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Tribal Departments & Programs Begin a Four-day Work Week Schedule

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

On November 14, 2020, the Comanche Nation Business Committee passed Resolution No. 137-2020, implementing a four-day work week. The work week will comprise of a 40-hour work schedule.

The four-day work week began January 18 for several tribal departments and programs. Departments and programs who have a four-day work week work 7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and will be closed on Friday.

Programs with the former work schedule work 8 a.m. though 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The Comanche Nation Tax Commission will now have the hours of 7 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

FOUR DAY WORK WEEK DEPTS. (7:30 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday)

- Administration
- Anadarko Outreach
- Caregivers
- C.I.P.
- Diabetes
- Enrollment
- E.P.A.
- Finance
- Grants
- Gravel/Tinhorn
- Higher Education
- Historic Preservation
- Human Resources
- I.C.W.
- Injury Prevention
- I.T.
- Maintenance
- N.A.G.P.R.A.
- OKC Outreach
- Optometry
- Prescription Assistance
- Property
- Realty
- Social Services
- Student Services
- Transportation
- Tribal Court
- Vocational Rehab.
- W.I.O.A.
- Youth Program
- Dallas Outreach

RESUMING FORMER SCHEDULE (8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday through Friday)

- Child Care Program
- Elders Center
- Funeral Home
- Transit
- Water park
- C.H.R.
- Child Support
- Museum/Gift Shop
- Assisted Living
- C.R.Y.S.
- F.A.C.
- Law Enforcement
- New Pathways
- Prevention and Recovery
- Reintegration Program
- Food Distribution
- P.I.O.
- Comanche Language

MONDAY-THURSDAY, 7 a.m. - 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday

- Tax Commission

Comanche Nation Breaks Ground for the New Anadarko Outreach Center



Pictured above, not in order; Anadarko City Manager, Kenneth Corn, CIP Director, Louie McCarthy, Anadarko Outreach Director, Charles Wells, Comanche Business Committee Secretary-Treasurer, John Wahnee, Comanche Nation Chairman, William Nelson, Sr., CBC Vice Chairlady, LaNora Parker, Comanche Nation Tribal Administrator, Julia Mantzke, CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, Comanche Realty Director, Stephen Lee, and Comanche Construction LLC Manager, Patrick McClung.



Artistic blueprint of the new Comanche Nation Anadarko Outreach Center coming soon.

Story and Photos by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

On January 12, the Comanche Nation held a ground breaking ceremony for the Anadarko Outreach located at 602 W. Virginia in Anadarko, Okla.

The ceremony began with a prayer by Comanche Vice Chairlady, LaNora Parker. Followed with a welcome by the Comanche Construction LLC, manager, Patrick McClung. McClung expressed his excitement about the Outreach Center. He stated, “We are excited as our company to be here to do this project for our own people.”

William Nelson, Sr., Chairman of the Comanche Nation, explained how the Comanche ancestors made the legacy. “Our legacy is Lords of The

Plains, other then that we needed nobody. We either took it, grabbed it, or we just went on ahead and just said, ‘get behind us.’ This is for our Comanche people. Not only that but we ourselves have to be the ones that have the money, utilize the money, triple down those dollars, and bring those dollars back. This one here is the service to our people of Anadarko.”

The new outreach facility will offer multiple services to tribal members.

Director of Anadarko Outreach, Charles Wells, said “This is a proud moment for our Comanche people. This project has been in the works for more than a decade but I think this is a great point in time for the Comanche

Nation to have built for us here in Anadarko. For the 3,000 tribal members in the area, a lot of the people don’t have transportation to make it to the Lawton Comanche headquarters, so they rely on the outreach center here. This will cut down travel times tremendously. The project will take \$348,000 to build and we should have a open date in about six months.”

The ceremony ended with a prayer by Chairman Nelson, to begin the project.

The Comanche Nation leaders would like to thank all who came out to make this ceremony special.



Chairman, Nelson gets his name written on the shovel that is engraved with the Comanche Construction logo and Comanche Seal, January 12, at the Ground breaking of the Anadarko Outreach Office.

Grasshopper Program Set to Kick-Off In March

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

During the January 22, Comanche Business Committee Continuance Meeting, it was passed unanimously the Comanche Nation Grasshopper Program will be placed under the direction of the Comanche Nation Waterpark.

“It has been long overdue,” said William Nelson Sr., Comanche Nation Chairman. “Safety protocols are in order.”

Dennis Nieto of the Grasshopper Program said they are shooting for the program to begin March 22, and run until October 22, tentatively.

The Grasshopper Program provides lawn mowing services to Comanche Nation members who



Courtesy Photo

qualify. Qualifications for the Grasshopper program are:

- Client must reside in the counties of Comanche, Cotton, Cad-do, Jackson, and Tillman
- Client must be 62 years of age or 100% disabled with legal

documentation.

Nieto said tribal members who have applied and have been a part of the program in the past three years do not have to re-apply.

“We will be calling elders and disabled tribal members who are currently in the Grasshoppers Program to update their information. New applicants can also apply. You must provide a copy of your CDIB, proof of residence, and proof of disability. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer for the season to begin,” said Nieto.

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Comanche Business Committee Closes the COVID-19 CARES Act Program

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

At the January 9, Comanche Business Committee Meeting, a resolution was passed to close the CARES Act .

Chairman Nelson broke down the spending of the \$35,827,392.02 that was given to the Comanche Nation from the U.S Department of Treasury to help the Comanche Nation combat the COVID-19 virus.

“The money was not a revenue replacement,” explained Chairman Nelson. “It was for the enduring pandemic that is still going.”

He explained 86% of the money went to tribal members. A total of 11% was used to distribute the aid to tribal members. A total of 2.5% went to re-opening tribal entities such as the tribal casinos, and making sure they were sanitized and COVID-19 free and safe. A total of .5% went to a CONTRA Account.

Chairman Nelson explained when the funds were exhausted, many tribal members did not get the third round of the CARES Act assistance, but he is hoping U.S President Biden releases more money for COVID-19 relief to tribes.

“December 30, was the cut off,” said Chairman Nelson. “900 tribal members did not get it (the third round of assistance) because all the funds were exhausted. If money is brought down, those 900 will be the priority.”

Nelson thanked Tribal Administrator Mantzke, Emergency Management and members of the Comanche Business Committee for their dedication and work they contributed toward serving tribal members who were effected by the Coronavirus.

Resolution No. 156-2020 was passed unanimously to close the CARES Act Program.

“WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution directs the Comanche Business Committee to be bound by the Comanche Nation Purpose; and WHEREAS, this PURPOSE is defining, establishing and safe guarding the rights, powers and privileges of all enrolled members of this organization. The Business Committee is to improve the educational status of its members and to cooperate with and seek the assistance in carrying out mutual programs to accomplish these purposes by all possible means. The directive is concluded by always promoting the common well-being of the Nation and all of its membership; and WHEREAS, Resolution No. TM-CAP-2020 passed on the 6th day of June, 2020 did fulfil its intent and purpose; and WHEREAS, Resolution No. Resolution No. CECAP-2020 passed on the 6th day of June, 2020 did fulfil its intent and purpose; and WHEREAS, Resolution No. TM-CAP-PHASE II passed on the 29th

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Government

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

Story by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the January 9, 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, John D. Wahnee, conducted Roll Call. A quorum was established with all Comanche Business Committee (CBC) members present except, Committeeman No. 1. June Sovo.

Committeeman No. 2. Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi, began the meeting with the Invocation.

A motion made to approve the minutes of the December, CBC meeting by Committeeman No. 2, Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi. It was seconded by Secretary-Treasurer, John D. Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Resolutions

List No. 154-2020: Enrollment List No. 1184. The applicants have been verified and are eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Committeeman No.3, Alice Kassanavoid makes the motion to approve. Wahnee, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 155-2020: Enrollment List No. 1185. The applicants have been verified and are eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Wahnee, made the motion to approve. Kassanavoid, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 156-2020: Closure of Tribal Members Cares Act Program (TMCAP) and CECAP. Cares Act Round 3, Closed.

Vice Chairlady, LaNora Parker makes the motion to approve. Wahnee, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 157-2020: Rescind Resolution 159-19, which was passed in 2019 to give the Tax Commission \$45,000 for construction to the old Indian Child Welfare building that the Tax Commission was going to potentially move into. The repair was made but the Tax Commission did not move into the ICW building. Therefore, a Rescind was made to Resolution 159-19, to get the \$45,000 back from the Tax Commission so it can be put towards the unpaid Invoice.

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

Due to an emergency a continuation of the January 9, meeting will be held January 22 at 10 a.m. in Watchtaker Hall located at the Comanche Nation Headquarters.

The January 9, 2021 CBC meeting continued on January 22, 2021. The meeting is as follows.

Vice Chairlady, LaNora Parker, conducted Roll Call. A quorum was established with all CBC members present except, June Sovo

and Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi.

Parker, amended the agenda to include Resolutions 158-20, 159-20, 160-20.

Parker, made the motion. Kassanavoid, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Chairman, Nelson stated "The Grasshopper Program is now a Tribal Council Program. The Grasshopper program has moved under the direction of the Comanche Nation Waterpark."

Parker, made the motion. Secretary-Treasurer, Wahnee, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Also, The Comanche Nation Daycares will re-open for business the first week of February.

Kassanavoid, made the motion. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 158-20: Realty. Amend Resolution 26-18. The Resolution 26-18, was passed on February 3, 2018 to acquire two-tracks on Trust land. The CBC has determined it is in the best interest of the Comanche Nation to amend Resolution 26-18, striking the purchase of Comanche track 1076.

Parker, made the motion. Kassanavoid, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 159-20: Realty. Titchauksah.

Parker, made the motion. Kassanavoid, seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/1/1.

List No. 160-20: Rowell Property.

Kassanavoid, made the motion. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/1/1.

List No. 161-20: Tribal Court. Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMSHA) Grant Application.

Wahnee, made the motion. Parker, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m.



