



THE COMANCHE NATION NEWS

VOLUME 20 EDITION 13

Comanche Nation Public Information Office, Lawton, OK

Pia ʘtsuʘi Mʘra (December) 2019

Voting Results for the November Secretarial Election

Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The election results of the November 7, Comanche Nation Secretarial Election was released by the U.S. Department of Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Plains Regional Office, who conducted a Secretarial Election to amend the Comanche Nation Constitution. The Comanche Business Committee submitted Resolution No. 116-19, which proposed the amendment.

The voting results are: A total of 542 voted to accept the amendments to the Comanche Nation Constitution, and a total of 131 voted not to accept the amendments of the Comanche Constitution. No cast ballots were separated or mutilated, in which at least thirty percent (30%) of the 1,046 entitled to vote cast their ballots in accordance to 25 Code of Federal Regulations Part 81 .48.

The Comanche Nation Amendments that passed:

Article V, Section 8 (Qualifications for Tribal Administrator): *“To hire an Administrator/Manager to administrate the tribal government who has a Bachelor’s Degree with a minimum of three years’ experience in high level budgeting, and management of government programs. Anyone who has been convicted of a felony, a misdemeanor involving dishonesty, bribery, embezzlement, or has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have committed any improper appropriation or obligation of trial assets, any improper addition or removal from trial rolls, any indebtedness to the Comanche Nation, or fails a drug test shall not be eligible to hold the position.”*

Article IX, Section 2 (Qualifications for Officers): *“Anyone who has been adjudged or convicted of any felony, a misdemeanor involving dishonesty, bribery, embezzlement or has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to have committed any improper appropriation or obligation of tribal assets, any improper addition or removal from tribal rolls, any indebtedness to the Nation, or fails a drug test shall not be eligible to hold office.”*

Article 4, Section 4: *“Any person running for Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson or Secretary-Treasurer of the Comanche Business Committee shall possess a Bachelor’s Degree from an accredited university.”*

“Tsa Nʘusukatʘ Waa Himaru” Merry Christmas



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Code Talker Trailway

City of Walters and State of Oklahoma Recognizes the Comanche Code Talkers



New official road sign is displayed on the newly named Comanche Code Talker Trailway, west of Walters, Okla. The highway runs straight into Walters, passing by the Walters Cemetery, where most of the Comanche Code Talkers are laid to rest.

Story and photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

November 20, is very important day in Comanche Nation History. On this day, Highway 5, west of Walters, Okla., was named Comanche Code Talker Trailway, in honor of the Comanche Code Talkers.

Most of the Code Talkers were from the Walters area and this is long overdue, but very appropriate.

CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, graciously welcomed each and everyone who were in attendance.

Before rendering the opening prayer, George Red Elk, son of Code Talker Roderick Red Elk, said,

“This is long overdue, it’s a shame that none of the Code Talkers are here to see this.”

Pohawpatchoko stated that this date was selected because, six years ago, on Nov. 20, the first Congressional Gold Medal of Honor was given to the Comanche Code Talkers in Washington D.C.

The person who was responsible for this remarkable idea was Walters Mayor, Roberta Ellis. Mayor Ellis, said she wanted to give back to the Comanche people. Knowing that most of the Comanche Code Talkers were from the Walters area, she

wanted to do something not only for the Comanche people, but for the Comanche Code Talkers as well.

Mayor Ellis said, “In the spring I wanted to rename Highway 5, the first thing that came into my mind was the Comanche Code Talkers. This road goes right by the cemetery, where some of the Code Talkers are laid to rest. I thought, what a honor that would be for them.”

Mayor Ellis visited with Pohawpatchoko and with some of the Code Talker’s family members who still live in the Walters area.

see TRAILWAY, on Page 10

Indians for Indians Hour Radio Show ‘Native Voices’ Exhibition Opens With Reception and Performance



Photos by Stacey Heminokeky/News Staff

Lina Ortega, exhibit curator said “This exhibition is a way to bring together campus and statewide communities to explore Oklahoma and U.S. history through Native Voices and I’m very touched and inspired to see all of you here today.”

Submitted by OU News/Marketing Communications

On November 14, the University of Oklahoma (OU) Libraries opened Native Voices Over the Airwaves: *The Indians for Indians Hour Radio Show* in Bizzell Memorial Library, 401 W. Brooks St., located in Norman, Okla. Opening events included a reception at 2:30 p.m. in the library, followed by a 7 p.m. performance inspired by the radio show



Warren Queton serves as the Tribal Liaison for the University of Oklahoma. He began the opening exhibit with a song from *The Kiowa War Mother’s* organization that talks about the mothers whose sons served in the military.

at Catlett Music Center, 500 W. Boyd St., as a part of the OU School of Music’s Ruggles Native American Music Series.

Broadcast over OU’s WNAD radio station, the Indians for Indians program aired from 1941 through the mid 1970s. The show was created and originally hosted by Don Whistler, chief of the Sac and



Donna Williams, granddaughter of Chief Don Whistler, spoke on behalf of her family and Grandfather, Whistler. Williams shared memories of her grandfather with everyone in attendance.

Fox tribe, and continued by OU’s Sequoyah Indian Club.

“The Indians for Indians Hour was a vibrant blend of Native music and speech on an incredible array of topics, including community life, military service, religion, education and advocacy for Native rights,” exhibit curator Lina Ortega said. “It

See, NATIVE VOICES, Page 2

Candidates Sought for Comanche Nation Princess and Junior Comanche Nation Princess Titles

Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



File Photo

The Comanche Nation Princess, Ashleigh Mithlo, pictured right, and the Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, pictured left, have served in their respected titles since September 2018, and will be passing on their reigns in April 2020, when two new princesses will be elected by the Comanche Nation.

The Comanche Nation Princess Director, Jolene Schonchin, is calling for candidates for the 2020/2021 Comanche Nation Princess and Jr. Comanche Nation Princess titles.

The qualifications are:

- Candidates who wish to run for the Comanche Nation Princess title must be between 17 years to 25 years of age by January 31, an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, must not be co-habiting with anyone outside of their family, and have no children.

- Candidates who wish to run for the Jr. Comanche Nation Princess title must between the ages of 13 years to 16 years by January 31, an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, must not be co-habiting with anyone outside of their family, and have no children.

- Candidates can submit their photo, biography, and fill out a Comanche Nation Princess Application, to verify their age and enrollment, January 1 through 5p.m., January 31.

Applications can be picked up at the Comanche Nation Public Information Office at the Comanche Nation Complex, or can be mailed or emailed to candidates upon request.

During the June 29 General Election, it was voted that the Comanche Nation Princess Election be moved to its original month of April, and have a special powwow for the Election. It passed by a vote of 920 “Yes” votes (74.43%) and 316 (25.57%) “No” votes. The Comanche Nation Princess Election Powwow will take place April 11, 2020 at the Comanche Nation Complex Watchtaker Hall.

Official candidates for both titles will be announced by the Comanche Nation Princess Director, after verifications of candidates are completed.

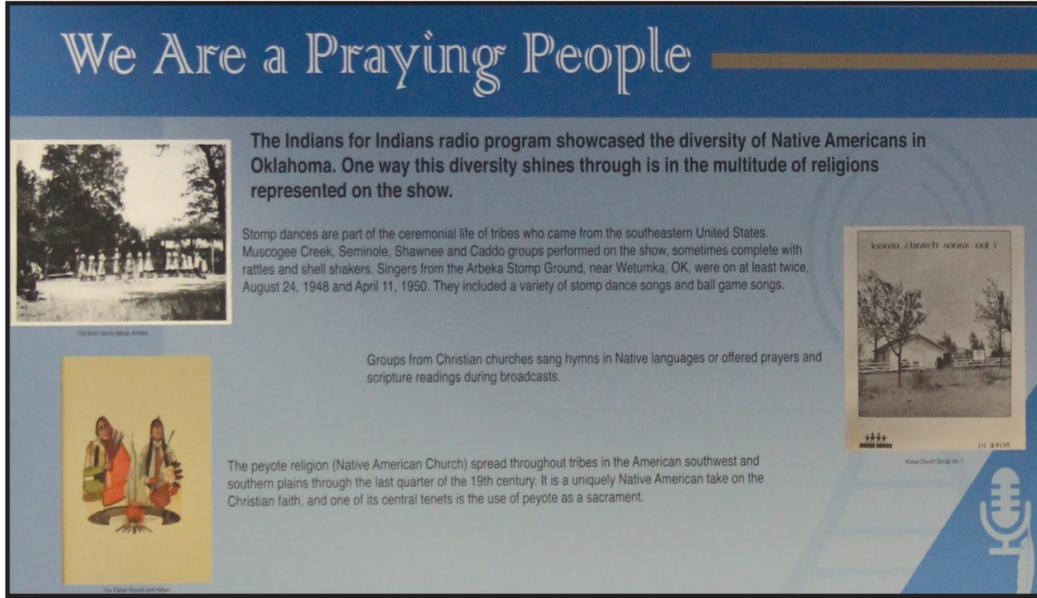
To request a Comanche Nation Princess Application, or for questions, please contact Jolene Schonchin through email at Jolene.Schonchin@comanchenation.com, or by phone, (580) 583-7556.

Comanche Nation News
PO Box 908
OKLA CITY, OK
Lawton, OK 73502

PRST STD
US POSTAGE PAID
OKLA CITY, OK
PERMIT NO 1541

NATIVE VOICES

Continued from Page 1



“We are a praying people,” is the sign that hung on the wall in the middle of the *Native Voices* exhibit.

represents an incredible snapshot of U.S. history as told through Native American experience. This exhibition is a way to bring together campus and statewide communities to explore Oklahoma and U.S. history through Native voices and to promote this collection as a resource for scholarship and cultural revitalization.”

The reception included remarks by Sac and Fox Principal Chief, Justin F. Wood, as well as by Donna Williams, who is a granddaughter of Chief Whistler. The evening session performance was an intertribal tribute to the *Indians for Indians* show, with most of the performers being descendants of participants on the radio show.

“The diversity of music and tribes represented ties in well with the OU School of Music’s Ruggles Native American Music series, which highlights Native American music and dance,” Ortega said.

The exhibition’s opening events were co-sponsored by OU Libraries, the School of Music in the OU Weitzenhoffer College of Fine Arts, the Native American Studies

Department in the OU College of Arts and Sciences and the Native Nations Center.

OU Libraries received a grant from the Council on Library and Information Resources to digitize 200 hours of the radio program on 152 open-reel tapes held in their Western History Collections.

The CLIR Recordings at Risk preservation grant enables the University Libraries to preserve these important recordings and to make them available online, with much improved audio quality through the expert digitization by the Northeast Document Conservation Center.

These files will be accessible through the libraries website at repository.ou.edu by Nov. 14. A related exhibition, *The Indians for Indians Radio Show: Sports and Recreation*, is on display now through Jan. 30, 2020, in the Western History Collections Reading Room, room 300 of Monnet Hall, 630 Parrington Oval. Native Voices over the Airwaves will remain on display in Bizzell through Aug. 3, 2020.

For more information about both exhibits, as well as information

regarding exhibition programming, can be found at exhibits.libraries.ou.edu.

Text Club

Text COMANCHE to 411247

For All the Latest News, Happenings, and Events From THE GREAT COMANCHE NATION

powered by **mobivity**

Message and data rates may apply. Terms and Conditions at: www.mobivity.com/86677/terms. To stop, text STOP to 86677.

To the Comanche People from Chairman Nelson



I wish all a happy holiday season.

Hopefully, I speak for the entire business committee as we close out fiscal year 2019, and state; “the government looks forward to a third straight audit that shows

all checks and balances are in good order.”

May we all stay in prayer for those that mourn. May we all check on our elderly with cold winter approaching.

Once again we look forward to the distribution of Christmas gifts to the churches. I need to remind the Comanche Public of our prayer breakfast to be held on Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 9:00 am at “Woogie Hall” with church distributions to follow.

Last but not least the “Elders Christmas” will be held at the Great Plains Coliseum on Friday, December 13, 2019. May we welcome all new Elders this year and may everyone have an enjoyable time at this event.

Remember the Reason for the Season. Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas. God Bless the Comanche Nation.

Chairman William Nelson, Sr.



Comanche Nation Offices will be closed December 24 and December 25 for the Christmas Holiday. Offices will reopen 8 a.m., December 26, for regular business.

Happy Elder's Day!

We Salute The Comanche Nation Elders!



City NATIONAL BANK & TRUST

Reach Someone Friendly
877-585-4177

Learn More About Our Services
CNB1901.COM

THE COMANCHE NATION NEWS

Pia Htsu?i Maa (December)
"Big, Cold Month"

The award-winning *Comanche Nation News*, the official communication of the Comanche Nation, is available at no charge upon request. The deadline to submit information for the January edition is 5 p.m., December 10. Donations to help cover the cost of printing and mailing are welcome.

