



Cheyenne Arapaho MMIP Chapter Welcomes New Board Members for 2025-2026

Submitted by LaRenda Morgan, Cheyenne and Arapaho MMIP Chairwoman



Olivia Friday Loneman



Amanda Williams

The Cheyenne Arapaho Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples (MMIP) Chapter has announced the selection of new board members for the upcoming 2025-2026 term. Chosen through applications and nominations, the new members are Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal citizens Olivia Friday-Loneman, Nicolette Casula, Amanda Williams, and Tracey Hawk.

They will join current members Raven Morgan, Reggie Wassana, and LaRenda Morgan, completing the seven-member board.

Founded in 2022 following the passage of Ida’s Law in Oklahoma, the Cheyenne Arapaho MMIP Chapter serves as an advocacy, education, and prevention organization. Board members serve one-year volunteer terms, with the option to extend. The chapter is part of the Oklahoma State MMIP Coalition and partners with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal programs,

as well as state and local organizations, to combat the crisis of MMIP in tribal communities.

The chapter provides training and consultation for tribal governments, law enforcement agencies, schools, civic groups, and federal and state entities. Areas of focus include MMIP case response, domestic violence, human trafficking, victim services, data collection, and community awareness. In 2024 alone, the group completed 55 events, including a national three-day law enforcement training in Concho featuring U.S. Attorney Robert Troster and experts from across the country.

The Cheyenne Arapaho MMIP Chapter also partnered with the Oklahoma Commission on the Status of Women for the “NOT ME” Stop Human Trafficking initiative, helping to spread resources and awareness throughout the tribal jurisdiction.

Human trafficking, organizers note, often targets vulnerable populations including runaways, youth in foster care, low-income families, and individuals with histories of trauma or abuse. Raising awareness and strengthening prevention efforts remain central to the chapter’s mission.

In addition to programming, the chapter recognized the service of outgoing board members Roberta Hamilton, Kara Lehman, Susan Geary, Norene Starr, Karen Little Coyote, Amanda Rivas, and Jennie Whiteman. Their tireless volunteerism, the chapter said, “pushed cases forward and helped bring missing relatives home.”

The newly appointed members bring diverse skills and deep community ties:

Olivia Friday-Loneman, M.Ed., CSE, is an AAS-ECT-certified educator and specialist in reproductive health and education with a focus on historically marginalized communities.

Tracey Hawk has served the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for more than a decade and is dedicated to advancing awareness of MMIP.

Nicolette Casula is a health board member and end-of-life care educator whose advocacy emphasizes dignity, compassion, and cultural tradition.

Amanda Williams, a federal employee with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, also serves on the Oklahoma Department of Human Services Council on Aging and the Red Earth Board, with a strong commitment to cultural preservation.

The Cheyenne Arapaho MMIP Chapter reaffirmed its mission to improve community knowledge, strengthen prevention, and empower tribal youth to serve as future advocates.

For inquiries or requests, the chapter can be reached at cheyenne-arapahommip@gmail.com.



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Dreaming in Arapaho: Reclaiming Language and Culture through the Outdoors

By Brittni Ehrhart-Gemmill, Colorado Outdoors

It was one of those magical Colorado summer evenings—the perfect kind, when the sun illuminates the mountains in rays of purple hues and you want the moment to last a lifetime. But what I was about to witness was more magical than any sunset.

Andrea Kurth, Colorado Parks and Wildlife’s (CPW) Outdoor Equity Grant Program manager and I were attending a ceremony for the Hinóno’éi(Arapaho) Language and Culture Camp at the YMCA Snow Mountain Ranch in Granby. The ceremony was the culmination of a one-week camp that brings youth ages 2 to 19 from both the Northern Arapaho Tribe in Wyoming and the Southern Arapaho Tribe in Oklahoma together to immerse themselves in their ancestral language, homelands and the outdoors.

The camp, successfully hosted by Right Relationship Boulder and led by Hinóno’éi facilitators, supported 25 youth and five elders through the week-long immersion. Working with multiple partners — including the YMCA of the Rockies, Rocky Mountain National Park, Meow Wolf, and University of Colorado Boulder staff — Right Relationship Boulder oversees the coordination of the camp, currently in its fourth year.

“Years ago, members of Right Relationship asked us, the Arapaho people, ‘What can we do for you?’” said Noobései Níibei, Coordinator for the Southern band of Arapaho people. “I told them, ‘We want to go to our homelands.’”

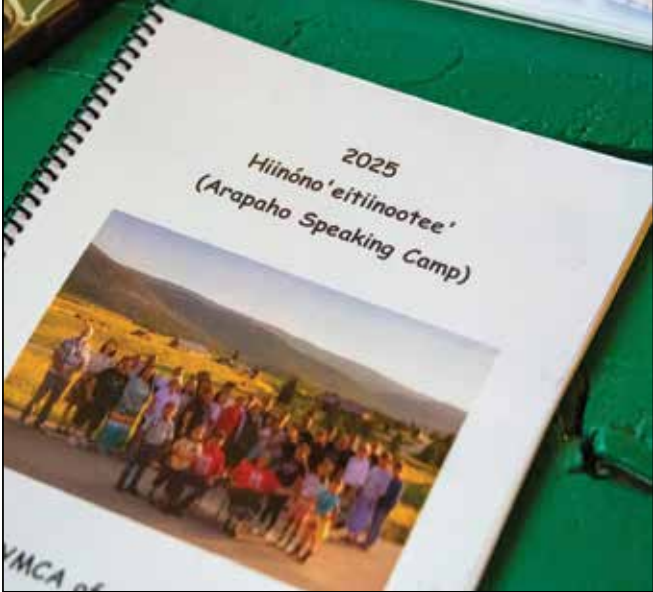
Right Relationship Boulder is a community volunteer organization fiscally sponsored by the nonprofit Medi-

ators Foundation. Volunteers are Indigenous and non-Native people who work with individuals, communities, local organizations, and governments to support Indigenous Peoples.

CPW’s Outdoor Equity Grant Program (OEGP) creates more equitable opportunities to explore the outdoors in Colorado. Since its creation in 2021, the OEGP has awarded grants to 141 projects. As part of the OEGP, Right Relationship Boulder received \$50,000 in 2024 and \$60,000 in 2025 from CPW to support the Hinóno’éi Language and Culture Camp, allowing all campers to attend for free. Outdoor equity grants support communities that have traditionally been excluded from conservation and the outdoors and are intended to reach youth who are racially and ethnically diverse, low-income, disabled, LGBTQ+ or American Indian. The OEGP is funded through the Colorado Lottery.

In addition to Hinóno’éi language lessons, campers also immersed themselves in the outdoors by enjoying a ropes course, archery, horseback riding, hiking, art classes and even roller skating.

