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Law Enforcement Receives Award of Accreditation from Okla. Association of Chief of Police

Submitted by Vern Griffin/Comanche Nation Law Enforcement Chief of Police

The Comanche Nation Police Department received notification they were granted the coveted Award of Accreditation from the Oklahoma Association of Chief of Police (OACP), Law Enforcement Agency Certification and Professional Standards Program. This marks the fourth consecutive of Certification since the initial certification in April 2006 by submitting to an independent on-site review every three years.

The concept of law enforcement accreditation began in the 1970's when the need to upgrade the profession's public image was apparent. The goal was and still is to instill professionalism into every phase of law enforcement service. In July 1996, the OACP received a grant to implement a law enforcement accreditation program in Oklahoma.

A committee included representatives from municipal, county and state law enforcement agencies, municipal assurance attorneys, and law enforcement bargaining units was formed to review and develop Oklahoma appropriate law enforcement standards. The standards or best practices are intended to assist agencies in the efficient and effective delivery of law enforcement services. These standards cover all aspects of police operations including individual rights, use of force, vehicle pursuits, property and evidence management and other administrative/patrol/criminal investigations operations.

This voluntary process begins with application into the accreditation program, an internal agency review followed by a three-day on-site critical assessment of the agency, policies and procedures, and operations by a team of law enforcement professional from outside the Comanche Nation Police Department to include Dr. David Milnes (OACP), Jim Spearman (Norman PD- Ret), Dr. Paul Kroutter (University of Arkansas FS- Broken Arrow PD- Ret), Major Jacob Hall (OU PD), Dep Chief Russ Landon (The Village PD). A comprehensive assessment report was forwarded to the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission for review and final determination by the OACP Executive Board.

The Comanche Nation Police Department considers itself to be distinguished and is verified by the independent review of the departments overall operations. This commitment to professionalism brings assurance to the citizens of the Comanche Nation that its department conforms to current professional standards and best law enforcement practices. The Comanche Nation was the first tribal agency in the United States receiving accreditation under a state professional standard program and remains the only tribal agency accredited in Oklahoma. The accreditation credentials were approved December 13, 2018 at the Quarterly OACP meeting. Furthermore the OACP awarded Recognition of Leadership Award to Chief Vernon Griffin and Major John

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Run Off Elections Final; Chairman Nelson & Vice Chairman Parker Sworn In



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



The Chairman and Vice Chairman were sworn in January 19, with a full house of tribal members, family, and friends, at the Comanche Nation Complex. TOP LEFT: Comanche Nation Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Tippeconnie, swears in William Nelson Sr., as the Chairman of the Comanche Nation. Julia Mantzke, Office of the Chairman/CBC Executive Secretary holds the Holy Bible. TOP RIGHT: Lanora Parker, is sworn in as the Comanche Nation Vice Chairman by Chairman Nelson, while Tippeconnie holds the Holy Bible. BOTTOM LEFT: Newly elected tribal lawyers, from left, Jonathan Sanchez, Wyatt Rosette and Robert Rosette, were present at the Swearing In Ceremony. BOTTOM RIGHT: Chairman Nelson and Vice Chairman Parker are greeted by those in attendance.

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The long awaited Run Off Election for the seats of Comanche Nation Chairman, Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, Tribal Administrator, and tribal lawyers, took place January 11-12, giving tribal voters a two day opportunity to cast their ballots. An estimated 1,584 tribal members (12.8% of the tribal voting population of 12,374) took the time to vote, and mailed in their absentee ballots.

Winning the position of Comanche Nation Chairman was incumbent William Nelson, Sr., who had a total of 882 votes. Billy Komahcheet, who also was in the run off, had a total of 700 votes.

Lanora Parker won the seat of Vice Chairman, with a total of 885 votes, while Darrell Kosechequetah had a total of 700 votes.

John David Wahnee had a total of 850 votes for the Tribal Administrator position, beating incumbent Jimmy Arterberry, who had a total of 741 votes.

Attorney Robert Rosette, had a total of 1,049 votes and attorney Rick Grellner had a total of 527 votes. Rosette won the position of tribal attorney for the Comanche Nation.

The unofficial election results were signed January 12, by Comanche Nation Election Coordinator, Bobbie Saupitty, and independent auditor, Kim Furrh.

The voting results were made official 5 p.m. January 15.

Chairman Candidate, Komahcheet, expressed his thanks to his

supporters on Social Media, stating, "To the 700 people who supported and voted for me, thank you for your support and for listening and actually hearing that what I had to say was from my heart, and that it was said with sincerity, honesty, and with the best interest of the entire Comanche Nation in mind."

Outgoing Tribal Administrator, Arterberry, also expressed his thanks to the Comanche People.

"I really appreciate everyone who participated in the election," he said, "I believe in democracy, and our Comanche Tribe is a democracy. I consider it a special privilege and honor to have served in this capacity."

The Comanche Nation Swearing In Ceremony had several people in attendance, including former Comanche Nation Chairman, Ron Burgess, Apache Chairman, Bob Komardley, Apache Vice Chairman Chris Killfirst, and the newly elected tribal attorney, Robert Rosette, and his colleagues.

Chairman Nelson welcomed the audience and said, "Every time we start a new year, we say we are going to forget the past, and start new. Our people, we have four seasons, we have four directions, we have four cardinal colors, we have four colors of the races of the earth. When you think about our people, we come from an ancient legacy of peace, of love, of calling upon our creator."

Lloyd Heminokky Jr., and

Glen Heminokky of the Comanche Native American Church were present to cedar the newly elected tribal leaders, along with the current leaders.

Ashleigh Mithlo, Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, and Mercedes Banderas, Comanche War Scout Princess, signed the Lord's Prayer following the invocation by Dennis Woomavoyah.

Komardley asked tribal members to pray for not only the Comanche leaders, but all the tribal leadership across the US.

"Hold them up to the Lord, so He can make a way. Even if you did not vote for these people, pray for them, and the Lord will make a way for them, and we will prosper."

Chairman Nelson, when introducing Parker, said, "We have a long line of *wai?ipu* who have stepped up to serve our Nation."

Parker, who has formally served as the Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, expressed her thanks.

"Words cannot express what I feel in my heart right now. It makes me feel more empowered to help you because a lot of Native American Women nationwide are stepping forward. We have two Native American women who recently were the first Native American women voted in Congress. This makes me feel encouraged not only for myself, but for all young ladies."

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Courtesy Photo

Bobbie Saupitty, Comanche Nation Election Coordinator

Election Coordinator Explains Absentee Voting

Submitted by Bobbie Saupitty/Comanche Nation Election Coordinator

Comanche Nation Election Coordinator, Bobbie Saupitty, says she wants to explain the Absentee Vote Process to tribal voters. Absentee voters are a big percentage of the vote totals, and with clarification, tribal voters will have their questions answered.

"As the Election Coordinator I will always strive to be transparent to the Comanche Tribal Membership. This is the first part of a three part series that I am writing to provide information to tribal members about the Election process. Many changes have taken place in the past year since I have been hired through the Human Resources department. I submitted an application, was called for an interview and subsequently chosen for the position. This article will address the Absentee Voting process and how to request an Absentee Ballot, for clarification," said Saupitty.

"First of all, I want to confirm that all enrolled members of the Comanche Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age and over, are QUALIFIED VOTERS of tribal election(s) as defined in Article V, Section 1 of the Comanche Constitution. Any qualified voter shall be permitted to vote in ALL Comanche Nation Elections. With that being stated the Election Ordinance has always been an ABSENTEE VOTER MUST REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT," she said.

Saupitty added, there has been confusion about this process because in the past the Election Board had automatically sent absentee ballots to tribal members, which was not in accordance with the Election Ordinance in place at that time.

"The process of an Absentee Voter requesting an Absentee Ballot remains a part of the Election Policy, therefore tribal members need to fill out an "Absentee Ballot Request" form from the Election Office."

The Absentee Ballot Request form is available on the Election Office website to download, fill out, notarize, and return to the Election Office by mail to: Comanche Nation Election Office, PO Box 1289, Lawton, OK 73502. A tribal member may also request by email, phone or in person by contacting the Election Office at (580) 492-3384 or elections@comachenation.com

The Election Policy is also available on the Election Office webpage to view or print and may be requested by contacting the Election

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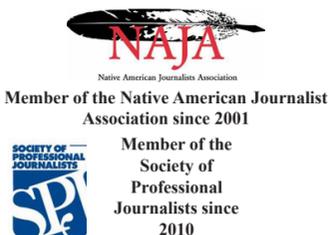
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- Committeeman No. 2**
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- Committeeman No. 3**
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Story by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the December 1, 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.

Chairman, William Nelson Sr, called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Tippeconnie, conducted Roll Call. A quorum was established with all Comanche Business Committee (CBC) members present, except Committeeman No. 1, Jonathan Poahway who came in later.

Catherine Parker began the meeting with the Invocation.

A motion made to approve the minutes of the December , 2018 CBC meeting by Vice-Chairwoman, Cothren. It was seconded by Committeeman No. 4, Narcomey. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Resolutions

No. 01-19 Enrollment List No. 1112. Applicants Eligible for Comanche Tribal Membership. Tabled

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

No. 02-19 Enrollment List 1113. Applicants were Ineligible for Tribal Membership.

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

No. 03-19 Transportation Adding Routes.

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

No. 04-19 Transportation Equipment Purchase..

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

No. 05-19 Higher Ed Boone Apache JOM.

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

No. 06-19 CBC Tribal Regalia-Graduation Ceremonies.

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

No. 07-19 Grants Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant Application.

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

No. 08-19 CNOEP Grant Application Region 6.

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

No. 09-19 CNOEP Grant Application Water Quality.

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

No. 10-19 NAGPRA Grant Application National Park Services.

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

No. 11-19 Realty Fee-To-Trust "The Food Distribution."

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

No. 12-19 CBC Comanche Nation Gaming Commission (CNGC) TICS. Tabled.

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

No. 13-19 CBC Carry over Funds. Moved to Executive Session.

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

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December 13, 2018

By the Executive Board
Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police

Wood for the arduous and time consuming efforts to maintain the agencies accreditation status as an example of Excellence in Law Enforcement Excellence Leadership and an example to all Oklahoma Law Enforcement entities.

NOTICE TO COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS

Annual Meeting
10:00 a.m.
February 23, 2019
Watchtaker Hall, Comanche Nation Complex

Pursuant to Section 2.04 of the **COMANCHE NATION ENTERPRISES INC. (CNE) By-Laws - Meetings:**

Any enrolled member of the Comanche Nation may attend the Annual Meetings of the Corporation and such other publicly noticed meetings of the Owner. The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the Corporation shall preside over Annual Meetings of the Corporation and such other publicly noticed meetings of the Owner. Only members of the Comanche Business Committee shall have standing to speak at Annual Meetings or such other publicly noticed meetings unless otherwise recognized by the

Chairperson.

projects under development.

4) Report on the state of the status of any pending legal proceeding material to the Corporation.

5) Provide financial statements of the Corporation, both current and for the preceding fiscal year, including a consolidated balance sheet and a consolidated statement of income and source and application of funds

6) Declare an operations plan for the current plan for the current fiscal year, including the short-range and long-range goals and objectives of the Corporation and the strategies to be employed to accomplish said goals and objectives.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS ANNUAL MEETING OF CNE SHALL BE TO:

1) Report in writing to the Comanche Business Committee on the financial and operating condition of the Corporation, including the assets and liabilities of the Corporation and the official actions of the Corporation's officers.

2) Report on the major activities conducted during the preceding fiscal year and those activities planned or intended to be done during the current fiscal year.

3) Report on the state the status of



The undersigned election officials do hereby certify the following "Unofficial results" to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the Runoff Election held on Saturday, January 12, 2019. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Comanche Nation.

Bobbie Saupitty
Bobbie Saupitty, Election Coordinator

Kim Furrh
Kim Furrh, CPA, Independent Auditor

Voting Polling Site Totals

Provided by Comanche Nation Election Board Office

Anadarko	62
Oklahoma City	84
Walters	93
Apache	100
Early Voting Lawton	122
Early Voting Complex	135
Cache	188
Lawton	274

Two Comanche Business Committee (CBC) Positions Come Open this year:

- CBC No. 1
- CBC No. 2

RUN OFF ELECTION

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ents advocating for Comanches. "My dad spoke about Comanches everywhere he went. My dad could stand up and speak anywhere. I watched my dad. He had the training in his family. His family of leaders. My mother was also from a family of leaders. I am very thankful for my mother and father, how they trained me to serve people. Because as I see it, serving God is serving people.

She added half of her career has been serving Comanche people. "It was always my favorite. That is what has been in my heart since I was very little, and I know my dad planted those seeds in my heart," said Parker.

She concluded by thanking everyone for their support and prayers, and she vowed to serve the Comanche people to the best of her ability.

Lloyd Heminokky Jr., and Glen Heminokky Sr., cedared the Comanche councilmen.

A brief meeting was called to order following the Swearing in. All Comanche Business Committee were present for roll call.

Resolution No. 1789 certified 24 new Comanche Tribal members. Clyde Narcomey made the motion to accept the resolution. Parker seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:41 a.m., with a reception.

The new Tribal Administrator has had his schedule fill up fast since the voting results became final and he took over the position.

"The first thing I am doing

is changing the rental fees for tribal members to use our community centers," said Wahnee. "Tribal members should only have to pay a cleaning deposit of \$100, and if they clean the place up after using it, the deposit will be given back to them. Our people cannot afford \$200."

He also added he has an Open Door Policy, with both tribal members and employees.

"I want to thank all Comanche who took the time and effort to vote," said Wahnee. "Voting helps make our Nation strong. God bless



Chairman Nelson's Goal of Implementing New Act

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

One of the first actions Comanche Nation Chairman, William Nelson Sr., says he wants to put in place is the use of a Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, which supersedes the IRS Guidelines.

"Many progressive tribes are using this act to their advantage, and their tribal members are getting more benefits," said Nelson. "I want to focus on the elders of our tribe. Our Comanche Housing Authority is using this. We must take it to the limit on how it will help our tribal people."

According to an article published by Kathleen M. Niles/Kenneth W. "Ken" Parsons on the Holland & Knight Website, www.hklaw.com, HR 3043 allows tribes more latitude in Social Programs. The highlights include:

The Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, establishes a new Internet Revenue Code section (Section 139E) to apply the general welfare exclusion to Indian Tribes and payments received by tribal members, their spouses and dependents.

The social programs encompassed by the Act include universal health coverage education and cultural opportunities, elder care and housing.

The act is significant to both tribes and their members for several reasons, including:

- It creates certainty by enabling tribal members and member spouses receiving tribal payments and in-kind benefits to know in advance which benefits are considered income and which are not.
- It encompasses a fairly broad range of benefits, enabling tribes to more comprehensively assist their members by providing nontaxable benefits so long as the procedural requirements of the Act are met.
- It paves the way for tribes to draft and adopt program guidelines carefully tailored to meet the Act's requirements and the general welfare needs of the tribes.

The Act includes similar requirements to those found in the Revenue Procedure providing that tribal governments benefits qualify for exclusion from income only if all of the following criteria are met:

- The tribal government program is administered under specified guidelines and does not discriminate in favor of members of the governing body of the tribe
- The benefits provided are:
 - Available to any tribal members including spouses and dependents who meet the government's program guidelines
 - Are for the promotion of general welfare
 - Are not lavish or extravagant
 - Are not compensation for services

For more information about the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act, go to www.hklaw.com or contact Chairman Nelson at (580) 492-3251.

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Cumulative Results

Comanche Runoff Election 01/12/2019
Run Time: 10:03 PM
Run Date: 01/12/2019

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Comanche Nation Runoff Election

1/12/2019

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Unofficial results

Registered Voters: 1594 of 0 = 0.00 %
Polling Places Reporting: 9 of 9 = 100.00 %

Chairperson

Choice	Party	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Absentee Voting	Total
Billy Komahcheet		116 45.14%	334 41.70%	250 46.64%	700 43.91%
William Nelson Sr.		139 54.09%	462 57.68%	281 52.43%	882 55.33%
Cast Votes:		255 99.22%	796 99.38%	531 99.07%	1582 99.25%

Vice-Chairperson

Choice	Party	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Absentee Voting	Total
Darrell Koschequetah		112 43.58%	337 42.07%	251 46.83%	700 43.91%
LaNora J. Parker		142 55.25%	461 57.55%	282 52.61%	885 55.52%
Cast Votes:		254 98.83%	798 99.63%	533 99.44%	1585 99.44%

Tribal Administrator

Choice	Party	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Absentee Voting	Total
Jimmy W. Arterberry		122 47.47%	370 46.19%	249 46.46%	741 46.49%
John David Wahnee		134 52.14%	431 53.81%	285 53.17%	850 53.32%
Cast Votes:		256 99.61%	801 100.00%	534 99.63%	1591 99.81%

Tribal Attorney

Choice	Party	Early Voting	Election Day Voting	Absentee Voting	Total
Attorney Rick Grellner		72 28.02%	226 28.21%	229 42.72%	527 33.06%
Attorney Robert Rosette		181 70.43%	569 71.04%	299 55.78%	1049 65.81%
Cast Votes:		253 98.44%	795 99.25%	528 98.51%	1576 98.87%

Bobbie Saupitty

Kim Furrh

ABSENTEE

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Office.

Part 200: Qualification and Registration of Voters, Section 203: Absentee Ballot Registration & Procedures for your information.

a) Any qualified Comanche Voter shall be entitled to vote by Absentee Ballot, and may request an Absentee Ballot Request Form provided by the Election Office. To be considered complete, this form must be notarized.

1) Qualified voters may request to be a Permanent Absentee Voter, whereas an absentee ballot shall automatically be issued every election thereafter to the voter's last known address.

2) Qualified voters may request to be a Temporary Voter, whereas an absentee ballot shall be issued for every election within the specified election calendar year to the voter's last known address.

3) Absentee Ballot Request Forms and completed Voter Registration Applications shall be accepted until twenty (15) calendar days prior to an Election Day.

b) It is the responsibility of the "Permanent" Absentee Comanche Voter to keep their address updated at all times with the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office.

c) A reminder for "Permanent" Absentee Voters to update their addresses yearly will be published annually in *The Comanche Nation News*, in area newspapers and online at the Comanche Nation Election Office webpage 60 days prior to the Annual Council meeting held on the third Saturday in April.

d) The Election Office shall conduct registration of eligible Comanche Voters on an ongoing basis. This process shall include periodic publicity and community outreach efforts by the Election Office.

e) Upon completion of a Voter Registration Application or an Absentee Ballot Request Form in which the Voter is registered as either a "Permanent" or "Temporary" Voter, the Comanche Nation Election Office will issue, at the appropriate time, an Absentee Voter packet via the U.S. Postal Service. This packet will consist of the following:

- 1) An official election ballot;
- 2) An envelope marked OFFICIAL BALLOT in which the election ballot must be inserted and sealed after the voter has marked his or her vote;
- 3) A prepaid postage envelope will be provided that has a signature line located on the back that must be signed by the Absentee Voter. This signature line must be signed by the Absentee Voter otherwise the ballot will NOT be counted; and

4) Beneath the signature line on the envelope there shall be included a standard United States Postal Service notice regarding forgeries and mail fraud;

f) All items above shall be inserted in the preprinted envelope and mailed to the Comanche Nation Election Office post office box located in Lawton, Okla.

g) Any eligible voter who requests an absentee ballot and does not complete and mail the ballot, but instead wishes to cast his or her vote in person, must first:

1) Surrender his or her absentee ballot – if in their possession, on Election Day; or

2) Sign an affidavit stating they requested an absentee ballot but did not vote it. Previously issued absentee ballots belonging to an affiant shall be considered void.

To help tribal members understand the process of "How Absentee Ballots are Tabulated" Section 612. Return of Absentee Ballots by Mail of the Election Policy is provided. In addition I would like to state that as the Election Coordinator, never do I handle, touch or have access to the casted Absentee Ballots.

Section 612. Return of Absentee Ballots by Mail

a) Absentee ballots shall only be returned to the address provided on the pre-printed envelope by U.S. Postal Service and will be picked-up by Comanche Nation Law Enforcement and Election Officials by Saturday at 12:00 p.m. on Election Day.

b) To protect the integrity of the voting process, absentee ballots will be picked up and delivered to the Comanche Nation Complex by (1) the Election Coordinator, (2) the Independent Auditor, (3) and by Comanche Nation Law Enforcement.

c) The absentee ballots retrieved from the U.S. Post Office shall be deposited and remain in a locked container provided by the Election Office and then transported to the Comanche Nation Complex by the Comanche Nation Law Enforcement and Election Officials to the final destination in the New Conference Room for tabulation.

"In closing," says Saupitty, "The intent and implementation of a Voter Registration System is an "effort" to reduce instances of eligible Absentee Voters not receiving Absentee Ballots in a timely manner to cast votes and is a commitment to strengthen the Comanche Nation Election Process."

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the Election Office.

Revenue Distribution Checks Are Appropriated for Distribution

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

During the monthly Comanche Business Committee (CBC) Meeting in January, Chairman Nelson announced tribal members will be receiving a disbursement of funds that was found in the tribe's financial records.

A total of \$24 million, known as the Revenue Share Excess Disbursement, has tribal members anxiously looking for the mailed checks.

Chairman Nelson wanted to express to the tribal members the checks are not a per capita payment, nor will it affect the distribution in November. In addition, there are no taxes associated with the funds as specified by the Comanche Nation IRS Specialist and the Tribal General Welfare Exclusion Act of 2014, Section 139E of the Internal Revenue Code.

"Every dime that comes into the Comanche Nation Government belongs to the Comanche Nation people," said Nelson. "At this point and time, we have 17,096 Comanche Nation members. With that said, this payment will go to you, at a very good time in the year, to help you out with family, your children, grandparents, and anything else you need. We surely hope this helps out those affected by the government shutdown. We cannot claim it as such because we do not want you to lose your job, when the government opens back up to operation. God bless you, Comanche People, and just know we are here to serve; we are servants of the Nation."

The CBC wants to urge tribal members to cash the check within the 90 days the check is good, or it will be invalid, and the funds will be reverted back the Tribe.

At Press Time, the amount and the date of distribution were not known, as the CBC are ironing out the details of the payment and the cost associated with the printing and distribution of the checks.

If question arise, please contact the Comanche Nation at (877) 492-4988 or City National Bank at (877) 585-4177.

Comanche Nation Programs Aids Tribal Members Affected by the Government Shutdown

- **Social Services Department offers basic assistance up to \$300. Call for qualifications, (580) 492-3357.**
- **Workforce Investment of Oklahoma Act (WIOA) helps up to \$150 for Clothes and \$250 for car repairs, with a quote. Bring Furlough letter for verification. Call for additional information, (580) 492- 3257.**
- **Emergency Management offers \$25 fuel card. Call for qualifications, (580) 492-6434.**

Birthday Powwow

February 9, 2019



Comanche Community Center of Apache, Okla.

Glen Heminokky Sr. & Richanda Banderas

1:30 p.m. Blackfeet Dance • Naisha Manatidie Chalepah Family
5:30 p.m. Supper Break
6:30 p.m. Gourd Dance

HEAD STAFF

MC	Alonzo Chalepah
Head Singer	Victor Tahchawwickah
Head Man Dancer	Mike Burgess
Head Lady Dancer	Julie Burgess
Co-Host	Esa Rosa Descendants Comanche War Scouts
AD Security	Jack Yellowhair Ace Yellowhair

Cake Walk
Pretty Shawl Contest – Sponsored by Mike & Julie Burgess

Not responsible for accidents or thefts., Vendors can set up for a donation.
For more information, call 580-280-0303.

INDIGENOUS Peoples' Day

Host: Native Speed Dating For National Singles Awareness Day
Friday, February 15, 2019

Brix Nightclub
1924 South US 277
Lawton, OK 73501

8:00 Registration & 8:30 - 9:30 PM for Speed Dating

Inviting all Single Natives between the ages 21+ to participate in the Native Speed Dating Event for National Singles Awareness Day.

Please fill out a questionnaire form on the Indigenous Peoples Day Facebook Page to register for your age group and interest.

* Share this with your Single Native Friends and Relatives*

Admission is free for Speed daters and a cover charge for 10:00 PM, for everyone else.

SPEED DATING



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



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

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Family Assistance Says Don't Cry. Walk It Off. Man Up

These common phrases are used frequently and not just my men. In a survey by She Knows, 76 percent of men and 84 percent of women admitted to using such phrases as "man up" and "you throw like a girl."

Society is constantly telling boys and young men not to express their emotions in order to preserve a view of what it is to be masculine—strong, tough and stoic. The problem is that boys have the same emotions girls do, so telling them not to express them is not only unfair but also futile.

In order to keep from looking weak, boys and young men are taught to keep their feelings bottled up, and when they do come out, they are sometimes expressed in negative ways.

"Young ladies are trained to be more empathetic and in tune with their feelings, and they tend to express them in healthier ways," says Joshua Bailey, program manager of youth development at Men Can Stop Rape, a nonprofit organization dedicated to redefining masculinity in an effort to prevent men's violence against women. However, as Bailey points out, many times, boys learn to show emotion through anger, aggression and violence. The key to preventing violence against women, he says, is teaching boys about empathy.

"We believe when young men are more in tune with who they are and able to express empathy and love toward not only women but also their male counterparts, they're less likely to commit acts of violence," he says. "Once you understand empathy, you can understand the harmfulness of violence."

YOU, as a parent, teacher, worship leader or other authority figures can make a difference on an individual level here is how:

- Ban "don't cry" from your vocabulary. Instead, help boys find the words to describe what they are feeling, whether it be sadness, embarrassment, fear, jealousy, anger, etc., and help them work through it without dismissing the emotion.
- Be a role model. Teaching boys empathy is not just, about what you tell them. It is about what you show them. Tell your male friends how you feel, ask them how they are coping with X, Y or Z, and be understanding. Boys will learn from observing how you treat others.
- Be available. When a boy wants to talk about his feelings, stop and listen. He may not try again.
- Try a feelings chart. Young children are not equipped with the vocabulary to truly express all their emotions. A feelings chart, which allows them to point to a picture describing how they are feeling, can help them learn and help you understand what is going on inside.
- Read together. There are plenty of children's books on the market to help little ones learn about emotions, like Glad Monster, Sad Monster, which comes complete with expression masks to wear while you're reading, and The Way I Feel, which explores a broad range of emotions, including pride and thankful. When they get older, check out this list of "5 YA Novels about Dating Violence Teens and Parents Should Read."

For additional information, contact Family Assistance Center, (580) 492-3590, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Reintegration Updates Their Guidelines and Policies

The Reintegration Program presented Resolution 174-18 at the December 1, 2018 CBC meeting, which established updated guidelines

and policies for the program.

The newly adopted mission statement is as follows: "The Mission of the Comanche Nation Reintegration Program is to empower the personal transformation of incarcerated, or formerly incarcerated individuals, by facilitating help for the resources and services needed to establish and maintain a healthy, productive, crime free, prosperous life." Case management services may be available to eligible tribal members who are incarcerated or have been released from incarceration or long-term, inpatient substance abuse treatment within the past 24 months. Length of incarceration or inpatient treatment must be 90 days or longer. Case management services may also be available to adolescents involved in the juvenile justice system.

Assistance may include the following: clothing, groceries, identification documents, shelter/utilities, driver's license reinstatement, interlock ignition device installation, court-ordered treatment/classes, drug/alcohol assessment, advocacy, and referrals.

For more information contact the Reintegration Program for additional services available. Phone (580) 492-3623, Email: reintegration@comanchenation.com, Mail: Comanche Nation Reintegration, P.O. Box 908, Lawton, OK 73502.

Dallas Outreach Would Like to Thank DFW



Courtesy Photo

"The Comanche Nation Dallas Outreach would like thank the local Dallas/Ft.Worth Comanche's for providing various Christmas gifts for the Indian Child Welfare "Angel Tree". three Comanche Girls and three Comanche Boys all received gifts this past Christmas. Ura!"

Optometry Lists Important Dates for March

From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on February 22, Optometry will be at the Oklahoma City Outreach. and on February 25, is the next day to schedule appointments for the month of March.

Comanche Nation Optometry Optometrist, Justin Cochran O.D. comes (1) once per week Wednesday's only. They schedule appointments every last Monday of each month. If you need an appointment, call their office and they will check to see if you are eligible. If you get your eyes checked at the I. H. S. Indian Hospital you are welcome to come and order your glasses in our office, just bring the copy of your eye prescription. They are open to the public. Any tribe that has their eyes examined at the I.H.S. Indian Hospital can come to their office and get the same wholesale prices. They only assist Comanche Tribal Members with the \$130.

Out-of-State tribal members can use their assistance by using their voucher assistance. When the member orders eyeglasses from an out of state vendor, they need the invoice showing the amount of the eyeglass order, application (get online) copy of the RX, copy of the C.D.I.B and an I.D. Fax all documents to the Comanche Nation Optometry office and they will send a voucher to the vendor stating that they will pay \$130 toward your eyeglass order. If you

have a balance you are responsible to pay that balance in full to receive your eyeglasses.

REMINDER:

Vendor: Modern Eyes Warranty

You have a (1) year warranty on your eyeglasses, if you break them bring all the pieces back for the warranty. For (1) full year you can keep bringing them back for a new frame and a (1) time lens warranty. No warranty for: dog chews, super glue, lost/stolen.

They accept money orders, debt/credit cards only. Payable to: Comanche Nation Optometry or Modern Eyes

For more information contact the Optometry Office, (580) 699-5386.

Transit Offers Basic Information

With a new year, the Comanche Nation Transit would like to offer some basic information regarding the Transit System.

Comanche Nation Transit has been providing transportation services to the public since 1998. Their objective is to provide assistance for their passengers in a prompt and courteous manner without discriminating against race, color, national origin, or physical limitations.

The communities they serve are: Apache, Cyril, Elgin, Fletcher, Cache, Indianoma, Lawton and Ft. Sill.

To schedule or cancel a ride, you must contact the dispatch office at (580) 492-3389. Transit drivers cannot schedule or cancel a ride.

When a passenger is making multiple stops, the transit driver can wait a minimum of five minutes. If the passenger is not ready and the driver waits the minimum amount of time, the driver will proceed to the next scheduled pick up. Also, there is a 20 minute window to the time requested for pick up. This means, the driver can be 10 minutes ahead of the scheduled time or 10 minutes after the scheduled time and is considered to be "on time" during this time frame. They ask that you be ready to go within that time frame. This will help the driver to stay on schedule.

Bus fares are as follows:

- 5 and under – Free 6-12 - \$2.
- 13-61 - \$4.
- 62 and up - \$2. Elder / Disabled - \$2.00 Student - \$3.
- Out of Town - \$5.

Prices are per person, per stop. Personal Care Attendants are free of charge.

Ride Ticket Prices are as follows:

- Adult Ticket (10 rides) – \$30. Adult Ticket (20 rides) – \$50.
- Elder / Disabled Ticket (20 rides) – \$35. Student Ticket (20 rides) – \$40.
- Employee Ticket (20 rides) – \$35.

