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Oklahoma Voters Will Choose the Fate of Marsy's Law

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On November 6, Oklahomans will vote on State Question 794 to expand rights for victims of crime.

What does it specifically change?

It amends the Oklahoma Constitution to guarantee certain rights for victims, survivors, and their families or guardians. Currently, there are only statutory rights, which are insufficient and illusory because they are not enforced and can be changed by simple majorities. Victims deserve to have constitutional protections, just as those who are accused and convicted.

The language was carefully crafted to ensure it meets Constitutional standing in Oklahoma. Victims' rights would be protected in a manner equal to the rights of the defendants, but it does not impact or change the existing defendants' rights.

How does it expand rights?

If 794 passes, there will be a requirement to notify victims and families that they have Constitutionally protected rights. They will be notified at each important stage of the criminal justice process: arrest, bonding, trial, and sentencing. They would also be notified of the defendant's release or escape from custody, and be consulted with before a decision is made concerning a plea agreement, deferred prosecution agreement or diversion agreement.

It also provides victims the right to reasonable protection by ensuring their right to privacy and provides the right to proceedings free from unreasonable delays.

Finally, it includes the right to restitution, and a clause on enforceability, so that if a victim of crime feels that any of their rights have been violated, they will have standing to petition the judge for a remedy.

Marsy's Law is seeking to elevate key rights of crime victims into the state's Constitution to ensure that victims have rights that are equal, in stature, to the constitutional rights of the accused and convicted. These constitutional protections for crime victims would include the following rights:

- To be treated with dignity, respect, courtesy, sensitivity and fairness.
- To privacy.
- To have information or records protected that could be used to locate or harass the victim or which could disclose confidential or privileged information of the victim.
- To proceedings free from unreasonable delay.
- To timely disposition of the case free from unreasonable delay.

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Rodeo Queens Brighten Assisted Living Center



Story and Photos by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

On August 9, the Edith Kassanoid Assisted Living Center residents enjoyed their day with Rodeo Royalty. The young ladies were invited to enjoy a fun and eventful day with the residents that consisted of Horseshoe and Corn Hole tournaments. A surprise guest for the residents was their very own tribal member, Abbie Crank, who is the Lawton Rangers Club Queen. Special snacks and lunch was served including; Hay Bales, (made out of Rice-Krispy treats), Horse Cakes, (they were Cupcakes with Chocolate frosting and a cookie placed on top with eyes and peanut ears), fruit, pizza, and lots more. TOP; Marie "Midge" Sevier, throws her hardest during the Corn Hole toss to put more points on the board for her team. RIGHT; Edith Kassanoid residents smile big with the Rodeo Queens and Princesses. From Left; Lawton Rangers Rodeo Club Queen, Abbie Crank., North Texas Rodeo Princess, Cheyan Bland., Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Teen, Maci Brown, Miss Rodeo Oklahoma Princess, and Lawton Ranger Rodeo Queen, Kinley Keyser.



Comanche Tribal Court Makes A Decision for Case No: CV-2018-0013

Story by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

At 2 p.m. on August 9, the Comanche Tribal Court house was filled with tribal members awaiting the Judges decision on case number CV-2018-0013.

Judge Knight rendered his decision.

"THIS MATTER came before this court on a series of motions filed by several parties that are connected or involved in the Comanche Nation Election in one fashion or another. The court held a hearing on these motions and hear arguments. The court heard arguments on 1) whether the Comanche Nation Business Committee (CBC) should be held in contempt for failing to certify and proceed to hold a general election and 2) whether the court should allow for the intervention and addition of two parties run-off for the Tribal Administrator and Tribal Attorney positions.

The Hon. William Nelson,

Sr., Chairman of the Comanche Nation, filed one motion for contempt Pro Se, and he appeared ready at the hearing ready to proceed. There was one additional motion for contempt filed by LaNora Parker, a candidate for the Vice-Chairman position, however, the court found that she lacks standing as she is not substantially harmed in the outcome of the proceedings before the court. The CBC appeared in their official capacity and were represented by and through its legal counsel, Mr. Richard J. Grellner. The CBC also appeared in their individual capacity and were represented by and through, Mr. Robert Prince. Mr. Billy Komahcheet, also appeared by and through his legal counsel, Mr. Gary Pitchlynn. Mr. Robert. A Rosette appeared by and through his legal representative, Mr. Jonathan Sanchez. Mr. John David Wahnee appeared pro-se.

The court reminds the par-

ties that it lacks any jurisdiction to decide any constitutional matters as those are reserved by the Comanche Nation Code to the Comanche Nation Appellate Court. Here, however, the court does not reach any constitutional issues and therefore, the court has jurisdiction under Section 1.04 of Title I of the Comanche Nation Code. The court enters this opinion on the matters before the court.

1. The Comanche Nation Business Committee (CBC) is not in contempt of this court and the motion filed by Chairman Nelson is denied.

The court entered an order on June 28, 2018 ordering the CBC to certify the election and move towards the run-off election as soon as practicable. The Chairman contends that the CBC is violation of the June 28th Order of this court and should be held in contempt of court for not proceed-

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Diabetes Awareness Program Welcomes Father/Son Podiatrist Team

The Comanche Nation Diabetes Awareness Program welcomes a father/son duo to their program. Dr. William Smith, Sr. and his son Dr. William Smith, Jr., Podiatrists, will be the new Podiatrists serving tribal members.



Courtesy photo

William K. Smith Sr., DPM, DAB-PS, FACFAS

DPM: Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio.

Fellow: American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons

Board-Certified: American Board of Podiatric Surgery, Diplomate in Foot and Ankle Surgery

Residency: Doctors General Hospital, Oklahoma City, Okla.

BS: University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, Okla.

Member: American Podiatric Medical Association, American Association of Ankle Arthroscopy, American Diabetes Association, Oklahoma Podiatric Medical Association

Certificates: Carbon Dioxide Laser Surgery, Ankle Arthroscopy, Ankle Arthroscopy Pulsed Dye Laser Surgery, Holmium Laser Arthroscopy by HHC & Timedyne, Inc.

Dr. Smith said: "I always wanted to be a doctor at an early age. I've always wanted to do my part to improve the human condition. That's what lead me to become a podiatrist. Looking back over my two-plus decades in the medical field, I know I followed the right path and this is what I was meant to do."



Courtesy photo

William K. Smith Jr., DPM, DAB-PS, FACFAS

DPM: Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine, Cleveland, Ohio.

Fellow: American College of Foot & Ankle Surgeons

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Residency: Hillcrest Health Center, Oklahoma City, Okla.

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Marilyn Figueroa, Director, states patients who would like to schedule an appointment for their Podiatry clinic are encouraged to contact the diabetes program at (580) 280-4674.

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ing to an election. However, the CBC argued that the matter in regards to the referendum on qualifications being applicable to this year's candidates was wrongly decided by this court and filed an appeal. As a result, they cannot be held in contempt for violating that order since the CBC is appealing the issue of qualifications being applicable to this year's candidates.

The CBC is within the rules of the court to file an appeal to the Comanche Nation Court of Appeals to determine if this court is in error for its previous decision. As a result, of it's filing to the Court of Appeals, the CBC is not in contempt of court for failing to set the run-off election.

2. The Tribal Attorney and Tribal Administrator positions shall proceed to a run-off when the next election is held and the court GRANTS Mr. John Wahnee and Mr. Robert A. Rosette to intervene.

The court does not find any language within the Election Policy to exclude the two positions from going to a run-off election. There is only language that states that the top two candidates shall proceed to a run-off election if no candidate reaches a 50 percent plus 1 vote. (See Election Policy Section 604 (1)) The CBC argued that in the past it was the practice of the Nation to take the top candidate to serve in those positions. The CBC argued that it was the custom and usage to act as such, and therefore the parties selected for those positions should be the top two candidates who received the most votes regardless of whether they received 50 percent plus 1 vote of the general election. The Election Policy as composed and recently enacted this year does not support that position.

Certainly, the CBC provided testimony that in the past, that the custom was to select the candidate who received the most votes would serve in these positions, but the court is not convinced that the Election Policy properly memorialized that practice. The court only has the 2018 Election Policy to the review the acts of the CBC as it administers the election for the Nation. Moreover, the candidates have only the Election Policy and how its composed and how it defines not only how to qualify as candidates but also how the election shall proceed once they are placed on the ballot. The court, nor can any candidate, cannot determine by the language of the Election Policy that previous practices to select the top candidate with the most votes is installed for the Tribal Attorney and Tribal Administrator as it is not simply not within the plain reading of the Election Policy.

There are significant delineations within the definition of "candidate." The Election Policy defines candidate as "a person having the appropriate qualification and who is being considered for a political office or an official position." The court wrestled with that definition's two distinct types of candidates, 1) "political office" and 2) "official position." The CBC argued that there is no distinction between the two and that they should be read together. The Chairman argued that he plays both roles. The court finds that the roles are unique and not the same. However, that finding may not be determinative to the outcome of this case. The court finds that whether the individual, who meets all qualifications as determined by the Election Policy and certified by the CBC, shall be afforded all processes outlined by the Election Policy including a run-off election.

As a result of this finding, the court shall grant the candidates who placed second in the General Election for Tribal Attorney and Tribal Administrator to intervene in this action. They are candidates as defined by the Election Policy. They are also substantially impacted by the CBC and its failure to not follow Section 604 as composed.

The court does not reach any other issued that was argued before this court. Although, the argument on whether the elected official holds a position with a liberty inter-

est attached to it or if it is a position of trust can help guide which forum is proper to resolve all election disputes.

THEREFORE IT IS ORDERED ADJUDGED AND DECREED

1. That the Comanche Nation Business Committee shall certify Mr. John David Wahnee and Mr. Robert A. Rosette as candidates for the 2018 Comanche Nation Run-Off Election; and
2. That the Election Coordinator shall proceed to schedule the next election as soon as practicable.

It IS SO ORDERED ON THIS 16th DAY OF AUGUST 2018."

There was no meeting for the August CBC due to not having a quorum.



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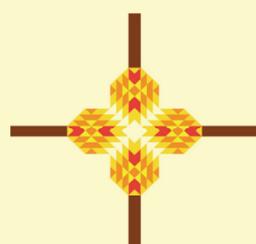
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To reasonable protection from the accused throughout the justice process.

To reasonable and timely notice of proceedings.

To confer with the attorney for the government.

To be informed by and provide input to the attorney for the government about any case disposition agreement including a plea agreement deferred prosecution agreement or diversion agreement before a decision is made concerning such agreement.

To be heard in any proceeding during which a right of the victim is implicated including release, plea, sentencing, disposition, parole, revocation, expungement, or pardon.

To have the authority with jurisdiction over the case provided with information pertaining to the economic, physical and psychological effect of the crime or juvenile act upon the victim and have the information considered by the authority with jurisdiction.

To timely notice of any release, escape or death of the accused, if the accused is in custody or on supervision at the time of death.

To refuse an interview, deposition or other discovery request made by the accused or any person acting on behalf of the accused.

To full restitution and to be provided with assistance collecting restitution.

To have any monies or property collected from any person who has been ordered to make restitution be first applied to the restitution owed to the victim before paying any amounts owed to the government.

To compensation as provided by law.

To timely information about the outcome of the case.

To timely notice about all rights in this section, or as provided by law, including the enforcement of these rights.

Finally, Marsy's Law includes a

clause on enforceability, so that if a victim of crime feels that any of their rights have been violated, they will have standing to petition the judge for a remedy.

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August 8 was the last day of the 8th Annual Children's Clinic and it was a success!

September 26, will be the only day in September for appointments. Dr. Cocheran will be on vacation for 3 weeks.

September 24, will be the next day to schedule appointments for the month of October. Appointments will be for any age.

REMINDER:

On Wednesday exam day they do not take eyeglass orders so they can service their patients with appointments.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Optometry staff will be happy to assist you. Come in any time. You do not have to make an appointment to order eyeglasses, all eyeglass prescriptions are welcome.

July 27, they attended a training with Shamir Insights, Essilor and Modern Eyes. They now have Transitions in five new colors other than just Gray and Brown. They now offer Sapphire, Amethyst, Amber, Emerald, and Graphite Green.

They also have the Mirror tint in Silver Shadow, Gold, Blue, Green, Red and Pink and chose from a large selection of new Designer frames.

The Dallas Outreach was a success! They serviced 41 tribal members in the Dallas and surrounding area.

Wayla Wauqua, Optometry Director said, "I was unable to go to Dallas this year, but I would like to tell my staff how much I appreciate them. I received so many compliments about how professional they were and I would like to recognize them: Thank you Jennifer Passah, Teka Henry and Lorena Proctor for a job well done! Without my staff our program would not be successful."

Grants Department Announces the Nation Was Awarded Grants

The Grants Department is pleased to announce that the Nation was awarded the following grant awards:

- FY 2018 Native American Library Services Basic Grant Award – This award will allow for the purchase of new literature

and hosting youth reading events at the Education Center Library.

- Native American Employment and Training Grant Awards – These awards will support employment and training activities for adults and youth through the WIOA Program.
- 2018 Victims of Crime Act Grant Awards – These awards will support the Family Assistance Center and the Children's Shelter in their efforts to provide direct services to victims of crime.

Dallas Outreach Hosts Annual Back to School Event



Courtesy Photo

On August 4, the Comanche Nation Dallas Outreach hosted their Annual Back-to-School Event.

Tribal members from Dallas/Ft. Worth, and Houston attended the event and received direct services from the Comanche programs including Enrollment, Higher Education, Optometry, and Student Services.

Transit Reminds People of Safety Tips for Road Safety

As summer comes to a close, all are reminded of all the holidays yet to come. With those holidays comes safety awareness, especially for children. School has started back up and kids are preparing for school activities. With all the football games, after school programs and everything in between, they encourage safe driving around schools, parks and school stadiums and gyms.

Here are some tips for sharing the road safely:

- It's illegal to pass a stopped school bus on an undivided highway. You must stop when the school bus has its red lights on and its stop arm is extended.
- You must slow down when the school bus has its yellow lights on. It's also a good idea to slow down whenever you see a school bus.
- Be especially vigilant in school

zones, crosswalks and at bus stops. Children don't always use crosswalks and may dart out into the street without looking.

- Eating, fidgeting with the radio, talking on your cell phone all take your attention away from driving.
- Leave a minimum 10-foot safety zone for children in front of, behind and on either side of a school bus.

These tips could help keep our kids safe!! Also remember adults and children should practice being a safe pedestrian.

Here are some great tips for children and for adults to remember:

- Do not cross the street alone if you're younger than 10 years of age.
- Make sure to hold an adult's hand when you cross the street or are in parking lots.
- Look for signs that a car is about to move (rear lights, exhaust smoke, sound of motor, wheels turning).
- Do not run or cross between parked cars.
- Cross only at intersections and crosswalks.
- Always walk on the sidewalk. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing oncoming traffic.
- Look left, then right, then left again before crossing the street. Continue looking while you cross.
- Always make eye contact with drivers when crossing busy streets and make sure to watch out for traffic the entire time you are in the crosswalk.
- Wear reflective clothing if playing outside after dark.
- Play in a backyard or playground when you are outside and away from streets or parking lots whenever possible.
- Do not run onto a street for a ball, pet, or any other reason. Ask an adult to help you get it back.

As always they look forward to serving the community during this time of the year! They would like thank all their passengers for your support!

Comanche Education Center Library

The Comanche Nation Education Center just opened up a fairly new Library located at 1608 S. 9th St., Lawton, Okla. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Come check out the improved Library. All tribal members are welcome. Comanche history books, movie rentals, computers, kids area, and Acellus kids coding station are available for use.

