



THE COMANCHE NATION NEWS

The Comanche Code Talkers, 4th Signal Company, 4th Infantry Division United States Army: World War II
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100 Years of History for the Comanche Native American Church Since 1918



Photos by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

Editor's Note: A follow-up article will be in the November Issue of TCNN.

The "Native American Church was established in the state of Oklahoma, October 10, 1918, by the original seven tribes of indigenous, aboriginal people, all of whom shared this practice in common. It's roots runs farther back into time than written history can reach. Moreover, it best describes and defines the intertribal union and spiritual agreement where language barriers were prevalent.

The historical significance of this event is recognized nationally and internationally, and to us represents our forefathers and the spirit of Love and truth they have inherited by living under this title. They all speak English today and wish to honor those that have gone before them and keep clear the road for those yet to come. In the foundation of their chartered organization, it was proclaimed they would be known to all humanity as the Native American Church and declared perpetual based on Love, Faith, Hope and Charity.

Today, the number of Registered Tribal, Native American Church Chapters in Oklahoma is more than twice as many as there were in 1918. This religion originated in Oklahoma and has been shared with many tribes of Indians in other States and Canada under the title- Native American Church. " -Rollin Haag, Sr., State Chairman, NAC of Oklahoma (2002)

Photos of the 2018 Comanche Nation Fair will be featured the Nov. issue of the Comanche Nation News.



HONORING MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA. Shelby Mata was honored Sept. 15 in her hometown of Walters, Okla., as the final months of her reign of Miss Indian Oklahoma nears. Mata has served as Miss Indian Oklahoma from 2017-2018, and has proudly represented all Oklahoma Indian Nations at various events nationwide. ABOVE LEFT: Mata wears a blanket given to her by the Wichita Tribal Chairman during her Honor Song, as a token of appreciation for representing their three affiliated tribes, Wichita, Caddo and Delaware, during her reign. TOP RIGHT: Mata hugs Kiowa Elder, Delores Harragarra, who gave Mata a Kiowa name during the powwow celebration. BOTTOM RIGHT: The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) bring in the flags during the honor Powwow for Mata. She served as the CIVA Princess from 2013-2015. Mata was also the 2008-2010 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, 2011-2013 Comanche War Dance Society Princess, 2015 Miss Walters, and 2015-2016 Comanche Nation Princess.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Comanche Nation Higher Education 2018 College and Career Day

Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff



Recruiter from the U.S. Army visits with one of the students about a possible career in the U.S. Army.

This year's College and Career Day has been the largest it has ever been. This is a good sign, showing that more kids are staying in school.

High schools from around the area brought their Juniors and Seniors, just to give them a little insight of what is available to them once they graduate from high school. Whether it be college, military, vocational or entering straight into the work world, information was available.

A lot of the students seemed to be interested in Marines, Law Enforcement, and Oklahoma University (OU). Recruiters traveled many miles and from different states to be available to visit with the students.

Students were treated to a viewing of the 2017 Car Crash video by the I.T. Department during the lunch break.

Throughout the day students had chances to visit with representatives from various colleges, vocational centers, health care representatives, military and law enforcement agencies.

Each representative was given an opportunity to address the students. The recruiter from the U.S. Marines, GYSGT Jesse R. Wu, seemed to make the most impact on the students. GYSGT Wu, had the student yelling, "Yes Sir," in response to whatever question being asked.

Representatives from the U.S. Army, the U.S. Marines and the U.S. Air Force, challenged the students to a push-up contest. The two students that did the most push-ups were: Wyatt Griggs from Anadarko High School with 34 push-ups and Hector Becerra from Lawton High School with 32 push-ups.

The day was a success, giving a lot of high school students ideas of what to do once they enter adulthood. The Comanche Nation Higher Education department hosted it's College and Career Day on September 12. The College and Career Day reached well over 250 students from public schools in the surrounding area and welcomed over 30 vendors and recruiters.

This annual event provides students and job seekers with the opportunity to meet with recruiters from local, tribal, universities and technical schools as well as professionals from various fields such as Business,

INDIGENOUS Peoples' Day

A Full Schedule of Events are Planned October 8 to Recognize and Celebrate the Heritage and Stewardship of the Indigenous People

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

According to the Indigenous People website (www.indigenous-people.net), there are an estimated 370 million indigenous people spread across 70 countries worldwide. Practicing unique traditions, they retain social, cultural, economic and political characteristics that are distinct from those of the dominant societies in which they live. Spread across the world from the Arctic to the South

Pacific, they are the descendants - according to a common definition - of those who inhabited a country or a geographical region at the time when people of different cultures or ethnic origins arrived. The new arrivals later became dominant through conquest, occupation, settlement or other means.

January 9 of this year, the Lawton City Council voted 7-1 to recognize the

Indigenous Peoples Day Resolution on the second Monday in October, which is normally Columbus Day.

Dr. Cornell Pewewardy, author of the resolution, presented it to the City Council twice, getting it passed on the third presentation. City Councilman, Dwight Tanner Jr., Ward 5, made a motion to recognize

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THE COMANCHE NATION NEWS

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Government

Eighteen Resolutions Passed During September the CBC Monthly Meeting

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the September 8, Comanche Business Committee Monthly Meeting and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, call the Office of the Chairman, (580) 492-3251.

Story by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

Chairman, William Nelson Sr., called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Tippeconnie, conducted Roll Call. A quorum was established with all Comanche Business Committee (CBC) members.

Chairman, William Nelson Sr., called upon Committeeman No. 3, Ronald Red Elk to say Invocation.

A motion made to approve the minutes of the July 7 CBC meeting by Vice-Chairwoman, Susan Cothren. It was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer, Robert. The motion carries 6/0/1.

Resolutions

No. 116-18 Enrollment List No. 1100. Applicants Eligible for Comanche Tribal Membership.

CBC No. 4, Narcomey, made the motion to approve. Vice-Chairwoman, Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 117-18 Enrollment List No. 1101. Applicants Eligible for Comanche Tribal Membership.

Narcomey, made the motion to approve. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 118-18 Enrollment List No. 1102. Applicant wishes to relinquish herself from the Comanche Nation. She is aware she is giving up all rights within the Comanche Nation.

Narcomey, made the motion to approve. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 119-18 Higher Ed MOU Walters. Higher Education department partners with the Walters Public School to provide initiatives focused on Education in youth engagement programs intended to improve the lives of Native youth.

Ahdosy, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 120-18 Higher Ed Grant.

Ahdosy, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 121-18 Housing Authority Grant.

Narcomey, made the motion to approve. Ahdosy, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 122-18 ACE Signatory Authority.

Cothren, made the motion to approve. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 123-18 IAMNDN. Renewal. Dedicated to empower Native youth to live drug free.

Tippeconnie, made the motion to approve. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 124-18 IT Data center Project.

Ahdosy, made the motion to approve. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 125-18 Law Enforcement Grant.

Tippeconnie, made the motion to approve. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 126-18 Revolving Loan. Tabled.

Tippeconnie, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 127-18 Realty Fee to Trust. Reprint.

Tippeconnie, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 128-18 CBC NCAI Renewal. The Comanche Nation wishes to renew their membership with the National Congress of American Indians. The Comanche Nation meets all requirements and are in good standing.

Red Elk, made the motion.

Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 129-18 CBC IRS.

Tippeconnie, made the motion. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 130-18 CBC Faith and Credit Court. Moved to Executive Session.

Tippeconnie, made the motion. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 131-18 CBC FY 2019 Gaming Budget.

Ahdosy, made the motion. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 132-18 CBC Comanche Nation Casino Improvements. Move forward with Liquor by the Drink for all three casinos.

Cothren, made the motion. Ahdosy, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/2.

No. 133-18 CBC Dividend Account. DID NOT VOTE

No. 134-18 CBC Rescind April 1, 2017 Motion. STRICKEN. NO VOTE.

No. 135-18 CBC Rescind 1022-04. STRICKEN. NO VOTE.

No. 136-18 Law Enforcement-Sac and Fox Contract.

Tippeconnie made the motion. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

No. 137-18 Comanche Nation Entertainment FY 2019 Budget.

Tippeconnie, made the motion. Cothren, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m. and Executive Session followed.

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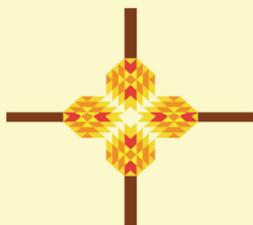
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The College Scholarship deadline for the spring semester is October 1. A copy of the application can be found on our Higher Education website at <https://comanchenation.com/departments/career-educational-programs/higher-education>. Students can also e-mail an application, or you can pick one up at their office, which has relocated to the Comanche Nation Education Center in Lawton, Okla. The address is 1608 SW 9th

Students from various high schools in the area visit the booth from Fort Lewis College out Durango Colo. Students were given information about the college and given an opportunity to sign up for additional information to mailed to them.

St., Lawton Okla., 73501.

The next Elder's Computer Class will be held from October 1 through October 25. This course provides a comprehensive learning environment for enrolled tribal members (42 years and above) to gain a working knowledge of computer and its applications. If you would like to enroll in the Computer Course, please contact Kelly Berry at (580) 492-3363 on how to apply.

The Higher Education department will continue their S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) initiatives by presenting another S.T.E.A.M. Camp over Fall Break on October 19. This camp will be offered to all Comanche students grades Kindergarten-12. For further information on time slots and

registration, please contact Higher Education department at (580) 492-3363.

Our next Parent/Student Information Night will be held on November 7, from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at the Education Center. This night is designed to offer students and parents information about financial aid, filling out scholarships, and navigating the college admissions process. Door prizes and dinner will be provided.

Lastly, if there are any local students who did not have the opportunity to attend our Graduation Banquet in June, we still have 2016-2018 stoles available as well as 2018 graduate awards. Our office is open Monday-Friday from 8-5. Graduates can pick up a stole and award any time during office hours.

Congratulations to "The Comanche Nation News" 2018 Native American Journalist Association Media Awards Winners



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October 2017
By Jolene Schonchin

Third Place -- Best News Photo
"Fun in the Sun"
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Emergency Managements Recommends Having an Emergency Family Plan



According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) website, Ready.gov, it is good to have a plan for disasters.

Make A Plan For Disasters

Make a plan today. Your family may not be together if a disaster strikes, so it is important to know which types of disasters could affect your area. Know how you'll contact one another and reconnect if separated. Establish a family meeting place that's familiar and easy to find.

Step 1: Put together a plan by discussing these 4 questions with your family, friends, or household to start your emergency plan.

- How will I receive emergency alerts and warnings?
- What is my shelter plan?
- What is my evacuation route?
- What is my family/household communication plan?

Step 2: Consider specific needs in your household.

As you prepare your plan tailor your plans and supplies to your specific daily living needs and responsibilities. Discuss your needs and responsibilities and how people in the network can assist each other with communication, care of children, business, pets, or specific needs like the operation of durable medical equipment. Create your own personal network for specific areas where you need assistance. Keep in mind some these factors when developing your plan:

Different ages of members within your household

- Responsibilities for assisting others
- Locations frequented
- Dietary needs
- Medical needs including prescriptions and equipment
- Disabilities or access and functional needs including devices and equipment
- Languages spoken
- Cultural and religious considerations
- Pets or service animals
- Households with school-aged children

Step 3: Fill out a Family Emergency Plan

Download and fill out a family emergency plan or use them as a guide to create your own.

Emergency Plan for Parents (PDF)

Step 4: Practice your plan with your family/household

Fire Program Accepting Applications

The Fire Program is still in FIRE SEASON so please be careful with all outside fire activities.