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The Comanche Nation Child Support Program (CNCSP) is requesting notice of publication in the February 2021 edition of the Comanche Nation Newspaper for:

**Rudy Earl Ototivo
CNCSP-15-136
Motion to Determine Support
Arrears and Reduce to Judgment**

Under Title 3 of the Comanche Nation Child Support Codes Rule 4 (E(3)) allows for service by publication in instances where the location of the subject of service is unknown, or when the subject of service has been unable to be served by traditional means. The CNCSP is needing the above name(s) to be placed in our upcoming Comanche Nation Newspaper.

CARES ACT

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day of July, 2020 did fulfil its intent and purpose; and WHEREAS, Resolution No. TM-CAP-ROUND (2) passed on the 8th day of August, 2020 did fulfil its intent and purpose; and WHEREAS, Resolution No. TM-CAP-ROUND (3) passed on the 14th day of November, 2020 came close to fulfilling its intent and purpose until all US Treasury funding was exhausted; and WHEREAS, all funding has been exhausted. The Comanche Nation is tasked with the full audit of US Treasury funding given to the Comanche Nation. The Business Committee is very grateful that this was awarded to the Nation. The United States has been hit hardest by this corona virus and treasury funding was indeed needed and utilized by the Comanche Nation Government to the best of its

ability. All funding has been exhausted; and THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Business Committee calls for the closure of these established programs that indeed helped head of household members, distance learning, safety constructs, protection, hazard environments, essential staff, and especially members that personally contracted the virus. The worldwide pandemic is not over. May we all continually endure with safety and lawful guidelines.

The forgoing Resolution was adopted at the monthly Business Committee Meeting held on the 9th day of January, 2021 at the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma by a majority vote of for, 5 against, 0 and 0 abstaining, a legal quorum present. "

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We believe that every beginning is full of opportunities and potential. The launch of our website is a milestone we have worked hard to achieve. We are honored and happy to have you on this journey with us. We know that by working together, we can make 2021 a year of health, happiness and prosperity!

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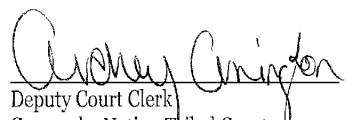
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Programs

Gravel/Tinhorn 2021 Schedule

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

- December 1 – December 31 Applications for Cyril and Fletcher area “January”
- January 1 – January 30 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 30 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 C.D.I.B
 - 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 or concerns, please call the office at (580) 492-3308 Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Museum Gift Shop Announces Valentine’s Drawing

Visit the Comanche National Museum Gift Shop for a chance to win some great prizes just in time for Valentine’s Day! Spend \$50 or more in the gift shop from now until, February 12, 12 p.m., and receive an entry into the Gift Shop’s Cupid’s Drawing.

First prize is a one-night’s stay and dinner for two at the Comanche Red River Hotel Casino in Devol, Oklahoma, compliment of Comanche Nation Entertainment. The second prize is a Cupid’s Gift Basket. Third prize is a Comanche Nation Wall Clock.

Shoppers will receive one entry for every \$50 spent. Call in orders are eligible to participate. Winners will be announced via Facebook Live at 3 p.m. on February 12.

The Gift Shop is located inside the Comanche National Museum at 701 NW Ferris Avenue, Lawton, OK. Hours of operation are Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call the shop at (580) 595-4941.

Green Resolutions for the New Year

The New Year is a time for resolutions that are made to bring about positive changes in your life. This year, the Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Programs make a difference in your community and start off the New Year right by adding some easy green resolutions to your list. Here are several ideas to help you get started from the Comanche Nation Environmental Department.

Reduce your food waste: 40% of food is currently being wasted in the United States. That means wasted resources, time, energy, and money. Reducing your food waste might be as easy as making smaller trips to the store with a clear list in mind, or just storing your food properly to make it last as long as possible.

Ditch the plastic: Approximately 50% of the plastic we use, we use once then throw away. Make 2021 the year you make a conscious effort to bring a reusable bag shopping and a reusable water bottle whenever possible.

Tuck in your computer at night. Turn off your screen saver and cut even more energy that your computer uses by putting it in sleep mode when it isn’t in use.

Clean with green. Clean your home with non-toxic and natural cleaning products. Just about anything can be cleaned with white vinegar, baking soda and a few drops of lemon.

Be good to your vehicle, and it will be good to you. Inflate your tires once a month or as necessary. Replace the air filter and tune up your engine regularly. A new air filter can get you 10 percent more miles per gallon, and a tune-up can boost miles per gallon from 4 percent to 40 percent.

Think globally, buy locally. Buy locally grown food that’s in season. Food that hasn’t traveled thousands of miles to your plate is fresher and tastier, and buying local food drastically cuts down on global-warming pollution.

Don’t be a drip. Fix leaky faucets. A faucet that drips once each second can waste over 8 gallons of water per day and more than 3,000 gallons per year.

Turn dollars into sense. Save on energy consumption and your electric

bill by turning down your thermostat and throwing on your favorite fuzzy pajamas.

Ease up on the pedal. Slowing down from 75 to 65 miles per hour will drop your highway gas consumption by about 15 percent.

Family Assistance Program Shares Information How to Spot Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking

By definition, human trafficking is the act of recruiting, transporting, transferring or keeping and receiving an individual against his or her will. Traffickers, sometimes also known as pimps, use coercion, manipulation, threats of violence and exert financial control over their victims in order to keep them trapped in a lifestyle of being bought and sold. This is why trafficking has been called modern-day slavery.

Globally, there are an estimated 20.9 million victims of forced labor and out of those, 4.5 million individuals are trapped in forced sexual exploitation, according to the International Labor Organization.

Victims often know their perpetrators they can be a spouse, boyfriend or family member meaning human trafficking overlaps with domestic violence on a regular basis. Traffickers also use tactics that abusers use to control survivors such as coercion, threats of violence or outright violence, threats of harm to a survivor’s children or family, gas lighting, alienation from support persons and financial control.

How You Can Spot Trafficking
Listed below are some of the signs from the National Human Trafficking Hotline that may indicate someone is being trafficked. It could be happening in your very own community

and recognizing the signs could save someone’s life.

Working and Living Conditions:
*Is in the commercial sex industry and has someone who manages him or her, such as a pimp

*Was recruited through false promises concerning the nature and conditions of his/her work

*High security measures exist in the work and/or living locations such as boarded up windows, bars on windows, security cameras, etc.

* Is under 18 and is providing sex acts for money or trade

Abnormal Behaviors

*Shows signs of physical and/or sexual abuse, physical restraint, confinement or torture

* Has few or no personal possessions

*Exhibits unusually fearful or anxious behavior after bringing up law enforcement

*Is fearful, anxious, depressed, submissive, tense or nervous/paranoid

* Is not allowed or able to speak for themselves

*Is not in control of his/her own ID or passport.

For additional information on human trafficking and domestic violence contact Comanche Nation Family Assistance Center, Monday through Friday, (580) 492-3590 or call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at (888) 373-7888.

Comanche Nation Offices will be closed February 15 for President’s Day. Offices will re-open February 16 for regular business.

Project Strong Life



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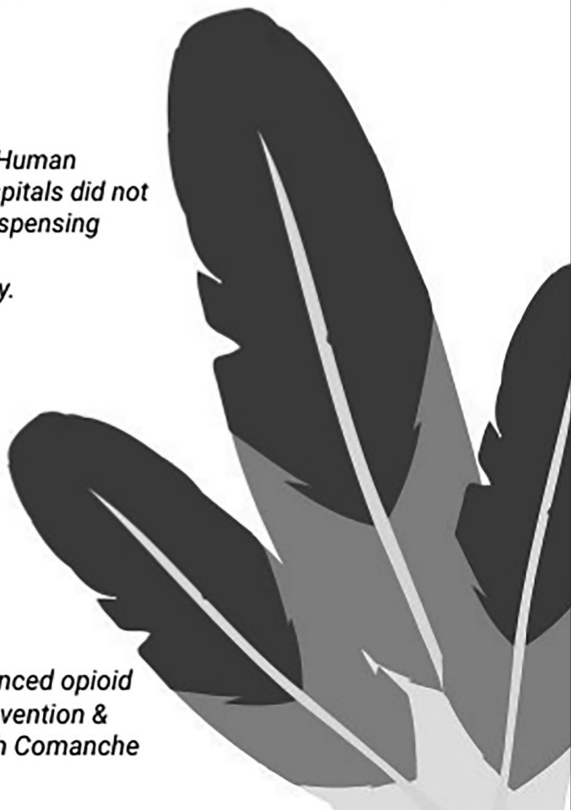
● *Experts say the United States is in the throes of an opioid epidemic. An estimated 10.1 million Americans aged 12 and older misused opioids in 2019, including 9.7 million prescription pain reliever abusers and 745,000 heroin users.*

● *Opioids are drugs formulated to replicate the pain-reducing properties of opium. Prescription painkillers like morphine, oxycodone and hydrocodone are opioids. Illegal drugs like heroin and illicitly made fentanyl are also opioids. The word “opioid” is derived from the word “opium.”*

● *The American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) population is likewise affected by the opioid crisis. According to NSDUH, 5.2 percent (72,000) of AI/AN aged 18 and older reported misusing a prescription drug in the past year and 4.0 percent (56,000) of AI/ANs aged 18 and older reported misusing a prescription pain reliever in the past year.*

● *At least 370 Native Americans in Oklahoma overdosed and died – with a death rate roughly equivalent to that of West Virginia, federal data shows. Experts say the number of deaths for Native Americans is likely to be far higher because they are often mistakenly classified as white on death certificates.*

● *A 2019 audit by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services found that some Indian Health Service hospitals did not follow required procedures when prescribing and dispensing opioids to Native Americans. Drug companies are also to blame, tribal leaders say.*



If you know a child who has been affected by or experienced opioid use in their home; please contact Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery at 580-492-3614 for services available through Comanche Nation Project Strong Life.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR TITLE VI PROGRAMS

There will be a public hearing held in conjunction with the regularly scheduled Walters Board of Education meeting on Thursday, February 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 22 of Walters High School. The purpose of the hearing is to review new or continuing Title VI and Title VIII programs and data regarding the assessment and extent of Indian student participation and progress in the educational programs and services of Walters Public Schools.