Ride Tickets can be purchased from transit drivers and or at the Comanche Nation Transit Office. Employee Tickets are for Comanche Nation of Oklahoma Government Employees and must be purchased from the Comanche Nation Transit Office.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Comanche Nation Transit at (580) 492- 3389.

The Comanche Nation Transit Department would like to thank each and every person that uses their transit system. They hope you will continue to use their services and tell others about them.

Grants Prepares for Upcoming Grant Cycles

The Comanche Nation Grants Department has been busy preparing for the upcoming CTAS grant cycle. They anticipate working with two different departments to submit proposals for two Purpose Areas. They are also in the planning process for the TEDC program to strengthen the Nation's capacity for the development and management of energy projects.

Oklahoma City Outreach
Will Host: Comanche Nation Optometry
Friday, February 22, 2019
10:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

The Comanche Nation Optometry Program will be at the Comanche Nation Oklahoma City Outreach office. The Optometry Program will have over 200 pairs of eye-glasses on site for tribal members to order. One complete pair of glasses. All Comanche Nation Tribal members will need to bring a current eyeglass RX, CDIB and I.D.

OKC OUTREACH
7390 S Walker
Oklahoma City, OK
405-635-8999

MONEY ORDERS DEBT/CREDIT CARDS ONLY

2019 Safety Poster Contest WINNERS!!

<p>Kindergarten. Kaliana Nieto 5 yrs, 3rd place. WINNER of a Bike.</p>	<p>Second grade, Amelia Mammedaty 7 yrs, 2nd place. WINNER of \$100 Walmart Gift Card.</p>	<p>Third grade. Lexie Nieto 8 yrs, 1st place. WINNER of \$200 Walmart Card.</p>
<p>Fourth grade. Blake Heminokky 9 yrs, 3rd place. WINNER of Bike.</p>	<p>Fourth grade. Aalynn Codopony 10 yrs, 2nd place. WINNER of \$100 Walmart Gift Card.</p>	<p>Fourth grade. Parker Wiegand 10 yrs, 1st place. WINNER of \$200 Walmart Gift Card.</p>

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority sponsored the 2019 Safety Poster Contest for all Comanche enrolled children who are in K-3, 4-6, and 7-8 grade. Contestants submitted a poster that promotes any safety issue such as fire, distracted driving, home fires escape plan, how to call 9-1-1. The winners include; 3rd Place; Kaliana Nieto, Kindergarten., 2nd Place; Amelia Mammedaty, 2nd grade., 1st Place; Lexie Nieto, 3rd grade., 3rd Place; Blake Heminokky, 4th grade., 2nd Place; Aalynn Codopony, 4th grade., 1st Place; Parker Wiegand, 4th grade.

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Realty Department Completes Booklet

The Realty Department has completed the booklet that will list all the Comanche Nation land and property. The booklet is currently being printed. This will be a resource document used to help tribal officials and the police department locate and identify property owned by the Comanche Nation.

The staff continues to work on Fee-To-Trust Applications. The boundary survey has been completed for the property just north of the Tribal Complex, referred to as the Food Distribution property and the Adams property known as the police station. Our office is also starting on the Fee-to-Trust for 302 NW Rogers Lane and we have the survey for this property also. The surveys and revised legal descriptions are the initial steps in preparing a Fee-To-Trust Application. Another important step is to have an appraisal prepared and submitted with each Fee-To-Trust application.

The staff continues to provide assistance to Tribal members in regards to Trust land(s). We can assist you by mapping the location of your property and answer your questions or direct you to someone who can help you. Feel free to call us at (580) 699-3818. Also if tribal member needs something notarized, their office Administrative Assistant is a Notary Public.

Unmasking the Truth: This History of the Comanche Language on Exhibit

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

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.

Transportation Department Completes Meers-Porter Hill Road

The Comanche Nation Transportation has completed another project, Route No. 0431 Meers-Poter Hill Road, under the direction of District No. 3 Comanche County and T&G Construction after completing this project, the roadway will benefit all tribal members that travels the roadway in this area, we are making this a better road for tribal members and the communities.

The Comanche Nation Transportation is still working with all the schools in the areas we serve to make it safer for all tribal children and the communities as well. Some of the roadways are not safe for them traffic is bad in some of the areas of school.

The Comanche Nation Transportation will be attending the Southwest Oklahoma Regional Transportation Planning Organization meeting on January 31, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

The Comanche Nation Transportation would like to share some things about the roads and weather hazards over the next few months, so be careful when out and about watch your local News channels for all updates to the weather and road conditions, be sure and check on the elders too.

The Comanche Nation Department of Transportation's Motto

is "Paving the way and providing a more safe and effective way of travel."

GED Classes Begin in February

The 2019 GED Spring Course will begin February 25. This course provides instruction for students seeking their GED. If you would like to enroll, please contact Comanche Nation Higher Education Department at (580) 492-3363 or Comanche Nation Workforce Department at (580) 492-3257. Applications are currently being accepted, and registration and TABE pretests are required. The courses are held at the CN Education Center, which is located at 1608 SW 9th St. Lawton, Okla.

The 2019 Elders Basic Computer Course is offered by the Short Term Program within the Higher Education Department during February 19-March 7. Comanche tribal members (45- years old & up) who are interested in personal enrichment, in need of additional training, or in need of certification to enhance employment opportunities.

Eligibility Requirements: Only enrolled members of the Comanche Nation, 45 years old & up, may complete an application to participate in the class. Classes are limited to 12 students. Classes are Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. to Noon. Located at the Comanche Nation Education Center, Room 29.

Higher Education is pleased to offer a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (S.T.E.A.M.) camp that involves both Cultural and Educational elements. Please join in for a fun and interactive journey into the world of Forensic Science as they search for their missing buffalo. The S.T.E.A.M Camp will begin March 18 & March 19, for the K-5, age group will participate in one of the half-day sessions. The AM session will be from 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. followed by the PM session from 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. The 6-12 grade age group will be on March 20 & 21, from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For additional registration information please contact the Comanche Nation Higher Education Department at Phone (580) 492-3363 or Email:highered@comanchenation.com.

Special Invitation to Area Schools, Facility and Students: The Southwest Oklahoma Intertribal Research conference is calling for presentations and the submission deadline is February 15. This event will be sponsored by the Comanche, Kiowa and Wichita tribes. The Research Day will be located at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Complex, 422 Wichita Lane Anadarko, Okla., on Friday

March 22. This event is open to presenters of all ages, and will include research from citizens of Southwest Oklahoma Rural Tribes. Presentations may be PowerPoint, poster, tri-fold or demonstrational [culture, language, and science experiments welcome]. For more information contact Misty Boettger at (405) 247-8686. Submit presenter info and abstracts to shegwood@kiowatribe.org. Registration forms are also available at the Comanche Nation Education Department office located at 1608 SW 9th St. Lawton, Okla., or via email at highered@comanchenation.com

Lastly, if there are any students who have not submitted their official transcript and current enrollment schedule for their spring 2019 Scholarship please do so as soon as possible. Our office is open Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Students can drop off the official transcripts and schedules or mail them to the office at 1608 SW 9th St. Lawton, Oklahoma, 73501.

Diabetes Program Hosting Events

The Comanche Nation Diabetes Program will be hosting several events during the month of February.

February 12, 12:30 - 1:30 p.m., at the Comanche Nation Elderly Center, there will be a Activity Bingo. For more information about the bingo please call (580) 280-4674.

On Fridays, from 11-11:30, Chair Exercises will be offered to those who wish to participate, there will also be Health Screening from 11-12. These events will be happening at the Comanche Nation Elder Center, 1107 SW H. Ave., Lawton, Okla.

For more information on any of these events please call (580) 280-4674.

8th Annual Red Dress Event

The 8th Annual Red Dress Event will be held at the Great Plains Vo-tech in the Worley Center, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., February 8. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Space is limited. Please call to register: (580) 280-4674, (580) 354-5640, (580) 354-5674.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

AUNTIE BEACHRESS HERE!!!! Tonia Jo Hall, aka Auntie Beachress was the main attraction December 28, at the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery's Family Comedy and Music Night. Performing along with his family, tribal member, Travis Komahcheet entertained the congregation with music and song. After being served a meal and enjoying music and dancing, the crowd waited for the arrival of Hall and her Native comedy. Hall brought laughter and many smiles to those that were still in attendance. Due to flight complications, Hall was delayed for several hours, but it was well worth the wait.

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The case of the missing Buffalo.

CALLING ALL CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATORS:

Please help us find our missing buffalo. Last seen roaming the Comanche Nation Education Center.

Brown Eyes / Brown Hair / Male / 1200 lbs / Age 12

S.T.E.A.M CAMP

WHEN:

MARCH 18-21, 2019

K- 5th: 03/18-03/19

AM SESSION: 8:30AM-11:30AM

PM SESSION: 12:30PM -3:30PM

6th-12th:03/20-03/21

8:30AM-3:30PM

WHERE:

COMANCHE NATION EDUCATION CENTER FROM 1608 SW 9th ST. LAWTON, OK 73501

Comanche Nation Higher Education is pleased to offer a Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math camp that involves both Cultural and Educational elements. Please join us for a fun and interactive journey into the world of Forensic Science as we search for our missing buffalo.

For additional information please contact the Comanche Nation Higher Education Department at Phone : (580) 492-3363 or Email:highered@comanchenation.com



2019 Recycling Events

Comanche Nation Environmental Recycling Division



- Tire & Battery Drive:** Month of February 2019
The Tire & Battery Drive is held in February and has helped our Comanche Tribal/Non-Tribal Communities in properly disposing of tires& batteries
- Appliance Drive:** March 20th & August 2nd
Is an event that is held twice a year and helps tribal members/non-tribal members dispose of their white goods.
- Earth Day:** April 26th
The annual event is held in April and brings in students, tribal members, vendors and other Environmental Programs to help celebrate Earth Day
- E-Waste Drive:** April 26th & September 6th
Is an event that is held twice a year and helps tribal members/non-tribal members dispose of their electronic waste

For any information on the following event, contact the CNOEP

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73502
Physical Address: located across the road west of main complex, turn on road north of the Fire/Police Dept.
Phone: 580-492-3754
Fax: 580-492-3754
Mobile: 580-583-7467
E-mail: michaelc@comanchenation.com
seanc@comanchenation.com

Warrior Cafe

Richard and Stacie Chibitty, owners
900 Showplace Blvd. Indianhoma, OK

M-F, Daily 8:30 a.m.- 2p.m. & Evening 5p.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday 8:30 a.m.- 9 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

warriorcafe@yahoo.com
(580)246-8339

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Comanche Nation Court

Why Lawsuits Take So Long



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

One of the most common questions when beginning a case is “when will this case be over?” This is an obvious question given that attorneys probably costs money, the lawsuit takes time and energy, and living with worries about the outcome of the case can be a constant source of stress. Still, lawsuits take time, and parties who expect a case to be over in a few weeks are usually disappointed. So, why does a lawsuit take so long?

Much of the delay of most cases is out of either party's hands. First, there are delays built right into the rules of procedure. For instance, after filing a case, the plaintiff usually has several months to serve the lawsuit on the other party (120 days in most jurisdictions). The other side then gets several weeks to prepare a response to the case (20 days is common). That equates to almost 5 months, and the case has not progressed any further than pleading! Of course, if the defendant files a motion instead of a pleading, such as a motion to dismiss or for more definite statement, this time frame can be extended even further to allow time for a hearing, ruling, and amendment by one of the parties. It is not uncommon for the pleading stage of many cases to take six months by itself, or even longer.

Although it can commence before the pleadings are fully framed, many prefer to wait on discovery until the issues are clearly laid out in the pleadings. Each form of discovery has a response time attached to it, usually 30 days, meaning if one sends out a request for production, the other side has 30 days to submit a response. Often, one will want the response to one form of discovery and an opportunity to review it, before propounding further discovery requests in order to see what evidence and admissions they already have and what they still need. If a dispute arises over a request that asks for something objectionable or a refusal to comply with a valid request, then a hearing on a motion to compel or motion for protective order must be set for hearing, and many courts have dockets that are full for several months in advance. The discovery phase is easily the most time consuming portion of most cases, and can literally last for several years in complex cases, and usually a minimum of several months in the best of cases.

Finally, when the parties are ready, it is time for the trial phase.

While a trial can last for just a few hours to several weeks, depending on the issues litigated, getting an actual trial date can often be time consuming, as well. Often a hearing must be scheduled to discuss pre-trial hearings for matters like motions limiting certain evidence, meetings of the parties to discuss which evidence will be stipulated to and which will be contested, conducting a mediation, etc. These pre-trial procedures often take several months by themselves, and then one must find an available spot on the judge's trial calendar. Often, in busier jurisdictions, a judge may run a list of cases eligible for trial with the oldest one getting to go first during a judge's trial week. Unfortunately, this can mean waiting for months while older cases go to trial during a judge's limited trial weeks.

Once the trial is over, the case often is not yet over. The Judge will have to render a decision and draft an order. This can involve fact-checking citations from the parties and other legal research that takes time. There are still post-trial motions that may be filed, like motions challenging the verdict. If one party feels an error was made at trial by the judge, they might file a motion for rehearing, reconsideration, or a notice of appeal. An appeal starts a completely new series of legal proceedings that can last for months or years. If no appeal is filed, enforcing the judgment may also take time. Sometimes discovery in aid of execution must take place in order to locate a party's assets that can satisfy the judgment. Again, this process can take months or even years depending on how forthcoming the party is, and given the fact that most of these requests are also going to have a 30-day window to respond.

Consequently, before you get angry with the court about a case taking too long, be aware that it may have little control over that. The process takes time, and the bottleneck is usually at the procedures. The courts usually does the best it can with limited resources, but the result in many situations is delay. Of course, some see this as a hidden blessing. If a case takes time, that is more opportunity for the parties to reconcile their differences outside of court and to reach a settlement. In any event, without an attorney, this process can be even longer and more costly, as the party who represents itself often makes many mistakes that cause more delays and more expense. As a result, it is always advisable to have the assistance of an attorney when taking or responding to any sort of legal action.

Gravel Tinhorn Schedule 2019

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

- January 1 through January 31 Applications for Indianoma and Snyder Area “February”
- February 1 through February 28 Applications for Chattanooga, Faxon, and Grandfield Area “March”
- March 1 through March 31 Applications for Geronimo, Temple, and Walters Area “April”
- April 1 through April 29 Applications for Lawton Area “May” & June”
- May 1 through May 31 Applications for Duncan and Sterling “July”
- June 1 through June 30 Applications for Cyril and Fletcher Area “August”
- July 1 through July 31 Applications for Apache Area “October”
- August 1 through August 31 Applications for Elgin Area “November”
- Gravel Tinhorn Program will be assisting with the Comanche Nation Fair and will not be taking applications in September.
- October 1 through October 31 Applications for Anadarko and Fort 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 the Gravel Tinhorn Program.

- Must provide proof of Comanche Nation Tribal C.D.I.B
 - Must provide proof of residency i.e., utility bill (physical address in tribal members name)
 - Must not benefit a business or non- Comanche Tribal Member (rental homes)
 - No custom driveways circle or horseshoe.
 - Must reside in the Comanche Nation Jurisdiction.
- If you have any questions/ concerns, please call the office 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, at (580) 492-3308.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Offers Things to Remember When Grandparenting Gets Hard

Even in healthy relationships, people don't always agree or get along. That also includes, with our children and grandchildren. There will be issues, inconveniences and we as grandparents may have to lower our expectations, but we should always do what will bring about the best results for everyone involved.