They are accepting Emergency Wildland Firefighter applications for U.S. Forest Service during September 5, 2018 – October 10. Please come by the Fire Station to pick up application.

The Fire Program helped moni-

tor or engage in five fire related activities in our coverage area. Due to September rain, fire activities in our area were low. 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.

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 the program will be working in your area. Please make sure to update Application Yearly!

Gravel Tinhorn Program was assisting with the Comanche Nation Fair and wasn't taking applications at the time for the month of September.

- October 1 through October 31 Applications for Anadarko and Ft. Cobb Area "December"
- December 1 through December 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.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

What are the roles as grandparents? Grandparents should be the living library for grandchildren. There is a saying, "when an elderly person dies, a library burns down"

Grandparents are so very important to grandchildren to relate not only love and guidance for them but to pass down to them stories and knowledge that grandparents lives are filled with. They have lived through so many things and had to learn from them. Even if grandchildren only take away a small portion of what grandparents tell them. It is an enrichment for them because that is a part of their history told by their grandparent.

NAGPRA Update

The **Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act** is a Federal law passed in 1990. NAGPRA provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony -- to lineal descendants, and culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations. NAGPRA includes provisions for unclaimed and culturally unidentifiable Native American cultural items, intentional and inadvertent discovery of Native American cultural items on Federal and tribal lands, and penalties for noncompliance and illegal trafficking.

If you have any questions about NAGPRA, please feel free to contact us at (580) 595-9393 or come by our office and visit with us. Margie Murrow, Director and Cheevers Delgado, Research Specialist.

Elder Council Meeting Dates

The Elder Council meetings start at 10 a.m. with a lunch provided at 12:00 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 through the December meetings are:

- October 1, 10 a.m. Comanche Nation Education Center
- November 5, 10 a.m. Comanche Nation Education Center

- December 3, 10 a.m. 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.

Comanche Nation Court

Landlord/Tenant Evictions



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

A landlord can evict a tenant for not paying rent or violating a portion of the lease or rental agreement.

Notice Requirements for Evictions

Landlords can only evict tenants after receiving a court order. Before filing an eviction lawsuit, also known as a forcible entry and detainer action, the landlord must provide notice to the tenant. The notice requirements for nonpayment of rent are different from the notice requirements for lease violations.

Notice Requirements for Nonpayment of Rent

If a tenant does not pay rent on time, the landlord must provide the tenant with a written notice that gives the tenant five days to pay the rent. If the landlord does not receive the rent within the five days, then the landlord can proceed with an eviction lawsuit. If the tenant pays the rent during the five-day period, the landlord must not proceed with the eviction.

Notice Requirements for Lease Violations

If a tenant violates a term of the lease or rental agreement, the landlord must provide the tenant with a written notice requesting the tenant to fix the violation, if possible. The notice must inform the tenant that unless the tenant fixes the violation within ten days, the rental agreement will terminate. The landlord must wait another five days before filing an eviction lawsuit if the tenant does not fix the violation within the ten-day time period, making a total of fifteen days from when the tenant first received the notice. If either the tenant or the landlord fixes the violation within the ten-day time period, the landlord must not proceed with the eviction.

Examples of lease violations include having pets when none are allowed or parking in an unauthorized parking space.

Eviction Process

If the tenant has not paid rent or fixed the lease violation within the given time frame, then the landlord can terminate the rental agreement and file an eviction lawsuit (forcible entry and detainer action) with the court. These lawsuits are typically filed in the small claims court of the district court in the county where the rental unit is located. After the landlord files a petition and summons to begin the forcible entry and detainer action, the tenant will receive a copy of both documents. The summons will have the date and time for a hearing that both the tenant and the landlord must attend. At the hearing, the tenant must tell the judge any and all defenses the tenant has to challenge the eviction. The judge will listen to both the landlord and the tenant and make a final decision about the eviction.

Eviction Defenses

There are several potential defenses available to tenants facing an eviction.

Landlord Evicted Tenant through a "Self-Help" Eviction

When a landlord wants to evict a tenant, the landlord must go through the court system. The landlord cannot force a tenant out of a rental unit in any other way, such as turning off the utilities in the rental unit or changing locks on the doors. This type of illegal action is often referred to as a "self-help" eviction. If the landlord tries to force a tenant out of the rental unit using illegal means, the landlord will likely be liable to the tenant for damages.

Landlord Did Not Follow Proper Eviction Procedures

When a landlord evicts a tenant, the landlord must carefully follow all the rules and regulations. For example, a landlord cannot terminate a rental agree-

ment for nonpayment of rent without giving the tenant a written notice with five days to pay the late rent. If the landlord files a petition with the court to start the forcible entry and detainer action without first giving the tenant written notice to pay rent, the tenant could use the lack of notice as a defense to the eviction lawsuit. This type of defense does not stop a justified eviction, though. This option merely gives the tenant more time to remain in the rental unit. If the landlord is justified in evicting the tenant, the landlord just has to correct the deficient procedure and then proceed with the eviction lawsuit.

Landlord Is Evicting Tenant for Not Paying Rent

There are a few defenses available to a tenant who is facing an eviction for not paying rent.

Tenant Paid Rent in Full

If a tenant does not pay rent on time, the landlord is required to give the tenant five days to pay the rent before filing an eviction lawsuit. If the tenant pays the rent within the five-day time period, the landlord cannot proceed with the eviction lawsuit. If the tenant pays the rent within the five days, the tenant should ask for a time-stamped receipt to prove the rent payment. If the landlord proceeds to file the eviction lawsuit after receiving the tenant's rent payment, the tenant can use evidence of the paid rent as a defense against the eviction.

Landlord Did Not Maintain the Rental Unit

The landlord must maintain the rental unit in a habitable condition. This means the landlord must:

- Keep the common areas clean, safe, and sanitary
- Maintain in good working order all electrical, plumbing, sanitary, heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and other facilities and appliances at the rental unit
- Provide and maintain garbage receptacles, and
- Provide and maintain running water, including hot water.

If the rental unit needs maintenance in one of these areas, the tenant must provide the landlord with written notice. The written notice must give the landlord fourteen days to make the required repairs. If the landlord does not make the required repairs within fourteen days, the tenant can arrange for the repairs to be made and then deduct the amount of the repairs from the rent.

If the landlord fails to maintain and provide heat, running water, hot water, electricity, gas, or another essential service, the tenant has a few more options available:

1. The tenant can terminate the rental agreement after giving the landlord written notice.
2. The tenant can find a way to get reasonable amounts of the essential service and then deduct the costs from the rent.
3. The tenant can recover damages from the landlord equal to the decrease in value of the rental unit.
4. The tenant can find substitute housing until the landlord provides the essential service again. The tenant does not have to pay rent to the landlord while living in

the substitute housing.

If the landlord tries to evict the tenant after the tenant either pays reduced rent or does not pay rent at all based on the legal requirements listed above, the tenant can use evidence of the landlord's failure to maintain the rental unit or provide essential services as a defense against the eviction.

Tenant Has Fixed the Lease Violation Within the Required Time Frame

Before a landlord can begin eviction proceedings against a tenant who has violated the lease agreement, the landlord must give the tenant ten days to fix the violation, if possible. If the tenant fixes the violation within the ten-day time period, the landlord cannot proceed with the eviction lawsuit. The landlord also has the right to fix the violation within the ten-day time frame, and if the landlord does so, then the landlord cannot proceed with the eviction. If the landlord proceeds with the eviction lawsuit even after the violation has been fixed, then the tenant can use evidence that the violation was corrected as a defense against the eviction.

Landlord Evicts the Tenant Based on Discrimination

The federal [Fair Housing Act](#) makes it illegal for a landlord to discriminate against a tenant based on race, religion, gender, national origin, familial status (including children under the age of 18 and pregnant women), and disability. In addition to adopting the federal Fair Housing Act, the Oklahoma Fair Housing Law also makes it illegal for a landlord to discriminate against a tenant based on age (defined as anyone who is eighteen years or older). If a landlord tries to evict a tenant based on any of these characteristics, the tenant can use the discrimination as a defense to the eviction.

Does It Make Sense to Fight an Eviction?

Challenging an eviction is not the best option for all tenants. Without a strong defense, a tenant will often lose the case and have to pay the landlord's court and attorney's fees. The tenant could also receive a negative credit rating and could be turned down for future housing. The best option for the tenant might be to try to talk to the landlord and negotiate a deal outside the court system.

When to Hire an Experienced Tenants' Lawyer

If you have more specific legal questions about your eviction case or the landlord has already retained a lawyer, you should probably also contact a lawyer. A lawyer can handle the whole case or give you advice on how to proceed. A lawyer can also let you know how likely you are to win your case. You may especially want to hire an attorney if you are confident of your case and your lease or rental agreement entitles you to attorney fees if you win in court.

Programs

Family Assistance Warns of Children Expose to Violence in the Home

Despite the belief of many well-meaning parents that the children do not know what is going on, this is not always accurate. Children pick up cues from their parents and caretakers as well as their own sensory experience. No matter how hidden the violence in a home, it is likely that children in that environment know about it. It is a difficult, almost impossible task, but you need to address the issue with your children. Otherwise, they might end up placing blame where it does not belong or feeling responsible for the situation.

Establishing open communication and being available to listen and answer questions is the best way to help your children deal with what is going on. Here are eight tips from the National Child Traumatic Stress Network for discussing domestic violence with kids.

1. Take the lead. Do not wait for the children to come to you: they are likely scared and too uncomfortable to bring the topic up to you.
2. Start with a message of support. Try something like "I care about you and I will listen to you."
3. Find out what they know. Ask your children what they have seen or what they understand about what is happening at home.
4. Show support. Acknowledge children's feelings and their versions of events, which may not line up with what actually happened.
5. Tell them it is not their fault. Children are naturally self-centered and are likely to think they are the reason for the violence. Assure them they are not.

6. Tell them violence is not OK. This is an important message to get across.

7. Try to stay calm. Speaking confidently conveys a sense of security.

8. Do not put any burden on them. Rely on other adults for support and avoid placing stress or worry on your children by discussing relationship or custody issues with them. If you need help talking to your children about domestic violence then reach out to a local domestic violence service program. Comanche Nation Family Assistance Program, 24 hours 7 days a week, (580) 492-3590.

Reintegration Offer Support and Assistance to Tribal Members

The Comanche Nation Reintegration Program offers support and assistance to tribal members who are incarcerated or have been recently released from incarceration. A strong, positive support system is necessary for successful reintegration and the Comanche Nation Reintegration office wishes to serve as part of that support system. Clothing, personal hygiene items, housing, transportation, court-ordered treatment, classes, and assessments, advocacy, and referrals are a few of the services the program may provide to eligible tribal members. If you, or a family member, are currently incarcerated, or have been recently released from incarceration, please contact our office for information on reintegration program benefits. Our contact information is as follows:

Comanche Nation Reintegration
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, OK 73502

(580) 492-3623 phone
(580) 492-4387 fax
reintegration@comanchenation.com
email.



On October 29th, will be the next date to schedule appointments for the month of November.

The Comanche Nation Optometry donated the prizes for the Jingle Dress Contest and the Grass Dance Contest for the Comanche Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Disability Awareness Powwow. They attended the Powwow on September 8 and set-up an informational booth.

They attended the College Career Day on September 12, and set-up an informational booth cleaning and repairing eye glasses.

September 21, they had their 4th Annual Call of Duty WWII Gaming Tournament. They had a float in the 27th Annual Comanche Nation Fair Parade and helped with registration for the Food Handlers Class.