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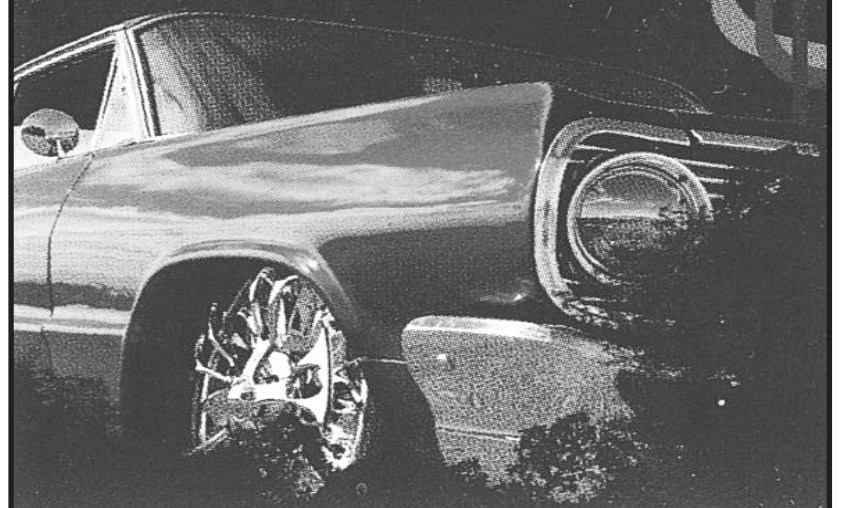
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Culinary Corner

February Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

February 2021 (PositsꞤ MꞤa)						
Sunday PꞤha Tabeni	Monday SꞤmꞤ HabiitꞤ	Tuesday Waha HabiitꞤ	Wednesday Pahi HabiitꞤ	Thursday Hayarokwe HabiitꞤ	Friday Tuhima Tabeni	Saturday TꞤe PꞤha Tabeni
	1 Frederick 1 st Day	2 Frederick 2 nd Day	3 Walters 1 st Day	4 Walters 2 nd Day	5 Cache 1 st Day	6
7	8 Cache 2 nd Day	9 Cache 3 rd Day	10 Cache 4 th Day	11 Lawton 1 st Day	12 TRUCK DAY	13
14	15 CLOSED Presidents' Day	16 Lawton 2 nd Day	17 Lawton 3 rd Day	18 Lawton 4 th Day	19 Lawton 5 th Day	20
21	22 Make-Up Day	23 Make-Up Day	24 Inventory	25 Inventory	26 Inventory	27
28	XOXO		Will you be my Valentine? 		XOXO	

Recipes for Home Cooking

3-Ingredient Chicken and Broccoli Bubble-Up Bake

Ingredients

- 1 Can (16.3 oz) Pillsbury Grands. Flaky Layers refrigerated Original biscuits
- 1 lb. Boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut in 1-inch pieces
- 1 Box (10 oz) frozen broccoli and cheese sauce.

Directions

1. Heat oven to 350°F. Spray 13X9-inch (3 quart) glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray.
2. Separate dough into 8 biscuits; cut each into 8 pieces evenly in baking dish.
3. In 8-inch nonstick skillet, cook chicken over medium-high heat 10 minutes, stirring frequently, until no longer pink in center.
4. Microwave frozen broccoli and cheese sauce as directed on box. Place cooked broccoli with cheese sauce in large bowl. Add cooked chicken; stir to combine.
5. Pour mixture evenly over biscuit pieces in dish. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until biscuits are golden brown. Serve immediately.

Creamy Pesto Shrimp



Ingredients

- 1 pound linguine pasta
- ½ cup butter
- 2 cups heavy cream
- ½ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- ½ cup pesto
- 1 pound large shrimp, peeled and deveined

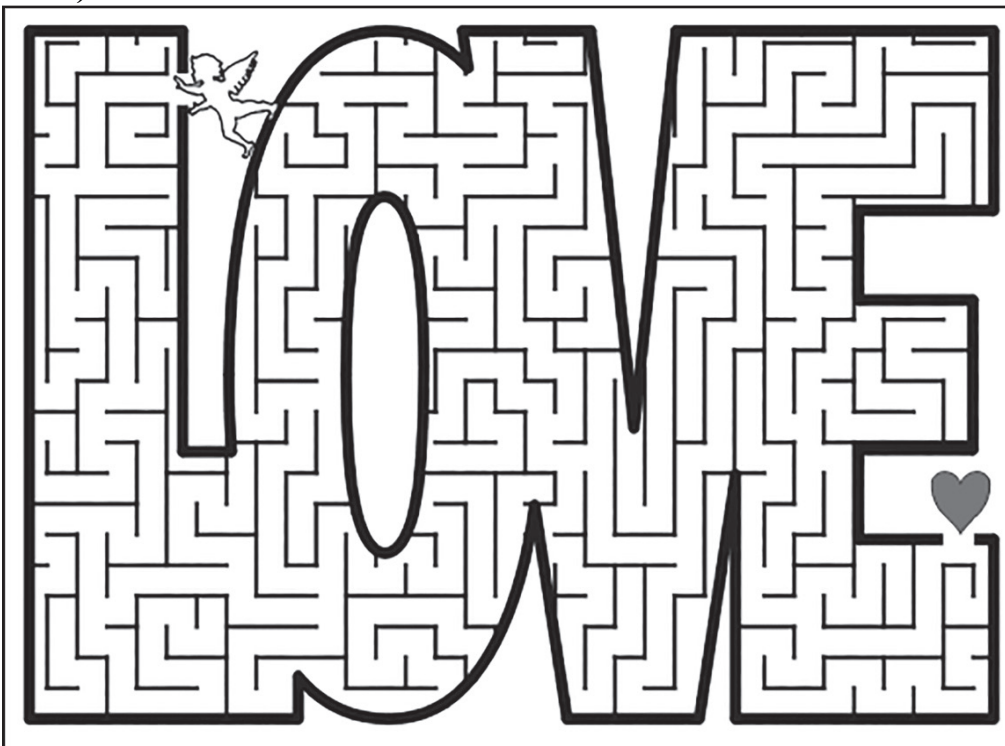
Directions

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add linguine pasta, and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente; drain.
2. In a large skillet, melt the butter over medium heat. Stir in cream, and season with pepper. Cook 6 to 8 minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Stir Parmesan cheese into cream sauce, stirring until thoroughly mixed. Blend in the pesto, and cook for 3 to 5 minutes, until thickened.
4. Stir in the shrimp, and cook until they turn pink, about 5 minutes. Serve over the hot linguine.

Fun Page



Directions: Help Cupid find its way through the Love (kama-kꞤtꞤ) maze to the heart.



Animals in Comanche

Across

5. rabbit
6. wolf
7. buffalo
8. turtle

Down

1. dog
2. bear
3. horse
4. mouse
9. chicken



For assistance use our online dictionary www.webonary.org/comanche

Find the Comanche (NꞤmꞤnꞤ) words in the Word Search below. Words can be found in ALL directions. Good Luck!

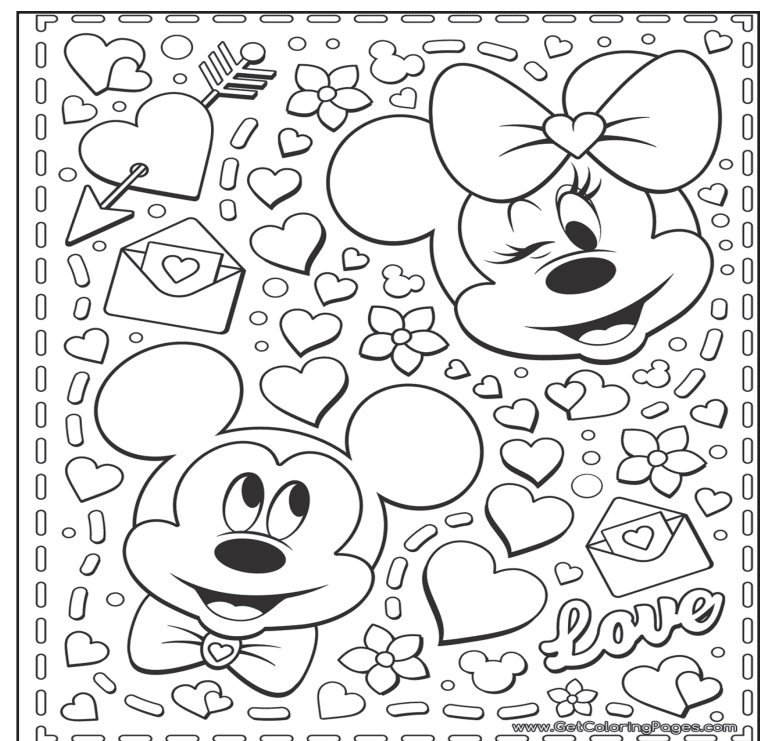


WORD BANK

- LOVE - KAMAKꞤTꞤ
- FEBRUARY - POSITSꞤ MꞤA
- RED HEART - EKA PIHI
- ARROW - PAAKA
- BABY - OHNA?A

WORD BANK

- BLOW A KISS - MUHWITꞤ
- BRIGHT RED- MOHATSꞤKU?EKAPITꞤ
- COOKIES - PINA NOHKOPꞤ
- KISS ME - NꞤ-MUHRAI



Match each day of the week to its correct Comanche (NꞤmꞤnꞤ) spelling.

- Hayarokwe HabiitꞤ
- Tuhima Tabeni
- Waha HabiitꞤ
- Puaha Tabeni
- SꞤmꞤ HabiitꞤ
- Pahi HabiitꞤ
- TꞤe PꞤha Tabeni

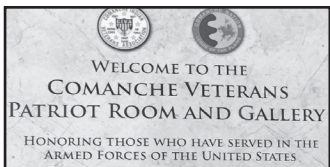
- Monday
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- Sunday

Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

New Patriot Room Photos

On December 1, 14 new or updated photos were added to the Comanche Veterans Patriot Room (formerly known as the Old Conference Room). The room now has the photos of 684 veterans (54% of the known 1,266 Comanche veterans). A few veterans have 2 or 3 photos as there are 760 photos displayed. The photos added are of Curtis Apauty; Robert "Bobby" Pewo; Frank Whitewolf; William Red Elk Jr; Richard Ortiz; Kenneth Sapcut; Robert Tippeconnie; Ron Red Elk; Austin Daly; John Tahah; Dennis Chappabitty; Ellis E. Torralba, Lewis Otipoby and Gillis Miller Jr. Contact Lanny Asepermy at (580) 678-4629, if you would like to add a photo to the Patriot Room—he will scan or copy the photo and return it to you.



