entrepreneurship
 - Legal aid for land issues and tribal rights
 - Education scholarships & higher ed opportunities
- Healthcare access & rehabilitative services
 - Housing solutions to end homelessness
 - Safety and support for children, elders, and women
 - Expanded out-of-state services to meet unmet needs

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Doors Open at 7pm • Meals will be served

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

- September 6th – Hammon ERC
- September 20th – Seiling ERC
- September 27th – Woodward ERC
- September 30th – Canton ERC

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

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Protecting Our Ways While Advancing Our Nations

EMBASSY

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and latest effort by the city to invite Indigenous people back to their historic homelands. In recent years, the city has started to donate buffalo to tribes instead of auctioning them, and to offer land acknowledgements of the Cheyenne, Arapaho and Ute people before public meetings.

The aim is to make some degree of amends for white settlers’ killings and dispossession of Indigenous people in the lands that are now Colorado.

Colorado’s territorial government was established in the 1860s, settlers starved buffalo and other game to starve the tribes. In 1864, Gov. John Evans decreed that “friendly Indians” must congregate at certain camps, or risk being at-

SUMMER YOUTH

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Many attended the banquet, feeling knowledgeable and confident in the skills and experience they learned over the course of their eight-week employment with various work sites.

Amber Beard, 16, worked with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Tribal Office of Recovery (TOR) Program, where she helped assist with packaging kits as part of their mail-out system, preventing approximately 200 fatalities in overdose prevention.

“I did some packaging for people across the country and we went to some outreaches and we did a cultural class,” Beard said.

Beard also assisted with printing t-shirts for Summerfest activities that were held during the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow Aug. 1-3. What Beard enjoyed most through her employment was how active she was with outreaches and connecting with the community and other summer youth workers. Beard originally applied for the summer youth employment program the previous year and had enjoyed working.

“I applied last year, I really liked working last year, it made me come out of my comfort zone, made me more talkative and I just like meeting new people especially around my age or has the same experiences as me and I just like it for the experience, it looks good on my resume,” Beard said.

Since working for the TOR program, Beard said she’s learned that prevention means a lot and the program helps with that as Native Americans need help.

“I never thought I could affect somebody’s life like that and so just hearing that, it makes me feel appreciated and thinking about it, I might have that impact on some people’s lives but hearing the number it’s crazy. I feel appreciated and knowing that I helped save so many people, just is indescribable,” Beard said.

Alysia Whiteman, 15, was employed with the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes A3 and C3 legislative offices, where she helped assist packages with t-shirts that were mailed out to constituents.

“We packaged shirts and

tacked, and gave citizens the right to “kill and destroy” Indigenous people who threatened the state.

On Nov. 29, 1864, U.S. troops murdered hundreds of women, children and elders at the Sand Creek Massacre. In the years to come, tribes were pushed into confinement and reservations.

“If we’re going to walk and talk equity, we have to start with American Indians,” Gilmore said.

The bond package, which also includes funding for transportation, parks, arts and more, is expected to go to a vote in the Nov. 4 election.

sent them off to people, I made a flyer one time ... it was fun, I had fun, I like this program I want to do it again,” Whiteman said.

What Whiteman learned through her employment experience the most was expanding and getting to be more outgoing.

“Definitely speaking more, I feel like I’m now more outgoing and talkative,” Whiteman said.

Scott Tiger, 16, worked with the legislative branch in Concho, Okla., and said the summer youth program was helpful as it helped with his experience and overall workplace environment.

“I learned how to have more experience in terms of office work and I think that will help a lot in my future,” Tiger said.

As DREAMS celebrated the success of each participant of the summer youth program, each of the tribal youth and young adults celebrated personal successes of their own. Each



Winter Sky holds her drum she made as part of the summer youth SAGE club.

having learned something new while working in the eight-week program and having gained the knowledge and skillset through job placements as part of the DREAMS summer youth program.

“This was a new experience and not doing this I probably would’ve just stayed quiet, I probably would’ve just said no to this, but I’m glad I’m in this program,” Beard said.

OIN POWWOW

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The evening also featured a performance by the Buddy Bond Drum Group and appearances by Violet Roman Nose and Eryn Roman Nose performing the Lord’s Prayer in sign language. OIN princesses, Little Miss Parker Hu Blessing, Junior Miss Emily La’Miyah Gray and Senior Miss Yanna Susana Yellowfish each spoke.