Reminder: Our Vendor Modern Eyes has a (1) One year warranty on the eyeglasses. For (1) one full year if you break your eyeglasses you must keep all the pieces and return them to their office and they will get you a new frame that you already picked. It does not matter what happened to hem bring them back and they will give you the same frame (new) for one full year! You also get a (1) time lens warranty.

They DO NOT warranty, Lost, Stolen, Dog Chews, or Super

Glue damages.

For more information contact Optometry at (580) 699-5386.

Grants Department Announces the Nation Was Awarded the GAP Grant

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

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Indian Environmental General Assistance Program (GAP) – This award provides assistance to Indian Tribal Governments and Intertribal Consortia to build capacity to administer environmental regulatory programs on Indian lands, provide technical assistance from EPA to Indian Tribal Governments, and Intertribal Consortia in the development of multimedia programs to address environmental issues on Indian lands.

Additionally, the Grants Department is preparing a proposal for the U.S. Department of Justice Tribal Access Program (TAP) that would provide the Nation access to national crime information systems for both criminal and civil purposes.

Transit Announces the Installment of High Definition Cameras

The Comanche Nation Transit Department is pleased to announce the installment of high definition cameras in their fleet of vehicles. The installment of cameras has been a long awaited upgrade to the transit vehicle fleet. Video cameras are

becoming increasingly common on commercial transportation vehicles.

The purpose of the cameras are a safety measure for our passengers, employees and transit vehicles, such as when an accident or incident occurs the footage from the video cameras can be used to confirm actual events of what occurred. The goal of Comanche Nation Transit is to get their passengers to an from their destinations safely and without incident. The transit department would like to say "Thank you" for your dedicated support of the transit system.



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



**2nd Annual
Thanksgiving Day
Celebration
November 22nd – 1:00 pm
CaHoma Community Center
1 mile West & ¾ mile South of Cache, Oklahoma**

**To family and friends we hold so dear
We want to share our bounty this year!
At a special gathering to stay in touch,
to count the blessings that mean so
much.**

This day need not be lonely for anyone. All are welcome to come and share this Thanksgiving Dinner with turkey, dressing and all the trimmings; and if you have anything you'd like to share, please bring. The meal will be prepared by volunteers from the community; good fellowship and entertainment will follow!

Transportation and/or pick up food can be arranged if needed.

For more information
Verna Ann: 580/458-0829 - Nikki: 580/510-9601
Ron: 580/919-9314

**COMANCHE NATION
CRIME STOPPERS**

**HOT LINE
580-492-1TIP
(580-492-1847)**

Lords of the Plains¹⁸⁺
American Indian Heritage Day in Texas

Logos for sponsors: Lone Star Park, Chickasaw Nation, DFW Zoo, Trinity, Great Western, etc.

Programs

Environmental Department

If you live in city or towns limits! Please utilize your town's assets first. The Comanche Nation Environmental dept., should be contacted after you have contacted your local city hall. Most towns have bulk item and tree limbs pick up or disposal. You will have to call your local city hall to sign up or more details.

The CNOEP will take applications for our bulk item pick up if you live outside a trash service area. We will also take applications for bulk items that local services will not take like; refrigerators, white goods, etc.

City of Lawton (580) 351-3413

The city has different times for pick up and to be added on their schedule. They require you to give them a 2 weeks' notice. For more information call or visit their web site at www.lawtonok.gov.

City of Apache (580) 588-3505

Place item right in front for pick up. Tree limbs are to be placed in front by the curb and the town will come and dispose of them.

City of Walters (580) 875-3337

Call to schedule a pick-up. Tree limbs must be smaller than 4 inches in diameter and bundled.

City of Cache (580) 492-3354

Bulk item pick up, last Tuesday of each month. Call the trash service to schedule a pick up. 1-877-592-5030.

City of Anadarko (405) 247-2481

The following days for pick up/drop off are Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. 145 N Country Club Rd., Across Village Apt. Must have current bill. Call the city hall for more information.

If you town is not listed, and you would like to know if your town has a bulk time/tree limb disposal program, all it takes is a phone call to your local city hall.

Information about the Comanche

Nation Recycling Events

- **Tire and Battery Drive:** The Tire and Battery Drive is held in February and has helped Comanche Tribal/Non-tribal communities in properly disposing of tires and batteries.
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For more information on the following 2018 events contact the CNOEP at (580) 492-3754.

Solid Waste Division: Bulk Item Pick-up

The Solid Waste Division has made some changes to the Bulk Item Pick-up for the 2018/2019 fiscal year. The changes are listed below:

- Tribal Members are allotted Two (2) Bulk Items a year, once every Six (6) months.
- Only One trailer load per Bulk Item pick-up. This includes your regular Bulk Item Pickup, Tree Limb pickup, weekend trailer or any other pickup that require our assistance.
- Bulk Items will be picked up after the application process is complete, an appointment has been made and as assessment has been done.
- If an applicant has not responded within 30 days of turning in application, the applicant will have to fill out another application.
- The Solid Waste Division does not help with remodeling/demolition projects.

- Dump Trailer will no longer be left at homes during the week
- If you live in your cities limit boundaries, you can call your local West Department or city hall to see if they provide a local Bulk Item Assistance before considering our assistance.

For more information on the following 2018 events contact CNOEP at (580) 492-3754.

Tips To Maintain Safe Drinking Water at Home and On the Go

Most of us have some form of water filtration system either mounted on the faucet, a Tier Filter system or a pitcher filter that supplies your family with safe drinking water. These systems need to be maintained periodically according to the manufactures specification. This might include cleaning the system or replacing filter cartridges.

Filters overdue for cleaning or replacing may no longer work properly to remove contaminants and may let foul tastes and odors remain in your tap water. Following these instructions may produce safe drinking water but for the most of us we may forget that the container we use to house the filtered water may not be that clean. Water bottles and pitchers need to be cleaned daily to ensure safe drinking water.

Earlier TCNN articles have covered the aspects of safe drinking water, now let's talk about practices that will help us conserve this vital resource. Choosing low-flow shower heads, toilets, sink faucet aerators, and high efficiency washing machines to minimize wasting water.

Choose showers over baths whenever possible. When taking a bath, make sure the drain stopper is working properly to avoid refilling the tub. Pay attention to your water bill, an unanticipated increase could indicate a leak.

Don't ignore damp water spots on ceiling and walls. These

leaks not only waste water but also can cause structural damage to your house. Be aware of any dripping faucets, this can waste hundreds of gallons of water a month.

If you wash dishes in the sink, use a stopper to allow dishes to soak rather than running the faucet continuously. Do not leave the water running while brushing your teeth. Shorten your shower by five minutes in time you will save hundreds of gallons of water. Make sure water from your toilet tank is not continuously leaking into the bowl.

Avoid watering the lawn and garden during midday or when it is raining and take care not to over water. Use drip irrigation systems for watering yards and gardens. They can save 30-50% of the water sprinklers loss from evaporation and runoff. If you have an automatic water system, make sure no water is wasted on paved areas. Always remember to shut off the automatic system during a rainfall. Chose draught resistant flowers and plants, rather than those that require large amounts of watering. Collect water in a rain barrel and use it for watering lawns and plants. Check outdoor faucets, pools and spas on a regular basis for leaks also.

Museum Reveals a New Exhibit

Unmasking the Truth: This History of the Comanche Language is currently on exhibit at the Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center (CNMCC). The exhibition examines the tribe's language, past, present and future. Included in this exhibit are eight bronze "life-mask" castings of Comanches that were held at Fort Marion, Florida nearly 150 years ago. The casts are on loan from Harvard University's Peabody Museum in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The exhibit is on display until August 31, 2019.

CNMCC is located at 701 NW Ferris Avenue in Lawton. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Department of Transportation Completes Three New Projects

The Comanche Nation Transportation has completed three projects in the month of September, the 1st is Route No. 6785 Sultan Park Road in Walters, Oklahoma in Cotton County, 2nd is Route No. 7303 8th Street (Highway 115) in Cache, Oklahoma in Comanche County, 3rd is Route No. 4317 Indiahoma Road in Indiahoma, Oklahoma in Comanche County. All of these completed projects will benefit tribal members in all of these counties, so these road ways will be safer to travel on for tribal members and the communities.

The Comanche Nation Transportation is still working on few more projects one in Cotton County and one in Comanche county which these projects should be completed by the end of September or beginning of October.

The Comanche Nation Transportation will be attending The 2018 National Transportation In Indian Country Conference September 17-20, in Duluth, Minnesota and will also will be attending 21st Annual Nation Tribal Transportation Conference September 24-27, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. These Conferences will be very informative on the Federal level as to what transportation will be doing in the future.

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

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 Enterprises, Inc. (CNE)

We are beginning to recruit qualified Comanche members for potential expansion:

- All Industries
- All Disciplines
- All Experience Levels
- Potential Full Time Employment and Possible Internships

Submit your resume today and help us build our database

We want you to join our growth as we develop new businesses and pursue new fields. You could be part of a corporation with a mission of diversifying funds and giving back to the Comanche Nation!









Submit all resumes for Comanche Nation Enterprises to Angel Alexander via email at: angelalexander@comanchenationenterprises.com



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Comanche Nation Environmental IAQ (Indoor Air Quality)

IAQ Fun Fact: Simply breathing air or dust that is tainted with rodent urine or droppings is enough to sicken some households. unknowingly inhaling contaminated dust can result in illnesses such as Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome, Hemorrhagic Fever or Lymphocytic Chorio-meningitis.



Fall in Comanche Country means lots of fire, and as the temperatures drop, your common rodents are actively looking for shelter and food. Now is the time to prepare against these pesky rodents so that you don't find yourself experiencing an infestation this winter. Here are some precautions you can take now to keep these cold weather roommates at bay:

1. **Clean your kitchen:** Rodents are most likely to find food in the kitchen and under the sink. Clean the floor, sweep, mop, and clean the sink. Use a brush to clean the drain and the trash can. Use a brush to clean the trash can. Use a brush to clean the trash can.
2. **Don't invite them in:** Close your doors and windows. Use weatherstripping on doors and windows. Use weatherstripping on doors and windows. Use weatherstripping on doors and windows.
3. **Disinfect:** Rodents often find their way into homes, offices, and cars. Disinfect all surfaces that come in contact with rodents. Use a disinfectant that kills germs.
4. **Clean the gutters:** Clogged gutters can cause water to overflow and seep into your home. Clean your gutters regularly to prevent water damage.
5. **Maintain your yard:** Keep your yard free of debris. Trim trees and bushes. Remove any brush or debris from your yard.

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

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

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Indigenous People's Day. The motion was seconded by Jay Burk, Ward 4.

Since its passing, people of several tribal nations came together to organize a day of Celebration on October 8. After months of planning, the celebration of Indigenous Peoples Day is a full day of recognizing the first peoples of this land.

Some of the sponsors of the event will be the Comanche National Museum, I AM NDN, and the (Ft. Sill) Apache Casino.

The morning session will be held at the Comanche National Museum and Elmer Thomas Park. This includes the opening ceremonies, celebratory march, and learning stations for the visiting schools.

The afternoon session will be held at the (Ft. Sill) Apache Casino which will include a tribal leader's panel, student educational leader's panel, and entertainment.

One of the main events is the Indigenous Fashion Show, scheduled for 7 p.m. at the Apache Casino in Lawton, Okla.

Cindy Famer, coordinator of the fashion show, said the show will display both traditional and contemporary Native fashions.

"We have many talented designers who create beautiful ribbon shirts, ribbon skirts, and other Native fashions. We want to show off their designs," said Famer.

She added in addition to Native fashion, there will also be Mexican, Filipino, and other fashions displayed as well.

To spectate the fashion show, an entrée fee of three canned or non-perishable goods are required. All food collected will go to the Lawton Food Bank.