“We want our children to be grounded. We want them to be grounded right here on Mother Earth, right here in our ancestral homelands, the place that we still call home,” said Teresa HisChase, coordinator and teacher for the Hinóno’éi Language and Culture Camp. “We want them to know who they are and where they come from. And we know that we can’t teach them all of our language in a week, but we can make those connections so that they can continue learning when we leave.”



Camp Program
(Photo / Brittni Ehrhart-Gemmill)

The youth who attend the camp apply to participate by submitting an essay and are selected from a large pool of applicants. “Our kids, as well as adults, learn about their language, culture, and history, right on the ground where our ancestors lived and are buried,” said Noobései Níibei. “For a lot of kids and adults as well, this is the first time hearing this information. This is not something that is taught in Oklahoma public schools and is probably not taught at home. Parents or grandparents don’t have this knowledge for a variety of sad reasons such as being sent to boarding schools, being taken away from parents and placed in non-native foster homes, deliberately not spoken to in our language to protect them.”

Along with staff from Right Relationship Boulder, CU Boulder, the YMCA, the Northern Arapaho Tribe and Southern Arapaho Tribe, Andrea and I walked down a narrow path lined with wildflowers to a pavilion. The energy in the room was elec-

tric. Campers and those in attendance talked in excited tones, with many young ones running around the pavilion. Some wore regalia-significant clothing items that hold spiritual and cultural meaning-lined with impeccable beadwork, feathers and even sequins, while many others, like myself, wore ribbon skirts — each with its own adornments and colors.

Once we found our seats, a hushed reverence fell over the pavilion as we all looked toward the elder, William C’Hair, leading the ceremony. He opened the ceremony by inviting us to eat dinner together. My mouth instantly watered as the campers began handing out multiple plates to each of us with fry bread covered in meat, lettuce and cheese, pozole, choke cherry jam, and a huge plate of fruit and dessert. With these treats, I instantly felt at home.

After dinner, the campers each gave a brief presentation, starting with Hinóno’éi words learned during camp. They highlighted favorite

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Cheyenne and Arapaho invited for Womens Pro Baseball League Tryouts

Latoya Lonelodge, Senior Reporter

Women in baseball have long been a part of history since the 1860s and now with the emergence of the Women’s Professional Baseball League (WPBL) set to launch in 2026, a whole new era of women baseball players are stepping up to the plate. And for many women, baseball has become a sport many grew up loving.

Along with the 600 women players invited to tryout for the WPBL, Lanae Precious Youngbear Ben, 22, Cheyenne and Arapaho descendant was invited to tryout over a four-day stretch of intense drills and performance tests, with cuts made each day.

The inaugural summer tryouts were held August 22-25 at the Nationals Youth Baseball Academy and Nationals Park in Washington, D.C.

Ben, who was born and raised in Shiprock, N.M., grew up her whole life playing baseball. She started playing t-ball at the age of three and from then on, her love for the game grew. When she reached the age of nine, Ben began playing softball.

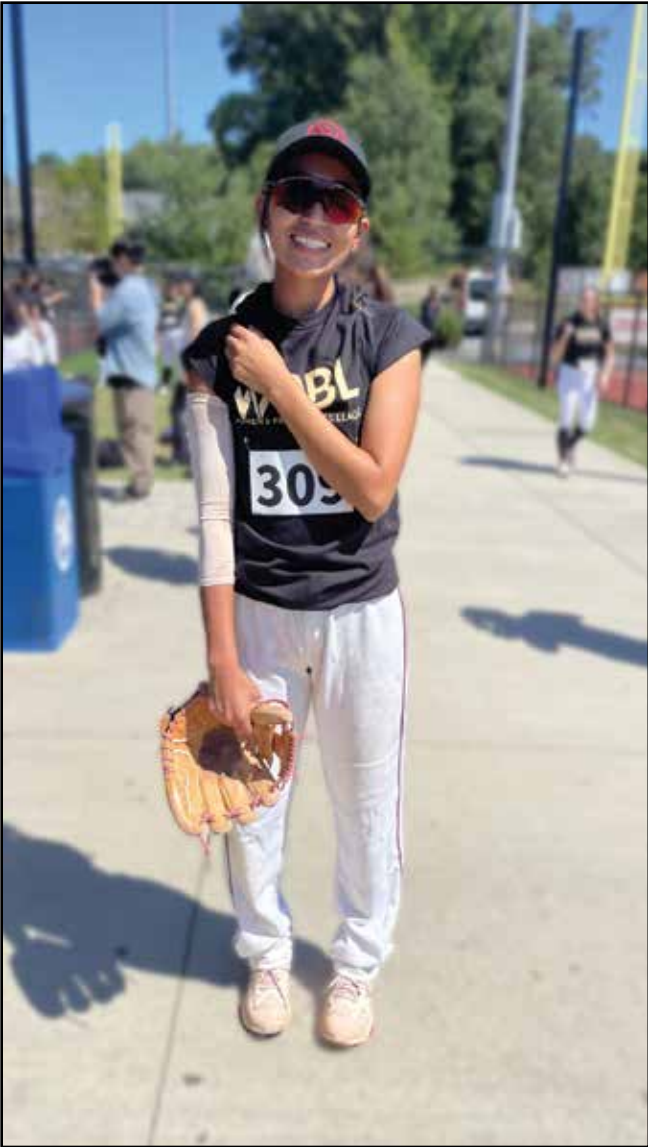
“Ever since I started baseball, I’ve stayed with the same group and grew up with the same guys, they’ve helped me a lot and then I became known as one of the only females that continued playing baseball competitively,” Ben said.

Ben grew up playing alongside other boys in baseball leagues, until she started getting serious and competitive at age 14.

After graduating Kirtland Central High School in Kirtland, N.M., in 2022, Ben furthered her education and continued playing college softball at Salem Community College in New Jersey and then transferred to Rowan College of South Jersey, where she studied psychology with the hopes of becoming a social worker.

Growing up on the baseball field, what Ben had come to love the most about baseball was the environment that it brings with each game.

“I enjoyed being the only female that people knew



Lanae Precious Youngbear Ben, 22, Cheyenne and Arapaho descent at the Women’s Professional Baseball League tryouts. (Submitted photo)

around here as ‘oh, this team has you know, so-and-so has this girl that is also competitively playing baseball,’ and having the ability to keep up with everybody else around the state of New Mexico and around Farmington area,” Ben said.

As a versatile player, Ben has played multiple positions at first and second, she’s also pitched and played shortstop in the outfield.

When Ben first heard about the tryouts for WPBL on a social media post, she had received a call for an official invite to tryout soon after. To make the trip for tryouts, Ben had to fundraise for her trip.

Stepping onto the field during tryouts, Ben showcased her talent over the course of the tryout period, however was ultimately cut on day three of tryouts. Although she was cut, getting the opportunity to experi-

ence tryouts firsthand was a change overall for Ben.

“I loved it. I loved the environment. I loved that everybody, every female that was there wanted to pursue what they loved the most about the sport, hoping that they were the 150 that would be chosen to continue to do what they wanted to do, what they were originally there for,” Ben said.