The celebration marked the beginning of a weekend of events, starting with a golf tournament on July 31 and the first-ever OIN Powwow Parade, which took place in downtown El Reno on the morning of Aug. 1.

“We’re going to have the biggest parade ever,” said an enthusiastic David Bearshield, one of the event coordinators, who helped organize the multi-day festivities alongside fellow committee

members Dara Franklin, Christine Morton, Jessie Bortone, and Fritz Prairie Chief.

A special moment during the reception recognized longtime tribal citizen and community advocate Patricia Hawk for her 35 years of dedicated service. Her late husband, James Hawk, was one of the founding members of the Oklahoma Indian Nation Powwow, helping to establish what has become one of the state’s most respected cultural events.

As dancers, singers, families, and visitors gathered throughout the weekend in Concho, the powwow served not only as a celebration of Native culture and heritage, but also as a testament to the strength of community, both tribal and non-tribal, working together in harmony.

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Terri Hines, new Indian Education Coordinator for Clinton Public Schools

(CLINTON, OK) Terri Hines has been named the new Indian Education Coordinator for Clinton Public Schools in Clinton, Okla.

In this role, she will be supporting Native American students from Pre-K through 12th grade, assisting wherever she is needed, whether academically, culturally, or through connecting families to available resources. One of her main priorities is to share the many programs and forms of assistance offered by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes with students and their families to help them succeed both in and out of the classroom.



Previously, Hines served as the supervisor at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Head Start Center in Clinton. That ex-

perience helped build strong connections with families in the community, and she said she is looking forward to continuing that work in a new way within the public school system.

“I’m truly honored to be in this position and look forward to building relationships, supporting students, and helping our Native youth thrive.”





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!




We would like to wish our beautiful Ruby Jean Gamboa a very happy 1st birthday! You came one year ago at 7:05 pm Aug. 18, 2024, 21 inches long & 10 lbs., 12 oz.

We love you and are blessed to have you in our lives! Love momma, dad, sisters, brothers, papa and aunties! Hope you had a blessed first birthday



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NOTICE

DATE: July 29, 2025

RE: Livestock Removal Notice

In an effort to ensure the health and well-being of all livestock placed within the Tribes’ lands, the Tribes will begin commencing seizure proceedings for all abandoned livestock. If you have livestock placed within the Tribes’ lands please immediately contact The Office of Tribal Attorney (OTA) at (405)422-7592. Any livestock not claimed by August 22, 2025 shall be deemed abandoned. HobóúNé-á’ese!



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In the Matter of:

TIMOTHY WHITECROW

VS.

CHEYENNE LAMB

Respondent,

Case No. CIV-2025-0051

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: CHEYENNE LAMB UNKNOWN ADDRESS


The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 10th day of **SEPTEMBER 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.

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Dated at the Trial Court this 29th day of July, 2025.


Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:

P.E.R.O.

K.M.O.

Minor Children,

Case No. PG-2024-0044 PG-2024-0045

NOTICE OF HEARING BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: RICHARD WELCH KALEB OXFORD UNKNOWN ADDRESSES

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 12th day of **SEPTEMBER 2025** at **9:45 A.M.** in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Upcoming Homeownership Events

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- A Lender
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- An Insurance Broker
- A Trustee Property Specialist

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Insurance Broker: Jeff Carlisle
Oklahoma Farm Bureau Insurance

Trust Properties: Cincie Upchego and Jennifer Hill
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Concho Agency

Event Information:
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Aug 19: United Country OK Sunset Realty & Auctions
105 S Main St. Elk City, OK 73844

Sept 16: Cheyenne and Arapaho ERC
2015 Dog Patch Rd. Clinton, OK 73601

Sept 23: Cheyenne and Arapaho NAC
100 Black Kettle Blvd. Concho, OK 73036

Sept 30: Cheyenne and Arapaho ERC
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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:

L.T.

Minor Child,

Case No. PG-2025-0027

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: UNKNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN ADDRESS

TAKE NOTICE that Colleen Taylor, has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child, L.T., and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of **OCTOBER 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.

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In the Matter of the Guardianship of:

A.S.B.