Vendors can set up at the event for \$50. Contact Marion Simons, (580) 585-7565.

Dr. Pewewardy said he is very excited about the inaugural Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration.

"No other cultural or ethnic group in this country has endured greater distortions of its cultural identity than American Indians and Alaska Natives. Whether due to cultural ignorance, lack of access to Native professors or to culturally stereotype everything typical of American film industry, mainstream films focus mostly on manufactured images that the general public recognizes, which is a colonial gaze.

One feature about Indigenous Peoples' Day is that it is scheduled on the same day as Columbus Day, the second Monday of each year. It is not simply that Columbus is identified as the one who started the conquest and enslavement of Native/Indigenous peoples, the exploitation of their labor and the natural resources, and the genocidal destruction of whole cultures and peoples. Columbus Day to many Indigenous peoples has come to represent a huge legacy of suffering and destruction. He sets this modern framework of 500 years of colonization of the Indigenous peoples of North America and defines the outer limits of that legacy, which is the total destruction of Indigenous cultures.

Myth-making is what the American story of American Indians/Alaska Native, Native/Indigenous peoples is all about. The Walt Disney version of the Noble Savage comes after two centuries of more of the grand narrative construction during which American Indian images of a "defeated people" became a multi-faceted symbol for white settlers in United States.

Without accurate information to counter and replace these negative "Indian" stereotypes, school children are left with manufactured impressions of Hollywood-type ethnic caricatures. Until dysconscious racism is confronted, American Indians will never completely escape the Nobel Savage impressions in sports culture and the media, always remain historically freeze-dried and colonized within the American imagination and ultimately invisible to the mainstream discourse on this critical teaching moment.

There is more than one way to teach about the story of Christo-

pher Columbus. As an Indigenous scholar, I join the ongoing discourse about tribal sovereignty, power, and indigeneity—and the epistemological debates that each of these terms engender—within and across disparate and at times incommensurable disciplines and geographies.

Indigenous Peoples' Day is about love. It's about love for the Indigenous peoples and their stories of survival and resilience. Critically conscious people cannot ignore the negative feelings and treatment of Indigenous peoples in a racist society. White settler hero worship illustrates a western frontier mentality of "how the west was won." Subsequently, "the only good Indian is a dead Indian" is an American aphorism uttered by General Phillip Sheridan during the Plains Indian campaigns of the 1860s and at one time this frame of mind was considered a tenable, even popular, solution to the so-called "Indian Problem."

Indigenous Peoples' Day in Lawton is a grass-roots, front-line, oppositional, place-based movement working across tribal and international discourses. Personal steps toward liberatory practice are a process of decolonization, an inherent right to self-determination.

Much of the process of decolonization is to understand Indigenous reality. It is that reality and its problems that are important to analyze and discuss. Theoretically, moving through the processes of colonization redirects ones consciousness in the direction of liberating colonial thinking and affirming Indigenous ways of knowing and pathway for understanding the roots of racism, violence, conflict, resolution and reconciliation, said Pewewardy.

For more information, contact Pewewardy by email: pewewardyc@yahoo.com.

INDIGENOUS Peoples' Day

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

LOCATION - COMANCHE NATIONAL MUSEUM, 701 NW FERRIS AVE., LAWTON

- 8:30 - 9 A.M. CHECK IN**
- 9 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. OPENING CEREMONIES**
- 9:30 A.M. - 10 A.M. CELEBRATORY MARCH (AT ELMER THOMAS PARK)**
- 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. S.T.E.A.M LEARNING STATIONS**
- 2 P.M. - 4 P.M. CULTURAL YOUTH ACTIVITIES**

LOCATION - APACHE CASINO. 2315 E. GORE BLVD, LAWTON

- 2 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. ENTERTAINMENT**
- 3:30 P.M. - 5 P.M. TRIBAL LEADERS PANEL**
- 4 P.M. - 5:30 P.M. STATE OF SOVEREIGN NATIONS**
- 5 P.M. - 6 P.M. STUDENT EDUCATIONAL LEADERS PANEL**
- 6 P.M. - 7 P.M. FEAST**
- 7 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. INDIGENOUS FASHION SHOW (3 CANNED/NON-PERISHABLE GOODS TO ENTER)**
- 8:30 P.M. - 9 P.M. CLOSING CEREMONIES**



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Native American Church leaders after a Peyote Meeting the morning after an all-night prayer ceremony, circa 1892. Three notables Comanche Leaders are on the front row: Red Sun - first person on the left, Chief Quanah Parker - second person on the left, Chebahtah - last person on the right. In the 1890s, James Mooney, an anthropologist from the Smithsonian Institution advised peyotists of various Oklahoma tribes to obtain a legal charter to protect their religious freedom. The Native American Church was officially incorporated on October 10, 1918. The peyote movement was incorporated as the Native American Church in an effort to find legal protection against a number of state laws passed against the use of peyote. The Articles of Incorporation of the Native American Church consisted of Mack Haag, and Sidney White Crane of the Cheyenne Tribe of Indians, Charles W. Daily, George Pipestem and Charles E. Moore, members of the Otoe Tribe of Indians, Frank Eagle of the Ponca Tribe of Indians, Wilbur Peawa and Mam Sookwat, members of the Comanche Tribe of Indians, Kiowa Charley of the Kiowa Tribe of Indians, and Apache Ben of the [Kiowa-] Apache Tribe of Indians, whom were all residents of the State of Oklahoma, and associated together to form a religious and benevolent association under the laws of the State of Oklahoma. ARTICLE II of the Charter States: The purpose for which this corporation is formed is to foster and promote the religious belief of the several tribes of Indians in the State of Oklahoma, in the Christian religion with the practice of the Peyote Sacrament as commonly understood and used among the adherents of this religion in the several tribes of Indians in the State of Oklahoma, and to teach the Christian religion with morality, sobriety, industry, kindly charity and right living and to cultivate a spirit of self-respect and brotherly union among the members of the Native Race of Indians, including therein the various Indian tribes in the State of Oklahoma. Quanah Parker is the individual most associated with the early history of Peyotism and the Native American Church. Chief Parker died February 20, 1911 and then seven (7) years later the legalization came into effect in 1918.

Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

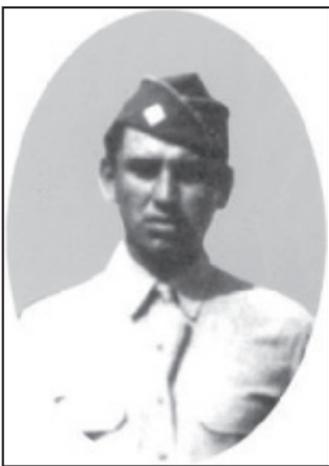
Code Talker Memorial Dedication

On October 15, starting at 1 p.m., a 5' x 2 1/2' granite dye will be placed at the Walters Cemetery Veterans Circle of Honor to memorialize the 22 Comanches that served as Code Talkers during World Wars I & II. The site of the memorial was chosen because 15 of the Code Talkers were either born or raised in Cotton County, seven are buried at the Walters Cemetery, – the 15 Code Talkers from Cotton County are Calvin Atchavit; George Clark; Edward Albert Nahquaddy Sr. (buried in Walters); Samuel Tabbytosavit (buried in Walters); Haddon Codynah (buried in Walters); Robert Holder (buried in Walters); Wellington Mihecoby; Edward Albert Nahquaddy Jr. (buried in Walters); Clifford Otitivo Sr; Melvin Permansu; Elgin Red Elk (buried in Walters); Roderick Red Elk; Anthony Tabbytite; Ralph Wahnee; and Willis Yackeschi (buried in Walters). The remaining seven Code Talkers are Gilbert Conwoop; Charles Chibitty; Forrest Kassaravoid; Perry Noyobad; Simmons Parker; Larry Saupity; and Morris (Sunrise) Tabbyyetchy all from Comanche County. All the Code Talker names are listed on the granite dye.



Courtesy Photo

Robert Holder Buried in Walters



Courtesy Photo

Edward Nahquaddy Jr. Buried in Walters



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Edward Nahquaddy Sr. Buried in Walters



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Elgin Red Elk, Buried in Walters



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Samuel Tabbytosavit Buried in Walters



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Haddon Codynah Buried in Walters



Courtesy Photo

Willis Yackeschi, buried in Walters

John David Wahnee, son of Code Talker Ralph Wahnee, came up with the idea of placing the Memorial in Walters, the county seat of Cotton County, because the majority of the Code Talkers were from Cotton County. He began perusing the idea by presenting it to the Comanche Business Committee (CBC), during the March 2018 monthly meeting, requesting funding for the memorial. Funding was approved at the April CBC meeting. The final design and verbiage was completed on July 29 by CIVA Historian, Lanny Asepermy, and Billy Elridge, of Lawton Monument. There are three other granite dyes already at the Veterans Circle of Honor that recognizes veterans from Cotton County.

The tentative agenda for the dedication includes a Welcome by Wahnee; an Invocation by Jimmy Caddo; presentation of the Colors by the CIVA; a Memorial and Flag Song by Berky Monoessy and Norman Nani; the National Anthem by Sarah Pohawpatchoko; retiring of the colors; a history of the Code Talkers by Lanny Asepermy; remarks from

Chairman Willie Nelson; remarks from the Mayor of Walters – Roberta Ellis; Keynote Speaker Wallace Coffey; unveiling of the memorial by family members of the Code Talkers and the Code Talker song; closing prayer by Coffey. A meal will follow at the Walters Community Center.

The Code Talkers have been recognized many times beginning in November 1989 at the state capitol, in Oklahoma City, when the French government presented the Comanche Nation with the Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Merite Medal in honor of both the Comanche and Choctaw Code Talkers; on November 20, 2001, Charles Chibitty, the last living Code Talker, was presented with the Army Knowlton Award for outstanding military intelligence work; in 2002 William C. Meadows published a 336 page book titled "The Comanche Code of World War II;" in April 2003 the Louisiana Army National Guard, at Camp Beauregard, La., dedicated a life-size monument in honor of the Comanche Code Talkers of World War II and the Choctaw Code Talkers of World War I; in September 2003, the CIVA and Comanche Nation dedicated a life-size memorial at the Nation's HQs called the "Spirit Talker"; on October 15, 2008, President George W. Bush signed into law the Code Talker Recognition Act of 2008 awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the Code Talkers of World Wars I and II; on November 2011 the 14 Code Talkers that served overseas during World War II were inducted into the OK Military Hall of Fame; between March and May 2013 markers were placed at the gravesite of the 22 Code Talkers identifying them as Code Talkers, Congressional Gold Medal recipients and OK Military Hall of Fame inductees; on November 20, 2013, then Chairman Wallace Coffey was presented (posthumously) the Congressional Gold Medal in Washington, D.C.; on February 21, 2014, the Comanche Nation presented duplicate Silver Congressional Medals to the next of kin of each Code Talker from both wars; on June 9, 2014, the French government presented George Red Elk, son of Code Talker Roderick Red Elk, with the French Legion of Honour, the highest civilian award of the French government – it was presented at Utah Beach in Normandy, France; on October 25, 2014, the Code Talkers of World War II were inducted into the Texas Trail of Fame at the Stockyards in Fort Worth, Texas; and on March 20, 2015, the Central Issue Facility Building on Fort Sill was dedicated as Code Talker Hall in honor of the Comanche, Kiowa, Cheyenne and other Oklahoma Tribal Code Talkers. And now yet another well deserved honor to the Code Talkers.