Spending her time in Washington D.C., Ben got to sightsee and experience things out of the ordinary for many, such as visiting the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

“I had a grandpa that was on there and it kind of felt like home,” Ben said.

Of the 600 players that were invited to tryout, Ben is believed to have been the only Native American. Although, as the only native baseball player and Cheyenne and Arapaho descent on the field, her feelings didn’t

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Andrea is enjoying time with a group of young campers. (Photo / Jake Beyer, YMCA of the Rockies)

moments from the week, and while some campers appeared nervous speaking in front of the small crowd, many spoke with confidence.

“Songs are sacred. I even know how to create them now, and now I can make songs for my family at home. Having this opportunity to learn about our lifestyle is very special to me. I am able to use what I know to learn about the earth, animals and ourselves,” said one of the campers, Hiitoxsei Sweezy.

Towards the end of her presentation, Hiitoxsei became emotional as she turned towards two elders in the crowd, saying, “I’m very grateful to have you two in my life. Learning from the elders is so important for me. I see both of you as my very own family. I really do appreciate both of you.”

An elder approached and the two embraced while many in attendance wiped away tears. The feeling was palpable across the room and lingered as other campers shared their presentations.

Another camper remarked on their experience by saying, “My favorite thing about this camp is getting to know more people and learning about my language.”

While many campers revered the teachers, counselors, and sponsors, the camp’s chefs were the most thanked in the campers’ presentations.

Kristen Spronz, the YMCA of the Rockies’ Social Responsibility Director, remarked, “By the end of the week, I think everyone’s really tired, but now they’re finally really close with each other.”

Once the presentations were over, the campers began a joyful display of dance, song and drums. The singing seemed to radiate off the pine trees that lined the pavilion. At a certain point, I stepped outside to watch the sunset as the singing, jingles from the regalia and the drums danced in my ears.

I looked at the land, the ancestral home of the Hinóno’éi and asked Teresa HisChase, Coordinator for the Hinóno’éi Language and Culture Camp, why they chose to hold the camp here at the YMCA of the Rockies. She explained it’s about much more than just seeing a beautiful sunset in a postcard location. The reason for hosting the camp here is a magnificent story, one that is far older than any of the campers.

Teresa said, “The reason why we bring them here is because we have a story. And that story comes right after our creation story, and it tells about how we traveled all over and we needed to find where the creator intended us to be. And we had a revelation after many years, hundreds of years of traveling the North American continent. But that

story tells that we had a revelation that the line on the back of the turtle is the continent, and the lines coming out from the lines on the back of the turtle are the headwaters, the four tributaries. And that all starts right here. And so when we found this place, then we knew that that was right where the creator intended us to be”.

The evening concluded with a gift presentation. One by one, different members from the audience were asked to receive a gift, ranging from ribbon skirts to blankets to t-shirts. I took photos from the sidelines as others received their gifts and was surprised when they asked me to accept a gift. The campers presented me with a beautiful blanket and a pair of earrings. Receiving the gift was a shock to me and I felt instantly in awe at the group of campers, elders, and all those who make this camp possible.

As the evening wrapped up, campers began to clean up the pavilion. Excited, loud discussions echoed throughout the area, and I chatted with Teresa HisChase a bit more. While talking to her, many campers and their families approached her to say “thank you” or to give her a hug. Her warm smile greeted everyone, and like a moth to a flame, I felt drawn to her light, too. I felt moved by our discussion and found myself holding back tears, but I was determined to stay professional and engaged as we continued speaking.

“During the week-long camp, our campers built a vocabulary and then they’re going to become emerging speakers, conversational speakers, semi-fluent, and then somewhere along the way, they’re going to start dreaming in our language. And that’s one of the best feelings: dreaming in your own language,” she said.

After Teresa and I spoke, I shared how much it meant for me to be here. I told her about my Tribe and how proud I felt to be Indigenous and to witness such a strong reclamation of culture and language. She looked at me and said, simply, “We’re still here. So remember that and remember how strong you are.” We hugged, and I wiped away my tears.

Knowing who you are and where you came from is powerful. It can be a formative understanding, deep in your makeup and influential to many aspects of your life. For some, like Indigenous communities and tribes, that knowledge has been stolen through removal, broken treaties, residential schools and socio-economic disparity. Reclaiming culture and language is an important journey for Indigenous people and that is exactly what the Hinóno’éi Language and Culture Camp is doing — reclaiming



Hiitoxsei Sweezy - (Photo by Brittni Ehrhart-Gemmill)

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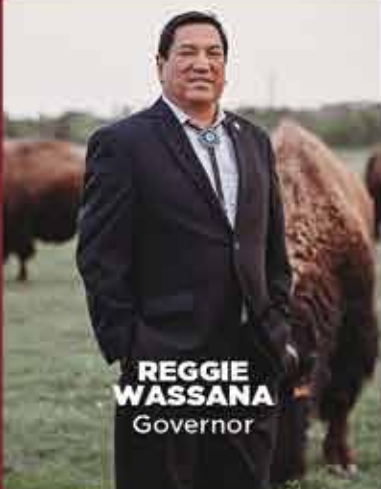


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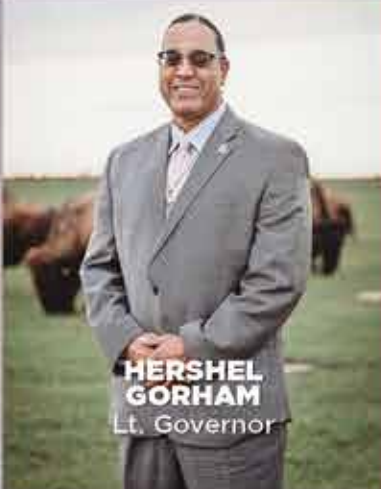
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I am Alden Whiteman, a proud enrolled member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and I'm honored to run for Tribal Governor in the upcoming 2026 election.

I've spent my career serving within tribal organizations, driven by a deep commitment to uplift our people and strengthen our communities. 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.

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I am Debra Woolworth, and I'm honored to run as Lt. Governor alongside Alden Whiteman.

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- Safety and support for children, elders, and women: Build advocacy and safe solutions
- Out-of-state services to fill unmet needs, develop a liaison office dedicated to out of district members



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always been a part of the vision of the museum. Because of the Covid -19 Pandemic that occurred right before the museum opened in 2021, they were unable to complete the Family Discovery Center, as they had to divert funding that was dedicated to finishing out the signature long-term exhibits.

“We made a decision to include a full-service restaurant and all kinds of other things, so that’s why it didn’t get completed in 2021. Then, that meant we had to raise some additional money for it,” Wasserman said.

Wasserman said without the support from the Tribes, the museum wouldn’t be where it is today.