For more information contact (580) 591-0203 or like them on Facebook to keep up with the library events: <https://www.facebook.com/>

Family Assistance Discuss Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) evolved from the "Day of Unity" held in October 1981 and conceived by the National Coalition against Domestic Violence. The intent was to connect advocates across the nation who were working to end violence against women and their children. The Day of Unity soon became an entire week devoted to a range of activities conducted at the local, state, and national level. The activities conducted were as varied and diverse as the program sponsors were but had common themes:

- Mourning those who have died because of domestic violence
- Celebrating those who have survived
- Connecting those who work to end violence

These three themes remain a key focus of DVAM events today. In October 1987, the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed. That same year marks the initiation of the first national domestic violence toll-free hotline. In 1989, the U.S. Congress passed Public Law 101-112 designating October of that year as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Such legislation has passed every year since with National Coalition against Domestic Violence providing key leadership in this effort. Each year, the Day of Unity is celebrated the first Monday of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

2018 TRIBAL EVENTS:

- October 4 – Awareness Reception, 2 p.m. to 5 p.m., Comanche Nation complex, New Conference Room. Movie, display Table and Light Refreshment.
- October 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Domestic Violence Awareness Seminar, Great Plains Vo-Tech, Registration Required.

For additional information, contact Betty Simmons, Program Director, Comanche Nation Women Shelter, (580) 492-3590.

Law Enforcement Invites Citizen's to Join the Police Academy in October

The Comanche Nation Police Academy (CPA) is designed to give the public an overview of the Police Department. It is also designed to create two-way communication between citizens and officers. The CPA is a 8-week block of instruction held in a classroom setting. Classes will consist of a two-hour session, once a week. The academy will start 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., October 3, it will be held for eight consecutive Tuesday evenings, ending with a graduation ceremony on November 27.

The purpose of the Academy is to create better police-community relations through awareness and training. The CPA will provide the citizen with essential information to help with the understanding of various legal issues, personnel staffing, and departmental procedures that police officers face on a daily basis.

- Police Patrol
- Narcotics
- Firearms
- Officer Safety
- Police Canine
- ICrimeStopper
- Casino
- Community Policing
- Use of Force
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Criminal Investigation

There will be lectures, videos, tours, and hands-on training. Each student will be encouraged to participate in a ride-along with a police officer.

Anyone who works or lives in the Comanche Nation Community is urged to apply for admission. The minimum age for enrollment is 18. No one will be rejected due to his or her sex, race, employment, socio-economic status, or disability.

"I would like to personally invite you to apply for enrollment in the Comanche Nation Police Academy. I believe it would help build a better relationship between you and the Comanche Nation Police Department. The CPA's slogan "Community Partnership through Awareness" is more than just a slogan. It is the future of policing. Together, we can make a difference, improving our great community. I hope to have the opportunity to meet you in the near future." Comanche Nation Chief of Police, Vern Griffin, expressed.

For more information contact Officer RL Smith, (580) 492-3711.

Student Services Accepting Applications for 2018-2019



Photos by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

Pictured above; Desiree Devine, ECDC Director, was a volunteer during the 2019 Back-2-School Bash. She helped hand out bags to all the excited kids that came through the K-5 Line. Pictured bottom right; Bonita Paddyaker, Injury Prevention Director, was handing out carseats and helmets for childrens safety during the school year.

The Comanche Nation K-12 Student Services is still accepting applications for the new school year (2018-2019). Applications are available in the program office which is located at 1608 SW 9th St. Lawton, all Comanche Nation Tribal Outreach Offices and on the program web page on comanchenation.com. Please note the following changes: ID (state/government/tribal) is required upon picking up the student(s) gift card. An ID and note, signed & dated by the legal parent or legal guardian is required if allowing another adult to pick up. Information regarding student will be given only to the legal parent/guardian. Please handle gift cards as if it were a credit card, check or cash. Lost or stolen gift cards will not be replaced. The program sponsored a Back to School Giveaway on July 27 at Watchetaker Hall. Cosponsors of the event were: Comanche Nation Injury Prevention and Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery. Backpacks, school supplies, booster/car seats, and haircuts were given. Other informational booths were, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, Kiowa Head start, IHS Dental, IHS Benefits Coordinator and Comanche Nation Law Enforcement D.A.R.E. and I AM NDN. For more information regarding the program please call the program office @ (580) 492-3280.



Pictured above; Clorandia Tsatoke, Niki Satepauhoodle, volunteered to give free haircuts to all children.



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- 6:30 GRAND ENTRY
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- 10:45 ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS
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Higher Education Host College and Career Day

The Comanche Nation Office of Higher Education will host the annual College and Career Day on September 12, and would like to extend an invitation to your institution and/or place of business. This event will take place at the Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex, 584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton, Okla., 73507, from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

The College and Career Day will be open to the public to provide students and adults with opportunities to meet and interview with featured representatives and professionals in the areas of Education/University, Medical, Business, Technology, STEM-related careers, Vocational careers, Military, Federal/Government, Child Care, Banking, Beauty, Marketing, Accounting, and much more! Over 50 recruiters have previously attended this event in the past, and it has been a quality opportunity for students to network and receive information on future choices for careers and/or secondary education, technical schools and universities.

Employers and recruiters from various areas will have the opportunity to set up informational booths and are encouraged to network with students and career seeking individuals from the Southwestern Oklahoma region. Last year's attendance reached over 350 participants. During this event, we will be giving employers and recruiters a chance to introduce themselves and speak about the affiliated group they are representing. Students will have the opportunity to not only network with recruiters and professionals and learn valuable information about the FAESA, scholarship opportunities, and job openings within the area.

The next Senior Basic Computer Class will be offered beginning September 10-24. This course will provide individuals with basic computer skills and a solid foundation for which to increase computer knowledge and expertise. The target group for this class is Comanche tribal members (45 years old and up) who are interested in personal enrichment, and in need of additional training or certification to enhance employment opportunities. The class is limited to 12 students. Class times are designated to be Monday- Thursday from 9 a.m.-Noon, at the Comanche Nation Education Center, Room 29, 1608 SW 9th St. Lawton, Okla.

The Comanche Nation Higher Education Adult Education GED class will begin its next session on October 8. Applications are now being accepted. Students must complete an application with Comanche Nation Higher Education and with Comanche Nation Workforce in order to initiate the enrollment process. A pre-diagnostic test must first be taken prior to admittance to the GED class.

Fall 2018 will be the first semester in which Comanche Nation Higher Education will offer Acellus, an online tutoring program that will provide tribal members with supplementary educational learning practice opportunities. The current GED class is a pilot cohort of students who are currently utilizing Acellus to enhance their skills in a unique manner designed to implement a beneficial advancement of undertaking subject matters for which they need additional help to pass the GED test.

Please call the office for applications and/or qualifications for this new service.

For further information, please contact Comanche Nation office of Higher Education at (580) 492-3363 or email highered@comanchenation.com

Department of Transportation Making Roadways Better

The Comanche Nation Transportation will be meeting with several counties on some future projects, all of these projects are coming in the year 2018-2019 and will benefit tribal members in all the counties, hopefully all the projects come together so these road ways will be safer to travel on for tribal members and the communities.

The Comanche Nation Transportation is trying to work with area school districts to improve their streets to make it better and safer for the native children and the communities.

The Comanche Nation Transportation attended The Annual Eastern and Oklahoma Tribal Transportation Program Federal Highway Administration Regional Workshop in Rock Hill, South Carolina, the week of August 6-9. The workshop was very informative on the Federal level as to what transportation will be doing in the future. The tribe that hosted this workshop was Catawba Indian Nation.

The Comanche Nation Department of Transportation's motto is: "Paving the way and providing a more safe and effective way of travel."

Museum and Cultural Center Exhibit Unmasking the Truth: This History of the Comanche Language

The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center's 2018 Comanche Nation Fair exhibit is titled, *Unmasking the Truth: This History of the Comanche Language*. The exhibit will examine the tribe's

language, past, present and future. The public is invited to attend the exhibit's opening reception from 6 to 8 p.m., September 20.

Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center will be open for special extended hours during the 27th Annual Comanche Nation Fair. The Museum will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., September 22, and from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., on September 23. Admission is free.

Injury Prevention/Angels Promotes Child Safety

The Injury Prevention/Angels has been busy with car seat class and preparing for the Comanche Nation Fair Activities.

They have provided 14 car seats to tribal families. Three children were in separate automobile crashes, these children were in car seats and uninjured. The Injury Prevention/Angels provided these children with new car seats.

The program provided 39 booster seats, 12 bike helmets and 10 skate board helmets during the Back to School Bash.

Car seats are given in the office by appointment only from 8 a.m.-10 a.m.

Requirements to receive a car seat:

- Child must be present
- Must have a Comanche C.D.I.B.
- Take a Pre-Post-test of eight questions
- Watch a 20-minute video on child passenger safety
- Be able to install the child's car seat

Pre-natal are asked to come in three months before their due date. Car seats are given on a first come, first serve basis and may not be available.

For more information call, Angel Thompson: (580) 492-3277, or Bonita Paddyaker: (580) 492-3343.

Prevention and Recovery Open Residential Shelter



The staff of the newly opened Men's Residential Shelter celebrated it's Grand Opening August 1, across from the Comanche Nation Complex. Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Nation's Prevention and Recovery held the grand opening of it's residential shelter for men the afternoon of August 1.

According to the March 2018 edition of *The Comanche Nation News*, the walls are decorated with Native based inspirational quotes, and will house up to 12 men. The men can stay for a total of 45 days, and they can begin in the New Pathways Program, who has also moved next to the facility.

"In America, treatment for entitled people will cost about \$100,000. This treatment center is an equivalent to an \$100,000 treatment system. I have to go to God Himself, 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, they will have the Kingdom of God.' This is a place that will save people. It is money well spent," expressed Comanche Nation Chairman, William Nelson, Sr., who attended the event.

Jamie Swanson, director of the Prevention and Recovery programs said the ultimate goal is recovery.

"We want to offer though that wellness, spirituality, to re-identify themselves with their culture and also how to cope with daily struggles and stress. I am also trilled we are doing an educational component. Many of the men who come here does not have their GEDs, and we are going to offer them the opportunity to attain their GED online, and a vocational certificate, like plumbing. We want them ready by the time they leave out of here."

Tribal Administrator, Jimmy Arterberry added the Nation has reached a new level.

"We worked this past year trying to get this facility in operation. With this staff and this director, it has become a reality. It says a lot about our people and how they care to make things better."

For more information about the shelter, call (580) 492-3614.

NEW PATHWAYS HAS RELOCATED TO THE COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COMPLEX

ALL CURRENT AND FORMER RESIDENTS INVITED

9th Annual Four Winds Talking Circle
 Saturday, September 15, 2018
 12:00 am to 3:00 pm
 35th Division Park
 6th Street & NW Dearborn
 Lawton, Oklahoma

New Pathways Halfway House
 Phone (580) 492-3743
 Phone (580) 492-3745



The Meditation Room is one of many places inside the shelter that residence can go to find solace.



Jessica Cable and Xandria Poaf-pybitty perform a dance to help celebrate the grand opening of the residential shelter.

COMANCHE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

Child Abuse Awareness

Preserve Our Tribal Future...Report Child Abuse
580-492-3359 or 580-280-4751

COMANCHE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE PROGRAM

Foster Parent Recruitment

Get Involved Change a Lifetime...Become a Foster Parent
580-280-4751

Comanche Nation Fair Volleyball Tournament
September 2

Location: CN Waterpark
Games start at 10 AM
\$55 per team
Must have at least 2 girls per team

Cash prize & other prizes

Entry fee will get entry into Waterpark for player only!
 Food and Water will be provided

Programs

Comanche Nation Workforce Receives Grant

On July 27, the Comanche Nation Workforce was awarded a grant in the amount of \$219,651.00 per year, for the next four years, from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration.

The grant funds will be utilized to support the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA), Indian and Native American, adult and youth employment and training programs. The programs will provide services to Native American tribal members who are unemployed, underemployed, or low income that reside in Comanche and Cotton counties.

NAGPRA Update

The Comanche Nation NAGPRA department has completed 5 of their 17 consultations scheduled for the 2017 NAGPRA Grant.

If you have any question please feel free to contact them, Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at (580) 595-9393 or you can stop by and visit them #10 SW D Ave, Lawton Okla.

Elder Council Meeting Schedule

The Elder Council meetings start at 10 a.m. with a lunch provided at noon. Various speakers provide information relevant to elders and give updates on various issues that affect us as Native American and as Comanches. Dates for September to December meetings are:

- 10 a.m. September 10, CN Education Center
- 10 a.m. October 1, CN Education Center
- 10 a.m. November 5, CN Education Center
- 10 a.m. December 3, Comanche Community Center in Apache

The December 10 meeting is our Christmas program. All enrolled Comanche Elders 62 years and older are invited. No Children, please.

Gravel Tinhorn Schedule

Please take note as to when your area falls on the schedule each month, and submit your application 30 days prior to the deadline. The month at the end of each line is when they will be working in that area. **Please make sure to update Application Yearly!**

- July 1-31 Applications for Apache Area “October”
- August 1-31 Applications for Elgin Area “November”
- **Gravel Tinhorn Program will be assisting with the Comanche Nation Fair and will not be taking applications in September.**
- October 1-31 Applications for Anadarko and Ft. Cobb Area “December”
- December 1-31 Applications for Cache Area “January”

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE: If there is any changes in the contact number please advise us.

- You will need to update your application yearly.
 - Must provide proof of C.D.I.B
 - Must provide proof of residency (physical address) i.e., utility bill, deed.
 - Must not benefit a business or non- Comanche Tribal Member (rental homes)
 - Must reside in the Comanche Nation Jurisdiction
- If you have any questions/ concerns please call the office at (580) 492-3308 Thank you.

Fire Fighter Program Accepting Controlled Burn Applications

Applications for controlled burns and hazard tree cutting on Comanche Trust Lands only are being accepted. Contact the Comanche Nation Fire Program at (580) 492 3600, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday. The program does not have the capability to do landscaping.

The program is accepting Emergency Wildland Firefighter applications for U.S. Forest Service during September 5 – October 10. Please come by the Fire Station to pick up application. The program is no longer taking applications for BIA Emergency Wildland Firefighters and Camp Crew Members for this fire season.

The program has Firefighters on fire tour in Texas and Montana. They helped monitor or engage in five fire related activities in our coverage area. Due to August rain, fire activities in our area were low. The program also performed two tree assessments and two tree cutting jobs.

The National Weather Service in Norman Oklahoma is predicting high to severe fire conditions for the rest of the year. Please keep this in mind and use caution when conducting outside burns.



**Comanche Nation
Emergency Manager
HOTLINE
NUMBER
(580) 492-3628**



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IAM NDN attended the 2018 UNITY in San Diego California, IAMNDN in July, and has consecutively attended this major Native youth conference on a yearly basis to fulfill its PFS grant's action plan. Those attending were five youth and four chaperones PHOTO: N8V Generations representatives are Fia and Alofa Lavatai, Ariana Parker, and Alex Akoneto. Representing IAMNDN are Morgan and Dakota Whitewolf, Geordan Wermey, Veronica and Elleanna Silverhorn, and Sonja Delgado. For your child to be a part of IAMNDN please contact Flores at the IAMNDN office (580) 248-4782 or by email martinf@comanchenation.com.

Come check out the new and improved Library. All tribal members are welcome. Comanche history books, movie rental, computers, kids area and Acellus kids coding station all available for use.
Located at 1608 s 9th st. Lawton, OK 73501
Open Monday-Friday 8:00 am-5:00pm
Contact: 580.591.0203
Like our Facebook page to keep up with library events
<https://www.facebook.com/comanchenationlibrary/>

Comanche Nation Court

Pro Se / Self Represented Information



NOTE This article is for informational purposes only and is not meant to replace legal representation.

Court Clerks

Ethical Code and Court Rules prohibit the Court Clerks from providing legal advice and helping parties prepare or type court documents. Different situations may require special procedures and the Court Clerks **CANNOT** advise you on how to proceed or what forms may be necessary in specific situations. If you have legal questions, you will need to consult an attorney at your own expense.

General Information

Unless you are in Court during a hearing, all requests or updates regarding your case should be done in writing and filed with the Court Clerk. If possible, you should submit all filings for your case no later than 10 days before your court date.

No party is allowed to speak to a judge about their case without the other party being present. You are also not allowed to request that the Court Clerks pass on a message to a judge regarding your case.

It is your responsibility to always keep the Court and the other parties updated of your address and phone number if they change during the case. Notices may be sent from the Court regarding your case, however, it is your responsibility to stay updated regarding your case.

If the opposing party has an attorney, address all correspondence and contact to the attorney. **DO NOT** address the opposing party without the attorney present.

If you fail to appear to a court date or fail to respond to an opposing party's filings, judgment may be entered against you by default.

Starting a Case

All legal proceedings are started by filing a Complaint or a Petition. The Petition should contain at a minimum the following: 1. the basis for the Court's jurisdiction, e.g., Defendant is an enrolled Comanche Member, event occurred on tribal land, etc.; 2. what you would like to happen; 3. Who you are asking the

court to take action against (Defendant/Respondent); and 4. Why you believe you should have the court grant your request.

You must serve (formally deliver by obtaining signature or process service) the opposing party with a summons (Formal notice of an action provided by Court Clerk) and the petition before the case actually begins. You must show proof and file with the court that the opposing party received the summons and the petition.

If you are being served with a summons and petition, you have a time period indicated on the summons in which to file an Answer. The Answer should address all the issues within the Petition. You should specifically deny or admit any facts in the Petition and state why you believe the court should deny the petition. If you wish to request action against the petitioner, then you should include in your answer a Counter-Claim similar to a petition.

Emergency Situations

Sometimes a situation arises that requires immediate action. Because you may request for something to be done without giving the other party notice, you are required to have more information with you. You should have a police report or sworn written statement, affidavit, signed before a notary or the Court Clerk that sets forth the nature of the emergency and attach it to your motion.

You will file a petition as in a regular case, however you should also file a motion asking for your emergency action as well. To help your request to be processed faster, you should also have a temporary order prepared for the judge to sign. Because this will take place without the other party present, it is called an “Ex Parte” order and is only valid until the next hearing. If you receive an Ex Parte Order, the Court will schedule your next court date between 10 and 30 days. You are required to serve copies of all documents, as described above, to the other party before that court date or your temporary order will be removed.

Due to the schedule of the Judges, it may take up to 24 hours to process your request for a emergency temporary order. If you are needing a protective order while the court is closed, you should contact the Comanche Nation Police Department at (580) 492-3260. You will have to go to the Police Department at 8527 NW Madische Rd., Lawton, OK 73507. Somebody should provide you the forms to fill out there.

Documents/Filing

Once you have all paperwork completed, bring the documents to the Court Clerk for filing, filing fees may apply. You should bring enough cop-

ies so that the Court Clerk keeps the original; you retain a copy for your records, and one copy for each opposing party.

Every document you file should have the case style at the top of the first page. The case style should contain the following: Court: “Comanche Nation Tribal Court, District Court”; Parties' names and which party they are; and case number. Every document must be signed before it will be filed.

Motions

If you need to request anything regarding your case, beyond what is in the Petition, you must file a motion to that affect. Common motions are “Motion for Continuance” and “Motion for Hearing”. If possible, you should contact the opposing party and discuss your motion to determine whether they will agree to the requested action. To facilitate your motion being granted, you should prepare an Order for the Judge to sign with your signature and the opposing party's signature to show that it is agreed upon. If a motion is opposed, it will need to be set for a hearing to determine whether it should be granted or denied.

If you are not going to be able to appear at your court date, you must file a written Motion for Continuance stating the reason you will not be able to appear. Motions for Continuance should be filed as soon as you find out you will not be able to appear in court.

To get a hearing date you should file a Motion for Hearing. Contact the Court Clerk to obtain a potential court date and prepare an Order Setting Hearing with the proposed court date for the judge to sign to expedite the process. The court date is not officially set until the order is signed by a judge. You must verify with the Court in writing that you delivered the motion and order to the opposing party.

Hearings

You should come to court dressed in a respectful manner and prepared to argue your case. If you bring documents that you wish the court to see and admit as evidence, you should bring a copy for yourself, a copy for the Court Clerk, a copy for the Judge, and a copy for each opposing party.

The petitioner is given the first opportunity to present his/her case and call witnesses. When the petitioner is finished, the Respondent is given the opportunity to rebut the petitioner and call witnesses. Be respectful in court and wait until it is your opportunity to make your arguments. If you disagree with an action that the opposing party is taking, you may tell the judge that you “Object” and on what grounds you object.

Appeal

If, after your hearing, you disagree with the Court Order on a legal grounds you may file a Notice of Appeal with the District Court. You have 30 days from the date of a final Order in which to file your Notice of Appeal. If you wish to appeal, it is strongly recommended to consult an attorney as appeals go beyond the facts of the case and are highly technical in arguments about the interpretation of the law.



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Culinary Corner

September 2018 Kwi?ena Mtra						
Sunday Puha Tabeni	Monday Samu Habiltu	Tuesday Waha Habiltu	Wednesday Pahi Habiltu	Thursday Hayarokwe Habiltu	Friday Tuhima Tabeni	Saturday Tue Puha Tabeni
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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Comanche Nation Fair	OPEN DAY Fair Clean Up Day	Make-Up day	Make-Up day	Inventory	Inventory	
30						

- 2 Cups unsalted butter (cubed)
- 1 1/2 Cups chopped pecans
- 3 lbs Light brown sugar
- 1 1/2 Cups heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 Teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 1/2 Cups sour cream
- 1 1/2 Teaspoon vanilla extract

- Directions**
1. Tear bread
 2. Whisk sugar, milk, 2 cups whipping cream, vanilla, eggs and cinnamon until blended. Pour over bread mixture.
Praline Sauce:
 1. Heat 1 cup of butter in large saucepan until melted. Add pecans and mix well. Bring to a boil. Cook until pecans begin to change color. (Mixture will foam over, so use a large saucepan.) Add remaining butter and mix well. This will cool the pecan mixture and stop the cooking process. Remove from heat. Combine brown sugar, whipping cream and cinnamon in a saucepan and mix well. Cook over low heat until blended, stirring constantly; increase heat. Cook to 230°F on a candy thermometer. Stir in pecan mixture. Add sour cream and vanilla and mix well. Remove from heat.



Recipes for Home Cooking



Creamy Wild Rice Chicken Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 (6 ounce) Package long grain and wild rice mix
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 6 Large mushrooms, sliced
- 2 Tablespoons olive oil
- 12 Ounces skinless, boneless chicken breasts, cut into bite-size pieces
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Garlic Powder to taste
- 1 (15 ounce) Jar Classico (R) Fresh Four Cheese Alfredo Sauce, divided
- 20 Saltine crackers, crushed
- 1 Tablespoon melted butter
- 1 Tablespoon chopped fresh parsley

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 Degrees C.) Spray 2-quart baking dish with non-stick cooking spray.

2. Prepare rice according to package directions.
3. Melt butter in a skillet over medium to medium-high heat. Add mushrooms and saute until they release some moisture and begin to brown, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove mushrooms from pan.
4. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat in the same skillet. Saute chicken pieces until browned. Season with salt, pepper, and garlic powder to taste.
5. Combine the rice, chicken, mushrooms, and 3/4 of the jar of Alfredo sauce in the prepared baking dish. Mix well, and then spread remaining sauce over the top. Sprinkle crushed crackers evenly over casserole and drizzle 1 tablespoon melted butter over top.
6. Bake until heated through and topping is golden, about 30 minutes. Garnish with parsley.

Beef Kidneys

Ingredients

- 1 Beef kidney (about 1 1/2 pounds)
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- Bertolli Rich Taste Extra Virgin Olive Oil 1.5 L
- Coarse salt (to taste)
- Freshly ground black pepper (to taste)

Directions

1. Place beef kidney on the heated grill. Brush with olive oil. Season with salt and pepper. Cook until firm to the touch but slightly pink in the center, about 10 to 15 minutes.

Kidneys with Mustard

Ingredients

- 1/4 Cup butter
- 1 TBSP butter
- 2 Beef or 4-6 lamb kidneys, cleaned and cored
- 3/4 Cup heavy cream
- 2 TBSP Dijon mustard

- Salt and pepper

Directions

1. Heat the butter with the oil in a skillet, add the kidneys and cook over high heat for 4 minutes. Season with salt and pepper, remove from the skillet and keep warm. Combine the cream and mustard, stir into the cooking juices and cook until heated through. Thinly slice the kidneys, place on a warm serving dish.

Famous Dave's Bread

Pudding with Praline Sauce

Ingredients

- 1 Loaf cinnamon swirl bread
 - 2/3 Cup golden raisins
 - 1 1/2 Cups sugar
 - 4 Cups milk
 - 2 Cups heavy whipping cream
 - 1/4 Cup vanilla extract
 - 8 Eggs (beaten)
 - 1 Teaspoon cinnamon
- Praline Sauce Ingredients**

Chicken Enchiladas

Ingredients

- 4 6-Ounce boneless, skinless chicken breasts
- 1 Tablespoon olive oil
- Kosher salt and black pepper
- 10 Ounces sharp cheddar, grated (1 1/2 cups)
- 8 6-inch corn tortillas
- 2 1/2 Cups canned enchilada sauce
- 1/4 Cup fresh cilantro leaves

Directions

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Place the chicken on a rimmed baking sheet. Rub with the oil and season with 1/2 teaspoon salt and 1/4 teaspoon pepper. Roast, until cooked through, 14 to 16 minutes; let cool, then shred.
2. In a medium bowl, toss the chicken with 1 cup of the cheddar. Dividing evenly, roll up the chicken mixture in the tortillas and place seam-side down in an 8-inch square baking dish. Top with the enchilada sauce and the remaining 1/2 cup of cheddar. Bake until heated through, 15 to 20 minutes. Sprinkle with the cilantro.

Pohawpatchoko Seeks to Benefit the Native American Community

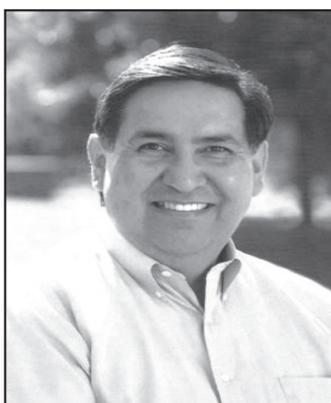
Calvin C. Pohawpatchoko Jr., a member of the Numunu (Comanche) people, of the Quahada (Antelope) clan. He has a BS in Computer Science and Information Systems and a MS in Object Oriented Technology with Honors. His master's thesis: "Cultural Preservation through Technology." His PhD is in Technology, Media and Society with a concentration in Computer Science Education from the ATLAS Institute at University of Colorado, College of Engineering and Applied Sciences.

His PhD thesis: "Cultural Constructionism: An Indigenous Computing Experience." In his thesis he introduces a novel learning theory and theory creation for Indigenous and cultural inclusion in the computing science narrative. His interest seeks to benefit the Native American community and plans to teach at or work with Colleges and Tribal Colleges.

He has 25+ years in the CS/IT industry. He worked his way up through the ranks from operations to management, to consulting. He has worked on both national and international endeavors. He has work for corporations such as Fox-Meyer (now a part of Bristol-Meyer), National Foundation Life Insurance, Hertz Corporation, Midland/Met Financial Group, Information Handling Services Denver (IHS) and Jeppesen-

Boeing Denver. As a consultant, he has implemented systems for government agencies such as Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC), Department of Agriculture (USDA) and several associated agencies within USDA. As a consultant with EDS, he supported and maintained systems for General Motors (GM), Buick, Chevrolet, IBM, Fujitsu, Storage Tek and Roll Royce Aircraft Engines. He has led special teams in system development for many clients. His duties also consisted of training new recruits in the consulting field. Most of his IT experience has been in financial systems, developing systems, maintenance, system conversions, team leadership and project management.

Pohawpatchoko is currently serving on the Engineering Advisory Board at the Navajo Technology University. With the faculty and advisory board, worked towards ABET accreditation and received for Industrial and Electrical Engineering early this year. His term has just ended as an advisory member for Multi-Cultural Engineering Program Advisory Council, now the Bold Center at the University of Colorado, Boulder. He has been a member of AISES and served as Vice President of the late Colorado AISES Professional Chapter. He has been a member of the National Indian Education Association



Courtesy Photo

Pohawpatchoko

(NIEA) and has presented on projects and his work in 2005 & 2010 at their National Convention. He has also presented at the 2011 Cosmic Serpent Conference on Museum Interface Development for providing voice for the Native Community through Technology. He was a National Science Foundation (NSF) GK-12 Fellow at the Colorado School of Mines and at the University of Colorado while working on his PhD. He has presented on his work at the NSF GK-12 Conference in Washington, DC, Society for Advancing Chicanos and Native American in Science (SACNAS) National Conference and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) National

Conference, on his STEM work. He has worked with the Native American communities in the greater Denver area, Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribe in teaching middle school and high school to build computers. This program was through the University of Alaska, Native Alliance, Alaska Native Science and Engineering Program (ANSEP) in Colorado. Internationally, he has also assisted with Startup Micro-businesses in Kazakhstan with his economic development interest. He has received the Chancellor's award for excellence in STEM education. He has a number of publications on the subject of integrating culture in Computers Science, Indigenous Computational Thinking (unpublished), Developing an Indigenous Digital Voice in museums and as a co-author on Teaching Computational Thinking through Scalable Game Design. He also was a contributor to NSF GK-12 studies.

Pohawpatchoko has served with the Colorado Commission on Higher Education (CCHE), the College in Colorado Campaign and the pre-collegiate consortium strategic advisory committee. He has been a special speaker for IBM's Native American Technology Journey Family Group. And he has provided technology assistance for the disadvantage for non-profit organizations. He has worked at Colorado

non-profit Math, Engineering, Science, Achievement (MESA) as their Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development (WIRED) Project Coordinator and has helped pass legislation for after school programs.

Pohawpatchoko has a strong interest in economic development, urban education, technology and how it can be used in Tribal Development, Tribal Colleges, K-16 Education, Business, Leadership, Information Communication for Development (ICT4D) and Educational Research to increase Native American interest in the Computing Sciences. He seeks ways to reach out to the Native American community and getting students interested in Computer Science and STEM education. He also looks for technological initiatives that can be applied to Native Leadership in Economic Development, Education, Policy and Innovative approaches for integrating Indigenous culture in technology, science, culture and art.

Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

The Bennett Brothers

Six brothers from the Bennett Family served in the military, four in the Navy and two in the Army. The Sailors are Fireman Clay "Coy" Bennett, 1963-67, Vietnam War aboard the USS Chicago; Airman Third Class Jerry Bennett, 1952-54; Seaman Paul Bennett, 1956-57; and Boiler Technician Third Class Terrance Bennett, 1954-56.

The Soldiers are Private First Class Douglas MacArthur Bennett, 1962-66, Vietnam War with 124th Transportation Company; and Elmer Bennett.