Contact:

The Comanche Nation News
P.O. Box 908
Lawton, Okla. 73502-0908

Telephone: (580) 492-3381

Fax: (580) 492-3709

Email: pio@comanchenation.com

TCNN Staff

- Jolene Schonchin, Editor, Reporter, Photographer- Email: Jolene.Schonchin@comanchenation.com -Telephone Number-(580)492-3382
- Paula Karty, Assist. Editor, Reporter, Photographer- Email: Paula.Karty@comanchenation.com-Telephone Number-(580)492-3383
- Stacey Heminokky, Reporter/ Photographer- Email: Stacey.Heminokky@comanchenation.com-Telephone (580) 492-3385
- Candace Todd, Administrative Assistant- Email: Candace.Todd@comanchenation.com-Telephone Number (580) 492-3621
- News items of interest to the local and American Indian community are welcome.
- Photographs will be copied and will become the property of TCNN. To return original photographs, send a self-addressed stamped envelope. Do not send faxed photographs or newspaper copies of photographs.
- The Milestones Page (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Engagements, Memorial Pictures, Weddings, Births) are by submission only. The Passings/Obituaries are submitted by the Comanche Nation Funeral Home or by tribal members on a funeral home letterhead. The Milestones Page is for tribal members only. TCNN publishes all services conducted by The Comanche Nation Funeral Home without discretion. Obituaries are written for tribal members only.
- TCNN will print a Comanche organization's annual event flyer once free of charge as a courtesy to our tribal organizations. The guidelines for flyer submission are: Pow-wow flyers have to be from an established Comanche organization. There has to be contact person and number on the organization's annual flyer.
- We reserve the right to edit all material. Letters or articles that contain libelous information, slander, or personal attacks will not be printed. Letters to the Editor must be signed with a legible name, and have a 1,500 word limit. The letters to the editor or articles contained in the *The Comanche Nation News* does not reflect the views or opinions of the PIO staff.

Comanche Nation Officials

Chairman

William Nelson

Vice Chairman

Lanora Parker

Secretary/Treasurer

Robert Tippeconnie

Committeeman No. 1

June Sovo

Committeeman No. 2

Diana Doyebi

Committeeman No. 3

Ronald Red Elk

Committeeman No. 4

Clyde Narcomey

Tribal Administrator

Phyllis Attocknie

To contact officials:

Comanche Nation

P.O. Box 908

Lawton, Okla. 73502

Toll Free: (877) 492-4988

Physical Address

584 Bingo Rd.

Lawton, OK 73505



Member of the Native American Journalist Association since 2001



Member of the Society of Professional Journalists since 2010

Follow The Comanche Nation News



The Comanche Nation News



TCNNPIO



comanchenationpio

Government

Fourteen Resolutions Pass During the November CBC Monthly Meeting

Story by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the November 2, 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 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, June Sovo, who came in later.

Nelson, called upon Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Tippeconnie, to begin the meeting with the invocation.

A motion made to approve the minutes of the October CBC meeting by Vice-Chairwoman, LaNora Parker. It was seconded by Committeeman No. 3, Clyde Narcomey. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Resolutions

No. 152-19 Enrollment-List 1137. The applicants are Eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Narcomey, makes the motion to approve. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

No. 153-19 Enrollment List 1138. The applicants are Eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

CBC No. 2, Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi makes the motion to approve. CBC No. 4, Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

No. 154-19 Enrollment List-1139. The applicants are Ineligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Narcomey, makes the motion to approve. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

No. 155-19 Enrollment-List 1140. The applicants are Ineligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Narcomey makes the motion to approve. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

No. 156-19 Enrollment-List 1141. The applicants are Ineligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Narcomey, makes the motion to approve. Sovo-Doyebi, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

No. 157-19 CIP-East Gore Smoke Shop. To authorize new business funding for the construction of a new drive-thru, new entrance and exit at the Comanche Nation East Gore smoke shop.

Narcomey, made the motion to approve. CBC No. 3, Red Elk, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

No. 158-19 CIP-Existing Travel Plaza. New business funding for the construction of a new drive-thru and remodel of existing of Exit 1 Travel Plaza retail space.

Narcomey, made the motion to approve. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

No. 159-19- CBC- Tax Funds Earmark. Repair the Comanche Nation Indian Child Welfare (ICW) Building.

Sovo-Doyebi, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 4/1/1.

No. 160-19- CBC- Add Section 623. The Comanche Business Committee desires to oppose a \$10 dollar fee for replacement of a lost or stolen decal.

Sovo-Doyebi, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

No. 161-19- CBC- New Business. Narcomey, made the motion to approve. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries.

4/1/1.

No. 162-19- Realty-Carry Over Funds.

Tippeconnie, made the motion to approve. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

No. 163-19- Higher Education-Rescind 125-19.

Sovo-Doyebi, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

Motion- Tags for Law Enforcement Vehicles. It is in the best interest of the Comanche Nation to authorize the Comanche Nation Tax Commission to issue two civilian Comanche Nation tags for two of the 2020 Chevy Tahoes that will be assigned to the detectives and one personalized DARE tag for the 2018 Dodge Charger assigned to the DARE officer.

Parker, made the motion to approve. Sovo-Doyebi, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

Motion-Elder Pay thru December 2019. Continue to pay the Elder's payment to the Elders with Birthdays through December 2019.

Tippeconnie, made the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries. 5/0/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 12 p.m. and went in to Executive Session.

COMANCHE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

"SERVICE WITH PRIDE"

1918 E. GORE BLVD
Lawton, OK 73501
PH 580.357.4956 • FAX 580.357.1103

3rd Annual Safety Poster Contest

Categories	Awards		
K - 3	1 st \$200.00	2 nd \$100.00	3 rd \$75.00
4 - 6	1 st \$200.00	2 nd \$100.00	3 rd \$75.00
7 - 8	1 st \$200.00	2 nd \$100.00	3 rd \$75.00

Awards will be given in Walmart Gift Cards

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority will be sponsoring the 3rd Annual Safety Poster Contest for ALL Comanche enrolled children who are in grades K-3, 4-6, and 7-8. Contestants should submit a poster that promotes any safety issue (examples: fire, distracted driving, home fires escape plan, how to call 9-1-1, etc.)

Safety Poster Official Rules:

- All Comanche Enrolled Children are eligible.
- Entry form must be filled out completely.
- Illustrate a "Safety" theme (examples: fire, distracted driving, home fires escape plan, how to call 9-1-1, etc.)
- Children in kindergarten through the 8th grade during the 2019 - 2020 school year are eligible to participate. (Only one entry per child).
- Category grades: K - 3, 4 - 6, 7 - 8
- All entries must be original and created by the child using crayons, markers, colored pencil or paint.
- Posters must be drawn horizontally on 8.5" x 11" paper.
- No collaborative work. No photocopies or use of copyrighted material is permitted.

Submission Deadline:

Friday, December 27, 2019

Contestants can pick up an Entry Form and drop posters off at the Comanche Nation Housing Authority office located at 1918 East Gore Blvd during normal business hours. Entry forms can also be printed off from the CNHA Website by going to Comanchehousing.com. For more information, contact the Comanche Nation Housing Authority at (580) 357 - 4956.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2019 (9:00 AM)

ANNUAL COMANCHE NATION PRAYER BREAKFAST

Comanche Nation Complex

****Indian Church Donations****

Call 580-492-3240 to pre-register

"The Greatest Gift"

"the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."

ATTENTION COMANCHE TRIBAL MEMBERS

Message from the Comanche Nation Tax Commission

As of November 2, 2019, the following increases were made at the Comanche Nation Tag Office:

1. Replacement decals increased from \$5 to \$15. When applying for a lost decal, bring in your tag along with your Oklahoma Driver's License.
2. Stolen Tag prices increased from \$20 to \$30. When applying for a stolen tag, you must provide a police report along with your Oklahoma Driver's License. Only those on the title are allowed to receive a New Tag, Title, and Registration.

These changes were approved by the Comanche Nation Business Committee at their November monthly meeting. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Thank You Management
Comanche Nation Tax Commission

LAWTON, OK

Jesse Lorentz
Owner
Cell: 580-284-4259

Jake Lorentz
Manager
Cell: 580-280-1192

suenerimpressionz@gmail.com

Programs

Gravel Tinhorn Schedule for November

Please take note of the month at the end of each month, that is when the Gravel and Tinhorn Program will be working in that area.

Submit your application 30 days prior to the deadline. Please make sure to update application yearly.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the staff is working on getting back on schedule.

- July 1 through July 31 Applications for Apache Area "October"
- August 1 through August 31 Applications for Elgin Area "November"
- 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 us.
- 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 or concerns, please call the office at (580) 492-3308, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday.

NAGPRA Update

The Comanche Nation NAGPRA Department has completed our 2017 NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grant and will begin full filling our 2019 NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grant.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact them at (580) 595-9393 or stop by our office at #10 SW D Ave, Lawton, Okla. 73501.

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act is a Federal law passed in 1990. NAGPRA provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony -- to lineal descendants, and culturally affiliated Indian tribes

Prescription Assistance Addresses Comanche Nation

Greetings Comanche Nation!

Very Warm Wishes from the Comanche Nation Prescription Assistance Program, we hope this letter finds you and your families well. We wanted to take a moment and share with you how much we value our tribal community. It means the world to us that we are allowed to be of service to you, and to let you know we will continue to work hard and diligent on that service.

I know we fell short of that service for a week at the end of our fiscal year, but vow to never let that happen again. We take pride in what we do here in our office, by providing the services you require, thereby allowing, our clients an opportunity that they might not be able to achieve otherwise.

We have sat down with the Tribal Administrator and revamped our policies so that we are still capable of achieving this service yearly. There have been some changes made, but hope to work out all the kinks throughout the year to make it a smoother transition for all.

The Prescription Assistance Program is a SUPPLEMENTAL program. We would love to be able to assist our clients with 100% of their needs, but we are limited to our policies. As a supplemental program the goal is to assist in the basic medical needs of our enrolled tribal members. There is absolutely NO age limit or income guidelines. We service ALL tribal members, no matter where they are located. We have clients all across the country.

It is the responsibility of the client to obtain all of the necessary documents when applying for assistance.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- Enrolled member of the Comanche Nation (CDIB submitted with application)
- Completed program application
- Valid Prescription

All Diabetics must utilize the Diabetes Program before applying for assistance with the Prescription Assistance Program. Diabetics requesting medical equipment must provide a valid prescription stating the need is non-diabetic related.

SERVICES PROVIDED:

Not responsible for any repairs or replacements

- Hearing aid (1) - \$428 (once every 3 years)
- Dentures: Partial - \$795.00; Complete set - \$795.00 (once every 5 years)
- Dental procedures: Up to \$500.00 (once every 2 years, no exceptions); Treatment Plan for dental assistance required.

You can use either dental, denture, or partial. (No more than one service) We will only process 15 dental request per month. (First come first serve)

- Non Diabetic Medication - up to \$100 every 30 days (Not monthly, every 30 days)

No other medication will be applied to voucher once submitted to pharmacy,

with the exception of an emergency situation upon directors approval.

- Medical supplies such as; ostomy supplies, gauze, tape, etc... up to \$100.00
- Nutritional supplements: Ensure (1) case every thirty (30) days.
- Adult Protective Underwear: One case and two packages of bed pads (30) days.
- Medical Equipment/Assistive Devices:
- Specialty Items:

CPAP equipment: up to \$1000.00 (not responsible for monthly supplies)

Prosthetics: Up to \$300

Specialty Mattress (Prescription must state diagnosis and medical need)

Again we would like thank you for allowing us to be of service to you and we vow to keep working hard for our Comanche People.

At Comanche Nation Prescription Assistance we are in the unique position to be able to help our Comanche people where help is needed most. So "Do more. Feel better. Live longer." it's not just a motto, it is our pledge to you that we will do our utmost to help our people live healthier, fuller lives. We do so through The Comanche Nation Prescription Assistance.

Prevention and Recovery December Activities

Please mark your calendars for some fun, upcoming holiday events by Prevention & Recovery. There will be a Native-themed Christmas play on December 23, at the Lorentino Sunrise Education Center. There will be a 30-minute showing of the Christmas play at 6 p.m. Times will be announced soon.

This New Year's Eve, the Prevention & Recovery program invites you, your families, and loved ones to a night of family fun and entertainment. The Safe & Sober New Year's Eve Bash will be hosted at the Great Plains Coliseum on Tuesday, December 31. The event is drug and alcohol-free. This year, world-class performers, Kevin Locke and Jackie Bird will share their gifts with us. Kevin Locke (Lakota-Anishinaabe) is a hoop dancer, storyteller, and flutist. Jackie Bird (Sisseton-Wahpeton) is a hoop dancer, singer, storyteller and artist.

In addition to world-class performers, there will be pizza, entertainment and plenty of fun activities for people of all ages. They hope to see you there at the Coliseum. Times will be announced soon.

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Update

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program is now under the umbrella of Comanche Nation Social Services.

POLICY:

The purpose of the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program is to provide information on programs beneficial to grandparents who are raising grandchildren, and to assist grandparents seeking information on resources, to make referrals and to aid grandparents in the completion of applications for services. In addition, monetary stipend and/or emergency assistance to assist the needs of the grandparent who are legally responsible for the care and

well being of their grandchild(ren).

