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Courtesy Photo

Mantzke

Julia Mantzke Appointed Interim Tribal Administrator

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

During the September monthly Comanche Business Committee (CBC) Meeting, Julia Mantzke was appointed the Interim Tribal Administrator (TA) until the time when a new TA will be voted in. Nominations will take place during the scheduled Oct. 3 General Council Meeting.

Mantzke recently received her Bachelor's Degree in Science of Psychology from Cameron University in May, with a minor in Criminal Justice. She is currently a student at the University of Oklahoma, where she is working on her Master's Degree.

"I worked at IHS for eight years, with the thought of becoming an RN. When I began working at the (Comanche) Complex as the Executive Assistant to the CBC, I was a junior in college. The TA then, Mr. Arterberry, told me I should finish my degree, and he gave me the push to go back to school," explained Mantzke.

She added when she started back to college to finish her degree, her grandmother was her biggest supporter. Before her grandmother's passing, she promised her she would finish her degree.

"She told me she would be watching," said Mantzke. "I wanted to make her proud, because she has been my biggest supporter my whole life."

Mantzke said she felt humbled when she was approached from a member of the CBC to fill the position of Interim Tribal Administrator. As she worked with tribal leaders as the Executive Assistant to the CBC, she said she saw their passion to help and serve the Comanche People, and she feels she has the same passion.

"I want to be that cheerleader for the staff members. I have always been that way here (at the Complex), and at the Comanche Casino, where I was working, and I just want to make a difference," said Mantzke.

She said she has been making her way to visit all the program offices and talk to the directors and staff to address their questions and needs. Although her schedule is filled, she wants to make time for the personal visits.

"I am hoping I can keep a working relationship with everyone and keep them motivated, and I hope that I leave an imprint with them that I did assist them. I didn't work against them, I worked with them," she said.

Although she knows the obstacles she has to face as the interim TA with matters such as staff morale, working environments, and maintaining the program's budgets, despite the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, she remains positive.

"I hope that we can all just work together to accomplish our goals," said Mantzke. "I care about our Nation, and I am a very proud Comanche tribal member."

Mantzke is from the Wahnee Conneywerdy family. Her grandmother is the late Rita Wahnee and she is named after her great-grandmother, the late Julia Conneywerdy. She is the mother of three, and has three grandchildren. She is also a foster parent.

GRAND OPENING



Comanche Nation Casino Celebrates the Opening Of Two New Venues October 15

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Casino is very excited to announce the Grand Opening of two new venues: the War Pony Brewery and the Comanche Burger Company.

"We wanted to bring something fresh and new to the casino, something that everyone enjoys and if done right could be a big hit," said Jonathon Ramirez, General Manager of the Comanche Nation Casino. "I know that bison was the main staple in the Comanche diet historically, and I recognized an opportunity to introduce bison to the menu through bison burgers, a local favorite."

The project took about six months to complete, despite the pandemic.

"Jonathon told me what he wanted to do, so I discussed it with my Executive Chef, Tonya Harris, and my Sous Chef, Kennon Reed, and they worked together to develop our menu and ensured with our vendor the availability and quality of the product we wanted to serve," said Food and Beverage Director, Brian Weryavah.

Shandi Tahhahwah, Comanche Nation Casino's Operations Manager, added having a place to get a quality gourmet burger in town, along with being able to get a bison burger will give those residents in the local community something more when they think about Comanche Nation

Casino.

"There are several burger places in town, but most of those establishments are located on the west side of Lawton. There are a couple on the east side, where Comanche Nation Casino is located, but neither offer the quality, variety and taste of our burgers. We also hope that while our guests wait for their fresh, made to order burger, they sit down and play our gaming machines," said Weryavah.

The management personally likes the Breakfast Burger with a bison patty as one of their favorites. They said having a bison patty with a fried egg and bacon, with the bacon jam, is a true treat. And beignets with raspberry syrup for dessert puts the cherry on top, so to say.

The Comanche Burger Company and War Pony Brewery are located at the Comanche Nation Casino, 402 SE Interstate Drive in Lawton. The Grand Opening will begin at noon until 7 p.m., October 15. There will be a \$10 Taste of Entertainment Pass, drawings for Grand Opening will happen every 30-minutes for packages consisting of War Pony T-shirt, Comanche Burger Co. voucher for a free burger a week for a month, and \$100 in Comanche Credit.

Mark your calendars to celebrate a ground breaking event at the Comanche Nation Casino.

GRAND OPENING EVENTS

- 12:00 p.m. (noon): Opening Speech by Chairman Willie Nelson / General Manager Jonathon Ramirez
- Introduction of Cedar Blessing of June Sovo
- 12:30 p.m. Cedar Blessing
- 12:45 p.m. Ceremonial singing: Kevin Sovo and group
- 1:15 p.m. Ceremonial War Dance
- 1:45 p.m. Thank everyone for coming out and have fun!
- JJ's Pro Audio will set up and perform to the North of the Rewards Desk
- 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. DJ Spence
- 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Drawings for Grand Opening every 30 minutes for packages consisting of War Pony T-shirt, Comanche Burger Co. voucher for a free burger a week for a month and \$100 in Comanche Credit.

ATTENTION COMANCHE NATION

The following dates have been selected by the CBC for the 2020 PER CAPITA DISTRIBUTIONS:

- PER CAPITA – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
- ELDER'S – FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11TH

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Comanche Nation Housing Authority Releases Application for Assistance

Submitted by Comanche Nation Housing Authority

Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) will be accepting online applications for one-time assistance with Rental, Mortgage and Utility payments beginning September 28. This project is not connected to the Comanche Nation CARES Act Program and is separately funded through the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

For more information on the Project and the requirements visit our webpage at www.comanchehousing.com

Q. What is the ICDBG CARES Act Imminent Threat (IT) Project?

The ICDBG CARES Act IT project provides funding to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus, for emergencies that constitute imminent threats to health and safety. In response to COVID-19, the CNHA plans to assist Comanche Nation households throughout the nation in need of public supportive services with emergency mortgage, rental and/or utility (water & sewage, electric, gas, propane and internet services to allow children to participate in distance learning) payments. This assistance will be provided through direct vendor payments in an amount not to exceed \$750.00 per household until funds are expended. This project is intended to prevent and ensure that Tribal members are stably housed with the essential services required to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus and keep families safe.

Q. Who is providing the funding for this project?

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) project is utilizing HUD Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat funding provided under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Public Law 116-136) (CARES Act) to support this program.

Q. Who is eligible to receive assistance?

Enrolled Comanche Tribal member households that have been financially impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. There are no service area restrictions and 40% of funding is set aside for Tribal members located outside the Comanche Nation eight county jurisdictional area. (Comanche, Cotton, Caddo, Tillman, Kiowa, Stephens, Jefferson and Grady counties of Oklahoma.)

Q. Can CNHA tenants utilize the grant to pay, Mortgage, Lease Purchase, or Rental payments?

No. This Grant does not allow CNHA tenants to pay for Mortgage, Lease Purchase or Rental Payments but they can utilize this grant to pay for utilities and internet payments.

Q. Will I receive a check?

No. Checks will be made directly to the vendor, no client reimbursements allowed. Your most recent bill is required to make these payments. Assistance may be provided up to an amount not to exceed \$750.00 regard-

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COMANCHE NATION ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2020

LOCATION: FORT SILL POLO FIELD, FORT SILL, OK
START TIME: 1:00PM

ONLY ENTRY WILL BE AT KEY GATE. CDIB WILL BE MANDATORY TO ENTER FORT SILL POLO FIELD. ENTRY OPENING AT 11AM

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PLEASE PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

COMANCHE NATION CONSTITUTION, Article V, Section I. Pursuant to ARTICLE IV, Section I. The supreme governing body of this organization shall be the Comanche Tribal Council. The Tribal Council shall consist of all duly enrolled members of the Comanche Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age or older, The Tribal Council will affirm and exercise its Supreme Powers Clause by the Annual Election following the Annual Meeting.

AGENDA

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER (QUORUM PENDING)
2. PRAYER
3. NOMINATIONS FOR CBC #3. MOTION TO CEASE.
4. NOMINATIONS FOR CBC #4. MOTION TO CEASE.
5. NOMINATIONS FOR SECRETARY/TREASURER. MOTION TO CEASE.
6. NOMINATIONS FOR TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR. MOTION TO CEASE.
7. NOMINATIONS FOR LAWYER. MOTION TO CEASE.
8. PROPOSALS FOR ANNUAL ELECTION THAT ARE/IS CONSTITUTIONAL TO: (ARTICLE 5) TRIBAL COUNCIL
9. MOTION ON PROPOSALS TO VOTE BY SECRET BALLOT.
10. ADJOURN

JESUS SAID, "ALL THAT THE FATHER GIVES ME WILL COME TO ME, AND WHOEVER COMES TO ME I WILL NEVER CAST OUT." (JOHN 6:37)

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Mark-ha Tsaatü Narümu'ipü 1:12-13*

Suve'süse' surü Spirit sukühu pianümüwahtükühu u miaru'iha u tsasú'atsinu. Surüse' Jesus hayarokwe süümanürüna naravenitüükü suku vianümüwahtükü naahka. Surüse' püewatsi'ünüü'nüüma'ai naahka, suhka Satan-ha pümi mavuniiku. Wihnuse' surüü kasaráivoo'nüü u mananaa'waihka.

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

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Government

Absentee Voting Results For Fiscal Year 2020-2021; All Line Items Pass

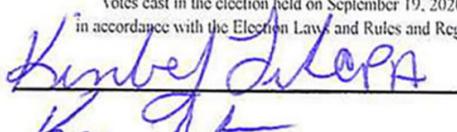
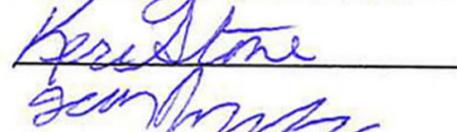
Comanche Nation Budget Election Results Saturday, September 19, 2020

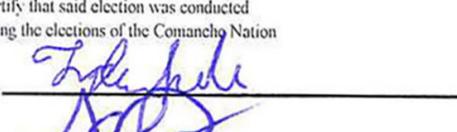
Tax Commission Contribution		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
Bereavement Assistance	\$270,000	278	769	18	1065	93.50%	24	47	3	74	6.50%
CBC Salary	\$21,000	211	586	15	812	72.37%	87	217	6	310	27.63%
Chairman's Salary	\$67,500	189	538	14	741	66.28%	107	263	7	377	33.72%
Child Support Services	\$110,100	252	718	19	989	87.68%	48	89	2	139	12.32%
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	\$49,500	235	667	17	919	81.26%	67	141	4	212	18.74%
Comanche Tribal Princess	\$3,000	214	615	17	846	74.93%	85	194	4	283	25.07%
Comanche JR. Princess	\$3,000	199	580	16	795	70.23%	102	230	5	337	29.77%
Comanche Language Planning and Development	\$470,190	222	627	17	866	77.25%	80	172	3	255	22.75%
Comanche Fair Director	\$3,000	206	598	17	821	73.11%	93	205	4	302	26.89%
Tombstone Project (THPO)	\$18,000	260	737	19	1016	89.91%	42	70	2	114	10.09%
Church Donations	\$65,000	222	631	16	869	77.31%	80	170	5	255	22.69%
Public Information Office	\$387,836	189	571	10	770	68.51%	109	234	11	354	31.49%
Transportation	\$226,667	235	681	14	930	82.30%	66	127	7	200	17.70%
Transit	\$760,000	232	642	14	888	78.93%	67	163	7	237	21.07%
Optometry Clinic	\$477,660	280	760	19	1059	93.39%	21	52	2	75	6.61%
Museum/Gift Shop	\$908,900	195	552	15	762	67.85%	104	251	6	361	32.15%
Total Tax Commission Contribution	\$3,841,353										
RETAIL/WHOLESALE		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
Community Center - Apache	\$30,000	242	659	16	917	82.24%	53	140	5	198	17.76%
Community Center - Cache	\$30,000	242	668	16	926	82.53%	55	136	5	196	17.47%
Community Center - Walters	\$30,000	248	664	16	928	82.78%	48	140	5	193	17.22%
Outreach Anadarko, OK	\$91,728	217	612	16	845	75.85%	79	185	5	269	24.15%
Outreach Center - Dallas, TX	\$105,840	203	552	14	769	68.66%	94	250	7	351	31.34%
Outreach Center - OKC	\$89,964	226	619	17	862	76.90%	70	184	5	259	23.10%
Total Retail/Wholesale Contribution	\$377,532										
Comanche Nation Gaming Contribution Funds:		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
Revenue Allocation - 40%		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
Elder Payment	\$1,700,000	297	795	19	1111	97.63%	7	18	2	27	2.37%
Per Capita Distribution	\$20,700,000	296	795	19	1110	97.28%	8	21	2	31	2.72%
Total Revenue Allocation	\$22,400,000										
Tribal Government - 10%		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
Administration	\$1,200,423	217	622	15	854	76.05%	83	181	5	269	23.95%
Elections	\$260,000	223	637	15	875	77.99%	75	166	6	247	22.01%
Info Technology - Complex	\$495,000	225	607	12	844	77.93%	73	158	8	239	22.07%
Law Enforcement	\$2,730,000	222	619	12	853	75.82%	79	184	9	272	24.18%
Legal Fees	\$417,000	224	636	15	875	77.99%	75	166	6	247	22.01%
Enrollment	\$311,426	249	693	17	959	85.40%	52	109	3	164	14.60%
Adult Education	\$186,151	261	714	18	993	88.35%	40	88	3	131	11.65%
Total Tribal Government	\$5,600,000				0						
Economic Development - 25%		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
New Business	\$2,934,028	208	580	14	802	71.86%	90	218	6	314	28.14%
Capital Improvement	\$1,851,600	226	647	16	889	79.16%	74	155	5	234	20.84%
Tribal Court	\$486,408	231	647	15	893	79.45%	69	156	6	231	20.55%
Water Park	\$596,298	184	506	13	703	62.54%	112	301	8	421	37.46%
CN Fair	\$250,000	214	619	16	849	76.14%	84	177	5	266	23.86%
CN Homecoming	\$35,000	203	590	15	808	72.08%	95	212	6	313	27.92%
Youth Shelter CRY5	\$666,400	256	719	17	992	88.18%	42	88	3	133	11.82%
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA)	\$2,119,000	247	671	15	933	82.86%	54	132	7	193	17.14%
Job Placement & Training	\$552,820	252	709	17	978	87.01%	47	95	4	146	12.99%
Realty Management/Water Planning/Land Mgmt	\$461,304	225	618	17	860	77.20%	71	179	4	254	22.80%
Land Acquisitions	\$1,323,000	216	603	14	833	74.64%	81	195	7	283	25.36%
Assisted Living Facility	\$1,014,000	263	732	19	1014	89.89%	36	76	2	114	10.11%
Early Childhood Development Center	\$588,000	253	702	18	973	86.80%	46	99	3	148	13.20%
Prevention & Recovery / Residential Treatment	\$675,142	242	677	17	936	83.50%	56	125	4	185	16.50%
Comanche Nation Housing	\$447,000	260	710	18	988	87.82%	40	94	3	137	12.18%
Total Economic Development	\$14,000,000										
Community & Education - 25%		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
Burial Assistance	\$980,000	289	783	19	1091	96.72%	13	22	2	37	3.28%
Gravel-Tin horns for Tribal Driveways	\$396,900	232	626	15	873	78.44%	64	170	6	240	21.56%
Caregivers	\$304,667	261	685	18	964	86.23%	41	110	3	154	13.77%
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	\$201,150	235	634	16	885	79.44%	67	157	5	229	20.56%
CHR/EMS	\$700,000	252	663	13	928	83.53%	48	128	7	183	16.47%
Education Center (SUN RISE)	\$223,500	225	643	18	886	79.75%	73	149	3	225	20.25%
Diahetes / Fitness Center	\$562,000	262	698	18	978	87.40%	38	100	3	141	12.60%
Elder Center	\$315,000	274	733	17	1024	91.18%	28	67	4	99	8.82%
Elder Council	\$98,340	220	600	15	835	74.42%	79	202	6	287	25.58%
Emergency Management Direct Services	\$207,600	243	690	16	949	84.66%	56	111	5	172	15.34%
Environmental Protection Agency	\$450,000	214	638	17	869	78.29%	80	157	4	241	21.71%
Indian Child Welfare	\$262,800	268	727	19	1014	89.89%	34	78	2	114	10.11%
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	\$121,020	240	693	19	952	84.70%	59	111	2	172	15.30%
Higher Education	\$3,106,126	276	753	18	1047	92.74%	24	55	3	82	7.26%
Home Improvement	\$1,341,000	249	680	16	945	84.38%	49	121	5	175	15.63%
Hope House/Family Violence Prevention	\$50,000	246	693	16	955	85.27%	52	108	5	165	14.73%
Injury Prevention	\$222,606	201	583	15	799	72.24%	93	209	5	307	27.76%
Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	\$150,000	252	706	19	977	87.15%	46	96	2	144	12.85%
New Pathways	\$175,000	204	604	11	819	73.92%	91	191	7	289	26.08%
Prescription Assistance	\$700,000	281	752	18	1051	93.17%	22	52	3	77	6.83%
Reintegration Program	\$177,908	211	599	14	824	74.37%	83	195	6	284	25.63%
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	\$1,486,275	270	720	19	1009	90.17%	29	79	2	110	9.83%
Student Services (K-12)	\$929,483	271	745	19	1035	92.49%	25	57	2	84	7.51%
Tribal Historical Preservation Program	\$256,925	242	669	16	927	82.84%	56	131	5	192	17.16%
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$120,000	237	689	15	941	83.87%	59	116	6	181	16.13%
Youth Program	\$461,700	245	689	18	952	84.55%	53	118	3	174	15.45%
Total Community Education	\$14,000,000										
KCA BUDGET 1/3 OF \$300,000		#1	#2	HAND COUNT	YES	%	#1	#2	HAND COUNT	NO	%
	\$300,000	221	610	15	846	77.26%	70	174	5	249	22.74%

2021 PROPOSED BUDGET	
Elder's Payment/Per Capita Distribution 40%	\$22,400,000
Tribal Government 10%	\$5,600,000
Economic Development 25%	\$14,000,000
Community and Education 25%	\$14,000,000
Comanche Gaming (RAP) Total	\$56,000,000
Other Contributions	
Tax Supplement	\$3,841,353
Retail/Wholesale	\$377,532
Total 2021 Budget	\$60,218,885
KCA Budget	\$300,000

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned election officials do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the election held on September 19, 2020. We further certify that said election was conducted in accordance with the Election Laws and Rules and Regulations governing the elections of the Comanche Nation


A Total of Eight Resolutions Were on the September Agenda for the Comanche Business Monthly Meeting

By Stacey Heminokky/New Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the September 5, 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.

Tippeconnie, began the meeting with the Invocation.

A motion made to approve the minutes of the June, July, and August, CBC meeting by Committeeman No. 2, Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi. It was seconded by Vice-Chairlady, LaNora Parker. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Resolutions

List No. 102-2020: Enrollment List No. 1167. The applicants have been verified and are eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Committeeman No. 4, Clyde Narcomey, makes the motion to approve. Committeeman No. 1, June Sovo seconds the motion. The

motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 103-2020: Enrollment List No. 1168. The applicants have been verified and are eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Narcomey, made the motion to approve. Committeeman No. 2, Sovo-Doyebi, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 104-2020: Enrollment List No. 1169. The applicants are Ineligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Narcomey, makes the motion to approve. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 105-2020: Gaming Commission-Gaming Commissioner Clifford Takawana. Rescinded.

Sovo, makes the motion to approve. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 106-2020: Gaming Commission-FY 2021 Budget.

Tippeconnie, makes the motion to approve. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 107-2020: Transportation Route No. 7020.

Tippeconnie, makes the motion to approve. Sovo, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 108-2020: Hemp Cultivation Plan.

Tippeconnie, makes the motion to approve. Sovo, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 109-2020: Bowen Lease. Moved to Executive Session.

Parker, makes the motion to approve. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 110-2020: Realty-Rescind Resolution No. 36-2020. Moved to Executive Session.

Parker, makes the motion to approve. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 111-2020: Realty-Davidson Property. Moved to Executive Session.

Parker, makes the motion to approve. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 112-2020: Realty. Moved to Executive Session.

Parker, makes the motion to approve. Tippeconnie, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1.

List No. 113-2020: Comanche Nation Entertainment- FY2021 Budget.

Tippeconnie, makes the motion to approve. Narcomey, seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/1. The meeting was adjourned 11:30 a.m. and went into Executive Session.

COMANCHE NATION HOUSING AUTHORITY

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less of the total bill(s) amount.

Q. What requirements do I need to meet in order to qualify for the program?

- Must be enrolled Comanche Tribal Member.

- Must complete CNHA COVID-19 Rental, Mortgage and Utility Assistance Application.

- Must certify on the application that you were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. Examples: loss of income, reduction in hours, unemployment, loss of childcare, school closing, mandatory quarantine, etc.

- Applicant or household member cannot have received or be anticipating the receipt of any other form of financial assistance for rent, mortgage and/or utilities requested through any federal, state or tribal program for the same month(s) that this application is submitted.
- Must have a complete application. Incomplete or duplicate applications will be rejected without notice and will not be reviewed.

Q. What required documents do I need to turn in with my application?

- Rental Assistance and Mortgage Assistance

- Copy of tribal membership card/CDIB for applicant or eligible household member.

- Current rental or mortgage statement showing total payment amount due, account number and vendor address.

- Utility and Internet
- Copy of tribal membership card/CDIB for applicant or eligible household member.

- Current monthly utility bill statement and/or internet bill showing total payment amount due and vendor address.

- Propane – vendor address.

Q. Are there income guidelines for this program?

No. Income guidelines have been temporarily waived due to the COVID-19 Pandemic; however, there are reporting requirements the Housing Authority must follow and track based on household income which requires us to collect this information on the application.

Q. How will I know if my application was approved?

The applicant will be contacted by either email or text that the application was accepted and approved.

Q. How many times can I receive assistance?

Assistance is provided one-time per household.

Q. Will I be eligible for the CNHA Emergency Assistance if I applied for or received COVID-19 rental, mortgage or utility assistance through another federal, state or tribal program?

No. The federal government prohibits duplication of benefits for programs that provide financial assistance to people suffering losses because of a major disaster or emergency. What this means is that ICDBG CARES Act funds cannot be used to pay for eligible costs that have already been paid for, or will be paid for, by a Tribe, another Federal program, insurance, or other sources for the same time period for which you are applying. Example: If you received assistance from the CARES ACT through the Comanche Nation for your May mortgage payment the CNHA cannot pay for your May mortgage payment again but could pay for a subsequent month. Bills cannot be duplicated for the same month.

Q. How do I apply for the Program?

In our continuous efforts to practice social distancing and protect the health and safety of our Tribal members and employees during this COVID-19 crisis, applications must be submitted electronically. To apply for assistance you will need to complete an application and attach all required documents online at the Comanche Nation Housing Authority website at www.comanchehousing.com.

Applications will be accepted on a first-come, first serve basis until funds are expended. If you have questions regarding the process or application please contact the Program Specialist during normal business hours Monday thru Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.



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Three Sisters Butternut Squash Chili

Ingredients

- ¼ cup butter (olive oil for veg-an)
- 1 large sweet onion, peeled and chopped
- 2 poblano peppers, seeded and chopped
- 5-6 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 whole butternut squash, peeled, seeded, and chopped into 1/2 inch cubes

- 3 – 15 ounce cans red kidney beans, drained and rinsed
- 28 ounce can crushed fire roasted tomatoes
- 3 cups vegetable broth
- 13.5 ounce canned chopped green chiles, mild or medium
- 10 ounces frozen corn, or fresh
- 1 tablespoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1 bay leaf
- ½ cup chopped cilantro
- Salt and pepper

Directions

1. Prep and chop all the produce. Cut the butternut squash in half, then peel with a vegetable peeler. Scoop out the seeds with a spoon and discard. Chop into even 1/2 inch cubes.
2. Set a large 7-8 quart sauce pot over medium heat. Add the onions, chopped poblano peppers, and minced garlic. Sauté for 5 minute to soften.
3. Add in the cubed butternut

squash, rinsed beans, tomatoes, broth, green chiles in juices, frozen corn, and all spices. Add 1 teaspoon of salt, but save the cilantro for later.

4. Cover and simmer for 15-20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Then uncover and simmer another 5 minutes to thicken. Once the squash is fork-tender, remove the bay leaf. Taste, then salt and pepper as needed. Stir in the cilantro and serve.

Three Sisters Pumpkin Soup

Ingredients

- 6 cups fat-free, low-sodium chicken or vegetable stock
- 16 oz. canned, low-sodium yellow corn or hominy, drained, rinsed
- 16 oz. canned, low-sodium kidney beans (drained, rinsed)
- 1 small onion (chopped)
- 1 rib celery (chopped)
- 15 oz. canned, cooked pumpkin (Tip: Be careful, don't get pumpkin pie filling!)
- 5 fresh sage leaves
- 1/2 tsp. dried sage
- 1/2 tsp. curry powder

Directions

1. Bring chicken stock to a slow boil.
2. Add corn/hominy, beans, onion and celery. Boil for 10 minutes.
3. Add sage leaves, curry and pumpkin and simmer on medium-low heat for 20 minutes.

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

- * September 1- September 31 Applications for Lawton Area "October - November"
- * November 1- November 31 Applications for Sterling and Duncan Area "December"
- * December 1-December 31 Applications for Cyril and Fletcher area "January"
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- * February 1-February 31 Applications due for Elgin "March"
- * March 1-March 31 Application due for Anadarko - Ft Cobb "April"
- * April 1 -April 31 Application due for Cache "May"
- * May 1-May 31 Application for Snyder - Indian Area "June"
- * June 1-June 31 Applications for Chattanooga, Faxon, and Grandfield Area "July"

* July 1-July 31 Applications for Geronimo, Temple, and Walters Area "August"

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- * If there are any changes in the contact number please advise us.
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Prevention & Recovery Receives \$2.2 Million Grant

Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery/Reintegration recently received notice of another \$2.2 million dollars in grant awards. Prevention and Recovery was awarded the Tribal Opioid Response grant to combat methamphetamine use in the local community in the amount of \$700,000 for the next two years.

The department also received a grant for the IAMNDN program in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the next five years; prior to this, the IAMNDN program was a sub-recipient through another agency. By securing their own funding, they have doubled their operating funds, allowing additional cultural programs for youth in the coming future.

"We have a future vision of providing the highest quality of substance abuse and mental health care services to the entire Native American community in Southwest Oklahoma to heal our families and community" said, Director, Bonnie Lemon.

It is without a doubt that Prevention and Recovery continues to be a source of pride for the Comanche Nation. Along with their incredible achievement of \$2.2 million in additional grant funding, Lemon and Cindy Famerio, Case Manager, have been selected to facilitate a workshop at the 2021 American Indian Justice Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for their innovative work in the tribal justice system. The workshop topic is "Strengthening Tribal Justice Systems by Incorporating Culture and Tradition".

Even in these troubling times, Prevention and Recovery continues to prosper and provide only the best support for tribal members and the local community.

Vocational Rehabilitation Program Continues to Provide Services During COVID-19

The Comanche Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program continues to provide services during COVID-19. The staff takes precautions to reduce the chance of transmission of the virus by using face masks, gloves, social distancing, hand sanitizer, and having temperature checked at the beginning of each day.

The CNVRP's mission is to provide vocational rehabilitative services to American Indians (adult and youth) with disabilities residing within the nine-county service area. Services include counseling and guidance, assistive devices, training, and job search.

- Eligibility requirements:**
1. Must be an enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe (open to all tribes)
 2. Reside within the nine-county service area of Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Stephens & Tillman
 3. Have a documented physical or mental disability that is a permanent, substantial barrier to employment
 4. Must be able to benefit from Voc Rehab services to obtain an employment outcome
 5. Must require services to pre-



Elder Council Reviews September Mask Giveaway and Announce Next Mask Giveaway Events

The Comanche Nation Elder Council has been deterred by the Covid-19, but not stopped. When the Comanche Nation was closed, they're unable to hold our in-person meetings, they cannot jeopardize our Elders' health. The Elder Council has held DRIVE BY EVENTS for the last three months, providing Comanche Elders with personal hygiene products, paper products, water, canned food products, sugar, coffee, masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, batteries, and a boxed lunch. They had problems notifying elders, specifically, the Lawton Constitution did not put the announcements in they had submitted for two months. So, they gave up on that notification and the Executive Committee made a decision to call the Comanche Elders who had attended our monthly meetings and left telephone numbers.

Since the article was published in the Comanche Nation Newspaper, and they gave each DRIVE BY EVENT participant a green envelope with updated information and the Elder Council budget, including the next DRIVE BY EVENT DATE, they did not call for September. They ordered for 75 and made up 75 bags to give to the elders that attended the DRIVE BY EVENT. They chose 75 because that is the number that normally attended our in-person meetings. In an attempt to keep our Comanche Elders healthy, no one gets out of their car, everyone wear a mask, and they also wear masks and gloves. They give to any Comanche Elder who participates in the DRIVE BY EVENT until all 75 items have been given away. They will give one bag/item per household, not per elder. Please have your Comanche Nation ID available and verification that you are 62 years of age or older. They have had random people pull up saying they they're Comanche Elders and when asked to produce a Comanche Nation ID, could not do so.

At the September DRIVE

BY EVENT, they ran out of supplies in one hour, they served 81 Comanche Elders during that time. Please do not ask to pick up for a friend or a family member who could not be present. They will not give out to anyone but a Comanche Elder who is 62 years of age or older. The Comanche Nation Elder Council plans to continue the DRIVE BY EVENTS until it is safe for us the meet in person again.

The next scheduled event will be October 5, beginning at 11 a.m. until they have given away all our supplies. The line up begins in front of our office located at 1001 C Street, Lawton, Okla. Traffic is one-way on the right side of the street in order not to block traffic, in addition, please do not block alleyway (they had a hearse trying to get out last time). Planned DRIVE BY EVENTS are for November 2; December 7. Hopefully they will receive funding from the Comanche Nation to continue these events for our Comanche Elders.

They would like to especially thank our helpers on DRIVE BY EVENT day, Comanche Elder Beverly Isaac, Jacob McCurtain, Timothy Soap (August), Timothy Soap, Johnny Goodeagle and Bobby McCarthy (September). Distribution is much smoother and faster with the help of these young men. The Comanche Nation Property Department has been of great help. I would personally like to thank Rita Heath, Vice Chairperson; Kay Smits, Secretary; and Phyllis Narcomey, Treasurer for all their hard work. Just the four of us put together all the sacks and gather items for the DRIVE BY EVENTS. For your information, the four of us span four decades, one in their 60's; one in their 70's; one in their 80's; and one in their 90's. For information contact Adele Mihesuah, Chairperson, at mihesuah@sbcglobal.net, (580) 606-7519.

pare for, enter and/or retain employment

6. Youth (10th - 12th grade) with special needs must be currently enrolled in school to participate in our Transition Program.

An application can be mailed, emailed, faxed, or picked up in person at the Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Education Center, 1608 SW 9th Street, Lawton, OK 73501. The application and required documents can be returned to us in the same manner.

Required documents are CDIB, Documentation of Disability (form in application, to be completed by your doctor), proof of income, proof of physical address, social security card, and an IEP for the Transition program.

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The Tradition Lives On

The Relationship Between The Ponca *Hethuska* and The Comanche War Dance Society Continues Over Many Years

Story by Paula Karty/ News Staff

While there is a world wide pandemic, annual gatherings and social events that has been happening for many years has been cancelled or postponed. Despite all the chaotic happenings throughout the world, the teachings and traditions of elders still live on.

On August 29, at White Eagle, Okla., a historic event came to past with the teachings of The Ponca Tribe and The Comanche Tribe. The Ponca Tribe and the Comanche Tribe has had a bond through the *Hethuska* War Dance Society for many years.

According to Robert Collins, the *Nudon-honga* (leader) of the Ponca *Hethuska*, Vice-Chairman of the Ponca Tribe, "The meaning of the term Hethuska is unclear and cannot be clearly interpreted for loss of appropriate word meaning. The inception of the fraternal organization may have begun before the dispersion of the middle of Mississippi and culture. The *Hethuska* is a name of a fraternal organization of good men within the Ponca tribe. From ancient times, the organization existed to teach the male population how to live.

Teachings

According to Collins, the first teachings received in the *Hethuska* organization were threefold: overcoming fearfulness, making your mind clear, and being knowledgeable about your environment. From time and immemorial, the Ponca people had the *Hethuska* organization. When speaking to the elders in the tribe in 1965 at White Eagle, Oklahoma, they confirmed the organization with present in the days of their grandparents and beyond. They said it was an organization that supplied the means by which the tribe provided itself security.

The teachings of the *Hethuska* had high ethical and moral standards, and those behavioral expectations of the *Hethuska* became the normal criterion for all its members. Although all members were required to live by the teachings, only those who were desirous of and dedicated to those ethical codes for living found fulfillment. For members the responsibilities and duties became pray of their daily living."

"In its current state, the Ponca *Hethuska* had been revived by Sylvester Warrior and Clyde Warrior in 1958. It has been conducted on the White Eagle reservation twice a year, on the first weekend of April and on the first weekend in October since then. The dance was originally performed four times a year with the start of each season. The new year which was marked by the beginning of Spring, and then again in Summer, Fall and Winter."

Relationship between the Ponca and Comanche

When asked, What was the relationship between the Ponca and the Comanche, Collins' responded: It has been told by many Ponca elders that there was a great war between the Ponca and the Comanche. The Comanche came to make war on the Ponca, it was a great battle that include loss to both sides. After a few weeks or more the Comanche folks returned waving a white buckskin hide of peace. They came to make a peace agreement that they would never fight with each other again.

They told the Ponca's they had admired their Bow and Arrow and they had wanted to know how to use it, so they stayed with the Ponca for some time (possibly weeks) to which they learned how to make the bow and arrows. In return the Comanche presented the Ponca's with beautiful horses as a gift.

After all this took place they forged a great relationship between the Ponca and the Comanche tribes."

Eight ethical traits of a Hethuska man

1. To depend on one another, that is to be dependable and willing to give aid to any member of the group when the need arose.

2. To help one another, the group of men who were members of a Hethuska organization were expected to help each other in every situation of life.

3. Listen to one another, the sayings of truisms of the Ponca all point to communication when dealing with all human situations.

4. Have compassion for one another, to develop a high moral character, he was instructed early on in his membership. He was told to have compassion and give to the poor needy, and to give comfort and counsel to the bereaved. He was taught to be honest in his dealings with other men, to be truthful in his words, and to be faithful in his station in life.

5. To be grateful towards one another. A single word expressing thankfulness in the Ponca language is absent as in the English "thanks." Being grateful or thankful to another usually entails statements such as "you have done me a great favor," "this good thing would not have happened without you."

6. Be truthful to yourselves or be prudent. It's a statement that can be characterized as one of the cardinal virtues of organization members.

7. Dignify yourselves or walking circumspectly. It's a word that truly characterizes an individual who is known for fair play. His behavior also gives evidence of his status in his tribe.

8. Practice your own prowess or tend to your own powers of strength. This implies personal fortitude and physical strength. Implicit meanings suggest having the ability to evaluate and determine a solution for one's individual personal dilemma out problem.

It was determined that Tennyson Kerchee was befitting of all these traits, worthy to be called *Nudon-honga* of the Comanche War Dance Society. His current active duty military status, as well as being active duty during forgotten conflict.

"Although it's no longer a prerequisite of joining the society, it does carry great significance amongst

the Ponca people," said Collins.

Ponca Hethuska Recognizes Kerchee

The Ponca *Hethuska* Society recognized SSGT Tennyson Kerchee, as *Nudon-honga* (leader) of the Comanche War Dance Society. SSGT Kerchee was given permission to carry on the *Hethuska* Ceremonial Dance along with the support of The Ponca *Hethuska* Society.

Collins said, "From the beginning, when Kerchee came to ask the Ponca *Hethuska* for permission to bring forth the new Comanche War Dance Society, it was the start of a long process of visiting with members of the current Ponca *Hethuska* advisory board which included: Oliver Little Cook, Louis Headman, and Garland Kent Sr. This request was taken with the utmost importance to make a good decision to benefit both side in a good way. In the process that continued, the men discussed diligently something that had not been done for some time. The Ponca's had given the *Hethuska* dance before to other tribes and societies. From the time of Sylvester Warrior to Jonas Steele to Abe Conklin to Damon Roughface and now to Robert Collins. All these societies were made will before the time of most current members of the *Hethuska*. These decisions were made in the time of our fathers and grandfathers."

"The conclusion to give the blessing to reorganize the Comanche War Dance Society was passed down with approval of the current *Nudon-honga*, Robert Collins, with the unanimous vote from the current *Hethuska* committee as well as the advisors of the *Hethuska* committee.

In the process to get each vote Head Committeeman Bruce Johnson, accompanied by Whip man, Derrick Whitehorn, and Tail Dancer, Wesley Bear, to gain a more definite and unbiased response, these men met with each member in person at their homes to obtain their vote," said Collins.

According to Collins, "It was discussed in detail about the

choice of Kerchee to be the new *Nudon-honga* of the Comanche War Dance Society. It was seen that the way he was brought up in favor amongst his own people who were in favor of the New Society. It was asked if this young man had the willingness to explore and have a clear understanding of the ethical values of the *Hethuska*."

On August 28, a set up time and place for the formal request to be made to the Ponca *Hethuska* and the Ponca people. On the grounds of the *Thomas Roughface Memorial South Arena* in historic White Eagle Park campgrounds, The Ponca *Hethuska* Society hosted a dinner for the invited guest and family of the incoming *Nudon-honga* Tennyson Kerchee. The Whip Man seated the Comanche delegation to the North side of the arena under willow arbors. The welcome and opening remarks was made by the Head Committeeman, Bruce Johnson.

It was told, at the first time when the *Hethuska* was given to the Comanche in the early 1900's, the meal provided was in its simplest form contains the four basics: Water/tea, a meat, a vegetable and a fruit. The meal was cooked on the campgrounds where a special Fireplace was made for a one time use. The entire meal minus the fruit item was prepared over the fire, the Head Cook for the meal was Arthur Blueback. After the one time use of this special Fireplace. The fireplace was cleared out and cleaned of all the ashes and it was refilled with the original dirt and will not ever be utilized again.

The meal was then placed on a white sheet in the center of the arbor. The Ponca *Hethuska* committee then sat on benches having wardly. Before the meal was served, the committee recognized Garland Kent Sr., and was given time to express himself about the day's events.

The committee recognized Rev. Louis Headman, he was given time to express himself and make a presentation of his book, "Walks on the Ground" to Kerchee. After the

presentation the committee asked him to bless the food, but to bless all who were present, and the ceremony at hand. He asked a blessing on the renewed bond being forged between the Comanche and the Ponca.

The meal was then served by the Ponca *Hethuska* Committee, starting with the guest, the water carriers went first serving the water pouring only a small amount of water just enough for a drink. The rest of the food then followed behind.

After the meal, the talks continued with the committee recognizing Oliver Littlecook, Chairman of the Ponca Tribe. The committee then called Robert Collins to express himself concerning the matters at hand. The committee then recognized Kerchee to express himself and give him time to make his formal request. After Kerchee's request was made Collins stood and acknowledged Kerchee and accepted his request.

Kerchee then proceeded to have a giveaway of items and gifts. All Ponca tribal members who were present received an item from Kerchee and family.

The Ponca *Hethuska* Committee gave blankets to the three *Hethuska* Advisors, Littlecook, Kent, and Headman. Scotty Simpson Jr., Ponca Tribal Council Member, was also recognized. The committee called *Nudon-honga* Kerchee, Committeeman Bruce Johnson, presented Kerchee with a Red Broadcloth robe.

Whip Man, Derrick Whitehorn, gave the closing prayer, of Love and Gratitude, asked the *Wakonda* God to bless all these things and everyone present. He asked for continued guidance for Kerchee as he moved forward with his new committee.

Kerchee expresses himself

"It truly is a honor to accept this position and to be recognized by the Ponca Tribe. Also, to have a great committee, along with their families, as well as numerous Comanche families and friends, who support me and the organization," said Kerchee

"I feel blessed in helping rekindle and strengthening the Ponca and Comanche friendship that has been a part in each tribes history for ages. The organization's only intention is to retain the proper spiritual value and importance of this ceremony, as taught by the Ponca *Hethuska* Society.

The committee plan to use this organization as a tool to help it's nearby communities, Comanche elders and children. The committee's goal is to help inspire young Comanche men to take part in this ceremony, but also to be good stewards in their community and be good role models for other young men to follow.

Kerchee said, "I know alot of my Comanche people respect this ceremony, I just want to bring pride and respect back to our people and I know both tribes will be Blessed cause of it."

If any young man or men are interested in joining or having a seat with the Comanche War Dance Society, feel free to contact Kerchee by text/call (580) 678-1196 or on Facebook.

Comanche War Dance Society Committee

Headman: Tennyson Kerchee
Committee: Billy Komahcheet
Monte Potts
Larry Liles
Charles Kerchee
Julian Guerrero

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New Comanche War Dance Society *Nudon-honga*, Tennyson Kerchee and Ponca *Hethuska* Society *Nudon-honga*, Robert Collins, pose for a picture on August 28, at White Eagle Park.

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- Head Cook: Ashley Kerchee
- Tail Dancers: Ronald Monoessy Jr.
Travis Codynah
Glen Heminokky Jr.
Aaron Nevaquaya
Charles Tahah
- Water Carriers: Amos Hill
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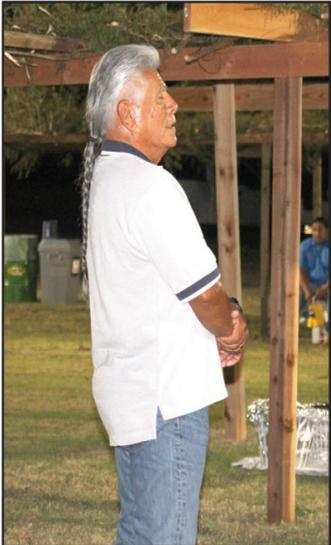
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Ponca *Nudon-honga*, Robert Collins, left, formally accepting Tennyson Kerchee's request to carry on the *Hethuska* and acknowledging Kerchee as The Comanche War Dance Society *Nudon-honga*.



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Comanche Little Pony Princess, Vylet Stonecalf, and Sandra Gallogos, made the trip to White Eagle Park to support Tennyson Kerchee and the new Comanche War Dance Society.



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Comanche Tribal member, Billy Saupitty, offering a word of prayer for both committees during a historical event between The Ponca Tribe and The Comanche Tribe on August 28, at White Eagle Campgrounds.



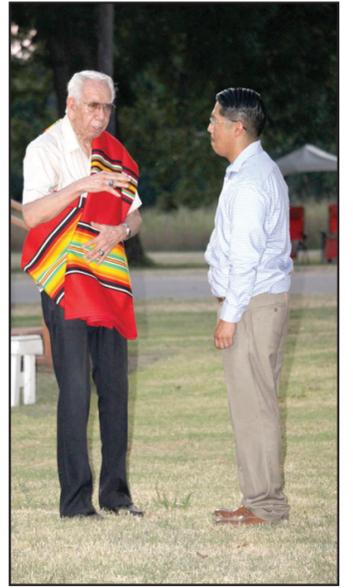
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Tennyson Kerchee respectfully addressing The Ponca *Hethuska* Committee, expressing himself while asking the committee's permission to bring forth the new Comanche War Dance Society.



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The Ponca *Hethuska* Society came together to hear the request of Comanche Tribal member, Tennyson Kerchee, to start a new Comanche War Dance Society, on August 28 at the Thomas Roughface Memorial South Arena in White Eagle Park.



Courtesy Photo

Garland Kent Sr., Ponca, Oteo, Iowa Advisor, encouraging Tennyson Kerchee after receiving a gift from the Kerchee family.



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Ponca *Hethuska* Head Committeeman, Bruce Johnson, left, presenting Tennyson Kerchee with a red Broad Cloth robe in front of The Ponca *Hethuska* Society and Ponca Vice-Chairman/Ponca *Hethuska* *Nudon-honga*, Robert Collins on August 28.



Courtesy Photo

Tennyson Kerchee humbly prepares to speak before The Ponca *Hethuska* Committee with members of the new Comanche War Dance Society in attendance during a historical event at White Eagle Park on August 28.



Courtesy Photo

Tennyson Kerchee, right, presenting Oliver Littlecook, Chairman of the Ponca Nation, a Pendleton Blanket on behalf of The Comanche War Dance Society at White Eagle Park on August 28.



Courtesy Photo

Committees from both The Ponca *Hethuska* and the new Comanche War Dance Society gathered together to share a meal and be part of an historical event which happened on August 28, at the Thomas Roughface Memorial South Arena in White Eagle Campgrounds.



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Tennyson Kerchee humbly stands before The Ponca *Hethuska* Society with members of his committee of the new Comanche War Dance Society, after making his request to start a new society at White Eagle Park on August 28.



Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

CIVA Activites

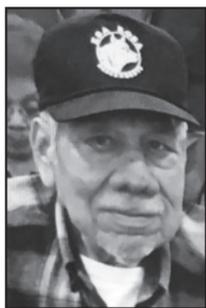
COVID-19

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic guidelines the CIVA have not conducted their monthly meeting usually held the first Thursday of each month. October 2020 marked the seventh straight monthly meetings have been cancelled. Communication between the active members is done via email, telephone, facebook or during funeral or military marker placements. There are currently 11 active veterans, 10 active Auxiliary and 14 others that participate when they can.

Since the start of the pandemic the CIVA has provided a funeral detail or pallbearers for 11 funerals and placed 11 military markers for the families of deceased veterans. The only other commitment fulfilled was the Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 25, and a Color Guard for the OK Transportation Association on July 7, and the Indianoma Birthday parade on August 29.

Frank Russell Whitewolf

Air Force veteran, Frank Russell Whitewolf, passed away on June 9, and was buried at the Mount Scott Intertribal Cemetery. He was born on May 10, 1941, and served with Honor, in the Air Force from 1961-65. The Air Force provided the funeral detail for the gravesite services. On August 6, members of the KCA Veterans Organization placed his military marker.



Courtesy Photo

Frank R. Whitewolf

On August 7, military markers were placed for the families of Lonnie Jerald Komahchee (March 8, 1947 – April 2) at the Post Oak Cemetery west of Indianoma and Robert "Bobby" Pewo (August 7, 1935 – June 9) at the Cache Creek Cemetery west of Apache.

Komahchee served in the Army from 1967-69. He is one of only six other Comanches to earn the Combat Medical Badge while serving in Vietnam. 19 family members were present including his widow, Mary Pewo served in the Marine Corps in 1954. His daughter, Wilma Tsoodle and five other family members were present. The marker placement was on what would have been Pewo's 85th birthday.

The marker placement detail consisted of John McClung, Lanny Asepermy, Clifford and George Red Elk, Richard Sapcutt, Ron Parker and Clifford and Cheryl Takawana (at Komahchee placement only). The placements were the 282nd and 283rd placements by the CIVA.

To put this into some sort of perspective, the CIVA have placed more military markers than the 270 graves at the Otipoby Cemetery on Fort Sill.



Courtesy Photo

Widow Mary Komahchee flanked by her daughters and other family members.



Courtesy Photo

Wilma Pewo Tsoodle, daughter of Robert "Bobby" Pewo in center, with family members.

Flag Replacements

On August 7, the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard and POW/MIA flags were replaced at the Comanche War Scout Circle of Honor.

The Oklahoma and all military service flags were also replaced at the CIVA Court of Honor.

The large US and Comanche Nation flags at the entrance of the Nation HQs and the Tahsequah Garden POW/MIA flag were changed out.

The flags usually last anywhere from 2½ to 4 months dependence on the Oklahoma winds.

The flag replacement detail consisted of John McClung, Lanny Asepermy, Clifford and George Red Elk, Richard Sapcutt and Ron Parker.



Courtesy Photo

John McClung and George Red Elk replacing the Oklahoma flag at the CIVA Court of Honor.

Larry McClung Marker

On August 17, the marker of Larry D. McClung (October 24, 1947 – July 27,) was placed at the West Cache Creek KCA Cemetery west of Cache.

The CIVA Marker Placement Detail consisted of Kevin and Shirley Pohawpatchoko; John McClung; Lanny and Shelley Asepermy; Clifford and George Red Elk and Ron Parker.

McClung served in the Army from 1967-71 including a 13+ month tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968-69.

McClung's sister, Francine Monenerkit (who drove from Oklahoma City), his son-in-law, niece and granddaughter were present for the placement.

Breakfast sandwiches, coffee and orange juice was served to the family and detail by Shelley Asepermy.



Courtesy Photo

Members of the CIVA and the McClung family, after the placement of the McClung marker.

New Photos

On August 20, Barbara Asepermy presented a photo of her brother Private First Class Kenneth Milton Sapcutt (1932-2015).

PFC Sapcutt served in the Army, as an Infantryman, from 1953-55 at Fort Bliss, Texas and Elmendorf Air Base, Alaska.



Courtesy Photo

PFC Kenneth M. Sapcutt

Austin Samuel Daly Numu Tek-Ni-Wap

The Assistant Police Chief of the Comanche Nation, Kieran Daly, sent the following photos and information on his son, Corporal Austin Samuel Daly.

CPL Daly was born in Lawton on March 12, 1998. His mother is Christina Clark Daly. His maternal grandparents are Samuel and Lawanna Wermey Clark. His father served in the Navy, his grandfather served in the Navy and completed three tours of duty in Vietnam and a half-brother, Eugene Vaca, is currently serving in the Army.

CPL Daly enlisted into the Army on August 13, 2018. He completed Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training, as an Infantryman, and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga. From August 2019 to May 2020 he served in Afghanistan with the 2nd Battalion, 505th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division as an Infantry Machine Gunner. While in Afghanistan, during a 35-hour "fight" with Taliban forces, a Rocket Propelled Grenade (RPG) disabled his vehicle. CPL Daly suffered a concussion during explosion. Before his vehicle became engulfed with flames CPL Daly helped two soldiers out of the vehicle – they were air-lifted to treat their wounds. Despite the concussion he stayed with his unit providing critical machine gun support during the "fight". He is currently stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd Airborne Division.

While in Afghanistan he was awarded the Army Commendation, Army Achievement with/Combat Device and Afghanistan Campaign with/1 Battle Star medals. Other awards include the National Defense Service medal and the Army Service, Overseas and NCO Professional Development ribbons.

Soldiers of CPL Daly's caliber are often sought but seldom found.



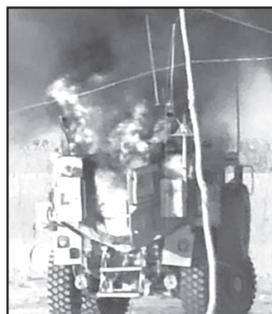
Courtesy Photo

Unidentified soldier on left and CPL Austin Daly displaying the Comanche flag in Afghanistan.



Courtesy Photo

CPL Austin Daly



Courtesy Photo

Daly's burning vehicle.

Juanita Pahdopony-Mithlo

Former Auxiliary member and long-time supporter of the CIVA, Juanita Pahdopony-Mithlo, passed away on August 21. She was put to rest on August 25, at the Mount Scott KCA Cemetery.

Pahdopony-Mithlo was the daughter of Samuel "Sam" (1919-05) and Marjorie Tahmahkera Pahdopony (1919-2011) and wife of former CIVA Secretary/Treasurer Harry Mithlo.

Pahdopony-Mithlo served as the Head Lady Dancer for the CIVA numerous times during their Annual Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow.

The CIVA recognized her for her service and support of the Nation's veterans during the Armed Forces Day Banquet in 2009.



Courtesy Photo

Juanita and Harry Mithlo

Indianoma 117th Birthday Parade

A Color Guard was provided for the town of Indianoma 117th birthday parade on August 29.

Indianoma was founded in 1903 and has a current population of 330 people. The town celebrates their birthday annually with a parade. Eleven veterans, six Auxiliary, Bob and the CIVA Princess served as the Color Guard. CIVA members Ron Parker, John McClung and Dominic and Lisa Pawlowski are graduates of their high school and Shelley Asepermy attended school there her 8 through 10 grades.



Courtesy Photo

Color Guard with the Princess and Auxiliary following.



Courtesy Photo

From left: Ramonah Davis, Shelley Asepermy, Clifford Red Elk, Liz Plata, Richard Sapcutt, John McClung, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, George Red Elk, Princess Trinity Ah-tone holding "Bob", Lanny Asepermy, Shirley Pohawpatchoko, Keller Roaming Warrior, Tavia Torralba, Lyman Guy, Lisa Pawlowski, Dominic Pawlowski, Gwen Stone and Ron Parker.

Edward Carillo Funeral Detail

On September 8, a funeral detail was provided for the family of Edward Carillo (August 29, 1929 – September 3, 91 years), a member of the Otoe-Missouria tribe, at their tribal cemetery near Red Rock, Okla.

Carillo served in the Army and Army Reserve from 1953-61 earning the rank of Specialist 4. He served overseas in Germany while on active duty.

John McClung, Lanny Asepermy, George Red Elk and Ron Parker made the 340 mile round-trip for the funeral. Keller Roaming Warrior traveled from Pawnee, Okla., and assisted the detail.

After the service, the Carillo family provided a meal for the detail.



Courtesy Photo

Edward Carillo

Special Forces Shoulder Patch and Insignia

Six Comanches have earned the distinctive "Green Beret" headgear of the Army super elite Special Forces. They are SFC Wilbur "Duke" Ellis Red Elk; CPT Johnny Tiddark; CPT Cloyce "Chuck" Choney; SGT Kenneth Hernasy; SSG Patrick Craig; and SFC Michael Squire. Besides the Green Beret they each share the shoulder patch and insignia of the Special Forces. Choney and Tiddark also share the insignia of Special Forces Officers – Crossed Arrows.

The shoulder patch has an arrowhead shape that represents the craft and stealth of the American Indian – America's first Warriors. The insignia, with the Latin phrase "De Oppressor Liber" means To Free the Oppressed, has crossed arrows and fighting knife which was both weaponry the American Indian used in warfare.

SFC Michael Squire, US Army (Retired), provided this information and said "this is pretty insightful about our warrior heritage and how it played into the Special Forces mindset."

SFC Squire served in the Army from 1986-92 and again from 1994-13. He served with the 1st Special Forces Group and the Special Operations Research Support Element (SORSE) in Afghanistan.

His awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, the Combat Medical Badge,

the Bronze Star, 2 awards of the Meritorious Service, 3 awards of the Army Commendation, 9 awards of the Army Achievement and the Afghanistan Campaign Medals. He also earned the US, Korean, Thailand, Canadian, Philippine and Australian Parachutists Badges.

SFC Squire is the son of Sonya Yormaine Medrano (1935-14), the grandson of Adrid Kit Medrano (1912-35) and great-grandson of Comanche allottee Bonifacio Medrano (1879-1949). He and his wife, Euna, reside in Elgin and have a son and two daughters.



Courtesy Photo

Should Patch and Insignia of the US Special Forces

OK Military Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony Cancelled



Courtesy Photo

Spirit Of A Warrior – Heart Of A Patriot OK Military Hall of Fame Induction Medallion

Cloyce Vann "Chuck" Choney (B. November 13, 1944) was scheduled to be inducted into the OK Military Hall of Fame (OMHF) on October 17, at the Embassy Suites in Norman, Okla. – he was one of 11 veterans with Oklahoma roots to be inducted. On August 10, the OMHF Board of Directors cancelled the ceremony due to the COVID-19 pandemic and rescheduled the event for October/November 2021.

Choney was commissioned a Second Lieutenant via the Oklahoma State ROTC program in January 1969 and served until September 1975 earning the rank of Captain. His service in Vietnam was from late December 1969 to late December 1970 with the 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division (Airmobile) as a Platoon Leader and S-1 Air Officer – his platoon was known as the "Comanche Raiders" and his "call sign" was "Comanche Six."

He was awarded the first of two Bronze Stars with/Valor Device for action on May 1, 1970. His citation reads in part "For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Choney distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company B, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry during combat operations near Fire Support Base Maureen, Republic of Vietnam. While receiving a resupply from a nearby landing zone, Lieutenant Choney's platoon was attacked by a squad of North Vietnamese Infantrymen using machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades. Lieutenant Choney immediately organized his men for a counter-assault. Although wounded himself, he refused medical evacuation until the enemy was repulsed."

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hid his men had been cared for. Lieutenant Choney's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army." CPT Choney was wounded in his right hand and left shoulder from shrapnel and spent two months recovering at the Camp Zama Army Hospital in Japan.

His second Bronze Star with Valor Device was awarded for action on July 6, 1970. His citation reads in part "For heroism in ground combat against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. Lieutenant Choney distinguished himself while serving as a platoon leader in Company B, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, during com-

bat action near Fire Support Base Maureen, Republic of Vietnam. Coming under sudden attack by a large hostile force, Lieutenant Choney was seriously wounded. Despite his wounds, he immediately organized his men, and led a counter-assault on the hostiles. Moving from position to position under constant enemy fire he directed the return fire of his men. After the attackers were routed, he refused medical treatment until he was assured that all other casualties were treated. Lieutenant Choney's personal bravery and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army." CPT Choney was wounded by shrapnel to his lip causing one

tooth being knocked out and to the front of both legs. He spent three weeks recovering from his wounds at the 6th Convalescent Hospital in Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam.

CPT Choney, also served at Fort Bragg, N.C., with the 82nd Airborne Division as a Battalion Assistant S-3 Officer; as a Pathfinder Detachment Commander; and as a Team Leader with the 7th Special Forces Group and overseas, in Germany, with the 3rd Armored Division as a Battalion S-2 Officer. He completed the Basic Airborne, Jungle Warfare, Pathfinder, Ranger and Special Forces Schools/Courses.

In addition to his two Bronze Stars with Valor Device and two Purple Heart Medals, he earned the Air Medal with Numeral 2; Army

Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster; the National Defense Service; Vietnam Service with 3 Battle Stars; Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; and the Vietnam Campaign with 1960 Device medals; the Combat Infantryman, Basic, Senior, Master and Canadian Parachutists Badges; the Special Forces, Ranger, Pathfinder and Airborne Tabs; and the Jungle Expert Patch.

After his military service, CPT Choney served as a Special Agent with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) from 1976 before retiring in 2001. His service with the FBI included the Los Angeles riots of 1992; the Waco Siege in 1993; the Montana Standoff and Oklahoma City bombing both in 1995; and the Kenya, Africa Embassy bombing by al-Qaeda in 1998. He was

awarded the FBI Shield of Bravery for bravery and courageous acts in the line of duty during the Murrah Building bombing in Oklahoma City. CPT Choney concluded his civilian employment as one of three Commissioners for the Native American Indian Gaming Commission, based in Washington DC from 2002-07.

CPT Choney is the son of the late Whitt (1910-94) and Grace Tee Tahbonemah (1914-96) and the great-grandson of Quanah Parker (1845-1911), the last chief of the Comanches. He is also the great-grandson of Kiowa Army Sergeant for Life I-See-O aka Tahbonemah (1849-1927). His brother, Eric Choney (1943-11) retired from the Army and is a Vietnam War veteran. Another brother, Errol

Choney (1939-08), is an Air Force veteran. A son, Corey Choney, is an Army veteran with service overseas in Bosnia-Herzegovina. He and his wife, the former Sandy Mosser, live in Shawnee. They have five children.



Courtesy Photo
CPT Cloyce V. "Chuck" Choney

Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

Dear TCNN,

ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?

What if we had no Nation? Think on that for a minute, what could we lose as an individual member of the Comanche Nation? Looking at the 2019 annual meeting catalog we had; 800 members that got up to \$7,500 for a college school year; over 2,000 members got Social Services help; over 600 members got housing needs met; we house our children that parents can't raise; we attempt to get members off addictions, where the quality would cost somewhere in the 'white world,'

about \$20,000 each; over 3,000 K-12 students got school supplies and clothes; we house battered women in hostile situation with their children; we all get free funeral services; we've all gotten per-caps every Christmas for last four years, averaging around \$1,500 each; every elder gets an extra \$1,000 every Christmas; we get our home fixed, if we own our homes; we get optical needs met for free; we get help with medical prescriptions; we, that's are diabetics, we get help with our needs; we have a nutrition meal program that feeds the elders; we get emergency help for burned out families; we have police protection if we are on trust land; we are all advised of new situations of help;

we employ 1,400 tribal members; we have free daycares; those that live in rural areas get commodities; the last two years we got dividend checks (all of us); we get electric, water and gas paid when we're in a pinch; we have an Education Center, where you can go to study, computer or not; we get, and we get, and we're not thankful. To look at social media, we expect, and listen to fear-mongering people, on what we don't have UNBELIEVABLE! I mention only half.

The Covid-19 pandemic; all of us over 18 years old have gotten help once, now we can get help twice, and I believe it's been said

will probably get a third time. Those that are schooling from home, there is help for that. Also employees of the Nation were paid to stay home at the start of the pandemic, some employees were furloughed, what a good break to keep your insurances and your job. As the pandemic continues, I imagine the monies from our casinos are down. Its a worrisome times for our elected, trying to figure out the best needs to continue as normal has to be on their minds and actions. My open thoughts come to me being an enrolled Comanche member.

Yes, I agree with so many that we need to have an Annual

Meeting. Is that possible - to say none of us will become sick or even die from such a gathering? We love to hug and shake hands and see our relatives at these meetings. There's a way to be safe ... don't have gatherings. The time will come. What am I saying that everyone is afraid to say? Thank God I am a Comanche, and God bless those that serve our needs. Thank you for our ancestors that thought about us for what have had, that many do not have to be thankful.

Nick Tahchawwickah

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

- September 2- Brian Stewart
- September 5- Matthew Niedo
- September 6- Arianna Machado
- September 6- Gaylon Schrock
- September 7- Kandy Peeler
- September 12- Alannah Atauvich-Callahan
- September 14- Adrianna Cody
- September 14- Linda Tiddark
- September 17- Tracey Avila
- September 19- Max
- September 23- Monica Niedo
- September 24- Kenadee Rayne Gallegos
- September 25- Geramey Cable
- September 27- Lillian Mammedaty
- September 28- Brielle Tahchawwickah

Happy Birthday

- October 1- Elias Cable
- October 2- James Mountain
- October 2- Bruno Badillo
- October 4- Rance Pollard
- October 6- Johnny
- October 6- Justine Kerchee
- October 10- Leila Turner
- October 11- Jaleeta Cozad
- October 15- Vacie Chrismon
- October 19- Quentin Suina
- October 16- Kiyou Kerchee
- October 16- William Suina
- October 19- Neayehe Carpitcher
- October 19- Rodney Lukens
- October 21- Joel Cable
- October 22- Winston Walters-Red Elk
- October 28- Melani Schrock
- October 28- Zachary Paige Mowatt (27)
- October 31- Heath Poafpybitty
- October 31- Lilliana Motah
- October 31- Robyn Beaver
- October 17- Tamyra Lauren Gallegos

Anniversary

Chris & Kandy Peeler
September 9~ Married 32 yrs

Lola & Jesus Lucio
September 27~ Married 20 yrs



Happy Birthday
Brian Stewart
September 2
We love you!



Happy 27th Birthday
Matthew Niedo
September 5
We love you!



Happy 1st Birthday
Arianna J. Machado
September 6
Tookie!
Love Always Momma



Happy Birthday
Gaylon "Peachy" Schrock
September 6



Happy Birthday
Adrianna Cody
September 14
Kitty!
We love you
From all of us!



Happy Birthday
Max
September 19
So proud of you!
Love Your Family!



Happy Birthday
Monica Niedo
September 23
Sis,
We love you



Happy 25th Birthday
Geramey Cable
September 25



Happy 4th Birthday
Elias Cable
October 1



Happy Birthday
Lillian Mammedaty
September 27



Happy Birthday
Brielle Lahoma Grace
Tahchawwickah
September 28



Happy Birthday
Johnny
October 6
Johnny cakes, love
Grandma Marilyn Papa
Joe dad & Joseph we love
you



Happy Birthday
Kiyou William Kerchee
October 16



Happy 16th Birthday
Justine Kerchee
October 6



Happy Birthday
Joel Cable
October 21



Happy Birthday
Winston Walters-Red Elk
October 22



Happy Birthday
Neayehe Carpitcher
October 19



Happy Birthday
Melani "Mimi" Schrock
October 28



Happy Birthday
Lilliana Motah
October 31



Happy Birthday
in heaven
Lucy Tippeconnie
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September 18

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Obituaries

Marilyn Denise Mahsetky Figueroa



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Figueroa

Marilyn Denise Mahsetky Figueroa, went to her heavenly home, July 27, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Graveside service was July 31, at Highland Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home with Michaela Gutierrez officiating.

Figueroa was born April 30, 1956, to Mack Mahsetky and Madeline Geimausaddle-Mahsetky. Figueroa was of Comanche and Kiowa descent and a proud and respected member of the Comanche Nation Tribe. She was a woman of faith, often witnessed and fed the homeless, visited and prayed for those in the hospital. She always helped everyone in need and kept a positive outlook on life. She became an LPN in the first LPN class of the Comanche Nation Tribe. She then became director of numerous programs for the tribe which include the Optometry Clinic, Prescription Assistance, Fitness Center and Diabetes Program. She even got Nike to sponsor the diabetes program to make diabetic shoes available to all tribal members.

Survivors include daughters Vanessa Lecoultre and Natasha Figueroa.

She was the oldest of eight siblings: Cheryl Duran, Jackie Mahsetky, Michaela Gutierrez, Patrick Mahsetky, Vickie Moffett, Mack Mahsetky, and Donna Mahsetky.

She had five grandchildren: Kelci Kalaaakahi, Alexa, Sophia and Isabella Lecoultre, and Kendrick Figueroa. Numerous nieces, nephews, friends and relatives.

Figueroa was preceded in death by parents Mack Mahsetky and Madeline Geimausaddle-Spicer. Grandparents Nestler Poahway and Jennie Geimausaddle, Uncles Rayfield Sullivan and Matthew Poahway, sister Libby Mahsetky and brothers Michael, Larry and Gary Mahsetky and nephew Royce Christian Mahsetky.

Juanita Pahdopony-Mithlo



Courtesy Photo

Mithlo

Juanita Pahdopony-Mithlo, returned home on August 21.

Mithlo was born in Portland, Oregon, to Samuel and Marjorie (Tahmahkera) Pahdopony. She was an accomplished Comanche educator, poet, artist, writer, storyteller, Tribal Administrator, mentor and cultural consultant. As a proud citizen of the Comanche Nation, she strived tirelessly to preserve the culture, history and language. She has taught at Elgin Public Schools, Oklahoma City University, University of Science of Arts of Oklahoma, Cameron University and Comanche Nation College. Mithlo is a member of the Southern Plains Indian Museum Association, Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers & Storytellers and the Jacobson Foun-

ation. Mithlo shared Comanche culture and history as the technical advisor of the AMC series "The Son." Some of her awards include the 2019 Governor's Arts Award at the Oklahoma State Capitol, 2017 Roma Clift Montgomery Citizen of the Humanities, and the 2nd Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Honored Elder Lifetime Achievement Crystal Eagle Award.

Mithlo is survived by: husband Harry Mithlo of the home; three children: Robert Hausman of Lawton, Marc Hausman of Burbank, California and Brooke Corbett of Fort Worth, Texas; and Harrys two children: Michael and Lisa Mithlo; two grandchildren: Lauren Corbett and Parker Hausman; Uncles: Garrison Tahmahkera of Tempe, Arizona and Marvin Tahmahkera of Chandler, Arizona and many friends and relatives near and far.

Mithlo is preceded in death by: parents Samuel and Marjorie Pahdopony; grandparents: Sam and Ida Tahmahkera; John and Mary Pahdopony; grandson Michael Mithlo Jr; Aunt Wilda Lee Tahmahkera O'Keefe; Uncles: Monroe Tahmahkera and Wilson Tahmahkera Jr.

Graveside service was August 25, at Mount Scott KCA Cemetery with Rev. Gary Tahmahkera officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Scott KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Victor Allen Campbell

Victor Allen Campbell, 57, went to be with our Lord and all the other heavenly ones on August 21. Campbell died at the Trauma Center, Oklahoma University Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Graveside services were August 25, at Highland Cemetery, Lawton, Oklahoma. No wake service was held, visitation was August 24, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Reverend Marilyn Bread officiated.

Campbell was born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, on October 12, 1962, to James and Anita (Pennah) Campbell. Campbell was a Comanche Tribal member and he was also of Wichita and Pawnee tribe. Campbell attended Lawton High School of Lawton, Oklahoma. He was a certified Asbestos Tech, also worked many odd jobs, mostly lawn care.

Campbell was supportive of his cultural, traditional ways and ceremonies. The Native American Church.

Survivors are his father James Campbell and a son Tony Campbell.

He was preceded in death by his mother Anita, sister Gaylyn "Susie" Hubbard, several aunts, uncles, cousins.

Muriel Ann Fite



Courtesy Photo

Fite

Muriel Ann Fite, 53, Lawton passed away August 24.

Graveside Service was August 27, at Highland Cemetery under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Fite was born to Bill and Joetta (Arrendondo) Fite on June 26, 1967, in Lawton. She grew up in Lawton and attended Country Club Heights and Eisenhower Junior High and graduated from Eisenhower High School. She enjoyed playing softball, was an avid OU Sooners fan, she was always on the go and loved her dogs. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation.

She is survived by her son Payton Fite of the home, siblings; Edward Fite, Tammy Fite, Tijeiat White and husband Scott White all of Lawton, Aunt Anita Brandon of the

home. Numerous other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Bill and Joetta Fite

Denise Marie Chibitty-Turtle



Courtesy Photo

Turtle

Denise Marie Chibitty-Turtle, 69, Mountain View passed away August 25, in Lawton with her loving family by her side.

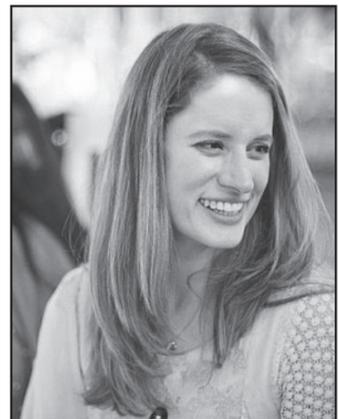
Graveside Service was August 28, at Saddle Mountain Cemetery with Rev. Mike Boyiddle officiating under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Turtle was born August 14, 1951, to Rev. Steve Chibitty and Ruth Komalty at the Kiowa Indian Hospital. She grew up in Paradise Valley and graduated from Ft. Sill Indian School. She enjoyed playing Bingo, going to the casino and was an avid Oklahoma Thunder fan. She was a Native American artist and was well known for her Teepee's and paintings. She enjoyed spending time with her family and all her grandchildren. She was a proud member of the Comanche tribe and a also of Kiowa descent.

She is survived by her children; Robert Gene Oldbear and wife Genevieve of Richard Spur, Paula Chibitty of the home. Timothy Paul Lancaster and wife Kelli Kopepasah-Turtle of Anadarko. Brothers and Sisters; Paul Cozad, Suzette Siler both of Lawton, and Robert Davenport of Oklahoma City, Siblings; Iris Ahhaity Stone, Sharon Horse Stone, Jameson Stone, Stephen Stone, and Clifford Stone. Nine Grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Special nieces; Jamie Cozad, Deanna Pewewardy, and numerous other relative and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Rev. Steve Chibitty and Ruth Komalty, husband Raymond Turtle, son Stephen Lee Turtle, grandson Daryl Jai Chanate and granddaughter Alice Turtle.

Dana Renee Goodin



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Goodin

Dana Renee Goodin, passed away unexpectedly August 28, at her home in Ames, Idaho. She was 33 years old.

Goodin grew up in Rockville, Md., where she attended Green Acres School. Later Goodin attended Miras International School in Almaty, Kazakhstan, after which she returned to Rockville and graduated from Richard Montgomery High School.

Goodin earned a B.A. in Fashion Merchandising from Marymount University in Arlington, Va., and an M.A. in Fashion & Textile Studies from the Fashion Institute of Technology (SUNY) in New York City. While in NYC, Goodin also worked as a textile conservator at St. John the Divine Cathedral, as an

archivist for the Calvin Klein and Thom Browne fashion archives, and as a conservation assistant for the Museum at FIT.

Goodin was a PhD candidate in the Apparel, Merchandising, and Design Department at Iowa State University in Ames. She had completed most of her oral history research for her dissertation, "Identity Construction and Dress of Comanche Tribal Members in the 20th Century," and was working towards completion of her degree in Spring of 2021.

At Iowa State University, Goodin served as President of the Apparel Merchandising and Design Graduate Student Association, was a Member of the International Textile and Apparel Association Philosophical Mission Committee, and a Member of the American Institute for Conservation Textile Specialty Group. Goodin was an active and contributing member of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries and Museums, International Textile and Apparel Association, American Alliance of Museums, Costume Society of America, American Institute for Conservation, and the Textile Society of America.

In 2019, Goodin received an Iowa State University Research Excellence Award "in recognition of outstanding research accomplishments," and also the Richard Martin Exhibition Award from the Costume Society of America.

Goodin was a proud member of the Comanche Nation. She was dedicated to the preservation of the Comanche language, history, and culture. She is the great, great, great granddaughter of the last Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker.

Ever learning, Goodin was an avid reader who enjoyed the outdoors, traveling, movies, musical theater, and intellectual discussion. She was politically active and fought to improve the world for marginalized people.

Goodin is survived by her devoted husband, Stephen Smith, her parents, Doug and Mary Goodin, her brother, Scott Goodin, two great aunts, and numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, and many friends. A celebration of life service will be held in Rockville, Md., when Covid-19 restrictions are lifted.

Kevin Lee Wahkinney Sr.



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Wahkinney

Kevin Lee Wahkinney Sr., was 68 years old when he went to be with His Lord and Savior on September 4, in Lawton.

Graveside service was September 9, at Mt. Scott KCA Cemetery with Rev. Bill Foote, Rev. Marilyn Bread, Rev. Mike Svitak, Darrell Wahkinney and Jacob Tsoitigh officiating. Burial was at Mt. Scott KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Family received guests at the funeral home on September 8.

Wake service was September 8, at the First Baptist Church, 501 SW B Avenue in Lawton.

Wahkinney was born in Lawton on July 3, 1952, to Russell and Dorothy (Whitewolf) Wahkinney.

Wahkinney and Vera have resided in the Lawton area their entire lives. Wahkinney graduated from Elgin high school and went on to receive his degree from Oklahoma

State Technical School in Okmulgee. He worked for Lawrence Tank as a draftsman for a couple of years, then moved on to the city of Lawton as a planning technician in the planning department. He earned many awards while there including several employees of the months for the city of Lawton, and more importantly a perfect attendance award one year. He retired after 37 years. He relaxed for a year before deciding to go back to work this time for the Comanche County Courthouse Assessor Office as a deputy county assessor.

Wahkinney and Vera dedicated their entire lives to serving the Lord. He was a member of the Mt. Scott Comanche United Methodist Church. Wahkinney had been the church treasurer for over 40 years. He was a lay leader and Sunday school teacher for several years, and he had been the OIMC conference board of finance officer for several years.

Wahkinney enjoyed more than ever, spending time and traveling with his beautiful wife and grandchildren, watching OU sports, and the OKC thunder and of course the Dallas cowboys. He enjoyed thrift store shopping and watching countless movies. But more than ever he enjoyed his occasional horseshoe games and sitting around the firepit with friends and family.

The greatest aspect of his life was his devotion to his Lord and Savior, he led his life by actions not words and was the building block to his family's spiritual foundation. He will be greatly missed beyond words.

He was survived by his lifelong sweetheart and love of his life of 51 plus years, Vera Lynn Wahkinney of the home; 3 children: Karissa and Mark Yoho, Bloomington, Ill., Joseph and Gena Wahkinney, Moore, Okla. Kevin and Jane Wahkinney, Lawton, Okla.; 13 grandchildren: Saphire Alexander, Stefan Wahkinney, Dakota Wahkinney, Raven Wahkinney, Theron Wahkinney, Sydney Wahkinney, Steven Yoho, Jaden Yoho, Lillian Wahkinney, Kalia Tanequodle, Iggy Tanequodle, Michael Miller, Naka'la Miller. Seven great-grandchildren: Silas Chin, Kyson Wahkinney, Dru Reyna, Mya McClain-Dotter, Saxton Alexander, Kinsley Wahkinney, Isla Yoho; nine brothers and six sisters.

Preceded in death: Mom Dorothy Whitewolf Wahkinney, dad Russell Wahkinney; brother Randell Wahkinney; nephews Russell Clark Wahkinney and Abraham Wahkinney; grandparents: Ollie Parker Wahkinney; James Wahkinney, Mary Whitewolf and Edward Whitewolf.

Thank you to all for all the prayers and thoughts. It truly means a lot to the family.

Lisa K. Longhat



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Longhat

Lisa K. Longhat, 57, Fletcher went to her heavenly home September 18.

Graveside service was September 22, at Little Washita Cemetery in Fletcher under direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Longhat was born January 8, 1963, to Eddie Longhat and Rita Wauahdoah. She grew up in Fletcher and attended and graduated from Fletcher High School. She enjoyed spending time with her family, going to Powwows with her granddaughter and singing at the powwows. She was helpful to anyone who needed it

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in the Powwow circuit whether it is to cook, help with giveaways or moral support. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation.

She is survived by her children; Christopher and Hallie Longhat of the home and Melinda and Larry Monoessy of El Reno. Grandchildren; Tyler, Larry Jr., Rita, Barbara, Alexis, Kayala, Christopher Jr. Brothers; Wallace Mountain and wife Debbie of Elgin, and Bradley Wahnee of Lawton. Her adopted sister Georgia Tuaila and husband John of Cyril. Numerous other family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents Eddie Longhat and Rita Wauhdooh, brother Frankie Wauhdooh, granddaughter Jazmin Longhat.

Larry Don Paddyaker



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Paddyaker

Larry Don Paddyaker, 63, of Lawton went to his heavenly home on September 19.

Graveside service was September 25, at Deyo Mission Cemetery. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

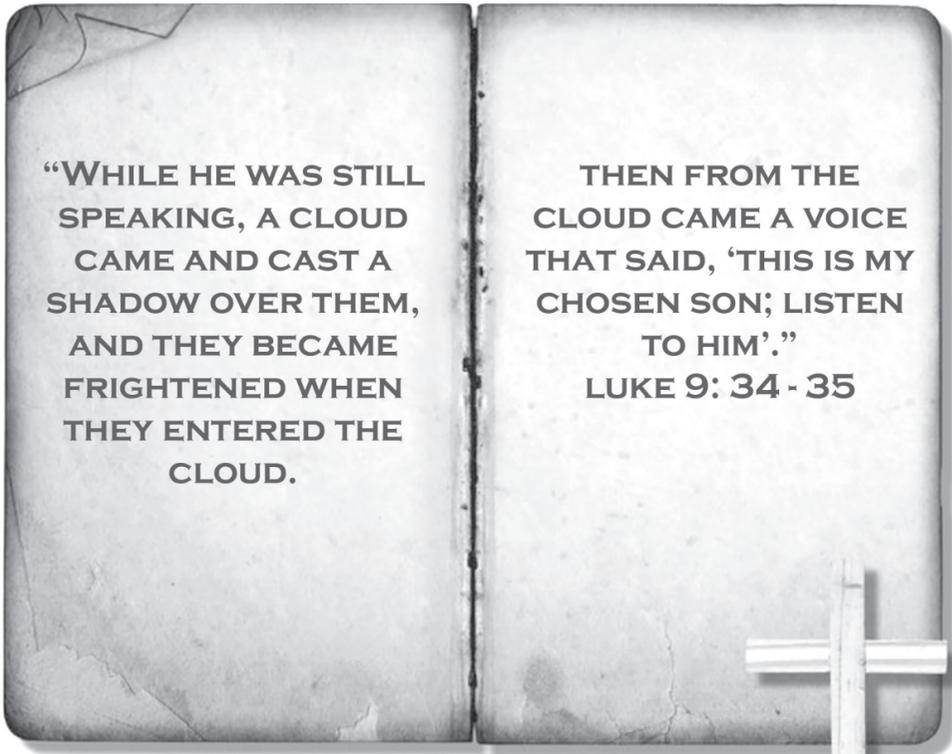
Visitation was September 24, at the funeral home.

Paddyaker was born on October 22, 1956, in Lawton to Victor and Rose (Caddo) Paddyaker. Paddyaker grew up and attended school in Cache. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He enjoyed doing anything outside, fishing, collecting knives and coins. He loved watching Nascar and OU Softball.

Paddyaker is survived by: daughter and wife Kelli and Dar-

rell Bridges of New Caney, Texas; three grandchildren; Coltin Bridges and wife Jessie, Matt Bridges and Ty Bridges; sisters: Lenora Maharry, Judy Clowser and all of Lawton; Dorothy Jensen all of Lawton, Vickie and Jim Slatten, Jerry Paddyaker and wife Rebecca all of Cache; uncle and aunts: Jimmy Caddo, Lorene Pennington, Carl and Bonita Paddyaker, and Emma Paddyaker.

Paddyaker is preceded in death by parents: Vic and Rose Paddyaker; sister Nancy Pangus; brother Lawrence Paddyaker.



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