They are the sons of Thomas and Mary Pahcuddy Bennett from Fletcher.



Douglas

Courtesy Photo



Elmer

Courtesy Photo



Clay

Courtesy Photo



Jerry

Courtesy Photo



Paul

Courtesy Photo



Terrance

Courtesy Photo



The Davis Brothers

Courtesy Photo

This photo was presented to Lanny Asepermy by Curtis Davis at the Cox, Davis, Goodin, Parker reunion on July 1. The reunion was held east of Blair, Okla. It shows John and Nora Cox Davis holding a photo of their six sons, all Navy veterans.

Nora is the granddaughter of Quanah Parker and Weckeah and the daughter of Emmett Cox and Nau Nocc Parker. The sons (great grandsons of Quanah and Weckeah) from left to right are Curtis Davis, Navy 1952-56, China Service, served aboard the USS Uhlmann (DD-687); Emmett Davis, Navy, 1944-46, World War II (Pacific); Jackson Bennett Davis, Navy 1943-46, World War II, served aboard the USS Belle Grove (LSD-2); John Edward Davis, Navy 1941-71 (part of service was in the Navy Reserve), World War II and Korean War; Eugene Davis, Navy 1945-46, was enroute to Pacific at the end of World War II; and Charles Davis, Navy 1948-52, served in Guam as a Corpsman.

Our gratitude goes to the Davis brothers for their military service.

Code Talker Memorial To Be Placed At the Walters Cemetery

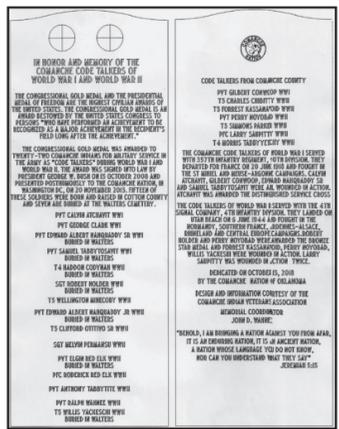
On October 15, 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the Code Talker Recognition Act of 2008 awarding the highest civilian award of the United States, the Congressional Gold Medal, to 22 Comanche soldiers, five from World War I and 17 from World War II. Now 10 years to the day the Comanche Nation will dedicate a memorial at the city of Walters Cemetery's Veterans Circle of Honor in their honor and memory.

The idea of a memorial of bought forth by John Wahnee, son of Code Talker Ralph Wahnee. After some fact-gathering with CIVA member, Lanny Asepermy, he presented the idea to the Comanche Business

Committee during the March, 2018 monthly meeting requesting funding for the memorial. He felt since 15 of the 22 Code Talkers were either born or raised in Cotton County that a memorial, in Cotton County, would be fitting. The site he chose was the Walters Cemetery where seven of the Code Talkers are buried.

During the April, 2018 CBC meeting a draft design, provided by Asepermy and Billy Elridge from Lawton Monument, with the verbiage for the 5' tall, 2 1/2' wide granite dye was provided to the CBC, by Wahnee. Funding was approved. The final draft design for the memorial was finalized by Wahnee, Asepermy and Elridge on July 29.

The memorial will be placed about the center of the cemetery at the Veterans Circle of Honor. The dedication is scheduled for October 15, starting at 1 p.m. at the Cemetery's Veterans Circle of Honor. More details of the event will be in the October issue of TCNN.



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Prisoners of War

Seven Comanches have been Prisoners of War. Five during World War II including four in Europe, CAPT Myers Wahnee; SSGT Inman Gooday; CPL Samuel Trevino; and PFC Samuel "Doc" Pewewardy, one in the Pacific, SSG Bruce Klinekole; and two during the Korean War, CPL Dennis King Karty; and LtCol Meech Tahsequah. All are deceased.



Courtesy Photo

Klinekole



Courtesy Photo

Wahnee



Courtesy Photo

Gooday

The first to be captured was **Staff Sergeant Bruce Wayne Klinekole**. He was assigned to Battery A, 515th Coastal Artillery (Anti-Aircraft) when he was captured on April 9, 1942, along with 9,300 other Americans, on the Philippine Island of Corregidor near the city of Manila. Klinekole was liberated on September 1, 1945, from a Japanese prison camp in Mukden, Manchuria after being held captive for 1,240 days (3 years, 4 months and 22 days). He survived the Bataan Death March, numerous prison camps, malnutrition, diseases, exhaustion, atrocities committed by Japanese soldiers and the "hell" ships. The Russian Army liberated his prison camp. He arrived on American soil on October 16, 1945 some 46 days after his liberation.

Klinekole is the son of the late Gregg Sr. and Lucy Eckiwaudah Klinekole and was born on February 14, 1917, in Apache. He passed away on August 30, 1981 at age 64 years. His final resting place is on his family's cemetery near Three Rivers, N.M.

Captain Myers Wahnee was a pilot assigned to Crew No. 56, 714th Bomb Squadron, 448th Bomb Group, 2nd Air Division, 8th Air Force when he was captured on March 20, 1944 after his aircraft, the "Comanche," was shot down near Brussels, Belgium on his 18th combat mission. Despite being wounded, in flight, by flak, he and all ten crew members parachuted to safety. Nine were captured, the co-pilot evaded capture. Wahnee was detained at Stalag Luft 3 near Frankfurt am Main. This was the interrogation center which most allied airmen were delivered after capture.

Wahnee was liberated on May 29, 1945, after 435 days of captivity.

He is the son of the late Tahdoquah Shannon and Maggie Tohoma Wahnee and was born on December 2, 1912, in Apache, and passed away on July 4, 1982 at age 63 years. His final resting place is the Little Washita Cemetery east of Fletcher.

Staff Sergeant Inman Cloyde Gooday was the ball turret gunner aboard the "Fort Worth Gal" when she was shot down during his 8th combat mission, on September 10, 1944, over Baden-Baden, Germany. He was assigned to the 533rd Squadron, 381st Bombardment Group (Heavy), 8th Air Force. He parachuted to safety and was captured immediately by the Germans. Seven of his crew members were also listed as prisoners and two listed as missing in action. Gooday was detained at Stalag Luft 4 in Gross-Tychow, Pomerania Prussia and later at Wobbelin Bei Ludwigslust then onto Usedom Bei Savenmunde 54-16 in Germany.

He was liberated on April 25, 1945, after 228 days of captivity. Gooday is the son of the late Robert Sr and Dorcas (Mary) Powhonet Gooday and was born on February 21, 1924, in Apache. He passed away on November 5, 2004 at age 80 years. His final resting place is the Beef Creek Cemetery on Fort Sill.



Courtesy Photo

Pewewardy



Courtesy Photo

Trevino

During the Battle of Bugle, the largest land battle in U.S. military history both **Corporal Samuel Trevino** and **Private First Class Samuel "Doc" Pewewardy Jr.** were captured. Both were assigned to the 106th Infantry Division - Trevino with C Battery, 589th Field Artillery and Pewewardy with Company G, 423rd Infantry Regiment. Trevino was captured on December 16, 1944 and Pewewardy on December 19. Both were prisoners at Stalag 9B in Bad Ord Hessen-Nassau, Prussia before being liberated by the 44th Infantry Division. Trevino was held captive for 108 days until April 4, 1945, and Pewewardy 102 days until April 2.

Trevino was born on April 14, 1917, in the country east of Anadarko. He passed away, at age 73 years on December 27, 1989. His final resting place is Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko and is the son of the late Ed and Anna Roach Trevino.

Pewewardy was the last living Comanche POW. He is the son of the late Samuel Sr (a combat World War I soldier) and Molly Tahhahwah Pewewardy and was born on September 8, 1925, around the Richards Spur area. He passed away on February 23, 2009, at age 83 years. His final resting place is the Rainy Mountain Cemetery west of Mountain View, Okla.



Courtesy Photo

Karty



Courtesy Photo

Tahsequah

During the Korean War one Comanche, **Corporal Dennis King Karty** was a prisoner of war and **Lieutenant Colonel Meech Tahsequah** was thought, at one time, to have been captured.

Karty was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion, 38th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division when he was captured during a battle called the "May Massacre". A soldier who was a prisoner with Karty told his family members that Karty was wounded several times, including in the hip and shoulder resisting captive and died of those wounds on March 30, 1952. Karty was held captive at Camp 4 near Wiwon, North Korea. His remains were returned and buried at Highland Cemetery in July 1955. He is the son of the late George and Kate Botone Karty and was born on October 8, 1931. Karty was only 20 years old when he died.

Tahsequah was a passenger aboard a B-24 bomber when it crashed near Susa, North Korea after running out of fuel. It was reported that all aboard the aircraft parachuted out of the aircraft before it crashed. Tahsequah was thought to be a prisoner as his name was mentioned by North Korean propaganda. He was declared dead while missing in action on February 28, 1954. His body has not been recovered.

His parents are the late Charlie and Vera Komah. Tahsequah he will forever be 35 years old.

What's not mentioned about these prisoners of war are the hardships they endured after their capture. Klinekole suffered the most. He endured the infamous 70-mile Bataan Death March. During the march between 18,000 Filipino and 650 Americans died. Many suffered severe physical abuse, murder, brutal beatings, forced labor, medical experimentation, starvation rations, wanton killings and even cannibalism. They had little water or food and many were shot asking for water. Trucks drove over many that were sitting on the sides of the road. Others were stabbed, bayoneted or had their head cut off. Once the march was over they were loaded onto box cars – the cars were so full no one could sit, there were no sanitation, water or food. This was only the beginning for Klinekole. Another 50,000 prisoners died at sea in Hell Ships used to transport prisoners. Many died from friendly fire as the ships had no markings.

In Europe the Germans generally treated their prisoners under the guidelines of the Geneva Convention. Still the prisons were a miserable place, food rations meager (sliced bread and watery potato or cabbage soup if you were lucky), conditions filthy and no compassion or mercy from the guards.

Trevino's sister, the late Ruth Roulain, told me the following story about her brother Samuel Trevino. She said "he was hiding in a cave when he was captured. His captors ask if he was an American Indian in which he replied "yes". They killed the other soldiers that were captured with him."

Pewewardy said during his captivity "he was placed in a hospital where his appendicitis was removed. This allowed him to survive because the conditions and food were somewhat better than in camp."

About 33% of the prisoners taken by the Japanese died in captivity while about 1.2% of the prisoners taken by the Germans died in captivity.

New Photo



Courtesy Photo

Woodrow Kopaddy with his shipmates in background.

Woodrow Joyce Kopaddy was born on July 25, 1933, and passed away on June 21, 2018 (age 84). His final resting place is the Little Washita Cemetery.

Kopaddy served in the Navy from 1951-55 earning the rating of Seaman Apprentice. He served aboard the USS Weiss (APD-135), a high speed transport ship, for 2 years and 9+ months including two Western Pacific deployments mostly in Korean waters in direct support of the Korean War effort.

His awards include the National Defense Service; Korean Service with/2 Battle Stars; United Nations Service with/Korea Clasp; and the Korean War Service Medals.

It is noted that 143 Comanches served in the military during the Korean War and with Kopaddy's passing only 16 are currently alive.

Fifty-Five American Korean War Remains Repatriated



Courtesy Photo

Remains of some of the 55 American Servicemen in Hawaii.

In the August edition of TCNN a military news article was published about the return of remains of American servicemen missing in North Korea. As mentioned in the article there are 7,747 Americans unaccounted for from the Korean War. The process of North Korea returning American remains began on June 12 during the summit between the President of the United States and the North Korean Leader.

On August 1, 55 sets of American remains arrived at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, to begin the process of identifying those remains. The process could take a few weeks and up to a few years.

It is the hope of the Comanche, Kiowa and Apache tribes that the remains of Meech Tahsequah and Silas Boyiddle will be among the remains received in Hawaii. A long-shot of about .0007% that Tahsequah and Boyiddle will be among the remains—but still hope.

CIVA Activities

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association fulfilled 14 commitments during the month of July, (and August 1) including recognition of six veterans at the Cox, Davis, Goodin and Parker reunion; recognition of one Auxiliary and one veteran and a meal for our veterans at our monthly meeting; providing the Color Guard three times, the flag raising detail three times and flag lowering detail times at Comanche Homecoming plus recognition of three veterans and one Auxiliary member and providing meals for veterans; one marker placement; and two funerals including one in Irving, Texas.



Courtesy Photo

Nona Gail Mihecoby and Reunion host Jonathon George.

On July 1, Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Lanny and Shelley Asepermy, Clifford Red Elk, Shirley Rivera and Nona Gail Mihecoby traveled four miles east of Blair, Okla., as guests of Air Force Brig Gen (Retired) Jonathon George as they attended the Cox, Davis, Goodin and Parker reunion. Veteran gift packets (hat, cup, Honorable Service medallions, pens, CN and CIVA stickers and T-shirts) were presented to six veterans in attendance at the reunion.

George drove about 900 miles (one-way) from Bedford, Ind., to attend the annual reunion.



Courtesy Photo

Bert McClung and Victoria Plata

The July monthly meeting and meal was on the 5 in the Patriot Room and was attended by 16 veterans, 12 Auxiliary and 19 guests.

The opening prayer was provided by Chaplain Jimmy Caddo followed by the Pledge to the Allegiance led by Walter Torralba.

The meal was provided Phyllis Mahsetky and Linda Tehau-no. Following the meal an Honor Certificate, embroidered Grateful Nation Pendleton, Veterans Gift Package and stipend was presented to Bert McClung.

He served in the Army from 1970-73 as a Communications Center Specialist. McClung completed his Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and his Advanced Individual Training at Fort Gordon, Ga. For the next 28+ months he served with 26th Signal Battalion based in Manheim, Germany. McClung possessed a Top Secret/Crypto clearance and traveled throughout Germany receiving, recording and transmitting military messages.

He was awarded the Good Conduct and National Defense Service Medals and the Marksmanship Qualification Badge with/Rifle Bar. McClung was discharged at Fort Dix, N.J., with the rank of Specialist 4.

Victoria Plata was also recognized as a new member of the Auxiliary. She was presented with a Service Shawl and Blanket, an Auxiliary Medallion, a Shawl Bag, T-shirt and stipend.

Plata is the daughter of Joseph and Elizabeth Plata, both active members of the CIVA and Auxiliary. She is a graduate of Rush Springs high school and her grandfathers are both World War II veterans. Her great-uncle, Johnnie Rivas, is the first Fallen Warrior of the Nation and she chose to have his name embroidered on her shawl and blanket – a fitting tribute.

Following the presentations, the June meeting minutes, Treasurer and Spoils reports were approved. Final plans for commitments at Comanche Homecoming and the Shoshone Reunion were finalized. A Color Guard commitment for the Jacobson House benefit in Norman on August 4th was approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

George Red Elk and Keller Roaming Warrior placed a flat bronze military marker on the gravesite of the late Milburn Roach at Post Oak Cemetery. This is the 251 marker placement completed by the CIVA.



Courtesy Photo

Kent O. Tomah Sr. Family



Courtesy Photo

Samuel Pahdopony Family



Courtesy Photo

Wayne Motah Family

The Comanche Homecoming Flag raising and lowering details were provided for Kent O. Tomah Sr., on July 20; Wayne Motah on July 21; and Samuel Pahdopony on July 22 and Color Guard was provided for the three Grand Entries at Sultan Park, north of Walters. Bio's and photos of the honored deceased veterans is in the July edition of TCNN.

A Service Shawl was presented to Sue Permansu Morris and a CIVA vest to Clifford Red Elk on July 20. A photo of the Color Guard is in the August edition of TCNN. 13 veterans and 8 Auxiliary members along with Sue Permansu Morris and Mindy Tomah took part in the majority of the nine commitments.