“First Americans Museum has always been so well supported by the Cheyenne Arapaho tribes from 2005, when I first began with the museum, all the way to present day, there have been moments when the Cheyenne Peace Chiefs have come and blessed this site and there have been times where we’ve done lots of joint programming,” Wasserman said.

Wasserman is also one of the curators for the Family Discovery Center. When tasked with creating the center, Wasserman said pop-up books were the inspiration, as they are instantly engaging and wanted an experience that would feel like that.

“We have imagined this place so that when you open the doors and you walk in, you land in the middle of a giant pop-up book and now you become part of a story.”

“We started thinking about what makes us different as native people? And then what makes us the same as all human beings? And what we came to is that really we’re all connected, so that’s the overarching theme of the whole place, we are all connected,” Wasserman said.

Looking at values and what’s important to native communities, Wasserman said community, respect, resilience and stewardship are all shared human values and those can be found inside of the exhibit.

Walking through the forest-like environment of the center, visitors could hear life-like sounds of the forest as well as incorporated lighting that turned day to night. Visitors were also introduced to various animal characters that talked throughout the forest, amplifying the sense of humor that can be heard in native communities.

What makes the Family Discovery Center significant compared to the other galleries of FAM, Wasserman said are that while the other galleries are more geared for older young people, adults and seniors, with the addition of the Family Discovery Center now there’s a space specifically geared for the whole family.

The exhibit encourages families to get active, as visitors get to actively climb through tunnels and various entryways throughout the two-story space.

Entering through the second floor, guests will be introduced to Reggie Red-tailed Hawk, a 10-foot-tall character featured inside the Family Discovery Center. Reggie Red-tailed Hawk was named after Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana.

“Reggie is a big red-tailed hawk that’s sitting up on top of the nest and as you turn to the right, there is a climbing structure, you climb along the treetop trail all the way to the very top of the space, it’s a two-story space to the top of a tree house and so we’re getting physical activity involved and the space also changes from day to night and through all four seasons in the course of an hour,” Wasserman said.

With the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes invited for the opening VIP preview day of the Family Discovery Center, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Gov. Reggie Wassana said the day celebrated the Tribes compassion and desire to help with the museum and that the Family Discovery Center compliments the museum well.

“It allows the kids to participate in something more than just the museum and what the museum has to offer, so the project allows the kids to go in there and explore and look at nature, it’s supposed to be a pop-up book and the kids will really enjoy it ... I believe it’s going to be a compliment to the museum that’ll help the kids experience a little bit of nature,” Wassana said.

As a 5,000 square foot gallery space, the Family Discovery Center also featured interactive exhibits, hands on play and immersive story telling.

Melissa Stovall, Discovery Center manager said it’s a place where when others walk in, they’re right inside of a pop-up book.

“It focuses on the values of respect, com-



Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens Raven Morgan and her family explore activities inside of the Family Discovery Center. (Photos / Latoya Lonelodge)

munity, stewardship, resilience, which are really important in our First American communities, but just important for humans in general and it’s just a place where you can learn and have fun and it’s a great addition to our gallery space here at FAM,” Stovall said.

With the addition of the Family Discovery Center to FAM, Communications Project Coordinator of FAM, Kimberly Rodriguez, who was also co-curator said they wanted to ensure the space was reachable to all and welcoming to everyone as it finishes out the museum that was opened four years prior.

“Having to put a hold on the Family Discovery Center so that we could make sure the galleries over here at the south wing were completed and ready to go for visitors to see ... it’s pretty special, we want people to be able to be here,” Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the overall goal is to ensure people leave the space, learning something new.



Parker Blessing and La'Miyah Gray climb atop the deer animal character as part of the pop-up art theme of the Family Discovery Center.

“That you leave here not knowing you learned something, but realizing, ‘I learned that at the Family Discovery Center’ and that it’s a safe place where hopefully people feel open to asking the questions that perhaps are not as easy to ask,” Rodriguez said.

The Family Discovery Center held a ribbon cutting ceremony on September 18 and officially opened to the public on September 20.

WOMEN’S PRO BASEBALL

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stray from her purpose that she shared alongside other players, and that was the common love of playing baseball.

“Baseball was the main thing that we were there for, so that felt like that’s the only thing that everyone around me had in common,” Ben said.

And standing up to the challenge of competing alongside others to be a part of the Women’s Professional Baseball League with her native ancestry, Ben felt a sense of pride.

“As of being the only Native American there, I felt the honor because not only am I representing my state, but I’m also representing my people who I’m born for and what tribes I’m a part of,” Ben said.

Looking forward to trying out again next year, Ben has hopes to compete again for a spot on the Women’s Pro Baseball League.

“Next year, I definitely will be attending. As of right now, I am back home, but I am going to be pushing myself and being the best that I can in the sport to make it as far as I can to represent myself, my family and my tribes next year,” Ben said.

Ben’s motivation for continuing to play baseball stems from her deep-rooted love for the sport and being a good role model. Not only for the girls she coaches but for all native girls who second-guess themselves. Ben has coached for three years for 10U NM Punishers, a travel softball team based out of

Farmington, N.M.

“We are a well-known organization in the four corners, we focus on fundamental for native youth,” Ben said.

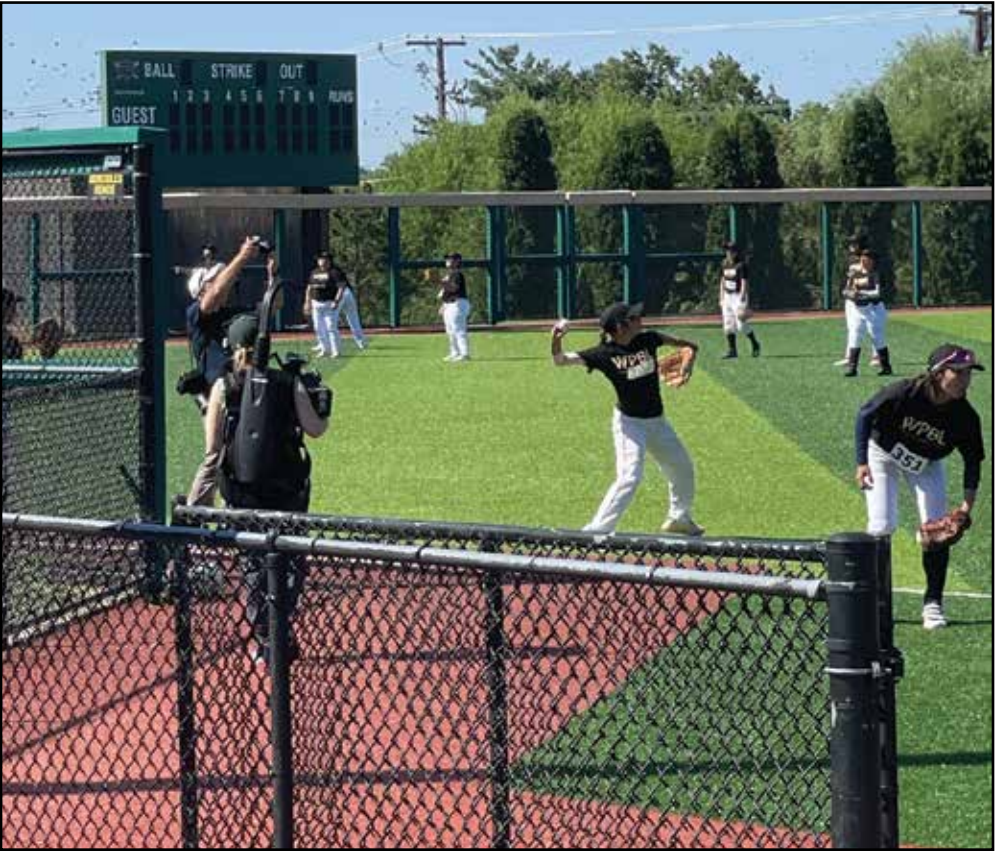
Ben had been a part of the organization since 10U, as it had helped her increase her skill level confidence.