CIVA Activities

On August 2, the monthly meeting was held at the New Conference Room. 18 veterans, 14 Auxiliary and seven guests were in attendance (39 total attendees). An opening blessing was provided by Chaplain Jimmy Caddo followed by the Pledge to Allegiance led by Walter Torralba. The meal was provided by Shelley Asepermy and Tavia Torralba. The July minutes, Spoils and Treasurer Reports were all approved. A review of Comanche Homecoming and the funerals for Tyrus Mahsetky and Riley Wahnee was done. Former Commander, Ron Mahsetky, thanked everyone who attended his uncle's funeral in Irving, Texas.

Upcoming events were discussed – Color Guard for the Jacobson House Pow-wow on August 4; visit to Seagoville, Texas to the 961st Engineering Battalion to give them the name "Task Force Comanche" as they deploy to Iraq in November; Shelby Mata's Honor Pow-wow on September 15; 11 Comanche Nation Fair commitments; and approval as Color Guard for the American Indian Exposition on August 16.

An unexpected presentation was made by Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko as he made a marriage



Courtesy Photo

Left to right, Keller Roaming Warrior; Roger Tehauno; Lavena Honea; George Red Elk; Benjamin Honea; Lanny Asepermy; Ricardo Flores and Clifford Takawana (Photo by Linda Tehauno)



Courtesy Photo

Senior Airman Tyler Kosechata to the left of the drum with members of his family, his unit and the CIVA.



Courtesy Photo

Funeral Detail for Bryan Ahdosy at Highland Cemetery left to right, Roger Tehauno; Lanny Asepermy; Cheryl Takawana; Clifford Takawana; Linda Tehauno; Richard Sapcutt; Jimmy Caddo; Clifford Red Elk and Shelley Asepermy.

proposal to Shirley Rivera – she accepted. No date was set for the wedding.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. Joseph and Elizabeth Plata provided Rush Springs watermelons to all the members after the meeting.

On August 4, nine veterans and seven Auxiliary members provided the Color Guard for the Jacobson House Pow-wow in Norman.

On August 8, Roger and Linda Tehauno, Clifford Takawana, Lanny Asepermy, George Red Elk, Keller Roaming Warrior and Ricardo Flores placed a flat bronze military marker for Benjamin Loyd Honea at Post Oak Cemetery. The widow and son, Lavena and Benjamin, were present for the placement. Breakfast was provided to the family after the placement. The Tehauno's, Asepermy, Red Elk and Flores then drove to Cache Creek Cemetery, west of Apache, and placed the marker of Henry Leon Parker. Parker family members were unable to attend. This was the 252nd and 253rd marker placement by the CIVA.

On August 9, Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko received a call from the aunt (Vicki Sanders) of Senior Airman Tyler Kosechata, telling him that her nephew was deploying for Kuwait on August 11. On August 11, six veterans and four Auxiliary members from the CIVA were up at 4:30 a.m., drove from Cache, Mount Scott, Fletcher, Apache, Lawton and Anadarko to the Oklahoma City Airport to see SA Kosechata off. After checking in at 7:15 a.m. he was presented with a Veterans Gift Bag in the terminal.

The CIVA, Kosechata and his family moved outside the terminal where he was given a blessing by Chaplain Jimmy Caddo. Two War Journeys songs were sung, by Kenny Looking Glass, as his relatives and

CIVA danced to the songs – under the circumstances, he was given a Warrior's send off. Making the trip was Pohawpatchoko, Roger and Linda Tehauno, Lanny and Shelley Asepermy, Caddo, Clifford Red Elk, Keller Roaming Warriors, Shirley Rivera, Tavia Torralba and her son Walter. Kosechata's stepmother, three aunts, his girlfriend and two other airmen being deployed with Kosechata were also present.

On August 16, a Funeral Detail was provided for the family of Bryan Matthew "Dewey" Ahdosy at the CN Funeral Home and Highland Cemetery. Six veterans and four Auxiliary were present. The detail marked the 251st funeral the CIVA has conducted. Ahdosy was born on April 30, 1957, and passed away on August 11, 2018, at age 61 years.

A Color Guard was provided for the American Indian Exposition (Indian Fair) Grand Entry at the Fairgrounds in Anadarko. Three members of the Kiowa Women Warrior Color Guard assisted with the Grand Entry. 10 veterans and five Auxiliary members participated in the event that was held on August 16. This marked the 106th overall commitment and the 15th Color Guard commitment for the CIVA since October 1, 2017.



Courtesy Photo

Jimmy Caddo, Kevin Pohawpatchoko and Kimberly Toyekoyah



Courtesy Photo

Matthew Tafoya in 1983 and 2017



Courtesy Photo

Lewis F. Kowena



Courtesy Photo

Mindy Tomah and Roderick Holden Takewahpoor

A Funeral Detail was provided for the Matthew Tafoya family on August 25, at the CN Funeral Home.

Tafoya was born (in Los Angeles, Cali.) on October 9, 1961, and passed away on August 24, 2018, at age 56 years. Despite a Saturday service, 10 veterans and five Auxiliary gave up part of their weekend and attended. He was buried at the Santa Clara Pueblo Catholic Church Cemetery in New Mexico on August 27.

Tafoya served, with Honor, in the Army from August 31, 1983, to July 5, 1986, earning the rank of Specialists 4. He completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training, as a Transportation Specialist, at Fort Dix, N.J. Tafoya served at Fort Devlin, Mass., before deploying to Mannheim, Germany with the 51st Transportation Company for the remainder of his military service. He was discharged at Fort Jackson, S.C.

His awards include the National Defense Service medal, the Army Service and Overseas ribbons, the Drivers Badge with/Wheel Driver Bar and Marksman Badge with/M16 Rifle Bar. He is the son of the late Dan Jose and Billie Ahdosy Tafoya and was living in Elgin at the time of his death.

This marked the 14 Funeral Detail for the CIVA since January 1, 2018, and 252nd overall. I have to mention two special members of the CIVA that attended the funeral – Joseph and Elizabeth Plata drove 40 miles from Rush Springs. Plata broke five ribs (two are compound fractures) on August 17 and Elizabeth is taking Chemo treatments for cancer yet despite the pain they are both suffering they were there for a family they did not know, they were there for a veteran they never met. My hat goes off to these members. A good word for their gesture is called dedication. Members of their caliber are often sought but seldom found. Only another veteran would understand what motivates what they did this day – I understand as do the other nine veterans and four Auxiliary members that were also there for the funeral as we provided comfort and support to the family during their darkest hour.

On August 31, George Red Elk and Lanny Asepermy placed an

upright military marker for the family of Vernon Hoag at the Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko. This was one of the most difficult markers placed by the CIVA. The ground was extremely hard (took an hour to dig an 18" hole), the weather was hot and the marker was very heavy to move for a 70 and 72 year old both with bad backs. Neither veteran knew Hoag and no family members were present. Red Elk concluded the placement with a very powerful prayer for the deceased.

A Funeral Detail was provided to the family of Lewis Finis Koweno on September 6 at the Post Oak Mennonite Church in Indianoma. Burial followed at Post Oak Cemetery.

Kowena was born on March 31, 1926, and passed away on September 1, 2018, in Shawnee. He was one of only three living Comanche World War II veterans – the only two remaining living WWII veterans are Leroy Esadooah, age 96, from Norman and Thurman Ray Tahsuda, age 92, from Anadarko.

Kowena served, with Honor, in the Army from July 5, 1944, to November 26, 1946, earning the rank of Private. He completed his Basic and Occupation Training, as a Cannon Crewman, at Fort Sill. Kowena arrived in France on January 12, 1945, and fought toward the end of the largest land battle in U.S. military history, the Battle of the Bulge. He was a 155mm Tractor Drawn Howitzer Artillery Crewman with the 974th Field Artillery Battalion under the command of General George S. Patton's Third Army known as "Hell on Wheels."

After the war he performed occupation duty in and around Sunching, Germany until he returned to then Camp Hood, Texas. His final assignment was with Battery A, 14th Armored Field Artillery Battalion. He was discharged at Camp Hood.

His awards include the American Campaign; the EAME with/2 Battle Stars; the World War II Victory; and the Army of Occupation with/Germany Clasp Medals; the Honorable Service Lapel Button; and two Overseas (Combat) Bars. The CIVA recognized him for his military service at their 2013 Armed Forces

Day Banquet at the Comanche Community Center in Apache. Seven veterans and six Auxiliary members attended either the Prayer Service and/or the Funeral. While at the cemetery all members of the funeral detail became drenched by the steady rain that fell during the burial. Nevertheless, they presented final honors without hesitation or complaint.

The CIVA monthly meeting and meal was held in the Patriot Room on September 6. After the opening prayer by Jimmy Caddo, the Pledge to Allegiance was led by Danielle and Vivian Tomah (the daughters of Kent and Mindy Tomah). The meal was provided by Elizabeth and Victoria Plata.

After the meal, honors were presented to Roderick Holden Takewahpoor for his military service including a tour in Vietnam. He was presented with an embroidered Grateful Nation Pendleton, a framed 16 x 20 Honor Certificate, a Veterans Gift Package and a stipend. Mindy Tomah, wife of active member and active duty soldier, Captain Kent Tomah III, was presented with a Service Shawl and Blanket, a framed Auxiliary membership certificate, an Auxiliary medallion and T-shirt and a stipend.

The August minutes, Treasurer and Spoils Reports all passed. Discussion of upcoming commitments was finalized – this included a Memorial Service for Thompson Flute on September 8, Co-hosting the Indigenous Peoples' Day Benefit Pow-wow on September 9, the Color Guard for the Shelby Mata Honor Pow-wow in Walters on September 15 and the Comanche Fair from September 21-23. The fair commitments include three flag raising and lowering ceremonies for four deceased Comanche veterans, the Color Guard for three Grand Entries and the Color Guard for the parade. Also discussed were honors for the Distinguished Comanche of the Year, Brigadier General (Retired) Jonathan George. A donation of \$100 was presented by DBA BSP Convention 2018 to the CIVA for providing the Color Guard for the Beta Sigma Fi Convention on June 22. 14 veterans, 15 Auxiliary and 22 guests (51 total attendees) were present for the meeting that adjourned at 8:26 p.m. Caddo "cedared" many of the attendees after the meeting.

In the September edition of TCNN, photos and bio's of six Bennett brothers was published. A seventh brother, Charles A. Bennett (deceased), also served. He served in the Army from 1972-75 earning the rank of Private First Class. Thomas and Mary Pahcody Bennett had nine sons of which seven served in the military – I know of no other Comanche family that had seven siblings serve in the military which is a tribute to the patriotism of the Bennett family, the Nation and the Republic. A photo of Bennett is not available.

A reminder to all Comanche veterans that the CIVA Auxiliary provides a meal to you and a guest at our monthly meetings. The meetings are held the first Thursday of each month starting a 6 p.m. in the Patriot Room. You do not have to stay for the business portion of the meeting.

New Photos



Courtesy Photo

Roderick G. Holden (Takewahpoor) in April 1966

The following photo of Roderick G. Holden (Takewahpoor) was given to Lanny Asepermy on August 7.

Holden was drafted into the Army on April 13, 1966, and served, with Honor, for one year, nine months and 10 days earning the rank

of Private First Class. He completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Bliss, Texas and Occupation Training, as a Cook, at Fort Ord, Cali. PFC Holden spent the next 11 months and 10 days in Vietnam based at Long Binh, Bien Hoa, Camp Red Ball, Camp Davis and Chu Lai with the 223 Supply and Service Company, 29 General Support Group, 1st Logistical Command the Military Advisory Command-Vietnam. His primary duties in Vietnam were riding "Shotgun" on numerous supply convoys, loading and unloading supplies at the Command Depot and as a cook briefly. He was discharged at Fort Dix, N.J.