PROCEDURES:

Eligible applicants must be an enrolled Comanche grandparent or a grandparent of an enrolled Comanche child.

Participants must present tribal affiliation documentation along with legal documentation; such as Legal Guardianship from Tribal or State Court.

The grandchild(ren)'s parent can not reside in the home. A home visit may be conducted at random to verify household composition.

Financial assistance is available two (2) times per year, in the amounts of \$300 for one to two children in the grandparent's home; \$400 for three to four children and \$500 for five to six grandchildren, based on funds available.

Emergency assistance in the form of utility assistance (direct vendor payment) will be on an "as need" basis, based on funds available.

Financial assistance will be payment directly to grandparent in the form of a check which will be mailed to grandparent, or picked up at Social Services.

Emergency assistance (utility bill) will be paid directly to the vendor.

Payments made directly to the Grandparent will require that the grandparent(s) provide to Social Services receipts within thirty days of receipt of check. Failure to return receipts will result in closure of case and Grandparent will not be eligible for any future assistance.

The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program will work closely with the Grandparent(s) by networking with the Indian Child Welfare Program, Comanche Nation Substance Program, Comanche Nation Re-Integration Program, Comanche Nation Tribal Court and the Oklahoma Department of Human Services.

For more information about Grandparents Raising Grandchildren, contact Sandra Mithlo, MSW (580) 492-3358.



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



Text Club



Text COMANCHE to 411247

For All the Latest News, Happenings, and Events From THE GREAT COMANCHE NATION

powered by **mobivity**

Message and data rates may apply. Terms and Conditions at: www.mobivity.com/86677/terms. To stop, text STOP to 86677.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

TRICK OR TREAT! Children from the Comanche Nation Early Childhood Development visited the Comanche Nation Complex Headquarters the morning of October 31, to get some Halloween treats from tribal programs. Pictured above, the Comanche Nation Higher Education staff give some of their candy treasures to the children. Several other tribal programs participated in the event, making sure the children left with filled bags of goodies.



Comanche Nations
5th Annual
Arts & Crafts
Extravaganza

Watchetaker Hall
 Behind Loves off Hwy

20 & 21
DECEMBER

9-7 PM

Contact **Carlene Atavich Collins**
 at (580) 514-3371

Programs

Child Support Publication

Under Title 3 of the Comanche Nation Child Support Codes Rule 4(E)3 allows for service by publication in instances where the location of the subject of service is unknown, or when the subject of service has been unable to be served by traditional means.

Publication:

- Tomilyn Tamblyn (Pekah) CNC-SP-14-03. Petition for establishment of child support.
- Brian Allen Tonips. FD-18-005. Amount owed: \$11,244.79. Motion to determine support arrears and reduce to judgment.
- David Richard Velasquez. CNCSP-16-18. Amount owed: \$12,087.25. Petition to register foreign order.
- David Richard Velasquez. CNCSP-15-19. Amount owed: \$36,827.25. Petition to register foreign order.

Diabetes Program has In-house Podiatry Clinic

The Diabetes Awareness Program has an in-house Podiatry Clinic with Dr. William K. Smith, Podiatrist.

Dr. Smith's services will be provided 4-5 days per month. An annual foot exam is required for people with diabetes. The Podiatrist provides basic primary care and podiatry services for the Diabetes Program's participants.

An application must be completed along with the required documents; copy of your CDIB, address verification (such as a utility bill or other form of mail), and your providers diagnosis of diabetes type 1 or 2.

The Diabetes Program can make appointments to see the podiatrist, who will perform a foot exam and provide foot care. For example, trimming and filing toe nails and will assess, fit and dispense a pair of Nike shoes. This service will ensure and prevent sores, ulcers and other foot complications that may occur that could lead to amputations.

Eligibility to receive shoes is every six months. The shoes are provided as an incentive to get participants active and walking to help manage and control diabetes.

The Diabetes Program will also accept prescriptions from any Indian Health Service or private practice providers and the podiatrist will dispense and do the fitting of the shoe to ensure they fit properly.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (580) 280-4674.

Higher Education Office Needs Transcripts

To all Higher Education students, The Office of Higher Education appreciates your hard work towards your academic endeavors and understand that at this time of the year finals consume the majority of your attention and want to send a friendly reminder that once you have completed fall finals to visit your campus registrar's office to make a request for an **Official Transcript** to be sent to the (Comanche Nation Higher Education Department, P.O. Box 908, Lawton, OK, 73502).

For college scholarship students continuing into 2020 spring semester, make sure your Financial Needs Analysis form has been completed by your post-secondary institutions financial aid office and either sent to the above address, fax to (580) 492-4017 or email to highered@comanchenation.com.

Funding is limited for all Higher Education programs and is rewarded on a first come first serve basis upon completion of all documentation requirements. So, it is with great concern that the Higher Education department expresses that it is the student's responsibility to complete and to make sure the Higher Education Office receives your documentation in order to be eligible for

the College Scholarship or the Adult Vocational Training (hort/long term) tuition. Any questions in regards to the status of your Higher Education application/tuition please contact (580) 492-3363.

The Higher Education department would also like to highlight the tutoring classes offered Monday and Wednesday for grades (K-8) from 5-7 p.m., at the Dorothy Lorentino Education Center. Online tutoring is also offered, for more information call Jackie Holder at (580) 492-3363.

Museum and Gift Shop Hold Christmas Open House

The Comanche National Museum and Gift Shop will hold its annual Christmas Open House on December 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Go by for special prices on last minute Christmas gifts. Light refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center is located at 701 NW Ferris Avenue, directly behind Lawton's McMahon Auditorium. For more information go to www.comanchenationmuseum.com or call (580) 353-0404.

Child Welfare Looking for Foster Parents

Have you ever thought about becoming a foster parent? The Comanche Nation Child Welfare is in great need of foster homes for Comanche children that are unable to be with their parents due to abuse and neglect.

The Comanche Nation has a proportionally high number of enrolled/eligible for enrollment children in the custody of the State of Oklahoma and throughout the United States. These children are placed by the state in non-Native American foster homes. If these children are unable to be reunited with their parents they will be placed for adoption.

The Comanche Nation Indian Child Welfare is unable to transfer cases to tribal court without the tribal foster homes we so desperately need. To prevent the disintegration of Comanche families, our people must step forward. If you have the ability

to meet the needs of a child who is unable to be with their own family, please become a foster parent and help us protect and maintain the integrity of Comanche families and the future of the Comanche Nation.

Preserve Our Nation One Child at a Time

Learn how to become a foster parent by calling the Comanche Nation Child Welfare office at (580) 492-1140.

Injury Prevention/Angels Program Offers Occupant Protection Classes

The Injury Prevention/Angels Program will have Occupant Protection classes with the car seat distribution, on Friday mornings at 9 a.m. Classes are by appointment only. The child must be present and have a Comanche Nation CDIB of the child or parent.

For more information or to schedule an appointment contact, Angie Thompson or Michelle Killfirst at (580) 492-3277 or Bonita Paddayaker (580) 492-3343.

All types of care seats are not always available and the seats are given on a first come, first serve basis. If your child does not have a care seat or has outgrown the one he/she is using, Please give them a call.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



November 15, also known as National Recycling day, the Office of Environmental Programs (CNOEP) celebrated the day by dispersing out donated (new and used) jackets at the first "Coats & Coco" coat giveaway. Helping with the Coat Drive was the Injury Prevention Program, and the Prevention and Recovery Program. Several tribal members stopped by and skimmed through the donations of coats and clothes that were generously donated and picked out their sizes to stay warm for the upcoming winter. They also were given the opportunity to help themselves to a hot coffee or hot coco while they looked through the donations. The CNOEP would like to thank all of the locations that allowed them to leave a donation box to be filled that included: The Native Hippie (Lawton), Crossroads Baptist (Elgin), Comanche Nation Anadarko Outreach Office, and Hustle apparel LLC (Elgin). Without the help of the locations listed and many volunteers from Comanche Nation departments this event, would have not been possible. CNOEP is planning on hosting another coat drive event. Please keep an eye out for further information.

2019 Diabetes Awareness Walk

Together We Can Stop Diabetes



Photos by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

On October 22, the Comanche Nation Diabetes Awareness Program held their Annual Diabetes Walk. There were over 25 participants that came and stepped out to help stop diabetes. The walk began with a prayer and cedar ceremony by Martin Flores. Comanche Nation Law Enforcement led the walk for the safety of the participants. Eva Asenap, Assistance Director for Comanche Nation Diabetes Awareness Program, would like to thank everyone for helping with the diabetes walk and a big shout out to the tribal law enforcement for keeping them safe while they walked.



Comanche Nation Transit will be providing

FREE

transportation for all Comanche Elders

December 13, 2019

For two destination drop offs.

Please call the office, to schedule ride, before

December 12, 2019

580-492-3389

Phone: 580-492-3389
Fax: 580-492-6240
Email: transit@comanchenation.com



C.A.R.S.
Comanche Auto Repair & Service

Joe Laurenzana
Indian owned & operated

13230 NE Tony Creek Rd.
Elgin, Ok.
73538

580-215-9201
1968numsofwalters@gmail.com





Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



ELDER CENTER THANKSGIVING. The Comanche Nation Elder Center hosted a Thanksgiving celebration for tribal elders on November 14. Over 75 elders attended, and enjoyed a delicious meal and entertainment. Clockwise from top: Volunteers hand out Thanksgiving plates to elders. Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, greets the audience after performing the Lord's Prayer. Mark Wauhdoohah gives a spiritual message to everyone, asking to count their blessings and to show love to one another throughout the year. Jarvis Poahway leads a Comanche Hymn. Teresa Mowatt volunteers and helps serve elders. The Comanche Nation

Elder Center wants to give a special a "thank you" to the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Program, the Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, and all who volunteered to help make the Thanksgiving gathering a success. The Comanche Nation Elder Center will have it's annual Christmas Meal and Celebration on December 19.

Emergency Management Re-Structures; Offers Tips for Winter Weather Preparation

By Jolene Schonchin/ News Staff

At the November Comanche Nation Business Committee Meeting, it was determined that services as well as available funding can be of greater benefit to tribal members who find themselves in emergency and/or crisis situation by implementing an organizational restructure of the Comanche Nation Emergency Management Department. By this action, the Office of Emergency Management is dissolved and subsequently reaffirmed the long-standing Comanche Nation Core Team as the Primary Point of Contact for all situations meeting the criteria for emergency and/or crisis issues.

With this core-team, the role of Emergency Manager will now be assigned to staff member Renea Toahy, the Emergency Management phone number is (580) 492-6434 and the after hour crisis hotline number is (580) 492-3628.

Their mission remains the same; they will continue to prepare for, respond to, and recover from major disasters that occur within the Comanche Nation's territory. They seek to mitigate the risk of potential hazards to preserve life and minimize damage. They will provide haz-

ard safety tips and emergency alerts through social media and mass texting.

They want to take this opportunity to clarify the nature of Emergency Management's services outside of large-scale disasters. Resources are available for Comanche tribal members if a crisis arises. These resources are intended to provide temporary relief during an emergency, such as:

- An unexpected loss of power for an extended amount of time
 - An unexpected loss of heating or cooling from your home during significantly high or low temperatures
 - Loss of access to drinking water due to a boil order or loss of water resource
 - Potentially damaging flood water entering your home
- If any of these situations arise, please contact (580) 492-6434 or the crisis hotline (580) 492-3628. A site survey and needs assessment will be conducted in the event of a crisis.

PREPARING FOR WINTER

The Center of Disease Con-

trol (CDC) offers tips to prepare for winter weather

Take These Steps for Your Home

Many people prefer to remain indoors during winter, but staying inside is no guarantee of safety. Take these steps to keep your home safe and warm during the winter months.

Winterize your home

- Install weather stripping, insulation, and storm windows.
- Insulate water lines that run along exterior walls.
- Clean out gutters and repair roof leaks.
- Check your heating systems.
- Have your heating system serviced professionally to make sure that it is clean, working properly, and ventilated to the outside.
- Inspect and clean fireplaces and chimneys.
- Install a smoke detector. Test batteries monthly and replace them twice a year.
- Have a safe alternate heating source and alternate fuels available.

Prevent carbon monoxide (CO) emergencies

- Install a CO detector to alert you of the presence of the deadly, odorless, colorless gas. Check batteries when you change your clocks in the fall and spring.

- Learn symptoms of CO poisoning: headache, dizziness, weakness, upset stomach, vomiting, chest pain, and confusion.

Don't Forget to Prepare Your Car

- Get your car ready for cold weather use before winter arrives.
- Service the radiator and maintain antifreeze level; check tire tread or, if necessary, replace tires with all-weather or snow tires.
- Keep gas tank full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Use a wintertime formula in your windshield washer.
- Prepare a winter emergency kit to keep in your car in case you become stranded. The kit should include:
 - Cell phone, portable charger, and extra batteries;
 - Blankets;
 - Food and water;
 - Booster cables, flares, tire pump, and a bag of sand or cat litter (for traction);
 - Compass and maps;

- Flashlight, battery-powered radio, and extra batteries;
- First-aid kit; and
- Plastic bags (for sanitation).