Courtesy Photo

The Comanche Veterans Patriot Room and Gallery was established on May 13, 2013, by Lanny Asepermy and George Red Elk.



Courtesy Photo

Ron Parker, pointing to his photo in the Patriot Room.

Yonevea "SISSY" Terry

Long time Auxiliary member and former Auxiliary Leader, Yonevea "Sissy" Terry, passed away on December 5, at the Chickasaw Medical Center in Ada, Okla.

She was born on July 12, 1957, (age 63 years) to Howard Soontay Jr. and Arvillia Sapcut Craig. Her grave side service was on December 9, at the Cache Creek KCA Cemetery west of Apache.

Her mother, Arvillia Craig, and aunts, Georgia Ann Sapcut, Yonevea Sapcut, Rita Coosewoon and Beverly Isaacs and cousins Beth Giles and Tracey Lonzo were, at one time, all active members of the Auxiliary.

The CIVA presented an Auxiliary wreath, roses and a Comanche Nation flag to the family. CIVA attendees were Lanny Asepermy, Ron Parker, Clifford Red Elk and George Red Elk. Asepermy read the obituary for the family.

In May 2014 the CIVA provided a funeral detail for her late husband, Army veteran Thomas Terry.



Courtesy Photo

Yonevea Terry at a Veterans Stand-down in Clinton, Okla., in 2016.

New Photos

On December 5, Lanny Asepermy received a photo from Navy veteran Ellis Edward Torralba.

Torralba served in the Navy from February 28, 1964, to February 27, 1968, earning the rating of Boatswain Mate Third Class. He completed Boot Training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Ill., and was assigned to the USS Springfield (CLG-7) a guided missile cruiser.

The Springfield home port was Villefrance-sur-Mer, France. Its deployments were in the Mediterranean and Atlantic. During his Ports of Call BM3 Torralba visited numerous European and African countries to include Yugoslavia; Italy, Greece; Turkey; Spain, England, Germany, the Czech Republic; Malta; Sweden; Norway; Finland; Algeria; the Netherlands; and Portugal to name a few. He completed his final two years of military service at Naval Center Charleston S.C., with Mineron 10 aboard Minesweep Boat 27 before commanding his own boat with Minesweep Landing 27.

His awards include the Good Conduct and National Defense Service medals and Expert Rifle Qualification ribbon.

His parents are the late Paul "Asetoyer" (1917-82), a WWII Army veteran, and Mary Francis Shirley Torralba (1922-06).

He and his wife, the former Lorene Taylor, reside in Fletcher.

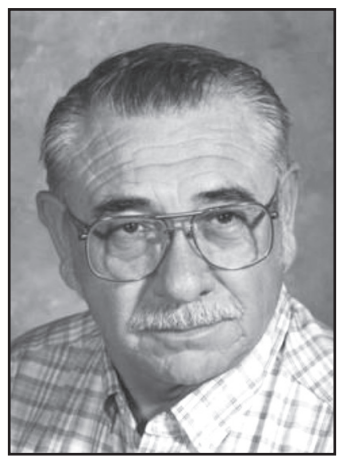


Courtesy Photo

Ellis E. Torralba

Found the following photo of Comanche veteran, Lewis Lee Otipoby on the "find a grave" website. According to records and his obituary Otipoby retired from the Air Force as a Captain after serving from 1954-74. No other military information is available.

He was born on January 8, 1935, and passed away on November 29, 2015, at age 80 years. His final resting place is the Fort Scott National Cemetery, Kan. He is the son of Leonard (1906-82) and Evallee King (1913-84) Otipoby.



Courtesy Photo

Lewis L. Otipoby

Christmas Greetings

On June 26, 2012, the Korea War Veterans Association (KWVA), Chapter 319 led by their Commander and Army retiree, Aaron Boone, dedicated the Korean War Memorial at Elmer Thomas Park

in Lawton. The CIVA provided the Color Guard and Lanny Asepermy was one of the guest speakers for the dedication. Every year thereafter the KWVA has hosted an annual observance of the dedication with the CIVA providing the Color Guard and on occasion a guest speaker.

The names of two Comanches are inscribed on the memorial, CPL Dennis Karty and LtCol Meech Tahsequah. It is truly a fitting memorial to those that served during the Korean War.

In appreciation of the camaraderie between the two organizations, the CIVA have been guests for an annual Christmas dinner sponsored by the KWVA and New Light United Methodist Church located at 5901 SW Lee Blvd. in Lawton since 2012.

The New Light UMC congregation is made up of mostly Korean-Americans of which many were born in the Republic of Korea.

Due to the COVID-19 guidelines the 2020 dinner was cancelled, however, the spirit of the dinner continued as CIVA members were provided with a box meal and gift to celebrate Christmas by members of the New Light UMC. The meal and gift were distributed by a drive-thru at the church on December 12.



Courtesy Photo

The ladies of the New Light UMC and one member of the KWVA preparing to issue box meals and gift packages.



Courtesy Photo

Korean War Observance on June 25, 2014, at the Korean War Memorial. Left to right: Roger Tehauno; the late Stanton Pewewardy; the late Jack Codopony Sr; the late Kenneth Karty; former CIVA Princess Lauren Noriega, her niece; Aaron Boone; Benny Tahmahkera; the late George Karty Sr; Jimmy Caddo; Jose Gallegos; and George Red Elk.

American Legion Post 6

On January 21, American Legion Post 6 was dedicated at 1310 NW 47th Street, in Lawton. The new Post was named in honor of LtCol Meech Tahsequah. The Adjutant of the Post is Bob Medina, a retired Navy Hospital Corpsman (HMC E-7) and owner of Aztec Eagle Business Solutions in Lawton.

Medina is the person responsible for the charter and name selection of the Post. More information in the March edition of TCNN on the dedication



Courtesy Photo

Bob Medina

Did You Know

On March 22, 1949, the American Indian Veterans Association (AIVA) was chartered as an Oklahoma Domestic Not For-Profit Corporation. The Registered Agent on file is Robert Chaat Jr. (1922-04). Other principals were Clifford Otitivo Sr. (1920-80) and Stacy Pahdopony (1923-88). The corporation is no longer active but still in existence.



Courtesy Photo

Charles Chibitty (1921-05) and his mother, Dana (1896-89), in a photo taken in 1952 during Comanche Homecoming. Note the AIVA emblem.

Comanches and the Navy



Courtesy Photo

One of many Navy logos

The CIVA Master List of veterans has the names of 1,266 Comanches that served in the military of which 215 served in the Navy, Navy Reserve or WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service).

The U.S. Navy was founded on October 13, 1775, and is the maritime branch of the Armed Forces. Their motto is "Semper Fortis - Always Courageous."

Comanches that have served in the Navy are: PO2 Samuel Allen; SK2 Danielle Anderson; F1C Curtis Apauty (Korean War); SN Carl Atauvich; SN Deroy Atauvich; OS2 Gene Atauvich; BT3 Vandal Atauvich (Korean War); Paul Attocknie (Vietnam War); William Atwara; FN Clay Bennett (Vietnam War); AN3 Jerry Bennett; SN Paul Bennett; Paula Bennett; BT3 Terrance Bennett; RP1 Terry Bennett (Gulf War); Tech/2C Dan Bigbee Jr; EN3 Dana Birchfield; HM2 Robert Boyt; SN Edward Brace; ABH3 Christopher Brady; Ernest Brewer; IC1/C Aaron Burgess; FN Armand Burgess; SIC Clifford Burgess (Vietnam War); #25 EM3 Willie Burgess.



Courtesy Photo

Carl Atauvich



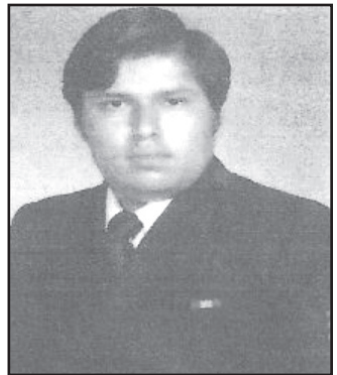
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Terrance Bennett



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Christopher Brady



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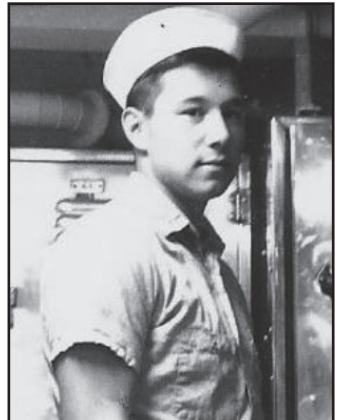
Armand Burgess

SA Herbert Cable; Steven Cable; SH1 Jimmy Caddo (Korean and Vietnam Wars); YNSN Michael Caddo; EM3 Scott Cato (Vietnam War); AAM3/C Edgar Cerday (WWII); SRE4 John Chasenah (WWII); PO2 Anita Chebahtah; PO2 Darien Chebahtah; AZ1 Julian Chebahtah (Vietnam War); Shayne Chebahtah; AMS2 Charles Chemah; SN Clyde Chemah; James Chockpoyah Jr; BUCN Donald Chrismon; SIC Clifford Clark (WWII); Lance Codopony; Bryon Codynah; SN Pete Coffey Jr (Vietnam War); AN3 Tyler Wahnee Connywerdy (Korean War); SN James Conover; David Cox; SCK James Cox; PO2 Jeremy Daniels; #50 EM3 Robert Daniels.