“Being a coach in Farmington has also taught me to be very resilient, to be dedicated and to have resilience, to have the dedication and to push myself to the full extent that I know that I can,” Ben said.

Striving to be a good role model, Ben wants other girls to recognize their talents and never have self-doubt.

“I just want young females, young adults that have any self-doubt about continuing sports in high school or young adults that have self-doubt, being told no, can also continue in high school and in college to become who they want to be and having a good role model that’s able to help them get where they want to be in life, in sports and in academics,” Ben said.

Six teams will be formed for the WPBL and will be announced before the player draft that will be held in October. Each team will be comprised of approximately 15 players with the first season of the WPBL set to begin in May 2026.



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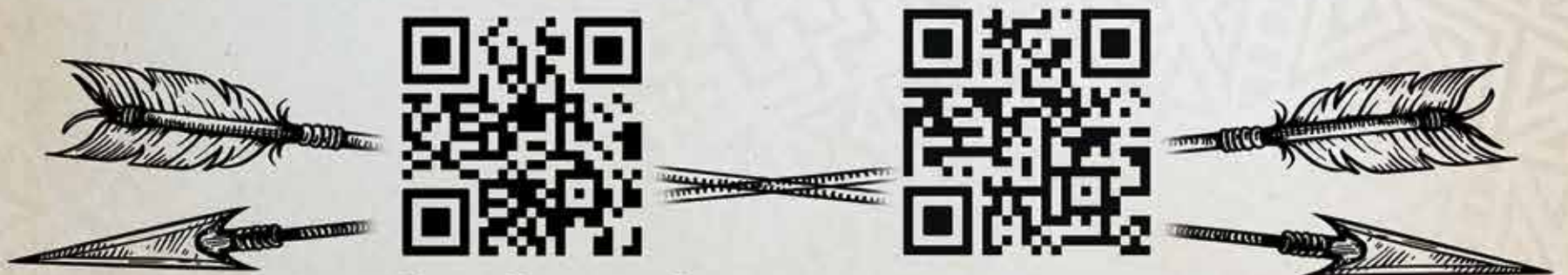
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Petitioner,
Respondent,
Case No. JFD-2024-0028

**NOTICE OF HEARING
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: CURTIS DEATHERAGE
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 22nd day of OCTOBER 2025, at 10:00 A.M., in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

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Deceased Member of the
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: Any and all Heirs of JULIA MILDRED RHOADS, Deceased

You are hereby notified that Carlotta Samuels has filed in this Court a Petition for Appointment of Personal Representative of the Estate of Julia Mildred Rhoads, deceased. That said petition is hereby set for a hearing in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 5th day of NOVEMBER 2025 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said appointment should not be granted.

Dated this 9th day of September, 2025.

Tawny Melendez
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
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**NOTICE OF HEARING
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ADAM JESUS SALAZAR
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

The above-styled case is hereby set for hearing in the Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 12th day of OCTOBER 2025, at 10:00 A.M., in the courtroom, 100 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma.

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K.M.
Minor Children,
Case No. PG-2025-0012

**NOTICE OF HEARING
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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: DONOVAN WALLACE
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: ARIN BURGESS
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

You are hereby notified that TRACY WHITE has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of A.L.W., Minor Child, on the 27th day of August, 2025, and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 22nd day of OCTOBER 2025 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you shall appear on the above date and time indicated for presentation of your case before the above-entitled Trial Court.

Dated this 16th day of September, 2025.

Tawny Melendez
Tawny Melendez, Deputy Court Clerk
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A.R.D.
K.N.C.
Minor Children,
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: UNKNOWN FATHERS
UNKNOWN ADDRESSES

TAKE NOTICE that Cheyenne Flyingstart, has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of Minor Children, A.R.D., K.N.C 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 16th 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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Mary Eidegde, Deputy Court Clerk
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In the Matter of the Application of:
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D.B. IV
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Minor Children
To Change His/Her Name
By Next of Kin,
Pamela Bearbow
Case No. CIV-2025-0064

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE, that PAMELA BEARBOW has filed in this Court for
Petition for Name Change of Minor Children, A.B., D.B. IV, and B.B. as follows, to wit:
from A.B. to A.B. from D.B. IV to D.B. IV, and from B.B. to B.B. and that the same will be
heard by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse
located at 100 West Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, 73022, on
the 12th day of NOVEMBER 2025 at 10:00 A.M., and any written protest may be filed in
the case, prior to the date set for the hearing.

Issued this 22nd day of SEPTEMBER, 2025.

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

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J.D.W.
Minor Child,
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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: JODY DUNBAR
UNKNOWN ADDRESS

TAKE NOTICE that Kimberley Lane Bear, has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child, J.D.W., and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 8th 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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The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: REA ROQUE
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TAKE NOTICE that William Starr, has filed in this Court a Petition for Guardianship of Minor Child, G.A.S., and is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Trial Court of Concho, Oklahoma in the Courthouse located at 100 W. Black Kettle Boulevard, P.O. Box 102, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 15th day of 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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Editorial: Wassana Deserves Re-election

We don't pretend to know the workings of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal government.

And since we don't have a vote in the upcoming Cheyenne and Arapho tribal elections, all we can speak to is what we've seen over the past several years and from this vantage point what we've seen is progress. Plenty of it.

Gov. Reggie Wassana, in our opinion, deserves re-election to continue serving the Cheyenne and Arapaho people. In our opinion, he's provided professional and stable leadership that has helped the Cheyenne and Arapaho citizens and has helped bring people closer together.

All people.
Several weeks ago, Wassana was speaking at a celebration recognizing the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow. The event was held at the Filling Station in downtown El Reno. This shows the kinds of bridges Wassana has helped build over the past several years while serving as C&A governor.