Courtesy Photo

Mahsetky

On July 30, a funeral detail was provided for the family of Tyrus Mahsetky in Irving, Texas. The detail consisted of Roger and Linda Tehau-no, Clifford and Cheryl Takawana, Lanny and Shelley Asepermy, Ron and Phyllis Mahsetky, Jimmy Caddo and Keller Roaming Warrior.

Mahsetky was born in Lawton on December 22, 1940 and passed away on July 23. (age 77 years) in Irving. He served in the Air Force from 1961-65. After his Basic training and Tech School he served with the Civil Engineers Detachment, 5th Bomb Group, 1501st Civil Engineering Squadron at Travis AFB, Cali/ as a plumber. Mahsetky also served 4 months at Wheelus AFB in Tripoli, Libya. The CIVA recognized him during their Veterans Day Celebration in 2016. This marked the 249th funeral detail for the CIVA.



Courtesy Photo

Wahnee

On August 1, five veterans and five Auxiliary provided a funeral detail for Riley Royce Wahnee at the Little Washita UMC and Little Washita Cemetery.

Wahnee was born on February 28, 1936, and passed away on July 27, in Dallas. He was drafted into the Army in 1958 and served, with honor, until 1960, earning the rank of Specialist 4. After Basic Training he completed his Occupation Training, as a Medical Specialist, at the Brooke Army Medical Center on Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He served the remainder of his military commitment at Fort Lewis, Wash., assigned to HQs & HQs Company, 1st Battle Group, 8th Infantry Regiment, 1st and 8th Infantry Divisions. Wahnee was awarded the Good Conduct medal.

People, Places and Things Happening

Pahcheka Won First Place for Miss Blackjacket Grove



Pahcheka Courtesy Photo

Tribal member, Nalani Pahcheka, won 1st place in the Miss Blackjacket Grove pageant held in Cumby, Texas. Along with the title of Miss Blackjacket Grove 2018, she was awarded several prizes.

Pahcheka is the daughter of Abel Trujillo of Elgin, and is the granddaughter of Kat and Mike Rave of Cumby, Johnny and Clarice Trujillo of Elgin, Dean Pahcheka of Cache and Liz Blackstar of Lawton.

Bender Made Watch List for Pre-Season Defense



Bender Courtesy Photo

Tribal member, Elijah Bender, is a Senior at Shawnee High School in Shawnee, Okla. Bender made the News-Star's Best of Preps

Pre-Season Watch List: Defense for the surrounding schools in his area.

After the Watch List Pickers watched film on Bender, they said one thing stood out. He makes plays all over the field. As a junior he had 40-plus tackles and with his relentless motor, he should increase those numbers. Bender also looks like he can get after the quarterback on occasion.

The linebacker position is stacked with talent. It was hard to limit the number to four players. As the season progresses more players will warrant a mention.

Bender is the son of Melody Ybarra.

What is Cultural Abuse?

Intimate partner violence, in all forms, is destructive at its heart. Most people can identify the more common forms of abuse, which include physical, emotional, sexual and financial. One of the lesser known forms, cultural or spiritual abuse, is one of the most devastating, yet it is rarely spoken of.

For Native peoples, spirituality is often the core of who we are and our way of life. Our culture and spirituality are intertwined and provide the foundation of our lives – how we live, our family roles and how we interact with others, the meaning we find in our lives, and our sense of wellbeing. To have our spirit attacked is as personal as an attack can get.

Spiritual abuse can be used to control how a person interacts with the world. Some of these types of abusive behaviors can include when your partner:

- Prevents you from participating in spiritual or cultural traditions
- Forces you to participate in practices (not your own)
- Misstates or misuses spiritual practices against you
- Practices bad medicine against you

For our tribal communities,

spiritual or cultural abuse can look like this:

- Telling you that you're not "Native enough," or if your partner is non-Native, that you're "too Indian"
- Uses hurtful stereotypes to put you down ("Indians are drunks, lazy," etc.)
- Prevents you from participating in ceremonies, pow wows and feasts
- Uses tribal membership against you ("My tribe won't let you...")
- Tells you that you're not allowed to drum, dance, sing, fast or otherwise participate in traditions because of your gender.

Each of these behaviors can deeply wound and often isolates you from your community. If your partner is behaving this way toward you, you may feel removed from your family and support system. You may be embarrassed, not know where to turn or who to ask for help.

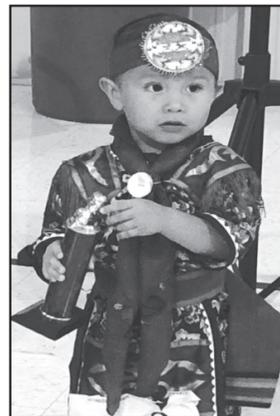
In some cases, you may even feel that the abuse is the direct result of your culture — that you are being abused because you are Indigenous. This form of abuse is a directly related to the root causes of violence in our communities: colonization and genocide.

If your partner or loved one is demonstrating any of these behaviors or any type of abuse against you, please know that you have the inherent right to be safe, to lead a life free of abuse and to participate in your cultural practices and traditions.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE | 1-844-762-8483) is a culturally appropriate, confidential and anonymous service to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are experiencing abuse or know someone who is being impacted by domestic violence. Advocates are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. CST and are trained with an understanding of intimate partner violence, including spiritual or cultural abuse. Our advocates can provide support and validation, safety planning and access to resources in your community. For

more information, visit www.strongheartshelpline.org.

Cable Wins the 2018 American Indian Expo Cutest Baby Contest



Cable Courtesy Photo

2018 Anadarko American Indian Expo Cutest Baby Contest winner (1-2 years old) is Elias James "EJ" Cable, son of Geramey Cable and Nawnee LittleAxe. He is a 1 year old Comanche Nation enrolled member. Cable is also from the Kiowa and Absentee Shawnee tribes, as well as the Pawnee and Prairie Band Potawatomi Nations.

Cable is the great grandson to Carl Atavich and the late Carla Tahah. Grandparents are Steve and Darla Cable and Dennis and Quanah Littleaxe.

The Body of Christ Ministry Camp Meeting

On September 3-5, the Body of Christ Ministry will have their camp meeting at 7 p.m., located at the Comanche Nation Headquarters, 584 Bingo Rd., inside the New Conference room, Lawton Okla. The guest speaker will be Valarie Horsechief of Victory Ministry, from Billings, Montana.

For more information contact (580) 280-1401.

Survivors of Homicide Whitebison Wellbriety Support Group

The wellness group is centered around the Talking Circle and Traditional Native practices, with the purpose of assisting those that have lost loved ones, to Homicide. The teachings are evidence based practices from the WhiteBison curriculum. If you are dealing with grief, unspoken heartache or pain and would like to have a safe place to heal.

For more information contact Warrior Woman Society at (580) 699-6556 or email warriorwomansociety@yahoo.com.

Chaat Performs with Dupree



Courtesy Photo

Chaat

Tribal member, Ted Chaat Jr, is currently performing with the band "Dupree" out of Lawton, Okla. He has been a member of the Dupree band for the past five years, the band originally formed 20 years ago.

Chaat is from Lawton, Okla, and currently lives in Norman, Okla. He has been playing drums, percussion and flute for 53 years, starting at the age of ten. Chaat has played in countless Rock, Country Rock, Blues and Jazz bands, having performed on stage with the likes of Leon Russell and JJ Cale.

In his spare time he also plays smooth jazz with "A Little Jazz" based out of OKC, Jazz festivals and in Bricktown. Chaat favors Ludwig drums, Zildjian cymbals, and 7A sticks.

Historic Preservation Office Host a Series of Comanche Tribal Forums

The Comanche Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is Hosting a Series of Comanche Tribal Forums for a Cultural Properties Ethnographical Study.

On July 25, the topic of discussion was of the Traditional Comanche Dances & Tribal Dress Attire.

An eight person panel was available for discussion. Each person on the panelist talked certain roles and protocol: Edmond Mahseet, talked about the role of an M.C.; Lowell Nibbs, talked about the Gourd dance and the proper dress for men during the gourd dance; Travis Codynah, talked about being an Arena Director and the obligations of an Arena Director; Gaylon Motah, talked about being a Head singers and the responsibilities of taking care of the drum and knowing certain songs and when to sing those songs; Morgan Tosee,

talked about the Men's Traditional dress and the Old Time War dance; Billy Komahcheet, talked about Men's Southern Straight dance and how the Comanche people acquired the style of dancing; Diana Sovo, talked about the women's dress and the reasons why the Comanche women wear certain things; Joyce Matthews, talked about the role of being Comanche Nation Princess and the responsibilities that come with being the princess.

The Comanche Tribal Forums are geared toward research and documentation for the Comanche Cultural Properties Ethnographic Study. Dr. Cornel Pewewardy moderates the discussion with invited guest panelist for each of the topics. The Comanche Tribal forums are recorded and documented for the tribal archives.

The Comanche Nation THPO Office was awarded the MICA Group Grant,

which provides opportunities for communities to establish support systems that will protect their precious sacred and cultural places long into the future.

The THPO Office is seeking Comanche Tribal Elders to participate in the Cultural Properties Study with personal interviews.

The next Comanche Tribal Forum will be October 3, on the Native American Church—100 Years of Legalization at 6 p.m.—8:30 p.m., with Light Refreshments at the Comanche Nation Education Center Auditorium 1608 SW 9th St, Lawton, Okla., 73501.

The last Comanche Tribal Forum for the MICA Group Grant will be March 20, 2019, on the Comanche Plants: Medicine, Food, and Uses.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Panelist listen to questions being asked and wait for their turn to address the congregation, during the Traditional Comanche Dress Forum.



Pictured on the left is former Comanche Nation Princess, Shannon Sovo, and current Comanche Nation Princess, Tristen Wauqua, showing the traditional Comanche women's buckskin dress.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Joyce Matthews, greets the congregation and talks about the role being Comanche Princess. Mathews is dressed in traditional Comanche dress wearing her Comanche Nation Princess banner.

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Apache Casino Hotel
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 All Native American Arts and Crafts vendors are welcome on a first come first serve basis.
 Booth fee is \$50 each.
 For a booth call Eleanor McDaniel at (580) 483-6864.

Comanche Tribal Veterans Association
Benefit Powwow
Friday
October 5th, 2018
 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm
 Watchtaker Hall, Comanche Tribal Complex
 Lawton, OK

HEAD STAFF
 Comanche Tribal Veterans Association Princess
 Jenessa Eugenia Herrera

MC - John David Wahnee
 Head Singer - Garrel Vilas Gwoompi
 Head Man - Larney Silverhorn
 Head Lady Dancer - Charlotte Juarez
 Arena Director - Delvin Blake
 Security - Jack Tiger
 Co-Hosts - Chasenh Family and United Indigenous Nations

All organizations and princesses are invited.
 Special invitation to Comanche Nation Princess Tristen Wauqua, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Ruby Ahaiyah and Miss Indian Oklahoma Shelby Mata

Cake walk and raffles will be on going throughout the event.
 Contact Eleanor McDaniel at (580) 483-6864 or Jewell Tieyah at (580) 678-2052
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Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

Dear TCNN,

Back to School Statement and Blessing for Comanche Students and their Teacher.

Here's putting out virtual tobacco medicine to all our Comanche families as we begin the 2018-2019 school year here in SW Oklahoma. Remember, it takes an entire tribal encampment to truly educate all of our children. In my retirement as Professor at research universities last year, I have been able to do my "drive-by" ethnography on the educational landscape back here in Comanche County, both the many public school systems in SW Oklahoma and Cameron University. As a teacher educator, I've observed thousands of teachers in six states walking out of their classrooms to protest the pathetically low payroll salaries they take home to their families for their heavy-lifting efforts to educate the nation's youth, especially here in the state of Oklahoma.

Many teacher unions and professional organizations know that the low pay for teachers has been a longstanding problem here in Oklahoma and urges school districts to take the sorely needed to steps to increase the salaries of all teachers. Coming back home last year from working and living on the west-coast, I've witnessed teacher walkouts and participated in many protest rallies in Oregon. Educators have justly made their appeal to lawmakers for pay improvements. The headline-grabbing action followed dramatic funding cuts in capital investments in schools, students and teachers at the same time that state lawmakers put in place tax breaks that mostly benefit top income (non-classroom teachers) earners and corporations.

As the U.S. economy crawls out of the Great Recession, unemployment dips to historic lows and the U.S. stock market stretches to new highs, the decrease in teacher pay relative to inflation represents a major backward step for most educators. Thus, as we work with social justice and equity organizations, I know that teacher pay backsliding is shameful and intolerable. It should be no surprise that teachers demanding action walked out of classes to protest the public's unwillingness to provide them with pay equity. Keep in mind that teachers constantly come out of their own pockets to provide needed classroom supplies that public school districts just don't fund.

As the Educational Liaison for the Comanche Nation, I encourage states and local jurisdictions to begin this school year to make schoolteachers' salaries equitable with other professions and the top performing Western nations. It will help with teacher retention and go a long way to ensure that educators do a better job preparing students for college and professional careers, to be lifelong learners and good, positive Comanche citizens.

At the beginning of yet another school year in southwest Oklahoma, please call upon me to help provide Comanche students culturally responsive teaching and learning experiences. You can contact me by emailing pewardvc@yahoo.com. I look forward to helping you advocate for Comanche

students today and in the future.

Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Comanche Nation Educational Liaison

Dear: TCNN,

The Southwest Oklahoma Madness is a local basketball organization based out of Elgin, Oklahoma that is a summer league traveling tournament team consisting of local high school basketball players from Elgin and the surrounding areas. We are committed to the continued growth and development of our local high school basketball programs through summer ball play. As in all non-profit youth sports programs, fund raising has become necessary to offset the cost of maintaining our program. Our primary revenue source is from the players' families' contributions and through our famous Indian Taco sales. The contributions/fundraising helped us pay for the tournaments costs, meals and occasional hotel accommodations for the players.

This August, we had an opportunity to play in the MAYB National Tournament in Wichita, Kansas. This was our 2nd year competing against some of the best and nationally ranked talent in the U.S., with hundreds of teams from over 30 state being represented.

On behalf of the players, coaches and families of the SWOK Madness, we sincerely appreciate everyone contribution and generous support through our summer basketball. Here is a list of some of the sponsor businesses and people:

1. Mike Long M.K Plumbing services
2. Andy, Camp Hiawatha in Wichita Kansas
3. Comanche Nation Fire and Law Enforcement department
4. Comanche Nation Employees and Tribal members
5. Melissa Caro, Barbara Tysdal, Monica Moreno, Komah Battiest and all players parents

We as an independent team have enjoyed playing this summer and look for our flyers coming soon.

Brian Wahnee

Dear TCNN,

These Recommendation were presented to the CBC Meeting on July 7, executive Session.