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Michael Caddo



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Scott Cato



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James Cox



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Julian Chebahtah



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Anita Chebahtah



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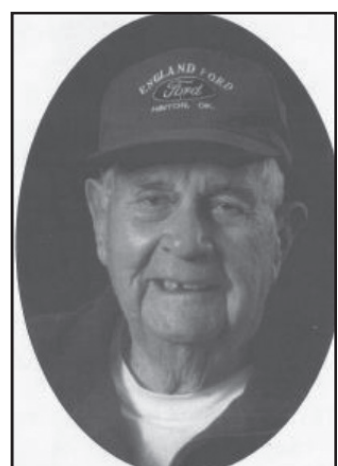
Darien Chebahtah

SN Charles Davis; SH3 Curtis Davis; SN Emmett Davis; SN Eugene Davis; MM3C Jackson Davis (WWII); James Davis; SIC Jesse Davis; SH1C John Davis; Y2C Madison Davis; FN Donald Eckiwaudah; AMAN Ernest Fawbush; SN Jake Galindo (Korean War); FTG-SA Ashley Guydelkon; PO1 James Hardin; SN Stephen Health; HA Donnell Heminokey; SN Phillip Hendrix Jr; GM1C Eugene Heredia (WWII); EM3C Jilton Heredia; EMC1M John Heredia; SR1 Charles Hernasy (WWII); F1C Everett Hernasy; SH3C Gerald Hernasy; AN Ira Hine (Vietnam War); #75 DC3 Christopher Hoosier (Gulf War).



Courtesy Photo

Curtis Davis



Courtesy Photo

Jackson Davis

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Stephan Health



Phillip Hendrix Jr.

Emmett Howry Jr; PO3 Gary Hunter; AN John Hunter; HM3 James Johnson Sr; AA Michael Jones; SKE Jose Karty; YN3 Randolph Karty; HM3 Raymond Karty; F1C William Karty (WWII); YN Lavell Kassanavoid; SN Walter Nahno Kerchee Jr (WWII); FCSN William Kerchee; ACES Donald Kossachony (Vietnam War); SA Edwin R. Komahcheet; SA Woodrow Kopaddy (Korean War); AO2 Lester Kosechata; Russell Kosechata; S2C Glen Kowena (WWII); AMH3 Ludolph Lorentino (Vietnam War); Jessica Mahaffey; S1C Vincent Martinez (WWII); MM3 Roland Mason; GSM1 George McSwain (Gulf War); HM3 Colline Meek; #100 AB-HAN Don Mejia.



William Karty



William Kerchee



Donald Kossachony



Jessica Mahaffey

HM2 William Mihecoy (Korean and Vietnam Wars); FN Vernon Mihecoy; SN Harry Mithlo; PO3 Phil Monenerkit (Vietnam War); SF1 Alvin Myers (WWII); MM1 Jackson Myers (Afghanistan War); PO3 Donny Nagel; SN Vandell Nauni; SN Willis Nauni Sr; BMSN Joseph Niedo; PO3 Candace Otipoby; SN Clyde Otipoby; MM1 Jace Otipoby; CPO Leonard Otipoby (WWII); SN Robert Otipoby; SA Max Pahcheka (WWII - 11 Battle Stars); Billy Pahdocony; GM2 Samuel Pahdopony (WWII, Navy SEAL); S2C Stacy Pahdopony (WWII); AN1C Tyrone Pahdopony; Bill Parker; PO1 Elmer Parker (WWII); SN James Parker (Vietnam War); #125 Lt Patrick Parker (Gulf War).



Alvin Myers



Jackson Myers



Willis Nauni Sr.



Max Pahcheka

PO3 Roderick Parker (Vietnam War); SN Steven Parker (Vietnam War); SCOP James Patterson Jr (Afghanistan War); Charles Pebeahsy (WWII); Wellington Perman-su; SCM Donald Peterson; EMC Garner Pewewardy (Korean and Vietnam Wars); PO3 Stanton Pewewardy; CS Calvin Pewo (WWII); CS3 Duane Pewo (Vietnam War); SN Theodore Pewo; AN Vernon Pewo (WWII); AN Wynne Plata; Kenneth Poafpybitty; SN Michael Poahway; PO3 Denver Poco (Vietnam War); Lonnie Poco; GM7 Kenneth Pocowatchit; QM1 Kevin Pohawpatchoko (Iraqi and Afghanistan Wars); Freddie Poncey; LtJG Denise Portillo; Lt Edna Portillo; RD2 Willis Pueblo; SN Clifford K. Red Elk; #150 MMFN Jason Red Elk (Gulf War).



Roderick Parker



Garner Pewewardy



Stanton Pewewardy

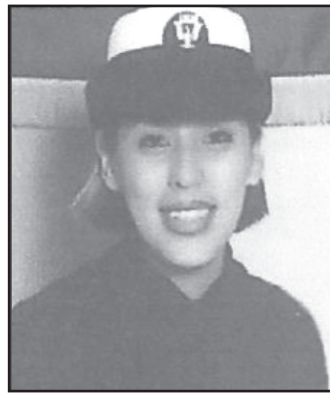


Duane Pewo

AN Walter Red Elk; SN Sotero Roach Jr; OS2 Arlene Stumbling Bear; QM2 Tobias Robles; AD2 Alberto Rodriguez (Iraqi War); Dennis Saryerwinnie; BM3 Houston Saryerwinnie (Korean War); AVCM James Saryerwinnie (Gulf War); Paul Seymour; PN Janelle Pocowatchit Sheldaine (WAVES); AMS2 Darrel Simmons; CPO Lawrence Smith Watchetaker; EN3 Darrin Spottenbird; PO1 Carl Tahah (Korean and Vietnam War); PO2 Marlon Tahah; PO1 Ray Tahhahwah; SN2C Eldridge Tahdoahnippah (WWII); SN Videll Tahdoahnippah; Marvin Tahmahkera; EM2 Melton Tahmahkera; Spencer Tahmahkera; GM3 Vance Tahmahkera (WWII); SN2 Wilson Tahmahkera Jr; MUS1 Norton Tahquechi (WWI - first Comanche Sailor); #175 PO2 Clifford Takawana (Vietnam War).



Houston Saryerwinnie



Arlene Stumbling Bear



Carl Tahah



Videll Tahdoahnippah

MR3 Frankie Lee Toahimpah; PO3 Adrian Tehauno; IC3 Lisa Tehauno (Gulf War); AMO1 Andrew Tenequer (WWII); S1C Nipper Tiddark; Henry Tippeconnie; SK2 Norman Tippeconnie; Ayne Parker Titchywy; LSH3 Bennie Toahy; Janise Todome; SN Algernon Tonips (Korean War); SN Kenneth Tonips; Scott Toquohty; S1C Alfred Torralba (WWII); BM3 Ellis Torralba; Christopher Trevino; Raymond Valdez; UT2 Jack Vance; PO1 Herbert L. Vidana; HM3 Collins Wahkinney; AN Kenneth Wahkinney; AO3 Vincent Wallace; SN Donald Wermey Jr (WWII); SN Glenn Wermey; #200 MA2 Elmer Weryavah.



Adrian Tehauno



Henry Tippeconnie

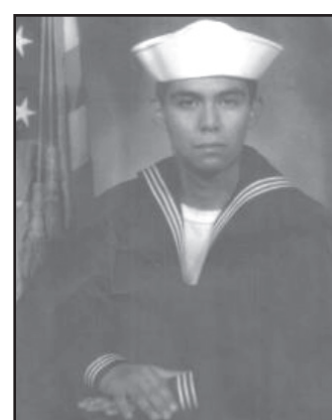


Norman Tippeconnie



Glen Wermey

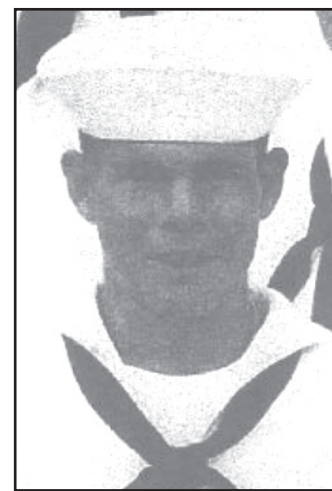
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Richard Wichita



Ronald Wockmetoah



Donald Woothtakewahbitty



H.L. Yackeyonny

Notable Sailors include Norton Tahquechi who is the first Comanche Sailor when he enlisted into the Navy on July 3, 1918.



Norton Tahquechi-the first Comanche Sailor.

Max Pahcheka earned eleven Battle Stars during World War II while serving aboard the USS Minneapolis (CA-36) and Clifford Takawana earned eight Battle Stars during the Vietnam War while serving aboard the USS Mispillion (AO-105) - no other Comanches have been awarded more Battle Stars than these two Sailors; Julian Chebahtah is the only known Comanche buried at sea as his body was committed to sea on November 15, 2012 off the coast of California; James Cox is a former Chairman of the Comanche Nation; Ramona Woothtakewahbitty Gooday was the first female Comanche to serve in the Navy (then called the WAVES) from 1955-57; five brothers from the Davis family served in the Navy, Charles (1948-52), Curtis 1952-56, Emmett (1944-46), Eugene (1945-46) and Jackson (1943-45); Father and son Terrance (1954-56) and Terry (1983-03) Bennett both served in the Navy; William Mihecoy and Patrick Parker are the only Sailors that were Corpsmen (Combat Medics); James Saryerwinnie retired from the Navy at the highest enlisted grade of E-9 and Donald Kossachony and James Patterson Jr both retired at the second highest enlisted grade of E-8; James Chockpoyah (July 26, 1948), Richard Wichita (August 3, 2001) and William Kerchee (January 20, 2007) died while on active duty serving in the Navy; Jimmy Caddo is the oldest living Sailor currently 88 years old; and no Comanche Sailors were wounded or killed in action.



Clifford Tahawana



Ramona Wooth Gooday



Terry Bennett



James Patterson Jr.

Obituaries

Megan Rannae Walker



Courtesy Photo

Walker

Megan Rannae Walker, went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 6, 2020 in Lawton.

Walker was born on December 6, 1998, in Lawton to James and Annette (Gutierrez) Walker. Walker must have been very special to the Lord and He has a special task waiting for her.

Walker attended school in Fletcher and graduated from Elite Academy. Walker wanted to pursue a career in dermatology at Oklahoma University. She loved the Oklahoma Sooners. In her spare time, she loved to draw, go shopping, Walker loved her makeup and clothes. Walker loved the time she spent with her parents and friends.

Walker is survived by: her loving parents James and Annette Walker of Fletcher; three brothers: Cody Gutierrez and Ronald Roth both of Lawton, Kevin Walker of Burkburnett, Texas; grandparents: Azelda Gutierrez, LaVonne Windsor and Billy Daukei; uncles: Max Gutierrez, Link Daukei, Anthony Steel, and David Steel; aunts: Jennifer Brewer and Stephine Ware; niece Bailie Walker, nephew Max Walker; her adopted grandmas: Mona Daukei Davis, Alva Niedo, Valerie Wahkinney, Anita Daukei and Bianca Daukei; many other family members and friends.

She is preceded in death by: grandpa Max Gutierrez, uncle Timothy Walker and aunt Yolanda Daukei.

Jereaux Lee Nevaquaya Sanders



Courtesy Photo

Sanders

Jereaux Lee Nevaquaya Sanders, went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 17, 2020. She passed suddenly at her home and will forever leave a void in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Grave side service was December 22, 2020 at Cache Creek KCA Cemetery with Timothy Nevaquaya and Edmond Nevaquaya officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Sanders was born at the Lawton Indian Hospital June 9, 1954, to Doc and Charlotte (Foraker) Tate Nevaquaya. Sanders was proud to be an enrolled citizen of the Comanche Nation as well as a proud descendant of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nation. She is an alumna of Apache High School and graduated in 1972.

Sanders loved the Lord and believed all things were possible with prayer and dedication to her savior Jesus Christ. She was a lifelong member of the United Indian Methodist

Church of Apache serving as choir director 1985-1987. Sanders met her love Richard Sanders who survives, and married him in 1997 making their home for several years in Escondido, California moving back to her original home place on Highway 19, Apache, Oklahoma in 2013. Sanders was happy to have moved back to her original Comanche homelands, just as her parents, grandparents, great-grandparents, and so on have since time immemorial. Sanders was recognized as a woman of honor a true elder of her family and the Comanche Nation widely recognized as person who holds her community and family together. She was a pillar of the greater American Indian Community Nation-Wide serving as a member of the American Indian Movement Oklahoma Chapter, member of the Indian Youth Center, Oklahoma Indian Opportunity President, served as the KCA Director 1990-1996, and Executive Assistant to Comanche Nation Chairman Ron Burgess.

Sanders served as a role model for her peers holding the title of the first Comanche Nation Little Ponies Princess 1971-1972 and later as an Elder encouraging youth to embrace their culture and remember their Native American heritage even in the face of adversity as a motivation speaker to not only Comanche Nation youth but all American Indian Youth Nation Wide. Sanders held a wealth of traditional Comanche knowledge and was a respected story teller of the Comanche Nation. Sanders loved to dance and danced many years as a traditional woman cloth and buckskin dancer winning countless championships and titles throughout the years.

There is no one that embodies the word, of "love" as Sanders did, she had great love for her sons Dennis James Nevaquaya (Rena belle), of Black River Falls, Wisconsin and Joshua Lee Boyd (Michelle) of Apache, Oklahoma. She was lovingly called KAKOO by her prides and joys, her grandchildren: Mariah, Aidyn, Nathan, Nookinuh, Johnny, Mahnie, Tavee and Stephanie; great-granddaughter Aubrey Raelyn. At the heart of Sander's life was her love for her family. Jereaux was "Paatsi" big sister to Amada Sue Bordeaux of Rosebud, South Dakota; Edmond Wayne Nevaquaya (Monica) of Apache, Joycetta Nevaquaya-Harris (RG) of Stroud, Sonya Tate Nevaquaya of Thomas, Timothy Tate Nevaquaya (Alicia) of Tulsa, Joseph Tate Nevaquaya (Rahnada) of Ignacio, Colorado and Calvert Tate Nevaquaya (Miranda) of Lawton; Sander's big brother Lean "Sonny" Nevaquaya preceded her in death.

Sanders was a loving and supportive auntie mom to her nephews and nieces: Albert, Mike, Dukon, Ronald, Alfred, Noah, Aaron, Adam, Dakota, Crystal, Anpo, Ashley, Elizabeth, Amanda, Victoria, Naomi, Angeline, Maggie, Rebecca, Alyssa, Kaylene and Michelle. Jereaux was proud to include her grand nieces and nephews and lovingly treated them as she did her own grandchildren and they too will miss their Grandma Jereaux; Gracie, Charlotte Rose, Leigha Jade, Macy, Lilliana, Zephyr, Zeah, Zeke, Zachary, Zane, Gracen, Mariah, Jereaux, Tyree and Tiara.

Sanders had many adopted children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brothers and sisters throughout Indian Country who she loved dearly. She enjoyed hosting Thanksgiving, Christmas, birthdays, barbecues, and parties - she took advantage of any opportunity to bring her family around a table. During the holiday season she loved seeing the faces of her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren light up the world during the holiday season as they opened their gifts filled with love from her.

Sander's dedication and faithfulness to the Lord should be a lesson to us all that we can reach that place of freedom and human dignity of true everlasting life. "He gives power to those who are tired and worn out; he offers strength to the weak. Even youth will become

exhausted and young men will give up. But those that wait upon the Lord will find new strength. They will fly high on wings, as eagles, they will walk and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:29-31. We all should be reminded as long as we remain committed and If my people who are called by My name will humble themselves pray, and seek My face, turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin, will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14.

Janice Marie Holder



Courtesy Photo

Holder

Janice Marie Holder, was born January 10, 1958, at the Lawton Indian Hospital to Winona Beartrack Edge and Randolph Evans Holder. She passed away on December 20, 2020, in Midwest City, after a long illness.

Jan, as she was known by her friends and family, graduated in 1976, from Anadarko High School where she was an outstanding athlete and scholar. She received numerous athletic and academic awards during her high school years.

She further her education at the University of Oklahoma, and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Library Science. Her career included many years as a Project Coordinator for the Oklahoma City Municipal Library, Grant Assistant for the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Administrative Assistant with the Oklahoma City Area Indian Health Service, where she retired in 2015.

Holder was an avid OU sports fan, and loved reading, watching movies, and was a devout Christian. She was a gifted seamstress and spent time knitting gifts for her family and friends. She was loved by so many people from all walks of life as she had a kind heart and loved serving the public and doing for others.

Holder is preceded in death by both her parents. She is survived by her bother, Galen Holder of Anadarko and sisters, Randalyn Holder of Apache, Oklahoma, Kara Edge of Anadarko, and Taveah George and Husband Scott, of Del City, Oklahoma. She has numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, Aunts, Uncles and numerous close friends.

Grave side service was December 23, 2020 at Memory Lane Cemetery. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Claudia "Moosie" Gooday Salazar



Courtesy Photo

Salazar

Claudia "Moosie" Gooday Salazar was born September 18, 1950, in Lawton Oklahoma and passed on December 20, 2020 in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Salazar was the daughter of Inman Cloyde Sr. and Joyce (Connahvichnah) Gooday. She was an enrolled member of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe and was also of Comanche decent. She was a lifetime resident of the Richard's Spur area and a member of the Petarsy Indian United Methodist Church. Growing up, she attended Elgin Public schools and later attended Fort Sill Indian School where she graduated.

Salazar was also a former Fort Sill Apache Tribal Princess, former employee of Comanche Nation Housing, and a former employee for the Fort Sill Apache Casino.

Salazar loved to go shopping, she loved to go play at the casino and play bingo. She loved to take care of her beloved dogs with her favorite being "BB". Her favorite time of the year was Christmas at her mom's house with her family and extended family. She always made sure everyone got gifts and candy bags.

Salazar is survived by her mother, Joyce Connahvichnah Gooday of the home, her husband John Salazar Jr. of the home, sons John Salazar III, Richard Salazar, and Alphonso Salazar of the home. Grandson Ty Dean Salazar of the home, granddaughter Trystan Salazar of Oklahoma City, grandson Cody Beck of Arkansas, great grandchildren: brothers Byron Gooday and wife Marion of Lawton, Keith Gooday and wife Jerri of Geronimo, Adrian Gooday and wife Janetta of Cyril, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Inman Cloyde Gooday Sr., her sister Thomasine Gooday-Boyd her brother Inman "Buggy" Gooday Jr. a son Michael Gooday and a granddaughter Natasha Salazar.

Raquel Marie Collazo



Courtesy Photo

Collazo

December 21, 2020 Our heavenly father has come to take our mother home to join him in heaven.

Raquel Marie Collazo was born in Stanford, Texas on May 16, 1982, to Thomas Collazo and Donna Hale. She attended school in Apache, Boone and Lawton. She enjoyed watching movies, playing games, and walks in the park.

She was always smiling and enjoyed time with family and friends.

She is survived by her mother Donna Hale, two daughters: Deandra Waysepappy, Lindsey Waysepappy, two sons Sidney Waysepappy and Casey Waysepappy, two sisters, JoAnn Wright and brother in law Timothy Wright of Lawton, Mary Collazo of Arizona. Two brothers David Hale of Walters and Anthony Collazo of Texas. Also survived by uncles: Eddie Heminokeky and wife Laura, Woodrow Hale and Vincent Hale, nephew Randy Williams and kids Ryder and Selena. Niece Robin Collazo, Allie and Audrey. Many other nieces and nephews and friends.

The family of Raquel Marie Collazo will have a memorial service 5 p.m., January 23, 2021 at the Bellaire Apartments in Lawton.

Martonio DeAngelo Sutton



Courtesy Photo

Sutton

Sunrise: December 25, 1997 Sunset: December 21, 2020.

Martonio Sutton lived in Anadarko up until 2020 when he moved to Chickasha he passed away unexpectedly at OU Medical Center.

He is survived by Both his parents. Mother Chris Ann Twohatchet of Anadarko, and William Sutton of Elk City, his brothers Wendell Keahbone Jr., Royce Sutton, Daxton Sutton, Manuel Flute, and Shawn Sutton, his sisters Cynthia Twohatchet, Victoria Thompson and Isabella Twohatchet, his daughter Hazel Faith Sutton, his nieces and nephews Vanessa, Cyndi, Roxy, Payton, Kairi, Kamden, Carlos, Gabryle, Isaac, and Benjamin. And his Grandmother Phyllis Twohatchet. And Many Aunts and uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by His Maternal Grandfather Victor Twohatchet of Anadarko, His Paternal Grandmothers Darlene Small, and Paula O'Bria.

Sutton loved His Daughter Hazel and his many nieces and nephews he loved to play video games and give everyone a hard time.

Grave side services was 12/30/2020. Pallbearers were Wendell Keahbone Jr, Timothy Keechi, Ronald Dombeo, Tony Thompson Jr, Emanuel Soto, Manny Flute.

Larry Shawn Kopepasah



Courtesy Photo

Kopepasah

Wherever a beautiful soul has been, there is a trail of beautiful memories."

Larry Shawn Kopepasah, was born April 8, 1963, to Maudean Tabbytite Kopepasah and Linds Moses Kopepasah in Lawton, Okla. He was the youngest of the four sons. They all lived in Lawton among many family members and friends until 1975, then they moved to Oklahoma City. His love of sports began at Wilson Elementary, Lawton, and continued in Webster Middle School, Oklahoma City, he made lifelong friends Wherever he went. Then his sports continued at Southeast High School where he wrestled, played football, and tennis. He was quite the tennis player and continued playing after high school. During this time his love of music grew into all kinds of genres, but his love for Aerosmith outweighed them all - going to numerous kinds of concerts, especially Aerosmith.

After high school, he attend

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ed Rose State College, then moving on to UC Berkeley. Again, making many friends that lasted his lifetime.

He returned to Oklahoma, where he enjoyed his time with family and friends. He enjoyed fishing, OU football, concerts and mostly being with his family. He adored his mama and loved watching OU football with his brothers. And loved being the life of the party! And when it was time for the Kopepasah Family Gatherings, he would start shopping for the Christmas event months in advance. He would have to have the most perfect Bad Santa gifts! He loved his nieces and nephews with all his heart and would always say "Christmas is about the kids."

He always took every opportunity to make people smile and laugh, always so positive and happy, sharing it with everyone around him. He never knew a stranger, because everyone was his friend.

He met Tammy on New Year's Eve, 1999. There was an instant attraction. Soon after they became quite the couple, taking Tammy and her children on day trips to Mt. Scott, watching OU football, fishing, going to concerts and watching the sunset. Sometimes they even got to get a way without the kiddos!

On April 16, 2001, Kopepasah and Tammy welcomed their son, Jakoby Nathaniel into the world. The love and excitement on Kopepasah's face when he was handed his baby was immeasurable. He hardly put him down his first year of life. Kopepasah was on top of the world with Jakoby by his side, they were inseparable. Larry loved his son more than

life itself, he would do anything for him. Kopepasah and Tammy also have a grandson, Asher, from their daughter Sarah. Asher loved his PaPa and his PaPa loved him, they enjoyed trips to the park. He always made sure Asher had all the toys and goodies he wanted. Again Kopepasah would say "It's all about the kids!"

His bond became greater when Jakoby started playing football. There is something about a father son bond when their boy starts playing a sport. Every social media post was about Jakoby. He was very proud of him. He would have been very proud of him, no matter what he chose to do. They were the best of friends and always will be for eternity..

We take comfort in knowing he is with our Heavenly Father and will always be with Jakoby and his family. Forever in our hearts! He will be missed by many family members and friends.

Kopepasah survived by his son, Jakoby Kopepasah, Companion Tammeria Fade, Yukon, Okla.; Stepchildren: Nicholas Hubbell and family, Suffolk, Va.; Sarah Elms and family, Yukon, Okla.; Sergeant First Class, Tucker Hubbell, Clarksville Tenn.

Mother: Maudean (Deanie) Tabbytite, Yukon; brothers: Brandon Kopepasah and family, Darell Kopepasah and family, all of Oklahoma City; Kyle Kopepasah and family Yukon; Lindis Moses Kopepasah of Washington and sister Rachael Kopepasah of Washington.

Preceded in death: His father, Lindis Kopepasah; grandmother, Bertha Mae Tabbytite.

Neil Tahchawwickah



Courtesy Photo

Tahchawwickah

Neil Tahchawwickah, loving husband and father of four children passed away at age 37. Tahchawwickah was born on May 5, 1983, in Lawton Oklahoma to Nick and Dorothy (Pino) Tahchawwickah. On August 14, 2004, he married Loribeth (Subialdea) Tahchawwickah. They had three sons, Romeo Tahchawwickah, Camron Tahchawwickah, and Dominick Tahchawwickah, and one daughter, Karina Tahchawwickah. Tahchawwickah had a passion for music and art and had the ability to connect his creative side with both to share with others. Tahchawwickah was born to lead and always held his head high in any situation. His quick wit, infectious smile, and sense of hu-

mor always made being in his presence fun and memorable.

Tahchawwickah is preceded in death by: grandfather Reverend Nick Tahchawwickah, aunt Flora Hernandez, and uncles Cony Wang, Freddie Hernandez and Tommy Joe Frazier. He is also preceded in death by grandfather Robert Pino Sr, and grandmother Annabelle Pino, uncles, Albert Pino, Wilbert Pino, Johnny Pino, Jerry White, and Gerard Andrews, and by cousin's: Jesse Pino, Jules Nells, and McKenna Talamante.

Tahchawwickah is survived by: his father, Nick Tahchawwickah and mother, Dorothy (Pino) Tahchawwickah; his wife Loribeth (Subialdea) Tahchawwickah; grandmother Peggy Tahchawwickah; his four children: Romeo Tahchawwickah, Karina Tahchawwickah, Camron Tahchawwickah, and Dominick Tahchawwickah; his brothers, Nicholas Tahchawwickah, Nathan Tahchawwickah, Nick Tahchawwickah Jr and his Sister Demi Tahchawwickah. Three nephews: Jeffery Buttry, Alexander Tahchawwickah, and Neeko Tahchawwickah. Aunts, Jean Wang, Sue Fallahzadeh, Sonya Tahchawwickah, and uncle Nick Fallahzadeh. Also Survived by Robert Pino Sr. and Aqnes, Roberta and Andy Abeita, Rebecca White, Carolyn and Vernon Cable, Rachel Andrews, Roqer Pino and Dorcas, Ruth and Guy Silago, Gloria and Julius Nells, Magdalena Pino and Toby, and Hope Contreras. And also 44 cousins plus many more family and friends.

Tahchawwickah was loved by many and will be extremely

missed.

Grave side Service was at the Cache KCA Cemetery west of Cache with Pastor Matt Asetamy officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Poem of Life

Life is but a stopping place,
A pause in what's to be;
A resting place along the road,
To sweet eternity.

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn
some things,

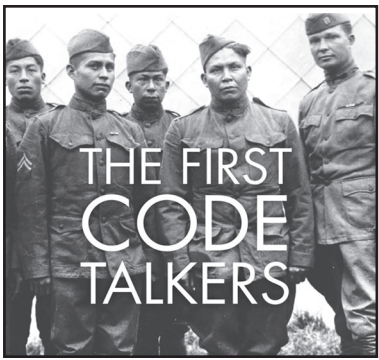
But never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place
Far greater the we know.
For some the journey's quicker
For some the journey's slow
And when the journey finally
ends,

We will claim a great reward
And find an everlasting peace
Together with the Lord.

People, Places and Things Happening

OU is Pleased to Announce the Release of The First Code Talkers: Native American Communicators in World War I



Courtesy Photo

Many Americans know something about the Navajo code talkers in World War II—but little else about the military service of Native Americans, who have served in our armed forces since the American Revolution, and still serve in larger numbers than any other ethnic group. But, as we learn in this splendid work of historical restitution, code talking originated in World War I among Native soldiers whose extraordinary service resulted, at long last, in U.S. citizenship for all Native Americans.

The first full account of these forgotten soldiers in our nation's military history, *The First Code Talkers* covers all known Native American code talkers of World War I—members of the Choctaw, Oklahoma Cherokee, Comanche, Osage, and Sioux nations, as well as the Eastern Band of Cherokee and Ho-Chunk, whose veterans have yet to receive congressional recognition. William C. Meadows, the foremost expert on the subject, describes how Native languages, which were essentially unknown outside tribal contexts and thus could be as effective as formal encrypted codes, came to be used for wartime communication. While more than thirty tribal groups were eventually involved in World Wars I and II, this volume focuses on Native Americans in the American Expeditionary Forces during the First World War.

About the Author:

William C. Meadows is a Professor of Anthropology and Native American Studies at Missouri State University, Springfield. A scholar of Plains Indian cultures. He is the author of *Kiowa, Apache, and Comanche Military Societies:*

Enduring Veterans, 1800 to the Present (University of Texas Press, 2003) and *The Comanche Code Talkers of World War II and Kiowa Ethnogeography* (University of Texas Press, 2003).

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Wiegand Accomplished the Black Belt



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Tribal member, Isabella Rose Wiegand tested for her black belt in Tae Kwon Do. This amazing accomplishment happened after 4 years of training.

She is the daughter of proud parents Lilly Ann (Pekah) Wiegand and Andy Wiegand. She is the granddaughter of Willie Pekah.

NCAI Continues its Momentum to Retire Offensive Indian Mascots

As 2021 gets underway, efforts to retire "Indian" mascots continue across the country. Propelled by the retirements of high-profile professional sports team mascots in Washington and Cleveland, community-level discussions about the appropriateness of these mascots are taking place with greater regularity and participation. NCAI is doing our part to inform these ongoing conversations, communicating directly with more than 175 school districts in 2020 alone. As momentum continues, communities that engage in these discussions are increasingly likely to discontinue use of their "Indian" mascots. The most recent mascot retirements are enumerated below.

Watchung Hills Regional High School (NJ) "Warriors"

The Watchung Hills Regional High School BOE voted 8-1 to retire its mascot on November 10. The

vote followed months of discussion and a presentation from a 35-member committee of key community stakeholders tasked with researching the school's use of Native American imagery. The committee concluded that the school must do away with the mascot and any associated imagery but decided to keep the "Warrior" nickname. There is not yet a timetable for the mascot change at Watchung Hills.

Snell Middle School (NM) "R*dsk*ns"

The Cobre Consolidated School District Board of Education reportedly retired the "R*dsk*ns" mascot at Snell Middle School in early December. The district has not yet chosen a new mascot for the middle school. Cobre High School (NM) still competes as the "Indians".

Caledonia-Mumford High School (NY) "Red Raiders"

In a letter sent to community members on Wednesday, December 9, the Caledonia-Mumford Board of Education announced that the "Red Raiders" mascot will be retired. The school will drop the "Red" from its name and remove all Native American imagery. The decision comes after years of requests from alumni, community members, and parents of athletes who called for the district to review its use of the Native American mascot.

Farmington High School (CT) "Indians"

Also on December 9, the Farmington Public Schools Board of Education voted unanimously to retire the "Indians" mascot at Farmington HS. The change comes after months of discussions within the community and the formation of a committee to research the issue. The district expects to make a decision about a new mascot in the spring.

Fresno High School (CA) "Warriors"
The Fresno Unified School District Board of Education voted on December 9 to retire all Native American imagery from the "Warriors" mascot at Fresno HS while retaining the moniker already in use. Students will design and develop a new image to be installed in the fall of 2021. Reportedly, several board members also expressed support for removing all mascot-related Native American imagery from Fresno Unified Schools and improving Native

American studies in the classroom, concerns that were tabled and may be brought up at a future meeting.

North Brookfield Jr./Sr. High School (MA) "Indians"

On December 21, the North Brookfield School Committee voted unanimously to retire its "Indians" mascot. Discussions swirled around the community for months prior to the vote and in November, the School Committee heard personal stories from members of local tribal communities. Before retiring the mascot, Superintendent Richard Lind acknowledged that North Brookfield's imagery was "distorting the history and culture of Native American people."

Liverpool Regional High School (NS, CAN) "Warriors"

Last November in Nova Scotia, Canada, students at Liverpool Regional High School approached Principal Souhail Soujah about drop-

ping the "inappropriate" imagery from the school's "Warriors" mascot. In a survey, students voted to retire all Indigenous imagery while retaining the "Warriors" name. Principal Soujah is now asking students to submit sketches or images that they believe are more appropriate or "reflective of the values we want."

Ending "Indian" Mascots is an informational service provided by the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), which is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. It has been leading Indian Country's movement to eradicate offensive "Indian" mascots from sports and popular culture for the past 50 years by educating schools, sports leagues, and the general public about the many harms they cause Native people.



Courtesy Photos

Cameron University's Native American Students Association and Gamma Delta Pi held a second peaceful protest concerning racism January 15, at Cameron University in Lawton. It is their second peaceful protest in two months, stemming from students wearing a Native American Halloween costume in October 2020. Kiowa Legislator, Jacob Tsofigh said a prayer, and Dr. Cornell Pewewardy, pictured right, spoke at the gathering and urged Cameron University leaders and the community to be diligent in promoting racial equality not only at Cameron University but everywhere. He emphasized the Native American culture is not a costume, and by exploiting the culture in that way is a form of racism.



Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

January 4- Sylus Furr
 January 6- Betty Hood
 January 8- Johnette Un-see
 Silverhorn Chasenah
 January 23- Naomi Chappelle
 January 24- Sierra Silverhorn
 Chasenah
 January 28- Larry Hood

Happy Birthday

February 1- Marlee Carter
 February 1- Marshall Kerchee
 February 2- Janesah Garcia(Coffey)
 February 2- Mary Turner
 February 2- Rosie Motah
 February 3- Brayden Klinekole
 February 3- Cayden Klinekole
 February 5- Timothy Laurenzana
 February 6- Roberto Leon Medina
 February 9- Rance Hood
 February 10- Lola T. Flores Lucio
 February 11- Ramona Laurenzana
 Bledsoe
 February 12- Gabriel Carter
 February 13- Mystee Mileto
 February 15- LaDonna (Tabbytite)
 Harris
 February 16- Mary Pollard
 February 17- Lillene Suina
 February 17- Velma Turner
 February 18- Dean Toppah
 February 23 - Gary Chasenah Sr.



Happy Belated Birthday
 Sylus Furr
 January 4



Happy 9th Birthday
 Kaleb Martinez



Happy Birthday
 Marshall 'Chubs' Kerchee
 February 1



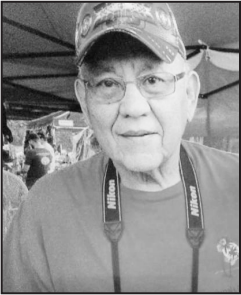
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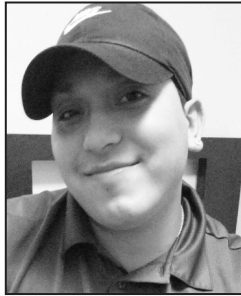
Happy Birthday
 Brayden Klinekole
 February 3



Happy Birthday
 Cayden Klinekole
 February 3



Happy Birthday
 Timothy Laurenzana
 February 5



Happy Birthday
 Roberto Leon Medina
 February 6



Happy Birthday
 Lola T. Flores Lucio
 February 10



Happy Birthday
 Ramona Laurenzana
 Bledsoe February 11



Happy 90th Birthday
 LaDonna (Tabbytite)
 Harris February 15



Happy Birthday
 Lillene Suina
 February 17



Happy 6th Birthday
 Dean Toppah
 February 18



Happy 12th Birthday
 Alexander Joseph
 Niyah February 27

February 25- Cole Cook
 February 25- Joe Mileto
 February 27- Alexander Joseph
 February 27- Owen W.F.
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 In our hearts you hold a place, no one else can ever fill.
 It broke our hearts to lose you, but you didn't go alone, for part of us
 went with you, the day God took you home.
 We will meet again someday I know in a better place.
 I thank God he made you my daughter While you were here on
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 Loved beyond words, Missed beyond measure.
 Always and Forever in Our Hearts

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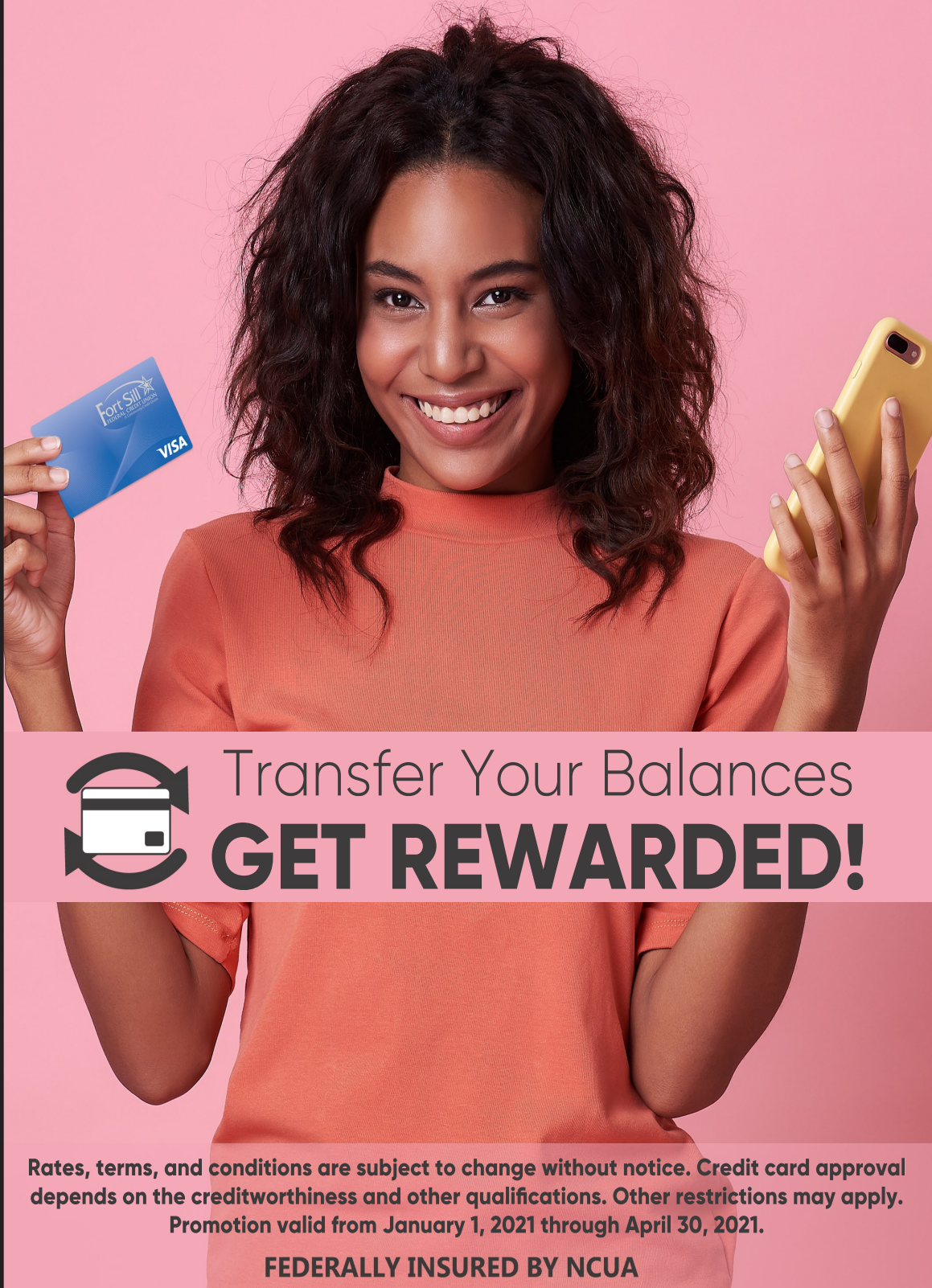
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