Minor Child,

Case No. PG-2025-0028

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: UNKNOWN ADDRESS UNKNOWN ADDRESS

TAKE NOTICE that Melinda Birdhead, has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child, A.S.B., and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 1st day of **OCTOBER 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.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority

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El Reno’s Championship Trio Reunites for One Last All-State Showdown

TULSA – The architect and two keystones of El Reno High School's historic back-to-back state championships took to the court together one last time.

El Reno head coach Jennifer Douglas served as assistant coach for the West squad in the 2025 Oklahoma Coaches Association's Large School All-State Girls Basketball Game.

Two of the West starters were El Reno graduates Emmary Elizondo and Lilly Thomas.

“Both of them did really well. Emmary and Lilly did what we needed them to do to win. We just didn't have the right pieces around them,” said Douglas of the West's 78-61 loss to the East.

It was Douglas’ second elite postseason coaching assignment after guiding the Large West team to a win in the Oklahoma Girls Basketball Coaches Association game several years ago. She assisted Cache's Bo Thompson in the OCA bid.

“I was honored whenever they asked me to coach because, you know, it's the All-State game. It's an honor for sure. I was happy to go out with them,” said Douglas of her two-star players.

She was proud of their play on the court.

“Tonight, just proves

how special El Reno really and truly is. There was team camaraderie and everyone shared the ball like we do in El Reno. They showed they cared about winning and not the spotlight of one person and that's special,” said Douglas.

The contest marked the final of three postseason elite games for Elizondo and Thomas. The pair went 2-1 after wins in the OGBCA outing and the Oklahoma Native All-State Association bid in June.

“It came so quick and it's kind of sad, but I know we're going to do great things moving forward. It's sort of a happy and sad moment,” said Thomas.

While she didn't score, going 0-2 from the paint and missing both 3-point attempts, Thomas was a key player in other categories. She logged six assists, five defensive and two offensive rebounds, a block, a deflection and a steal.

“I think when things are not following like shots, I like to look for other things I can contribute to the team,” said Thomas.

One of those assists came off the game's opening tipoff with the ball going to Elizondo for an uncontested layup. She added second-period baskets at the 6:57 and 4:28

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Emmery Elizondo (l), Coach Jennifer Douglas (c) and Lilly Thomas together for one last competition. (Photo / Glen Miller)

marks that gave the West team a lead.

Elizondo closed the game with six points off 3-of-5 shooting. She missed both of her 3-point attempts but added four defensive rebounds, three assists, a steal and an offensive carom.

The best of her three baskets, said Elizondo, was from Thomas' assist.

“I thought it was cool and I'm glad I got to play with her one last time. It was nice. I think we did all right.

“For the most part, win or lose, we wanted to have fun and I think that's what happened tonight,” Elizondo said.



**EARL PLUMLEY
FOR
ARAPAHO DISTRICT 2
LEGISLATOR**

HONESTY

It will be my goal to represent the constituents of Arapaho District 2 in a clear, truthful, and credible manner. I will strive to ensure the trust of all Tribal members and not just those within my district. To build trust, my steps will be:

- HAVE OPEN COMMUNICATION
- BE CONSIDERATE OF ALL VIEWS/IDEAS
- BE CONSISTENT AND FAIR
- BE ACCOUNTABLE THROUGH MY ACTIONS

TRANSPARENCY

It will be my goal to be open, informative, and share information with the constituents of Arapaho District 2 on matters that impact the well-being of all Tribal members. To ensure that the constituents of A2 District are informed, my steps will be:

- ENSURE INCLUSIVENESS THRU MONTHLY MEETINGS
- DEVELOP ACTION PLANS OR PROJECTS
- GENERATE A QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
- PROVIDE A QUARTERLY EXPENSE REPORT

INTEGRITY

It will be my goal to remain focused on the needs of the constituents of Arapaho District 2. I will strive to be fair, accountable, and determined through my actions. To ensure integrity of my actions, my steps will be:

- MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS
- ADHERE TO A STRONG CODE OF ETHICS
- RESEARCH AND VALIDATE INFORMATION
- ADVOCATE FOR LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAMS

For questions, come break bread and let’s discuss your concerns at one of the locations below...6:30 PM to 8:30 PM.

<u>Tuesday - August 26, 2025</u>	<u>Wednesday - August 27, 2025</u>	<u>Thursday - August 28, 2025</u>
Kingfisher Community Dinner Kingfisher ERC 500 W. Erwin Avenue Kingfisher, OK	Concho Community Dinner Concho ERC 200 Wolf Robe Circle Concho, OK	Geary Community Dinner Gib Miles ERC 928 S. Blaine Ave Geary, OK

OBITUARIES

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Doris Hamilton

Doris Hamilton was April 9, 1937 in Geary, Okla. She passed from this year on July 27, 2025. Doris was a home-maker and seamstress.