“When the Cheyenne and Arapaho do well, El Reno does well,” Wassana told the audience that included tribal citizens

as well as El Reno city leaders. “And when El Reno does well, the Cheyenne and Arapaho do well,” he continued.

In this age of political divisiveness, it's refreshing to see a leader work as hard as Gov. Wassana does to help build bridges that bring people together. As he's said many times before, everyone fares better when we work together.

Isn't that what a leader is supposed to help do, work so that everyone who desires is able to do better?

Wassana was the first Cheyenne and Arapaho leader to gain trust status for tribal lands. He's led the effort to build modern businesses and today the tribe employs more than 1,500 people. That makes it one of the largest employers in western Oklahoma. He's partnered with cities and towns in central and western Oklahoma for economic development projects and he's led efforts to transform the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe into a major agriculture producer in the state.

Being a leader requires a thick skin. Critics are everywhere. They never go away and that's OK.

But facts are facts and what we've seen from Wassana is leadership and the ability to work with people. He's traveled many times to Washington, D.C., working for the rightful return of Fort Reno to the Cheyenne and Arapaho. It's a battle he won't give up. Wassana has extended an offer to allow the research to continue at Fort Reno, all while using its resources to help create jobs. Our economy is desperate for good-paying jobs. It boggles the mind wondering how our elected federal leaders can stand in the way of creating jobs, while still conducting research at Fort Reno. That's not leadership.

Fighting for justice and progress is leadership and Wassana has demonstrated he's willing to stand up for what he believes.

He has helped build programs that provide for the youth as well as the elders of the tribe. He's a people person.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho people need and deserve consistent, professional and forward-thinking leadership. From what we've seen, Reggie Wassana has provided all of this and deserves re-election.

ELK CITY PROJECT

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“This will probably be our best and biggest development,” Wassana said. “We want to provide entertainment that draws people from across Oklahoma and beyond—travelers off I-40, people coming out of New Mexico and the Texas Panhandle, and even tourists heading west on Route 66.”

Wassana noted that international visitors, particularly from Japan and Germany, are often fascinated by Native American culture. “They’re intrigued, and we’d love to welcome them, to have them stop, eat, enjoy entertainment, and explore Elk City,” he said.

Project Highlights
Hotel: 100 guest rooms, indoor pool, lobby and reception area, and an in-hotel conference center.

Casino: 750–1,000 gaming machines, space for live table games, centralized cashier and security areas, member services, a full bar, and a food court with multiple vendors.

Family Entertainment Center: arcade, indoor play area, party spaces, concessions, and other family-friendly amenities.

RV Park: full hook-ups (water, sewer, electricity),

parking spaces, showers, and laundry facilities.

Truck Stop: diesel fueling, truck parking, showers, convenience store, and driver’s lounge.

The project site will stretch between 7th Street and East 3rd on Eastern Avenue, just off the I-40 exit. The Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) has slated improvements to the intersection to help traffic flow for Wal-Mart and surrounding businesses, as well as the new development.

Construction is expected to take about 14 months once work begins.

“The best thing I’m hoping is that we provide jobs and create economic activity around the area,” Wassana said. “A lot of cities want the tribes to invest in their communities, and that’s exactly what we intend to do.”

Wassana, who was elected Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, is a graduate of Weatherford High School and Southwestern Oklahoma State University. A former football player at Weatherford, he now leads efforts to promote economic growth and opportunities for the tribe.

Concerned Tribal Citizens of Arapaho District 3



PUBLIC NOTICE OF RECALL PETITION

TO THE CITIZENS OF ARAPAHO DISTRICT 3 FOR THE RECALL OF LEGISLATOR TRAVIS RUIZ

DATE OF POSTING: September 17, 2025

This notice is to inform the public that a petition has been initiated for the recall of Legislator Travis Ruiz of Arapaho District 3. This action is being undertaken by concerned tribal citizens in accordance with our constitutional rights.

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR RECALL:

We, the concerned tribal citizens of Arapaho District 3, are exercising our constitutional right to petition for the recall of Legislator Travis Ruiz. This effort is not an attack on an individual, but a defense of the integrity of our Tribal government and the values of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people.

On July 30, 2025, Mr. Ruiz was arrested and charged with DUI involving drugs, as reported in the local newspaper. This action has undermined trust in his ability to faithfully represent our district and uphold the integrity of his elected office.

Under Article XIII of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Constitution, elected officials may be recalled for misconduct, neglect of duty, or actions inconsistent with the welfare of the people. We believe this standard has been met, and we are following the process provided in our governing law to ensure accountability.

This recall is about protecting our community, preserving trust in our institutions, and reaffirming that our elected leaders must meet the highest standards of responsibility and conduct.

PETITION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES:

160 signatures from registered A3 voters must be collected. The signature collection period begins on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, and ends on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

For more information on the petition and where to sign,
Please contact Concerned Tribal Citizens of Arapaho District 3 at our secure
email: cnaguardian@proton.me.

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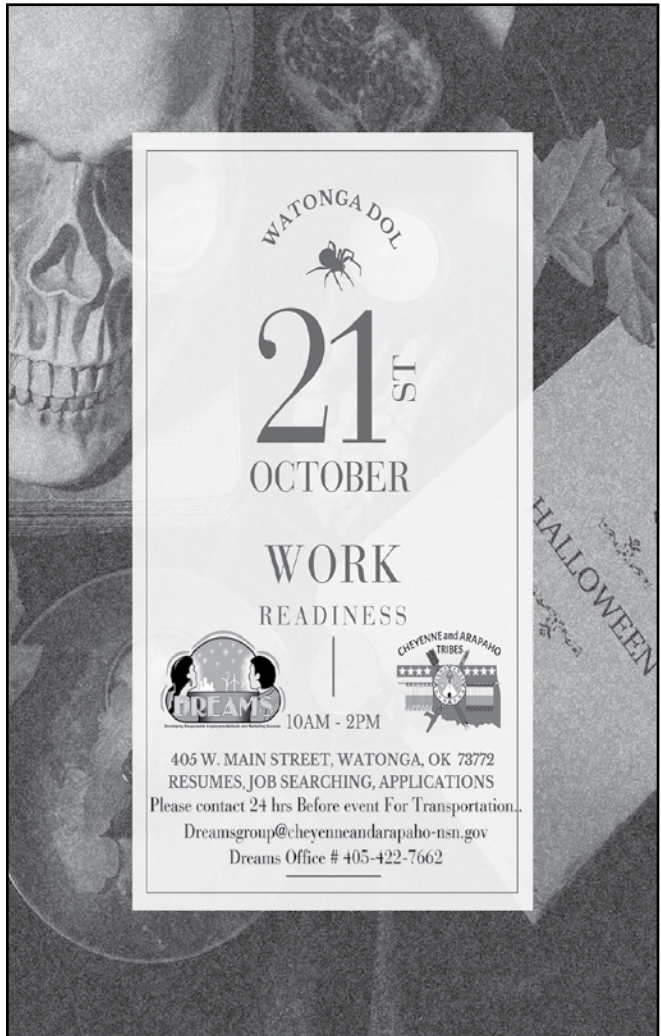
WORK READINESS