COMANCHE NATION GOVERNMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Economic Development

1. **Economic staff.** Hire staff now from the New Business Budget for FY-017. Next year, use disapproved SIA and TERO budget for FY-019 proposed Annual Budget. **Land & Realty Department.** Reorganize this Office and Evaluate & redo job description & advertise. Do BIA requirements to get trust land titles in the name of the Comanche Nation. Need to update the Land Inventory. Land Purchase Procedures needed. Bought land without CBC Resolutions & land appraisals in past administra-

tions. Soil Testing. Cobell Buy Back Program. See Forensic Audit Report, *Comanche News*, May, 2017, page 21 & 22. Need a Land Committee to evaluate land purchases and to assure the land realty office operates effectively and efficiently. The Chairman & the CBC does not have the time to devote to this important Office. Our Land Acquisition was budgeted for **\$23.55 M** from 2007-20018. What is the Actual or Appraised Value of our Land Purchases? We have serious Evaluation Problems of this Asset in our Balance Sheet. 3. **Do a Bingo at empty building.** Estimate 15 jobs. Snack bar there. Will be the only high stakes bingo in Lawton and surrounding areas. 2005 Council Motion Action approved by Voice Vote to keep Bingo open, which was shut down in 2011, because of floor space for more machines.. 4. **Buy Montego Bay**, if reasonable and feasible. Could have done this years ago. 5. **Do a Hotel by Lawton Casino.** Research previously approved ANA grants to Nations for Hotel Development. Use piers or pillars (beams) to support structure & use 1st floor for parking, if flood plain. Market Study. 6. **Improve Truck Plaza** with improved access from Turnpike and huge visible sign to show that it is there. Costs of improved access and sign. 7. **Develop a Construction Company** using an Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Grant, which is due in about April, 2019. A total of **\$23.2 M** was budgeted for the CIP from 2007-20018. Our Construction Co. could have done this work, if we had a Construction Co. CONEI could have started one in 2007.

NOTE: CONEI should do a government contract administrators training program to hire & employ Comanches to do their operations and expand their operations.

8. **Farming Operations.** a. Inventory our Land & allotted land, KCA Land. Determine if Ft. Sill Land and public lands are available for leasing. b. Truck or Vegetable Farming. Greenhouses for transplanting & year around vegetable growing. Market 9. **Cattle Operation.** 10. **Orchards & Nut Trees.** 11. **Expand the Woogie Gym** for Elders Christmas and other large events. Expand the food service area. Relocate to the large office at the Southeast part of the gym. 12. **Evaluate past, dissolved Wholesale Tobacco Company** to determine if feasible to operate, as a Comanche owned business. NOTE: Exactly, how much money did the Smokeshop Corporation receive in net smokeshop revenue and what were its expenditures? If this still exists, then Financial Report. 13. **Expand Water Park** and construct enclosed dome for year around operations, if feasible. Estimated costs & revenue. Finish the water well to save on water bill. 14. **Evaluate Funeral Home.** Expansion & Crematory feasibility report. Expand services and benefits to retired military. Update job descriptions. 15. **Evaluate Cache Golf Course** to determine whether or not to start operations. Staff needed, greens upkeep, golf carts, projected revenue & costs. Competition or market update. Felton Dean Golf Course? 16. **Solar and Wind Energy** 17. Evaluate the feasibility to reopen the **Cyril Convenience Store.** B. **Constitutional Amendments.** Court, Land Committee, S-T into two positions, Redo

Neotism, V-Chm. is the Acting Chm (when Chm. leaves) and Increase CBC salaries (reason we only have mostly retired CBC). C. **Comprehensive Enrollment Audit.** RFPs to reputable forensic audit firms. Needs to be done for next election to prevent Election Fraud. D. **Comanche Accounting System.** RFPs to operate our own computerized accounting system with Comanche staff & CPA. How much is the yearly amount for the F & C Accounting Contract? E. **Museum.** File in County Court to vacate the Lawton owned building. The FY-019 annual budget should have been for the Development of a museum building. Need place to store museum artifacts and display items. The Museum was budgeted for **\$12.3 M** from FY 2007-2018. This \$12.3 amount could have been used to construct our own Museum & Culture Center. Free advertising for Lawton's tourist market. F. **Expand the Grants Department.** Pays for itself over & over & over again. There is only two (2) persons in this Department. We should be proud that we have two (2) Comanches, Shannon Nagel, Dir. and Christine Brinkman, Computer Analyst & Assistant, of our Grants Department, who are very productive and have completed successful Federal Proposals, with from 70% to 80% of their proposals funded. G. **Do an ANA Grant for Comanche Language.** Notice of Funds Available (NOFA) in February. Target the pre-school and grade school children.

H. **Transit and Transportation Programs.** Hire Personnel, who can do federal proposals for these two programs. I. **Forensic Audit.** Assist and provide documentation and information to the FBI, IRS and Inspector General in the on-going Criminal Investigation. **Obtain Recommendations on the Expansion (areas and statutes of limitations & restitution factors) of the Forensic Audit.** J. **Legal review and grammar review of the Accountability Act.** To make sure it is clear and enforceable in our Court. Important-Against Corruption. K. **IHS Contract or Compact Comanche Health Services.** Need hospital building(s). Situation is getting worse. Nations, with no minimum blood or descendency roll, expand exponentially and are bused to our Hospital, even though they have state of the art hospitals. Never enough funds for contract health (referral) services. Do a MRI and Dialysis Center. L. **Amend the Gaming Ordinance.** Deposit the machine money into a Comanche Nation Bank Account. No Forensic Audit, because money went into the Gaming Bank Account.

M. **Budget TERO for Indian Preference Enforcement.** Do revenue projections. N. **Repeal CBC Resolution on NAGPRA** (which does not give a voice to our ancestors) to recognize Smallpox Blanket Victims at the Genocide(Comanche Mission) Cemetery at Ft. Sill Airfield, where helicopters used to land. Documented by Ft. Sill Memo. O. **Hospice Building. 12 Elders there.** We have budgeted **\$4.76 M** for 2015-2018. *About \$1.2 M a year for operations for 12 people, with a staff of 19.* It is called an assisted living facility or nursing home, but it is still a hospice building, which needs renovation for more beds. Most of Building Space is not used. Space for 40 beds? A Nursing Home Certificate of Needs

application is required for a License, which requires the Acceptance of anyone and all races. NOTE:

We paid **\$ 3,951,678** for the non-trust land & Hospice Building, at 1001 SE 36 St, Lawton, OK, in October, 2012, without Council input or Recommendations from the Elder's Council. What do we do? Renovate it for X Millions and get a License to accept anyone. A Feasible Study needs to be done for this Decision. How many Comanches and non-Comanches are expected? Will it make a profit or at least break even as a Nursing Home in Lawton? Operate it as a Hospice and build another Nursing Home on trust land. Benefits of operating on trust land? Board? Another year of do nothing? P. **Carryover of Unbudgeted Gaming Revenue.** This amount is the FY-018 Audited Gaming Net Revenue Minus the FY-018 Annual budget of \$59.3 M. 40% of this amount goes to an increased supplemental Per Cap. 60% can be budgeted for a Hospital or Health Facility. Q. **File in our Court for the \$18,000 owed by coffee** for mostly Pendelton blankets from the Tourist Center. R. **Credit Union.** Need feasibility study or federal proposal to develop. Some Nations have one. S. **Update Water Codes.** Groundwater Protection Act of 2015, CBC Resolution 19-15. dated 2/7/2015. BIA 638 contract to fund Tribal Water Resources Inventory of East Cache Creek Water Shed, CBC Resolution 58-14, dated 6/7/2014. T. **Home Health Care Program.** We need to develop a federal proposal for this Program. We should have done this 20 years ago. We need to develop legal procedures to operate this program. U. **RAILROAD & UTILITY TAXES.** A visible exercise of Comanche Sovereign Powers. We could have done this 30 years ago. How much tax revenue have we lost? V. **Contract the Leasing Authority from the BIA.** Some Nations have done this. We need the personnel, computerized land record system and legal procedures. Some Comanche Allotted Lands is leased dirt cheap, with the same amount as 50 years ago. W. **FOOD DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM** Do a study to determine if it is cost efficient for the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture to make our Program, a Distribution Center. We are right off the Turnpike and can expand our facilities and employ more personnel. X. **CASINO MANAGEMENT MENTORING PROGRAM.** To teach the gaming business to selected employees to obtain management training & experience.

Thomas Narcomey,

August 15, 2018

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Packet/citations typed and prepared for Native Americans for issuance through BIA Court of Indian Offenses. (Additional BIA filing fees due at time of documentation)

REASONABLE PREP FEES

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Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

September 6- Clara Hummingbird Acevedo
 September 7- Haley Mathis
 September 10- Darci Kerchee
 September 15- Celeste Powell
 September 19- Shila Pewewardy
 September 20- LaRue Kaywaykla Parker
 September 23- Brantley Kerchee
 September 25- Bobby Charles Nauni
 September 26- Shari Geionety
 September 28- Mattie Akoneto

Anniversaries

Lanny and Shelley Asepermy

September 20~ Celebrating 26 years



Happy Belated Birthday Margie Red Elk Akoneto August 22



Happy 12th Birthday Ayla Rose Knox We love you and so proud of you! From Grandma Debbie, Grandpa Franklin, Aunt Angela



Happy Birthday George Poahway September 2



Happy Birthday Tina Joyce Emhoola September 2



Happy Birthday Julian Manuel Solis September 3



Happy Birthday Nive Herrera September 6



Happy 18th Birthday Haley Mathis September 7



Happy Birthday Lisa Ann Karty Garcia September 7



Happy Birthday Razia Poahway September 11



Happy Birthday Shila Pewewardy September 19



Happy Birthday Jacoub Tahsequah September 27



Happy Birthday Darci Kerchee September 10



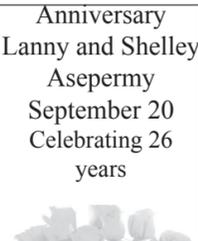
Happy Birthday Brantley Kerchee September 23



Happy Birthday Shelley Asepermy September 12



Happy Birthday Julia Ann Saupitty September 20



Anniversary Lanny and Shelley Asepermy September 20 Celebrating 26 years



In Loving Memory Sandra Caddo September 9, 2017 We miss your humor and laughter, your dearly missed daily Love From your sisters, children, grandchildren and all the others

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Taunah pursuing medical career after taking part in Volunteen Program

Article written by KW Hillis and published in the July 23 edition of the Lawton Constitution. Photo credit Michael D. Pope.

After a first-hand look at various medical and support professions as a Southwestern Medical Center volunteeen, Shyanne Taunah definitely knows she want to pursue a medical career. This week, Taunah is entering the Navy on a delayed enlistment basis—she will graduate from MacArthur High School in the spring—with the first goal of working as a corpsman and a future goal of becoming a nurse.

I had some interest in (going into) a medical field and I thought being in a hospital environment would help me make a decision," said Taunah, who is in her second summer as a volunteeen at the hospital. "I made that decision last year" while volunteering.

This summer, Taunah and 11 other teens, including her brother Nathan Taunah, are taking part in Southwestern's Volunteen Program. They are learning about possible career pathways offered at the hospital, said Barbara Newton, manager of Volunteeen Services and the Gift Shop.

The purpose of the program is for them to see if this is what they want to do," Newton said, explaining that not every career path is a hospital is a medical one. "There are different avenues. (For example), there is information technology that is behind the scenes, but is still a vital part of the hospital."

Volunteens are introduced to much more than possible career pathways, they are introduced to what real life outside of high is like, Newton said.

It takes more than an application

The program has been offered at the hospital for at least 20 years. Newton—who took over the program in January after working at the hospital in other positions for almost 28 years—has records about the program that go back to 1998.

To become a volunteeen, a student has to be 14 by June 1 of the year they want to apply for the program.

But being accepted to the program consists of more than just being the right age and sending in an application,

Shyanne said, explaining that when she was in 10th grade, she learned about the program from her mother, who had heard about it from someone else. In turn, Shyanne encouraged her brother, who will be in 10th grade at MacArthur this fall, to apply last spring.

"I just got an application online and filled it out. I heard that it was rigorous process to get in (the program)," she said. "I thought, 'I'm not going to make it' because you fill out an application, then Barbara (Newton) will send you a letter" setting up an interview with healthcare professionals.

The interview is daunting. "You have to interview in front of eight people, which is scary," Taunah said.

Newton said, "We try to give them the perspective of how life will be like when they get out of school because (they) will be interviewed. Maybe not by a panel of eight, but it depends" on the job.

Applicants also have to be tested for drugs via a urinalysis test and to TB (tuberculosis). Having Shyanne tell him about the interview process did help when it came time for him to meet the panel, said Nathan, who plans on applying again next year.

This year, all of the teens who submitted their applications in time, got in the program. Newton said, adding that some applications were received after the deadline and those did not get accepted.

What do volunteeens do?

Clad in scrubs with a hair net and gloves, Shyanne pulled packets of sterile gloves off of the OR supply room shelf in preparation for surgeries Tuesday. Outside the supply room, Misty Spencer, anesthesiology tech, watched.

"She helps me out a lot...She helps me mostly get supplies from upstairs. Helps me fill the cart." Spencer said, explaining that this is the first year she has worked with volunteeens. "I have had different ones come in with me...help me with supplies."

Pulling needed supplies for the operating rooms is a constant, everyday job that is done at least once, if not twice, a day, Spencer said.

Shyanne, who volunteeens up to 12 hours a week, has worked in many different departments of the hospital during the two years she has volunteered.

Some of the departments that requested the volunteeens last year and/or this year include the laboratory, human relations, material management, administration, information technology and the OR. There are 10 departments this year that requested the teens, Newton said.

In the laboratory, Nathan sat at the small desk, accepting paperwork requesting blood and other test along with biologic samples.

Interested in medical careers since he was in eighth grade, Nathan is working in the laboratory and also in the IT department doing paperwork during his first year as a volunteeen.

Working in the lab has been more interesting, he said, because he gets to watch the testing procedures and "it is cool how they can find problems in someone's blood or other functions."

Looking forward to being part of the program next summer, Nathan already has an idea of what career path he wants to follow as an adult.

"Definitely psychology," he said, explaining, "I just want to know how the brain works and why people do what they do."

Right now, he is interested in becoming a psychologist and "profiler for criminal justice." He became interested in psychology "because I took psychology class" this last year, he said.

By educating himself via classroom work, regarding or volunteering at the hospital, Nathan said, it has helped him to consider possible career pathways, which help him zero in on what he wants to do in the future. Future experience as a volunteeen may refine his career pathway even more.

As for Shyanne, "my favorite (assignment) is the OR. You're always busy. I don't like staying still. Plus, what I want to do (in the future) is with surgery. So this is my kind of department right here," she said.

Although surprised, "it came out of nowhere—that his sister Shyanne decided to go into the Navy to start her pursuit

of a medical career, he said, "I think it is a really good idea." Next summer after she graduates, Shyanne will attend basic training near the Great Lakes then will train in San Antonio, Texas, to become a corpsman/medic.

"I want to keep furthering my education, so I will attend college most likely. The Navy will help put me through that," she said.

The Volunteen Program at Southwestern has helped her in more than one way, she said, explaining that is not only helped her decide that she wanted to pursue a medical career, but when she had to interview with the Navy, the prior experience at the hospital made it easier.

"It helps because my first interview every was with those eight people. It sort of calmed my nerves. If I can get through a panel of eight people, I can sit and talk to a couple of (Navy) people."

All the teens involved in the program will learn more about career paths and why the healthcare professionals chose their careers before the program ends.

"We will have some of the department managers explain to the kids why they picked their profession and how they got (to where they are now)," Newton said.

The siblings recommended that other teens apply for the program.

Narrowing his choice of careers will allow Nathan to "start preparing for it. There are things you can do" in preparing for college or furthering your education.

Nathan thinks that the Volunteen Program is a really good pathway "to find out if you want to work in a hospital."

The Taunahs were both surprised by one thing when they became part of the program.

"I'm really surprised about how the staff was here, everyone is really nice," Shyanne said, adding that she feels appreciated.

Nathan agreed, "The main thing is don't be intimidated by the people here, because they are really nice."



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Shyanne Taunah, soon to be a senior at MacArthur High School, loads a cart with sterile supplies in one of Southwestern Medical Center's OR (operating room) supply rooms. This is the second year that Taunah, who plans on pursuing a medical career, has volunteered for the SWMC Volunteen program.