His awards include the National Defense Service, Vietnam Service with/4 Battle Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with/Palm and Vietnam Campaign with/1960 Device. His mother is the late Muriel Redbird Holden and his father is the late Melvin Whitefeather. He has been married for 39 years to Rozanna Takewahpoor. It is noted that Takewahpoor compiled and published a 136-page book called "Narrative of Comanche Men and Women." I personally found the book one of the most interesting books about many of our forgotten Warriors, leaders, treaties, conflicts and battles.

Bryan M. Ahdosy



Courtesy Photo

Bryan M. Ahdosy in February 1982

Received a photo of Bryan M. Ahdosy prior to his funeral on August 16. He served, with Honor, in the Oklahoman Army National Guard from December 13, 1982, to October 17, 1985, earning the rank of Private.

Ahdosy completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training, as a Heavy Anti-Armor Weapons Crewman, at Fort Benning, Ga. After his training he was assigned to Detachment 1, Company B, 180th Infantry Regiment (TOW), 45th Infantry Division based in Walters, Okla.

His awards include the Army Service and OKARNG Good Conduct Ribbons, the Marksman Qualification Badge as a TOW Gunner, the Sharpshooter Qualification Badge with/M16 Rifle Bar and the Expert Qualification Badge with/Hand Grenade Bar.

He is the son of the late William and Mary Ruth Tsatigh Ahdosy.

Otto T. Mahsetky Sr.



Courtesy Photo

Otto T. Mahsetky Sr. in 1968

Received this photo of Otto Thomas Mahsetky Sr. on August 22, from his son, Cody. Mahsetky was born on October 19, 1949, and passed away on February 25, 2012. His final resting place is Deyo Indian Mission Cemetery west of Lawton.

He served with Honor, in the Marine Corps from May 9, 1968, to December 12, 1969, earning the rank of Private First Class. Mahsetky served in Vietnam from January 4 to December 11, 1969, as a Cannon Crewman with Battery F, 2nd Battalion, 11th Marines, 1st Marine Division.

His awards include the Presidential and Meritorious Unit Citations, the Combat Action Ribbon and the National Defense Service, Vietnam Service with/4 Battle Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with/Palm and the Vietnam Campaign with/1960 Device medals.

Mahsetky is the son of Marcy Mahsetky and the late Oneda Blackstar and the grandson of the late Rhoda Pauau and the late Lee Motah and Mike and Sophia (Tahmahkera) Mahsetky. His flag will be flown at the CN Fair on September 23.

Tyler Kosechata



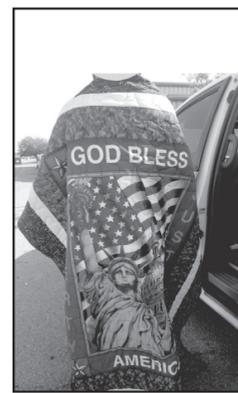
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Kosechata

Received this photo of Tyler Kosechata on August 11. He enlisted in the Air Force on January 27, 2015, completed his Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas, and his Tech School at Fort Lee, Va., as an Aerial Logistics Specialist.

He has since been stationed at Altus AFB, Okla., serving with the 97th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Kosechata deployed to Kuwait on August 11.

He is the son of Sallon and Vicki Kosechata (from Jacksboro, Texas) and the grandson of Roland Kosechata.



VALOR APPRECIATION. Vincent Pocowatchit, who served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960 - 1964, received a handmade quilt from The Quilts of Valor Foundation, as a token of gratitude for his service and sacrifice to protect the United States of America.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Culinary Corner

October 2018 Puhipuha						
Sunday Puha Tabeni	Monday Suma Habitta	Tuesday Wana Habitta	Wednesday Pahi Habitta	Thursday Hayarokwe Habitta	Friday Tuhima Tabeni	Saturday Tee Puha Tabeni
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Corn Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) Container sour cream
- 1/2 Cup unsalted butter, softened
- 1 (15 ounce) Can creamed corn
- 1 (15 ounce) Can whole kernel corn
- 1 (8.5 ounce) Package corn bread mix

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350°F (175°C).
2. In a mixing bowl, stir together the sour cream, butter, creamed corn, corn nibblets and corn muffin mix.
3. Pour into a 1 quart casserole dish and bake for 40 minutes.

Old Fashioned Chicken and Noodles

Ingredients

- 1 (2 to 3 pound) whole chicken, cut into pieces
- 4 Stalks celery, diced
- 1 Carrot, shredded
- 1 Onion, halved
- Ground black pepper to taste
- 3 (32 ounce) containers chicken broth
- 2 Eggs, beaten
- 1 Cup warm water
- 2 Tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 Teaspoon salt
- 3 Cups all-purpose flour

Directions

1. In a large pot over medium heat, combine chicken, celery and their tops, carrot, onion and its peel, and pepper. Pour broth over and bring to a boil. Cover, reduce heat and simmer until chicken is tender and falls from the bone, about 45 minutes.
2. While chicken is cooking, make noodles. In a large bowl, combine eggs, water, oil, salt and enough of the flour to make a stiff dough.
3. Strain chicken stock, reserving meat, celery and carrots. Pull meat from bones and return strained stock and meat, celery and carrots to pot. Bring to a boil. Make noodles by cutting dough from a broth-dipped spoon or using scissors or your fingers to make small, chickpea sized, noodles and dropping them in the boiling water. When the noodles rise to the surface they are done.



Recipes for Home Cooking



Gram's Chicken Pot Pie

Ingredients

- 1 (2 to 3 pound) Whole chicken
- 1 (10.75 ounce) Can condensed cream of mushroom soup
- 1 (10 ounce) Package frozen green peas, thawed
- 2 Cups water, or as needed
- 1 Teaspoon chicken bouillon granules
- 2 (9 inch) Deep dish frozen pie crusts, thawed

Directions

1. In a large heavy pot, place chicken and water to cover. Bring to a boil and let simmer uncovered for 30 minutes, adding water as needed. When chicken is boiled and tender, pick all the meat off the bones.
2. Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C).
3. Open 1 can of cream of mushroom soup and pour into a small saucepan. Add frozen peas and

carrots, water and chicken bouillon to taste. Simmer all together until the soup is smooth. Add chicken meat and mix all together.

4. Pour chicken and soup mixture into one pie crust and cover with the other crust. Seal the edges and cut a small steam hole in the top crust. Bake in the preheated oven 30 to 35 minutes or until crust is brown.

Hush Puppies

Ingredients

- 1 Cup cornmeal
- 1/4 Cup all-purpose flour
- 2 Teaspoons sugar
- 3/4 Teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 Teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 Teaspoon salt
- 1 Beaten egg
- 1/2 Cup buttermilk or sour milk

- 1/4 Cup sliced green onions (2)
- Shortening or cooking oil for deep-fat frying

Directions

1. In a medium bowl combine cornmeal, flour, sugar, baking powder, baking soda, and salt. Make a well in center of flour mixture; set aside.
2. In another bowl combine egg, buttermilk, and green onions. Add egg mixture all at once to flour mixture. Stir just until moistened (batter should be lumpy).
3. Drop batter by tablespoons into deep, hot fat (375°F). Fry about 3 minutes or until golden, turning once. Drain on paper towels. Serve warm.

Overnight Waffles

Ingredients

- 2 1/4 Cups all-purpose flour

- 2 Tablespoons sugar
- 1 Package active dry yeast
- 1 Teaspoon vanilla (optional)
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 1 3/4 Cups milk
- 2 Eggs
- 1/3 Cup cooking oil or melted butter

Directions

1. In a large bowl stir together flour, sugar, yeast, vanilla (if desired), and salt; add milk, eggs, and oil. Beat with an electric mixer until thoroughly combined. Cover batter loosely and chill overnight or up to 24 hours.
2. Stir batter. Pour about 3/4 cup batter onto a preheated, lightly greased waffle baker. Close lid quickly; do not open until done. Bake according to manufacturer's directions. When done, use a fork to lift waffle off grid. Repeat with remaining batter. Serve warm. Discard any remaining batter.

Comanche Word Search

Find the Comanche words in the Word Search Below. Words can be found in ALL directions. Good Luck!!

By Stacey Heminokky and Paula Karty/News Staff

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Word Bank

- OCTOBER- PUHIPUHA
- SCARED- WU?YURUHKIKATU
- WITCH- TETSUHPAH
- BLACK- TUHUPITU
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- CAT- WA?OO
- SPIDER WEB- WANA?AIPU

People, Places and Things Happening

Comanche Born in England



Courtesy Photo

Parker

The family of Leonard Parker is proud to announce the birth of Parker H. Blessing. Parker was born on May 26, 2018 in Lakenheath England. Her parents are Sgt. Joseph M. Blessing and Chasity R. Parker-Blessing. Mr. Blessing is stationed at R.A.F. Lakenheath Air Force Base located in, Lakenheath England. Parker H. Blessing birth marks five generations still living in the Parker bloodline. Blessing, fourth generation, was born July 8, 1994 in Lawton, Okla. Mrs. Blessing's mother Crystal L. Parker, third generation, was born May 13, 1976 in Clinton Okla., and Mrs. Parker's father, Leonard Keith Parker was born May 21, 1955 in Lawton, Okla., second generation. Leonard Parker Sr., was born December 29, 1927 in Comanche County Okla., first generation. Leonard is the grandson of Quannah Parker, the Great grandson of Peta Nacona, and great great grandson of Iron Jacket. Parker H. Blessing will be enrolled as a Comanche Nation Tribal member.

NAJA Board Elects Tristan Ahtone President



Courtesy Photos

Ahtone

The NAJA Board unanimously elected Tristan Ahtone (Kiowa) to fill the vacant president seat during the monthly meeting Aug. 30.

Ahtone is a citizen of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, a lifetime NAJA member and associate editor for tribal affairs at High Country News. His stories have won multiple honors, including investigative awards from Public Radio News Directors Incorporated and the Gannett Foundation. He is a graduate of the Institute of American Indian Arts and Columbia School of Journalism. In 2017 Ahtone was awarded a Nieman Fellowship to study at Harvard University.

"I am truly honored and excited to serve as NAJA president," said Ahtone. "We want to continue to provide support for Native journalists, and promote the amazing work our membership does - to ensure the highest standards of journalism and advocate for principles in line with our own unique traditions, outlooks and worldviews."

Ahtone has served two previous terms on the board of directors and was elected to a third term during the National Native Media Conference in July 2018.

Bryan Pollard (Cherokee) resigned his seat on the Native American Journalists Association Board of Directors on Aug. 29, after being elected to a third term as president in July 2018.

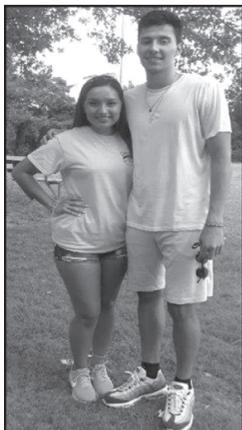
Pollard will join NAJA in the new full-time staff position of director of programs and strategic partnerships, where he will oversee programming including annual conference training, awards, the Native American Journalism Fellowship (NAJF) and the RED Press Initiative. He will also be responsible for developing partnerships and assisting with fundraising, in accordance with the organization's 2018-2020 strategic plan.

Pollard joins NAJA after serving as the communications director and AmeriCorps VISTA Coordinator at the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative at the University of Arkansas. Prior to joining the U of A, he was executive editor of the Cherokee Phoenix, the tribal news media for the Cherokee Nation based in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. The Phoenix was the first Native American newspaper originally published in 1828. He is also a founder of Street Roots, a nonprofit newspaper focused on issues of concern to the homeless and low-income citizens of Portland, Oregon.