She is survived by her son Samuel Yellow Eyes of the home, grandchildren, Lacreia Yellow Eyes, Stephanie Birdshead and Scott Joseph Lanham and numerous great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Doris was preceded in

death by her husband Walter Roe Hamilton Jr., parents, Charlie and Ella Loneman, sons, Rutherford Yellow Eyes and Lamont Yellow Eyes and daughter Thelma Lanham.

Funeral services were held Aug. 1 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla., with Rev. Waylan Upchecho officiating, followed by an interment at the Concho Indian Cemetery-



ty under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Alfred D. Tallbird

Alfred D. Tallbird died July 25 at his home in Clinton. Services will be at 12 p.m. on Wednesday at the Concho Emergency Response Center. Burial with military honors will follow at Concho Cemetery under the direction of Huber-Benson Funeral Home.

Alfred D. Tallbird was born May 30, 1942, in Kingfisher, Okla., to William Tallbird II and Grace American Horse Tallbird. He passed from this earth on July 25 at his home in Clinton, Okla.

He was a veteran serving in the U. S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. A.D., as he was known by family and friends, earned a bachelor’s degree in building trades at Northeastern State University.

A.D. was a grant writer for tax credits and worked for the Indian Health Service, Shell Oil, and Boeing. Alfred was a member of the Native American Church.

He was proud of his Cheyenne heritage and attained the rank of Headsman of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Bowstring and Elk Clans.

On Aug. 20, 2019, Alfred married Vida Yellow Eagle. Vida survives him.

A.D. is also survived by a son, Aaron Michael Tallbird of Las Vegas, Nev., sister Geneva Tallbird of El Reno, his dog Wolf and nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

His parents, son Adam Tallbird; and siblings, Carrie Tallbird and Bill Tallbird,



preceded him in death.

A viewing was held July 29 at the Huber Benson Chapel in El Reno, Okla. Funeral services were held July 30 at the Concho Emergency Response Center in Concho, Okla., followed by a military honors burial at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Patricia Ann Roque

Patricia Ann Roque, age 75, longtime resident of Clinton, Okla., passed away peacefully at her home on Aug. 1, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. She was born Jan. 9, 1950, in El Reno, Okla., to Luther and Rosabell (Wilson) Lunsford.

Patricia was raised in Calumet, Okla., where she attended Calumet High School. Shortly after graduation, she moved to California for a brief time before returning to Oklahoma in 1975 to settle in the Arapaho area and raise her family.

She worked for many years as a dedicated CNA at the Clinton Methodist Nursing Home. Patricia had a deep love for serving others and found joy in helping wherever she was needed. She had a special talent for decorating weddings, a passion for sewing, and an unwavering kindness that made her a friend to everyone she met—she truly never met a

stranger.

Patricia loved watching Gunsmoke and all the Madea movies, and her sense of humor and vibrant personality brought joy to all who knew her. In 1982, she married the love of her life, Joe Roque, and they shared many wonderful years together.


She was preceded in death by her parents Luther and Rosabell Lunsford, her husband Joe Roque, her sons Larry Joe Pointer, Jeremy Samuel McDow, her brothers Luis Lunsford, Luther Lunsford, Thomas Lunsford, and Joe Lunsford.

She is survived by her sons Jeffery McDow of Arapaho, Kevin Neihart of Durant, her daughters Shonda K. Williams of Clinton, Tammy Neihart of San Diego, her sisters Sue Anne Lunsford of Albuquerque N.M., Susanna Mulaney of Clinton, Mandy Lunsford of Wichita, Kansas, her brothers Lou Allen Lunsford of Arapaho, James



Lunsford of Amarillo, Mark Lunsford of Calumet, 12 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren.

A traditional all-night wake was held Aug. 7 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 8, at the same venue, with her brother Lou Allen Lunsford officiated, long with Mercedes Macy and Mona Bearshield, followed by an interment at the Arapaho Cemetery under the direction of Lee Hometown Funeral Home.



deepest sympathies
during this hard time of loss
may memories give strength
may the love of your dear ones
help you through the days ahead

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