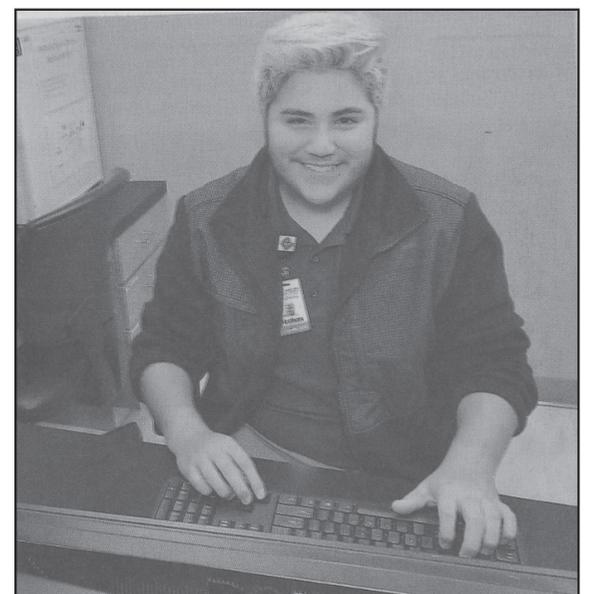


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Michael Taunah, who is volunteering for the first time with Southwestern Medical Center's Volunteen program, man's the hospital's laboratory desk taking care of paperwork for tests including blood work and drug test. He plans to apply for the program again next summer, which includes being interviewed by a panel of eight healthcare professionals.

Obituaries

Abraham Wahkinney



Courtesy Photo

Wahkinney

Abraham Wahkinney, 32, of Tulsa went to his heavenly home on July 13.

Funeral Service was July 18, at Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex with Rev. Bill Foote officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Scott KCA under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Wake service was July 17, at Watchtaker Hall.

Wahkinney was born in Claremore on January 28, 1986 to Kenneth Wahkinney and Regina Rowe. Wahkinney graduated from Claremore High School. He played football, excelled in track and set a record for disc throwing.

He was a member of the Iowa Tribe and also of Comanche and Pawnee decent. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He loved the new technology and the evolution of the car industry. He was a self-taught artist painting and drawing Native American Art.

He is survived by: father, Kenneth Wahkinney of Lawton; mother, Iva Regina Wahkinney of Tulsa; siblings: Sara Wahkinney of Tulsa, Joshua Wahkinney of Lawton; niece, Adrienne Wahkinney, girlfriend, Kristene Wilder.

He is preceded in death by: paternal grandparents: Russell and Dorothy (Whitewolf) Wahkinney; uncles: Randall Wahkinney, Thomas Macias and Richard Wilk Sr.; cousin, Russell Clark Wahkinney.

Marilyn Elaine Hendrix



Courtesy Photo

Hendrix

Marilyn Elaine Hendrix, 61, Lawton passed away July 20, at her home with her loving family by her side.

Funeral Service was July 24, Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Foote, Debbie Wilson and Tina Baker officiating. Burial followed at Cache KCA Cemetery Cache, Okla., under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was July 23, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel.

Hendrix was born January 11, 1957, in Lawton to William Clark Daukei and Mada Louise Pekah Wermey Daukei. She grew up in Cache. She worked for Comanche County Memorial Hospital as a cook in the Cafeteria. She was a fan of the OKC Thunder basketball watching all their games. She enjoyed cooking, shopping, and actively proposed and influenced the opening of the Chapel at the Lawton Indian Hospital. She loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her sons; David Steel of Bethany and Anthony Steel and companion April Martin of the home. Brothers and Sisters; Link Daukei and Ginger of Seattle Wash., Lavone Windsor of Lawton, Valerie Wahkinney of Lawton, Anita Daukei and companion Willie Curley Chief of Cache, Alva Niedo and husband Gary of Lawton, Mona Daukei Davis and husband Chris of Norman, Libby Daumer and husband of Lodi, Cali., and Billy Daukei and wife Bianca of Lawton. Eleven Grandchildren and other friends especially Leanne

Grover, Kathy Albright, Ruby Smith and Evelyn Bonilla.

She is preceded in death by; parents William and Mada Daukei and husband Kevin Hendrix, and sisters; Betty Ann Daukei and Edna Sherry Daukei, Nephews; Kevin Daukei, Russell Clark Wahkinney, Niece; Yolanda Daukei DeVaughn and brother in law Melvin Windsor.

Forney Cruce Beaver, Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Beaver

It is with great sadness that family of Forney Cruce Beaver, Jr., announces his passing after a brief illness on July 23, at the age of 42 years.

Funeral Service was July 30, at Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex with Tina Baker and Albert Plumley officiating. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was July 29, at Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex. Visitation was July 28, at the Funeral Home Chapel.

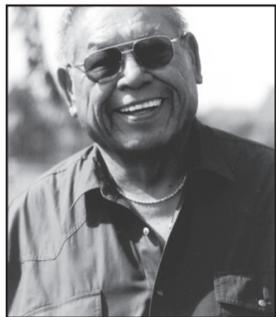
He was born on April 30, 1976, in Lawton to Penny "Bessie" Monetathchi Beaver and the late Forney C. Beaver, Sr. Beaver attended Lawton Public Schools and was a proud Lawton High School graduate in 1994. He was a Wolverine football player and was crowned Mr. LHS 1994. He attended OU, Cameron University, USAO and Great Plains Vo-Tech. He began his career in Comanche Nation Entertainment in 2002 in Off Track Betting for CNC. He served as a General Manager and in supervisory positions at various casinos and he was so proud to be able to be in a position to give tribal members employment opportunities. He always showed praise for co-workers. Beaver was a member of the Native American Church. He was always proud of his traditional heritage and loved to gourd dance. He was very proud to serve as Head Gourd Dancer for Comanche Homecoming in 2017 which is an organization that his Grandpa Edgar and Grandma Bertha were members of the Walters Service Club. He was also a member of the Quannah Parker Descendant's. Beaver followed many sports teams but he was an avid OU fan.

Beaver is survived by his spouse, Christina M. Beaver of the home; step daughter, Tiffany and spouse Jesse Jacks and special grandson Jace of Devol; two step sons, Joshua R. Harris and Billy W. Harris both of the home. He had one god son Levi M. Garrett of Lawton; Beaver is survived by his mother, Penny "Bessie" Monetathchi Beaver of Lawton; uncle Jeffrey Monetathchi of Okarcho; three aunts: Sue Mason of Tucson, Ariz.; Cheryl Lewis of Oklahoma City and Karen Monetathchi Kaulaity of Lawton; his mother-in-law Esmerelda M. Kinkade of Grandfield. Beaver was a beloved brother to: Ronald E. Plumley, Jr. and spouse Carol of Red Rock, Okla.; Dennis G. Plumley and spouse Wendy of Salinas, Cali.; Denise Plumley DeJesus and spouse Valentin "Tito" of Lawton and Debbie Beaver; special aunt and uncle Kaylene and Erik Kimple of Manteca, Cali. He was "Uncle Cruzie" to all his nieces and nephews: RJ, Albert, Chris and Jenna Plumley of Red Rock, Okla.; Suzette and Chloe Plumley of Salinas, Cali.; Michael Ron Plumley of Lawton; Christy Rivera Brown and Spouse

Jessie Brown of Bethany; Laura Rivera of Lawton; Kimberley DeJesus of Livingston, Texas and all of their children and his cousins and their children.

Beaver was preceded in death by: his father, Forney C. Beaver, Sr.; maternal grandparents Edgar Monetathchi, Sr. and Bertha Parker Monetathchi; paternal grandparents Joseph Beaver and Violet Pickard Beaver; great-grandparents Johnny Parker and Katie Monetaboy; two uncles Edgar Monetathchi, Jr. and Leon Lewis; cousin Brent Allen Monetathchi; grandmother Drusilla Pickard; adopted aunt and uncle Stan and Vernola Wolf; a special aunt Dinita Ahhaity. He was raised from a young age by Michael Rivera whom he regarded as his pops.

Riley Royce Wahnee



Courtesy Photo

Wahnee

Riley Royce Wahnee, was born February 28, 1936, in Lawton, Oklahoma and passed away in his home on July 27, in Dallas, Texas after a short battle with cancer.

Funeral Service was August 1st, with Rev. Bill Foote officiating at Little Washita United Methodist Church, Fletcher. Burial followed with military honors at Little Washita Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Wake Service was July 31, at Little Washita United Methodist Church.

He was born to Thomas and Ruby (nee Tiddark) Wahnee. He attended Fort Sill Indian School from Kindergarten thru 12th grade, graduating in 1955. He went on to attend Bacone Jr. College on a baseball scholarship where he graduated with an Associate's Degree in Business Administration. He joined the military in 1958 and served in the Army as a Medical Specialist until 1960. He moved to the Dallas area in 1964 and worked in various industries before becoming a Teamster and drove for Auto Convoy/Allied/Hadley Auto Transport for 42 years.

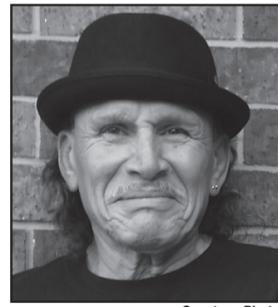
He was known for his exemplary work ethic which he instilled in his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. His truck driving career allowed him to make many lifelong friends whom he considered part of his family too. Those friendships were very important to him well after his retirement from Hadley in 2007. He met with other company retirees once a month to reminisce and to keep up with each other's lives after retirement. Wahnee loved watching sports, westerns and the news shows. He was an avid fan of the Dallas Cowboys, Dallas Mavericks and the Texas Rangers. Everyone knew not to call him when a game was on!

Wahnee is survived by his children in his blended family, Christopher R. Wahnee and Toni A. Wahnee of the home, Tommy G. Wahnee and spouse Alicia, Ruby L. Booker and husband Phillip, Sheri R. Wahnee, Steven M. Wahnee and spouse Lisa of Morris, Okla., and Terri M. McClung of Elgin, Okla. and Anita L. Mack and spouse Jerrold White of Prague, Okla. and a host of nieces, nephews, extended family and friends in Texas, Oklahoma and California, 23 Grandchildren, 35 Great-Grandchildren, and 1 Great-Great Grandchild.

He is preceded in death by parents: Ruby Tiddark Wahnee, Thomas Wahnee, Gladys Wahnee; Siblings: Lucinda Gay, Jimmy Wahnee and Raymond Wahnee; Son: Robin R. Wahnee, Spouses: Letha G. Wahnee of

Dallas, Texas, Patsy Wahnee of Morris, Okla. and 1 great-grand child, Jolie Fox Thorne.

Timothy John Tiddark



Courtesy Photo

Tiddark

Timothy John Tiddark, 71, of Indianoma went to his heavenly home on July 31, with his loving family by his side.

Funeral service was August 4, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Tina Baker officiating. Burial followed at Little Washita Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer service was August 3, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

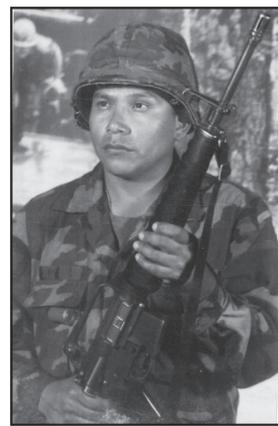
Tiddark was born on June 16, 1947, in Lawton to Napoleon Ross "Nipper" Tiddark and Alice Munoz. He grew up in Lawton and attended Will Rogers, Central Jr. High, Lawton High and graduated from St. Mary's School. Tiddark attended Cameron University for two years.

He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. Tiddark enjoyed playing golf and was an avid pool player. Tiddark played in two fast pitch softball world series. Tiddark enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Tiddark is survived by: spouse, Linda Cross of the home; four children and spouses: Richard and Row Tiddark of Tahlequah, Linda Tiddark King and spouse Amon of Lawton, Tim Pebeasy of Elgin, Robert Topfi of Carnegie; special children; Sheldon Cross and Cherish Sorrells, mother, Alice Munoz; brothers and sisters: Sam Tiddark, Barney Tiddark, Jim and Lynn Tiddark all of Lawton; Sugar Tahdoahnippah, Rose and David Ridgeway of Cache, Sabrina Bueno of Lawton; grandchildren: Naomi, Richard Jr., Victoria, Amber, Dylan, Jett, Jaycob, Robert T.W., Dustin, Hali, Richa, Jeffery, Stacey, Aaron, Dahnichia, Geremey, Damian, Ariel, Eiljah and Timothy; 13 great grandchildren; special cousin, Johnny and Jodi Tiddark.

Tiddark is preceded in death by: Napoleon "Nipper" Tiddark; brother, Buddy Tiddark; sister, Baby Doll Apauty; grandparents: John Pahdopony, Gracie Wuckweah, aunt Bernice Edwards, special cousins, Brenda Edwards.

Bryan Matthew Ahdosy



Courtesy Photo

Ahdosy

Bryan Matthew Ahdosy known to family and friends as Dewey passed away on August 11.

Funeral Service was August 16, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Deacon David Johnson officiating, burial with military honors was at Highland Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Prayer Service was August 15, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel.

Ahdosy was born April 30, 1957, in Lawton to William and Mary Ruth (Tsatigh) Ahdosy. He grew up in Richard Spur and graduated from Ft. Sill Indian School.

Ahdosy served, with Honor in the Oklahoma Army National Guard from December 13, 1982 earning the rank of Private. He completed Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training, as a Heavy Anti-Armor Weapons Crewman at Fort Benning, GA. Mr. Ahdosy was then assigned with Detachment 1. Company B, 180th Infantry (TOW), 45th Infantry Division, based in Walters, as a TOW Gunner and Infantryman. His awards include the Army Service and OKARNG Good Conduct ribbons and the Qualification Badges of Marksman as a TOW Gunner, Sharpshooter Badge with M16 Rifle and Expert with Hand Grenade. He worked in Communications for various companies including Fox Network, Elliots in Waurika.

He married Donna Lucille Martinez on July 1st, 1980. He enjoyed playing basketball, watching football and spending time with his grandkids and watching them at their various sports events. He also likes crossword puzzles and spending time with family and friends. He was a member of the Comanche Nation.

He is survived by his wife Donna Ahdosy of Walters. Children; Dwight Russell Ahdosy, Dana Lynn Ahdosy, and Dedie Jennings Ahdosy all of Walters. Six Grandchildren; Dayven Reyes, Micah West, Rilynn Deschaine, Milez Ahdosy, William Ahdosy and Ivan Ahdosy. Brothers and Sisters; Agathe and husband Bill Perryman, Elissa Estabillio of Honolulu, Hawaii. Keela S. Ahdosy Camacho, Micah A. Ahdosy of Honolulu, Hawaii. Kevin M. Ahdosy of Oklahoma City, Raylee and husband Ernest Wilson of Lawrence, Kan., Naomi L. Ahdosy and husband Kenny of Lawton, Juanita L. Crowell and Allison Stewart both of Junction City, Kan. Loving Brother and Sister in laws and numerous other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; William B. Ahdosy and Mary Ruth Tsatigh Ahdosy, brother; Scott J. Ahdosy, Sisters; Ella Ruth (Binky) Ahdosy and Jacquelyn P. Scott.

Warren Bruce Kassanavoid



Courtesy Photo

Kassanavoid

Warren Bruce Kassanavoid, 57, Albuquerque, N.M. passed away on August 9.

Funeral Service was August 23, with officiating. Burial followed at Post Oak Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was August 22, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel.

Kassanavoid was born September 9, 1960, in Los Angeles, Cali., to Robert Taylor "BlackJack" Kas-

sanavoid Sr. and Gaynell Rodean Lonewolf. He grew up in Tulsa and attended Charles C. Mason High School and graduated from Tulsa Union High School. Kassanavoid studied Aviation Maintenance at Central New Mexico Community College. Kassanavoid was a proud member of the Comanche Tribe as well as being proud of his Kiowa descent. Warren enjoyed bowling, fishing, band, foosball, concerts, wrestling and Gourd Dancing. Kassanavoid is survived by; Three children and spouses; Warren Bruce II and Kara Kassanavoid of Indianoma, Vanna Kassanavoid-Bereza and husband Christopher Bereza of Lawton, and Walter Kassanavoid of Lawton. Brother; Robert Kassanavoid Jr. of Oklahoma City, Grandchildren; Kailah, Jayden, Arayah, Elijah, Alyssa and Aushay Kassanavoid. Special Friend; Steve Worth. Aunts; Alicia Wilson, Gwen Komahchee, Melissa Gordon, Beverly Salas, Marilyn Kassanavoid, Sarah Lonewolf, Jerlena Lonewolf, Jackie Lonewolf, Cheryl Lonewolf. Uncles; Edwin Komahchee and Glenn Komahchee. Nieces and Nephews; Chereasta Cook, Lisa Brown, Rondell Brown, Alanna Starr, Justin Weatherly, Jessica Kassanavoid, Joseph Kassanavoid, Jaaron Kassanavoid and Jancee Kassanavoid and many other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by; parents Robert Taylor "BlackJack" Kassanavoid Sr. and Gaynell Rodean Lonewolf. Wife of twenty-two years Velinda Sue Kassanavoid. Brother; Ronald "Rondo" Kassanavoid, Sister; Sue Kassanavoid, Paternal grandparents; Sam Kassanavoid and Jessie Poahway. Maternal grandparents; Bruce Lonewolf Sr and Edna Lonewolf. Great-Grandparents; Dorothy Nahmee Martinez. Aunts; Janice Komahchee, Dorothy Martinez, Brenda Griffin, April Komahchee. Uncles; Walter Lonewolf, Marvin Lonewolf, Michael Lonewolf, Buster Komahchee, Ewart Komahchee.

Do Not Stand At My Grave And Weep

By Mary Elizabeth Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond glints on snow, I am the sun on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there; I did not die.

Comanche Tribe Represented at the 2018 American Indian Exposition

Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff



Students from the local high school walk in the parade draped in tribal flags.



Comanche Nation Princess, Tristan Wauqua, waves to the crowd as she and Comanche Tribal Director, Donita Sovo, participate in the 2018 American Indian Expo Parade in downtown Anadarko, Okla.



Representatives of the Comanche Nation Fair were in the parade to promote the 2018 Comanche Nation Fair.



Comanche Nation Police Officer Mary Lile in charge of the Comanche Nation D.A.R.E. Program smiles for the camera during the 2018 American Indian Expo parade.



The "Mud Men," are one of the all-time floats during the Expo parade. This is one of the floats that appear each and every year of the parade.



Dawn "Muffin" Tsatoke from the Comanche Nation Education, gives a friendly smile and waves to the crowd in downtown Anadarko.



Members of the Comanche Nation "Grasshopper Program," take time out from cutting the lawns of tribal elders to participate in the 2018 American Indian Expo parade.



N8V Generation Princess, BlueSky Tosee, throws out a piece of candy to parade spectators in downtown Anadarko, during the 2018 American Indian Expo.



Comanche Nation Diabetes Assistant Director, Eva Asenap, hands out treats to people watching the parade in Anadarko, Okla.



The Comanche Nation Injury Prevention/Angels Program was promoting Child Safety during the 2018 American Indian Expo parade.



Staci Davis, from the Comanche Nation Environmental Program, gives a wave while pulling the Recycle Trailer during the 2018 American Indian Expo parade.



The Comanche Nation Home Improvement Program was represented in the 2018 American Indian Expo parade by Frank Gutierrez and Sean Tissychy.



Even Smokey the Bear was in the 2018 American Indian Expo parade, promoting Fire Dangers and Fire Safety to the children.



The Comanche Nation Child Care Program participating in the 2018 American Indian Expo parade in downtown Anadarko.



Employees from the Comanche Nation Capital Improvement Program participate in the 2018 American Indian Expo parade.



Courtesy Photo

(Front Row; Left to Right): Louis Bennett and Bruce Bennett (two small boys holding banner) Back Row; Left to Right): Hashitomi Pewewardy (holding Comanche flag), Cornel Pewewardy, Farley Pewewardy, Lauren Noriego, Tessa Robledo, Tristen Berryhill, Arnita Pewewardy, and Delvin Bennett.

Comanche Dance Group Performs at the 97th Annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial

This is the second year which the Comanche Dance Group performed in the 97th Annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial in Gallup, New Mexico. The weeklong festival (August 3-11, 2018) included traditional dances, powwow, Indian rodeo, and the Outdoor Indian Artisan Village nestled in the beautiful Red Rock Park. The Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial is the longest continual running event the state of New Mexico. The Comanche Dance Group was directed by Dr. Cornel Pewewardy from Lawton, Oklahoma. Having worked, attended graduate school and lived in New Mexico for many decades, Dr. Pewewardy has a 40-year relationship with the ceremonial committee. At this year's ceremonial, they participated in two parades and two night performances in the large rodeo arena. Nightly performances featured a Comanche hymn sung by Lauren Noriego; southern women's traditional (Tessa

Robledo, Lauren Noriego and Arnita Pewewardy); men's straight (Delvin Bennett and Tristen Berryhill); men's fancy (Randell Doyebi); horse stealing and buffalo dance; and two-step (singers: LaNeal, Hashitomi Pewewardy and Cornel Pewewardy). Featured this year at the ceremonials was the White Buffalo and special horse dances at the night performances.

From pageants to art shows, rodeos to powwows, the Gallup Inter-Tribal Ceremonial offers a unique and authentic experience for participants and attendee alike. While watching the Saturday parade on the streets of downtown Gallup or visiting the juried Arts Show at Red Rock Park, one witnesses firsthand the pride, strength, and creativity of America's first peoples.



Courtesy Photo

Tribal member, Tate Richardson, 26, was contacted by professional photographer, Lauren McKuin, and was asked to model for a Native American jewelry company out of Wisconsin called the Whispering Winds Shop. She did a photo shoot at the Wichita Wildlife Refuge on July 12. Richardson was born and raised in Indianhoma, and is the youngest daughter of Bernadette Tate. Her grandparents are Rhoda Tate, Bernard Tate, and the late Doc Tate Nevaquaya. She is currently attending Cameron University, pursuing a degree in Allied Health Sciences in hopes of becoming a registered nurse.



ELECT AGAIN

TANNERY

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Comanche and Cotton Counties

For years the current District Attorney's office of Comanche/Cotton Counties has had a closed door policy towards the Comanche Nation Tribe. Support Dick Tannery on November 6th so that he can rebuild the relationship between the Comanche Nation Law Enforcement (CNLE) and help the Comanche Tribe.

Dick Tannery is a 3rd generation Oklahoman. He comes from a family with strong Military values; he is son to Richard Tannery who fought in WWII at Iwo Jima and later retired as Lawton's Fire Chief in 1989. Dick served in the Army in the 70's and his grandson Joby Pazoureck is currently deployed to Afghanistan. Dick is married to Becky Baden Tannery a retired teacher and counselor of 39 years. Together they have six children, twelve Grandchildren and attend First Christian Church. When Dick was formerly elected District Attorney of Comanche/Cotton counties for two terms he personally tried 300 trials with over 50 being murder/manslaughter trials. Dick believes in a "hands on" approach and that the DA's office needs a strong experienced prosecutor with a new vision that will partner with "ALL" law enforcement agencies.

Find more information on Facebook
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VOTE NOV. 6

Paid for by the committee to elect Dick Tannery for District Attorney, Lawton, OK

Honor Powwow for Miss Indian Oklahoma 2017-2018 Shelby Elizabeth "Gommock" Mata

September 15, 2018 - Sultan Park - Walters, OK

HEAD STAFF:

MC - Wallace Coffey
Head Singer - Garrel ' Vilas'
Gwoompi
Head Man - Morgan Tosee
Head Lady - Jo Neda Sage
Head Teen Boy - Jordan
Beartrack
Head Teen Girl - Vylet
Stonecalf
Head Little Boy - Modesto
Schonchin
Head Little Girl - Alexa
Martinez

A.D. - TBA
Color Guard - CIVA
Co-Host - N8V Generation,
C.T.VA., Comanche Little Ponies,
WHS Native Club,
Gamma Delta Pi
- OU Alpha Chapter

Back- up Location: Walters Expo Center
Flag Flown: Preston Henry Gwoompi Sr.

SCHEDULE:

1 pm - Gourd
4pm - Scalp / Victory
5pm - Supper Break
6pm - Gourd Dance
7pm - Grand Entry

CONTESTS:

(MUST MAKE GRAND ENTRY)

Tiny Tots (0-6)
Sponsored by HLC
Alexa Martinez Family
Teen Boys Traditional
Sponsored by HTB
Jordan Beartrack & Family
Teen Girls Cloth & Buckskin (7-17)
\$100, \$75, \$50
Teen Girls Jingle & Fancy Shawl (7-17)
\$100, \$75, \$50
Teen Boys Straight & Fancy (7-17)
\$100, \$75, \$50

Women's Cloth, Buckskin,
Jingle, Fancy Shawl (18+)
\$300, \$200, \$100
Men's Straight,
Traditional, Fancy (18+)
\$300, \$200, \$100

Men's Fancy 18+ Special
Sponsored by Elias &
Doris DeJesus Family

Princess Contest (Sash & Crown)

In honor of MIO Shelby Mata

Women's Golden Age (60+)

Sponsored by Jo Neda Sage Family

Men's Golden Age (60+)

Sponsored by Pat

Tahdooahnippah Family

*** Less than 3 contestants in a single contest will be combined with another category** All organizational and tribal princesses are welcome! Host Family is not responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. NO alcohol, drugs, or weapons allowed. VENDORS and other sponsors please contact Phillis Mata 580-351-4993*



COMANCHE NATION FAIR IS SET TO EXPLODE WITH ACTIVITIES FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY



2018 Comanche Nation Fair Celebrity Ashley Callingbull



Courtesy Photo

Ashley Callingbull is a Cree First Nations woman from the Enoch Cree Nation in the province of Alberta. She is very devoted to her culture and people, and takes pride in her Native Cree heritage, and has shown this through her volunteer work with community Elders and youth.

Callingbull is a model, actor, and First Nation's activist who was the reigning Mrs. Universe 2015, an actor on the television show "Blackstone" and a contestant on the "Amazing Race Canada" in 2016. Callingbull has graced the magazine covers of *Chatelaine*, *Dress to Kill* and currently writes for *Flare Magazine*. Callingbull is currently the face of Canadian based jeweller Hillberg & Berk 2018 collection. Callingbull is also a spokesperson and model for the Nike N7 organization.

Callingbull's Appearances during the Comanche Nation Fair

- 10 a.m. Sept. 22 Parade
- 1 p.m.-3 p.m. Sept. 22 Meet & Greet inside Watchetaker Hall
- 7 p.m. Sept. 22 Gand Entry & Powwow

List of 27th Comanche Nation Fair events Theme- Comanche Language

- Saturday, September 15, 2018**
7:30 am- Spirit Ride through the Wichita Mountains
- Saturday, September 15, 2018**
8 a.m. Golf Tournament @ Twin Oaks in Duncan
- Monday, September 17, 2018**
6 p.m. Comanche Nation Fair Indian Baby Contest @ Watchetaker Hall
- Tuesday, September 18, 2018**
5:30pm Walk to Remember "Ingenious Woman Walk" (powwow grounds)
6 p.m. Blessing Complex grounds @ dance ground
- Wednesday, September 19, 2018**
Midnight- Peyote meeting @ grassy area north of dance ground
7 p.m. OETA- premier movie night @ Watchetaker Hall
- Thursday, September 20, 2018**
8 to 5 p.m. Comanche Land Run---"Take it and Stake It"
Registration will be in Watchetaker Hall
9:30 am-Warrior Communities Spirit run (start at 1:30-Apache, 11:30-Cache & 9:30-Walters community centers)
10 a.m. Food Handlers class @ Watchetaker Hall
12 p.m. Vendors set up
4:15 pm- Warriors runners should be arriving at the Comanche Complex
6 p.m. Carnival opens (pending carnival setup)
6 to 8 p.m. Comanche Nation Museum Opening "Comanche Language Past/Present/Future
6 to 10 p.m. Sorority Princess Powwow @ Powwow grounds
7 p.m. Hymn signing @ Watchetaker Hall
- Friday, September 21, 2018**
8 a.m. Flag Raising for Honored veteran- "Fernell Mihecoby"
12 p.m. Carnival opens
5 to 10 p.m. Voting for Princess (next to t-shirt booth)
6 to 12 p.m. Gaming Tournament @ Watchetaker Hall
6 p.m. Turtle Races @ West of Social Services Building
6:30 pm Lowering the flag
7 p.m. Softball tournament starts @ Softball field
8 p.m. Grand Entry for Powwow @ Powwow grounds
- Saturday, September 22, 2018**
7 a.m. Fun Run- Registration
6:30 to 9 a.m. Rations will be given @ Food distribution
7 a.m. Parade line up @ grassy area north of the softball field
7:45 am 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament Registration @ south of Administration Building
8 a.m. Flag Raising for Honored veteran- "Lemuel Pebeahsy Nahdayaka"
8:30am to 10 p.m. Voting for Princess (next to the t-shirt booth)
9 a.m. to 3p.m. Nominated Princess setup (next to voting booth)
9 a.m. MADISCHE ROAD WILL CLOSE DOWN FOR THE PARADE
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Comanche Nation Museum open
10 a.m. Parade begins
11 a.m. Watchetaker Hall will CLOSE
12/12:30 p.m. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE PARADE
Carnival opens
Hot Diggity Dog special (hotdog feed) @ South of CRYs building
3 on 3 Basketball tournament will resume
Corn hole Tournament @ West of Social Services Building
12 -8 p.m. Art Show @ New Conference room
1 p.m. Horseshoe tournament @ East of Food Distribution build
Soft ball tournament @ softball field
Bull riding @ Bull pen
1 p.m. Special guest - "Ashley Callingbull" Q/A for the kids @ Watchetaker Hall
4 to 6 p.m. Children's activities @ North of Social Services Building
7 to 10 p.m. Musical Festival- "Jon B."- @ Watchetaker Hall
5 p.m. Lowering the flag & Supper break
7 .p.m. Grand Entry for Powwow @ powwow grounds
10 to midnight Teen Dance @ Watchetaker Hall
- Sunday, September 23, 2018**
Sunrise Cedar Smoking ceremony
8:00 am Flag Raising for Honored veteran- "Lindsay Tate Nevaquaya" & "Otto Mahsetky"
7:45 am Spirit Walk
8 a.m. Softball games resume
10 a.m. Sunday Church services @ Watchetaker hall
12 p.m. Sunday Meal @ Watchetaker hall
12 p.m. Carnival opens
Brush Dances @ powwow grounds
1 to 5 p.m. Comanche Nation Museum open
Bull riding @ Bull pen
Director & Princess announcement @ Powwow grounds
2 p.m. Comanche day dances- Powwow dances
2:30 p.m. Hand Game tournament @Watchetaker Hall
5 p.m. Lowering the flag & Super break
7 p.m. Grand Entry for powwow @ Powwow grounds



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