Pollard has served as a mentor for numerous journalism organizations including the Oklahoma Institute for Diversity in Journalism, the Society of Professional Journalists, Working Press, UNITY News, Online News Association, NAJF and NAJA's Project Phoenix. He is currently pursuing a master's in journalism with an emphasis on documentary filmmaking.

For more information, visit www.naja.com.

Simmons Attends Honorary Dinner



Courtesy Photo

Simmons and Waters III

Tribal member, Jordyn Simmons, Senior at Apache High School in Apache, Okla., attended an honorary dinner for her cousin, Anadarko Indian Exposition Indian of the Year "Lendy (Trey) Waters, III. Waters is a Junior at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, Okla., and a starting guard with the OSU Basketball team. Simmons is the daughter of Cynthia Tahmahkera and Martin Flores.

Photos Available: OCU Native American Society Sends Drum to Troops

The Oklahoma City University Native American Society (NAS) is loaning a drum to an Oklahoma National Guard troop currently deployed to Kuwait. NAS held a cedar-ing ceremony Thursday at the Bishop W. Angie Smith Chapel on campus to prepare the drum for its journey.

The troop's captain is Kiowa and their chaplain is a pastor in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

Harold Barse (Kiowa/Sisseton, Wahpeton, Sioux/Wichita) from the Norman First American United Methodist Church performed the ceremony.

The drum has been part of the society's collection since the 1980s. Society President Kevin Chisoe said NAS is honored to send the drum and has no doubt that it will be well cared for.

"We're sending this with pride," Chisoe, a senior accounting major, said. "One of our core purposes is to represent who we are, and to make it known out in the world. This is one of the ways we can do that."

Download images of the cedar-ing ceremony at the links below:

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For more information, call Rod Jones at (405) 208-5347 or (405) 301-7085; or Kim Mizar at (405) 208-5350.

Tribal Member and OU Student Receives President's Honor Roll



Courtesy Photo

Garbee

Tribal member, Madison Elaine Garbee, is a Junior at Oklahoma University and she has earned a 4.0 GPA her Sophomore year, last Spring semester and received the President's Honor Roll.

Garbee has a doubling major in Accounting and Finance.

Her family is very proud of her.

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Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

September 2- Bella Rose

Happy Birthday

- October 4- Rance Pollard
- October 10- Blakely Ruth
- October 12- Jolene Schonchin
- October 18- Christian Solis
- October 18- Kiyou William Kerchee
- October 19- Rodney Lukens
- October 27- Lorrie Mowatt

Happy Anniversary

Rusty and Karen Coffey
October 12 -- 16 years



Happy Birthday
Bella Rose
September 2



Happy Birthday
Blakely Ruth
October 10



Happy Birthday
Christian Solis
October 18



Happy Birthday
Kiyou William Kerchee
October 18



Happy Birthday
Kenzi Ototivo Martinez
November 4



Congratulations Sonya "BeBe" (Liles-Maiden) & Bill Haden Married August 27 at the Comanche Nation Court House, they were the first couple to be married there. BeBe is the Director for the Comanche Nation CHR/EMS Program and Bill is a Patrolman for the Comanche Nation Law Enforcement.

In Loving Memory

Herald "Tweet"
Parker
April 15, 1970- October 22, 2017
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CORRECTION

The September Edition of TCNN identified the Prevention and Recovery's Residential Treatment Center as the Men's Residential Shelter. TCNN apologizes for the mistake.

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Obituaries

Bobby Gene Tahpay



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Tahpay

Funeral Service for Bobby Gene Tahpay of Lawton, was August 24, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Burial followed at Cache KCA Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Tahpay passed away August 20, at Comanche Memorial with his wife Sandra Tahpay by his side, along with family and friends. Tahpay was born in Cache on February 1, 1938, to Cleveland and Elsie Tahpay. He was the youngest of his five siblings. Tahpay grew up in Cache, and attended school there, later on he started working at a young age. He was a truck driver for over 20 years. After truck driving he went on to be a Cab driver and 20 more years. He retired as a Cab Driver, after he retired he enjoyed numerous hobbies. He loved to volunteer at the King Center where he prepared coffee for the elderly and played dominoes with them. His other hobbies included watching football OU and OSU Cowboys were his favorite college teams. He loved to fish and exercise to keep up his strength. He also took care of his beloved dogs Bentley and Achilles. His previous dogs were Tiny, Rocky and Fat Fat. He was a member of the West Cache Nazarene Church. Tahpay grew up in Cache; he was a proud member of the Comanche Nation.

He is survived by his wife of the home Sandra Tahpay, numerous nieces, nephews and one sister in law June Tahpay of Walters.

He is preceded in death by his parents Cleveland and Elsie Tahpay, two brothers; Herschel Tahpay and Jimmy Jack Tahpay, two sisters; Annie Cable and Ollie Thomas. One sister in law

Rhoda Tahpay and one brother in law; Bruner Cable Sr.

On behalf of the family; they would like to thank everyone for the kind words and prayers.

Sheldon Pahdocony



Courtesy Photo
Pahdocony

Sheldon Pahdocony, 66, Apache went to his Heavenly home to meet his Father and be with his loved ones, August 21, at his home with his loving family by his side.

Grave side Service was August 25, at Highland Cemetery with Tina Baker officiating. Burial was in Highland Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Pahdocony was born May 30, 1953, in Lawton to Adolphus and Rita (Sapcut) Pahdocony. He grew up traveling throughout the United States as part of a military family; he was a very accomplished Rhythm and Blues guitarist, who was self-taught and played with many famous artists throughout the United States. A very talented Native American artist with his art being shown throughout the United States. He enjoyed being with his family and was a caregiver to his beloved mother and devoted to his dog Boobers. His favorite pastime was watching Third Rock from the Sun and his favorite girlfriend Zena Warrior Princess. He could also be found sitting in front of his computer researching for hours, days. He was also a meticulous, organized and a fun loving person. He was very respectful and loving to all he met. His favorite holiday was Christmas. Pahdocony enjoyed assisting his mother with the Comanche Language Preservation. One of the few remaining full blood members of the Comanche Nation, another fallen

Warrior.

He is survived by his mother, Rita Coosewoon of the home, Brothers; Gaylon K. Pahdocony, Dr. Blu Sampa Pahdocony, Shawn Barnhart. Sisters; Bethany Giles, and Postmaster Kimberlyn McGarry. Children; Sheldon A. Pahdocony Jr. "Dusty," and Sierra Pahdocony. Granddaughter Nichole Faith Pahdocony. Numerous Beloved Nieces, Nephews other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father Adolphus D. Pahdocony, grandfather Douglas Pahdocony, Grandmother Ida Wockmetooha, Brothers Allen D. Barnhart, Sister Tracey Renee Lanzot.

Matthew Tafoya



Courtesy Photo
Tafoya

Matthew Tafoya, 56, Elgin passed away August 24, with his loving family by his side. He was the father of Lorraine Tafoya, Matthew Tafoya Jr. Sabina Tafoya and Juliette Tafoya. He was an amazing and loving father.

Funeral Service was August 25, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with David Harjo officiating.

Funeral Mass was August 27, at Santa Clara Catholic Church, Santa Clara Pueblo, N.M. Burial followed at Santa Clara Catholic Church Cemetery.

Wake Service was at Rose Tsoodle Residence at 414 Lone Hill Road Espanola, N.M., 87532.

Born in Los Angeles, California, he was the son of Billie Rose Ahdosy and Jose Daniel Tafoya. He was the eighth of nine children. He will be remembered for loving heart, kindness, and free spirit. He was an artist who made kachina dolls, and pottery pieces. He loved hunting and fishing. He played the harmonica and loved talking to people and telling jokes. He was a member of the Comanche Nation.

He served with honor in the Army from August 31, 1983 to July 5, 1987 earning the rank of Specialist; he completed basic training and Advanced Individual Training as a Transportation Specialist, at Fort Dix, New Jersey; served at Fort Devlin, Massachusetts before deploying to Mannheim, Germany based at Charley Barracks; awarded the Good Conduct Medal, the Overseas and Army Service Ribbons, the Expert Qualifications Badge with/M60 Machine Gun and Grenade Launcher Bars, the Marksman Qualifications Badge with/Rifle Bar, and the Comanche Nation Honorable Service Medallion; it is noted that his father was a World War II and Korean War veteran and five of his brothers served in the military.

He is survived by his children; Lorraine Tafoya of the home, Matthew Tafoya Jr., Lawton, Sabina Tafoya and Juliette Tafoya also of the home, mother of his children; Phyllis Tafoya. Brother and Sisters; Rose Tsoodle, Phyllis Hemlock and Phillip Tafoya. 11 grandchildren and numerous other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Billie Rose Tafoya, and brothers; Darrell Tafoya, Claude Tafoya, Lincoln Tafoya, Jose Dan Tafoya Jr. and Allison Tafoya.

Marie Watson

Marie Pebeahsy Watson, 80, of Buchanan died Aug. 25, at her home.

Her funeral service was at Ridgeway Funeral Home, with Randy Stephens officiating.

Pallbearers were Bobby Barrett Jr., Thomas Barrett, Kane Kelley, Kenneth Kelly, Blake Barrett and Tim Hester.

Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in the Paris Landing community.

Watson was born May 4, 1938. She was the daughter of the late Lemuel Nahdayaka and Margeart Totite Pebeahsy.

She was married Feb. 14, 1961, to William T. "W.T." Watson of Buchanan, and he survives.

Along with her husband, she is also survived by two daughters, Janet Marie Barrett of Buchanan and

Karen Ann (Kenneth) Kelly of Europe; four grandchildren, Robert J. Barrett Jr., of Puryear, Thomas B. Barrett of Buchanan, and William Kane Kelly and M. Katie Kelly, both of Clarksville; and three great-grandchildren, William Blake Barrett, Bradley R. Barrett and Briley A. Barrett.

In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by two sisters, Florence Pebeahsy Love and Rachel Totite Poco; six brothers: Hugh Pebeahsy, Milton "Beans" Pebeahsy, Frank Rush Pebeahsy, Charles Pebeahsy, Harold Lee Pebeahsy, and Roland Gorkey "Corkey" Pebeahsy; and a special brother, Simons Parker "Comanche Code Talker" Pebeahsy.

Watson was a homemaker and a member of the Post Oak Nazarene Church in Cache, Okla. She was a member of the Native American Comanche Tribe out of Oklahoma. She enjoyed watching movies, cross-stitching and cooking. Along with her husband, she was a longtime member of the Paris Landing community.

Allen Bryce Tehauno



Courtesy Photo
Tehauno

Funeral for Allen Bryce Tehauno, 60, Lawton, was August 29, at Little Washita United Methodist Church, NE of Fletcher with the Rev. Bill Foote officiating, burial followed at Little Washita Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was August 28, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel.

Tehauno was born March 1, 1958, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and passed away August 25, in Apache, Oklahoma, with his loving family and his best friend Jody Love at his side. He was

born to Wilma Dean Tehauno and was raised from birth by Capps and Gladys Tehauno. He attended schools in Cyril and Fletcher graduating from Fletcher high School in 1978. After graduation, he worked on oil rigs for a time, and then worked for the KCA as a security guard. From there he obtained his CDL license and became a big rig driver and traveled in almost all of the lower states for 30 years and had to quit because of his health. He married Janis Turpin in October 1978 and they had three children. He then married Stephanie Waller in June 2000. He was an avid Beatles fan; he loved to cook, loved all kinds of music, and had a good sense of humor. He played the guitar. He was a direct descendant of Comanche Chief Ten Bears and a proud member of the Comanche Nation. He was also a Wahnee descendent.