You may be faced with a difficult situation, but stay positive about being a grandparent in general. Ultimately, it isn't about being perfect, because no child, grandparent or parent is. Instead, it's about making the most of the circumstances that arise and working through whatever issues we face. Sandra Toyekoyah, Director.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program is located at 1001 “C” Ave., East door, Lawton, OK. Our phone number is (580) 574-4786 and our email is sandrat@comanchenation.com

WIOA Spring Break Diver's Ed. Camp March 20 & 21

The Southwest Oklahoma Diving School and Comanche Nation Workforce/WIOA is providing a driver's education class for enrolled Comanche tribal members in compliance with the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety.

The WIOA program will be accepting application February 1 on a first come, first serve basis. The first 15 applicants will be processed. All application must be complete or it will not be accepted at the time of application. The deadline will be March 1 at 5 p.m.

The participant is required to be 15 years of age on the day of application or older. If under 18 parent/guardian must be present.

The applicant must bring the following information to the Comanche Nation WIOA Office

- Primary ID (Birth Certificate to provide date of birth and legal name)
- Secondary ID (social security card)
- CDIB
- If under 18 years of age (8th grade reading test/school letter)

• If under 18 parent/guardian must be present.

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WESTERN TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA 2018 RABIES CLINIC SCHEDULE

Apache Tribe CHR Program: Saturday, April 27, 2019 – 9 am to 12 pm
Ware's Chapel, 5 m W Hwy 9 from Anadarko, OK (Hog Creek)
Contact: Toni Short 405-247-7000

Fort Sill Apache CHR Program: Saturday April 27, 2019 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Fort Sill Apache Tribal Complex, 2 m N of Apache, OK
Contact: Vanessa Tomahsah 580-588-2298

Caddo Nation: Saturday, May 04, 2019 – 9 am to 12 pm
Caddo Nation Tribal Complex, N Hwy 281/152 Junction, Binger, OK
Contact: Bonnie Stephenson 405-656-2882

Wichita Tribe CHR Program: Saturday, May 04, 2019 – 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Wichita Tribal Complex, 1.25 m N Hwy 281 of Anadarko, OK
Contact: Melvenia Domebo 405-247-8653 or CHR Office 405-247-8658

Kiowa Tribe CHR Program: Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 9 am to 12 pm
Red Buffalo Hall, Kiowa Tribal Complex, Carnegie, OK
Contact: Dean Ahdokobo 580-654-2216

Delaware Nation CHR Program: Saturday, May 11, 2019 – 1 pm to 4 pm
Delaware Nation Tribal Complex, 2 m N Hwy 281 of Anadarko, OK
Contact: Ambrea Marshall 405-247-9755 x 1118

Comanche Nation CHR Program: Saturday May 18, 2019 – 9:00 am to 12 pm
Cache Cahoma Building, Cache, OK
Contact: Sonya Liles 580-699-5225

Comanche Nation CHR Program: Saturday, May 18, 2019 – 1:00 am to 4:00 pm
Comanche CHR Office, #1 SW D Ave Lawton, OK
Contact: Sonya Liles 580-699-5225

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1st Annual Powwow



February 16th

2 pm - 10 pm

Supper 5pm-6pm

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HTB: Jordan Beartrack	HTB: Morgan Whitewolf
HTG: Rose Goodeagle	COHOST: Comanche Little Ponies

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NBV Generation Princesses Ms. Bluesky Tasee

Contest
Musical Chairs - Hat & Boot - Street Clothes

Youth Contest Categories

- ✦ Tiny Tots (Sponsored by Mary Wade)
- ✦ Brother/Sister Contest (Sponsored by Camielle "Tasi" Wetselline)
- ✦ Junior Girls Bucks/Cloth Combined (In honor of NBV Generation Princess Bluesky Tasee, by family)
- ✦ All-Categories Combined Special for Girls 7-17... &... Special for Girls 7-17 non-registered dancers including those who dance intertribal with a shawl (Sponsored by Tonya Moore)
- ✦ 7-17 War & Grass Dance Combined (Sponsored by Ramos Family)
- ✦ 7-17 Straight & Traditional Combined (Sponsored by Ramos Family)

Adult Contest Categories

- ✦ Women's All Categories Combined (Sponsored by Ann Quis Quins. In honor of NBV Generation Princess Ms. Bluesky Tasee)
- ✦ Men's Straight Dance Contest (Sponsored by Billy & Amber Komahcheet)
- ✦ Men's War Dance (Sponsored by Gary "Blackie" Barnes (Hoka Hey))

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Culinary Corner

February 2019						
Sunday Puha Tabeni	Monday Sumu Habiit̄	Tuesday Waha Habiit̄	Wednesday Pahi Habiit̄	Thursday Hayarokwe Habiit̄	Friday Tuhima Tabeni	Saturday T̄e Puha Tabeni
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- smooth making sure frosting is of spreading consistency. Stir in food coloring to create a pink or red colored frosting, if desired.
- After cookies have cooled, frost and decorate them with nonpareils, sprinkles, or colored sugar. Use a toothpick to dislodge the hole, if necessary. Let the frosting dry.
 - To make a necklace, tie the ends off of two pieces of red colored licorice with a knot. Thread it through the hole at the top center of the cookie. Tie the other ends off with another knot to create a "chain." Makes approximately 30 heart necklaces.

Valentine's Fettuccine for 2

- Ingredients**
- 4 ounces dry fettuccine pasta
 - 1 tablespoon olive oil
 - 2 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
 - 2 tablespoons Italian-style salad dressing
 - 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
 - 4 ounces fresh button mushrooms, quartered
 - 1 (14.5 ounce) can organic fire-roasted diced tomatoes (such as Muir Glen®)
 - 2 ounces cream cheese, cut into cubes
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
 - 2 tablespoons freshly shredded Parmesan cheese

Directions

- Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil. Once the water is boiling, stir in the fettuccine, and return to a boil. Cook the pasta uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta has cooked through, but is still firm to the bite, about 8 minutes. Drain well in a colander set in the sink.
- Heat the olive oil in a skillet, and cook the chicken breast halves over medium heat until lightly browned, about 5 minutes per side. Pour the Italian dressing and balsamic vinegar over the chicken, add the mushrooms, and cook, covered, until the chicken is no longer pink inside. Remove the chicken breasts, and cut into strips.
- Stir the tomatoes, cream cheese, and basil together in the skillet with the mushrooms over medium-low heat until the mixture comes to a boil. Stir to melt the cream cheese into the sauce, add the chicken strips and the cooked fettuccine, and toss together. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese to serve.

Recipes for Home Cooking



Kung Pao Chicken

Ingredients

- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves - cut into chunks
- 2 tablespoons white wine
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons sesame oil, divided
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch, dissolved in 2 tablespoons water
- 1 ounce hot chile paste
- 1 teaspoon distilled white vinegar
- 2 teaspoons brown sugar
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon chopped garlic
- 1 (8 ounce) can water chestnuts
- 4 ounces chopped peanuts

Directions

- To Make Marinade: Combine 1 tablespoon wine, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon oil and 1 tablespoon cornstarch/water mixture and mix together. Place chicken pieces in a glass dish or bowl and add marinade. Toss to coat. Cover dish and place in refrigerator for about 30 minutes.
- To Make Sauce: In a small bowl

combine 1 tablespoon wine, 1 tablespoon soy sauce, 1 tablespoon oil, 1 tablespoon cornstarch/water mixture, chili paste, vinegar and sugar. Mix together and add green onion, garlic, water chestnuts and peanuts. In a medium skillet, heat sauce slowly until aromatic.

- Meanwhile, remove chicken from marinade and saute in a large skillet until meat is white and juices run clear. When sauce is aromatic, add sauteed chicken to it and let simmer together until sauce thickens.

Egg Drop Soup

Ingredients

- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/4 teaspoon soy sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon sesame oil
- 1 teaspoon cornstarch (optional)
- 2 teaspoons water (optional)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 drop yellow food coloring (optional)
- 1 teaspoon chopped fresh chives
- 1/8 teaspoon salt (optional)

- 1/2 teaspoon ground white pepper (optional)

Directions

- In a small saucepan, combine the chicken broth, soy sauce and sesame oil. Bring to a boil. Stir together the cornstarch and water to dissolve cornstarch; pour into the boiling broth. Stir gently while you pour in the egg and yellow food coloring if using. Season with chives, salt and pepper before serving.

Valentine Heart Necklaces

Ingredients

- 1 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon lemon zest
- 2 1/2 cups sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 3 cups confectioners' sugar
- 1/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 tablespoons milk
- 3 drops red food coloring
- 2 1/4 ounces colored candy sprinkles

- 60 long red vine licorice

Directions

- Cream 1 cup butter or margarine and 3/4 cup white sugar together. Blend in egg, 1 teaspoon vanilla extract, and grated lemon peel. Sift together 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour and baking powder. Add to creamed mixture and blend well. Cover and refrigerate dough for approximately 2 hours.
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
- Roll dough to 1/4 inch thickness on a lightly floured surface. Use a floured heart shaped 1 to 2 inch cookie cutter and cut dough into heart shapes. Place the cut-out hearts on greased cookie sheets.
- Using the drinking straw, make a hole at the top center of each heart before baking. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes until very lightly browned. Cool the cookies on a wire rack.
- To Make Butter Frosting: Mix 3 cups confectioners' sugar and 1/3 cup butter together. Stir in 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract and 2 tablespoons milk. Beat until

Comanche Word Search

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

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Word Bank

- SWEETHEART - T̄?URAP̄
- FEBRUARY - POSITS̄ M̄A
- HEART - PIHI
- RED - EKABIT̄
- PINK - TOSA EKAPIT̄
- LOVE - KAMAK̄T̄
- FLOWER - TOTSIIYA
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People, Places and Things Happening

Cozad Placed First During Cross-Country Meet



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Xzavier Cozad received a letter and invitation signed by George O'Scanlon, President of Down Under Sports and Brian Pella, Vice President of DUS. Based on Cozad's overall performance he had been invited to represent Oklahoma on the 2019 Down Under Sports Cross Country Team.

Tribal member, Xzavier Cozad, participates on the Anadarko Varsity Cross-Country team as a Freshman and came in first place overall at the Walters meet with a new Personal Record (PR) of 17:22. Cozad won the Walters meet last year as an eighth grader.

Cozad is the son of Sunshine Rodriquez, of Anadarko, Okla.

Cozad's family is incredibly proud of him and all that he has accomplished.

NAJA Calls Huffington Post Reporting Irresponsible

The Native American Journalists Association expresses concern about the Huffington Post's "Mainstream Media Is Blowing Its Coverage Of Elizabeth Warren's DNA Test" article by Jennifer Bendery and its impact on Indigenous communities and tribal citizens.

It is the job of journalists to analyze and contextualize information for audiences, and as per the SPJ Code of Ethics, it is a basic tenet of journalism to "take special care not to misrepresent or oversimplify in promoting, previewing or summarizing a story." The Huffington Post, however, has not followed this established guideline and has oversimplified a complex topic that is critically important to Indigenous communities.

Bendery has applied a shallow analysis to a complicated, emotionally charged topic that has invited multiple interpretations from all corners of Indian Country, and concluded that "tribal leaders have far more pressing matters to deal with than a senator's DNA test." This analysis is not only inaccurate, it is a disservice to audiences that may not be familiar with how charged Warren's DNA results have been and betrays the trust and agency of Indigenous communities most impacted.

Perhaps most egregiously, the story provides no analysis about the underlying question that is the central issue: Is Warren's claim and the roll out of the DNA test results harmful to Native people and their political and cultural identity? The answer to this question lies at the heart of the controversy, and Huffington Post's failure to examine it is negligent and irresponsible.

The story minimizes the consequences and concern surrounding Warren's DNA test results by comparing them to issues like domestic abuse, teen suicide, and Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. To suggest that the response to Warren's DNA test is overblown because tribal leaders have more "pressing matters," is inadequate.

Additionally, to misrepresent the role or authority of an Indigenous official, such as the Cherokee Nation's Secretary of State, demonstrates an alarming lapse in fact checking, a fundamental misunderstanding of tribal politics and governmental structure and a deplorable error in sourcing.

The idea that a handful of

Indigenous people can speak for the majority is deeply rooted in hurtful stereotypes, colonial attitudes and ideas of racial superiority. Indigenous communities often hold conflicting viewpoints on important issues and show concern about multiple matters affecting their lives.

NAJA hopes that Bendery, her editors and staff at Huffington Post reflect on this ethical negligence, apologize for their insensitive reporting, and employ substantive changes to improve their analysis of issues affecting Indigenous communities. NAJA also recommends that Huffington Post reporters take part in cultural sensitivity training to avoid publishing such errors in the future.

NCAI Applauds Decision to Ban Racially Offensive Team Names and Mascots

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is applauding a decision by Little League® International (the governing body of all global Little League-affiliated leagues and teams) to institute a new official policy in its 2019 Rule Book prohibiting the use of "racially insensitive, derogatory or discriminatory" team names and mascots, which NCAI has confirmed includes offensive Native "theme" names and mascots that cause significant harm to Native people.

The new rule, which applies to all Little League® International divisions under its "Operational Policies" Code, reads as follows: "Little League prohibits the use of team names, mascots, nicknames or logos that are racially insensitive, derogatory or discriminatory in nature. Little League requires all chartered local league programs, volunteers as well as regular employees to comply with the policies outlined above. Disciplinary action to address violations of the policies outlined above will be determined in the sole discretion of either the Charter Committee or Little League management, as applicable."

"We commend Little League International for taking this important step to stand on the right side of history, and we welcome the news that it is already hard at work ensuring that all of its affiliated leagues and teams promptly comply with this new edict of respect for Native people and other communities of color," said NCAI President Jefferson Keel. "Little League International molds not just the athletic talents but also the minds of so many young people across America, so its new rule will go a long way towards fostering greater understanding of our common humanity and the diversity that makes this country great."

Little League® International's new rule follows on the heels of Major League Baseball's historic decision to retire the offensive "Chief Wahoo" mascot of its Cleveland franchise in January 2018.

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic Encourages Healthy Habits in 2019

Oklahoma City Indian Clinic (OKCIC), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit clinic providing health and wellness services to American Indians in central Oklahoma, encourages healthy habits in 2019.

When setting and sticking to your new year health goals, follow these tips to encourage 2019 health and wellness success.

- Instead of getting a fitness tracker; resolve to making annual primary care appointments. Fitness trackers keep up with challenges and how many steps you get in a day but is easy to stop paying attention to the fitness tracking after a while.

It is important to schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider. Yearly physical exams help monitor blood pressure, cholesterol,

weight and more.

- Instead of cutting out all sugar; resolve to eating more veggies and fruits. Instead of being on a restrictive diet that doesn't allow you to eat any sugar, choose healthier foods. Try swapping out those late night ice cream cravings for some berries and dark chocolate.

- Instead of bottling up stress and breaking down; resolve to adopting an attitude of gratitude. Mental health is just as important as physical health. Take five minutes out of your day to reflect and write down all the things you are grateful for; which can increase your attitude, help relieve bottled up stress, improve self esteem and even help you sleep better.

OKCIC offers multiple ways to bring healthy habits into 2019 including primary care, a wellness center, health promotion and diseases prevention classes, and behavioral health services.

For more information, please call (405) 948-4900 or visit www.okcic.com.

Three Tips to Prepare for the Tax Season Now

It's almost time for the start of the 2019 tax season. Are you ready? Yes, April 15 is months away; however, the IRS will start accepting 2018 tax returns Monday, Jan. 28, (even if the government is still shut down). If you haven't already done so, right now is a great time to start preparing your taxes. The Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants (OSCPA) offers the following tips and information to help you get ready for tax season.