Equip in Advance for Emergencies

- Be prepared for weather-related emergencies, including power outages.
- Stock food that needs no cooking or refrigeration and water stored in clean containers.
- Ensure that your cell phone is fully charged.
- When planning travel, be aware of current and forecast weather conditions.

Keep an up-to-date emergency kit, including:

- Battery-operated devices, such as a flashlight, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Weather Radio, and lamps;
- Extra batteries;
- First-aid kit and extra medicine;
- Baby items; and
- Cat litter or sand for icy walkways.
- Protect your family from carbon monoxide.
- Keep grills, camp stoves, and generators out of the house, basement and garage.
- Locate generators at least 20 feet from the house.
- Leave your home immediately if the CO detector sounds, and call 911.

Take These Precautions Outdoors

Many people spend time outdoors in the winter working, traveling, or enjoying winter sports. Outdoor activities can expose you to several safety hazards, but you can take these steps to prepare for them:

- Wear appropriate outdoor clothing: wear a tightly woven, preferably wind-resistant coat or jacket; inner layers of light, warm clothing; mittens; hats; scarves; and water-proof boots.
- Sprinkle cat litter or sand on icy patches.
- Learn safety precautions to follow when outdoors.
- Work slowly when doing outside chores.
- Take a buddy and an emergency kit when you are participating in outdoor recreation.
- Carry a cell phone.

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.- 5 p.m.

warriorcafe@yahoo.com
(580)246-8339

www.facebook.com/warrior-cafe GAME ROOM

IN THE COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COURT
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF
NAME OF:)
TRENAIL RAY TAHDOOAHNIPPAH)
An enrolled member of the Comanche)
Nation.)

Case No.: NC-2019-0004

NOV 13 2019
FILED (12)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS or INTERESTED PARTIES

Take notice that Trenail Ray Tahdoohnipah has filed in the above Court a Petition to have the name changed as follows, to-wit from: Trenail Ray Tahdoohnipah to Trenell Ray Tahdoohnipah.

The petition will be heard on 12/16/2019 at 10:00 AM located at the Comanche Nation Courthouse, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, Oklahoma.
If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Petition for Change of Name should not be granted by the Court you should file a written protest in the case prior to the date set for hearing or appear and present the same at the above time and place.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 13th day of November, 2019.

By: *Vanessa Smith*
Court Clerk/Deputy
Comanche Nation Tribal Court
584 NW Bingo Dr.
P.O. Box 646
Lawton, OK 73502
Ph: (580) 492-3822

DIVORCE? WRITS? WILLS/CODICILS? ATTESTATIONS?

Notary Services

Packets/citations typed and prepared for Native Americans for issuance through BIA Court of Indian Offenses.

(Additional BIA filing fees due at time of documentation)

REASONABLE PREP FEES

Contact: Jewell Laurenzana Tieyah

(580) 678-2052 or (580) 492-5455

Culinary Corner

December 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Inventory	3 Inventory	4 Frederick 1 st & 2 nd Day	5 Walters 1 st Day	6 Walters 2 nd Day	7
8	9 Cache 1 st Day	10 Cache 2 nd Day	11 Cache 3 rd Day	12 Cache 4 th Day	13 TRUCK DAY	14
15	16 Lawton 1 st Day	17 Lawton 2 nd Day	18 Lawton 3 rd Day	19 Lawton 4 th Day	20 Lawton 5 th Day	21
22	23 Make-Up Day	24 CLOSED Christmas Eve	25 CLOSED Christmas Day	26 Make-Up Day	27 Inventory	28
29	30 Inventory	31 Inventory New Year's Eve				

- Add in the yeast mixture and mix to combine.
- Add flour, 1 cup at a time, mixing between each cup. When the dough starts to pull away from the sides of the bowl, you've added enough flour. You should need about 4 cups total, give or take a little.
- Place the dough on a lightly-floured clean working surface and knead for a minute or two.
- Divide the dough into 24 each pieces, then roll each piece into a smooth round ball.
- Prepare a 13x9 inch baking dish by lightly greasing it.
- Place the dough balls into the pan, leaving equal space between each round ball.
- Cover the rolls and let them rise for about 60-90 minutes, or until doubled.
- Preheat your oven to 375°F.
- Bake for 15-18 minutes, or until the rolls are golden brown.

Turkey Gravy

Ingredients

- 1/2 Cup (1 stick) unsalted butter
- 3/4 Cup all-purpose flour
- Roasting pan with turkey drippings
- 3/4 Cup dry white wine
- 4 Cups Turkey Stock
- Coarse salt and freshly ground pepper

Directions

- Melt butter in a small saucepan over medium heat. When butter begins to bubble, whisk flour. Cook, whisking often, until flour is cooked through and has a nutty fragrance. 10 to 15 minutes. Remove roux from heat and let cool to room temperature. Use roux immediately or transfer to an airtight container and keep refrigerated, up to 1 month.
- Pour pan drippings into a fat separator to remove fat; set aside. Alternatively, pour pan drippings into a glass bowl and use a spoon to remove fat from top of drippings; set aside.
- Place reserved roasting pan over 2 burners on medium heat. Pour wine into pan; using a wooden spoon, stir, scraping up bottom bits from pan. Let cook until wine is reduced to 3 tablespoons, about 2 minutes; add reserved pan drippings. Add 4 cups hot turkey stock and bring to a boil. Whisk in a 4 to 5 tablespoons roux mixture and return to a boil; let simmer until gravy is thick, adding more roux if necessary. Season with salt and pepper.



Recipes for Home Cooking



Christmas Yam

Ingredients

- 2 (29 ounce) cans sweet potatoes
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1 Tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/2 (16 ounce) package gingersnap cookies
- 1 (16 ounce) package miniature marshmallows

Directions

- In a medium saucepan over medium heat, mix the sweet potatoes, butter and lemon juice. Break the gingersnap cookies into the mixture. Stirring occasionally, cook until thick, about 15 minutes.
- Cover the mixture with desired quantity of marshmallows. Remove from heat and cover 5 minutes, or until marshmallows have melted. Serve warm.

Perfect Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

- 1 (15 ounce) can pumpkin
- 1 (14 ounce) can Eagle Brand (R) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 Large eggs
- 1 Teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/2 Teaspoon ground ginger

- 1/2 Teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 Teaspoon salt
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

Directions

- Preheat oven to 425* degrees F. Whisk pumpkin, sweetened condensed milk, eggs, spices and salt in medium bowl until smooth. Pour into crust. Bake 15 minutes.
- Reduce oven temperature to 350* degrees F and continue baking 35 to 40 minutes or until knife inserted 1 inch from crust comes out clean. Cool. Garnish as desired. Store leftovers covered in refrigerator.

Simple Pumpkin Pie

Ingredients

- 2 Eggs
- 1 (16 ounce) can pumpkin puree
- 1 (14 ounce) can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 Teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 (9 inch) unbaked pie crust

Directions

- Preheat the oven to 425* degrees F (220 degrees C).
- Combine eggs, pumpkin puree,

sweetened condensed milk, and pumpkin pie spice in a large bowl and mix until combined.

- Fit pie crust into a 9-inch pie dish; pour pumpkin mixture into the crust.
- Place pie on a baking sheet and bake in the preheated oven for 15 minutes. Reduce heat to 350* degrees F (175 degrees C) and bake until filling is set, 35 to 40 minutes.

Grandma's Corn Bread Dressing

Ingredients

- 1 (16 ounce) Package dry corn bread mix
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 1/2 Cup chopped celery
- 1 Small onion
- 2 Eggs, beaten
- 2 Cups chicken stock
- 2 Tablespoons dried sage
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

- Prepare the dry corn bread mix according to package directions. Cool and crumble.
- Preheat oven to 350* degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease one

9x13 inch baking dish.

- In a large skillet over medium heat, melt the butter and saute the celery and onion until soft.
- In a large bowl, combine the celery, onions, 3 cups crumbled corn bread, eggs, chicken stock, sage and salt and pepper to taste; mix well.
- Place into prepared dish and bake at 350* degrees F (175 degrees C) for 30 minutes.

Fast and Easy Dinner Rolls

Ingredients

- 1 Cup warm water
- 1 1/2 Tablespoons active-dry yeast (or 2 packages)
- 1 Teaspoon sugar
- 1/2 Cup melted butter
- 1/2 Cup granulated sugar
- 3 Eggs
- 1 Teaspoon table salt
- 4 Cups all-purpose flour

Directions

- In a large bowl combine warm water with yeast and 1 teaspoon sugar. Set aside for 5-10 minutes.
- Using your mixer with the dough hook attached, combine butter, sugar, eggs and salt.



DECEMBER 2019

OFFICE (580)-492-3754

COMANCHE NATION ENVIRONMENTAL RECYCLE TRAILER ROTATION

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
COMPLEX	WALTERS	WALTERS	WALTERS	WALTERS	WALTERS	WALTERS
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
WALTERS	ELGIN	ELGIN	ELGIN	ELGIN	ELGIN	ELGIN
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
ELGIN	LAWTON	LAWTON	LAWTON	LAWTON	LAWTON	LAWTON
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
LAWTON	FLETCHER	FLETCHER	FLETCHER	FLETCHER	FLETCHER	FLETCHER
29	30	31				
FLETCHER	COMPLEX	COMPLEX				

NOTES

WALTERS - COMMUNITY BUILDING PARKING LOT

ELGIN - EMPTY PARKING LOT ACROSS FROM BALL FIELDS

LAWTON - FITNESS CENTER PARKING LOT

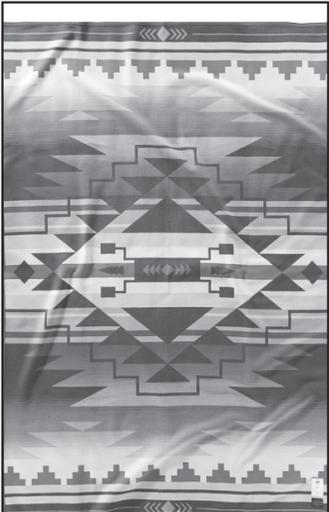
FLETCHER - THE CORNER OF HANCOCK & COLE

COMPLEX - WATCHETAKER HALL PARKING LOT



People, Places and Things Happening

The American Indian College Fund Announces a New Blanket for 2019



Courtesy Photo

The American Indian College Fund, Pendleton Woolen Mills, the acclaimed lifestyle brand headquartered in Portland, Oregon, and Nike N7 introduce a new shared-values blanket, 7 Generations, just in time for Native American Heritage month in November. Pendleton will contribute a portion of the sale proceeds to the American Indian College Fund, which helps Native people access higher education. Currently only 14% of American Indians and Alaska Natives have a college degree, less than half of that of other groups.

The blanket, part of the Nike N7 line, was designed by Tracie Jackson (Diné), a fourth-generation artist from Star Mountain, in Navajo Country, Ariz., and illustrates the past, present and future of the Navajo Nation. The College Fund is pleased to share the 7 Generations design with Nike N7, as an expression of mutual respect for Native Americans.

The 7 Generations blanket design includes a central N7 motif, which represents the impact of each person (the diamond) on the three preceding generations before them and the three after them (represented by arrows). A storm pattern with zigzags of lightning honors heritage. Squared corners echo the Four Sacred Mountains, surrounded by a dazzler design. Steps show the path to overcoming life's challenges. Jackson chose colors inspired by traditional dyes, which also reflect the southwestern landscape.

7 Generations is available at Pendleton retail stores and on their website beginning November 7, at www.pendleton-usa.com. Retail cost is \$319.

Pahcheka Named 2019 Cumby High Homecoming King



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Tribal member, Elijah Pahcheka was named the Cumby High School 2019 Homecoming King in Cumby, Texas. Pahcheka is a senior and captain of the Varsity football team and president of the student council.

Pahcheka is the son of Mike and Kat Rave of Cumby, Texas, and grandson of Dean Pahcheka of Cache, Okla. and Liz Blackstar of Lawton, Okla., also Johnny and Clarice Trujillo of Elgin, Okla.

Oklahoma Hawks Win the 2019 Superbowl Championship



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Sylus Furr and Jordan Rosas smile big after their big victory!

On November 9, the Oklahoma Hawks won the 2019 Superbowl Championship. Two tribal members Sylus Furr and Jordan Rosas participated with the Hawks football team.

The Oklahoma Hawks are invited to play at the Dallas Cowboys Stadium located in Arlington, Texas, on November 23.

This is the second year that Furr has won the Super Bowl Championship. He has several positions on the team including tight end, defensive end, linebacker, and back-up quarterback. When Furr is not playing football, he enjoys playing basketball, baseball, video games, and loves to spend time with his brothers. Furr is in 3rd grade at Pioneer Park and wants to be a pro basketball player when he grows up. Furr is the son of Rick and Amy Furr of Lawton, Okla.

Jordan Rosas is the son of Bobby Rosas and the grandson on Jonedra Sage. This is his second year with the Lawton Hawks. He attends Sullivan Village elementary and is in the 5th grade. He has been playing football since 2nd grade and been awarded outstanding offensive and defensive lineman.

Missing Murdered Indigenous Women Conference

No More Stolen Sisters



Panelists from different areas within Oklahoma, were the spotlight during the MMIW conference. They each spoke on behalf of their organizations and answered questions pertaining to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

Pictured Right; There were over 50 people in attendance during the MMIW conference. They were eager to hear what the panelists had to say and ask a few questions.



Story and Photos by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

On November 15, the Missing, Murdered, Indigenous Women (MMIW) held a two-day conference at the Chickasaw Community Center located in Oklahoma City, Okla. A warm welcome was addressed by Shelby Ross, Eho Tushka Chikasha followed by a light breakfast provided by MMIW-OK-SWC. A Panelists were present including: MMIW-USA, MMIW-OK, SWC, MMIW-INDIAN CAPITAL, MMIW-SEC, MMIW-TEXAS, Indian Country's Missing and Murdered, RIS-MMIW, expressed feelings about their own Victim Stories and also answered questions pertaining to Human Trafficking, and Domestic Violence.

Questions from the audience included: What inspired you all to get involved in MMIW?

"When we went to Standing Rock and we learned of the Stolen Sisters. I really didn't understand what it was about until I spoke to some of the people. My awareness opened up and I started seeing it everywhere even in my hometown and tribe. Today we have twenty-one Missing or Murdered Comanche Women. That's what made me step-up and open some eyes and that's exactly what we are all doing today," said Gen Hadley, Comanche Nation Tribal member/MMIW Advocate.

The missing and murdered Indigenous women epidemic is an

issue currently affecting Indigenous people in Canada and the United States, including the First Nations, Inuit, Métis, and Native American communities. Four out of five Native American Women are affected by violence today.

The two-day conference ended with special entertainment that was a tribute to the Stolen Sisters including; Numunu Nahmi Ballet Performers, Healing Circle-Wiping Tears Ceremony, Defensive Empowerment for Women. Also a special performance from the Native American musical artists, Mike and Funny Bone.

Tribal College Blanket Design Competition

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND
EDUCATION IS THE ANSWER

PENDLETON

The College Fund and Pendleton Woolen Mills are challenging tribal college students to express their culture and identity through original designs for our next student designed blanket. Sales of the blanket will support College Fund scholarships. No textile design experience is needed and competition winners will receive thousands of dollars in cash prizes, scholarships, and blankets!!!

Contest rules and application are at: CollegeFund.org/PendletonContest
Apply by FEB 15, 2020

Carl Atauvich
86th Birthday Celebration
ALL GOURD DANCE
Saturday, December 14, 2019
Watchetaker Hall
Comanche Nation Complex

Gourd Dance: 2-7pm

MC: Wallace Coffey
HS: Carl's Grandsons (Devon, Deon, Geramey, Sean)
HMGD: Tennyson Kerchee
HLD: Fawn Tsatoke
AD: Gary Unah
Co-Host: Yellowfish Descendants
North Spur Heights Handgame Team
Cameron University NASA

The Family will feed a meal right after the dance

For more information you may contact Tonyelle, Donna, or Carlene Atauvich

COMANCHE NATION STUDENT SERVICES K-12
2020 High School Seniors

Comanche Tribal Enrolled High School Seniors are eligible for assistance with the purchase of cap/gown/announcements OR senior portraits. If a deposit is required, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to make the payment. All payments for senior orders are made directly to the vendor.

Items to submit: invoice/order form and completed W9 (vendor), application (if student did not apply for clothing assistance for the 2019/2020 school year).

Please keep in mind some companies (Jostens) will not accept checks or paper order forms after mid December.

Student Services K-12 Program cannot render reimbursements.

For more information please contact the program office at (580) 492-3280.

2020

P.O. Box 908, Lawton, OK 73502
Telephone: (580) 492-3280 Fax: (580) 699-7242

SAVE THE DATE

TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH CONFERENCE 2020
A 7TH GENERATION AND SOUTHERN PLAINS TRIBAL HEALTH BOARD COLLABORATION
"RECLAIMING HEALTHY NARRATIVES IN INDIAN COUNTRY"

APRIL 14-16, 2020
CHOCTAW CASINO & RESORT
DURANT, OKLAHOMA

GET SOCIAL: #TPHC20
GET INFO/REGISTER: tphconference.org
GET DETAILS: (405) 652-9200

National Caregiver's Day is Regognized at the Comanche Nation Elder Center

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

To celebrate National Caregiver's Day, the Comanche Nation Elder Center's Title VI, Part C, hosted the 4th Annual Caregiver's Day at its facility in Lawton, Okla. Several tribal members were at hand to browse through the several information booths, and to enjoy the catered lunch from McAlister's Deli. Door prizes were also given away.

"The difference between the two programs, is the Comanche Nation Care Givers helps Comanche tribal members, and the Title VI is for all tribes," explained Kim Codynah, of the Comanche Nation Elder Center's Care Giver Program.

Several booths were set up and available to help those who attended the event. Some of the booths included the Lawton Service Unit Patient Benefit Coordinator, Comanche Nation Injury Prevention, Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Comanche Nation Family Assistance Center, Comanche Nation Vocational Rehabilitation, and the Edith Kassanavoid Assisted Living Center, to name a few.

To qualify for the Comanche Nation Care Giver Program, the applicant must:

- Be an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation
- 62 age of older or 100% disabled and receiving 100% disability payments through the State of Oklahoma
- Must have recommendation for need of service through a Doctor's referral
- Must have a need for service in at least two or more daily activities which feeding, bathing dressing, toileting, incontinence, transferring
- Elders may also receive assistance with two or more "Instrumental Activities of Daily Living."

For more information about the Comanche Nation Caregivers Program, call (580) 699-8811.

To qualify for the Title VI Part C, Care Receiver, the following documentation is needed:

- Must be at least 60 years of age or elder
- Proof of identification
- CDIB – Must be an enrolled Native American
- Medicare Card or Insurance Card
- Must have documentation of illness or physician's statement

To qualify for the Title VI Part C, Care Giver, the following documentation is needed:

- Has to be a non-paid primary care giver to care receiver
- Identification
- Does not have to be Native American

To qualify for the Title VI Part C, Respite Provider, the following documentation is needed:

- Must be over 18 years of age
- Proof of Identification
- Social Security Card
- Proof of address – due to Federal Guidelines, the Respite cannot reside in the same household as the Care Receiver

One who receives payment For more information about the Native American Caregiver's Support Program, Title VI, Part C, call the Comanche Nation Elder Center, (580) 355-2330.



Ramona Perea, from the Comanche Nation Caregivers Program, answers questions from tribal members while Kim Codynah, from the Native American Caregivers Support Program, holds up one of two T-Shirts that were given to participants, November 20 at the Comanche Nation Elder Center's 4th Annual Caregivers Day.



Ramona Perea, of the Comanche Nation Caregivers Program, and Kim Codynah, from the Native American Caregivers Support Program, Title VI Part C, explain both programs, and what they offer.



Tribal elder, Georgetta Campbell, gets her blood pressure taken during the 4th Annual Caregiver's Day, held November 20, at the Comanche Nation Elder Center in Lawton.



The Comanche Nation Diabetes Program checks participants blood pressure and sugar during the 4th Annual Native American Caregivers Day, held at the Comanche Nation Elder Center.



An Injury Prevention Program staff member helps a participant sign in at their booth November 20 at the 4th Annual Native American Caregivers Day in Lawton.



Tribal elder, Rose Pennah, fills out a survey for the Caregiver's Program November 20, during the Elder Center's Caregivers Day.

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

Follow the Comanche Nation Public Information Office:



The Comanche Nation News



comanchenationpio



TCNNPIO



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



DEDICATION OF MURAL. The Comanche Nation Courthouse dedicated a mural on November 20, which was donated by tribal member and entrepreneur, Shailah Red Elk, who owns Native Hippy, a clothing retail shop in Lawton, Okla. The mural is titled, "Nanna Wapipu," which translated to, "Comanche Woman" in the Comanche language. Red Elk said she entered the Oklahoma State Mural Contest during this year's Oklahoma State Fair. One of the requirements of the contest was to paint the mural in one day. She said she found a photo of a Native woman from Arizona on Instagram, and received permission from her to paint her for the mural. Out of nearly 100 murals, Red Elk one of the 20 winners. She added the mural was meant to be at the Comanche Nation headquarters, because it represents strong Comanche women. Judge Otipoby of the Comanche Nation Court graciously asked the mural to be placed at the tribal courthouse, and hosted a reception to commemorate it. Pictured left, is Red Elk, her daughter, Danni Whiteman, and Judge Otipoby.

TRAILWAY

continued from page 1



Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

Descendants of the Comanche Code Talkers along with Walters Mayor, Roberta Ellis and Oklahoma State Representative, Toni Hasenbeck, pose for a group picture around the sign for the Comanche Code Talker Trailway, while saying, "Code Talkers."

After deciding to go ahead with the idea, Mayor Ellis got the ball rolling. She contacted Oklahoma State Representative, Toni Hasenbeck, who presented the bill to Oklahoma State Governor, Kevin Stitt.

Governor Stitt sign the bill to rename Highway 5 to Comanche Code Talker Trailway on July 29.

House Representative, Hasenbeck, said, "Being able to honor the Code Talkers, is not only a special thing for Walters and Cotton County, but it is unique just to have them in the State of Oklahoma."

Comanche Nation Chairman, William Nelson Sr., told the crowd to remember our folks. Chairman Nelson, said, "They were farm boys, they knew their language, they seen the horror of war. They never thought that they were heros, but we are the reflection of their heroism.

The Code Talkers are Heros."

Comanche Nation Vice-Chairwoman, LaNora Parker said, "Most of the Code Talkers were, but I am the daughter of Comanche Code Talker Simmons Parker, who was from the Cache area." Parker said, "It's a proud day for the Comanche Nation and our Comanche Code Talkers. The miracle is, they came back. They had great valor and they saved many lives. God bless the Comanche Nation."

Comanche Business Committeeman, Ronald Red Elk, said, "Friends, relatives and Comanche people, it's a nice day to be honoring our warriors. They were true warriors." "They were told not to speak about the war, so on down through the years, they never talked to us about what happened," said Red Elk.

After officials from the state,

local and tribal levels spoke, tribal elder, Lloyd Heminokoy, prayed and cedared the sign.

Before the official sign was unveiled, the Code Talker song was sung by tribal members, Hah-Tee Delgado, Joel Motah and Chairman Nelson.

Descendants of the Code Talkers scattered sand from Normandy Beach under the official Comanche Code Talker Trailway sign.

Nona Gail Michoby, daughter of Comanche Code Talker, Wellington Michoby, emotionally said, "The ceremony today was absolutely heart filling, educational and long long overdue for the Code Talkers." While fighting back tears Michoby said, "I am so glad that there were so many people that were so happy for the Code Talkers. They are gone, but not forgotten."



Comanche Nation Vice-Chairwoman and Comanche Code Talker daughter, LaNora Parker, waves her miniature Code Talker flag as the Code Talker song was being sung, before the unveiling of the Comanche Code Talker Trailway sign.



Code Talker Daughters. Mona Selph and Nona Gail Michoby, daughters of Comanche Code Talker, Wellington Michoby and LaNora Parker, daughter of Comanche Code Talker, Simmons Parker, scatter sand from Normandy Beach under the official Comanche Code Talker Trailway, before the unveiling.



Students from Indiahoma High School pose for a quick photo before returning to class while attending the historical event of the renaming of Highway 5 to Comanche Code Talker Trailway.



Members of the CIVA standing out of respect for the Code Talker song being sung, during the renaming of Highway 5 on Nov. 20.

Mark Woommavovah and Comanche Nation Youth Dancers area Part of Ft. Sill's National Native American Heratige Month Luncheon

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Soldiers and military leaders of Fort Sill gathered on November 21, at the Patriot Club to celebrate Native American Heritage Month with a luncheon and a host of Indigenous presenters.

Mark Woommavovah, retired Lieutenant Colonel, was the guest speaker for the event. Woommavovah's official retirement date was 1 June 2019. He is currently the Senior Military Instructor of Military Science at the University of Oklahoma Army ROTC. Coach for the University of Oklahoma Army 10 Miler Team, Track coach for the Cleveland County Family YMCA Track Pro-

gram, mentor and advisor for the student athletes at the University of Oklahoma, and children's book author, "The Little Indian Runner."

He talked about his book, how it came about, and read it to the audience with an illustration on the screen.

"I grew up here," said Woommavovah. "Fort Sill knows they are in Indian Country, so they always support the Natives. Me, being retired military, I am honored to be here."

The Comanche Nation Youth Dancers were the highlight of the luncheon, as they performed

various dances from all over Indian Country.

"All the dancers here come from different tribes and will demonstrate the different dance styles. The Comanche Nation Youth Dancers are currently on their second generation of dancers, and we have been together since the 1980s. Their younger generation dancers are here to educate as well as carry on their culture," said Teresa Lopez, founder and coordinator of the Comanche Nation Youth Dancers."

The dancers captivated the audience, and many photos were taken of them throughout the afternoon.

"It is important to recognize Native American Heritage Month because it reminds people we are still here, and we still use our language, sing our songs, and dance our dances," said Sarah Pohawpatchoko, Comanche Homecoming Princess.

Programs were passed out to the audience to commemorate the event. Inside the programs, it read, "Courage, wisdom, and honor are traits that have characterized the American Indian Warrior for centuries. When referring to the American Indian as a "warrior," it is not meant to concur with the typical Hollywood image of the American Indian War-

rior. Such image has been distorted with stereotypes and exaggerated traits that have created a sensationalized and unrealistic representation of the historical and cultural American Indian Warrior. From inter tribal conflicts to military wars, American Indians have demonstrated their uncanny courage in defending their land, family, and way of life. In keeping with the 2019 American Indian Heritage Month theme, Honoring Our Nations: Building Strength Through Understanding."



Retired Lieutenant Colonel, Mark Woommavovah, was the guest speaker for Ft. Sill's National American Indian Heritage Month Luncheon, November 21, at Ft. Sill's Patriot Club.



Members of the Comanche Nation Youth Dancers take a photo with Ft. Sill soldiers, following the conclusion of the luncheon November 21, recognizing National Native American Heritage Month.



Samya Cooper Youngman dances with other cloth dancers during the Ft. Sill's National Native American Heritage Month Luncheon.

A Native Christmas Story

Monday, December 23, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino
Education Center
1608 SW 9th St., Lawton, OK

Please join us for a program and dinner. Sponsored by Prevention & Recovery. Please contact 580-492-3614 for additional information.



Marla Nauni sings a Comanche Hymn during the Ft. Sill National Native American Heritage Month luncheon, held November 21.



Alexis Codopony two steps with a Ft. Sill soldier during the celebration of Native American Heritage Month at Ft. Sill.



Comanche Homecoming Princess, Sara Pohawpatchoko, leads the Comanche Youth Dancers on November 21, at the Ft. Sill's National Native American Heritage Month Luncheon.

Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

CIVA Activities and More

On October 1, Thomas Hettich Jr. and Silas McCarthy were added to the CIVA Master List of veterans.

Hettich Jr. served in the Army and Army National Guard for 35 years earning the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He is one of only three Comanches to earn that rank and served in the military longer than any other known Comanche veteran.

McCarthy's name was presented by his grandson, Vincent McCarthy, from Dallas. No photo or documentation was provided except a photo of his military marker at Post Oak Cemetery.

There are now 1,258 names of Comanche veterans on the Master List.



Courtesy Photo

Tribal Administrator, Phyllis Attocknie, Thomas Hettich, his wife Linda and CBC Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Tippeconnie.



Courtesy Photo

Military marker of Private Silas McCarthy at Post Oak Cemetery.

The October 2019 monthly meeting was conducted in the Comanche Veterans Patriot Room on October 3. A total of 10 veterans, nine Auxiliary and five guests were present. Lyman Guy provided the opening prayer, Tucker Pawlowski led the Pledge to Allegiance and Lanny Asepermy introduced the guests. A meal was provided by Shirley Pohawpatchoko and Elizabeth Torralba. After the meal an embroidered Grateful Nation Pendleton blanked was presented to Navy Vietnam War veteran Scott Cato. The September minutes, Treasurer, Veterans and Auxiliary Spoils reports all passed. Commitments approved include Color Guard for the Jr. Miss Oklahoma Honor Dance on October 5, at Watchtaker Hall; Guests for Indigenous People's Day Gourd and Round Dance at the Hilton Garden Inn on October 13; Color Guard for Indigenous People's Day at Lawton City Hall on October 14; Co-host for the Sugar Creek Employee Pow-wow in Hinton on November 2; Host for Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow on November 11, at Watchtaker Hall; Co-host and Color Guard for Michael Nestell Soldier Dance on March 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



Courtesy Photo

Auxiliary Leader Shirley Pohawpatchoko presenting a Grateful Nation Pendleton to Navy and Vietnam War veteran Scott Cato.

Richard Sapcutt, Dominic and Lisa Pawlowski, Ramonah Davis, Keller Roaming Warrior and Nona

Mihecoby provided the Color Guard for the Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma Honor Dance at Watchtaker Hall on October 5.



Courtesy Photo

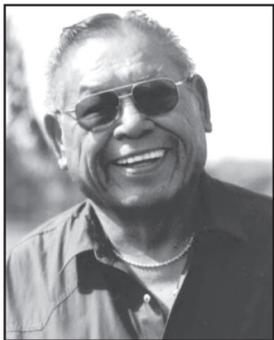
Left to right, Dominic Pawlowski, Lisa Pawlowski, Angelina Steinmeyer, Nona Mihecoby, Keller Roaming Warrior and Ramonah Davis.



Courtesy Photo

Jr. Miss Oklahoma Angelina Steinmeyer

On October 9, George Red Elk, Clifford Takawana and Roger Tehau-no placed a military marker for the Riley Wahnee family at Little Washita Cemetery. Wahnee passed away on July 27, 2018, at age 82 years. The CIVA conducted military funeral honors for the Wahnee family on August 1, 2018, at the Little Washita UMC and Little Washita Cemetery. He served in the Army from 1958-60, as a Medical Specialist.



Courtesy Photo

Riley Wahnee

Seven veterans and two Auxiliary members attended the Indigenous People's Day Round and Gourd Dance held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lawton on October 13.



Courtesy Photo

Richard Sapcutt, Nona Mihecoby, Keller Roaming Warrior, Clifford Red Elk and John McClung gourd dancing at the Hilton Garden Inn.

On October 14, Clifford Red Elk, Richard and Fran Sapcutt, John McClung, Dominic Pawlowski and Nona Mihecoby provided one of the three Color Guards for the opening of the City of Lawton's 2nd Annual Indigenous People's Day in Lawton's City Hall.

The other Color Guard was the Apache Native Warrior Society and the Kiowa Women Warriors. Comanche Little Ponies Princess Vylet Stonecalf represented the Little Ponies.



Courtesy Photo

John McClung, Dominic Pawlowski, Richard Sapcutt, Nona Mihecoby and members of the Kiowa Women Warrior, Apache Native American Warrior Society Color Guards and Comanche Little Ponies Princess.

Thomas Hettich Jr. sent a photo of his daughter, Ashlee Anne Hettich Paxton, on October 27.

Ashlee served in the New Mexico and Utah Army National Guard from July 31, 2008, to December 9, 2009, earning the rank of Private First Class. She completed Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training, as an Automated Logistics Specialist, at Fort Lee, Va.

After her training she served on active duty from May to July, 2009, as the Operational Support with Recruiting and Retention Command, Army National Guard in Santa Fe, N.M. She completed her service as a National Guardsman with HHC, 111th Maneuver Brigade in Rio Rancho, N.M., before transferring to the 115th Maintenance Company in Draper, Utah.

She was discharged to pursue the ROTC program and college.



Courtesy Photo

Ashlee Hettich Paxton

On November 3, the CIVA were Co-host for the Sugar Creek Casino Employee Pow-wow held at the Sugar Creek Casino Convention Center north of Hinton. Kevin and Shirley Pohawpatchoko and Clifford Red Elk attended the event. (No photos taken).

On November 6, Lanny Asepermy, Clifford Red Elk, Richard Sapcutt, John McClung, Ron Parker, Clifford Takawana, Liz Plata and Nona Mihecoby provided a Funeral Detail for the family of Terry Lynn Tahsequah at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home and Little Washita Cemetery. Kevin and Shirley Pohawpatchoko and Nona Mihecoby presented honors at the prayer service on November 5.

Tahsequah passed away on November 2, he was born on July 13, 1962.

He served in the Marine Corps from April 6, 1982, to April 5, 1985, earning the rank of Lance Corporal. After his Boot, Infantry and Communications training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Center San Diego, Cali., and Camp Pendleton, Cali., he served the remainder of his service with HQs Battery, 10th Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

He was awarded the Good Conduct, Expert Rifle Qualification and Fleet Marine Badges and the Comanche Nation Honorable Service Me-

dallion.

LCpl Tahsequah is the son of Terry Wayne and Laverna Tahsequah and the husband of Donna Tahsequah. They had four daughters and a son. Two of the daughters are currently serving in the Army and Air Force.

This marked the 266th funeral detail for the CIVA.



Courtesy Photo

Terry Lynn Tahsequah

On November 7, Lanny Asepermy was the guest speaker for the 75th Field Artillery Brigade Special Observance of Native American month at the Sheridan Theater on Fort Sill. Kevin Pohawpatchoko, George Red Elk, Richard Sapcutt, John McClung and Ron Parker were recognized along with nine America Indians soldiers from the Brigade. Business Committee women, Donita Sovo Doyebi, represented the Nation. A youth dance group, under the guidance of Theresa Lopez, performed traditional dances with members of the Brigade participating.



Courtesy Photo

CBC member, Diana Doyebi, Richard Sapcutt, John McClung, and Kevin Pohawpatchoko during the opening prayer of the Native American Observance.

The November 2019 monthly meeting was held on November 7, in the Comanche Veterans Patriot Room.

After the opening prayer by George Red Elk, the Pledge to Allegiance was led by Danielle Tomah. Lanny Asepermy introduced the guests. Nona Mihecoby and Fran Sapcutt provided an outstanding Thanksgiving meal. There were 11 veterans, 12 Auxiliary, Princess Trinity Ahtone, one active duty soldier and one Army Reserve veteran and eight guests present.

After the meal Dominic and Lisa Pawlowski were recognized as active members after completing three months of service with the CIVA. Pawlowski was presented with an embroidered Grateful Nation Pendleton, Honor Certificate, Veterans' gift package, jacket and a stipend. Mrs. Pawlowski was presented with an embroidered Service Shawl and Blanket, CIVA Medallion, jacket, Certificate and stipend.

After the honors the October Treasurer, Veterans and Auxiliary Spoils reports were passed.

Final preparations for the November 11, Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow were made. Other business included a Color Guard commitment for the Walters Service Club on November 9; dedication of the Comanche Code Talker Trailway on November 20; Color Guard for the Indianhigh school basketball game on November 22, and Christmas party

on December 14, at the home of Kent and Mindy Tomah. A draft of a revised CIVA Constitution was also presented for review.



Courtesy Photo

Dominic and Lisa Pawlowski honors at the November monthly meeting.

On November 8, George and Clifford Red Elk and Clifford Takawana place the marker of Army veteran, Martha Cozad, at Memory Lane Cemetery north of Anadarko, Okla.

PFC Cozad served in the Army from 1969-70. This was the 272nd marker placed by the CIVA.

New Active CIVA Veteran

Dominic Lamont Pawlowski is one of 1,259 known Comanche veterans. He served in the Marine Corps from August 1995 to August 1999 earning the rank of Corporal. He completed Boot Training at San Diego, Cali., Marine Combat Training at Camp Pendleton, Cali., Bulk Fuel Specialists Occupation Training at Fort Lee, Va.

After his training he was assigned to the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton and overseas for 13 months with 1st Marine Air Wing at Iwakuni, Japan, which included one month at Katherine, Australia. He was discharged at Camp Pendleton.

Cpl Pawlowski then served in the OK Army National Guard (OKARNG) from October 1999 to September 2018 earning the rank of Sergeant First Class. While in the OKARNG he served as a Multi Launch Rocket System (MLRS) crewman with the 1st Battalion, 171st Field Artillery based in Altus, Okla.; as an Artillery Fire Control Specialist with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery based Lawton, Okla.; as a Financial Manager with the Joint Forces HQs based in Oklahoma City; and as a Readiness NCO with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery in Lawton.

He had a combat deployment from August 8, 2008, to August 29, 2009, to Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait with HQs and HQs Battery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Fires Brigade based at Forward Operating Base (FOB) Ramadi, Iraq. He retired as a Active Guard Reservists (AGR) credited with 20+ years of active service.

His awards include the Meritorious Service with/3 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC); Army Commendation with/3 OLC; Army Achievement with/3 OLC; Army Good Conduct with/3 Loops; Marine Corps Good Conduct; Armed Forces Reserve Achievement with/OLC; National Defense Service with/Star; Iraqi Campaign with/2 Battle Stars; Global War on Terrorism Service; Humanitarian Service and Armed Forces Reserve with/Mobilization Device Medals; the NCO Professional Development with/Numerical 3; Army Service; and Army Overseas Ribbons; and the Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and Army Superior Unit Citation.



Courtesy Photo

Clifford Takawana and George Red Elk at Memory Lane Cemetery after placing the marker of Martha Cozad.



Courtesy Photo

Cozad marker at Memory Lane Cemetery.

A Color Guard was provided for the Walters Service Club Veterans Day Veterans Day Pow-wow at Watchtaker Hall on November 9. Seven veterans and four Auxiliary participated. One of the honored veterans was active member, SFC John McClung. The other honored veterans were Eddie Mahseet, Robert Tippeconnie and Adolphus Figueroa.