Tehauno is survived by his mother; Wilma Riggs of Fletcher, children; Shanna Renee Tehauno of the home, Allene Tehauno of Chickasha, Brothers and sisters; Earl Vernon Moreno and wife Carrie of Sulphur, Mary Beth Lodes and husband Matthew Lodes of New York, Roger Tehauno and wife Linda, Adrian Tehauno and wife Rhonda and Capps Tehauno Jr. all of Fletcher. Grandchildren; Dakota Wheeler, Jeremy Wheeler Jr. of Edmond, Keldon Wheeler of Watonga, Isaiah Tehauno of Apache, and Shaylea Smith of Apache, his dog Milwaukee and his lifelong best friend Jody Love of Fletcher. Uncle Glen Samuel Tehauno

He is preceded in death by his son Joel Tehauno, mother and father Capps and Gladys Tehauno, Brothers; William (Pete) Riggs, Christopher Samuel Moreno, Stepfather Ernie Riggs and Grandparents Samuel and Naomi Tehauno. Uncle Terry Tehauno. Great Grandparents; Charles and Julia Connywerdy Wahnee, and Maternal Great Grandparents Ruben and Thurma Tehauno Tavetosah.

Pall Bearers were Jody Love, Keldon Wheeler, Isaiah Tehauno, JR Tehauno, Buddy Tehauno and Zach Swenke.



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*Dont think of him as gone away-
His journey's just begun.
Life holds so many facets-
This earth is only one...
Just thinking of him as resting
From the sorrows and the tears
In a place of warmth and comfort
Where there are no days and years.
Think how he must be wishing
That we could know today
How nothing but our sadness
Can really pass away.
And think of him as living
In the hearts of those he touched...
For nothing loved is ever lost-
And he was loved so much.*



Vocational Rehabilitation Disability Awareness Powwow Highlights and WINNERS!



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1st place; Bella Kodaseet, 2nd place; Mary Ella Wermey, 3rd place; Kinley Rivera.



1st place; Angel Tehauno Auvitia, 2nd place; Cayden Klinekole, 3rd place; Brayden Klinekole



1st place; Amanda Wilson, 2nd place; Fiona Kerchee, 3rd place; Tasi Wetselline.



1st place; Sonya Delgado, 2nd place; Kasey Long.



1st place; Jasa Lightfoot, 2nd place; Crystal Lightfoot, 3rd place; Ashleigh Mithlo.



1st place; Jordan Beartrack, 2nd place; Josiah Tsatoke, 3rd place; Elijah Lema Tehauno.



1st place; Orrion Snyder, 2nd place; Hunter Lee Delgado, 3rd place; Jordan Tehauno Rodriguez.



1st place; George Tahdoahnippah.



1st place; Jason Lightfoot, 2nd place; Gary Unah, 3rd place; Donald Chasenah.



1st place; CC Whitewolf, 2nd place; Dustin Big Mountain, 3rd place; Orrenzo Snyder, 4th place; Watson Mithlo.



1st place; Jeremy Keahbone, 2nd place; Billy Pewo Jr., 3rd place; Akhyka Pewo.

Submitted by Charlotte McCurtain /CNVR Director

The Comanche Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program held the 1st Disability Awareness Powwow on Sept. 8 in the Watchetaker Hall at the tribal complex. The event was very successful in the goal of having a traditional community awareness event about Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) services for American Indians with disabilities. The goal of VR is to work with youth and adults with disabilities experiencing barriers to becoming self-sufficient thru the obtainment or maintaining of employment.

The event started with a cedar ceremony at 1:30 p.m. performed by Stacy Sovo, a member of the Native American church. Most of those in attendance at this time participated in the ceremony. The smell of cedar filled Watchetaker Hall. The CNVRP give special thanks to Stacy Sovo for the cedar ceremony. The CNVRP feel it helped toward creating a "Good Feeling Powwow".

The MC, Vernon Tehauno, welcomed all present. After a prayer, the head singer, Berky Monoessy, began the gourd dance. The head lady dancer, Bobbi Tahchawickah Lewis and the head gourd dancer, Timothy Yeahquo led in the dancers.

The CNVRP took time during the gourd dance to honor three

Transition youth students (with disabilities) for their job performance in the Comanche Nation WIOA Summer Youth Program. These students were Harper Mitchell of Cache School, Jonathan Kopepassah and Blase Murrow of the Lawton Transition School. The students danced around the arena. This was a new experience for them. The CNVRP Director spoke about their outstanding job performance at their individual job placements.

Carlos Dominguez was the first to be recognized. He became paralyzed after a car accident in 2013. His vehicle was hit by a woman driving under the influence of illegal drugs. He was on his way to class at Cameron University. He was a second semester freshman. He experienced a serious spinal cord injury which left him paralyzed from the waist downward. While in the hospital he impressed the medical staff of OU Medical Center in his determination to heal and return to school. It was because of positive outlook and strength that he was asked to speak with other spinal cord injury patients at OU Medical. Carlos soon became a certified peer mentor with OU Medical, the United Spinal Cord Injury Association and the Reeve Foundation. He has been a mentor to thirty

patients. He was recognized by the Governor's office via the Oklahoma Rehabilitation Council last year. Currently Carlos is a senior attending Cameron University studying to obtain his Bachelor Degree in Psychology. He is planning on pursuing a Masters. He takes time between classes to participate in Cross Fit and spends a lot of time at the gym. He is a current participant in the CNVRP and the State VRP.

Donna Sadongei is an elder. At the age of 67 she was a student at Cameron University living in the campus dorm. Donna's disability is a Herniated Lumbar Disc, which causes chronic lower back pain. She suffered this injury while employed years ago. She spent three years in a wheelchair. She attended college years ago before her injury. After her injury she knew she needed to pursue a new career that didn't require heavy lifting or standing on her feet for long periods of time. After her health improved she returned to college. Although experiencing painful episodes, she was determined to obtain her college degree in Psychology. Through sheer determination she met her education goal by earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology in May 2017. Yet earning a Bachelor of Science degree was not enough

for Donna. At the age of 68 she is presently attending the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond, OK, pursuing a Master of Arts Degree of Substance Abuse Studies. She says she wants to help her Indian people. Donna is a current participant in the CNVRP and the State VRP.

Before supper, Scalp and Victory Dancing was held with Bobbi T. Lewis leading the women dancers. Sarah Pohawpatchoko sang the Lord's Prayer while several young ladies performed sign language. A healthy dinner provided by the Diabetes Awareness program was served around 5 p.m. A CNVRP video showcasing VR participants was shown during the dinner break.

Special invited Indian celebrities, Lil Mike and Funny Bone performed. Those present showed their appreciation through a round of applause following the performance. They arrived early in the day. They set up an information table to visit with those present. They signed many autographs.

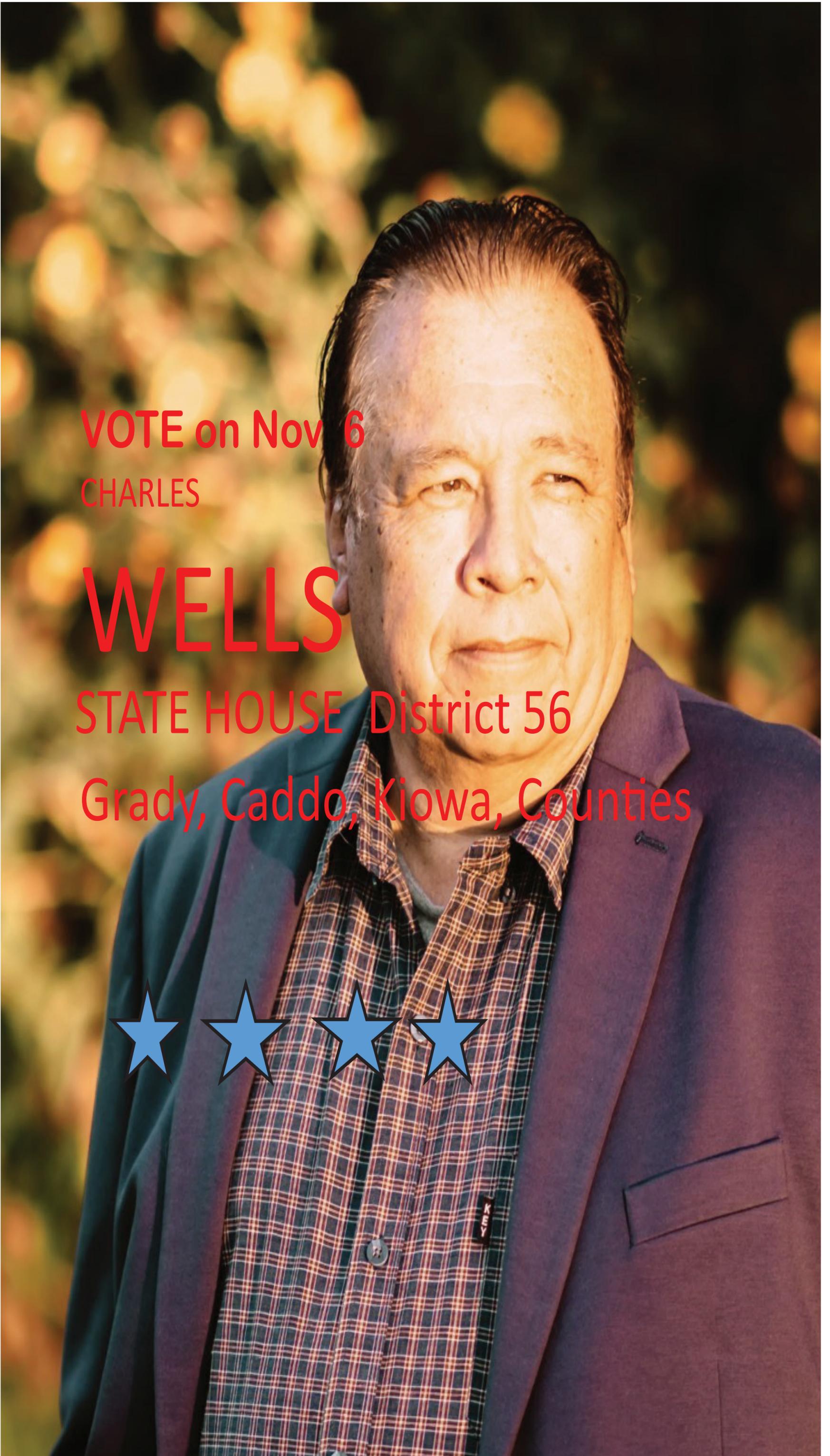
Grand entry was led in by the Honor the 1847 Treaty color guard. Traditional dancer and leader of the honor guard, Larry McCurtain and traditional dancer, George Tahdoahnippah carried in the eagle staff and lance. Head man dancer, Orlan-

do Sosa and Bobbi Lewis led in the dancers.

Intertribal dancing began, followed by contest dancing. Contest dancing ranged from tiny tots thru golden age. Monetary contribution from various Comanche Nation programs, such as Higher Education, WIOA, the Youth program, Optometry, Family Assistance and the Diabetes Awareness made the powwow possible. These programs work collaboratively with the VR Vocational Rehabilitation program on a regular basis. The Comanche Nation Vocational Rehabilitation is extremely grateful to these programs.

The CNVRP staff feel that the Disability Awareness Powwow was a complete success. The entire VR staff received positive comments from many of those in attendance throughout the day. The overall feeling expressed was that they learned more about VR services and that there is a good feeling at the powwow. Several people expressed that they appreciated being able to come and participate.

The CNVRP wish to express their appreciation to the powwow head staff, CHR EMS, the volunteers who help sell raffle tickets, those who help set up the meal and who served the elders and disabled.



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