1. Make sure your information is updated. If you moved in 2018, you'll want to make sure your current address is correct with everyone who will be sending you tax documents. An old address could delay your receipt of the materials or cause them to land in the wrong hands. If you changed your name in 2018, you'll want to make sure you notified the Social Security Administration (SSA). The name on your tax return needs to match what the SSA has on file. If it doesn't, you won't be able to e-file your return under your new name.

2. Prepare a tax file. You should soon, if you haven't already, receive the bulk of the documents you need to start completing your return. This includes a W-2 from your employer showing what you earned in 2018. You'll also receive Forms 1099 that report any additional earnings and investment income you received and statements from your mortgage company, bank or other lenders. You also may receive paperwork, documenting payments you made on medical bills and any charitable donations or financial investments. In addition, you will need to gather receipts to back up what you plan to write off for expenses related to business, medical or childcare. CPAs recommend you place all of the materials you receive and have gathered together in a folder or envelope so that everything is in one place and easy to locate when you're ready to work on your return or present it to your CPA.

In addition, it's a good idea to have your previous year's tax return handy. It can serve as a guide or reference when completing this year's return. By looking at the old return, you can make a list of what you need and can mark off each item as you go to make sure nothing is missing. Keeping track of each item also will help you avoid a last minute scramble for documents.

3. Don't forget major life events from 2018. There are several different milestones that can impact your tax filing status and/or the allowances or deductions you can claim: marriage, divorce, birth or adoption of a child, retirement, changing jobs, starting a business, bankruptcy and home purchase. If you aren't sure how your return may be affected, you can turn to your local CPA for help.

Consulting with a CPA offers peace of mind and reassurance that the job will be done correctly and in a timely manner. If you don't have one, you can get a free referral and free 30-minute consultation at www.FindYourCPA.com.

For more financial advice, like Know What Counts on Facebook, follow Know What Counts on Twitter or visit KnowWhatCounts.org, where you can sign up for a free e-newsletter, read financial columns and more.

Forest Heritage Center Offers Scholarship Programs

In an effort to reach out to the young men and women who are the future of forestry, the Forest Heritage Center Museum will offer scholarships to college students and graduating high school seniors, as well as stipends for forestry program educators.

Forestry's impact on the economy in Oklahoma is tremendous, providing well over 19,000 jobs and \$1 billion in wages statewide. The foresters and community leaders who make up the Forest Heritage Center's board of directors introduced the Forest Heritage Center Scholarship Program in 2018 to help Oklahoma

youth take advantage of the opportunities the industry provides.

The Fred Dierks Educational Scholarship offers a \$1500 scholarship to a college undergraduate student. The scholarship is available to all students currently enrolled as second semester freshmen or higher grade level. Students must be enrolled in a forestry program in one of Oklahoma's institutions of higher education, with a minimum of a 3.0 on a 4.0 grading scale.

For graduating high school seniors the Quintus Herron Educational Scholarship provides \$500 to an Oklahoma student enrolling in a college level forestry program in an Oklahoma institution for higher learning.

A \$1000 stipend is available for both formal and informal educators who wish to implement forestry curriculum in their program. Leaders of youth organizations and teachers can take advantage of this opportunity to introduce youngsters to the endless possibilities that the forest and forestry industry provide.

The application deadline for the scholarships and stipend is March 15. For more information and applications visit <http://www.forestry.ok.gov/fhc-scholarships>, call the Forest Heritage Center Museum at (580) 494-6497 or e-mail fhc@beavers-bend.com.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY. Members of the Indigenous People's Day Organization gathered the evening of January 17, to celebrate the one year Anniversary of the City of Lawton Passing Ingenious People's Day. The proposal took three presentations to the Lawton City Council to pass. The first Indigenous People's Day Celebration took place October 8, 2018, at the Ft. Sill Apache Casino/Hotel Convention Center, with hundreds in attendance. The organization is making plans and raising money for the 2019 celebration, which is scheduled for October 14, tentatively.

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Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

CIVA Activities

With the Christmas and New Year holidays taking up the month of December the CIVA had very little activity. The holiday break was a welcomed by all to enjoy time with their families.

Tavia Torralba hosted an Auxiliary "Sock" party, on December 9, at the home of Shelley Asepermy. Ten ladies attended the afternoon party filled with laughter, games, a sock exchange, lots of food and drinks, music and each taking turns holding Baby Luna, the 3-month old daughter of Associate member Ricardo Flores and Reyna Lewis.

On December 15, 12 veterans, 12 Auxiliary, 15 guests and Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus gathered at the Old Plantation in Medicine Park for a Christmas get together.



Courtesy Photo

Commander Kevin Pohawatchoko speaking during exhibit opening at the Kiowa Elders Center in Carnegie.

On December 16 an exhibit Patriot Nations: Native Americans in Our Nation's Armed Forces opened at the Kiowa Museum at the Kiowa Tribal Complex in Carnegie. Commander Kevin Pohawatchoko, Secretary Clifford Takawana and Auxiliary member Shirley Rivera represented the CIVA for the opening.



Courtesy Photo

Richard Sapcutt, Keller Roaming Warrior and Lanny Asepermy at the Apache Blackfoot Society Ceremonial.

On December 16, the Apache Native Warrior Society invited the CIVA for their first sponsored veteran's event at the Comanche Community Center in Apache. The Apache Blackfoot Society ceremony was performed in the afternoon and Gourd dancing in the evening. Six veterans and six Auxiliary members attended the event.



Courtesy Photo

Lanny Asepermy, Scott Cato, George Red Elk and Jimmy Caddo.

On December 19, Lanny Asepermy, George Red Elk and Jimmy Caddo welcomed and met with Navy Vietnam War veteran Scott Cato and the Nation Complex. Cato served in the Navy from 1965-68 including service in the Gulf of Tonkin aboard the ammunition ship the USS Mauna Loa. He just recently moved back to Lawton from Riverside, Cali., where he has lived since 1971. He was presented with a Veterans Gift

Package and invited to the January monthly meeting. His father is the late Phil Cato Jr., and he is the grandson of Phil Cato Sr., (a Pueblo Indian) and Ida Ross Cato (a Comanche). His great Comanche grandparents are Charlie Ross (aka Chappy) and Blackstar.

TASK FORCE COMANCHE completed their pre-deployment training at Fort Bliss, Texas, shortly before Christmas and are scheduled to deploy in January 2019 for a nine-month tour to the Persian Gulf (Kuwait, Iraq and Syria).



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File photo taken early 2003, left to right Merrick Youngman (deceased); Rosalie Pennah; Albert Clark Jr. (deceased); Myra Burgess (deceased); Jose Gallegos; Krista Hubbard; Eleanor McDaniel; Susie Hubbard (deceased); Jack Codopony Sr.; and Nipper Tiddark (deceased).

The CIVA is an all-volunteer Veterans Association; we are not a Pow-wow Club, organization or Society. No one is paid for doing what we do. Currently we have 12 veterans and 12 Auxiliary that attend the majority of our commitments. Another eight veterans and 11 Auxiliary assist when they can. The CIVA was chartered on August 18, 1976, with the three principles on file being Edgar Monetatchi, Clifford Ototivo Sr. and James Chasenah. The first gathering (Pow-wow) was held from October 23-25, 1976. They had no princess when they were chartered. Prior to becoming strictly a Comanche Veterans organization, Comanches were part of the American Indian Veterans Association that included Kiowas, Apaches, Wichitas, Delawares, Caddo's and a few Cheyenne and Arapaho members. In 1957 the Kiowas formed the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society and in 1961 the Apaches formed the Kiowa-Apache Blackfoot Society. According to the Black Leggings first Commander, the late Gus Palmer Sr., the Comanches and Apaches were invited to join their organization, both tribes refused. Here we are 42 years later carrying on what was started by a few dedicated World War II and Korean War Comanche veterans.

Perhaps the most important service we provide is Funeral Honors to the families of deceased Comanche veterans and in some cases non-Comanche veterans married to a Comanche spouse. In 2018 we provided a detail for 22 funerals including services for two of our active members. In all the CIVA has provided funeral honors for 256 veterans since 2003. The service begins with a call from the CN Funeral Home and in some cases other funeral homes requesting a funeral detail from the family of the deceased. Active members are notified once a time, date and place of the service is verified. The US, OK, CN, CIVA and service flag of the deceased are set-up along with a wreath (made by Aux-

iliary member Fran Red Elk) at the site of prayer and/or funeral service. On occasion the wreath is the only flowers at the service. A firing squad is requested from the CN Police Department. Photos, military bios and funeral programs are put into an "in-memory" booklet for presentation to the families. Honors are presented at the funeral including a prayer, reading the veteran's military history, a hymn, followed by a roll call and final honors (a salute). There have been a few occasions when the CIVA has provided the pallbearers when asked. At the gravesite the active duty branch of service of the deceased fold and present the casket flag to the family. Again the CIVA has done this honor when asked by the family. Prior to the casket flag presentation the firing squad fires a volley of three rounds. The CIVA usually plays "Taps" and display the flags. Sometimes the military will have a bugler. Once the casket flag is presented to the family, the firing squad and CIVA detail depart the burial site. It takes a great deal of coordination and teamwork to ensure the service is done with dignity and honor.



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File photo of marker placement for Code Talker Roderrick Red Elk.

Usually 30-45 days later the marker for the deceased arrives at the CN Funeral Home. There have been occasions it takes up to two years to arrive. The Funeral Home lets the CIVA know the marker has arrived and the CIVA in turn notify the families and set a time and date for the marker to be placed - there have been times when no family members are present for the marker placement. Sometimes as few as two and as many as 20 CIVA members place the marker. An upright marker (which weighs 230 lbs.) is placed into an 18" hole dug by the members, leveled left to right and front to rear then tramped. Flat Bronze markers are placed upon a concrete slab (which weighs 135 lbs.) that is embedded into the ground 2-3 inches and leveled. The surrounding area is raked and cleaned before a brief ceremony. The ceremony consists of a prayer, remarks from the CIVA and family (if present) and a hymn. To date the CIVA has placed markers for 258 veterans. The first two markers were ceremonial placements for Kiowa Leader Twohatchet and Comanche Leader Esa Rosa. Markers have also been placed for the 22 Comanche Code Talkers of World Wars I & II and one Pawnee Code Talker.

Before the CIVA became involved with the marker placements Lanny and Shelley Asepermy placed the first seventy-seven markers. Some of the cemeteries where markers have been placed include Cache Creek; West Cache Creek; Highland; Post Oak; Walters; Memory Lane; Red Stone; numerous family cemeteries (Mithlo, Twohatchet, Redbone, Tieyah/Laurenzana); Rainey and Saddle Mountain; Cedar Creek; Deyo Mission; Rock Springs;

Mount Scott; Ware's (near Hog Creek); Gotebo; Fairview (Apache); Three Rivers, N.M.; Memory Gardens (Farmington, N.M.); Hammon (Okla.) Mennonite; Concho; Carnegie; Pawnee Indian; Sterling; Fort Cobb; Little Washita; Otipoby; Fletcher; Cyril, Beef Creek (Fort Sill Apache on Fort Sill) and Watonga.

The CIVA provides the Color Guard and Flag Raising and Lowering detail for Comanche Homecoming and the Comanche Nation Fair and Color Guard for Comanche Nation Fair Parade. In addition the Color Guard has been provided for the OK Military Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony twice (which was attended by 800+ people), Fredericksburg TX Pow-wow, Indian Hills Pow-wow, OU Indian Club Pow-wow, Southwest Missouri State Pow-wow, Esa Rosa Annual, the American Exposition and their parade, CN Higher Education Banquet, for some of the CN Museum openings, General Council, for "Comanche Boy" Boxing events, for the local Korean War and Vietnam War Association Ceremonies, at the Haskell Indian Nations University Inauguration, Cache and Hobart Veterans Parade, Altus AFB Armed Forces Day Observance, Red Earth Parade and many local



Courtesy Photo

File photo of George Red Elk, Clifford Takawana, Lanny Asepermy and Jack Codopony Sr. visiting with the late WWII veteran Clay Hohawah.



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File photo of Fran and George Red Elk, Rhonda Williams with grandson and Jose Gallegos, welcoming Williams home from Afghanistan in September 2011.

Other services provided by the CIVA include visiting our veterans at their home, nursing homes, hospitals and assisted living centers; hosting three major events - the Armed Forces Day Banquet, Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow (at these events over 250+ veterans have been recognized for their military service with Grateful Nation blankets, Gift Packets, Honor Certificates and a stipend); and welcoming home our veterans and sending off our veterans for deployment at the airports in both Lawton and Oklahoma City. A monthly meal is provided, by the Auxiliary, to Comanche veterans and a guest on the first Thursday of each month usually in the Patriot Room.

The January monthly meeting scheduled on January 5 was cancelled due to the ice and snow storm. The only commitment is the Oklahoma City Pow-wow Club New

Years Pow-wow in Moore, Okla., on the 12 of January. The CIVA are the Honored Special Guest for the event.

A Few Good Women Warriors

From Continental Army Soldier Deborah Samson to the first female Army Rangers, CPT Kristen Griest and 1LT Shaye Haver, American women have been serving in the US Military for hundreds of years.

Women have been part of the war effort since the Revolutionary War. In the early days of our nation they had to cloak themselves in disguise to serve alongside men. When they were accepted into the military, women were given auxiliary roles.

As the weapons and methods of warfare change in the late 20th century the Pentagon began to realize that gender matters less on the battlefield.

During the Revolutionary, Mexican and Civil Wars, a small number of women were involved in combat, but they had to disguise themselves as men and enlist under aliases. Deborah Samson was one of the first American woman soldiers. In 1782 she enlisted under the name of her deceased brother, Robert Samson. For 17 months she served in the Continental Army and was twice-wounded.

During World War I the Navy and Marine Corps allowed women to enlist. More than 12,000 enlisted and about 359 died during the Great War. During World War II the Army, Army Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard established separate branches for women. The Army created the WAAC (Women's Army Auxiliary Corps) which was later changed to the WAC (Women's Army Corps); the Marines were the Marine Corps Women's Reserve; Navy women were called WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency); the Air Force created the WASP (Women Air Force Service Pilots) which was later changed to WAF (Women's Air Force); and the Coast Guard was known as SPARS (Semper Paratus/Always Ready).



Courtesy Photo

Shelley and Lanny Asepermy with the son, daughter and parents of Lori Piestewa.

543 servicewomen died during World War II; 17 during the Korean War; eight during the Vietnam War; 16 during the Gulf War; 110 in Iraq; and 29 in Afghanistan. As most of us know the first known and only female American Indian to die in combat was Lori Piestewa, a soldier from the Hopi Tribe. She was killed in action, while a Prisoner of War, on March 23, 2003 in Iraq.

Today women make up about 15% of the US military (Comanche women make up 6% of the 1,252 Comanches that have served in military). The first known Comanche woman to serve in uniform was Robert Clark (Weckeah)

Bradley when she first enlisted into the WAAC on October 2, 1942 and later into the Marine Corps Women's Reserve on December 17, 1943. 69 Comanche women have followed in Bradley's footsteps.



Courtesy Photo

Sgt Lindsey Griner

It is noted that Marine Corps Sergeant Lindsey Griner was decorated with the Bronze Star with Valor Device and the Combat Action Ribbon while serving in Iraq - she is the only Comanche women to earn both awards and earn the honorary title of *Numu Pukutsi*.



Courtesy Photo

SPC Eleanor McDaniel

Eleanor McDaniel most likely is the first woman Comanche veteran to serve in direct combat as she and her unit were part of the invasion force into Iraq on January 17, 1991.