10AM - 2PM



405 W. MAIN STREET, WATONGA, OK 73772
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Dreamsgroup@cheyenneandapaho-nsn.gov
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What to Bring

- CDIB: Proof of enrollment in a federally recognized tribe.
- Second Form of ID: Driver's license, birth certificate, social security card, passport
- Proof of Income: Paystubs, unemployment, benefits letter, SNAP/TANF/SSI
- Proof of Residency: Utility bill, bank statement, rental/lease agreement

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Registration Opens at 10:00 A.M. on day of pre-test.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

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Breast Cancer Awareness Walk

Detect it
Treat it
Defeat it

Show support
Wear Pink

OCTOBER 14th

12:00-2:00 PM ERC Watonga, OK
3:00-5:00 PM ERC Seiling, OK

Community Health Representatives will be conducting a BP/BG screening and providing health information
Clinton Service Unit will have Flu shots available -IHS Eligible





CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO

Housing Authority

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING



Date: Thursday, October 30, 2025
Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Location: Canton ERC, 205 N. Jefferson St., Canton, OK

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



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



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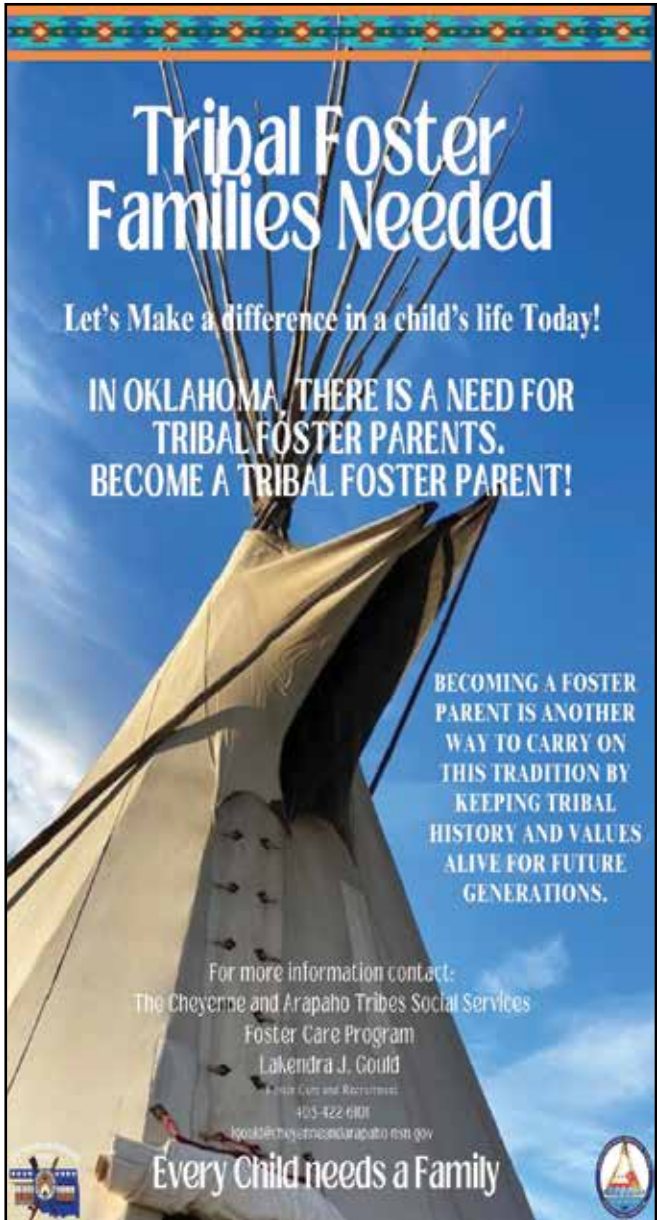
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Every Child needs a Family





OBITUARIES

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Marlene Walker-Payne

Marlene Walker-Payne (Hawkins), a proud citizen of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes and a great-great-granddaughter of Chief White Antelope, passed away on Sept. 1, 2025, at River Oaks Skilled Nursing and Therapy in El Reno, Okla., She was 86, just 17 days shy of her 87th birthday.

Born on Sept. 18, 1938, in Fort Defiance, Ariz., Marlene was an identical twin to her sister, Charlene. Her parents, Charles and Marie Hawkins, later moved the family to Concho, Okla., where her younger sisters JoAnn (1948) and Mary Katherine (1949) were born. In her teens, Marlene’s Cheyenne paternal grandmother, Kate, crafted a traditional regalia for her with beautiful hand-beadwork. A photograph of Marlene wearing this regalia was published on a postcard that circulated throughout the United States and Europe, a testament to her heritage and poise. She wore this regalia with pride at powwows and local parades, often alongside her sisters and cousins. A natural artist, Marlene was also known for her many paintings and her active involvement in a variety of clubs and extracurricular activities during high school.

In 1956, Marlene married Al Walker, and they moved to Southern California. Together they had two children, Jeff (born in 1957) and Sheryl (born in 1962). Marlene studied Business Administration at El Reno Junior College. Marlene dedicated 30 years of her career to B.E. Aerospace’s In-Flight Entertainment Division in Irvine, California, from 1967 to 1997. During her long tenure, she worked across various departments, including Human Resources, Engineering, Marketing, and Accounting.

In addition to her love for art, Marlene enjoyed reading crime and mystery novels, playing slot machines at the Cheyenne and Arapaho casino, attending and watching California Angels baseball games, and talking with her great-grandchildren on the phone.

Marlene is preceded in death by her husband Jesse Payne, her parents, Charles and Marie Hawkins, her twin sister Charlene Kitzmiller (Hawkins), her younger sister Mary Katherine King, her son Jeff Walker, her daughter Sheryl Paul (Walker), her son-in-law Robert Paul and her brothers-in-law, Ed Wilkerson and John Kitzmiller.



She is survived by her younger sister JoAnn Wilkerson (Hawkins), her daughter-in-law Judy Walker (McClaskey), her nieces, Natalia Valenzuela (Kitzmiller), Michelle Brothers (Kitzmiller), April Hilterbran (King), Kimberly King, and LillyKate King, her nephews, Edward J. Wilkerson and Robert Wilkerson, her six grandchildren, Dylan K. Rogers (Walker), Megan Pitts (Walker), Brandon Walker, Matthew Paul, Jesse Paul, and Cheyenne Lyon (Paul); and her three great-grandchildren, Naomi, Adelaide, and Mateo. She is also survived by many cousins, grand-nieces and nephews, and great-grand-nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Sept. 8 at the Concho Indian Cemetery under the direction of Huber Benson Funeral Home.

