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Comanche Nation Files Amicus Briefs Regarding Existence of KCA Reservation

Submitted by Forrest Tahdoohrippah/
Tribal Attorney/Dorsey & Whitney LLP

In July 2020, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its decision in *McGirt v. Oklahoma*, holding that although the Muscogee (Creek) Reservation had been allotted it had never been disestablished by Congress. Subsequently, the Oklahoma Court of Criminal Appeals has held that the Cherokee Reservation and Chickasaw Reservation were likewise never disestablished by Congress. There is also ongoing litigation concerning whether the Choctaw, Seminole, Ottawa, Peoria, and Quapaw Reservations were ever disestablished. Whether or not a tribe has a reservation has a substantial impact on the sovereign rights a tribe may exercise. Tribes with reservations may, in certain circumstances, promulgate environmental regulations and impose certain taxes within their reservation borders, even on fee lands. Tribal members may also qualify for certain exclusions from state taxes if they reside on an Indian reservation.

In 1867, a reservation for the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache (the "KCA Reservation") was established by the Treaty of Medicine Lodge Creek. The Treaty of Medicine Lodge Creek was the culmination of a "Peace Commission" that had been formed by Congress to bring peace to the western frontier after years of hostilities and war between our ancestors and white settlers. The Treaty of Medicine Lodge Creek's promise of a reservation was bolstered by Article 12 of the treaty that required a three-fourths supermajority vote of adult men in order for there to be any cession of the reservation. Fifteen years after the treaty, in 1892, Congress formed the "Jerome Commission" to negotiate for the cession of the KCA Reservation. The Comanche, however, vigorously opposed the Jerome Commission and the loss of their reservation. The Jerome Commission failed to obtain the consent of the required three-fourths adult men. Those that had provided their consent protested that their signatures had been obtained by misrepresentation and fraud by the Jerome Commission. Accordingly, the KCA Reservation established by the Treaty of Medicine Lodge Creek remains intact.

However, in 1900, Congress passed an Act that purported to ratify the Jerome Agreement, an "agreement" that was never agreed to by the Kiowa, Comanche, or Apache, but materially changed the terms to this agreement. The result of the 1900 Act was the allotment of the KCA Reservation. Post-allotment, Congress continued to appropriate money for the KCA Reservation, but (as

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A Productive April 17, Annual Meeting Bring Changes to Proposed Budget; Several Resolutions Pass



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Business Committee (CBC) members, from left, CBC No. 4 - Robert Komahcheet; CBC No. 3 - Alice Kassanavoid; Secretary/Treasurer - John Wahnee; Vice Chairwoman - LaNora Parker; CBC No. 1 - June Sovo; and CBC No. 2 - Diana Doyebi, call the Annual Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., April 17, with a beginning quorum of 298 tribal members.

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the April 17, Annual Meeting, and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, call the Office of the Chairman, (580) 492-3251.

Vice Chairwoman, LaNora Parker, called the Annual Meeting to order at 1:30 p.m., with a quorum of 298 Comanche tribal members and

six members of the Comanche Business Committee (CBC) present.

Patrick McClung offered the invocation.

Nominations

Being nominated for Chairman:

- Blu Pahdocony
- Milton Sovo Jr.
- Leonard Parker
- Mark Woomavovah

A motion was made and sec-

onded to cease nominations. The motion passes.

Being nominated for Vice-Chairman:

- Ross Kahrahrh
- Dr. Cornell Pewewardy
- Whitney Kosechata
- LaNora Parker
- Michael Burgess

A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations. The mo-

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Comanche Nation Entertainment Breaks Ground on Comanche Cache Casino

Submitted by Comanche Nation Entertainment Staff



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Mia Tahdoohrippah, CEO of Comanche Nation Entertainment, welcomes everyone to the Ground breaking Ceremony of the Comanche Cache Casino, held April 3, in Cache, Okla.

At 5 p.m. on 4-3-21, the countdown began for Comanche Cache Casino! Comanche Nation Entertainment, along with its business partners and the Comanche Business Committee, celebrated the official ground breaking of their newest gaming and entertainment venue.

Comanche Cache Casino will be a 17,000 square foot property located at the former Country Corner gas station and convenience store at the Cache exit on Quanah Parker Trail Way. The project is planned for 250 gaming machines, a sit-down restaurant, an open-air veranda and a new convenience store and gas station.

"Our mission with all of our properties is to provide a fun and

exciting experience for our guests, a safe and rewarding environment for our team members and prosperity for the Comanche Nation," said Mia Tahdoohrippah, CEO of Comanche Nation Entertainment. "Comanche Cache Casino has been years in the making, and is a new opportunity for prosperity and success that will benefit our children and our people for generations to come."

The property's design will highlight Quanah Parker, a revered leader in the Comanche tribe. "We will incorporate our tribe's rich history into this property and showcase it inside and outdoors with a mural on the building and outdoor veranda named after Quanah Parker, an important and innovative leader of our

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Comanche Nation Housing Authority Awarded the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant

Submitted by Nora L. Sovo/Deputy Director - Comanche Nation Housing Authority

On April 12, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced the award of over \$90 million in grant awards to 24 Tribes and Tribally Designated Housing Entities (TDHEs) across the country to help provide housing units for low-income families. There were a total of 141 applications submitted for this competition which is the second time HUD has made awards under this program.

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA), one of only four Oklahoma Tribes to receive funding, was awarded the maximum grant amount of \$5,000,000. CNHA has committed an additional \$1,667,000 in matching funds over the next five years. This is the largest grant to date to be received by the CNHA under the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) of 1996. The limited funding of Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) resources has only allowed the Housing Authority to add a total of 15 homes to their inventory since April 1, 2016. This grant will support the acquisition of 45 homes for applicants on our Lease Purchase waiting list and will help to relieve overcrowding and the housing shortage for Tribal members in their service area. Tribal members may find a full list of Housing Authority services at www.comanchehousing.com

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Comanche Academy Receives It's Accreditation from the State of Oklahoma

Submitted by Dava Fratello/Comanche Academy Staff

The Comanche Academy staff has been diligently working to complete all requirements to become accredited. The state approved the accreditation on April 15, and the Comanche Academy is now a Local Education Agency (LEA). The school is set to open on August 9.

Comanche Academy (CA) will utilize a dual-language instructional format and is a place-based elementary school where the Comanche (Numunu) culture, language, and history are the foundation of an experiential curriculum. Using both English and Comanche to instruct students in all core content areas, students will develop high levels of bilingualism and biliteracy, and an understanding of Comanche culture.

We will service Pre-Kinder-garten to 1st Grade, 40 students for each grade. We plan to have 2 classrooms for each grade, 20 students per classroom. We anticipate having before and after school services.

We are taking student information now for fall enrollments. If the number of applicants exceeds the capacity of the school, class, or grade level, Comanche Academy will implement a lottery system to ensure all applicants have an equal opportunity of being admitted to the school.

Comanche Academy School shall enroll those students whose legal residence are within the Comanche Nation's former reservation area or treaty area boundaries, and who submit a timely application, or those students who transfer to an area with the Comanche Nation's former reservation or treaty area boundaries.

Comanche Academy School Board forbids any enrollment or denial thereof based on any prohibited grounds, such as ethnicity, national origin, gender, income level, disabling condition, proficiency in the English language, or measures of achievement, aptitude, or athletic ability.

Comanche Academy Staff Spotlight

Michael Figueroa has 16 years' experience as a Principal and 26 years as an administrator. In 2005 he was the founding Principal to open and operate a Charter School on the south side of Oklahoma City. He possesses an Oklahoma State Department of Education certification for Superintendent. He also has a Master of Education in Administration and a Master of Education in Counseling. He is a member of the Comanche Nation, is extremely familiar with Comanche history and language, and has a passion to have a dual language Charter School.

Comanche Academy Enrollment Priorities

The order of priority for admission and enrollment of students to the School will be based on the following four tiers:

1. Child whose parents are Comanche Nation employees and Co-

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June Sovo
- Committeeman No. 2**
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A Total of 19 Resolutions on the April Comanche Business Committee Agenda

Story by Stacey Heminokeky/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the April 3, 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.

Vice Chairlady, LaNora Parker, 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.

Committeeman No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, began the meeting with the Invocation.

A motion made to approve the minutes of the March, CBC meeting by Secretary/Treasurer, John Wahnee. It was seconded by Vice-Chairlady, LaNora Parker. The motion carries 4/0/1.

Resolutions

List No. 27-2021: Enrollment List No. 1192. The applicants have been verified and are eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Committeeman No. 3, Kassanavoid, made the motion to approve. Committeeman No. 4, Robert Komahcheet, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 28-2021: Enrollment List No. 1193. The applicants have been verified and are eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Sovo-Doyebi, made the motion to approve. Committeeman No. 3, Kassanavoid, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 29-2021: Enrollment List No. 1194. The applicant is ineligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

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

List No. 30-2021: Enrollment List No. 1195. The applicants are ineligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

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

List No. 31-2021: CBC-Cache Casino Funds.

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

List No. 32-2021: Department of Homeland Security, Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program CNLE- Grant Submission.

Sovo-Doyebi, made the motion. Komahcheet, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 33-2021: Department of Interior, National Park Service, Historical Preservation Fund, and Tribal Heritage Grant THPO-Grant Submission.

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

List No. 34-2021: Vocational Rehabilitation - Grant Submission.

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

List No. 35-2021: Realty - ECDC Land Purchase.

Sovo, made the motion. Komahcheet, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 36-2021: Realty-Fencing purchase for Properties.

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

List No. 37-2021: Election - Amendment to Ordinance. Tabled.

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

List No. 38-2021: Coman-

che Nation Academy- Library "Basic" Grant Submission.

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

List No. 39-2021: Comanche Nation Academy - Library "Enhancement" Grant submission.

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

List No. 40-2021: Comanche Nation Gaming Commission - Licensing Policy.

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

List No. 41-2021: Retail/

Wholesale - Accountant Banking Access.

Sovo, made the motion. Komahcheet, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 42-2021: Retail/ Wholesale - CPA.

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

List No. 43-2021: Retail/ Wholesale - Bank Signatory.

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

List No. 44-2021: Enterprise Bank Signatory.

Sovo, made the motion.

Komahcheet, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 45-2021: Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache, KCA Representatives.

Sovo-Doyebi, made the motion. Komahcheet, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. and went in to Executive Session.

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In the Matter of:)	
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D. N. DOB: 03/22/2016)	
Alleged Deprived Children)	
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In the Matter of:)	
R. C. V. N. DOB: 05/07/2018)	Case No. JFJ-2018-0002
Alleged Deprived Minor Child)	
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Concerning WILLIAM P. NELSON,)	
Natural Father)	
Respondent.)	

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TO: William P. Nelson
Natural Father of E. N., D. N and R. C. V. N.
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You must appear before a Judge of the District Court of the Comanche Nation located at 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, Oklahoma, 73502 on the 3rd day of June, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. or a Default Judgment will be entered against you and your rights to the above named juvenile may be affected. Please contact the Comanche Nation Tribal Court to obtain instructions on how to access the video conference.

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R. C. V. N. DOB: 05/07/2018)	Case No. JFJ-2018-0002
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Concerning MORNINGSTAR BUCKLEY,)	
Natural Mother)	
Respondent.)	

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: Morningstar Buckley
Natural Mother of E. N., D. N and R. C. V. N.
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CBC Requests to be Released from the Comanche Nation Water Park Lease

Submitted by John David Wahnee/Secretary-Treasurer of the Comanche Nation

On April 14, the Comanche Business Committee (CBC) made the determination to go to the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache Land Use Committee (KCALUC) to request the Comanche Nation be released from the existing lease on the Comanche Nation Water Park, located on Laurie Tatum Rd., Lawton.

Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, LaNora J. Parker, Comanche Nation Secretary/Treasurer, John David Wahnee, and CBC No. 2, Diana Doyebi-Sovo, who serve on the KCALUC Board, formally presented a document that verified the Comanche Nation was continuously in debt to the water park.

The presented figures show the water park has been in the negative, financially:

2017	-968,890.00
2018	-626,515.43
2019	-558,708.56
2020	-233641.51

The KCALUC Board approved to go into negotiations with the Comanche Nation to further discuss the lease of the water park.

"It will save the Nation a lot of money," said Wahnee.

The original lease for the water park was \$135,000 as of March 31, 2021. The current balance on the lease is \$87,675. Although there has not been a decision to release the Comanche Nation from the lease, the CBC are in the process of negotiations with the KCALUC Committee and will update the tribal members when there has been a final decision made.

ACCREDITATION

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Comanche Nation owned business employees.

2. Child whose parents are employed by the Indian Health Services.
3. Child whose parents are employees or school board members of Comanche Academy.
4. Child who attends school site listed on the ODOE School Improvement list.

Priority means the student will not have to be included in the lottery, but can be enrolled in the Academy.

They are currently seeking four Certified Elementary Teachers and three Teacher Assistants. If you would like more information or a copy of either job description, please contact them at (580) 699-3347 or comanche@comancheacademy.com.

If you are interested in a student application, please contact them with the above information.

Annual Meeting

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Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Nation Enrollment staff registers over 300 tribal members April 17, for the Annual Meeting, held at Watchetaker Hall.

tion passes.

Being nominated for Tribal Administrator (TA):

- Francis Attocknie
- Julia Mantzke

A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations. The motion passes.

Both candidates addressed the Council, explaining their qualifications and why they would be fit for the position of TA.

Attorneys for Hire:

- Crowe and Dunlevy
- Kewenvoyouma Law, PLLC

Dorsey and Whitney, LLP
Mike McBride of Crowe and Dunlevy and Forrest Tahdoahnippah of Dorsey and Whitney both took the floor to talk about their law firms. A representative from Kewenvoyouma Law, PLLC, was not present.

Proposed FY 2021-2022 budget:

A motion was made and seconded to separate the Waterpark and the Grasshopper Program, since they were on the same line item. The proposed budget for the Water Park is \$955,000.

Eleanor McDaniel suggested the money for the Water Park be placed in the New Business line item.

Thomas Narcomey suggested the money for the Water Park go toward a forensic audit for the Enrollment Department.

Former Comanche Nation Chairman, Ron Burgess, suggested to put \$500,000 in the Grasshopper Program and place the remainder money, \$455,000, in the New Business line item.

The motion was corrected

to separate the Water Park and the Grasshopper Program in to two different line items, giving the Grasshopper Program \$500,000, and if the Water Park line item is not passed during the general election, to move the money to the New Business line item. The motion was seconded and passed.

Resolutions

Susan Parker presented a resolution for the Election Board to be established in the Comanche Nation Constitution.

"By doing this, it will not be questioned again," said Tina Cook.

Tribal members voted on the resolution and it passes to be on the voting ballot in May.

Cindy Famero presented a resolution to make the TA a three-year term. After much discussion, the tribal members voted on the resolution, and it failed by 88 "Yes" votes, and 89 "No" votes.

Michael Burgess presented a resolution to amend the recall process as stated in the Comanche Nation Constitution. A verbal vote was taken, and it was passed.

Martina Minthorn proposed a Proclamation for Lee Motah Day. He was the first Comanche Nation Chairman, and the Chairman of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache (KCA). After a verbal vote, it was passed.

Diana Doyebi, requested the SIA Program be placed on the budget with a line item of \$344,000 the first year and \$275,000 annually. A quorum was lost during the discussion of the SIA Project.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

MCGIRT

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happened throughout Oklahoma) the state began asserting its own jurisdiction throughout the KCA Reservation, acting as if the Reservation had been disestablished merely because it had been allotted. However, the U.S. Supreme Court's McGirt decision made clear that the state's exercise of jurisdiction over the Creek Reservation was unlawful and that allotment of the Creek Reservation did not disestablish the reservation. This ruling raises the obvious question: is the state properly asserting jurisdiction on the KCA Reservation? In other words, has the KCA Reservation been disestablished by Congress?

The venue for litigating this question is often through the Major Crimes Act (as it was in McGirt itself). The Major Crimes Act provides that the federal government, rather than state government, has jurisdiction to prosecute certain serious felonies committed within an Indian reservation. The Tribal Attorney, working in consultation with the Comanche Business Committee, worked to identify cases with favorable facts where a jurisdictional challenge could be brought. Unfortunately, before any of these cases was set for a hearing, several criminal defendants, represented by public defenders, raised the issue of whether the KCA Reservation was disestablished on their own. Therefore, the Comanche Nation had a difficult choice—permit these defendants to establish

precedent concerning the existence of the KCA Reservation or participate as an amicus curiae (friend of the Court) in these proceedings.

Ultimately, the Tribal Attorney and Comanche Business Committee decided that the Nation should participate in the proceedings as an amicus curiae. An amicus curiae does not represent a party to the proceedings, but rather provides information to the Court to assist the Court with its decision. In these cases, the Comanche Nation's participation was to provide the Court with information concerning the history of the KCA Reservation, the fraud perpetrated by the Jerome Commission, and the Treaty of the Medicine Lodge Creek. The Comanche Nation did not advocate for any outcome other than that the continued existence of the KCA Reservation be recognized. The Comanche Nation did not advocate for any particular treatment for any particular defendant—in fact, the Comanche Nation has filed the same brief for multiple defendants because the scope of the Comanche Nation's filings is related solely to the issue of whether or not the KCA reservation was disestablished. The Tribal Attorney and Comanche Business Committee recognize that the defendants in these actions have been proven guilty, or have pled guilty, to heinous crimes, and sends its condolences to the victims' families.

COMANCHE NATION ELECTION

2021

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May 2021 Election Calendar Dates

May
14

Early In-Person Voting
(General Election)

May
15

General Election

May
15

Absentee Ballots due
at the Lawton Post Office
by 12:00 p.m.

May
28

Last day to request
an absentee ballot
for the Runoff Election
(if needed)

PROPOSED 2022 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE COMANCHE NATION			
Comanche Constitution Article 5, Section 6 (D) and Revenue Allocation Plan 25 U.S.C. Section 2710 (b)(2)(B)(3)			
Tax Commission Contribution		Economic Development Cont.	
Bereavement Assistance	\$270,000	Land Acquisitions	\$1,200,000
CBC Salary	\$21,000	Assisted Living Facility	\$983,919
Chairman's Salary	\$67,500	Early Childhood Development Center	\$600,000
Child Support Services	\$148,188	Comanche Nation Housing	\$500,000
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	\$35,000	Total Economic Development	\$14,954,369
Comanche Tribal Princess	\$3,000	Comanche Nation Gaming Contribution Funds:	
Comanche JR. Princess	\$3,000	Community & Education - 25%	
Comanche Language Planning and Development	\$489,108	Burial Assistance	\$1,000,000
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	\$3,000	Gravel-Tin horns for Tribal Driveways	\$495,000
Tombstone Project	\$18,000	Caregivers	\$304,667
Church Donations	\$65,000	Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	\$215,000
Transportation	\$226,000	CHR /EMS	\$930,329
Transit	\$825,000	Education Center	\$300,538
Optometry/Prescription/Diabetes-Fitness	\$1,812,000	Elder Center	\$355,177
Total Tax Commission Contribution	\$3,985,796	Elder Council	\$110,000
Retail/Wholesale		Emergency Management Direct Services	\$207,600
Community Center Apache	\$28,817	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	\$450,000
Community Center Cache	\$28,817	Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	\$323,686
Community Center Walters	\$28,817	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	\$121,020
Outreach - Anadarko	\$105,000	Higher Education	\$3,146,894
Outreach - Dallas	\$105,840	Home Improvement	\$1,500,000
Outreach - OKC	\$89,964	FAC-Womens Shelter	\$50,000
Total Retail/Wholesale Contribution	\$387,255	Injury Prevention	\$222,606
Comanche Nation Gaming Contribution Funds:		Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	\$150,000
Revenue Allocation - 40%		New Pathways	\$175,000
Elder Payment	\$1,800,000	Social Services- Emergency Assistance	\$1,516,606
Per Capita Distribution	\$22,126,990	Student Services (K-12)	\$929,283
Total Revenue Allocation	\$23,926,990	Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	\$258,315
Tribal Government - 10%		Vocational Rehabilitation	\$95,979
Administration	\$1,324,449	Youth Program	\$422,000
Elections	\$246,312	Museum/Travel Center	\$908,900
Info Technology - Complex	\$495,000	Prevention & Recovery / Reintegration	\$765,769
Law Enforcement	\$2,600,000	Total Community Education	\$14,954,369
Legal Fees	\$417,000		
Enrollment	\$325,000	KCA BUDGET 1/3 OF \$300,000	\$300,000
Adult Education	\$186,151		
Public Information Office (PIO)	\$387,836	2022 PROPOSED BUDGET (RAP)	
Total Tribal Government	\$5,981,748	Elder's Payment/Per Capita Distribution 40%	\$23,926,990
Economic Development - 25%		Tribal Government 10%	\$5,981,748
New Business	\$3,506,059	Economic Development 25%	\$14,954,369
Capital Improvement	\$2,100,000	Community and Education 25%	\$14,954,369
Tribal Court	\$672,461	Comanche Gaming (RAP) Total	\$59,817,476
Water Park	\$455,000		
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	\$500,000	Other Contributions	
CN Fair	\$250,000	Tax Supplement	\$3,985,796
CN Homecoming	\$55,000		
Youth Shelter CRYs	\$706,960	Retail/Wholesale	\$387,255
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA)	\$2,455,736		
Job Placement & Training	\$560,000		
Realty Management/Land Management	\$409,234	Total 2022 Budget	\$64,190,527

Programs

Child Support Program Announces Court Dates

Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Nathaniel Hernandez: CNC-SP-21-18, Petition for Establishment of Child Support.
- Steven Killfirst: CNC-SP-21-17, Petition for Establishment of Child Support.
- Mathew Nieto: FD-18-26, Application for Indirect Contempt.
- Joshua Imotichy: CNC-SP-15-70, Application for Indirect Contempt.
- Brooke Paz: CNCSP-21-07, Petition for Establishment of Child Support.
- Alekzander G. Perez: CNC-SP-21-19, Petition to Register Foreign Order.
- Bruce J. Proctor: CNC-SP-21-16, Petition to Register Foreign Order.
- Joseph Ramos, Sr.: CNC-SP-20-25, Petition for Establishment of Child Support.

Court of Indian Offenses for the Kiowa Tribe

- Donald Preciado: CIV-21-47, Petition to Register Foreign Order Under Full Faith and Credit and Income Assignment on Income, and a Motion for Income Assignment, 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.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE

that due to present public health concerns ALL CNCSP HEARINGS will be conducted telephonically until further notice. CNCSP will call parties between the hours of 10 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. on set court date. All parties are responsible for updating current information with CNCSP. If you are unavailable for telephonic hearing due to telephone restrictions and/or need to update info, call the Comanche Nation Child Support Program PRIOR to set court date, (580)280-4641.

2021 Gravel Tinhorn 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 in the quotation marks is when the Gravel Tinhorn Program will be working in that area. Please make sure to Fill out an application yearly! All New Applicants must provide documents before application is complete.

- September 1-September 30 Application for Lawton Area "October-November"
- 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 30 Applications due for Apache area "February"
- February 1 – February 28 Applications due for Elgin
- March 1 – March 31 Application due for Anadarko - Ft. Cobb
- 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 call and

update.

- Must provide Proof of Comanche Nation Tribal C.D.I.B
- Must provide proof of residency (utility bill in your name)
- 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 – Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can now submit applications to Email: GravelTinhorn@comanchenation.com

Healthy Swimming Information

Swimming in a well maintained swimming pool will reduce your likelihood of developing a Recreational Water Illness (RWI) as many of the germs are killed by chlorine. However, chlorine doesn't work right away, therefore, it takes time to kill the germs that cause RWIs. In fact, some of these germs are resistant to chlorine and can live in chlorinated pools for days.

The public's awareness of RWIs and appropriate swimming behaviors plays a pivotal role in RWI transmission. Swimmers who are ill with diarrhea may contaminate swimming venues; this poses health risks for the healthy swimmers in the pool. In addition, high-risk groups such as the young, the elderly, the pregnant, and the immunosuppressed should also be advised about RWI prevention and healthy swimming behaviors.

Healthy swimming behaviors include the following:

- Don't swim when you have diarrhea. You can spread organisms in the water and make other people sick.
- Don't swallow pool or lake water. In fact, avoid getting water in your mouth.
- Practice good hygiene: shower before swimming and wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers. Take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers often. Change diapers in a bathroom and not a pool side. Wash your child thoroughly with soap and water before swimming.

Avoid swimming in a pool that has cloudy or off-colored water. It is especially important not to swim in a pool when you cannot see the main bottom drain.

It is important to remember lakes are not chlorinated and could pose a risk for an RWI including Primary Amebic Meningoencephalitis (PAM). PAM is a very rare, usually fatal disease caused by an amoeba that flourishes in very warm surface waters such as lakes, ponds, and rivers. The warm water temperatures of the hot summer months allow the amoeba to multiply. The risk may be greater in very warm and shallow waters. PAM may be prevented by avoiding diving or dunking your head in warm, shallow bodies of fresh water. In addition, holding the nose shut or using nose clips will prevent the water from entering the nose.

Fitness Center Doing Soft Opening Until June 1

The Comanche Nation Fitness will be doing a Soft Opening until June 1. It will Only be open on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

On Mondays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. - 12 p.m., it will be open for Diabetics and Elders; 1 p.m. - 4 p.m., it will be open to tribal members. Fridays it will be open for Tribal employees only, and you must have your tribal employee I.D.

Only 10 people at a time are allowed for one hour. Temperatures will be taken, face masks must be worn, and everyone must sign in and sign out. Social distancing will be enforced.

For more information call The Comanche Nation Fitness Center: (580) 248-0005.

Women's Shelter Provides Information on How to Detect Signs of Abuse

Are You Being Followed on Your Cell Phone

Are you being tacked via your cell phone? Cyberstalking is easier than ever, and abusers are increasingly using spyware apps on cell phones to track their partner's whereabouts. Here are some signs that there maybe spyware installed on your phone.

1. Abnormal Performance. Spyware runs behind the scenes, whether you're using your phone or not. If you notice ongoing oddities, such as the phone lighting up or turning off by itself, it may be spyware running in the background. Another indicator is difficulty shutting your phone off or a lengthy delay when shutting it off. Once isn't an indicator, but if it happens consistently, it might mean a tracking app is present.
2. Disproportionate battery drains. Is your battery losing power more quickly than it used to even though you haven't changed any settings or installed any new programs? Spyware runs constantly, so it could be eating up battery life.
3. Consistent background noise on calls. Some spyware automatically records phone calls and can lead to additional background noise or a sound that mimics a bad connection. Of course, bad connections are real, so don't assume spyware is present if it happens only every once in a while. But if background noise, echo or static is present on every call you make, your calls might be being monitored.
4. Random, nonsense text messages. If you receive text messages that are a jumble of numbers or other characters from an unknown number that makes no sense to you, your phone likely has been hacked. These messages are the spyware sending code to the phone to perform tracking tasks.
5. Check the phone's directories. Spyware apps generally won't show up as an icon on your phone, but may show up in your phone's download directory. Accessing your phone's directory varies by device, so if you're unsure how to do this or uncomfortable doing so, take it to a tech-savvy friend or tech professional to check for you.

For additional information on how to detect signs of abuse contact the Comanche Nation Women Shelter, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., (580) 492-3590.

Lawton Police Department Donates Easter Baskets to the Comanche Youth Shelter



Courtesy Photo

From Left to Right; Officer Dimmitt, Teresa Lopez, Officer Blessing.

The Children of the Comanche Nation Youth Shelter were given Easter Baskets that were donated by the Lawton Police Department and handed out by Officers Matt Dimmitt and Chris Blessing. The Youth Shelter are very grateful for such a Blessing.



Courtesy Photo

Elder Council Hosts Last Drive-By Event to Help Tribal Elders through Pandemic

Submitted by Martha Miheuah/Comanche Nation Elders Council

The Comanche Nation Elder Council held their Monthly Drive By Event, April 5. At that event the Elder Council served 101 Comanche Elders by providing bags of non-perishable food items, 40-pack of water, toilet paper, paper towels, and a box lunch.

Drive By Events have been held since July, 2020, the first Monday of each month, as were the Elder Council Monthly Meetings. The Elder Council has no employees, has four volunteers, who are elected officials. They are the Chairperson, the Vice Chairperson, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. With the help of Du-rene Santana and Beverly Isaac, they gathered items, whether through purchase, or donation from Comanche Nation Entertainment and the Indian Health Service, put together from 75-100 bags, depending on funding, then distributed those bags in the Drive By Events. The Elders Council was fortunate to get assistance from the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Program, after the first Drive By Event. The young men were wonderful in lifting those heavy items, with respect and courtesy. The Elder Council is proud to have served several hundred elders in these Drive By Events, including elders as far away as Texas and Kansas.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Elder Council was unable to meet in person for the safety of the elders. The Executive Committee of the Elder Council brainstormed on what they could do to serve the elders, and they decided the safest way was a Drive By Event, where they required elders to wear mask and stay in their cars. All Comanche Elders, 62 and over, were eligible. Even though the Elder Council tried their

best to get the word out via Social Media, Comanche Nation 411 texts, *The Comanche Nation Newspaper*, telephone calls, etc., they were still criticized that elders were not aware of the Drive By Events and that they were playing favorites. Make no mistake, this Executive Committee of the Elders Council serves all Elders.

The Elders Council asked for suggestions on what to include in the Drive By Event bags, they received no suggestions, and they were still criticized for what they included in the bags. They required elders to stay in their cars, to wear a mask to protect themselves and the people giving out the bags, and they were criticized for that. After the Lawton Police asked them to not block 11th Street, due to a traffic hazard, they contacted the Comanche Nation Police to do traffic control, and they were criticized for that.

The Elder Council Executive Committee began the Drive By Event in an attempt to serve Comanche Nation Elders in a time where it might be difficult to get out and get essential items. At the first few Drive By Events, they gave out masks, gloves and sanitizers, as well as food items, paper products and water. Now that most elders have had their COVID vaccinations, and are able to get out more, the Elders Council is ending the Drive By Events.

The Elder Council Executive Committee will continue to find innovative ways to serve the Comanche elders. Thank you everyone for your support during these difficult days.

Vocational Rehabilitation Holds Orientation



Story and Photo by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

On April 14, the Vocational Rehabilitation Program had a Orientation to help learn more about their program. The Orientation was held inside the Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Education Center Auditorium located at 1608 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Okla.

Leonard Parker, Assistant/ Transition Specialist informed the guests about Voc-Rehab program's mission, which is to provide vocational rehabilitative services to American Indians (adult and youth) with disabilities residing within the CNVRP nine-county service areas. Parker talked about the CNVRP Transition program and the services it provides. The Transition focuses on employment services for American Indian youth with disabilities as they transition from high school to adult life. The services are individualized to each consumer, but may include but not limited to:

- Assessments to determine job-related skills and abilities
- Collaboration with school district to assist with transition planning and Individual Employment Opportunities (IEP)/504 plans
- Career guidance and counseling
- Job Placement services
- Job Coaching
- Assisting Devices (Hearing Aids, Walkers, Eyeglasses, Learning Devices, etc.)
- Work Clothing for New Jobs

Different programs attended. Door prizes and lunch were provided. The CNVRP would like to thank all who attended and helped make this monthly event a success. For more information contact (580) 492-3605.

Programs

Asthma Awareness Month

From The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Program. May is Asthma Awareness Month, take action to help America breathe easier.

What is Asthma?

Asthma is a disease that affects your lungs. It is one of the most common long-term diseases of children, but adults can have asthma too. Asthma causes wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing at night or early in the morning. If you have asthma, you have it all the time, but you will have asthma attacks only when something bothers your lungs.

What is an Asthma Attack?

An asthma attack may include coughing, chest tightness, wheezing, and trouble breathing. The attack happens in your body's airways, which are the paths that carry air to your lungs. As the air moves through your lungs, the airways become smaller, like the branches of a tree are smaller than the tree trunk. During an asthma attack, the sides of the airways in your lungs swell and the airways shrink. Less air gets in and out of your lungs, and mucus that your body makes clogs up the airways.

You can control your asthma by knowing the warning signs of an asthma attack, staying away from things that cause an attack, and following your doctor's advice. When you control your asthma.

- you won't have symptoms such as wheezing or coughing;
- you'll sleep better;
- you won't miss work or school;
- you can take part in all physical activities; and
- you won't have to go the hospital.

Common Asthma Triggers

- Smoke, including cigarettes and campfires
- Mold
- Cockroaches and Mites
- Strong fumes
- Pet Dander
- Exercise, especially in cold weather

"You will never know just how much you value your breath"

Transportation Lends a Helping Hand

With funding through the Federal Highways, The Comanche Nation Transportation has been able to assist schools in southwest Oklahoma with new parking lots and roadways.

The Comanche Nation Transportation receives a federal grant every year in the amount of 2.3 to 2.5 million dollars, which makes the assistance possible.

Since the schools doesn't have the funds for the repairs, The Comanche Nation Transportation pays for all the planning, the supplies and all the work.

The Comanche Nation Transportation has already completed several schools, which were in dire need of repairs. Fletcher, Elgin, Walters plus Cement and Apache schools are complete, while Cyril is 99% complete. Sterling, Geronimo, Chattanooga and Indianola are on this year's list for repairs. All the schools that has received assistance or are going to receive assistance are within The Comanche Nation Transportation servicing area.

Comanche Nation Transportation Director, Adrian Tehauno said, The reason for assisting the schools is for the safety of tribal students, everyone benefits. This is a Win-Win situation for everybody.

Tehauno said, "I was around some of these schools before the program started and some had big holes, I thought, what if one of our Comanche children fell or tripped in that hole and broke a leg or something."

"I got with the engineer at Anadarko, we went over some stuff and he told me that all you need is one enrolled Comanche student in that school and you can assist them with their roads, streets or parking lots. So when we jumped in it, we went all the way with it," said Tehauno.

In order for The Comanche Nation Transportation to receive the grant, depends on the amount of roads and bridges it has in its inventory. The Comanche Nation Transportation has approximately 3,000 miles including the seven counties that it services in its inventory.

The Comanche Nation Transportation has been assisting

counties with street and road repair since 1991. It has never been known from where the counties had been getting the help, said Tehauno. Tehauno said, "It was around 2010 that the public started to take notice of how The Comanche Nation Transportation was helping the counties." After a road is finished, the county supplies a sign saying, "Funds provided by The Comanche Nation Transportation in coordination with whatever county the road is in."

The Comanche Nation Transportation works with the counties, because the counties will pay for the planning and do the work, The Comanche Nation Transportation will pay for the materials needed to complete the job. The Comanche Nation Transportation's main servicing areas are: Cotton, Comanche and southern Caddo counties.

All monies used come strictly from grant monies. The Comanche Nation Transportation has to provide financial reports to the federal government and account for every penny spent, in the last nine years The Comanche Nation Transportation has had a clean audit.

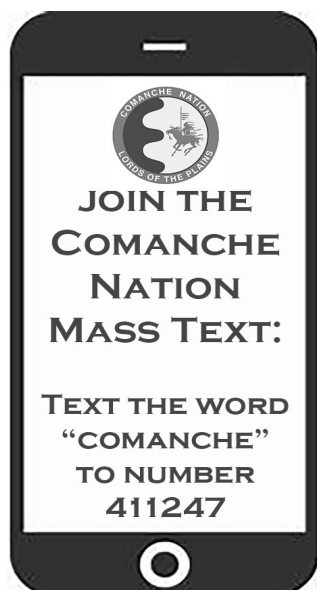
When all the school projects are finished, The Comanche Nation Transportation will go back to helping the counties with roads and bridges.

"I really enjoy this program, it's satisfying and rewarding," said Tehauno.

MEMORIAL DAY



Comanche Nation Offices will be closed May 31 for Memorial Day. Offices will re-open for business June 1.



SAVE THE DATE



**68TH ANNUAL COMANCHE HOMECOMING
JULY 16, 17, 18, 2021
SULTAN PARK
WALTERS, OK**

Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Presents:

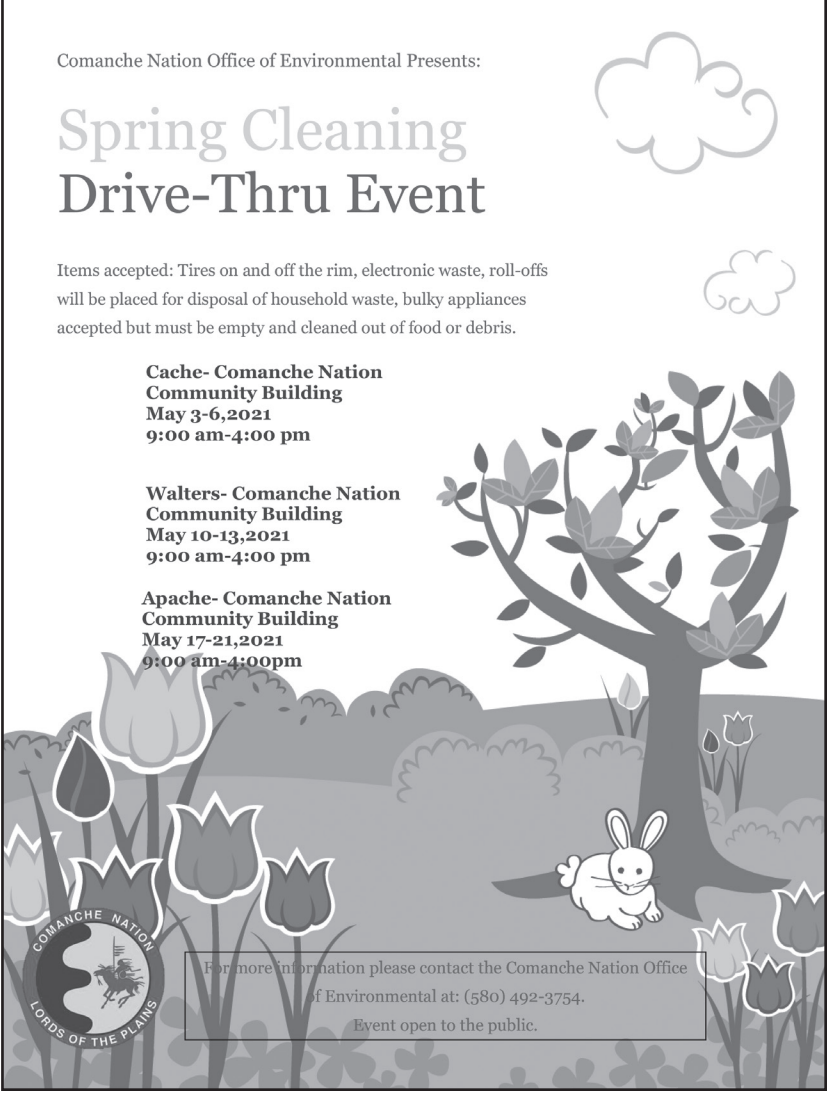
Spring Cleaning Drive-Thru Event

Items accepted: Tires on and off the rim, electronic waste, roll-offs will be placed for disposal of household waste, bulky appliances accepted but must be empty and cleaned out of food or debris.

**Cache- Comanche Nation Community Building
May 3-6, 2021
9:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Walters- Comanche Nation Community Building
May 10-13, 2021
9:00 am-4:00 pm**

**Apache- Comanche Nation Community Building
May 17-21, 2021
9:00 am-4:00pm**



For more information please contact the Comanche Nation Office of Environmental at: (580) 492-3754.
Event open to the public.

SUMMER SCHOOL Tutoring

Join now

JUNE 1ST through JULY 31ST

SESSIONS will be available for scheduling MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, & FRIDAY 9am-12pm Limited spots

Requirements

- Ages K-12th Grade
- Enrolled in a federally recognized Tribe
- Reside in the counties of Comanche, Kiowa, Caddo, Tillman, Grady, Cotton, or Stephens

If your child has credits or classes to make up, or is at risk of being held back due to virtual school, limited resources, or other unforeseen reasons from this past year **WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

Tutor Corlette Burgess & Student Kena 8th Grade

Indigenous P.O.W.E.R. Program
Shailah Ramos | Email to request an application TODAY!
shailah.ramos@comanchenation.com

CALL TO NOW TO APPLY
580-919-9986
580-492-3614

COMANCHE NATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOT LINE

(580) 492-3628

EARTH DAY 2021

The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental spent Earth Day doing a roadside clean up. The CNOEP chose Madische and McCracken Road which are heavily traveled stretches of road that lead up to the Comanche Nation Complex. The national theme for the 51st Anniversary of Earth Day was "Restore Our Earth". Earth Day was established in 1970 and is still being celebrated across the world with over 1 billion people participating each year. To see what other countries and people are doing around the world today visit EarthDay.ORG to see calls of action, clean ups, and online tools to make every day earth day at home! The CNOEP collected 64 bags of trash which averages out to 1,453 pounds of waste collected. The CNOEP would like to thank all our of volunteers who came out to celebrate and assist us today.

COMANCHE NATION WORKFORCE: SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Applications available for the summer of 2021:
April 19th thru May 13th
Ages: 14 - 24 years old

Must be an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation tribe
If different federally recognized tribe, must reside within Comanche & Cotton counties
We will assist as many tribal youths as funding can hold

- Application Deadline will be May 13th, 2021.
- All applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- No more than two (2) youth per household when applying.
- Tribal Administration COVID-19 Policy & Procedures will be followed during this program.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted nor held.

Contact Information:
Address: 1608 SW 9th St., Lawton, OK 73501
Mailing: P.O. Box 908, Lawton, OK 73502
Office Phone: 580-492-3257/580-492-3644
Office Fax: 580-492-3770
Office Email: rodney.parker@comanchenation.com
Website: www.comanchenation.com

CACHE CASINO

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Members of the Comanche Business Committee, City of Cache, and Comanche Nation Entertainment, break ground for the upcoming Comanche Cache Casino. The project is planned for 250 gaming machines, a sit-down restaurant, an open-air veranda and a new convenience store and gas station.

RIGHT: Managers of the Comanche Nation Casinos, from left: Ken Gooden - Comanche Red River Casino, Jonathan Ramirez - Comanche Cache Casino, Sterling Ticeahkie - Comanche Star Casino, and Jay Martinez - Comanche Spur Casino.



tribe.”
 Quannah Parker’s great granddaughter LaNora Parker, who is also a member of the Comanche Business Committee, spoke about his significance with the tribe. “He was for progress,” she said. “He always took care of the people and looked into the future. He encouraged us to learn a new way but always remem-

ber who we are. We are Comanche.”
 Tahdooahnippah said Cache holds a special place for her family as well, making the new casino even more meaningful. Her parents are both from Cache and her family settled in the area before Oklahoma became a state.

The ground breaking celebration included a tribal blessing and

performances by Comanche dancers, drummers and singers.

The new property is expected to employ more than 50 people and be a welcome boon to the Cache economy. “We look forward to the growth of this great town,” said Tahdooahnippah. “Comanche Cache Casino will build upon our reputation as leaders in the community and our

industry. We look forward to a new era of success.”

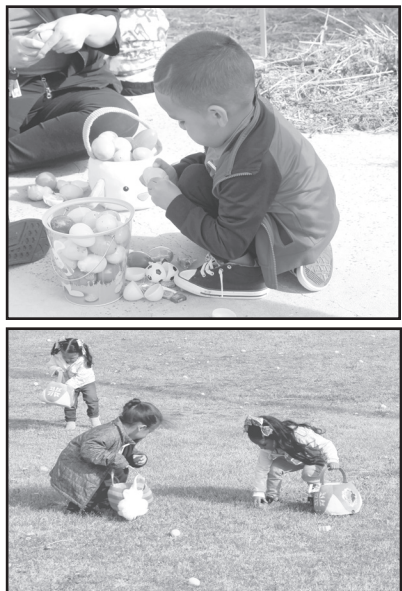
ABOUT COMANCHE NATION ENTERTAINMENT

Comanche Nation Entertainment operates Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Comanche Red River Hotel Casino in Devol, Comanche Spur Casino in Elgin and Comanche Star Ca-

sino in Walters. Its Comanche Travel Plazas and Quick Stops are located throughout Southwest Oklahoma. For more information on Comanche Nation Entertainment properties, visit www.comanchenationentertainment.com or follow the company on Facebook.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



ELDERS ENJOY EASTER HUNT ACTIVITIES. Elders at the Edith Kassanavoid Assisted Living Center enjoy watching children from the Comanche Nation Early Childhood Development Center hunt Easter eggs the afternoon of April 8, in Lawton, Okla. The energetic children scooped up dozens of eggs, in hopes of getting the prize egg. Ones who found the prize egg received a basket of Easter goodies from the elders.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

FUND RAISER TO HELP EAGLES. The Numunus 4 Constitutional Change group hosted a fund raising event for Sia - the Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative. The event was held April 5, at Tu Familia Mexican Restaurant, in Lawton, Okla. The funds raised are to help Sia’s diverse preservation efforts, which range from scientific research, to the housing of historical items. Artificial insemination, and feather micro-chipping are just some of the cutting edge technologies employed at Sia. The mission of Sia is preservation through cultural understanding of the eagle in history, science, and spirit. For more information about Sia, call (580) 464-2750, or www.comancheeagle.org.

Follow the Comanche Nation Public Information Office:

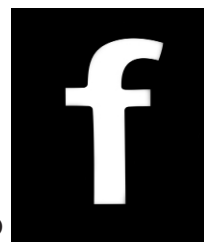


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The Comanche Nation News

Comanche Nation Workforce presents:

WIOA Outreach Apache Community

Applications for services available!

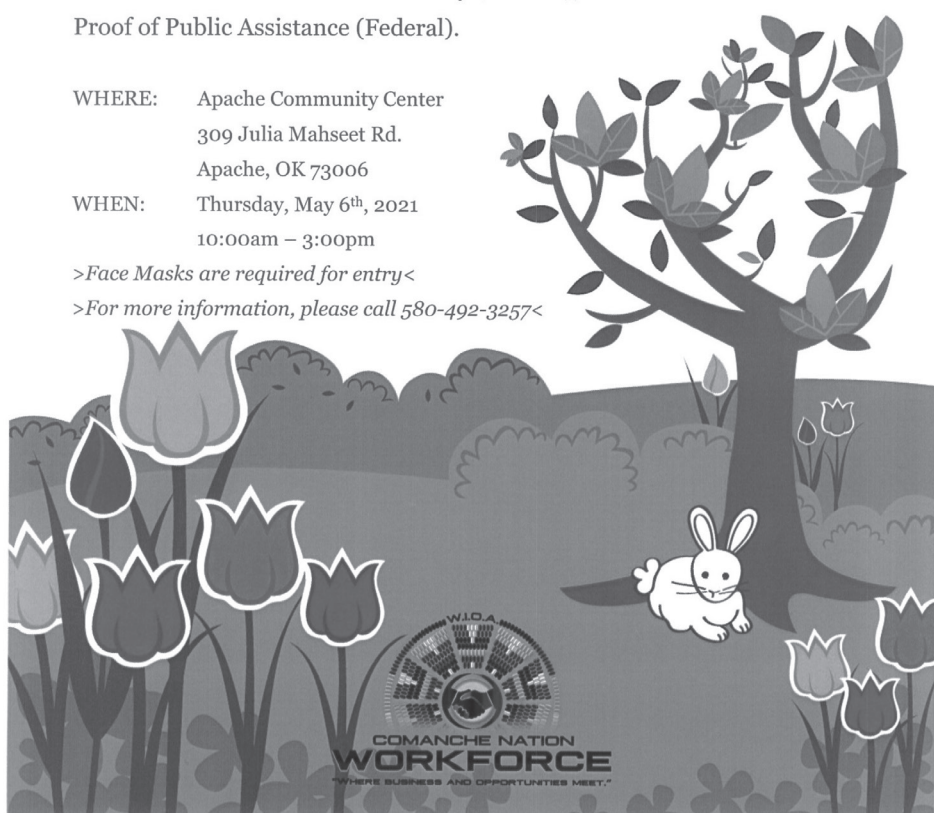
Documents needed: Picture ID, CDIB, SSC, Proof of Income (Federal), Proof of Residency (Federal), and Proof of Public Assistance (Federal).

WHERE: Apache Community Center
 309 Julia Mahseet Rd.
 Apache, OK 73006

WHEN: Thursday, May 6th, 2021
 10:00am – 3:00pm

>Face Masks are required for entry<

>For more information, please call 580-492-3257<



COMANCHE NATION WORKFORCE PRESENTS:

AMERICAN COLLEGE TESTING (ACT) ASSISTANCE

HOSTED BY: ACT

TEST DATE: APRIL 17TH, 2021 @ 8:00AM (TENTATIVE DATE)

- > Must be an enrolled High School student at a local public school.
- > Must be able to take ACT Test and ACT Written Exam.
- > Required by ACT for student to have a form of photo identification.
- > Must be between the ages of 16 and 19 years old (Junior & Senior grades).
- > Must reside within Comanche and Cotton counties of Oklahoma.
- > Must meet Department of Labor Income Poverty Guidelines.
- > One (1) Youth per Household only.
- > Open to those youth who did not participate in Workforce’s hosted Driver’s Education course with Wade’s Driving School.



Applications available March 22nd, 2021 and located at 1608 SW 9th St., Lawton, OK 73505

First come, first serve of fifty (50) youth applicants

Federally Funded Event

For more information contact: Workforce Office @ 580-492-3257

Culinary Corner

May Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

May 2021						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 Frederick 1 st Day	4 Frederick 2 nd Day	5 Walters 1 st Day	6 Walters 2 nd Day	7 Cache 1 st Day	8
9 	10 Cache 2 nd Day	11 Cache 3 rd Day	12 Cache 4 th Day	13 Lawton 1 st Day	14 TRUCK DAY	15
16	17 Lawton 2 nd Day	18 Lawton 3 rd Day	19 Lawton 4 th Day	20 Lawton 5 th Day	21 Make-Up Day	22
23	24 Make-Up Day	25 Make-Up Day	26 Inventory	27 Inventory	28 Inventory	29
30	31 CLOSED Memorial Day					

Recipes for Home Cooking

Spring Vegetable Frittata for Mother

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large leek (white part only), chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt, divided, or as needed
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and diced
- 1 ½ cups (1/2-inch) sliced zucchini
- 1 ½ cups (1/2-inch) pieces asparagus
- 1 cup baby spinach
- 1 ½ cups sliced cooked potatoes
- 12 large eggs
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper
- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 4 ounces crumbled goat-milk feta cheese, divided

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Heat oil in heavy 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Cook leek with a pinch of salt, stirring occasionally, until leeks soften and start to turn translucent, 5 to 6 minutes. Add jalapeno and zucchini; season with pinch of salt.

Cook until zucchini start to get tender and pale green, about 5 minutes. Add asparagus and cook until bright green, about 1 minute. Add spinach and another pinch of salt, cooking until wilted, 1 minute. Stir in cooked potatoes and heat through, about 5 minutes.

3. Crack 12 large eggs into a bowl. Add cayenne, salt, and pepper. Whisk for at least 30 seconds. Pour eggs into over vegetables in skillet over medium heat. Add 3 ounces of crumbled goat cheese; stir lightly until evenly distributed. Top with remaining cheese. Remove from heat.
4. Bake in preheated oven until eggs are set, 12 to 15 minutes. When nearly set, turn on broiler. Broil frittata until top browns, 1 to 2 minutes. Cool slightly; serve warm.

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.heminokeky@comanchenation.com

Fun Page

Directions: Color me.



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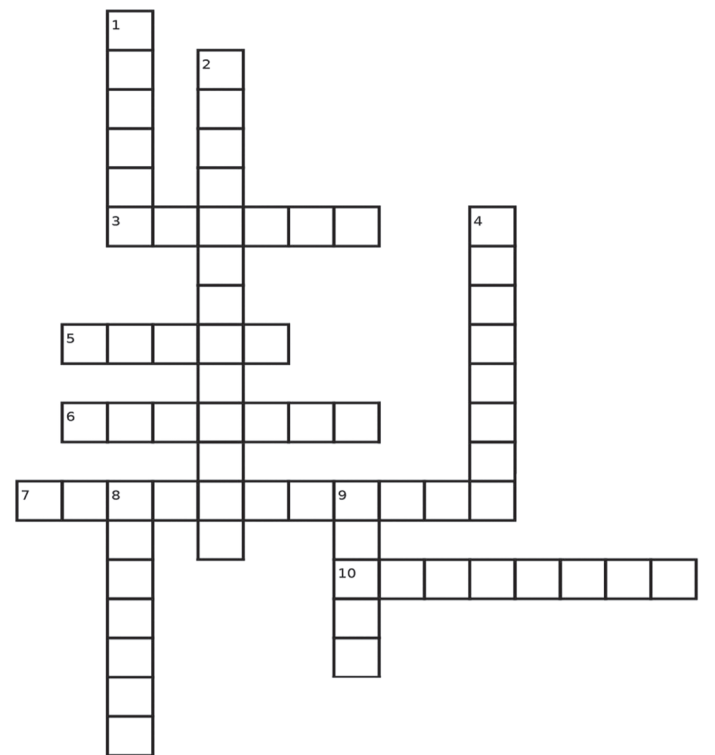
1. banana
2. cake or cookie
4. cooked dried corn with meat
8. corn
9. boiled meat

Across:

3. apple
5. dried pounded meat
6. bread
7. butter
10. ice cream

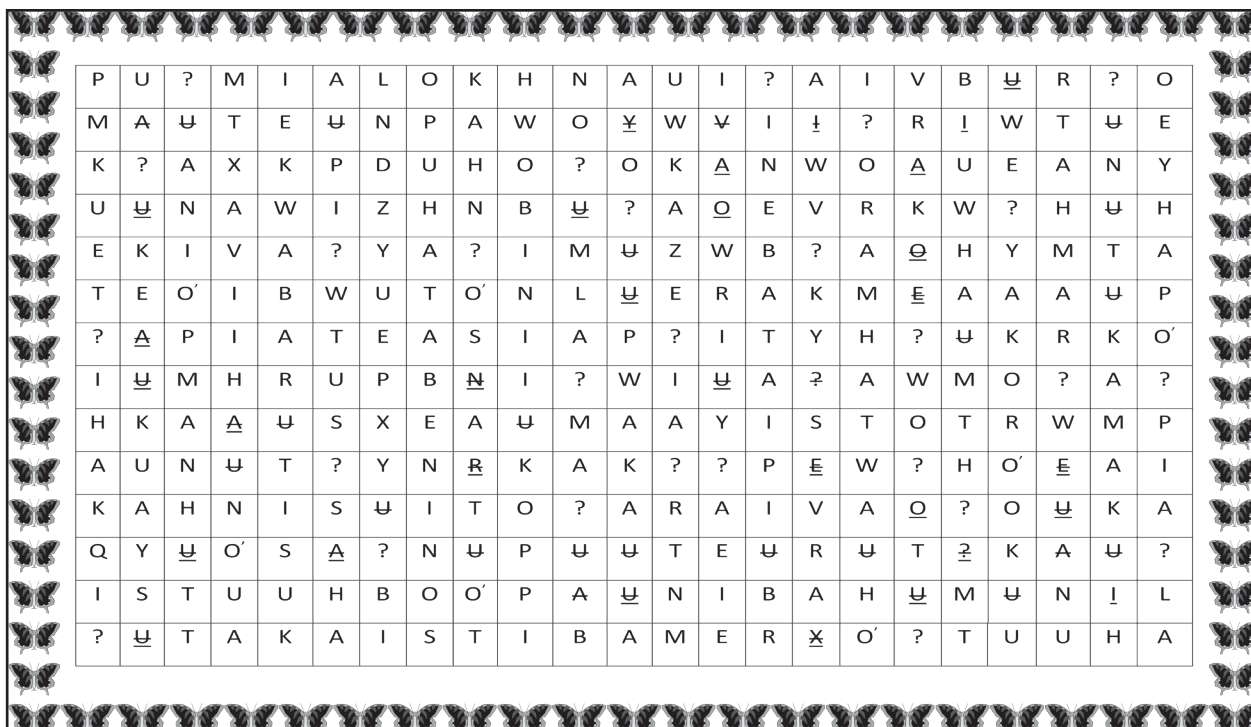
Things You Eat

Remember: There may be more than one way to spell or say something.



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



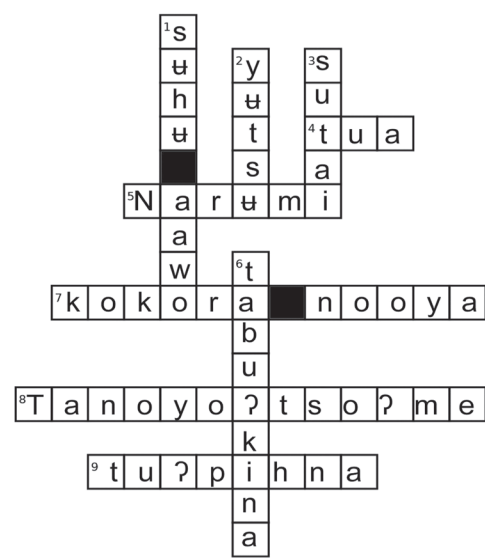
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| May- TOTSIIYAA M̄A | Sunday- PUHA TABENI |
| Butterfly- WE?YAKORO'O | Family- N̄M̄H̄ABIN̄E |
| Spring- TAHMARO'I | Honor - MABITSIKAT̄E |
| Baseball - N̄?H̄PEE | Hug - KWABAR̄E |
| Blowing Wind, Windy - N̄ET̄E | I Love You- H̄ KAMAK̄T̄E N̄E |
| Kite - WOBINII | Children - T̄R̄H̄ET̄E |
| Mother's Day- PIA TABENI | Grandmother on Mother's side- KAKU |
| Home- KAHNI | Grandfather on Father's side- HUUTSI |

Answer Key for "Comanche Words of Easter" that was published in the April Edition of TCNN.



Comanche Words of Easter



Down:

1. basket
2. rise
3. bless
6. rabbit

Across:

4. son
5. Master, Lord, Jesus
7. chicken egg
8. easter
9. chocolate

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Change Means Unity

I Would like each Comanche member to have a voice and a choice within our tribal operations. With fairness to all in the Nation, not a select few. We need changes, change is necessary, for us to be economically stronger.

I, Dr. Blu Sau-Pa Pahdocony, Ph. D ,ask for your consideration and support. I was a professor in Native Antiquities and Native American Studies, at University of Arizona, Tucson, Arizona for 16 years. I Designed, coordinated and implemented the operations in four national Native American social and health programs, for 22 years. I wrote resolutions for 17 years, with N.C.A.I (National Congress of American Indian), received the first N.A. vocational rehabilitation contract with state of Florida, servicing twelve communities. I have been an active grant writer for 38 years. Again, and I look forward to your consideration and support. Uda

Elect Blu Pahdocony Comanche Nation Chairman

-  Economic Development
-  Elder Care/Support
-  Business Opportunities
-  Employment
-  Youth Program Development
-  Education Programs
-  Housing
-  Social Programs

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Re-Elect LaNora Parker for Comanche Nation Vice Chairwomen

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Career Experience

18 years in Civil Service
Director of Comanche Nation Social Service
Counselor at Santa Fe Indian School
Healing Circle coordinator, Institute of American Indian Arts

Education

Bachelor Degree, University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma

Projects for Progress, Past & Present that I advocated for the Comanche Nation

- Per Capita Payment
- Red River Expansion
- Funeral Home
- Comanche Indian Veterans Association
- Annual Church Funding
- Children's Comanche Nation Fair Carnival
- Elder Annual Payment
- Comanche Cache Casino
- War Pony Red River Casino
- Anadarko Outreach Center

"I Support Elders, Youth, Veteran's Economic Development and Education for the Comanche Nation. A vote for LaNora Parker is a Vote for Progress for the Growth of Comanche Nation."

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People, Places and Things Happening

StrongHearts Native Helpline Launches Text Advocacy

StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) has expanded operations and is now offering text advocacy. The expanded service launched on Friday, April 2. Text advocacy can be reached by using StrongHearts Native Helpline's number: 1(844) 762-8483.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally-appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native victim-survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Like online chat advocacy, text advocacy increases accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired and those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support. As the pandemic continues and victim-survivors in abusive relationships are forced to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners; it becomes even more vital to offer multiple communication options so victim-survivors can decide what is a safe and appropriate option for them.

"We are eager to expand our services to reach every Native victim-survivor who needs it," said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). "StrongHearts will continue our work until all of our relatives have the resources they need and are safe from violence."

According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Partner Survey, Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States. The study found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence in their lifetime, and one in three had experienced violence within the past year. The study also examined how this violence affects tribal communities and Native survivors. For American Indian and Alaska Native people, the study found about half of women and nearly one in five men stated they needed victim services. With few options and supportive resources, Native American victims of abuse often go without assistance.

To address these inequities and better serve Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts has been rapidly expanding. In 2020, StrongHearts launched online chat advocacy and sexual violence advocacy. In 2021, StrongHearts increased advocacy services to 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

As American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to navigate the isolating effects of COVID-19, 24/7 expanded operations and text advocacy will allow those experiencing domestic and sexual violence to connect with a highly-trained advocate whenever they need free, anonymous and confidential support.

Virtual Events Calendar for May from the National Museum of the American Indian

The Story of the Lū'au: Dance and Cooking Demonstration May 1 – 31; on demand

Explore the story of the Native Hawaiian tradition of lū'au and learn why it plays such an important role in Hawaiian culture featuring Vicky Holt Takamine, renowned kumu hula (master teacher of Hawaiian dance), and 'ūniki (graduated) as a kumu hula from hula master Maiki Aiu Lake. As part of her graduation, Lake held a lū'au to celebrate the occasion. This is a tradition Takamine

continues as she presents lū'aus for her graduating students. Kumu Vicky will present the story of lū'au which will be followed by a dance presentation that would be enjoyed at celebrations and significant events, such as births, graduations, weddings and many more 'ohana (family) gatherings.

Chef and Hawaiian cultural practitioner Kealoha Domingo elevates the art of cooking to a new level by honoring the connection to the 'āina (land), kanaka (humankind), and mea 'ai (food). Kealoha learned the traditions from his father and is sharing that knowledge with his son, Kahikinaokalā. Domingo's culinary inspiration comes from his kupuna (ancestors), 'ohana (family), life mentors and a network of dedicated friends who wholeheartedly support his endeavors. He will be demonstrating some of the recipes associated with the lū'au. He will also share the healthful and sustainable character of these traditional food sources.

This program received Federal support from the Asian Pacific American Initiatives Pool, administered by the Smithsonian Asian Pacific American Center.

Native American Code Talkers May 19, 2 p.m. EST

An illustrated talk by author and historian William C. Meadows followed by audience Q&A. Check the museum's website for updates and Zoom link.

Youth in Action: Ecological Knowledge in Pacific Coastal Communities May 20

Indigenous coastal Pacific communities have respected and protected their homelands' ocean resources for thousands of years. Listen to a conversation with young Indigenous activists from across the Pacific who are utilizing traditional knowledge to inform environmental work within their communities.

Youth in Action: Conversations About Our Future is a monthly program led by young Native activists and changemakers from across the Western Hemisphere who are working toward equity and social justice for Indigenous peoples. Topics vary from month to month. Advance registration is not required.

Wermly Invited to ESPN Elite Camp



Wermly

Congratulations to Tribal member, Kenneth Donald Wermly (Comanche/Cheyenne/Arapaho). He was invited to the ESPN Elite Underclassmen camp located in Houston, Texas. Wermly plays football, Offensive and Defensive Linemen for Cache High School, located in Cache, Okla.

Wermly is the grandson of Carlene Ataavich.

Center for Native American Youth

Full Circle Scholarship The American Indian College Fund has been the nation's largest charity supporting Native higher education for 31 years. The Full Circle Scholarship supports American Indian and Alaska Native college students seeking technical, undergraduate and graduate degrees at tribal col-

leges and other nonprofit, accredited schools.

The Application Opens February 1st and the Deadline to Apply is May 31.

Who is Eligible to Apply:

- Must be a U.S. citizen
- A member or descendant of a state or federally recognized tribe
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student with a 2.0 grade point average

What You Will Need to Apply:

- Must create a student profile account
- Provide a professional looking digital photo
- Proof of tribal enrollment (or CDIB), or your parent/grandparent's enrollment with your birth certificate
- Most recent high school or college transcript (official not needed)

Nevaquaya-Harris "Peace of Mind" Artwork On Display in Washington DC.



Courtesy Photo

Last Autumn, the U.S. Department of the Interior Museum acquired for their collection the beautifully vibrant acrylic on canvas work, *Peace of Mind*, by Joyce Nevaquaya Harris. They are pleased to announce it is being included among artwork on display in the secretarial suite of the new Interior Secretary Deb Haaland at the Department of the Interior's headquarters building in Washington, DC. Nevaquaya-Harris is from Oklahoma, and is a self-taught, award-winning artist specializing in acrylics and oils.

Kindergarten Graduate



Courtesy Photo

Dalby

Tribal member, Riley Dalby attends Cache Public Schools where she graduated from Kindergarten.

Dalby's parents are Lauren Dalby and Jay Jiminez. Her grandmother is Carol Mithlo, and Grandparents are Jason Dalby, Ricky Mithlo, and Crystal Varth. The family is beyond proud.

Grubbs Selected for Barnes & Noble College All-Academic Team

Tribal member, Katie Grubbs, is a Sophomore at the University of Mobile located in Mobile, Alabama. Grubbs plays soccer for Mobile.

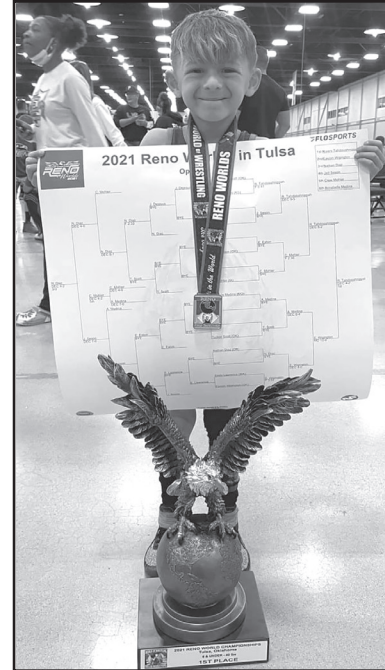
The Southern States Athletic Conference (SSAC) announced

the 2020-2021 year-end women's soccer award winners and Grubbs along with many others was chosen for the Barnes and Noble College All-Academic Team.

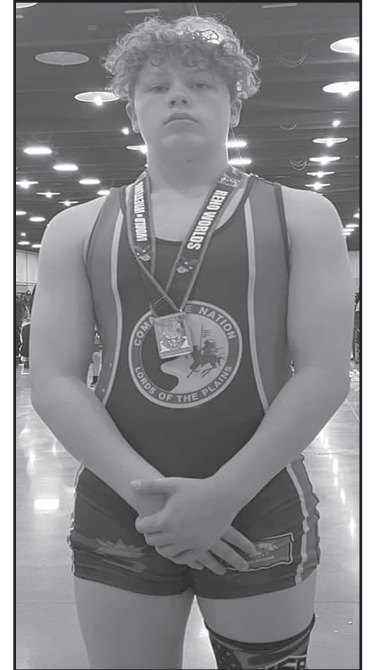
Grubbs is the daughter of

Norris and Kim Grubbs. Granddaughter of Joe and Linda Chebah-tah. Great-Granddaughter of Mooney and Mollie Chebah-tah, and great-great granddaughter of Chevato and Pihe.

Congratulations to Tahdooahnippah and Roberts for Placing First and Fifth at the Reno World Wrestling



Tahdooahnippah



Roberts

Courtesy Photos

Shout out to Tribal members, River Tahdooahnippah and Zayden Roberts. Tahdooahnippah, finished 1st Place at 40 lbs 6U, at the Reno World Wrestling Championships in Tulsa, Okla. Tahdooahnippah who is on Team Comanche Boy, finished the season strong with a record of 41-2. Roberts, placed 5th Place at the Reno World Wrestling Championships in the 160 lbs, 12U Divison. Congratulations to both boys on their achievements.

Motah's Graduate from Moore High School With Honors



Macy Motah



Mia Motah.

Courtesy Photos

Macy Motah, is an Honors graduate with a 4.0 GPA. Varsity Cheer Captain, National Honor Society Officer, Moore Love Committee member, and Leadership Committee member. Awarded OU Presidential scholarship, Awarded OCCC Freshman scholarship. She will be wearing an athletic cord, a leadership cord, a National Honor Society hood, and a Johnson O'Malley stole at graduation. Motah earned a Varsity Cheer National Championship as well as several medals associated with cheer competitions.

Mia Motah, is an Honors graduate with a 4.0 GPA. Top 10% Class ranking, Varsity Cheer Co-Captain, Senior Class Vice-President, National Honor Society Officer, Moore Love Committee member, and Leadership Committee member. She was awarded OU Presidential scholarship, OCCC Freshman scholarship. She will be wearing an athletic cord, leadership cord, a National Honor Society hood, and a Johnson O'Malley stole at graduation. Motah earned a Varsity Cheer National Championship as well as several medals associated with cheer competitions.

Billy Signs to Play Basketball at Southwestern Christian University



Tribal member Tawny Billy, signed her letter of intent on March 31, to play basketball at Southwestern Christian University located in Bethany, Oklahoma. Tawny is 18 years old and a Senior at Tecumseh High School. Tawny's Great Grandfather is the late Finis Kowena, and her Grandfather is the late Lewis Gene Kowena, also known as, Big Boy.

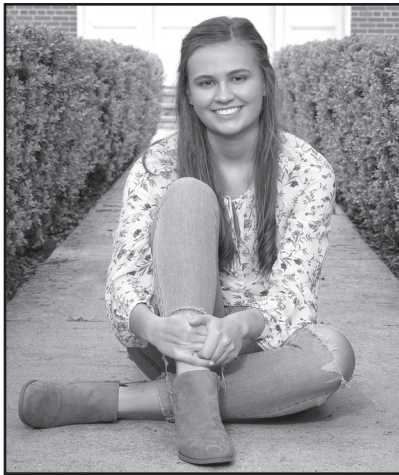
The NCAI Announces Dante Desiderio as its New Chief Executive Officer

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is pleased to announce that Dante Desiderio has been selected as the organization's new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and will be joining NCAI on May 11, 2021. In his new position, Desiderio will oversee the day-to-day management and operations of the organization for an improved path to success for NCAI and the NCAI Fund. He will report directly to the NCAI Executive Committee.

"We are thrilled to welcome Dante Desiderio back to NCAI as our new CEO at this critical time. He was NCAI's Director of Economic Policy during the Great Recession, the last time our country faced such uncertain and challenging economic times. As we emerge from a global pandemic and the social and economic instability that come with such monumental challenges, there is no better leader to guide us through the recovery and rebuilding effort, or to help us navigate the future as it pertains to policy and opportunities with the American Rescue Plan," said NCAI President Fawn Sharp. "It's been a stressful year for all of Indian Country, and with Dante's leadership, I'm confident we will build our tribal nations back stronger, more resilient, and healthier than ever."

Desiderio, a citizen of the Sappony Tribe, comes to NCAI from the Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA), where he spent 10 years as the organization's executive director. During his tenure, he increased the organization's commitment to its members and grew its national profile as a steward for tribal economic development. He instituted the NAFOA Member Tribes model and successfully transitioned NAFOA to a tribally-led organization.

Grubbs Selected to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association All-State Team for Track and Field



Courtesy Photo

Grubbs

Tribal member, Mollie Grubbs, attends Northshore High School located in Slidell, Louisiana. She takes part in Track and Field and is the current city and parish girls discus champion. She has maintained a 4.0 GPA all four-years as a varsity athlete.

Grubbs was selected to the Louisiana High School Athletic All State Team for Track and Field. She was also selected to the Louisiana High School Athletic Association Academic All-State Team for basketball and all district honorable mention. She has received the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Core Values from the state FCA Director for her leadership in the FCA Huddle Group at Northshore High School.

Grubbs is currently in running to be one of her Class' Valedictorians, with a class size of 300. She received the VFW Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. She plans to attend Union University located in Jackson, Tennessee, where she has earned academic scholarships.

Grubbs is the daughter of Norris and Kim Grubbs. Granddaughter of Joe and Linda Chebah-tah. Great-Granddaughter of Mooney and Mollie Chebah-tah, and great-great granddaughter of Chevato and



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EXTENDING THEIR REIGN. From left, Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, and Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Angelina Steinmeyer, will extend their reign through the year 2021. When the Coronavirus pandemic started in 2020, the two princesses did not have the opportunity to represent the Comanche Nation at events, as they were elected to do, due to the cancellations of several events for public safety. They will be given the opportunity this year, as more tribal and intertribal events are being planned.



Courtesy Photo

Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Angelina Steinmeyer, attended the crowning of the 2021 Osage Princess, Gigi Sieke, March 28 in Grayhorse, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, attended the Ground breaking Celebration of the Comanche Cache Casino, April 3, in Cache, Okla.



Courtesy Photo

Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Angelina Steinmeyer, attended the crowning of Mr. and Miss Indian OU, March 27, in Norman, Okla. From Left, 2021 Mr. Indian OU, Adarius Begay, 2021 Miss Indian OU, Celena George, and Steinmeyer.



Courtesy Photo

Koassechony-Burgess

Koassechony-Burgess Makes the Game Winning Walk-Off Hit For Bacone

Tribal member, Nahmi Koassechony-Burgess, is a Sophomore at Bacone College located in Muskogee, Okla. Koassechony-Burgess plays softball with the Bacone Warriors and had a outstanding game against Southwestern Assemblies of God University (SAGU) with multiple hits with no errors and the game winning walk-off hit. The Bacone Warriors won both games against SAGU.

Congratulations

to all these Native American Female Athletes



SOFTBALL

Name of Athlete	Pos.	School	Tribe(s)
Kenzie Chacon	P	Oologah	Cherokee
Kayla Richardson	P	Kellyville	Creek
Kaci Phelps	P	Beggs	Creek
Faith Watts	P	Woodland	Osage-Cherokee
Madison Robertson	C	Weleetka	Creek
Krista Yackeyonny	C	Cache	Comanche
Keitan Bell	C	Pryor	Osage-Cherokee
Kennedy Morgan	C	Caddo	Choctaw
Lainee Yahola	OF	Wetumka	Creek
Madalyn McNae	IF	Cleveland	Creek
Blayre Buckner	OF	Savanna	Potawatomi
Kayly Bearpaw	IF	Kellyville	Creek
Gracie Lawless	IF	Silo	Cherokee
Hailee Brown	P	Cyril	Choctaw
Sophie Turner	OF	Okemah	Arapaho-Pawnee
Amiah Galcatcher	OF	Sequoyah-Tahlequah	Cherokee
Hannah Abeyta	OF	Whitesboro	Choctaw
Matie McCiellen	OF	McCurtain	Cherokee
Kaycee Babek	IF	Meeker	Choctaw
Kaylee Mattioda	IF	Hartshorn	Choctaw
Rhett Looney	IF	Pryor	Choctaw
Lauren Blackstar	IF	Boone-Apache	Comanche
Madison Daniels	IF	Quinton	Choctaw
Kacee Bell	OF	Red Oak	Choctaw
Jade Bressemer	IF	Geronimo	Comanche
Morgan Degrafferid	OF	Sapulpa	Creek

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Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

Armed Forces and Memorial Day 2021

During the month of May there are two federal holidays that recognize members of the military. **Armed Forces Day** is on **May 15** – it was established to pay special tribute to those currently serving in the military. **Memorial Day** is on **May 31** – it was established to those that made the supreme sacrifice in defense of our great nation.

Armed Forces Day is a joint celebration of all branches of the U.S. military – Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Space Force, National Guard, Air National Guard and Reserve Components. The day, held on the third Saturday in May, honors and pays special tribute to the men and women who are currently serving in the Armed Forces of the United States. It was first officially celebrated on May 20, 1950, and made an official holiday in 1962. 32 known Comanches have been identified as currently serving in all the branches of the military (except the newly created Space Force).

Lieutenant Colonel, Richard Martinez, who retired from the Texas Army National Guard, as a full-time Army Guard Reservists, on April 30, after 28+ years of military service. He enlisted with the Army National Guard in July, 1985, and served with the OK Army National Guard until 1988 when he transferred to the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG). He served with the TXARNG from 1988-97 and again from 2005 until his retirement. His last assignment was as the Garrison Training Center Commander. He deployed to Iraq from 2006-07 and Afghanistan twice from 2012-13 and 2017. **Master Sergeant, Glendal Yackeschi**, is currently serving with the OK Army National Guard as a full-time Army Guard Reservists. He enlisted into the Army National Guard on August 5, 1986, (at age 17 years and 8 days). Presently he is the Noncommissioned Officer In-Charge of Team Alpha, Southwest Oklahoma Recruiting Station, 45th Infantry Combat Team based in Mustang, Okla. In 1990-91, MSG Yackeschi deployed to Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait during the Gulf War (Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm) with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery. In 2009-10 he deployed to Afghanistan with the 45th Infantry Combat Team and was attached to the 101st Airborne Division; **Master Sergeant, Paul Tate Jr.**, is also serving in the OK Army National Guard, as a full-time Army Guard Reservists, currently serving as the Operations NCO for the 1st Battalion, 160th Field Artillery, 45th FIRES Brigade based in Chandler, Okla. He enlisted into the Army in August, 1991, and served until 1994, then served with the Army Reserve from 1994-96 and the OK Army National Guard since 1996 – he deployed to Iraq in 2007 with the 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery, 45th Infantry Brigade; **Master Sergeant, Thomas B. Harris**, is currently serving at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth, Texas, with the Air Force Reserve as a full-time Air Reserve Technician. He began his service in the Marine Corps in March, 1999, before transitioning into the Air Force Reserve in April, 2006, – service

includes deployments to Iraq once, Afghanistan twice and Korea; **Lieutenant Colonel, Lawrence N. Yazzie**, is currently the Commander of the 168th Cyber Operations Squadron, Iowa Air National Guard in Des Moines, Iowa. He is a graduate of the Air Force Academy, Class of 2000. He served in Air Force from 2000-08 after which he joined the Iowa Air National Guard – deployments include Kyrgyzstan twice and Kuwait in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. It is noted that Lt. Col Yazzie was member and three-year starter for the Air Force Academy Division I basketball team from 1997-00; **Captain, Ferrell W. Koaaschony**, enlisted into the Marine Corps in April, 2000. After earning the rank of Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on December 16, 2011. He is currently serving at Camp Lejeune, N.C., as the Adjutant of the HQs & Service Battalion, Marine Corps Installations East-MCB. He deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom from July, 2008, to March, 2009. From May to December, 2015, he deployed aboard the USS Anchorage with Battalion Landing Team 3/1, 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. In his 20+ years of service, he has deployed or been stationed in ten different countries; **Lieutenant Commander, Jennifer Newbauer**, served in the Army Reserve from August, 2000, to May, 2008, earning the rank of Sergeant. She was commissioned an Ensign with the Navy Reserve in May, 2010. She is currently the Headquarters Company Commander, Battalion Supply Officer (S-4), Ammunition Program and the Expeditionary Supply Corps Officer for Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 5 (Navy Reserve) at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash. She deployed to Iraq from January to December, 2003, while serving in the Army Reserve, with Company A, 5th Battalion 159th Aviation Regiment based at Balad Air Base and from September, 2013 to May, 2014, with her current unit to Afghanistan based at Bagram Air Field. LtCdr Newbauer also deployed to the Kingdom of Bahrain from February to November, 2016, based at the Naval Support Activity Bahrain. She began another deployment to the Kingdom of Bahrain in April, 2021. **Sergeant First Class, (Promotable) Charles Eatmon**, has served in the Army since July, 2001, and is currently the First Sergeant of the Dental Health Activity at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., – his service includes five combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He has been twice-wounded. Other duty stations include Fort Benning, Ga., Fort Riley, Kan., and Fort Sill and overseas in Korea; **Chief Warrant Officer 3, Karli Wahkahquah**, has served in the OK Army National Guard since 2001. She is a full-time Army Guard Reservists currently based at the Norman, Okla. Armed Forces Reserve Center as the Logistics Armament Systems Maintenance Warrant Officer for the 45th Infantry Combat Team – CW3 Wahkahquah deployed to Afghanistan from November, 2003, to August, 2004; **Staff Sergeant, Darlene Tate**, enlisted in the Air Force Reserve

in 2001. As of July 2016, she was a Staff Sergeant stationed in the Dallas/Fort area; **Staff Sergeant, Aaron Wermey**, has served in the Air Force since November, 2003, (his last known duty station (in 2013) was at Yokota Air Base, Japan as a 7-level Flying Crew Chief on a C-130 Hercules Aircraft – he has flown missions to Iraq, Afghanistan, Germany, Kuwait, Australia, Indonesia, Thailand, the Philippines, Brunei, Korea, Vietnam, Bangladesh and Jordan. His last known rank was Staff Sergeant; **Technical Sergeant, Lisa Pocowatchit**, is currently serving at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, Texas, as the Air Force Personnel Center Noncommissioned Officer In-Charge of Retirement. She enlisted into the Air Force on August 22, 2006; **Staff Sergeant, Tennyson Kerchee**, is currently serving at the Army Recruiting Station at Shawnee, Okla. He enlisted into the Army on April 1, 2008, – his service includes two deployments to Iraq, one deployment to Afghanistan and two deployments to Korea all as a 1st Cavalry Division Field Artilleryman. He has also served at Fort Sill and Fort Hood, Texas; **Petty Officer Second Class, Anita Chebahtah Newman**, enlisted into the Navy in August, 2009. She is currently based at Fort Meade, Md., with the Defense Media Activity; **Mariah Codopony**, who according to her grandfather Richard Codopony, is in the Regular Army stationed in Colorado. She enlisted in the OK Army National Guard in 2010 and deployed to Afghanistan from June, 2011, until March, 2012, her rank is not known; **Joshua Otipoby**, as of December, 2020, is stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. He enlisted into the Army in August, 2009, and has deployed to Afghanistan as a Cavalry Scout with the 1st Infantry Division. His rank is not known; **Captain, Kent O. Tomah III**, is currently serving at the Army National Training Center at Fort Irwin, Cali., where he is the Live Fire Observer, Controller and Trainer for OPFOR (Opposing Forces). He enlisted into the Army on August 24, 2010, and was commissioned as a Field Artillery Second Lieutenant on March 24, 2011, – his service includes a deployment to Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He has also served at Fort Sill and Fort Campbell, Ky., including service as a Battery Commander of a Basic Combat Training Battery at Fort Sill; **Petty Officer Second Class, Erin Heminokeky**, is currently serving at Coast Guard Sector Key West, Fla. He enlisted into the Coast Guard on July 9, 2013; Captain William Lundy is currently attending the Captain's Career Course at Fort Benning, Ga. He was commissioned an Army Second Lieutenant on May 16, 2016. He joined the Army on January 4, 2012. He deployed to Camp Taji, Iraq from December 31, 2019, to March 16, 2020, with the 2nd Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, 1st Brigade Combat Team, 82nd Airborne Division; **Staff Sergeant, Robert Ruth**, according to his grandfather, Robert Atchavit, enlisted in the Air Force in 2014, and is currently serving in Alaska; **Sergeant, Seth Yackeschi**, enlisted in the OK Army National Guard on January 13, 2015. He is currently serving with HQs & HQs Bat-

tery, 1st Battalion, 158th Field Artillery HMARS (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System), 45th FIRES Brigade based at Fort Sill. In addition, he is on Active Duty on Special Orders at the Joint Forces HQs in Oklahoma City. He deployed to Kuwait from February to November, 2020, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve. He is the son of MSG Glendal Yackeschi mentioned earlier; **Petty Officer Third Class, Shayne Chebahtah**, enlisted into the Navy on November 29, 2017, and is currently serving at the New London Naval Base Groton, Conn., as a Cryptologic Maintenance Technician – he previously served aboard the oldest sea-worthy naval vessel in the world, the USS Constitution aka “Old Ironsides” at Naval Base Charlestown, Mass.; **Corporal, Austin Daly**, is currently serving with the 82nd Airborne Division at Fort Bragg, N.C., he enlisted into the Army on August 13, 2018, – he deployed to Afghanistan from August, 2019, to May, 2020, with the 2nd Battalion, 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division as a Infantry Machine Gunner. He was awarded the Army Achievement Medal with/Combat C Device; **Private First Class, Tahtzilttoy Mithlo**, is currently serving with the 82nd Airborne Division, as a Combat Engineer, at Fort Bragg, N.C. She enlisted into the Army on July 14, 2019. She completed her Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training, as a Combat Engineer, at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Airborne School at Fort Benning, Ga.; **Airman First Class, Alyssa Nevaquaya**, is currently serving at Ramstein Air Base, Germany. She enlisted into the Air Force on June 6, 2019. She completed Basic Military Training at Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland, Texas.



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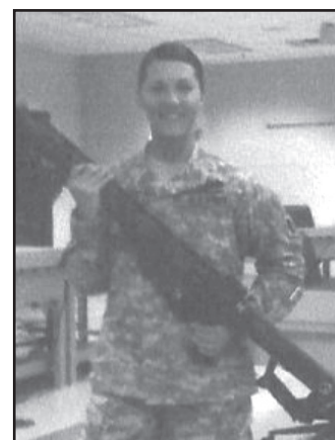
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AIC Alyssa Nevaquaya

Information from SSG Tennyson Kerchee indicates that **Stefan Wahkinney**, is currently serving as a Drill Sergeant at Fort Sill – he also served at Fort Wainwright, Alaska. On December 1, 2019, he was on the Army's Promotion List to Staff Sergeant and listed as an Infantryman. Kerchee also said **Draven Johnson**, is in the Air Force stationed most likely at Hill Air Force Base in Utah and **Private Alexander Akoneto**, just recently completed Basic Combat Training. Information was sent to Lanny Asepermy that **SGT Harley Yackeschi**, enlisted into the Army on January 8, 2016, and as of February 2, 2020, was serving at Fort Campbell, Ky., with the 101st Airborne Division. **Kyle Chibitty**, according to his father, Richard Chibitty, is currently on active duty in the Navy. **Manuel Zavala**, may still be on active duty as he enlisted into the Army in 1999 and I believe was last serving at Fort Sill. His last known rank was Staff Sergeant and he has four combat deployments to Afghanistan and Iraq. He also deployed to Korea. A 32nd Comanche on active duty sent the following email *"Due to the classified restrictions on my current assignment I cannot comment about my duties or provide a picture in uniform."* Photos and no other information are not available for these seven service members.

Most likely a few Comanches currently serving in the military have been omitted. **If you know of other Comanches currently serving please contact Lanny Asepermy at (580) 678-4629 or email: sgtmajase@yahoo.com.** Veteran Gift Bags are available for all the Comanche service members, past to present, if their mailing information is made available to Asepermy.

"We sleep peacefully in our beds at night only because a few rough men and women stand ready to do violence in our behalf" George Orwell.

Memorial Day will be on May 31. It is a federal holiday for honoring and mourning the military person-

nel who have died in the performance of their military duties while serving the Armed Forces of the United States. The day was first observed in 1868 and since 1970 is observed on the last Monday in May. During World War II, the Korean, Vietnam and Iraqi Wars 13 Comanches have been killed in action, died of combat wounds, died in captivity or declared dead while missing in action. They are:

Private First Class Johnnie M. Rivas, killed in action on June 6, 1944, in France while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division, *he is forever 22 years old*; **Sergeant Melvin "Hawkeye" Myers**, killed in action on June 14, 1944, in France while serving with the 82nd Airborne Division, *he is forever 28 years old*; **Private Eli Hosetosavit**, killed in action on August 1, 1944, in France while serving with the 634th Tank Destroyer Battalion, *he is forever 25 years old*; **Private Ben Trevino**, killed in action on August 3, 1944, in France while serving with the 9th Infantry Division, *he is forever 21 years old*; **Private First Class Thomas Chockpoyah**, killed in action on August 7, 1944, in France while serving with the 83rd Infantry Division, *he is forever 20 years old*; **Private First Class Gilbert Vidana**, killed in action on September 16, 1944, in Germany while serving with the 4th Infantry Division, *he is forever 21 years old*; **Private Henry Kosechata**, died of wounds on May 1, 1945, in Germany while serving with the 138th Engineer Combat Battalion, *he is forever 30 years old*; **Private First Class Henry William Conwoop**, died of wounds on May 3, 1945, in the Philippine Islands while serving with the 25th Infantry Division, *he is forever 23 years old*; **Corporal Dennis King Karty**, died in captivity on March 30, 1952, in North Korea while serving with the 2nd Infantry Division – he was captured on May 18, 1951, *he is forever 21 years old*; **Lt. Col Meech Tahsequah**, declared dead while missing in action (body not recovered) in North Korea while serving with Air Force 3rd Maintenance and Support Squadron – he was reported missing in action on December 6, 1950, *he is forever 35 years old*; **Private First Class Russell Eugene "Rusty" Pesewonit**, killed in action on July 22, 1966, in Vietnam while serving with the 3rd Marine Division, *he is forever 19 years old*; **Corporal Robert Carlos Pahcheka**, killed in action on October 22, 1968, in Vietnam while serving with the 1st Marine Division, *he is forever 22 years old*; and **Corporal Joshua Jerald Ware**, killed in action on November 16, 2005, in Iraq while serving with the 1st Marine Division, *he is forever 20 years old*.



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PFC Johnnie Rivas



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Cpl Joshua Ware

"Not For Fame Or Reward; Not For Place Or For Rank; Not Lured By Ambition Or Goaded by Necessity; But In Simple Obedience; Duty As they Understood It; These Men Suffered All; Sacrificed All; Dared All; and Died. These words are etched on a Memorial at Arlington National Cemetery, Va., in honor of the Fallen.

**Serving with Honor
Master Sergeant Thomas B. Harris**

Master Sergeant Thomas B. Harris, is currently an active Air Reserve Technician serving as the Avionics Activities Security Manager for the 301st Fighter Wing at the Naval Air Station (NAS) Joint Reserve Base (JRB) Fort Worth, Texas.

He enlisted in the Marine Corps (USMC) in March 1999, completed his Boot Training at the USMC Recruit Training Center San Diego, Cali., and the USMC School of Infantry at Camp Pendleton, Cali. MSgt Harris, then completed the Basic Electronics and Ground Radio Repair Courses at the USMC Communication-Electronics School at 29 Palms, Cali. In 2003 he completed the USMC Marksmanship Instructor Course with the Weapons Training Battalion at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va. He served as an Electronics Shop Chief and Primary Marksmanship Instructor with the 4th Electronics Maintenance Company at the Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center Wichita, Kan., until he transitioned into the Air Force (AF) Reserve in April 2006.

While in the AF Reserve he has served at NAS JRB Fort Worth; Keesler AF Base, Miss.; Sheppard AF Base, Texas; Joint Base Balad, Iraq; Kunsan Air Base, South Korea; and Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan twice.

His awards include the AF Commendation; the Air Reserve Forces Meritorious with/4 Oak Leaf Clusters (OLC); Selected USMC Reserve w/Bronze Star; the National Defense Service; Afghanistan Campaign w/2 Bronze Stars; Iraq Campaign w/Bronze Star; Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary w/Bronze Star; Global War on Terrorism Service; Korean Defense Service; Military Outstanding Volunteer Service; Armed Forces Reserve w/Silver Hourglass and 5 Mobilization Devices and the NATO w/Bronze Star medals. The Other awards include the Air Expeditionary Service w/ Gold Border and 4/OLC; Air Expeditionary Service; AF Longevity Service w/3 OLC; and the Small Arms Expert Marksmanship w/Bronze Star ribbons. While in the Marine Corps he was the 4th Electronics Maintenance Company Marine of the Year in 2011; a Primary Marksmanship Instructor; a Range Coach; USMC Rifle Expert Badge w/ fourth award Clasp (Commandant's Award); Pistol Sharpshooter Badge; and a Grey Belt with the USMC Martial Arts Program.

MSgt Harris, is the son of William and Elsie Catolster Harris of Cache and the grandson of the late Dewitt (1918-76) and Imagene Kassanavoid (1923-96) Harris. MSgt Harris is Comanche, Eastern Band of Cherokees and Sac and Fox. He and his wife, Andrea, have five children.



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Andrea and Thomas Harris

Obituaries

Rudolph Dale Yokesuite



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Yokesuite

Rudolph Dale Yokesuite, a lifelong resident of Apache, Oklahoma passed on February 6, in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 71 years old.

Yokesuite was a member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He attended Boone Grade School graduating in 1964, and he graduated from Apache High School in 1968. Yokesuite was in the Marine Corp from 1968-1970 and he married Sherrill Archilta (Deceased).

Yokesuite worked in the following capacities throughout his life, he worked for the Housing Authority of the Comanche Nation, Apache Tribal Housing and the Kiowa tribe as the bookkeeping supervisor, housing inspector and the Home Improvement Coordinator.

Yokesuite is survived by his only son, Ricky Dale Yokesuite; his children Shanel Ashley Yokesuite, Kiara Danielle Yokesuite, Taylor Gage Yokesuite, Paige Colleen Yokesuite, Kelsey Dale Yokesuite, and Sherrill Lynn Yokesuite; great grandson, Deacon Muse, all of Apache; and his longtime companion, Donna Kotay Perkaquanard of Anadarko; his only sister, Clorandia Tsatoke and husband Martin Tsatoke (Apache); his brothers, Donnell Heminokeky (Apache), Glen Heminokeky (Lawton), Lloyd Heminokeky (Cyril), Larry Heminokeky (Apache), and Gregory Haumpy Jr. (Lawton).

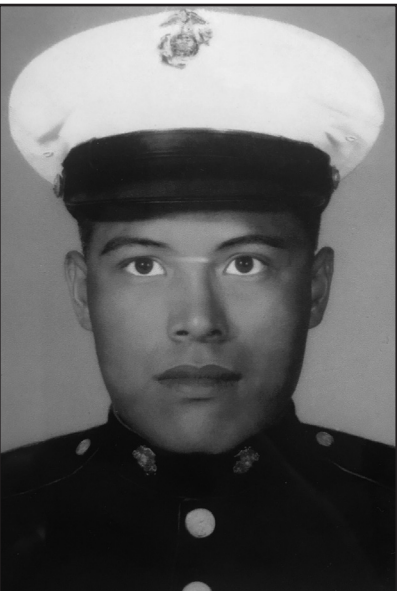
Eky, as his family lovingly called him was born September 13, 1949, and is preceded in death by his mother, Gloria Marie Yokesuite Haumpy; his grandparents, Blanche Lookingglass Yokesuite and Baldwin Yokesuite; great grandparents, Laura and Bayard Lookingglass.

Yokesuite was a devoted father and grandfather. He enjoyed camping at the Comanche Fair and cooking out with family. He was very mild mannered and had a great sense of humor. He was always smiling and joking when visiting with family. He will be deeply missed by his friends, family and all who knew him.

A funeral service was scheduled for 1 p.m., February 24, at the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma. Lloyd Heminokeky will be officiating the service.

Flowers, donations may be sent to the OU Childrens hospital in memory of Rudy.

Arthur "Tommy" Thomas Johnson



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Johnson

Arthur "Tommy" Thomas Johnson entered his Heavenly King-

dom on February 13.

Graveside service was February 24, at Mt. Scott KCA Cemetery. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Johnson was born on February 23, 1945, at the Kiowa Indian Hospital in Lawton to Harold Johnson, Sr. and Bernice Whitewolf-Johnson. He was an enrolled Comanche Tribal Member and direct descendant of Comanche Chief Whitewolf and was also of Seminole descent from the Katcv Clan (Tiger).

He attended Cooks College and Theological School in Tempe, Ariz., from 1997-1999, and gained his Associates Degree in Pastoral Arts; Washington Elementary for one year and transferred to Fort Sill Indian School where he played football and basketball, graduating in 1963. He was a resident of the last Comanche Encampment, Yellow Mission.

Entered the Oklahoma Army National Guard on August, 1962, then transferred to the USMC in 1965 until 1969. He served in the Vietnam War and earned the awards of Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, The Good Conduct Medal, The Vietnam Service Medal w/ 4 battle stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/ 1960 Device, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Palm, Cold War Medal and Cold War Certificate of Recognition and the Weapons Qualification Badges w/ Rifle and Pistol.

Johnson worked as a Housing Counselor for Comanche Nation Housing Authority, Oklahoma Environmental Health at Lawton Indian Hospital, Comanche Tribe Compliance Officer, VP of Comanche Housing Authority, VP of Comanche Nation Elders Counsel. Supporter of Comanche War Dance Society. He was a lifelong member of the Comanche Reformed Church and was an Elder of the Church. He pastored at different churches around the country. Member of Whitewolf descendants Family Powwow Organization

Johnson was an avid OU and Dallas Cowboys fan, he loved fishing, exploring the creek, and spending time with his children and grandchildren. He also enjoyed traveling to National and International powwows with his family

Preceded in death by: parents, Harold Johnson, Sr. and Bernice Whitewolf-Johnson; grandparents, paternal: James Johnson and Betty Walker-Johnson; maternal: Edward Whitewolf and Maude "Tocsi" Chaat-Blevins; mother-in-law Easlyn Onco and father-in-law Holly Onco Sr., son Alton King, brothers: Edmond G. Bigbow, James M. Johnson, and Harold Johnson Jr.; brothers-in-law Billy Lyles, Nix Reyes, Otha Odell Lambert, Holly "Sonny" Onco Jr., and Eastman Onco. A special brother Rudy Yokesuite. sisters: Naomi Whitewolf-Lyles, Edith M. Johnson-Reyes, and Betty M. Johnson-Elrod. sisters-in-law: Geraldine Johnson and Lynette Carlson.

Survived by: wife: Anita L. Onco-Johnson, of Walters. They were married in Wichita Falls, TX on July 3, 1975. Siblings: Johanna Lambert of Lawton; Sisters-in-law: Irene Johnson of Lawton, Roslynn Onco, Cheryl Onco, brother-in-law: Charles Elrod of Trenton, GA; children: Cindy King, of Walters; Randy King of Lawton, Nikki King-Passah and husband Charles Passah Jr. of Apache; Don King and Rena Sankadota of Lawton; Chuck Johnson and Rudy Johnson of Lawton. Grandchildren: Christopher Johnson, Draven Johnson and wife Dylan, Alton Johnson, Rivers Johnson, Aleckey Hernandez, Tabé Eka Passah, Rudy Johnson Jr., Alexander King, Jordan King, Whitney Rowell and husband Jeremy, Christina Hernandez and wife Ashton, Caprice Burnside, Lucia "Esha" Hernandez-Sparrow, and husband Christopher, Arnita Johnson, Kory King, Toci Johnson, Angel King, and Chioyet Hadley; eight great grandchildren: Dakota, Christopher II, and Neveah Rose Johnson, Jada, