



Comanche Nation Tribal Court  
District Court

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IN THE COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COURT  
DISTRICT COURT

IN THE GUARDIANSHIP: )  
J.D.T.C. ) Case No.: PG-2020-0024  
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**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

To the Above Named Defendant: Thilo Cole II  
Address Unknown

You have been sued by the above-named plaintiff in the court indicated above. The nature of the suit against you is stated in the petition which is on file at the above named court. It also states the demand made against you by the plaintiff.

The petition will be heard on 03/25/2021 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 should not be granted by the Court you should file with the court a written answer in the case prior to the date set for hearing or appear and present the same at the above time and place.

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WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 24th day of September, 2020.

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



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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  
kasa ráivoo'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

## GENERAL COUNCIL

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Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

**Comanche Tribal members Eleanor McDaniel, left, and Ardith Leming cast their votes to place the qualified candidates on November's General Election Ballot.**

he \$4.8 million in the 20% funds to purchase land.

Comanche Nation Tribal Council Resolution Number 2020-02 "Whereas, Article 5, Tribal Council, Section 1 of the Comanche Nation Constitution states the tribal council will affirm and exercise its supreme power clause by the annual election following this annual meeting, and Whereas, Article 6, Business Committee, Section E, of the Comanche Nation Constitution, states, to develop proposals which are in the interest of fulfilling of the Comanche Tribal Organization, including but not limited to programs involving employment, health, education, public relations, social, recreational and historical activities of the tribe. Such program proposals shall be presented to the tribal council for final consideration as to the adoption or rejection, and

Therefore, be it resolved, CBC No. 3, Ronald Red Elk, proposes to the tribal council, to move half of the 20% fund to a secure account for the purpose of utilizing past federal lawsuit dollars for mandatory fee, simple fee lands to trust land status, better known as mandatory fee-to-trust."

Burgess takes the floor to propose an amendment to the resolution to read, "Therefore, be it resolved, CBC No. 3, Ronald Red Elk, proposes to the tribal council, to move half of the 20% fund to a secure account for the purpose of utilizing past federal lawsuit dollars for mandatory fee, simple fee lands to trust land status, better known as mandatory fee-to-trust. Only if the land is approved first."

"Ladies and gentlemen, they are banking on the state of Oklahoma to approve purchase non-tribal land outside of the boundaries of the Comanche reservation, which may not go through with the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act authority, because to purchase land after 1998, it would have to be approved by the Department of Interior and the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and the offices, so that may not happen. If that does not happen and you all approve it, and they were not allowed to buy the land to put into trust to put a gaming hall on there, what are you going to do with the money after that?"

Chairman Nelson explained it would go back into the special account until the next General Council Meeting and the people decide what they want to do with it.

Burgess recommends to the General Council to tell the CBC to get it approved first before you transfer the funds to the account to purchasing it, because it may take two-to-three years for that approval.

Debra Herrera makes the motion to accept the resolution with the amendment. Blu Pahdocony seconds the motion.

There was a discussion about the current lawsuit with the Chickasaw, Citizen Band Potawatomi, Choctaw, and Cherokee tribes being in litigation, and the Comanches gaming compact being in the Federal Registry.

Nolan Tahdoohnippah

makes a motion to put the resolution to a yes/no vote that will be voted on immediately. It was seconded by an unknown tribal member. The motion carried.

Cornel Pewewardy presented a resolution he said would help eliminate racism within the public schools in Southwest Oklahoma by eliminating Indian mascots, negative branding, and imagery from public schools and higher education.

"Whereas, the psychological research from the American Psychological Association is clear that the use of Indian mascots is detrimental to American Indians and Alaskan Native children. The symbols chosen to represent institutions are powerful and influential public images that promote messages that carry values and principals, and beliefs, and

Whereas, educational scholars and leaders of the sovereign American Indian and Alaskan Native Nations have passionately expressed opposition to the use of Indian sport mascots for decades, proclamations went unsanctioned by tribal leaders, the adoption of Indian names, images, logos, nicknames is a misappropriation equivalent to identity theft. Many American Indian and Alaskan Native have called for an immediate end to the use of Indian mascots in all K-12 schools, universities, professional sports teams, subsequent historical roots of contemporary rhetoric media in the public spaces, and

Whereas, when it is unsanctioned by the Comanche Nation, the misappropriation of Indian names, mascots, logos, that accompany them with stereotypes rooted in colonial elitism, institutional racism, prejudice and reticule, and

Whereas, public schools and universities typically proclaim their commitment to educational practice and curriculum that dismantles racism, sexism, and classicism profess to provide education as the major tool to dismantle discrimination and oppression.

Whereas, our schools and universities professing commitment to multi-cultural education, awareness and saving inclusive environments in the development of a cross cultural understanding in the communities and interest of protecting the mental health of the school climate for all our children, especially Comanche children, and

Whereas, the maintenance of Indian mascots in the 21st century promotes racial stereotypes and glorifies the continued oppression, the bigotry and discrimination of American Indian and Alaskan Native Nations, and

Whereas, the use of Indian mascots in schools teaches Indian and non-Indian children to accept institutionalized and personal racism, undermines messages of respect that time and frame and understanding of American Indian and Alaskan Native Nations in our communities, so

Therefore, let it be resolved that the Comanche Nation, that this is critical for those institutions to re-examine their traditions, their policy, their practice, their procedures and



### COMANCHE NATION ELECTION 2020 BUSINESS COMMITTEE CERTIFICATION OF QUALIFIED CANDIDATES DATE: 10/08/2020

#### COMANCHE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VI – BUSINESS COMMITTEE

SECTION 7 – The duties, responsibilities and authorities of the business committee shall include the following: (b) To determine qualifications of candidates nominated for office and to conduct election of tribal officers and business committee members pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, Article VII, of this Constitution.

#### CBC THREE (3) CANDIDATES:

1. RONALD RED ELK
2. ALICE KASSANAVOID
3. LYLE CABLE

#### CBC FOUR (4) CANDIDATES:

1. ROBERT KOMAHCHEET
2. SANDRA GALLEGOS
3. EDDIE AHDOSY
4. TINA COOK

#### TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES:

1. JULIA MANTZKE
2. JUSTIN MICHAEL BOOS
3. ROSS BERNARD KAHRAHRAH

#### SECRETARY TREASURER CANDIDATES:

1. JOHN DAVID WAHNEE
2. ROBERT TIPPECONNIE

#### ATTORNEY CANDIDATES:

1. ROSETTE, LLP
2. DORSEY & WHITNEY, LLP

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The Comanche Nation Business Committee attests our signatures to qualify nominees as candidates. These candidates have met all qualifications pursuant to the Comanche Nation Constitution and Comanche Nation Election Ordinance for this year's Election 2020:

By voice vote:

**ABSTAINED**  
William Nelson, Sr. (VOTE)  
Comanche Nation Chairman

*Robert Tippeconnie*  
Robert Tippeconnie (VOTE)  
Comanche Nation Secretary-Treasurer

*Jane Sovo*  
Jane Sovo (VOTE)  
Comanche Nation Committeeman # 1

*Ronald Red Elk*  
Ronald Red Elk (VOTE)  
Comanche Nation Committeeman # 3

*Laura J. Parker*  
Laura J. Parker (VOTE)  
Comanche Nation Vice-Chairlady

*Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi*  
Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi (VOTE)  
Comanche Nation Committee lady # 2

*Clyde Nanomey*  
Clyde Nanomey (VOTE)  
Comanche Nation Committeeman # 4

#### **ATTESTED:**

Sworn before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of **October**, 2020.

My Commission Expires: *02/02/2022*

*Shandel Wesaw*  
Notary Public



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their assumptions to ensure the visages of the biased of discrimination have been eliminated, to therefore the steps to take place therefore has certification."

Victoria Mitchel made a motion to accept the resolution and to put it to an immediate yes/no vote by secret ballot. It was seconded by

Robert Griffin. The motion carries.

A quorum was lost before the two proposed resolutions could be voted on to be put on the ballot. Meeting adjourned at 2:45

p.m.



THE COMANCHE NATION NEWS

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 December edition is 5 p.m., November 15.

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  - 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.

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- Committeeman No. 1**  
June Sovo
- Committeeman No. 2**  
Diana Doyebi
- Committeeman No. 3**  
Ronald Red Elk
- Committeeman No. 4**  
Clyde Narcomey
- (Acting) Tribal Administrator**  
Julia Mantzke
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Lawton, Okla. 73502  
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Lawton, OK 73505

# Culinary Corner

| November 2020 |                                 |                                 |                               |                               |                               |          |
|---------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday        | Monday                          | Tuesday                         | Wednesday                     | Thursday                      | Friday                        | Saturday |
| 1             | 2 Frederick 1 <sup>st</sup> Day | 3 Frederick 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day | 4 Walters 1 <sup>st</sup> Day | 5 Walters 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day | 6 Cache 1 <sup>st</sup> Day   | 7        |
| 8             | 9 Cache 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day     | 10 Cache 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day    | 11 CLOSED Veteran's Day       | 12 Cache 4 <sup>th</sup> Day  | 13 TRUCK DAY                  | 14       |
| 15            | 16 Lawton 1 <sup>st</sup> Day   | 17 Lawton 2 <sup>nd</sup> Day   | 18 Lawton 3 <sup>rd</sup> Day | 19 Lawton 4 <sup>th</sup> Day | 20 Lawton 5 <sup>th</sup> Day | 21       |
| 22            | 23 Wake-Up Day                  | 24 Wake-Up Day                  | 25 Inventory                  | 26 CLOSED Thanksgiving Day    | 27 CLOSED                     | 28       |
| 29            | 30 Inventory                    |                                 |                               |                               |                               |          |



## Recipes for Home Cooking



### Simple Roasted Butternut Squash

**Ingredients**

- 1 butternut squash - peeled, seeded, and cut into 1-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- Salt and ground black pepper to taste

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).
2. Toss butternut squash with olive oil and garlic in a large bowl. Season with salt and black pepper. Arrange coated squash on a baking sheet.
3. Roast in the preheated oven until squash is tender and lightly browned, 25 to 30 minutes.

and simmer 40 minutes, or until all vegetables are tender.

2. Step 2
3. Transfer the soup to a blender, and blend until smooth. Return to pot, and mix in any remaining stock to attain desired consistency. Season with salt and pepper.

### Roasted Pumpkin Seeds

**Ingredients**

- 1 ½ cups raw whole pumpkin seeds
- 2 teaspoons butter, melted
- 1 pinch salt

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 300 degrees F (150 degrees C).
2. Toss seeds in a bowl with the melted butter and salt. Spread the

seeds in a single layer on a baking sheet and bake for about 45 minutes or until golden brown; stir occasionally.

### Apple Squares

**Ingredients**

- 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, melted
- ½ cup packed brown sugar
- ½ cup white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ½ cup chopped apple
- ½ cup finely chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons white sugar

### Butternut Squash Soup II

**Ingredients**

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 1 medium carrot, chopped
- 2 medium potatoes, cubed
- 1 medium butternut squash - peeled, seeded, and cubed
- 1 (32 fluid ounce) container chicken stock
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

**Directions**

1. Melt the butter in a large pot, and cook the onion, celery, carrot, potatoes, and squash 5 minutes, or until lightly browned. Pour in enough of the chicken stock to cover vegetables. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat to low, cover pot,

**WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE COOKING!**

Send a picture of any of the recipes you try on the "Culinary Corner" page, and it will be in an issue of TCNN, and TCNN will mail you a gift of thanks. Email your name, picture, and which recipe you used, to: [stacey.heminokkey@comanchenation.com](mailto:stacey.heminokkey@comanchenation.com)



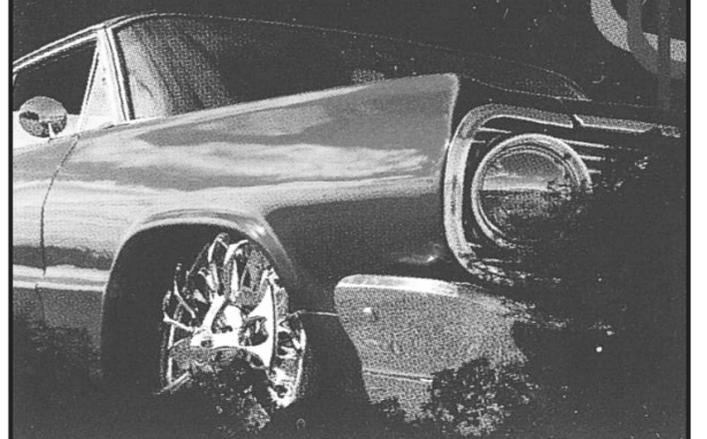
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# Programs

## Elder Center Title VI Part C and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program Updates

Comanche Nation Elder Center Title VI Part C Federal Caregiver Support Program and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program is a federal program which is open to ALL Native American Elders who are 60 and older for Caregiver support program and 55 or older for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program.

Federal Caregiver Support Program is a federal program which is open to ALL Native American Elders who 60 years and older who reside in the service area Federal Caregiver Support program can assist with a monetary stipend to a Respite provider (Title VI Part C Federal Caregiver Support Program DOES NOT pay the Caregiver), the Federal Caregiver Program is to "relieve" the Caregiver of day to day duties/tasks, so he/she may run errands, go to doctor appointments without the Care Receiver. Care Receiver must also have a certificate degree of Indian Blood (CDIB).

However, due to Federal guidelines and regulations a Respite provider cannot have the same mailing address as the Care Receiver. Federal guidelines and regulations must be followed and a medical documentation must be signed by the primary physician before he/she is eligible for the program. Care Receiver must also need assistance with at least 2 activities of daily living (ADL's) such as grooming, bathing, dressing, oral care, managing medications or toileting. For more information, please contact Comanche Nation Elder Center Title VI Part C Federal Caregiver Support Program and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program at (580) 355-2330 or email: kimberly.codynah@comanchenation.com.

Federal Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program, also a Federal program is open to ALL Native Americans who are 55 years and older with a CDIB and have legal guardianship of Grandchild and grandchild MUST live in the same home. Similar to Federal Caregiver Support Program, a monetary stipend is allocated to a Respite provider, NOT grandparent. Limited school supplies is available to those who are on Grandparents Raising Grandchildren program. For more information contact Comanche Nation Elder Center Title VI Part C Federal Caregiver Support Program and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program at (580) 355-2330 or email: kimberly.codynah@comanchenation.com

Comanche Nation Elder Center Title VI Part C Federal Caregiver Support Program and Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program has a limited "lending closet" available to all participants. They can provide blue pads, re-usable pads, pull-ups (small, medium, large, x-large or XX-large), disposable bath wipes, urinals for men and women, extenders, gait belt, canes, crutches, walkers, bath chairs and bedside commodes. Some items are on loan to other participants. All items are sterilized before they are loaned to other individuals. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren will have either the choice of traditional school setting and distant learning, in each case... Grand children will need school supplies and lending closet has a limited supply of school supplies.

Comanche Nation Elder non contact environment and all applications are taken either by online applications or fax, email or drop-off in mailbox. Contact, Kimberly Codynah, Title VI Part C Federal Caregiver Coordinator, Comanche Nation Elder Center (580) 355-2330- office, (580) 355-2365- fax or email: kimberly.codynah@comanchenation.com or Director, Marilyn Guerrero, marilyn.guerrero@comanchenation.com

## Gravel Tinhorn Schedule 2020-2021

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 months in parenthesis are when the Gravel/Tinhorn Program will be working in that area. Please make sure to update application yearly.

- September 1 – October 15 Applications for Lawton Area "October"
- November 1 – November 30 Applications for Sterling and Duncan Area "December"
- December 1 – December 31 Applications for Cyril and Fletcher area "January"
- January 1 – January 31 Applications due for Apache area "February"
- February 1 – February 28 Applications due for Elgin "March"
- March 1 – March 31 Application due for Anadarko - Ft. Cobb "April"
- April 1 -April 30 Application due for Cache "May"
- May 1 – May 31 Application for Snyder - Indianoma Area "June"
- June 1 – June 30 Applications for Chattanooga, Faxon, and Grandfield Area "July"
- July 1 – July 31 Applications for Geronimo, Temple, and Walters Area "August"

### QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

- If there are any changes in the contact number please advise us.
  - Must provide Proof of Comanche Nation Tribal CDIB
  - Must provide proof of residency and utility bill
  - Must not benefit a business or non – Comanche Tribal Member (rental homes)
  - Must reside in the Comanche Nation Jurisdiction
- If you have any question/concerns please call the office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday – Friday, at (580) 492-3308.

## Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)

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

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

**Comanche Nation Language Department's new phone numbers.**

**Dr. Kathyrn Pewenofkit Briner**  
(580) 699-5316

**Kathy Cardona**  
(580) 699-5315

**Darrell Kosechequetah**  
(580) 699-5321

## Family Assistance Center Provides Updated Information on COVID-19 Precautions

### If I Leave, Where Can I go?

With most states still advocating social distancing practices, you may be wondering if now's the time to escape to a domestic shelter or seek out services. After all, the last thing you want is to flee an abuser and then end up contracting COVID-19 in a space you'll share with strangers, especially if you've got children in tow. But if you and your kids are in danger being quarantined with an abuser, and you think it's time to go, don't let the coronavirus outbreak stop you. The shelter is taking precautions to protect you from COVID-19 as well as violence.

### As a shelter, what are they doing?

- First and foremost, they are still open and accepting survivors as long as they have bed space. Their biggest challenge has been getting the word out that they're still here, ready to help. They have made a lot of changes, but they are still offering all of their services. They are doing the following.
1. Updated COVID-19 information signs are posted in every room and throughout the facility.
  2. They provide masks, gloves, hand sanitizer, etc. to residents and staff.
  3. New residents are quarantine for at least 7 days.
  4. Residents have their own private room with bath. Rooms are stocked with supplies that include hand soap, disinfectant, wipes, bleach water, etc.
  5. Their staff and residents' temps are checked and recorded twice a day.
  6. They constantly clean and disinfect shared spaces, such as kitchen, dining room, and sitting area as well as door knobs and tables.
  7. They practice social distancing of at least 6 feet in the common areas and offices.
  8. Their staff is train to recognize symptoms of COVID-19 and immediately assist the resident with getting to a medical facility.

If you or someone that you know is in need of their services please call (580) 492-3590, 7 days a week 24 hours a day, including weekends and holidays. You can also visit the Comanche Nation website and leave a message for the Family Assistance Center.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Charles Pocowatchit receives a flu shot from a USPHS nurse Oct. 13, at Watchetaker Hall. The Flu Shot Clinic was sponsored by the Comanche Nation Community Health Representatives (CHR) and the USPHS Indian Hospital. A total of 46 people were serviced.



**Comanche Nation  
Emergency Manager  
HOTLINE  
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**Comanche  
Nation Offices will be  
closed  
November 11, for  
Veteran's Day, and  
will re-open for  
regular business  
8 a.m., November 12.**

**Comanche Nation  
Offices will also be  
closed November  
26-27 for  
Thanksgiving, and  
will re-open for  
regular business  
8 a.m., November 30.**

## Winter Tips for Your Home

**Windows**— Windows are a major source of heat loss. Using low-e storm windows can reduce heat loss by 25-50 percent.

**Fire Place**— For safety and efficiency, once a year have a professional chimney sweep clean out creosote build up or other debris.

**Ceiling Fans**— Change the direction in winter to clockwise to move warm air down from the ceiling and increase energy efficiency.

**Thermostats**— Save up to 15% a year on your heating bill by turning your thermostat back 10° to 15° for 8 hours every day.

**Use the Sun**— During daylight hours, open drapes and blinds where your windows have direct sun exposure( usually the south side) close the blinds or drapes at night.

**Doors**— Replace old or worn weather stripping around your exterior doors to create a tight seal to keep cold drafts from entering your home. Consider a door sweep for additional protection.

**DO NOT! Use gas ovens/burners for heats. A gas oven may go out or burn inefficiently, leading to carbon monoxide poisoning.**

# Candidates Campaign for Leadership Positions Within the Comanche Nation

Editor's Note: The following flyers were submitted to *The Comanche Nation News* by the Oct. 15 deadline, and will be listed in alphabetical order per category.

## Tribal Administrator

**VOTE**  
**JUSTIN M. BOOS**  
 COMANCHE TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR  
**2020**

*Committed to building trust and confidence within the administration of the Comanche Nation.*

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 SERVANT LEADERSHIP  
 ACCOUNTABILITY  
 PROGRESS

Maruawe! My name is Justin Boos and I am running for the position of Comanche Nation Tribal Administrator. I am a proud member of the Codopony and Tahdooahnippah families and possess a Bachelor's Degree in Government and a Certificate in Native American Studies from Dartmouth College. I have 8 years worth of experience providing low income, first generation college students in grades 9-12 with academic planning for college at the following institutions of higher education:

- Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO
- University of Colorado in Boulder, CO
- Cameron University in Lawton, OK

I also have 10 years worth of professional experience serving the Comanche Nation within the following departments:

- Comanche Nation Housing Authority (Cultural Reintegration Specialist)
- Comanche Nation Higher Education (Education Specialist, GED Prep Instructor, and Career Development Instructor)
- Comanche Nation Workforce (Director)
- Comanche Academy (Secretary/Treasurer)

Please vote Justin Boos for Comanche Nation Tribal Administrator in the 2020 General Election. "Committed to building trust and confidence within the administration of the Comanche Nation."

**Vote**

**ROSS BERNARD KAHRARAH**

Yaparuhka Band  
 Great-Great Grandfather Ross Kahrahra  
 Great Grandfather Nathan Kahrahra  
 Great Grandmother Utah  
 Grandfather Roe Kahrahra  
 Grandmother Bertha Komahcheet Black  
 Father Bernard Kahrahra

**Profile**

Son of former chairmen, Bernard Kahrahra, Ross has managed \$350 million in assets, developed Incremental and Zero-Based Budgets, and created Government programs, policies, codes, and ordinances. Presented legal findings and environmental assessments to Commissions, Councils, and Government officials.

**Skills Summary**

- ◆ 401k, 403b, Trust Advisor
- ◆ Debt Management
- ◆ Economic Development
- ◆ Community Development
- ◆ Transit Development
- ◆ Cash Flow Analysis
- ◆ Budget Analysis
- ◆ Tax Management
- ◆ Financial Planning
- ◆ Land Use Planning
- ◆ Urban Law
- ◆ Urban Analysis
- ◆ Site Planning
- ◆ ArcGIS
- ◆ Microsoft 365

**Experience**

- ❖ 3-years of planning and writing federal & state grants and applications
- ❖ 7-years of budgeting, tax projections, cash-flow, and debt management
- ❖ 7-years of strategic, long-range, and comprehensive financial planning
- ❖ 10-years as a business owner & CEO managing the day-to-day operations
- ❖ 15-years as an independent contractor for marketing & advertising firms

**Education**

- ❖ Master of Urban & Regional Planning: Summa Cum Laude – 4.0 GPA
- ❖ Bachelor in Community Development & Sociology: Minor in Anthropology

**JULIA MANTZKE**  
 CANDIDATE FOR  
 TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR

**EXPERIENCE**

INTERIM TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR  
 SEPTEMBER 2020-PRESENT

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CEO, CN ENTERTAINMENT  
 OCTOBER 2019-SEPTEMBER 2020

EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO CHAIRMAN/CBC  
 AUGUST 2017-OCTOBER 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT, CN TRANSPORTATION  
 OCTOBER 2016-AUGUST 2017

HEALTH TECHNICIAN/MEDICAL SUPPORT ASSISTANT/LAB TECH, LAWTON INDIAN HOSPITAL  
 AUGUST 2008-SEPTEMBER 2016

PHLEBOTOMIST/ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATOR, OKLAHOMA BLOOD INSTITUTE  
 MAY 1999-AUGUST 2008

**EDUCATION**

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN PSYCHOLOGY  
 CAMERON UNIVERSITY/LAWTON, OK  
 MAY 2020  
 PRESIDENT'S LIST/2020

MASTERS IN HUMAN RELATIONS  
 UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA/NORMAN, OK  
 PRESENT

**KEY SKILLS & CHARACTERISTICS**

Strong Interpersonal & communication skills • MS Office Suite • Ability to work collaboratively as part of a team • Problem Solving • Leadership • Meticulous attention to detail • Excellent Organizational skills • Poised under pressure • Program budgets • Multi-Million-dollar Fiscal budgets for gaming and tribe • Grants including IHS, HHS, SAMHSA, PL 93-638, DOJ, USDA • services to tribal members first • Professional • Creative • Honesty • Loyalty • Integrity

**PROFILE**

Executive Assistant with over 20 years of experience providing administrative support to over 10 staff members and interfacing with executive management. I possess strong multi-tasking skills, with ability to simultaneously manage several projects and schedules to include budgets for Tribal Operations. Excellent public-facing point person for tribal members, tribal employees, other tribal contacts, vendors and equipment and service providers. Tech savvy and efficiency focused.

Family oriented, mother of three, foster mom, grandmother to three beautiful babies.

**CONTACT**

Juliamantzke@gmail.com  
 Resident of Lawton, OK

**FAMILY TREE**

- Great Grandparents-the late Charles & Julia Connywerdy Wahnee
- Grandmother- the late Rita Wahnee
- Mother- Julie Burgess
- Uncles- Charles Pocowatchit & the late Ben Lee Norberto Jr.

## Remember These Voting Dates

- **October 23** Last day to request an absentee ballot for the General Election
- **November 6** Early In-Person Voting (General Election)
- **November 7** General Election
- **November 7** Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office at 12 p.m., Noon
- **November 20** Last day to request an Absentee Ballot for the Run Off Election
- **December 4** Early In-Person Voting (Run off Election)
- **December 5** Run off Election
- **December 5** Absentee Ballots Due at the Lawton Post Office by 12 p.m., noon
- If you have previously submitted the notarized absentee ballot request, you do not need to submit another ballot.

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*“CBC has to make their decisions by the rule of law. I’ll always be Cooperative and Collaborative to following the rule of law. As an incumbent to the position of CBC number three (3) the business committee (today) has made all their decisions within the rule of law these past three years. The Comanche Constitution is that rule of law.”*

- . Advocate for our ancient language.
- . Advocate for re-establishing former reservation and outbound States.
- . Advocate for adhering to yearly budgets, no over spending.
- . Advocate for business other than gaming.
- . Advocate for yearly audits to be concise and clean, no findings.
- . Advocate for Comanche First in all we do.
- . Advocate for each individual member to further their education.

**Plans and Platform for the next three years:** We’ve all experienced the effects of the pandemic of covid-19. We’ve all experienced every delay of processes, I’ll advocate for: 1. Changes to complete our constitutional processes, time factors that tribal council (all over 18 years old) can participate. 2. Secure financials to assure the Nation has no shortages. 3. Agriculture, Cow/Calf operation to assure all members don’t have any shortages of food.

**Plans and Platform to complete work of past three years:** 1. Finalize approved gaming compact. 2. Finish 2007 Tribal Council approved destination at Exit One, Red River. 3. Construct travel business at Chickasha, Oklahoma. 4. The Hemp Plan approved by the United States. 5. Record retention that houses all records. 6. Move non-Indian land-buildings to Comanche Nation Trust. 7. Make Comanche spoken language a reality for all.

Vote  
Ronald Red Elk  
CBC #3



- . Masters of Education **M.Ed.**
- . Veteran.
- . Father of 4.
- . Grandfather of 7.
- . Great Grandfather of 18
- . Retired Administrator
- . Retired farmer/rancher



## CBC No. 4

Faithful~ Integrity~ Reliable~ Respectful



### VOTE NOV.7

## SANDRA GALLEGOS

Haa, maꞆawel! I'm Sandra Kay Gallegos, a proud member of the Comanche Nation. I am the daughter of Myra Lou Burgess, granddaughter of Ida Yellowfish and Allen Motah Burgess, and great-granddaughter of Pa-qe-o-haw-pith, Taum-ah-vo-yah, Mone-werth-take-wah, and Woom-mah-vo-yah.

My husband and I have been married 51 years. He is a Navy veteran and a retired Aircraft Mechanic of 35 years. I am a retired Social Worker(ASW) for over 20 years. We have 3 daughters and 1 son, 8 grandchildren, and 4 great grandchildren. We have made our home in Apache, OK, for the past 17 years. Our entire family are members of the UMC of Apache (Mahsetky Mission).

As a concerned tribal member, I will continue to listen and address your concerns, such as:

- **Constitution Issues**
- **Accountability Act**
- **Election Procedures**
- **MMIW- abuse of women and children**
- **Housing**
- **Human Resources**

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# Military News

## The Comanche Indian Veterans Association

**Gerald A. (ANDY) Woommavovah Jr.**  
Legion of Merit

Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Gerald Andrew (Andy) Woommavovah Jr., was awarded one of the military's most prestigious Distinguished Service awards, the Legion of Merit (LOM). His citation reads *"FOR exceptionally meritorious service while serving in positions of increasing responsibility, culminating a 30-year career as an Equal Opportunity Program Manager, 84th Training Commander (Unit Readiness). Lieutenant Colonel Woommavovah exhibited outstanding leadership, professionalism, initiative, and dedication along with sincere concern for the welfare of Soldiers, Civilians, and Families. His dedication and selfless service contributed to the success of each unit in which he served. Upon retirement, Lieutenant Colonel Woommavovah is recognized for distinguished performance of duty that represents exemplary achievement in the finest traditions of the United States Army."* The award was signed by Lieutenant General (three-stars) Charles D. Luckey by order of the Secretary of the Army on the 14 day of April 2020.

Of the known 1,266 Comanche veterans only four others have earned this award. Air Force Brigadier General (Retired) Jonathon George earned the LOM four times during his 30 years of service; Army Sergeant Major (Retired) Lanny Asepermy was awarded the LOM in October 1990 at the end of his 24 ½ years of service; and Army Lieutenant Colonels (Retired) William Clark Southard at the end of his 30-year military career in 2003 and Kyle Smith at the end of his 23-year military service in 2007.



Courtesy Photo

### Officer Legion of Merit Medal

Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Woommavovah Jr., is also one of only 10 Comanche veterans to earn the rank of Lieutenant Colonel – the others are Meech Tahsequah, Air Force 1941-54; William Clark Southard, Army 1973-03; Kyle Smith, Army 1984-07; Richard Martinez, Army and Army National Guard 1985-present; his brother Mark Woommavovah, Army Reserve 1987-19; Lisa Smith, Air Force 1988-08 (Kyle Smith's sister); Dave Portillo, Marine Corps 1989-11; Rhonda Williams, Army 1993-19; and Lawrence Yazzie, Air Force and Air National Guard, 2000-present.

LTC Woommavovah, retired from the Army Reserve on March 1, with 32 years of military service. He enlisted into the Reserve on April 28, 1988, and completed Basic and Advanced Individual Training, as a Carpentry and Masonry Specialist, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. After attaining the enlisted rank of Staff Sergeant he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant

after completing Officer Candidate School at the Oklahoma Military Academy on August 11, 1996.

As a Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) he completed the Primary Leadership Development Course at Fort Chaffee, Ark., in 1990, and the Basic NCO Course at Fort Sill in 1992. As an Officer, he completed the Engineer Officer Basic Course in 1997, the Engineer Officer Advanced Course (Phase I) in 2002, the Engineer Captain's Career Course (Phases I-IV) in 2009, the Intermediate Leader Education (Distance Learning) course in 2015, and the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute course in 2017.

He is a graduate of Cache High School. In 1991 earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering from Cameron University. In 2003 graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a Masters of Science degree in Construction Administration. He is also a Certified Hospital Facility Manager.

LTC Woommavovah, served as a Civil Engineer with the 353rd Engineer Group in Oklahoma City; Public Works Director and Acting Deputy Director, Directorate of Public Works with the 5045th Garrison Support Unit at Fort Sill; Executive Officer and Commander of B Company, 844th Engineer Battalion and Commander of the 390th Engineer Company in Chattanooga, Tenn.; Assistant S-3 of the 368th Engineer Detachment in Decatur, Ga.; Contract Officer for the 714th Engineer Detachment, Battalion Executive Officer of the 1st Battalion, 411th Regiment (Logistics Support) and Equal Opportunity Program Manager, 84th Training Command at Fort Knox, Ky.; and Civil Engineer with the 415th Engineer Facility Detachment in Knoxville, Tenn.

His service includes a mobilization tour from January, 2003, to January, 2005, as a Department of Public Works Mobilization Officer and Deputy Director of Public Works at Fort Sill, Okla.; combat tour from June, 2009, to July, 2010, as an Iraqi Army Partnership Officer with the 926th Engineer Brigade; and a final Middle East tour as the Deputy Director of Public Works at Camp Buchring, Kuwait. He was awarded the Iraqi Campaign medal with/2 Battle Stars for the Iraqi Governance and Iraqi Sovereignty campaigns.



Courtesy Photo

### Gerald A. Woommavovah in Iraq

In addition to the Legion of Merit and Iraq Campaign medals, LTC Woommavovah's other awards include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service With Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation with/4 Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Achievement with/2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Reserve Components Achievement with/4 Oak Leaf Clusters; National Defense Service with/Bronze Service Star; Global War on Terrorism Service; Armed Forces Reserve

with/Bronze Hourglass and Mobilization Device; and the Armed Forces medals; the Army Service, NCO Professional Development with/Numeral 2 and Overseas Training with/Numeral 4 ribbons; and the Corp of Engineer's Bronze de Fleury Medal.

LTC Woommavovah lives in Elizabethtown, Ky., with his wife, Cynthia and a daughter. He was born on July 31, 1968, in Lawton and is the son of Gerald Sr., (1944-81) and Joy Smith Woommavovah and grandson of Nathaniel (1920-2015) and Vida Tahchawickah Woommavovah (1923-2002). He is currently the Systems Director of Energy and Infrastructure for Com-monSpirit Health.



Courtesy Photo

### Gerald A. Woommavovah prior to his retirement.

The Commander, Officers, members and Auxiliary of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) would like to than thank the Comanche members that voted for continued funding for the CIVA. The approved amount was \$49,500 which is a 17.5% reduction from Fiscal Year 2020. The CIVA has been funded by referendum vote since 2007.

For the past 17 years (since 2003), the CIVA has provided funeral details for the families of 284 veterans and placed military markers for the families of 285 veterans. In addition, they have fulfilled about 1955 commitments (an average of 115 per year) including hosting three major events a year – the Armed Forces Day Banquet, Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow.

Other annual commitments include the Color Guard and Flag-raising and lowering detail for Comanche Homecoming and the Comanche Nation Fair. The Color Guard has also fulfilled commitments at Pow-wows, parades, sporting events, conferences, dedications, General Council, inaugurations, gatherings and other special events.

Other commitments include guests at weddings, prayer services and soldier homecoming and departures.

The CIVA also established the Comanche Veterans Patriot Room which contains the photos and brief bio's of 675 Comanche veterans and Tahsequah Garden in remembrance of the only Comanche veteran still missing in action, Meech Tahsequah.



Courtesy Photo

### Patriot Room

### Marker Placement

On September 28, a Military Marker Placement Detail was provided for the family of Luis Alberto Martinez Camacho (August 25, 1937 – April 2, 2020) at Post

Oak Cemetery in Indianoma. Martinez retired as an Army Sergeant First Class with 24+ years of service and is a Vietnam War veteran. His son, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Martinez, is a Comanche veteran currently serving as an Active Texas Army National Guardsman at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas.

The detail consisted of John McClung; Lanny Asepermy; George Red Elk; Ron Parker; Clifford Takawana; and Lyman Guy. Comanche veteran George Wermly assisted with a prayer after the placement. No family members were able to attend. The marker was the 285th marker placed by the CIVA.



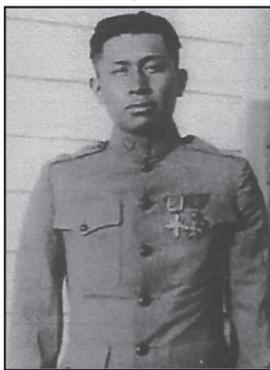
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### Marker Placement Detail From Left: George Wermly; Lyman Guy; George Red Elk; Lanny Asepermy; Ron Parker; John B. McClung.

### Comanche Veterans Trivia

Comanches decorated for Gallantry, Heroism, Bravery, Valor or have Fought and Killed the Enemy in Hand to Hand Combat – Numu Pukutsi Warrior Society:

**Distinguished Service Cross** is the Army's second highest military award for extreme gallantry at the risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force – Calvin Atchavit, Army World War I.



Courtesy Photo

### Calvin Atchavit

**Silver Star** is the US Armed Forces third highest personal decoration for gallantry in combat – Edward Louis Clark, Marine Corps Vietnam War II; Lee Toquothy, Army Korean War; Michael Waddle, Army Vietnam War; and George Red Elk, Army Vietnam War.



Courtesy Photo

### Edward Louis Clark Decorated three times for heroism.

**Distinguished Flying Cross** is awarded for heroism or extraordinary achievement while participating in an aerial flight – Meech Tahsequah (3), Army Air Force World War II; Vincent Myer Sr., (2), Army Air Force World War II; and Jonathon George, Air Force Cold War.



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### Vincent Myers Sr.

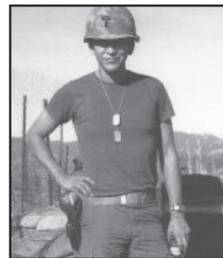
**Marine and Soldiers Medal** is awarded for distinguishing oneself by heroism not involving actual conflict with an enemy – Edward Louis Clark, Marine Corps; and Rudolph Kosechequetah, Army Vietnam War.



Courtesy Photo

### Rudolph Kosechequetah

**Bronze Star with/Valor Device** is a US decoration for heroic achievement or service, the V or Valor Device indicates it is awarded for Valor in combat against an armed enemy force – Cloyce Choney (2), Army Vietnam War; Raymond Portillo, Marine Corps World War II; Jimmy Looking Glass, Marine Corps Vietnam War; Johnny Tiddark, Army Vietnam War; Brown Yackeyonny Lightfoot, Army Vietnam War; Kenneth Hernasy, Army Vietnam War; Lawrence Kassaravoid, Army Vietnam War; Ronald Parker, Army Vietnam War; and Richard Ortiz, Vietnam War.



Courtesy Photo

### Cloyce Choney

**Commendation Medal with/Valor Device** is awarded for heroism against an armed enemy of the United States when the V or Valor Device is attached – Edward Louis Clark, Marine Corps Korean War; Philip Rogers Jr, Marine Corps Vietnam War; Amos Makes Cry, Army Vietnam War; Brown Yackeyonny Lightfoot, Army Vietnam War; Lawrence Kassaravoid, Army Vietnam War; and Kristopher Wermly, Army Afghanistan War.



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### Lawrence Kassaravoid Decorated three times for heroism

**Achievement Medal with/Valor Device** is awarded for sustained heroism in combat – Leland Parker, Marine Corps Vietnam War; Lewis Chasenah, Marine Corps Vietnam War; Joshua Ware (posthumously), Marine Corps Iraqi War; and Lindsey Huston Griner, Marine Corps Iraqi War.



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### Lindsey Huston Griner Only Comanche woman decorated for heroism.



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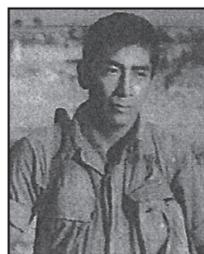
### Joseph Plata

**Belgium War Cross** awarded by the government of Belgium for acts of bravery – Calvin Atchavit, Army World War I.



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### Belgium War Cross



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### Brown Y. Lightfoot Decorated three times for heroism.

**Fought and killed the enemy in hand to hand fighting** – Edmond Mahseet, Marine Corps Vietnam War and Ronald Mahsetky, Marine Corps Vietnam War. Information documented in the book "Youngblood, A History of the 1st Battalion, 27th Marines".



Courtesy Photo

### Edmond Mahseet

**Comanches that have earned Distinguished Service and significant civilian awards**

**Defense Superior Service Medal** is awarded for superior meritorious service in a position of significant responsibility – Jonathon George, Air Force.

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Courtesy Photo

**Jonathon George**

**Legion of Merit** is awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements – Jonathon George (4), Air Force; Lanny Asepermy, Army; William Clark Southard, Army; Kyle Smith, Army; and Gerald Woommavovah, Army Reserve.



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**Kyle Smith**

**Purple Heart:** Is awarded to individuals for combat wounds or individuals killed in action, died of combat wounds, died in captivity or declared dead while missing in action.

63 Comanches have been awarded the Purple Heart including 13 posthumously. Eight Purple Hearts were awarded during World War I, 27 during World War II, three during the Korean War, 20 during the Vietnam War and three during the Iraq War. Six individuals were twice-wounded – Floyd Paddyaker (WWII), Meech Tahsequah (WWII), Larry Saupitty (WWII), Cloyce Choney (Vietnam), Otto Tonips (Vietnam) and Charles Eatmon (Iraq).



Courtesy Photo

**Purple Heart Medal**

**Congressional Gold Medal (CGM):** This is an award bestowed by the Congress of the United States to twenty-two Comanches that served as Code Talkers during World War I (5) and World War II (17). Along with the Presidential Medal of Freedom it is the highest civilian award of the United States. It is awarded to “persons or groups who have performed an achievement to be recognized as a major achievement in the recipient’s field long after the achievement.”

The first CGM was awarded to George Washington in 1776. The Code Talkers were the 140th recipient of the CGM. The World War I Code Talkers are Calvin Atchavit; George Clark; Gilbert Conwoop; Edward Nahquaddy Sr; and Samuel Tabbytosavit. The World War II Code Talkers are Charles Chibitty; Haddon Codynah; Robert Holder; Forrest Kassanavoid; Wellington Mihecoy; Edward Nahquaddy Jr; Perry Noyobad; Clifford Otitivo Sr; Simmons Parker; Melvin Permansu; Elgin Red Elk Sr; Roderick Red Elk; Larry Saupitty; Anthony Tabbytyte; Morris Sunrise Tabbyyetchy; Ralph Wahnee; and Willis Yackeschi.



Courtesy Photo

**Congressional Gold Medal**

**Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Shield of Bravery:** Awarded by the FBI for brave and courageous acts in the line of duty: Cloyce Choney.



Courtesy Photo

**FBI Shield of Bravery**

**Knowlton Medal:** recognizes individuals who have contributed significantly to the promotion of military intelligence in ways that stand out in the eyes of the recipients, their superiors, subordinates and peers. Charles Chibitty.



Courtesy Photo

**Knowlton Medal**

**Comanches that have fought in three wars;** Calvin Pohawpatchoko (1925-79), World War II (landed on Omaha Beach), Korean and Vietnam Wars; George Hunt (1922-2007), World War II (USMC), Korean and Vietnam Wars; and John B. McClung, Gulf, Afghanistan and Iraqi Wars.



Courtesy Photo

**Calvin Pohawpatchoko Sr.**

**Comanche World War I veterans:** 62 Comanches served during World War I (1917-18) including 23 that served in France, Germany, Italy and England of which eight were wounded in action. The last living World War I Comanche veteran was Lawrence Bruce Tomah (December 17, 1890 – August 12, 1989, 99 years old).



Courtesy Photo

**Lawrence Bruce Tomah**

**Living Comanche World War II veterans:** 218 Comanches served during World War II (1941-45). Six Comanches were killed in action (Johnnie Rivas on June 6, 1944, at age 22 years, Melvin Myers on June 14, 1944, at age 28 years, Eli Hosetosavit on August 1, 1944, at age 25 years, Ben Trevino on August 3, 1944, at age 21 years, Thomas Chockpoyah Jr on August 7, 1944, at age 20 years and Gilbert Vidana on September 16, 1944); two died of combat wounds (Henry Kosechata on May 1, 1945, at age 30 years and Henry Conwoop on May

3, 1945, at age 23 years) and 20 others were wounded in action. Only two World War II veterans are alive today - Leroy Esadooah is the oldest living World War II veteran, he was born on August 25, 1992 (98 years old) and Thurman Ray Tahsuda born on July 4, 1926 (94 years old), both served in the Europe.



Courtesy Photo

**Leroy Esadooah**

**Living Comanche Korean War veterans that served “on the ground or on a naval vessel off the coast of Korea, in the Sea of Japan, in direct support” of the war:** 143 Comanches served during the Korean War from 1950-53. One Comanche died in captivity, Dennis Karty (October 8, 1931 – March 30, 1952, at age 20 years) and another is missing in action to this day, Meech Tahsequah (October, 27, 1918 – February 28, 1954, at age 35 years). Three others were wounded in action. Only six are alive today - Johnny Brown is the oldest living Korean War veteran. He was born September 12, 1929, (91 years old); Bobby Tomah was born on January 30, 1930, (90 years old); Vernon Chockpoyah Sr., date of birth not known is about 90 years old; Billy Joe Wermly was born on May 25, 1931, (89 years old); Jimmy Caddo was born on September 16, 1932, (88 years old); and Gardner Pewewardy was born on February 22, 1933, (87 years old).



Courtesy Photo

**Johnny Brown**

**Living Vietnam War veterans that served “in-country or on a naval vessel, off the coast of Vietnam, in the Gulf of Tonkin, in direct support” of the war:** There are about 78 living Vietnam War veterans that served in Vietnam from 1962-73. Two Comanches were killed in action, Russell Pesewonit on July 22, 1966, at age 19 years and Robert Pahchecha on October 22, 1968, at age 22 years. 18 others were wounded in action. The oldest living Vietnam War veteran is Jimmy Caddo who turned 88 on September 16.



Courtesy Photo

**Jimmy Caddo**

**Gulf, Iraqi and Afghanistan Wars:** About 211 Comanches served during these three wars. One Comanche was killed in Action in Iraq, Joshua Ware, on November 16, 2005, and one other was twice-wounded in action. The oldest living veteran from these three wars may be Clyde Narcomey who is about 76 years old.



Courtesy Photo

**Joshua Jerald Ware**

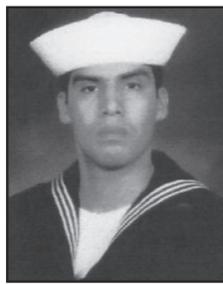
**Comanche Prisoners of War:** Seven Comanches have been Prisoners of War. They are Bruce Klinekole World War II; Myers Wahnee World War II; Inman Gooday World War II; Samuel “Doc” Pewewardy Jr World War II; Dennis Karty Korean War; Meech Tahsequah Korean War.



Courtesy Photo

**Bruce Klinekole POW for 1,242 days**

Comanches that died while on active duty (non-hostile): Seven Comanches have died while on active duty. They are Teddy Tahsuda (1943) in a hotel fire; Forrest Sunrise (1944) in a training accident; Chester Tieyah (1950) in a military vehicle accident; Wendell Weryackewe (1954) not known; Elbert Vidana (1955) in auto accident; Anthony Tahsequah (1983) in auto accident; William Kerchee (2007) by a drunk driver.



Courtesy Photo

**William Kerchee**

**Comanche General Officers (0-7):** Brigadier General (one-star) Jonathon George, Air Force.

**Comanche Colonels (0-6):** Raymond Portillo, Marine Corps.



Courtesy Photo

**Raymond Portillo**

**Comanche Lieutenant Colonels (0-5):** See Gerald Woommavovah article. Three Lieutenant Colonels have served in the Army; two each in the Air Force and Army Reserve; one in the Marine Corps, Army National Guard and Air National Guard. Two are women.



Courtesy Photo

**Richard Martinez TX Army National Guard**

**Comanche Chief Warrant Officer 4:** Edward Yellowfish, Army.



Courtesy Photo

**Edward Yellowfish**

**Comanche Enlisted E-9 Grade:** Lanny Asepermy, Army Sergeant Major; Rudolph Kosechequetah, Army Sergeant Major; James Saryerwinnie, Navy Master Chief Avionics Technician; and Randall Eckiwadah, Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant. The highest enlisted grade earned by a Comanche woman veteran is Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) by Donna Harris.



Courtesy Photo

**James Saryerwinnie**



Courtesy Photo

**Donna Harris**

**Comanche “Green Berets” and Navy SEAL:** Sam Pahdopony (Navy SEAL); Wilbur “Duke” Ellis Red Elk; Cloyce Choney; Johnny Tiddark; Kenneth Hernasy; Patrick Craig; and Michael Squire.



Courtesy Photo

**Johnny Tiddark**

**Comanche Combat Medics and Navy Corpsman:** Ben Trevino, World War II (Killed in Action); Samuel Chahtinneyackque, World War II; William Mihecoy (Navy Corpsman, Korean War); Lonnie Komahcheet, Vietnam War; Kenneth Hernasy, Vietnam War; Michael Squire, Afghanistan War; Joseph Gonzalez, Afghanistan War; and Gregory Cole, Afghanistan War.



Courtesy Photo

**Ben Trevino**

**Comanche West Point, Naval and Air Force Academy graduates:** George Harrington (Class of 1978) and Jennifer Burns (Class of 2010), West Point; Lawrence (Class of 2000) and Lamoni Yazzie (Class of 2002), Air Force

**Academy; Lance Whitewolf (Class of 1992), Naval Academy.**



Courtesy Photo

**Lawrence and Lamoni Yazzie**

**Comanches inducted into the OK Military Hall of Fame:** Charles Chibitty, 2002; World War II Comanche Code Talkers that served overseas – Charles Chibitty; Haddon Codynah; Robert Holder; Forrest Kassanavoid; Wellington Mihecoy; Perry Noyobad; Clifford Otitivo Sr; Simmons Parker; Melvin Permansu; Elgin and Roderick Red Elk; Larry Saupitty; Morris Sunrise Tabbyyetchy; and Willis Yackeschi in 2011; George Red Elk, 2011; and Cloyce Choney, 2020.



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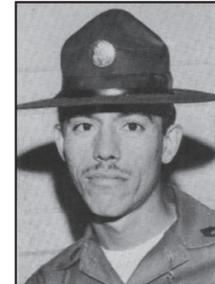
**George Red Elk**



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**Lanny Asepermy**



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# People, Places and Things Happening



## Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian To Open National Native American Veterans Memorial

The National Museum of the American Indian will open the new National Native American Veterans Memorial Wednesday, Nov. 11. The moment will be marked with a short virtual message to honor the service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families. The message will be on both the museum's website and its YouTube channel.

"The National Native American Veterans Memorial will serve as a reminder to the nation and the world of the service and sacrifice of Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian veterans," said Kevin Gover, director of the museum. "Native Americans have always answered the call to serve, and this memorial is a fitting tribute to their patriotism and deep commitment to this country."

The memorial, which sits on the grounds of the museum, was commissioned by Congress to give "all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States." Native Americans have served in every major military conflict in the U.S. since the Revolutionary War. This will be the first national landmark in Washington, D.C., to focus on the contributions of American Indians,

Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the military. The memorial design is by Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), a multimedia artist, retired forensic artist and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. The design features an elevated stainless steel circle resting on a carved stone drum. It also incorporates water for sacred ceremonies, benches for gatherings and four lances where veterans, family members, tribal leaders and others can tie cloths for prayers and healing. The museum planned to host a dedication ceremony and veterans' procession to mark the memorial's completion but postponed those events due to current health and safety guidelines. The museum will re-schedule both events when it is safe to do so.

Major support for the National Native American Veterans Memorial has been provided by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; Chickasaw Nation; Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies; Poarch Band of Creek Indians; San Manuel Band of Mission Indians; and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community. The memorial has also been widely supported by tribal governments and tribal veterans organizations. More than 85 tribes, individuals, corporations and other organizations have contributed to the memorial.

## EPA Approves Oklahoma Regulatory Control Over 'Restored' Tribal Land

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**EDITOR'S NOTE: The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Programs, (CNOEP) has Treatment-As-State (TAS) for the Clean Water Act (CWA) Grant, which helps operate the programs, according to Christina Cooper, CNOEP Director.**

In the wake of *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is granting the State of Oklahoma certain environmental regulatory authority over Indian Country within the state. In a letter from EPA Administrator Wheeler, released by EPA on October 1, 2020 (EPA Letter), the EPA granted Governor Stitt's request to administer federal environmental regulatory programs, including various portions of RCRA, CAA, CWA, SDWA, FIFRA, and TSCA. While the EPA Letter recognized "that, typically, in the absence of express authorization from Congress states do not have jurisdiction in Indian country to implement regulatory programs under the federal environmental laws administered by EPA," that Section 10211(a) of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act of 2005: A Legacy for Users, Pub. Law 109-59, 199 Stat. 1144, 1937 (August 10, 2005) ("SAFETEA") required EPA's approval of Oklahoma's request. SAFETEA Section 10211 was a last-minute rider on the large transportation bill, sponsored by Senator Inhofe and passed over the objection of many Oklahoma Tribes. The legislation creates a special grant of authority for the state of Oklahoma over Indian Country with-

in the state and specifically mandates that EPA grant any request by Oklahoma to administer federal environmental regulations in Indian Country "without any further demonstration of authority by the state."

Governor Stitt's requested EPA's approval for state jurisdiction less than a month after the U.S. Supreme Court's historic decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, which upheld the Treaty boundaries of the Muscogee Creek Nation and recognized that Indian Country in Oklahoma included a large area that Oklahoma state officials had long considered (and regulated as) no longer Indian lands. The *McGirt* decision raises many jurisdictional questions surrounding the use and control of lands that were granted to five Oklahoma Tribes via Treaty, including the Muskogee (Creek) Nation, the Cherokee Nation, the Chickasaw Nation, Choctaw Nation, and Seminole Nation. These lands make up the Eastern half of the state of Oklahoma. EPA's grant was hailed by some as a necessary step to clarify regulatory requirements within these areas, specifically by many energy companies with significant operations there. However, each of the Oklahoma Tribal Nations affected by the grant oppose the action.

### WHAT'S NEXT?

Potential litigation could challenge EPA's grant of authority to the State of Oklahoma and delay the state assuming regulatory control. Legal challenges would likely center on claims regarding the sufficiency of EPA's Tribal Consultation. Pursuant to Executive Order 13175, the EPA is obligated to engage in

government-to-government consultation with affected Tribes prior to approval. Additionally, EPA's Policy on Consultation and Coordination with Indian Tribes establishes various, requisite milestones for the Agency's consultation process. Litigation to review whether and how EPA complied with its consultation obligations and milestones could delay the state's assumption of environmental regulatory authority. Other legal claims could include whether EPA exceeded its authority under SAFETEA, and specifically the implications of *McGirt* on the geographic scope of EPA's approval.

The upcoming election could also complicate EPA's grant of authority to the state of Oklahoma. A Biden administration could seek to reverse course or delay implementation to allow for more robust consultation and engagement with Oklahoma Tribes.

Additionally, the EPA Letter may encourage Oklahoma Tribes to seek Treatment as a State under various federal environmental laws, which would reinstate Tribal environmental jurisdiction. Under the SAFETEA Act of 2005, Oklahoma tribes are still able to receive "Treatment as a State" (TAS) by the EPA to administer federal environmental programs, but provides that all TAS requests are subject to review and approval by the EPA Administrator and a cooperative agreement with the State of Oklahoma and its relevant agency.

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## 3rd Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day in Lawton, Oklahoma Brings Hundreds to Celebrate

Submitted by Dr. Cornel Pewewardy/Indigenous People's Day Committee

This year, the Indigenous Peoples' Day planning committee confronted COVID-19 like everybody else and had to curtail most of their events. However, they were proud to sponsor a gourd dance last month on the lands of the Tah-hoohanip-pah family. This year's Indigenous Peoples' Day marked their 3rd anniversary in the City of Lawton.

Because of COVID-19 this year, there were only two outdoor venues. On Monday, October 12, the ceremonial opening was located at the Lawton City Hall, with Mayor Stan Booker presenting the 3rd Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation. Honor songs were sung, while the Apache Veterans Warrior Society brought in the flags. Comanche Princesses Rita Monoessy and Jr. princess Angelina Steinmeyer performed the Lord's Prayer. Julian Guerrero was the keynote speaker.

The afternoon venue was located at Elmer Thomas Park, where Anita L. Johnson (Kiowa citizen) was awarded the Golden Eagle Trophy for the Lifetime Achievement Award given to a local Elder for their lifetime contribution to the city of Lawton.

A community feast wrapped up the day's events.



Kiowa Tribal Elder, Anita Johnson and Comanche Nation Elder, Rose Naudi, visit at Elmer Thomas Park, during the 3rd Annual Indigenous People's Day Celebration. Johnson was awarded the Golden Eagle Trophy for the Lifetime Achievement Award given to a local Elder for their lifetime contribution to the city of Lawton.



The 2020 Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, left, and the 2020 Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Angelena Steinmeyer, far right, takes a photo with the Lawton, City Mayor, Stan Booker, following the 3rd Annual Indigenous People's Day Morning Ceremony the morning of October 12, at the Lawton City Hall.



Indigenous People's Day spectators gather at the East Pavilion of Elmer Thomas Park for the many afternoon activities which included a presentation by Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, coordinator of Lawton's Indigenous People's Day, and Heather Towie, and Keynote Speaker, Julian Guerrero.



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# Obituaries

## Theodore Niedo



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### Niedo

Theodore Niedo, 86, of Cache went to his heavenly home on September 16, at his home with his loving family by his side.

Graveside service was September 21, at Deyo Mission Cemetery with Lloyd Heminokey officiating.

Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Visitation was on September 20, at the funeral home.

The family had a time of reminiscing and family fellowship for Niedo starting on September 20, at the family home in Cache.

Niedo was born July 26, 1934, in Lawton to Menno Niedo and Martha Lookingglass Codynah. He grew up around Cyril and Indianhoma. He worked as a presser for Delux Cleaners and Handy's Cleaners. He also worked as a roofer for Comanche Roofing, Brox Roofing and Ford Roofing.

He married Lydia Pekah on March 30, 1953, in Lawton. They made their home in Cache and raised their family. He was an Avid OU Sooners football fan and loved talking politics. He was a proud full blood member of the Comanche Nation.

Niedo is survived by: four daughter and spouses: Zenia Niedo of Lawton, Fedora V. Correa and Nilio, Martheia M. Niedo, Melanie Cossio and Jesus all of Cache; son wife Theo Niedo and Melisa of Lawton; sister Laura Lawson of Cyril; 27 grand kids, 56 great grand kids, 16 great great grand kids, other family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by: his loving wife Lydia; son Malcolm, daughter Elvira; parents: Martha and Menno; grandson Taylor Niedo; niece Charlotte Key; brothers: Michael Niedo Sr., Calvert Codynah and Lans Saupitty; two great grandsons: Timothy Niedo and Josiah Correa; nephew Michael Niedo Jr.

## Fagan Arnold Morris



Courtesy Photo

### Morris

Fagan Arnold Morris, 55, of Muskogee went to his heavenly home on October 12, with his loving family by his side.

Graveside service was October 17, at Indianhoma IOOF Cemetery with James Ikner officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Morris was born January 23, 1965, in Lawton to Bill and Mary Ellen (Tahchawwickah) Morris. He grew up and graduated from Indianhoma High School in 1983.

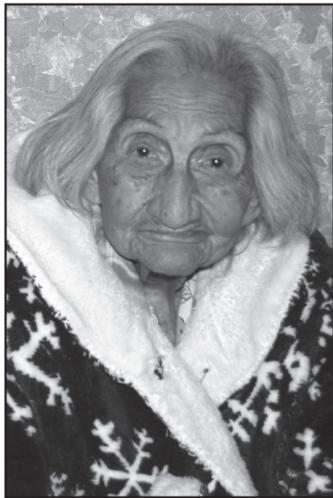
He was a proud member of

the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He enjoyed ride around the countryside, fishing, driving tractors, operating his trackhoe, Coors Original and most of all driving his semi.

Morris is survived by: three daughters and son in laws: Briana and Josh Wilson of Gilbert, Az., Aubrey and Kevin Beckman of Elgin and Emily Morris of Muskogee; grand kids: Aubriana, Garrett, Madison, Ayven, Kellen, Kyann and Kylan; Fiance: Angie Mckeen; her children: Kendra, Hailey and Kayden; her grand kids: Ryder, Lane and Carsyn; sisters and brother in laws: Janice Cartwright of Tulsa, Amelia Sipe of Shattuck, Donzetta Ikner of Indianhoma, Marcy and Ben Johanson of Claremore, and Karen Mattia of Claremore; three aunts: Velma Kimble, Rose Nauni and Peggy Tahchawwickah; uncle Pete Coffey Jr.

He is preceded in death by: parents Bill and Mary Ellen (Tahchawwickah) Morris; siblings: Armand Burgess, Curtis Burgess, Roberta Rosemark, and Gayla Caulson; aunts and uncles: Margarita and Baldwin Parker, Nataniel and Vida Woommavovah, Helen and Bert Cable, Nick Tahchawwickah, Allen Tahchawwickah, Sarah Tahah and Harry Wauahdooh

## Inez Pearl (Gooday) Motah



Courtesy Photo

### Motah

Inez Pearl (Gooday) Motah, 101, went to her heavenly reward on October 17, in Lawton.

Graveside service was October 21, at Highland Cemetery with Pastor Mathew Asetamy officiating. Burial was under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Motah was born August 5, 1919, in the country near Apache to Robert and Mary (Wallace) Gooday. She attended and graduated from Apache High School. After graduation she was a Blue Bird, housekeeping and was a LPN at the Lawton Indian Hospital. Motah worked at the Lawton Indian Hospital for 52 years. Inez went to Washington D.C. to receive her certificate for 52 years of service. Motah worked for 38 years at the Indian Hospital in the OB ward. She helped with the delivery of very many babies born at the Indian Hospital.

Motah enjoyed going to the powwows, playing handgames, church, going to the movies, spending time with her family and friends. She loved going to the potluck dinners. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and was also of Fort Sill Apache Decent.

She is survived by: two daughters: Letitia DeStefano and Verna Motah both of Lawton; grandchildren Terrance Lascano and Jackie DeStefano husband Richard Saupitty; great grandchildren: Richard Saupitty II, Cassandra Saupitty, Ashton Lascano, Christian Lascano, Aryonna Saupitty, Nicholas Lascano; great great grandchildren: Valencia Saupitty, Siena Saupitty, Giuliana Saupitty; great great grandchild Kaiden Kukurich.

She is preceded in death by: husband Harry Motah; daughter, Harriet Motah, grandson Harry Lascano; parents Robert and Mary Gooday; nine brothers and sisters; grandparent

Talbert and Bessie Gooday Sr. son in law Gary Jones.

## James "Jim" Robert Coffey



Courtesy Photo

### Coffey

James "Jim" Robert Coffey, of Dewey, Oklahoma, passed away on October 17.

Coffey was half Delaware and half Comanche. Coffey was born February 18, 1952, to Cheevers and Rosetta (Jackson) Coffey.

Coffey was raised in Lawton and Tulsa, Oklahoma. He then moved to Lawrence, Kansas, where he graduated from Lawrence High School in 1970. He then attended Okmulgee Technical College and graduated as an electrician. Coffey was later employed by the Natural Gas Pipeline Company in Lawrence, Kansas.

Coffey loved to bowl, play fast pitch softball and even gave his hat to the rodeo arena, for a good ride. His most precious memories included traveling the United States, to attend many pow-wows and dance with the best in his bustles.

Coffey loved to tease, play tag, and create his own games. He started a club with all his great-grand nephews and nieces which cost them a quarter to join. They had no idea what to expect, but Coffey always had something special planned for them.

Coffey is preceded in death by his parents Cheevers and Rosetta Coffey; brother, Marvin "Rusty" Coffey; and his sister, Paulette Coffey-Tallchief.

Coffey is survived by his wife, Marilyn Coffey of Dewey; son, Jacob Coffey and one granddaughter, Danie Belle Coffey, both of Bartlesville; brothers: Jesse "Sonny" Coffey of Cache and Charles Eckroat; nieces Susan Hartman, Robin Coffey-Hopkins, Carrie Coffey, Angie Goodfox, Janet Work, Kristie Coffey and nephews Rusty Coffey, Marty Thurman, Jesse, Jr. and Nick Wahpepah. Coffey left behind fifteen great-grand nieces and nephews and four great-great grand nieces and nephews.

Graveside services was October 22, at Deyo Mission Cemetery with Wallace Coffey officiating.

## Jon Allis Clark



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### Clark

Like a meteor burning bright and fast, Jon Allis Clark illuminated our lives with his intense fire. Clark's light flashed out August 1, after a recurrence of lymphoma. He was 70.

Clark was the ninth of eleven children born in Lawton to Clifford Edward Clark and Juanita Terasz Clark. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation; a great-grandson of Quanah Parker and Weakeah. As a young boy, Clark received the name "Ekanape" from his kaku. He was a graduate of Fort Sill Indian

School.

Clark lived in Eugene, Oregon for the past 35 years. He worked as a journeyman painter and carpenter. He fought against hiring inequities and exposed dangerous safety and environmental practices, fearlessly confronting authority and challenging the status quo.

Clark treasured his family, but his love of Sooner football bordered on obsession. He enjoyed pow wows and became a master craftsman of moccasins, fans and bustles. Clark liked to welcome young dancers into the circle and help them assemble regalia.

In 2002, Clark was honored as the head man dancer at the Quanah Parker reunion in Cache. He was inducted into the Comanche Little Ponies that same weekend.

Clark is survived by his wife and sidekick of 37 years, Elaine J. Rhoades; their beloved daughter, Amanda Mary Clark (Joshua Whitelighting); grandsons Quanah Durwin and Victor Marcellus Whitelighting; brothers, Louis, Benjamin, Mark, Clifford and Edward; sisters, Geneva Bishop and Elsie Gale Sanford; Wanda Ann; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, and sisters Mary and Honey.

When travel permits, Clark's ashes will be released atop Mt. Scott. He would not want the family to gather during the pandemic.



## Lois Ruth LeBarre



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### LeBarre

Lois Ruth LeBarre  
Sept. 7, 1938 - June 24, 2020  
Resident of Santa Cruz

Lois Ruth LeBarre, 81, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on June 24, in Santa Cruz, California. LeBarre was born on September 7, 1938, to Bertha Toquhty and Leo LeBarre. She was a native of Oklahoma and was raised in Watsonville, California. LeBarre graduated from Watsonville High School. She worked for Wrigley's Gum Factory for over 30 years in Santa Cruz, California. LeBarre was a fan of Nascar, Elvis, George Strait, Tiger Woods, and Rafa Nadal. She was a member of Star of the Sea Catholic Church.

LeBarre is survived by her sons Robert LeBarre and Peter Ray and daughter Stacy (Todd) Anders; granddaughters Amanda (Carlos) Gemme-Reyes and Mia LeBarre; grandsons Matthew Anders, Josh LeBarre, Christopher (Sokhea) Gemme, Nicholas Gemme, Brandon Anders, and Nico LeBarre; sister Shirley (Jim) Amadon and brother Krandall (Tina Hargrove) Kahrahrhah. Lois is preceded in death by her parents, son David Ray, and brother Ken LeBarre.

A Celebration of Life will be scheduled at a later date.

## I'm Free

*Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free.  
I'm following the God has laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.*

*I could not stay another day,  
To laugh, to love, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I found that peace at the close of the day.*

*If my parting has left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joys.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss,  
Oh year, these things I too will miss.*

*Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.*

*Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
Lift up your hearts and peace to thee.  
God wanted me now; he has set me free.*

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# Milestones

## Happy Belated Birthday

October 6- Anthony Nauni  
 October 29- Aleesia Atauvich  
 October 30- Melia Ramos

## Happy Birthday

November 4- Adalie Grace Marie Knox  
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 November 4- Rosalind Nauni Asetamy  
 November 5- Sweet Laurenzana  
 November 6- Derrick Nauni  
 November 7- Amy Motah-Kennison  
 November 7- Marshall Thomas Taylor (6)  
 November 7- Jamie Josephine  
 November 14- Greg Motah  
 November 15- Bluesky Tosee  
 November 15- Julian Estrada  
 November 20- Danny Nauni  
 November 30- Mariah Wahhahrockah



Happy Birthday Adalie Grace Marie Martinez- November 4



Happy Birthday Sweet Laurenzana November 5



Happy Birthday Amy Motah-Kennison November 7



Happy Birthday Jamie Josephine November 7



Happy Birthday Greg Motah November 14



Happy Birthday Bluesky Tosee November 15



Happy 2nd Birthday Julian "Beans" Estrada November 15



Happy 40th Birthday Robert Komahcheet III- November 23



Happy Birthday Cherry Martinez November 24



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Happy Birthday to our Dad, Richard Gomez We Love You! Your Daughters, Richelle, Janice & Christina

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N8V Generation princess, a happy 13th birthday from all her family and friends!



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## What The New CDC Definition Of A COVID-19 'Close Contact' Means For You

By Lindsay Holmes/Senior Wellness Editor, HuffPost/Published Wed., October 21, 2020, 7:05 PM CDT

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released another new COVID-19 guideline, this time as it pertains to those who are considered in "close contact" with someone who is infected with the coronavirus.

The CDC previously defined close contact as being within 6 feet of someone infected with COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes or more. The updated guidance now defines close contact as being within 6 feet of someone with the virus for a cumulative total of 15 minutes (or more) over a 24-hour period.

The updated guidance came along with a report on Wednesday that examined cases of the virus in a Vermont prison. Health experts found a prison employee was infected with COVID-19 in August after 22 interactions with people who ended up testing positive for the virus later on. The interactions totaled 17 minutes over the course of the employee's shift, and at least one of the asymptomatic individuals infected the employee.

The report stated that the prison worker wore protective gear, including a cloth face mask. The infected individuals also wore masks during most of their interactions, but there were several incidents where they did not. Those interactions took place in a prison cell doorway and a recreation room.

So, aside from this being somewhat alarming (like everything involving COVID-19), what exactly does this new definition mean for us in general? Below is a quick break-

down. The 15-minute mark isn't the be-all, end-all for a COVID-19 infection.

Don't think of this timing as a strict countdown, like Cinderella before midnight. The coronavirus can still be transmitted in a shorter or longer amount of time. The amount or intensity of exposure is what matters here, according to Amesh Adalja, a senior scholar at the Johns Hopkins University Center for Health Security and an infectious disease expert.

"There was nothing ever 'magical' about 15 minutes, that was just what the epidemiology was showing when most transmission occurred," Adalja told HuffPost. "There are instances where a person has multiple contacts that are less than 15 minutes over a course of a day. That puts them at significant risk for contracting the virus."

The new definition will have the biggest effect on areas like schools and offices.

The pool of individuals considered close contacts will get a lot bigger with this new guidance — especially when you consider interactions in schools and businesses, Caitlin Rivers, an epidemiologist at the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security, told The Washington Post.

"It's easy to accumulate 15 minutes in small increments when you spend all day together — a few minutes at the water cooler, a few minutes in the elevator, and so on," Rivers said. "I expect this will result in many more people being identified as close contacts."

Adalja noted that it may be a challenge for workplaces to figure out how this fits in to their day-to-day function. You don't want people to be overly worried and disrupt workflow as a result, and you also don't want to dismiss it and put people at risk.

"I think that is going to be difficult trying to operationalize this," he said. "Because the goal is not to have a self-quarantine reflexively. You want to be able to have only those people who are actually at significant risk self-quarantine. So the challenge is going to be taking that new guidance and determining how it applies to an individual person."

This can impact contact tracing as well.

The new guidance certainly adds a challenge to tracing COVID-19 exposure. The increase of the pool means there's more people to contact and, depending on their level of exposure, more people to request to isolate or quarantine.

"Hopefully the CDC provides further technical guidance to state and local health departments to help them implement this so that when their contact tracers are doing these types of investigations, they have a clear way of learning how to delineate who is a significant exposure versus someone who is not," Adalja said.

Most of all, this underscores the fact that everyone should wear a damn mask.

We keep hearing this advice for a reason: Face masks are essential. Data has repeatedly shown that

wearing one can significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19, and their use is applicable to this new guidance as well.

"If you're wearing a face covering, that's not really considered a significant exposure," Adalja said. In other words, if you're around someone who is sick and you're both wearing masks, it's less of a risk — the 15-minute mark aside.

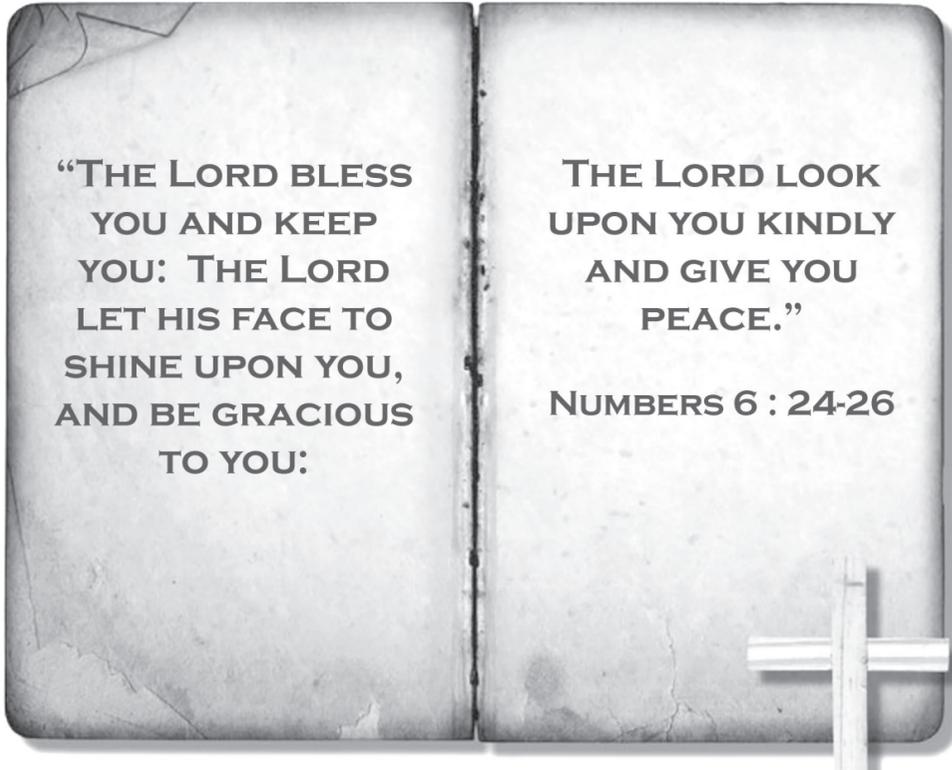
"This emphasizes social distancing and face coverings and the

need to do that," along with avoiding larger crowds and practicing good hand hygiene, Adalja added.

Experts are still learning about COVID-19. The information in this story is what was known or available as of publication, but guidance can change as scientists discover more about the virus. Please check the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for the most updated recommendations.



STATE AWARD. Comanche Nation Transit driver, Mark Marshall, left, placed second in Oklahoma Transit Association's (OTA) Mini Van Driving Category Oct. 22, in Shawnee Okla., during the OTA Annual Conference. Pictured next to Marshall is the director for Comanche Nation Transit, Brian Stillwell.



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# Welcome to Comanche Nation Casino!

## The Opening of Two New Businesses on Oct. 15

Story and Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

On October 15, three new venues were introduced at the Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Okla., these venues are: Comanche Burger Co., War Pony Brewery and Numunu Restaurant.

Comanche Burger Company offers beef, bison and vegetarian burgers, with house made sauces along with shoestring, sidewinder and sweet potato fries for your sides.

War Pony Brewery will be a new favorite spot to grab a beer with friends. The War Pony Brewery offers house made brews including Lords of the Plains IPA, Comanche Moon Lager and Double Down Blonde Ale.

Numunu, which means "The People," in the Comanche language, is a dine-in style restaurant which offers a famous catfish dinner, chicken fried steak sandwiches and several new menu items.

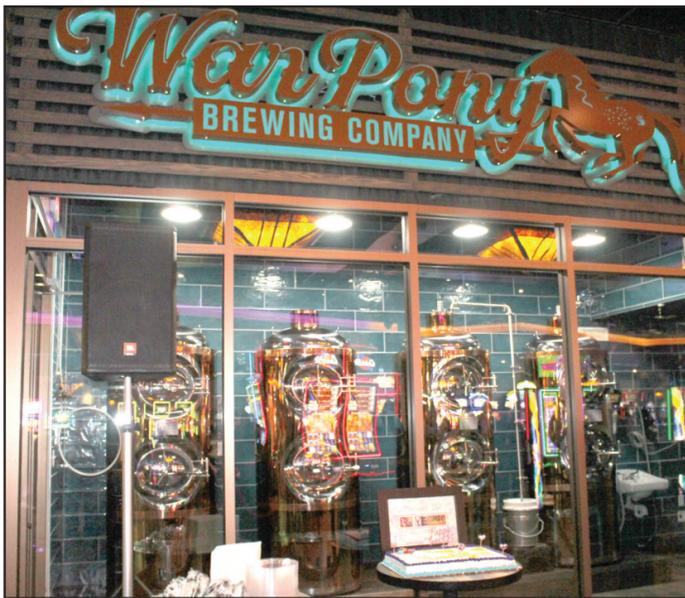
A special greeting from Comanche Nation Chairman, William Nelson Sr., explains how the new venues are a great addition to the Comanche Nation Casino.

Chairman Nelson, also recognized the hard and diligent work of Mia Tahdooahnippah, General Manager, and her dedicated staff, who made these new venues possible for the Comanche Nation.

According to Sally Hollingsworth, Marketing Manager, "Without the help of Brian Weryavah, Director of Food and Beverage, these venues would not be possible."

She added also contributing their help and knowledge towards the new venues were: Tonya Harris, Executive Chef; Tony Nolan, Restaurant Manager; Patrick Sheehan, Brewer and Mellissa Weaver, Beverage Manager.

In a statement from Hollingsworth: "The Comanche Nation Entertainment has been at work since



The War Pony Brewery is located inside the Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Okla.

Coronavirus changed lives and business forever just seven months ago. The Comanche Nation Entertainment has invested one million dollars in upgrading its properties to provide the healthiest and cleanest gaming environments in all of Southwest Oklahoma."

"Comanche Nation Entertainment also invested more than \$100,000 to upgrade the water system in Tillman County, where the Comanche Red River Hotel and Casino are located. All Comanche Casinos are open and operating.

The day's event shows the commitments made to providing the very best gaming, entertainment and dining experiences Lawton has to offer," said Hollingsworth.

A cedar blessing was conducted by Comanche Business Committeeman and tribal elder, June Sovo.

Concluding the ceremony were fancy dancers, Cheyenne Pocowatchit and Tyler Johnson, enlightening the atmosphere with their fancy moves to the beat of the drum.

Door prizes were also given out throughout the evening.



Comanche Nation Chairman, William Nelson Sr., addresses the crowd while pointing at the new War Pony Brewery.



General Manager, Mia Tahdooahnippah, speaks about the new venues and all the precautions that was made to make all Comanche Nation Casinos and Hotel a much safer environment during the pandemic.



Champion Fancy Dancer, Cheyenne Pocowatchit, dances for the crowd during the grand opening of the three new venues at the Comanche Nation Casino on Oct. 15.



Food and Beverage Director, Brian Weryavah, welcomes everyone and talks about the new venues and the work that was put into getting the venues up and running, during the grand opening on Oct. 15, at the Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Okla.



Fancy dancer, Tyler Johnson, shows his moves during the grand opening of the new venues at the Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Okla. on Oct. 15.

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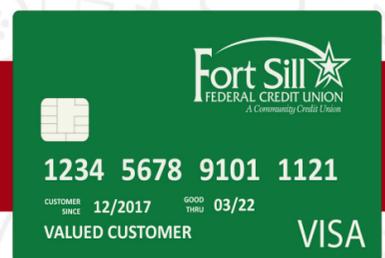
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