Courtesy Photo

LtCol Lisa Smith



Courtesy Photo

LTC Rhonda Williams

Lisa Smith (Air Force) and Rhonda Williams (Army) both retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. LtCol Smith completed three tours in Iraq while LTC Williams earned the Combat Action Badge and Bronze Star for her service in Afghanistan.



Courtesy Photo

SPC Verna Tahkofper

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CW2 Karli Wahkahquah

SPC Vena Tahkofper and CW2 Karli Wahkahquah are the only other two female Comanche veterans awarded the Combat Action Badge.



Courtesy Photo

GySgt Donna Harris

Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant (Retired) Donna Harris, a Gulf War veteran, earned the highest enlisted grade (E-7) of the female veterans.



Courtesy Photo

SSG Deborah Niedo Rettig

Retired Army Staff Sergeant Deborah Niedo Rettig earned 53 decorations, ribbons and other awards during her military service which included the Gulf and Iraq Wars. Among her awards are 9 Commendation and 8 Achievement Medals. No other Comanche, male or female, has earned that many Commendation or Achievement Medals.

Here are photos of 35 of the Comanche Women Warriors the CIVA have on file. The CIVA has collected 653 photos (52%) of our Comanche veterans' photos. If you have a photo of a veteran in uniform you can email it to Lanny Asepermy at sgtmajase@yahoo.com; or text to (580) 678-4629 or mail to PO Box 247, Apache, OK 73006.



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**1LT Linda Asenap
Women Army Corps**



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**Pvt Roberta Bradley
Marine Corps Reserve**



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**Lt Jenifer Burns
Army**



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**PO2 Anita Chebahatah
Newman
Navy**



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**Cpl Wanda Clark Rhodd
Women Army Corps**



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**SSG Jerri Locklear
Army**



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**PO1 Jessica Mahaffey
Navy**



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**CPL Wilma Moore
Women Army Corps**



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**PFC Janelle Mowatt
Marine Corps Reserve**



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**SSGT DeAnn Nibbs
Air Force**



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**SGT Laura Phillips
Army and Army Reserve**



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**PFC Kersty Pohawpatchoko
Army Reserve**



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**A2C Theresa Pilas
Women Air Force**



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**SP3 Camile Wallace
Women Army Corps**



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**LT Edna Portillo
Navy Reserve**



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**PFC Ada Riddles Hettich
Women Air Force**



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**OS2 Arlene Robles
Navy**



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**Sgt Constance Southard
Air Force**



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**SPC Keesa Tahdoahnippah
Army**



Courtesy Photo

**SSgt Darlene Tate
Air Force Reserve**



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**A1C Irene Tiegah
Air Force**



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**Janise Todome
Navy**



Courtesy Photo

**SGT Terry Torres
Army**



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**A1C Lanette
Tahchawickah
Air Force Reserve**



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**SPC Mariah Codopony
OKARNG and Army**



Courtesy Photo

**SPC Christel Wilkerson
Army**



Courtesy Photo

**SN Ramona Wooth Gooday
WAVES**



Courtesy Photo

**Paula Bennett
Navy**



Courtesy Photo

**A1C Amanda Clark
Air Force**



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**SGT Stephanie Brown
Army**



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**Megan Edge
Army Reserve**



Courtesy Photo

**Tiffany LeBarre
Marine Corps**



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**A2C & SPC Valoris Stroup
WAF & Army Reserve**



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**SPC LaDonna Wooth
Army**



Courtesy Photo

**SPC Jennifer Mihecobey
Debouver
Army**

Others that have served that we have no photos on file include: SK2 Danielle Anderson Navy; 1LT Patricia Anderson WAC; SP4 Debra Aynes Army; SGT Annetta Best Army; SPC Michelle Bobelu Army; SSgt Ruby Wahnee Booker Air Force; SSG Rozanna Attocknie Chavez Army; Brenda Chrisman OKARNG; SSG Janetta Donald Army; PFC Darlene Doyebi Army; SPC Kimmockah Farrow Army; Sgt Carrisa French Air Force; Stormy Garcia; Ramona Hancox; Lorraine Coosewoon Mathews; Annetta Myers; Candace Otipoby; Cynthia Otipoby; SGT Marda Pebeahsy Army; LTJG Denise Portillo Navy; SSgt Roberta Rosemark Air Force; SN Janelle Pocowatchit Shelmadine WAVES; EMFH Ramona Standingcrow Navy; PFC Norma Tahsuda Marine Corps Reserve; IC3 Lisa Tehauno Navy; T5 Mary Waldrif WAC; and Sgt Maureen Yare Air Force.

TO ALL VETERANS: If you have never received a Veterans Gift Package which consist of a Veterans Hat and T-Shirt, Honorable and/or Combat Service Medalion, Challenge Coin, Comanche Veterans History DVD; two Comanche and two CIVA stickers, a Veterans Tag and a Veterans Coffee Cup you can contact Asepermy and the CIVA will either present or mail the Gift Package to you.

A reminder that on the first Thursday of each month the CIVA Auxiliary prepares a meal for Comanche veterans and a guest at the Comanche Veterans Patriot Room starting at 6 p.m.



Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

January 2- Tha-tsi-koah (Cuts off his Enemy) Burgess
 January 6- Betty Hood
 January 12- Jonatta Carrillo
 January 13- Taylor Thornbrugh
 January 17- Evie
 January 23- Joseph Caddo

Happy Birthday

February 2- Rosie Motah
 February 5- Gwendolyn Brinkman
 February 5- Marcelline Soto
 February 5- Nancy Nauni
 February 6- Tony Viddaurri
 February 9- Rance Hood
 February 10- Harold Ray Yeahquo
 February 14- Amanda Blackbear
 February 16- Mary Pollard
 February 17- Lillene Suina
 February 19- Madyson Lewis
 February 24- Edwin Ray Akoneto



Happy Belated Birthday
Tha-Tsi-Koah Burgess
January 2



Happy Belated Birthday
Taylor Thornbrugh
January 13



Happy Birthday
Irene Lane
February 2



Happy Birthday
Khloe Goombi
February 9



Happy Birthday
Dean Toppah
February 18



Happy Birthday
Brandon Avery
February 25



To My Valentine
Wes, Love you Always
Baby Doll

February 24- Norman "Sonny" Nauni, Jr.
 February 25- Brandon Avery
 February 25- Cole Cook
 February 25- Marshall Powell
 February 26- Sydnee Lewis
 February 27- Jan Stumblingbear
 February 28- Larry Hood

Anniversaries

Randy & Christal Stillwell
February 14

 Brandon & Jennifer Avery
February 28~ Married 16 years



Anniversary
Happy 25th Anniversary
Together for 29 years
Love, Danna & Charles

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
RANDY AND
CHRISTAL STILL-
WELL.
Have the best day ever
and many more



In Loving Memory
Aaron Ashley Gower
8-20-1990 ~ 2-6-2013
Forever 22 years old
Great Great Grandson
of Cruz Portillo and Mae
Miheuah
And if I go and prepare a
place for you "I will come
again, and receive you
into myself; that were I
am, there ye may be also"



Anniversary
Christal and Randy
Stillwell

The Comanche Nation News

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The
 Comanche
 Nation
 Offices will
 be closed
 February 19
 for
 President's
 Day.
 Offices will
 reopen 8
 a.m.,
 February 20.

Esa Rosa Descendants

Benefit Pow-wow
 February 2, 2019
 2 p.m.- 10 p.m.
 Comanche Nation Complex
 584 NW Bingo Rd. Lawton, Okla.

All Gourd Dance

HEAD STAFF

MC	Kevin Sovo Sr.
Head Singer	June Sovo
Head Man	Bruce Ceasar
Head Lady	Dorothy Tahah
Arena Director	Corey Reeder
Security	John Chasenah
Co-Host	Walters Service Club
Co-Host	Chasenah Family

Invitation to all tribal and organizational princesses
 Public Welcome. Vendors welcome to set up for \$25 or raffle of equal value. Supper will be served.
 For more information, contact Michelle Whitewolf, (580) 919-0230, Frank Whitewolf, (580) 678-1540
 or Kenny Whitewolf, (580) 514-4990.
 No drugs, alcohol, or harassment allowed. Not responsible for accidents or theft.

INDIGENOUS Peoples' Day
 CITY OF LAWTON PLANNING COMMITTEE

BINGO

Saturday, February 9, 2019
2:00 PM — 6:00 PM
Comanche Nation Education Center
1608 SW 9th St, Lawton, OK 73501

15 Games at \$1.00 a Card
 2 - \$25 Walmart Gifts
 Food Sale
 Cake Walk
 50/50 Raffle

The Lawton Indigenous Peoples Day Planning Committee invite everyone interested to join our committee. You can help plan for the 2019 Indigenous Peoples Day and other community events.

8TH ANNUAL RED DRESS EVENT
 FOR NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN
 In support of Women's Heart Disease Awareness Month

February 8, 2019
 Time: 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M.
 Location: Great Plains Vo-tech in the Worley Center
 Lawton, Oklahoma 73507

Breakfast AND Lunch Will Be Provided

Space is limited. Please call to register:
 Comanche Nation Diabetes Program (580) 280-4674
 or
 Lawton Service Unit Diabetes Education Program
 (580) 354-5640 or (580) 354-5674

Southwest Oklahoma INTERTRIBAL Research Conference
 Call for Presentations

Submission Deadline: February 15

WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES COMPLEX
 422 WICHITA LANE - ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA

FRIDAY, MARCH 22

Open to presenters of all ages. This conference will feature dynamic research from citizens of Southwest Oklahoma tribal nations, including youth and professional academic researchers. Presentations may be powerpoint, poster, tri-fold or demonstrational [culture, language, & STEAM demos welcome]. For more information contact Misty Boettger at 405-247-8686. Submit presenter info & abstracts to shagwood@kiowatribe.org.

Conference Sponsors: Anadarko Public Schools, Boone-Apache Public Schools, Fort Cobb-Broxton Public Schools, Mountain View-Coteba Public Schools, Lookaba-Sickles Public Schools

Special Invitation to Area Schools: Carnegie Public Schools, Cracmont Public Schools, Riverside Indian School, Cyril Public Schools, Hinton Public Schools

Obituaries

Ronald DeWayne Wermey



Courtesy Photo

Wermey

Ronald DeWayne Wermey, 68, of Cache went to be with his Lord on November 14, 2018 at his home in Cache with his loving family by his side.

Funeral service was November 19, 2018 at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Nick Tahchawwickah officiating. Burial was at Cache KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Wermey was born April 22, 1950 in Lawton to Donald and Betsy (Tarsip) Wermey Jr. He grew up in Cache and graduated from Cache High School in 1969. He played baseball and basketball for the Cache Bulldogs. Wermey attended Cameron University and while attending Haskell Indian Jr. College he met the love of his life Beverly Janis, they were married June 5, 1975 at the Wermey home place in Cache by Rev. Nick Tahchawwickah.

Wermey worked for Brown and Root and worked for Goodyear for 28 years until he retired in 2012. He was an avid OU Sooner fan, Oklahoma City Thunder and Kansas City Chiefs. He played fast pitch softball, throwing darts, singing karaoke. He loved making memories with his family. Wermey was a proud full blood member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He worked for the Comanche Nation Grasshopper Program for the past three years.

Wermey is survived by: wife Beverly of the home, daughter, Angie and Kenneth Williams of Cache; sisters: Donette Peni of Lawton and Sylvia Wermey of Cache; grandchildren: Dakota Wermey, Precious and Payton Williams; sister in law Donna Wermey, aunts and uncles: Rev. Nick and Peggy Tahchawwickah, George and Geraldine Wermey, Roberta Wermey, other family members and friends.

Wermey is preceded in death by: his son, Ronald Wermey Jr. "Lil Ronnie", parents, Don and Betsy Wermey, brothers: Donald "Jutes" Wermey and Del Wermey, niece, Jaden Austin, mother in law, Bernice Janis, special friends, Tim Tiddark, Johnny Wauqua, Norris Wauqua, Milton Codynah, and Jimmy Cable.

Jerry Dewayne Morris



Courtesy Photo

Morris

Jerry Dewayne Morris, 74, passed away November 18, 2018 at his home in the Meers Community.

Graveside Service was November 21, 2018 at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Scott Whitman officiating. Burial was in Sunset Memorial

Gardens Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Morris was born February 18, 1944 in Elgin to Earl Wayne Morris and Norma Jean Myers. He attended Oklahoma State University where he obtained his Bachelor's Degree. He worked as a Land Appraiser for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and retired. He was active in AMBUCS, sponsored softball teams; He obtained his Real Estate License and owned his own Century 21 business in Lawton. He sold Ice to local business ever the entrepreneur. He enjoyed moto cross racing with his oldest son, camping, Oklahoma State Cowboys, playing softball. In retirement he enjoyed camping, outdoor water sports, family, friends and skiing. He loved the Dallas Cowboys. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation. Coaching his son Bradley's sports teams.

He is survived by his son; Bradley Morris, daughter; Sarah Smith. One granddaughter; Brooklynnne Ann Morris. Brother; Tommy Morris and wife Treasea. Sister; Lana Scammahorn and her husband Gary. Numerous other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Earl Wayne and Norma Jean Morris. Son Jon Morris.

Glenda Rae Hodges



Courtesy Photo

Hodges

Glenda Rae Hodges, 61, Lawton passed away November 21, 2018 with her loving family by her side.

Hodges was born July 20, 1957 in Lawton to Glendell Crumbley and Barbara Patterson. She grew up in Lawton and graduated from Cache Public Schools. She loved playing pool, Bingo and going Camping and fishing. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of the Comanche Nation.

She is survived by her husband Tommy of the home, children; Chad and Kenna Jett of Arizona, Crystal and Richard Wright of Wilson, mother Barbara Patterson of Lawton. Brothers and Sisters; Mike and Susan Crumbley, Karen and Glen Evans, both of Lawton, Frankie Dale Patterson of El Paso Texas, and Lisa Ezell of Oklahoma City. Grandchildren; Dakota Jett, Cierra Jett, Cheyenne Ingle, Colton Jett, Savannah Ingle. Sister In Law Kathy Lake. Numerous Nieces, Nephews, and friends.

She is preceded in death by; her father Glendell Crumbley, Step Dad Frank Patterson and sister Monet Parker.

Larry Bread



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Bread

Larry Bread, age 71, passed away peacefully on December 16, 2018, at the home of his son Craig Bailey and daughter-in-law Jennifer in Bethany, Okla., surrounded by family under the assistance of Crossroads hospice & Palliative Care.

He was born October 9, 1947, in Lawton, Okla., to Scott and Julia Bread.

He graduated from Lawton High School, continuing his education in Radiography at Parkland

Memorial Hospital, Dallas, Texas, obtaining his National Registry Certification. Working several years around Oklahoma before joining HIS. Bread retired after 34 years from the Radiology department at Lawton Indian Health Service.

He was preceded in death by his father Scott Bread, mother Julia Bread and brother's Darrell, Richard and Ronald Bread. He is survived by his wife Tejuata Bread, his children Craig and wife Jennifer, Kim and husband Terry, Dana and her partner Billie, Kari, Cheri and husband Raymond, brother Aubrey and Ramona Bread, sister Betty Wyrick and husband James, 18 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren

Special Thank you to Tracy Battle of Oklahoma City for helping his son and daughter-in-law when they needed a little help and Valerie Little for the moral support through his last hours of his life.

Family, friends, and others whose lives Bread touched were invited to the Comanche Nation Funeral Home, 2701 SW J Avenue, Lawton, Okla., December 20 and 21 for viewing 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Prayer Service December 21, to be officiated by Marilyn Bread and Debbie Wilson.

Calvert Randolph Codynah



Courtesy Photo

Codynah

Calvert Randolph Codynah 62 Cyril, passed away December 18, 2018 with his loving family by his side.

Funeral Service was December 24, 2018 at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Lloyd Heminokky Sr. officiating. Burial followed at Celestial Gardens Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Codynah was born August 25, 1956 at the Kiowa Indian Hospital to Haddon "Red" and Martha (LookingGlass) Codynah. He attended school in Lawton and graduated from Lawton High School in 1975. After graduation he moved to California and attended the University of Southern California in 1977. He loved his sports on TV watching OU Football and OKC Thunder with his closest friends Jeff and Gary Toahy, they loved him like a brother always laughing and joking with each other. He was a proud full blood member of the Comanche Nation.

He is survived by his siblings; Theodore Niedo of Cache, Okla., Laura Ann Lawson and Lans L. Saupitty and wife Monika Saupitty all of Cyril. A host of relative's, nieces, nephews and grandchildren who loved him dearly and friends. With special acknowledgement to Brother Chairman Willie Nelson.

He is preceded in death by his parents; Red Codynah who was a Comanche Code Talker in whom Calvert was very proud, mother Martha LookingGlass. Siblings; Lloyd Van Codynah Nelson and his twin Doris Janelle Nelson, Ronald "Butch" Nelson and Mike Niedo Sr. and Nephew Michael "Hulie" Niedo Jr. and grandson Taylor Niedo.



Linden Faye Wahkinney



Courtesy Photo

Wahkinney

Linden Faye Wahkinney started her journey to the spirit world and was welcomed by the Creator and family on December 22, 2018.

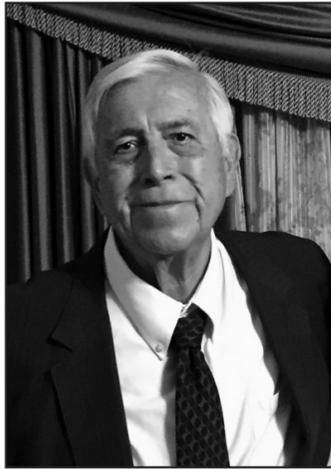
Wahkinney brought the light of her love into this world September 13, 2018 to her loving parents Bianca Danielle Hill and Jared James Wahkinney and her furry brother Indiana Jones Wahkinney. They documented their life together via social media. It was through this media her sweet life was followed by family, friends, and many people who felt they had come to know her, sharing in her smiles, her sleeps, and her milestones. Wahkinney loved being read Dr. Seuss books, listening to Comanche and Kiowa hymns, getting lots of snuggles, watching her "TV", seeing toys light up, being wrapped up like a burrito, sucking on her wubbanub, facetimeing with her family, and spending time with her nurse friends who cared so much for her.

Family who will continue on in this world until they see her again: parents, Bianca Danielle Hill and Jared James Wahkinney; grandparents, Jamison and Lisa Hill, and Lyndon Wahkinney; great-grandparents, Mary Hill, Rebecca Skocelas, Gerald and Maureen Murray (Scotland); great-aunt Jacqueline Murray (Scotland); aunts, Noconi Wahkinney and Lexi Hill; uncle Jack Hill; and many other aunts, uncles, and cousins domestically and internationally. She was greeted with hugs and kisses in the spirit world by great-grandparents, Jerry Hill, Anthony Skocelas, Russell and Dorothy Wahkinney, and grandmother Karen Wahkinney.

She will continue on in this world as a Redmond Linden tree. Her parents ask in lieu of flowers, please donate to the Linden Faye Wahkinney page on GoFundMe: [gf.me/u/pngi45](https://www.gofundme.com/u/pngi45)

Services was December 28 at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

John Melvin Hart Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Hart

John Melvin Hart Jr., 77, of Udall, Kan., passed away December 23, 2018 with his loving wife and children by his side.

Funeral Service was December 27, 2018 at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was December 26, 2018 at the Funeral Home Chapel.

Hart was born on August 6, 1941 in Lawton, Oklahoma. He was the only child of Lizzie Pohocsucut Hart and John Melvin Hart Sr. He at-

tended grade school and high school at Geronimo, Oklahoma. After high school he earned his associate degree from Cameron University in 1962. While there he was involved in ROTC and intramural sports. He also worked as a sacker at Fort Sill and for a moving company. He transferred to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1962 to complete a degree in business. While there he met his future wife, Laura June Myers, who captured his heart. By summer they were engaged and began planning their wedding the following year. When Laura met his relatives, she knew that she had found herself a second family. On May 24, 1964, John and Laura were married at the First Christian Church in Taloga, Oklahoma.

After a short honeymoon, the newlyweds moved into the family home with John's mother, Lizzie, and he began working for the Indian Agency at Anadarko. Before John received his first pay check, the couple had \$7 to get by on for the month and believe it or not, they made it with a few pennies left over. In November, Hart's mother passed away and John and Laura moved to Anadarko. Hart knew this job at the agency was a temporary job of one year so at the end of that time he decided to return to college to become a business teacher. Both John and Laura worked in the student union during the next year and a half until John graduated at mid-term with a degree in business education. The only opening for a business teacher at that time which was relatively close by was in the small town of Ensign in western Kansas. They drove on solid ice for seven hours to reach Ensign and John impressed them so much he was immediately hired. They made the move to Ensign and Hart loved working with students so much that he stayed in education for 32 years. He taught in Ensign, Montezuma, Moscow and Udall, Kansas as a business teacher and later became a Jr. High/Sr. High School Principal until his retirement in 1996. In 1970, he added a beautiful daughter to the Hart clan, Laurie Jonnett, and then in 1974 he welcomed his handsome son, Travis Lee. After retirement, he worked part time preparing taxes and he embarked on his most rewarding career as a babysitter for his granddaughter, Tavia Lee in 1998 and his grandson, Hunter Dean, who joined the Hart zoo in 2001 and the fun really began. His beautiful wife, children and grandchildren were the love of his life.

He is survived by his wife, Laura; his daughter, Laurie Jonnett; his son, Travis Lee and wife, Emily Rachelle; granddaughter, Tavia Lee and grandson Hunter Dean; a sister, Charlene Hoahwah; an Uncle, Kellye Hart; and many nieces and nephews as well as his Indian brother and sisters, Bonita, Marie, Betty, Husky and their children.

Hart was preceded in death by his parents, Lizzie and John Hart; two brothers, Rudolph and Raphie Coosewoon; and his sister, Patsy Reed.

Quinn Allen Simmons



Courtesy Photo

Simmons

Quinn Allen Simmons went home to his Father in Heaven on January 7, 2019. He was born on December 17, 1967 in Lawton Okla., to

His mother Betty Simmons and his father Don Allen Parker.

Funeral Service was January 10, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Steve Mallo officiating. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was January 9, at the Funeral Home Chapel.

Simmons attended school at Geronimo from kindergarten to 12th grade. He attended Cameron University where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree. He played baseball as a pitcher and many other positions for Cameron University and Bacone College. After High School he married Amy Burch and they had daughter Chantel Simmons. The two divorced after three years and later he had another daughter Shelly Simmons born December 21, 1991. and a son Andy Simmons on December 11, 1993. He has six grandchildren: Kayden, Jake, Hayden, Nevaeh, Karter and Owen. Three half-sisters; Mahate Parker, Sandy Parker and Sylvia Parker. One half-brother Yswyas Parker. Simmons loved sports; he played baseball, basketball and soccer in elementary and High School. He had many friends and was friends with team members he played against. He loved spending time with family and watching OU football.

Simmons is survived by his mother Betty Simmons, his Father Don Parker and his stepfather (Dad) Don Atkinson. His brother; Chad Simmons, Special brothers; Robert Simmons, Kermit Yackyonny Jr., Kelly Yackeyonny, Kevin Paddyaker and Special Sisters; Dorothy Jozwiak, and Ramona Hancox. His Aunts; Marie Eckiwaudah, Bonita Padyaker, and Saadia Tasso. His Uncle Weldon Simmons (Husky) He has many Nieces, Nephews, Cousins and friends. Special Aunt Ardith (Parker) Lemons.

He was preceded in death by his special sister Kathy Joyce Tasso, His maternal grandparents Elton and Ruth Simmons (Toahnippah), his paternal grandparents Baldwin and Margarite Parker, an Uncle Elton "Punch" Simmons Jr. and by his very special friend Mark Rhoades.

June Tahpay



Courtesy Photo

Tahpay

June Tahpay, 93, of Walters made her heavenly journey on January 13, 2019.

Funeral service for June Tahpay was January 16, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home with Deacon Dave Johnson and Ed Eschiti officiating.

Burial was at Walters Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer service was January 15, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Tahpay was born in Walters on June 5, 1925 to Wood and Suam (Titchywy) Yackeschi. She graduated from Ft. Sill Indian School. June received her degree as a LPN and worked at Lawton Indian Hospital, Sanders Nursing Home, Park View Nursing Home, Temple Nursing Home, Matron at Ft. Sill Indian School and a dispatcher for the city of Walters.

Tahpay was a proud full blood member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. Tahpay played basketball for Union Valley after he graduated. She enjoyed watching her grandson, granddaughter, great grandchildren play ball. She was proud of her Comanche tribal ways which she taught her family.

Tahpay is survived by: her daughters: Nona Tahpay and Ronna and Richard Jacobs all of Walters;

brother, Videll Yackeschi of Comanche; two grandchildren: Kyle, Yody and Doty; great grandchildren: Jaylen, Madison, Gracie, Lilly, K.J. Jr., Zayden, Madlynn; special granddaughter Daffinee, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends.

Tahpay is preceded in death by: her parents; husband Herchal Tahpay; brothers and sisters: Eli, Leo, Willie, Ethel, Betty, Bud, Tince, and Edgar Yackeschi.

Mary Jo Wardeski



Courtesy Photo

Wardeski

Mary Jo was called home by the Lord on January 11. Her husband Arno, daughter Julie and husband Travis, and granddaughters Ashley Karham and Afton Luttrell were by her side.

Wardeski was born October 28, 1935 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to Teddy Tahsuda and Nemah Tomah Tahsuda. She grew up in Walters with three sisters, Norma, Betty and Jerree. Wardeski attended Fort Sill Indian School and graduated from Haskell Institute in Kansas. Upon graduation she attended Cameron University. Later she went on the relocation program for young Native Americans to Chicago, Illinois. While there she was employed by a toy company and The American Medical Association. Illness forced her back to the Lawton area where she continued her working career in book keeping/accounting.

In 1953 Wardeski was elected as the Comanche Homecoming Princess by the tribal elders. She continued her service to the tribe throughout her life and was elected the first female vice chairperson of the Comanche Tribe from 1988-1991. The group she was elected with laid the groundwork for the many successful tribal business thriving today and supporting the Comanche people.

In 1963 Wardeski met Arno Wardeski, the man who would become the love of her life even though she didn't know it yet. At their initial meeting Wardeski told Arno to come back when he was older. He showed back up in 1966 declaring he was older, and on July 25, 1968 the two were married in Arno's hometown of Cuxhaven, Germany. They were married for 50 golden years.

Wardeski is known by her family and friends as a feisty, determined woman that never took no for an answer. She genuinely and unselfishly cared for everyone she ever met. Wardeski was a charming, funny, and elegant woman that was never want of companionship. She also had an ornery mischievous streak that kept you on your toes. Wardeski will be forever remembered as a genuine woman with a golden heart that was a true treasure to her family and friend. She will be truly missed.

Wardeski is survived by her husband Arno of the home; two sisters, Norma Ann Tahsuda of Las Vegas, Nevada, and Jerree Lynn Toybo Kise of Walters; three children: Connie Burnett of Walters, Julie Hoover and husband Travis of Mountain View, and Teddy Wardeski of Lawton, seven grandchildren and their spouses: Georgette Natividad of Walters, Summer Nault and Lee of Phoenix, Arizona, Afton Luttrell and Laramine of Mountain View, Dr. Ashley Hoover Kraham and Daniel of Edmond, Andy Reza of Oklahoma City, Tinley Wardeski of Sterling, and Oakley Wardeski of Lawton; seven great grandchildren Ayden and Brendan Nault, Adalynn, Axel and Layken Luttrell, and Briseis and

Saphira Kraham.

She is preceded in death by her parents Teddy Tahsuda and Nemah Tomah, sister, Betty Tahsuda Carr, and adopted Kiowa brother Bobby Guoladdle.

A celebration of life service was January 10, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home with Paster Leonard Presley, Pastor Sean Bennally and Tina Baker.

Dale Sankadota



Courtesy Photo

Sankadota

Dale Sankadota went to meet his Lord and Savior on January 14, in Lawton, Okla.

Funeral Service was January 18, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Bill Foote officiating. Burial followed at Cache KCA Cemetery Cache under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was January 17, at the Funeral Home Chapel.

He was born July 17, 1942 in Lawton to the late Gladys Wahkinney and Jasper Sankadota Sr. He retired in 2013 after 20 plus years from the Comanche Nation Casino. Sankadota was a devout member of Hunting Horse United Methodist Church and a member of the Comanche Tribe and of Kiowa descent.

Sankadota leaves to cherish his memories his grandson DeChristin Tanequodle and wife Sara, grandchildren; Deja, Daphne, Adrianna, Reyna & Ivan all of Lawton, Grandson Deven Murff and granddaughter; LeDayle Murff of Lawton, Aunt Joyce Swift, Brother; Bruce Poafpybitty, Sisters; Gail, Gloria, Irma Sankadota and Joyce Vineyard all of Anadarko. Many nieces, nephews and a host of friends and relatives.

He was preceded in death by his daughter Dayle Lynn Murff; Parents, Jasper Sr., and Gladys; Grandparents James and Ollie Wahkinney, Brothers; Danny and Donald Sankadota. Jasper Jr. and James B. Sankadota and other brothers and sisters.

Many thanks to Comanche County Memorial Hospital Emergency Room Staff, Quatum Home Health Nurses, Comanche Nation CHR's and Cedar Crest Nursing Home for all they did for our Grandpa Dale.

Ben F. Tahmahkera



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Tahmahkera

Ben F. Tahmahkera of Cache, Oklahoma peacefully went to be with his heavenly father on January 14, surrounded by loved ones.

Funeral Services was January 19, at the Cache High School Auditorium. Pastor Gary Tahmahkera officiating. A burial service followed at the Cache KCA Intertribal Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

A visitation was held on

January 18, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel.

Tahmahkera was born on August 12, 1947, in Lawton, Okla. He is the son of Franklin and Lorene Cable Tahmahkera, grandson of Benjamin and Virginia Poahway Tahmahkera, great-grandson of Tahmahkera and Weryokhi; great-great-grandson of Quannah Parker and Weckcah. Tahmahkera attended Cache High School and graduated in 1965. He attended Tarrant County Community College and Texas Christian University. Tahmahkera was married for 44 years to Debbie Gibbons Tahmahkera and they had two children and six grandchildren. Tahmahkera acquired 27 years of leadership and management experience through the law enforcement profession and retired as a Captain for the Tarrant County Sheriff's Department in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Tahmahkera was a spiritual person, a Comanche, a good friend, and a servant to anyone who was in need. There was not a deceptive or dishonest bone in the man- truly, as the saying goes, "what you see is what you get: There was great stability in this man; he was a real human being-a person of maturity, judgment and character. Aside from spending time with his grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Tahmahkera loved to watch the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers and his favorite game of the year was always between OU and TCU- because he couldn't lose either way.