Terri L. Welbourne & son Blake A. Welbourne

Terri Lavon Welbourne, age 57, of Weatherford, Okla., was born Feb. 2, 1968, in Clinton, Okla., to Thurman and Georgiann (Prairiechief) Welbourne. She passed away on Sept. 11, 2025, just days after her son Blake, and together they will be remembered in a joint service.

Terri was raised in Weatherford and graduated from Weatherford High School in 1986. She lived in Weatherford all her life and was a dedicated Licensed Practical Nurse who cared deeply for those she served. She was a proud member of the Native American Church.

Terri’s personality lit up every room she entered. Known for her humor and playful spirit, she had a gift for making people laugh, often giving family and friends

unique nicknames that stuck for life. She loved playing hand games, spending time with her family, and embracing her self-described role as a “glamorous Diva.” Her humor, warmth, and larger-than-life personality will be deeply missed.

She was preceded in death by her father Thurman Welbourne, her son Blake Welbourne, paternal grandparents, Thomas K. and Elsie Welbourne and maternal grandparents, George and Goldie Prairiechief.

Survivors include her mother Georgiann Welbourne of Weatherford, her sister Stacia Tai Welbourne, and Michael Teague of Oklahoma City; along with numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, and extended family who loved her dearly.



A traditional wake service was held Sept. 16 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 17, at the same venue, with Rev. Gerald Panana officiating, followed by an interment at the Clinton City Cemetery under the direction of Lee Hometown Funeral Home.

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Blake was preceded in death by his beloved mother Terri Welbourne, grandfather Thurman Welbourne and uncles, Derek and Thomas Welbourne.

A traditional wake service was held Sept. 16 at the Clinton Emergency Response Center in Clinton, Okla. Funeral services were held Sept. 17, at the same venue, with Rev. Gerald Panana officiating, followed by an interment at the Clinton City Cemetery under the direction of Lee Hometown Funeral Home.

Ruby Lucille Standingwater

Ruby Lucille Standingwater, Ho’enee’e (Feather Women), age 76 of Hammon, Okla., was born Aug. 8, 1949, in Clinton, Okla., to Woodrow and Helen (Whiteman) Standingwater. She passed away Aug. 25, 2025, at the Great Plains Regional Hospital in Elk City, Okla.

Ruby was raised in Hammon and attended school with the Class of 1968. A lifelong Hammonite, she was proud of her roots and community. She was a devoted member of the Hammon Indian Baptist Church and was active in the A.I.M. group.

Ruby enjoyed spending time at the casino, bowling, gourd dancing, and especially playing BINGO. She loved attending traditional dances and driving around to feed redbirds. She was also involved in the Redmoon Gourd Clan, the Redmoon

Powwow Committee, and the Redmoon Service Club, where she dedicated much of her time and energy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Woodrow and Helen Standingwater, her son Randall Jenkins, daughter Karen Standingwater, sisters, Leona Stepp and Sharon Byrd, brother Nathan Standingwater, niece Fern Helen Standingwater, nephews, Denny Standingwater Jr., Darryl Byrd, and Russell Lee Standingwater and grandson Sylvester Standingwater.

Ruby is survived by her son Wilson Standingwater of Hammon, sisters, Margie Pewo of Hammon and Emma Lou Brewer of Elk City, brothers, Leland Standingwater of Hammon, and Denny Standingwater Sr. and wife Dana of Canton, Okla. She also leaves behind a host of grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many



other relatives and friends who will cherish her memory.

Wake services were held Aug. 28 at the Hammon Emergency Response Center in Hammon, Okla. Funeral services were held Aug. 29, at the same venue, officiated by Rev. Mona Bearshield, Rev. Gerald Panana, and Rev. Jerry Wayne Roman-Nose, followed by an interment at the Hammon Menonite Cemetery under the direction of Lee Home-Town Funeral Home.

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO CHR PROGRAM PRESENTS



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ATHLETES'S SPOTLIGHT

Warren Cometsevah, Thomas-Fay-Custer High School

(THOMAS, Okla.) Ready to hit the gridiron with a fresh start to a new season, Warren Cometsevah, 18, has high hopes of seeing his team make it to the state finals in his senior year of high school football.

Standing 5'11, Cometsevah plays linebacker and inside receiver, tight end for Thomas Fay Custer High School in Thomas, Okla.

While born in Weatherford, Okla., Cometsevah partially grew up in the Thomas community when he moved there almost six years ago.

Cometsevah was first introduced to football when he was in the fourth grade, when his mother signed him up for a youth football team in Weatherford.

“It was a different sport,

I never played because I played soccer growing up and then my mom put me in sports and I just gave it a try, it was pretty fun,” Cometsevah said.

What Cometsevah enjoys the most about playing football is the communication and how it made him feel like he has a second family. To which, Cometsevah said family had been his biggest motivation for continuing to play.

“My mom, family, my friends and God,” Cometsevah said.

In his final year of playing high school football, what Cometsevah looked forward to the most in the season was making it to the state playoffs.

Previously the team made

it to the semifinals before getting beat out. Cometsevah believes his team is doing well so far in the season as they are 2-0.

Setting his goals for the season, Cometsevah hoped to make improvements on himself the most.

“Holding myself accountable and being a leader,” Cometsevah said.

With an estimated 3.0 GPA, Cometsevah has prioritized his academics as he said, “it’s like second hand nature,” when it comes to juggling sports and school.

Cometsevah also takes the time to enjoy other hobbies outside of football.

“I like playing volleyball for fun, I like hanging out with friends, going to church and I just like trying new

things, like different sports,” Cometsevah said.

Working on getting better each practice, Cometsevah had been working on being in the right spots on the field and knowing the plays and coverage better.

“We are working on our defense, we’re putting in new coverage on defense, and we’re trying out new plays on offense, we got new movements and we’re also working on our line, our line is not that big,” Cometsevah said.

And when it comes to getting in game mode to improve his overall game, Cometsevah said it comes as “a natural feeling.”

“What gets me going is the fans, the fans when we come onto the field,” Cometsevah said.

As a football player, Cometsevah believes in having the right mentality and discipline to be successful.

“You have to have mentality, you have to have discipline, you got to give it your all and you have to be a leader, hold yourself accountable,” Cometsevah said.

As a senior, Cometsevah felt excited but also bitter-sweet, as he believed the season would be his last time playing on the football field. However, he hoped he would leave a lasting impression when the season is over.



Warren Cometsevah poses with his sister AnnMarie Cometsevah. (Submitted photos)



“I want to be remembered as the player that when I got knocked down, I got back up and always had heart,” Cometsevah said.

Overall what football had taught Cometsevah the most is respect and the feelings he felt while playing on the field were indescribable.

“It just gets me excited,

it’s thrilling for sure and it’s definitely a different feeling from any other sport I played,” Cometsevah said.

Warren’s mother is Angela Littleman and his siblings include Dakota Littleman, Abbygail Littleman, AnnMarie Cometsevah, Addison Cloud and Daniel Cloud.



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