On Veterans Day 2019, the CIVA hosted their 44th Annual Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow at Watchtaker Hall. Marine, Vietnam War veteran and Numu Pukutsi Eddie Mahseet and Hah-Tee Delgado were the Masters of Ceremonies, Lanny Asepermy provided the Honors narratives, Colonel Pewewardy and Robert Tehauno were the host singers, Freddie Bandanas was the Arena Director and Brian Wahnee provided security for the event.

Veteran honorees were Navy and Vietnam War veteran Ludolph Lorentino; Air Force and Gulf War veteran Ruby Wahnee Booker; Army and Army National Guard and Gulf War veteran Victor Ulloa III; and Army and Iraqi War veteran Stormy Garcia Bennett.

The program con-

Continued on Page 13

Military News

Continued from Page 12

SFC Pawlowski is a 1995 graduate of Indianhoma high school. He is the son of Carol Shelton and Thaddeus Pawlowski, the grandson of the late Lamont and Wynema Waysepappy Shelton and the great grandson of the late Ester Waysepappy. He is currently the Training Site Specialist for the 95th Reception on Fort Sill.

SFC Pawlowski and his wife, the former Lisa Blakesley, live in Sterling and have nine children.



Courtesy Photo

Dominic Pawlowski in Class A uniform



Courtesy Photo

Dominic Pawlowski in Iraq

A Patriotic Family

The late Wilbur Parker and his wife, Esther Riddles Parker has three sons that served in the military.

Parker is a World War II combat wounded veteran and his sons James and Steven Parker both served in the Navy and are Vietnam War veterans. Their brother, Jeffery, served in the Air Force. In all there are 24 veterans on the Comanche veterans master list with the last name of Parker.

Wilbur served in the Army from 1944-45. He was severely wounded by a gunshot to his head on January 10, 1945, while serving with the 106th Infantry during the Battle of the Bulge.

His son, Steven, served in the Navy from 1965-69 including duty aboard the USS Whetstone (LSD-27), a Dock Landing Ship. In addition to troop transport the Whetstone assisted with the repair of Army sea vessels at ports in Qui Nhon, Cam Ranh Bay, Da Nang and Hue-Phu Bai, South Vietnam. One of his Western Pacific deployments was for 238 days. Steven is currently a patient at the West Monroe, La. VA Center.

Another son, James, also served in the Navy. He served from 1969-73 including duty aboard the USS Higbee (DD-807) a Destroyer. The Higbee was the first Navy ship to be bombed during the Vietnam War when a 500-lb bomb from a North Vietnamese MIG fighter destroyed the Higbee's 5-inch gun mount. Four Sailors were wounded. James lives on the Mescalero Indian Reservation, N.M.

A third son, Jeffery, served in the Air Force from 1981-82. Jeffery currently lives in Tua Rosa, N.M., with his 98 year old mother.



Courtesy Photo

Wilbur Parker



Courtesy Photo

Steven Parker



Courtesy Photo

James Parker



Courtesy Photo

Jeffery Parker

DidYou Know?

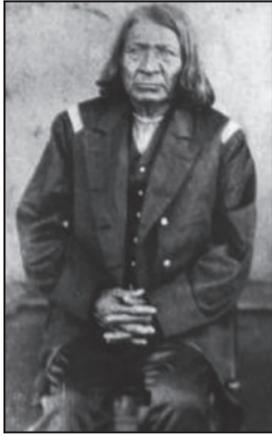
Over the years the CIVA has conducted military funeral honors for the families of 267 Comanche, non-Comanche and non-Indian veterans.

The first two military funeral honors were conducted in January 1994 by the late Richard Bread and Lanny Asepermy for Kiowa Warrior Twohatchet at the Twohatchet Family cemetery southeast of Fort Cobb, Okla., and Comanche Leader Esa Rosa (White-wolf) at the Cache Creek Cemetery west of Apache in May 1994 by Melvin Kerchee Jr., and Asepermy. Both funeral honors were ceremonial as white marble military headstones were placed and dedicated. The markers were requested by Asepermy.



Courtesy Photo

Twohatchet



Courtesy Photo

Esa Rosa

The next five military funeral honors were presented on June 22, 1994, for the family of Marvin Saddleblanket.

On January 20, 1996, honors were presented to the family of Leon Hawzipta. Honors for the families of Harding Bigbow and Wallace Twohatchet followed on June 24, and December 1, 1997. On March 23, 2002, honors were presented to the family of George Asepermy Jr.

In 2003, honors for five deceased veterans were conducted; five in 2004; six in 2005; ten in 2006; twelve in 2007; twenty-one in 2008; nineteen in 2009; twenty-two in 2010; eighteen in 2011; fifteen in 2012; seventeen in 2013; nineteen in 2014; twenty-three in 2015; seventeen in 2016; eighteen in 2017; nineteen in 2018; and so far ten in 2019.

In addition to military funeral honors, the CIVA has placed military markers on the graves of 272 veterans at 43 different cemeteries or burial locations. The first 77 markers were placed by Asepermy and his wife, Shelley. Marker placement locations have been at Cache Creek west of Apache; Red Stone north of the Apache Y; Anquo Family cemetery west of Carnegie; West Cache Creek west of Cache; Post Oak in Indianhoma; Ringling Cemetery in Ringling (Okla.); Rainey Mountain west of Mountain View; Saddle Mountain north of Meers; Highland in Lawton; Rock Springs north of Anadarko; Twohatchet Family Cemetery southeast of Fort Cobb; Little Washita east of Fletcher; Fletcher Cemetery in Fletcher; Mount Scott in the Wichita Mountains; Martha Cemetery outside of Martha (Okla.); Cedar Creek near Carnegie; Walters Cemetery

west of Walters; Memory Lane south of Anadarko; Deyo Mission west of Lawton; Mithlo Family Cemetery west of Apache; Ware's Cemetery near Hog Creek (Okla.); Beef Creek on Fort Sill; Otipoby on Fort Sill; Hammon Mennonite Cemetery near Hammond (Okla.); Carnegie Cemetery in Carnegie; Kaudle Kaule Family Cemetery north of Indian Road near Fort Cobb; Klinekole Family Cemetery near Three Rivers, N.M.; Sterling Cemetery south of Sterling (Okla.); Fort Cobb Cemetery north of Fort Cobb; Pawnee Indian Cemetery near Pawnee (Okla.); Laurenzana Family Cemetery; Memory Gardens in Farmington, N.M.; Fairview east of Apache; Nahwooks home place near Cache; Concho Agency Cemetery near Concho (Okla.); Gotebo Cemetery near Gotebo (Okla.); Cyril Cemetery south of Cyril; Redbone Cemetery southwest of Fort Cobb; Watonga Cemetery in Watonga (Okla.); ceremonial markers were placed at the Normandy American Cemetery, France; Brittany American Cemetery, France; Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, Belgium; and Netherlands American Cemetery, Netherlands.



Courtesy Photo

First military marker placement by Lanny and Shelley Asepermy and the late Richard Twohatchet at the Twohatchet Cemetery in January 1994.



Courtesy Photo

The third military marker placement by Lanny and Shelley Asepermy in 1996 at Deyo Cemetery for the family of Leon Hawzipta-his widow is Comanche elder Pauline Coffey.

Chief



Courtesy Photo

Thomas Hettich Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Ada Riddles Hettich Women Army Corps (WAC)

In the military he was addressed as "Chief" not because he was an Indian but because of his rank. Thomas Hettich Jr., served, with honor, in the Army from August 23, 1970, until June 11, 1973, (two years, nine months and 14 days) earning the rank of Sergeant while on active duty.

He completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Lewis, Wash., and Advanced Individual Training, as a Radio Operator, at Fort Ord, Cali. For the next two years, three months and 24 days he served with the HQs, 94th Engineer Battalion in Nellingen, Germany. While in Germany he was cross-trained as a Radio Teletype Operator. He was discharged at Fort Dix, N.J.



Courtesy Photo

Thomas Hettich Jr. in 1970

In June 1978 SGT Hettich Jr., enlisted into the Montana Army National Guard (MTARNG) assigned to the Fire Support Center for Artillery with HQs Company, 163rd (-) Armor. He transferred to the New Mexico Army National Guard in January 1981, serving as the Supply Sergeant for the S-4 Sec-

tion, HQs, 111th Air Defense Brigade. On April 6, 1984, he was commissioned as a Warrant Officer. After his commission he assumed the duties as the Property Book Officer for the 93rd Troop Command. Eventually he earned the rank of Warrant Officer and later was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4). In September 2005, he deployed to New Orleans, La., during Hurricane Katrina, for 30 days in charge of the Food Commodity section. CW4 Hettich's completed his military service ensuring that his New Mexico Army Guardsman were combat ready with the proper equipment, weapons, vehicles and clothing when deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan.

On March 31, 2009, CW4 Hettich retired from the military credited with 35 years of faithful and honorable service. No Comanche has served in the military as long as CW4 Hettich and only two other Comanches have earned the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4.

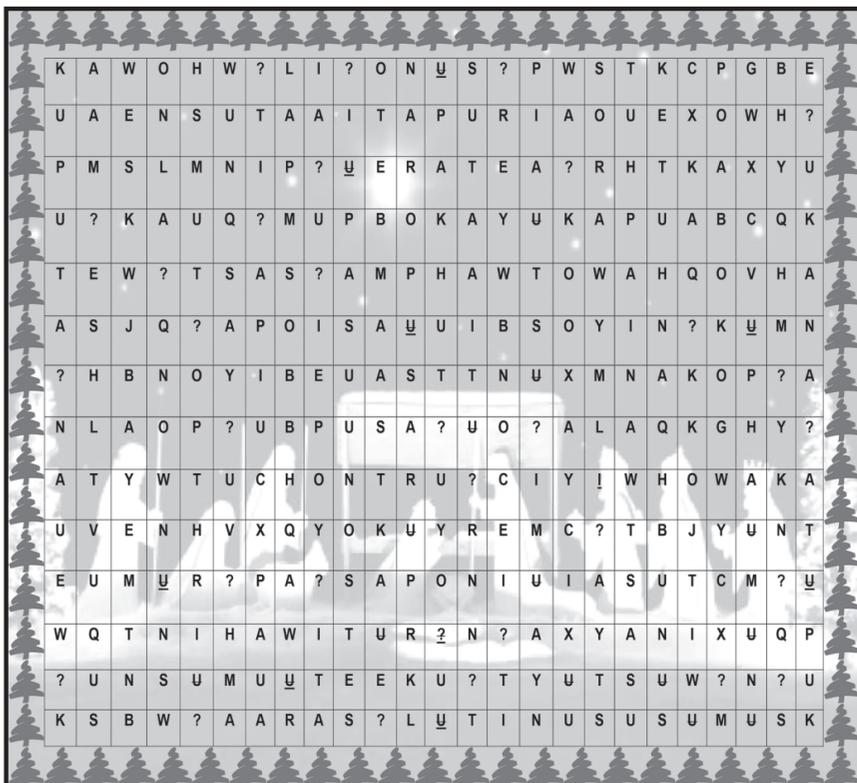
His awards include the Army Commendation; Army Achievement; Good Conduct; and National Defense Service Medals; the Army Service; Army Overseas; and Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbons; the Marksman Qualification Badge with Rifle and Pistol Bars; and numerous NMARNG awards.

CW4 Hettich Jr was born at the Kiowa Indian Hospital, in Lawton, Okla., on March 1, 1949. His mother is the late former Ada Riddles who served in the Women Army Corps (WAC) from 1944-46. His father was Thomas Hettich Sr. Three of his uncles are also veterans - Robert Holder was a World War II Comanche Code Talker; Leonard "Black Moon" Riddles served in the Army from 1941-45 including combat service in Europe as an Artillery Forward Observer and Stanley Riddles also was an Army veteran who served from 1951-53 including service in Germany.

CW4 Hettich Jr currently lives in Albuquerque, N.M., with his wife, Linda. They have a son that lives in Murray, Utah and daughter that lives in Layton, Utah and two grandchildren. His daughter served in the New Mexico and Utah Army National Guard.

Comanche Word Search

Find the Comanche words in the Word Search below. Words can be found in ALL directions.



Word Bank

- GOD- NEMU AHPU
- ANGEL- KASA TAI-BOO
- BELL- KAWOHWI
- BOW- EETU
- CHIMNEY - KUPUTA? ANAKU?E
- CHRISTMAS- WAA-HIMA
- COAL- KUTUHUUBI
- DECEMBER- PIA ʔTSU?I MʔA

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

November 25- Melvin Kerchee

Happy Birthday

December 1- Delbert Karty
 December 6- Bobby Komahcheet
 December 12- Cristy Komahcheet
 December 21- Mary Crystal Nauni



Happy Belated Birthday
 Melvin Kerchee Jr.
 November 25



Happy Birthday
 Dara Dawn Flores
 December 3



The Hoods
 Betty, Rance & Mary

Happy Anniversary
 Verna Tehauno Wetselline & Phillip "Bodie" Wetselline
 December 10, 1993
 Celebrating~ 26 years.

Comanche Nation News
 January-Milestone
 Deadline~ December 10
 Email: candace.todd@comanchenation.com
 Mail: Comanche Nation/PIO P.O. Box 908
 Lawton, OK 73501
 Contact: (580) 492-3621

Obituaries

Arletta Cable Wermey



Courtesy Photo

Wermey

Arletta Cable Wermey, 66, Cache passed away October 22, with her loving family by her side.