Tahmahkera is survived by his son: Michael Brandon Tahmahkera and wife Gabrielle Tahmahkera of Ft. Worth, Texas; five granddaughters: Danielle Denise Tahmahkera

of Greenville, South Carolina, Clarissa Lorene Tahmahkera Arcos and husband, Guillermo Conejo Arcos of Cache, Okla., Ashley Nichole Alligood and husband Eric Connor Alligood of Simpsonville, South Carolina, Macie Renee Hoover and Mollie Nicole Cochran both of Ft. Worth, Texas and one grandson Jordan Cooper Tahmahkera; seven great-grandchildren Jayson Daniel Perfect, Brooklyn Marlene Perfect, Brayden Lee Perfect, Alberto Conejo Tahmahkera, Abacuc Nichole Conejo Arcos, Emmalyn Alligood and Madilynn Alligood. Tahmahkera's sister includes Lahoma Knight of Cache, Jolene Tahah of Cache, Betty and John Chesenah of Lawton, Brothers Jim Lane and wife Janet Lane of Ft. Worth, Brad Patterson and wife, Lynn Patterson of Ft. Worth and Eddie Sandoval. Close friends include Shirley Johnson, Ronny Smith, Tony Tahpay, the Sovo family and numerous nieces/nephews and cousins.

Tahmahkera is preceded in death by his wife Deborah Lynn Tahmahkera, his son, Dan Cooper Tahmahkera, his Parents: Franklin and Lorene Tahmahkera, Grandparents: Benjamin and Virginia Tahmahkera, Sisters: Barbara Chesenah and Phyllis Mowatt Brothers: Carl Tahah and Rodrick Hoahwy.

Honorary Pall Bearers: Benne Tahmahkera, Richard Miller, Paul Miller, Tony Tahpay, Raymond Pohawpatchoko, Ronnie Smith, and Jerry Allen.

Pall Bearers: Frankie Ortega, Marlon Tahah, Guillermo Conejo Arcos, Michael Littlejohn, Paul Maldonado, Ted Sigman, CJ Guevara, and Lawrence Wilhelms.

Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the day
And the sun has set for me.
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little, but not to long,
And not with your head bowed low,
Remember the love we once shared...
Miss me, but let me go.
For this is a journey we all must take,
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the maker's plan,
A step on the road home.
When you are lonely and sick at heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good
deeds
Miss me, but let me go.



Next ride for angry Comanche: The Supreme Court?

The tribe's leaders are furious that the Interior Department approved a rival casino project within miles of their ancestral lands without consulting them.

Submitted by Attorney Richard Grellner
By David Rogers/ <https://www.politico.com/> Dec. 21, 2018

Who'd have guessed it in these tawdry times? But here come the legendary Comanche asking the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on what Washington means by "appropriate" in its federal regulations.

The tribe's leaders, angered by their treatment at the hands of the Interior Department, voted Thursday to petition the justices for a hearing on their complaints. It's a long shot, for sure, but emotions ran high at the meeting in Oklahoma.

"I believe our people are rallying us from our ancestors. I do. I really do," said William Nelson Sr., the Comanche tribal chairman. "Let's go for the ride. ... If we're victorious, our ancestors were for us."

The fight stems from Interior's decision last year to go around the Comanche and approve — without any consultation — a rival casino project within miles of the tribe's ancestral lands near the Red River in western Oklahoma. The Comanche were so blindsided that construction had already begun on the casino even before the department published a delayed notice of its decision in July 2017.

The result cost the Comanche precious time in seeking relief, and it's haunted their efforts since in the federal courts.

The latest setback came last week when the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals further undercut the Comanche in a ruling that assigned immense latitude to Interior in deciding what Indian tribes qualify as "appropriate" under guidelines for the National Environmental Protection Act.

In a 13-page opinion, the three-judge panel acknowledged that federal agencies are obliged to consult with "appropriate State and local agencies and Indian tribes" under NEPA rules. But it quickly added: "The regulation's use of the term 'appropriate' suggests an agency possesses discretion in determining which bodies to consult."

To be sure, federal regulations are peppered with the word "appropriate" to allow some discretion. Getting a concise definition is hard since legal experts admit its meaning often lies in the eye of the beholder.

But the Comanche would argue that Interior had to close both eyes to be so blind to the tribe next door and its long history in the region going back to 18th-century battles with the Spanish on the Red River.

Indeed, Webster's dictionary lists "congruent" as one synonym for "appropriate." And to look at a map of Oklahoma, the combination of geography, history and gaming interests on the Comanche's side are "congruent" with those same factors for the casino applicant and owner, the powerful Chickasaw Nation.

What's more, NEPA is just one of several federal statutes, including the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the National Historic Preservation Act, according to which the Comanche felt they deserved consultation. For example, the same use of "appropriate" pops up in letters from state officials urging more consultation about the casino project with "appropriate" Native American tribes under the Preservation Act.

None of this appears to have registered with the 10th Circuit.

"We're floored by the fact that they walked past all of it," said Richard Grellner, the Comanche's attorney. Robert Tippeconnie, the Comanche's secretary treasurer and one of those voting Thursday, said the judges gave so much discretion to the government that the regulations were rendered meaningless.

"I am just dismayed by how the court treated the lack of consultation," said Tippeconnie. "A federal agency should apply and be subject to the law."

But getting heard by the Supreme Court is no easy matter. The Comanche must find four justices

willing to sign onto a writ of certiorari asking that the record be called up from the 10th Circuit.

Thousands of such petitions go nowhere each year, and in this case the Comanche will face opposition not only from the federal government but the wealthy Chickasaw, who are impatient to have the case closed.

"As we have said, the Comanche Nation's lawsuit fails to raise any factual or legal point of merit," said Stephen Greetham, senior counsel for the Chickasaw. "With this appeal completed, we are confident the district court will now proceed with dismissal of the entire case."

That said, all this comes as the Supreme Court is already dealing with a second Indian law case — also rooted in Oklahoma — which could give the Comanche a lift. The justices recently asked for supplemental briefs to help it sort through that legal tangle. And the Comanche are expected to review the first of these, due Dec. 28, for some guidance in shaping its own petition.

Associate Justices Neil Gorsuch and Elena Kagan stand out as important to the tribe's chances.

Gorsuch is better-schooled on Indian law issues than many on the high court but may also be reluctant to go against his old 10th Circuit colleagues. Kagan played a lead role in a landmark 2012 decision that opened the door for the Comanche's lawsuit. And in oral arguments then, she and the late Antonin Scalia were skeptical of the two-step process by which Interior takes land into trust for a tribe with the sole intent of next approving Indian gaming on the property.

That skepticism is relevant here given Interior's latest explanation of why it had not consulted with the Comanche in the casino review process.

Prior to the 10th Circuit ruling, Interior had refused to answer POLITICO's questions, citing the pending litigation. This week it came back with the answer that it had no obligation to consult with the Comanche since the land taken into trust for the new casino was within the boundaries of the Chickasaw's former reservation.

"The regulations do not require consultation with another Indian tribe," the department wrote in its emailed response.

But that ducks the point that Kagan has made: The distinctions between the two steps are "artificial," in her words, since approving gaming is the real intent behind taking the land into trust. "The government doesn't acquire this land with no object in mind," she said in 2012.

Moreover, most of the statutes cited by the Comanche, like NEPA, were never triggered by the fee-to-trust action. It was the gaming purpose and construction of the casino itself that demanded consultation. Whatever the outcome, the fight has already exposed years of resentment over how Washington treats the poorer Plains tribes of western Oklahoma, like the Comanche, versus the more powerful Five Civilized Tribes in the east.

The Chickasaw are the richest and most politically connected of the Five. The new Red River casino behind the court fight is the 22nd in an empire that is pushing westward and poses more of a threat to the smaller gaming operations run by the Plains tribes.

The rising anger among the Western tribes came through in Nelson's remarks. "Now we're billionaires and all the other tribes, eat our dust?" he said of the Chickasaw. "I say, heck no. No. We can't do that. We can't. We just can't. I'm sorry. Could somebody say 'amen' on that?"

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Comanche Nation Historic Preservation's Recollection of Comanche History



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CHIEF GREENHORN (Cuerno Verde) of the Kotsoteka Band ('Buffalo-Eaters) was known for his unmatched horsemanship and leadership. Between 1768 and 1779, he was reported in several eighteenth-century skirmishes in northern New Mexico. The first occurred on August 30, 1768 at Ojo Caliente, where he was described as "one who wore as a device a green horn on his forehead". Don Carlos Fernandez led the second clash with Greenhorn, in 1777. The third and final battle was led by Lt.-Col. Juan Bautista de Anza, Governor of New Mexico, which marched, camped and fought the feared Comanche Chief Cuerno Verde (Chief Greenhorn) on September 3, 1779. The battles took place just 18 miles south of Pueblo, near Colorado City, Colo. Chief Greenhorn and several of his warriors were killed, and this event is stated to have literally changed the course of history in what is now Colorado. This was the beginning of an enduring legacy of Chief Greenhorn (Cuerno Verde), that lives on to this day throughout this region. The Spanish-speaking villagers immediately canonized the legendary Cuerno Verdes in drama. From between 1779 and 1800 to the present, the 515 octosyllabic verses of Los Comanches were regularly performed by actors on horseback at Taos and throughout New Spain. In the years immediately following the demise of Cuerno Verde, Spaniards and Comanches developed improved trading relations that led to a peace treaty and pledge of allegiance in February 1786. Today, there is a \$2.7 million dollar Cuerno Verde Rest Area in Colorado City, Colo. and the facility was inspired by design of Plains Indian with a flag proclaiming "Comanche Nation Lords of the Southern Plains" that accompanies the Colorado State flag and American flag. The brochures from the Greenhorn Valley Chamber of Commerce prominently features, the Comanche Leader Cuerno Verde with the slogan, "the way Colorado used to be." The Colorado State Historical Society had placed a historical marker of Chief Cuerno Verde in Colorado City, CO in 1932 on Highway 165.

COMANCHE ATHLETES



Tha-tsi-koah Burgess
Rio Rancho Raptors
Age 9
Football



Julian Love
Cache Middle School
8th Grade
Catcher



Antonio Brown
Western Oaks
Grade 6th -Age 12



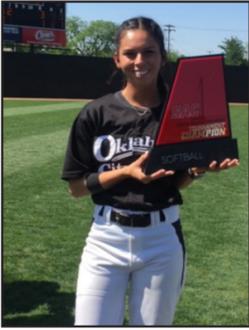
Kierra Brown
Putnam City West
Grade 9th- Age 14



Aubrey Plumley
Mountain View Elementary
Fifth grade- Age 10
Jazz/Lyrical



Bradley Washington
Edison elementary
Fourth Grade- Age 9
Football



Sha Patricia Ingram
Oklahoma City University
Senior - Age 22



Elijah Pahcheka
Cumby High School
11th Grade- Age 17
Varsity Football, Track and Field



Mary Ella, Kaydence, Isabella, Ivy, Jaslyn, Makayla, Makyla
Cache
3&4 Grade



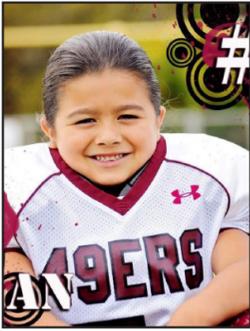
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Ceasar Chavez Elementary



Ashley Rickey
Minco High
Junior- Age 16
Basketball



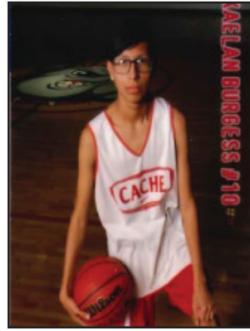
Kristian Arkeketa
Ceasar Chavez Elementary



Fabian Gonzales
Ceasar Chavez Elementary



Kevin John Wheeler
Ceasar Chavez Elementary



Kaelan Burgess
Cache Mid High
9th Grade
Basketball, Golf, Cross Country



Tatum Burgess
Cache intermediate
3rd Grade
Volleyball, Cheer, Basketball and Dances



Rebecca Burgess
Cache Jr. High School
7th Grade
Volleyball, Basketball, Dances



Shia Marie Black Cloud
Ceasar Chavez Elementary



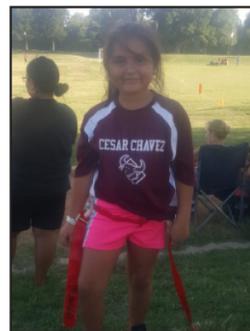
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Rian Kizzia
Ceasar Chavez Elementary



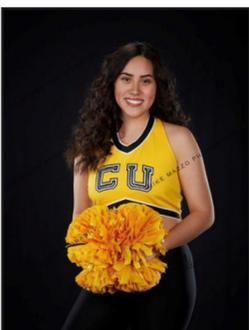
Dominic Arkeketa
Bishop Elementary



Naila Arkeketa
Ceasar Chavez Elementary



Kayla Asepermy
Carnegie High School
12th grade
Cross Country & Track



Tristen Wauqua
Cameron Aggie
Freshman- Age 18
Dance Team #2



Lillian Toahy-Eckiwaudah
Cyril High School
Age 15
Basketball, Softball



Michaela Passarella
University of Tulsa
Freshman- Age 19
Cheerleader



Blake Passarella
Jones High School
Senior- Age 17
Football, Track



Andrea Toahy
Apache High school
Senior- Age 17
Basketball



Jamie Molina
Frontier Middle School
8th grade - Age 13
Basketball, Fastpitch Softball (catcher)



Liam Zane Dorsey Jay
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Hood’s Paintings are Presented In A Mystical Landscape



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HAPPY FEB. 9, BIRTHDAY, RANCE HOOD! Rance Hood is one of the few Native American artists left who still paints in the manner which echoes the traditional American Indian culture and spirituality of the past that has been drastically changed by the modern and white worlds. Hood grew up in the home of his maternal grandparents who taught him Comanche Indian ways and values. Hood has introduced some abstract motifs into his backgrounds, but he adheres mainly to the traditional style of art practiced by his ancestors. Today, forty years beyond his original success as a major American Indian artist in the 1960’s, Hood is still considered the most successful Plains Indian artist to date. According to <http://rancehoodgallery.com>., his paintings are presented in a mystical landscape that is not of this world but a world distinguished by heroic deeds and ancestral spirits. His paintings feature warriors on horseback galloping so energetically that their hooves never touch the ground. His art flows with the expression of energy, magic, life, and authentic freedom. Strong composition, use of line, and the explosive use of color are all characteristic of Indian art. Hood’s themes are mystical and spiritual, developing his work through the customs and religious practices which were passed down to him. The paintings of Rance Hood are viewed as an extension of the theatrical adaptation of original Plains painting. Life and energy has been added and color intensified, but the unforgettable recollection of an idealized Indian world remains. Hood has five children. He said “I’m 77 years old and I stopped painting a few years ago. I was around 16 or 17 years old when I first started. The Comanche Heritage is what inspired me to start painting and I enjoyed it.”



PARTICIPANTS NEEDED FOR STUDY ON :

COMANCHE DRESS & STYLE in the 20th Century

PURPOSE:

- Create a Comanche dress history for the 20th century
 - Create a resource of oral histories on Comanche life and dress in the 20th century
 - Provide background on Comanche objects found in Museums
 - Understand Comanche identity and how it is expressed through dress and fashion
 - Add Comanche dress history to the overall field of dress history
- The oral histories and dress history will be made available online as a public archive for the Comanche Nation.**

ELIGIBILITY:

- 36 years or older
 - Identifies as Comanche (Numunu)
 - Is an enrolled member of Comanche Nation
- OR is a child or adopted family member of an enrolled member AND active in Comanche culture and social life

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

- Find and share photographs of yourself from before 2000
- Have your oral history taken , which will be an interview about your life and dress that will be audio and video recorded, - it can also be conducted over multiple sessions and either in person or over a video-calling application like Skype

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