Funeral Service was October 25, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Tina Baker officiating. Burial followed at Deyo Mission Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Prayer Service was October 24, at the Funeral Home Chapel.

Wermey was born January 28, 1953, in Lawton to Hubert Cable and Carla (Tahah Cable) Atauvich. She was raised in Camp 7 west of Cache and attended Cache Public Schools. She was a lifelong member of the Komah Memorial Church of the Nazarene. She and Dennis Wermey married in 1972 and were together for over forty years, raising their family in Cache. As a homemaker she enjoyed spending time with her family and taking care of her children and grandchildren. Her grandchildren were her life. She was a full blood member of the Comanche Nation.

She is survived by her husband Dennis Wermey of the home, Children; Carletta Tahchawwickah and companion Francisco Vargas of Lawton, Amy Wermey and companion Jack Tiger of the home, Brandon Wermey of Cache. Father Carl Atauvich of Cache, Siblings; Gerri Wermey and husband George Wermey, Karla Kowena, Steve Cable and wife Darla Cable, Carlene Atauvich, Donna Wermey, Donnell Atauvich, Tonyelle Atauvich-Unah and husband Gary Unah and Kent Chasenah and wife Pam all of Cache. Grandchildren; Victoria Vargas, Francisco Vargas, Alex Wermey, Brandon Wermey Jr., Elijah Wermey, Aleyna Wermey. She considered her nieces and nephews as her own children, and was known as mom. Numerous other family member and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Hubert Cable, Carla Tahah Cable Atauvich, daughter; Sara Wermey, Siblings; Dale Cable, Renita Maxey and husband Darrell Maxey, Owenetta Atauvich-Long. Niece; Gabby Aitson and Shanell Aitson, Nephew; Steven Cable Jr. Brother in laws; Kenny Kowena, Del Wermey.

Dennis Dale Martinez Sr.



Courtesy Photo

Martinez

Dennis Dale Martinez Sr., 71, went to his heavenly home on November 11, with his loving wife by his side.

Funeral Service was November 18, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with Patrick McClung officiating. Burial followed at Little Washita Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

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

Martinez was born August 18, 1948, in Lawton to Faith Martinez. He was raised in Cyril and attended and graduated from Cyril High School in 1966. He attended Business School in Oklahoma City. He worked on Ft. Sill for Civil Service. He married Katherine Ahtone November 17, 1968, and they made their home in Cyril where they raised their family. He was an OU Sooner Football fan, playing golf, going to the casino and being around his grandkids. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation.

He is survived by his wife Katherine of the home, son Dale Martinez and wife Marnie of the home, daughter; Teresa McClung and husband Patrick McClung of Washington, grandchildren; Andrew and wife Morgan McClung, Jessica and husband Caden Cleveland, Michael McClung, Joshua McClung, Mary McClung, Elijah Stewart, Victoria Martinez, Ariona Martinez, Cruz Martinez, and Aaron Martinez. Sisters; Berthena Yackeschi, Patricia Bread, Sharon Sadongei and husband Everett, Glenna Pekah and husband Floyd, Benita Eckiwaudah, Juanita Galindo Odell, and Peggy Burgen and special niece Debra Herrera. Numerous other family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother Faith Martinez, sister; LaDora Toahy, aunt; Hope Martinez, uncle; Vincent Martinez, nephew Joseph Toahy.



Acey Oberly, Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Oberly

Acey Oberly, Jr., 79, died November 11, at Fairview Hospital in Burnsville, Minnesota. Oberly was born to Acey Oberly, Sr. and Eva Winnerchy Oberly on September 9, 1940 in Lawton, Okla. Oberly was a proud member of the Comanche and Osage Nations. He learned to speak Comanche from his mom and grandmother Nellie Tissoyo. He became a fluent speaker through translating for his grandmother.

He attended and graduated from Walters High School. He enjoyed all sports and in his senior year, Junior (as he was referred to by his family) earned all-conference honors for football. After working summers on a work crew cutting wheat in Oklahoma and Kansas, he attended Bacone Junior College in Tahlequah, Okla. To help pay his college expenses, he was a part of a work-study program and was assigned to building maintenance. He would often tell the story of how one snowy morning when he was checking on the furnaces, he ran into two young students hurrying across a frozen campus to get to the cafeteria for breakfast. They were the only ones outside in the cold weather except himself. One of the two young ladies was to be his future wife, Thelma Thomas, and her roommate Loretta Samuels Sobotta. Together, Oberly and Thelma would participate in the Bacone Indian Choir. They were married on May 27, 1961, in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and would remain married for 57 years.

Oberly continued his studies after Bacone and earned a Bachelor's degree from Northeastern State University. Oberly's first job out of college was Wa-a'yas Community Center Director in Kamiah, Idaho before he began his teaching career at Plummer, Idaho. He began his career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in 1968 as an Education Specialist helping high school students get enrolled into college and adult learners earn their GEDs. In 1980, he completed studies at Washington State University earning his Master's in Education. He continued working for the BIA for the next 39 years in various positions at agencies throughout the northwest. He retired in 2007 from the position of Superintendent at the Yakama Agency in Toppenish, Wash.

Oberly enjoyed gourd dancing at the Walters Homecoming Powwow with his brothers and relatives.

He was a member of the Eagle Clan of the Osage Nation as well as the Pihnatukat Band of the Comanche Nation.

Survivors include three daughters: Jorja Oberly Valandra and her husband Howard, of Eagan, Minn.; Yvonne Oberly of Auburn, Wash.; and Sonya Oberly of Lewiston, Id.; and a grandson, Cato Acey Valandra, of Eagan, Minn. His surviving siblings include Margrett Kelley, Sara Oberly, Frank Oberly Sr., Marty Oberly, Gary Oberly and numerous nieces and nephews.

His wife Thelma; brother John Oberly, Sr; and two sisters, Nell Yvonne Wahahrockah and Jacqueline Oberly Seymour, preceded him in death.

Funeral services was November 16, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Lynna Jo (Pewewardy) Rosario



Courtesy Photo

Rosario

Lynna Jo (Pewewardy) Rosario, 55, of Lawton went to her heavenly home on November 7, in Lawton with her loving family by her side.

Funeral service was November 13, at Watchetaker Hall Comanche Nation Complex with Edward Eschiti and Maxine Wermey officiating. Burial followed at Ottopoby Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Wake service was November 12, at Watchetaker Hall.

Rosario was born January 13, 1964, in Lawton to Herald "Bullhead" and Lorene (Kerchee) Pewewardy. She graduated from Elgin High School. Rosario was employed as a CNA at Woodland Care Center and housekeeping at Comanche Nation Casino. She was a proud full blood member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Rosario was an arts and crafts person, making homemade and seasonal gifts. She would make remembrance buttons and keychains for her family and friends that passed on. She listened to Motown music.

Rosario is survived by: husband Nico Rosario of the home; children: Herald and Deanna Pewewardy, Harley and Paige Pewewardy, Lance Tamblyn, and Cheyenne Pekah all of Lawton; sisters: Patricia Pewewardy of Lawton, Geneva Pewewardy of

Shawnee, Dianna Pewewardy of Elgin, Cheryl Pewewardy of Lawton; uncles: Jerome Tahhahwah, Garner Pewewardy, Wesley Pewewardy, Wallace Coffey; grandchildren: Leah, Seth, Nico, Noah, Harlan, Neveah, and Mila.

Rosario is preceded in death by: parents Herald "Bullhead" and Lorene (Kerchee) Pewewardy; sons Harlan Neal, Spencer Monoessy and John Carter; granddaughters, Riyle Poafpybitty and Precious Nicole Pewewardy, sister Debra "Babe" Pewewardy and her granddaughter, La'mya Debra Cravin-Greaves; grandparents: Samuel and Mollie (Tahhahwah) Pewewardy Sr. and Ella Pewewardy, Walter Kerchee Sr., and Lottie Fisher Atauvich; mother in law Mary Louise Pekah; caretaker Nathaniel "Preacher" Downs.



Christmas Memories

by Arden Lansing

*"I'm so glad I hold these memories,
 For with them I hold part of you.
 So for now I'll wipe away the tears
 And join with loved ones dear
 To celebrate this Christmas time,
 For I know that, in my heart,
 you're here.
 When snowflakes dance on winter winds
 And colored lights shine Christmas cheer,
 When children's laughter fills the air
 And family gathers from far and near,
 I try to celebrate with them
 And not let my hurting show.
 But the empty space within my heart,
 At this season, seems to grow
 'Til oftentimes it fills the days,
 And many nighttimes too,
 With aching thoughts and memories
 Of Christmases I spent with you.
 Yes, memories do hurt, it's true
 But I have this feeling too.
 I'm so glad I hold these memories,
 For with them I hold part of you.
 So for now, I'll wipe away the tears
 And join with loved ones dear
 To celebrate this Christmas time,
 For I know that, in my heart,
 you're here."*

Veterans Honored at Comanche Celebrations in November

Walters Service Club and Comanche Indian Veteran's Association Spotlight Veterans from All Military Branches



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Members of the Walters Service Club stand behind the 2019 veteran honorees, from left, John McClung, Robert Tippeconnie, and Adolphus Figueroa, November 9 during the Walters Service Club Annual Veterans Day Celebration.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow honorees, L to R: Ludolph Lorentino, Ruby Wahnee Booker, Victor Ulloa III and Stormy Garcia-Bennett.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Adolphus Figueroa receives a plaque from the Walters Service Club Princess, Gabriella Sapcut, to commemorate being honored at the Walters Service Club Veterans Day Celebration.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Robert Tippeconnie receives a plaque from the Walters Service Club Jr. Princess, Barbara Monoessy, to commemorate being honored at the Walters Service Club Veterans Day Celebration.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

John McClung receives a plaque from the Walters Service Club Princess and Jr. Princess, Gabriella Sapcut and Barbara Monoessy, to commemorate being honored at the Walters Service Club Veterans Day Celebration.



Courtesy Photo

Honoree Ludolph Lorentino



Courtesy Photo

Honoree Ruby Wahnee Booker



Courtesy Photo

Honoree Victor Ulloa III



Courtesy Photo

Honoree Stormy Garcia-Bennett

LEARN 2 SPEAK →

COMANCHE

APPOINTMENTS AVAILABLE FOR HELP WITH THE

MEMRISE LEARNING APP: COMANCHE

Creating an account
 Downloading the app
 Using the app on a computer
 Using the app on a mobile device
 Having issues?

TO SCHEDULE A LANGUAGE APP APPOINTMENT, CALL OR EMAIL:

Language Department
 (580) 699-7231
 language@comanchenation.com

Currently located at the Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Education Center

50 Years

DEAN'S PAWN SHOP

NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN GOODS

2617 S. Robinson Ave.
 OKC, OK 73109
www.DeansPawn.com
 (405) 239-2774
 "OKC's Oldest Pawn Shop"

Comanche Youth Dancers and Comanche Indian Veterans Association Help Ft. Sill Celebrate Native American Heritage Month November 7, & Recognizes Active Native American Indian Military Servicemen and Women



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



“FOR THERE IS ONE GOD, AND ONE MEDIATOR BETWEEN GOD AND MEN, THE MAN CHRIST JESUS.” (1 TIMOTHY 2:5)

COVENANT BAPTIST CHURCH
—*Reformed Baptist*—
(Formerly called Lawton Indian Baptist Church)

Everyone Welcome

LOCATION: 2502 SW B AVE., LAWTON. (EAST OF CAMERON UNIVERSITY AT THE CORNER OF 25th & B).

SERVICE TIMES: SUN: 10am, 11am. THUR: 6:30pm

CONTACT US: CALL/TXT (580) 861-4274

WEBSITE: cbclawton.com **FACEBOOK:** [@cbclawton](https://www.facebook.com/cbclawton)

Mark-ha Tsaatü Narümu’ipü 1:6-8*

Surüse’ John ünüü’a pünüsü narünoo’katüna pühi natsa’niküka tüasü tüvhüma nekika. Surüküse’ ahtamüünii tüasü püewatsi’ünüü’vihnää’a tühkä’eeyu. Surüse’ puharekwarü, me yühkwü: Sümü’ tsa’ nüká’wekiku natsuwitü, nüvinakwü kimarü, tumuuhtsi pü napütsakwüsa’a nü ro’yarü’itu ke nü rokweyuna. Tüvitsüku nü’ paama müi vawühtia’i. Pünü u’ Holy Spirit-ma müi vawühtiarü’i.

* Excerpt from *Mark-ha Tsaatü Narümu’ipü (The Gospel of Mark in Comanche and English)*, American Bible Society, 1958. Free reprints available upon request.

COMANCHE NATION LORDS OF THE PLAINS

COMANCHE NATIONS ANNUAL ELDERS DAY EVENT

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Doors Open at 9:00 AM
Event Starts at 10:00 AM
Meal Served at 11:30 AM

COMANCHE COUNTY COLISEUM
920 SW Sheridan Rd., Lawton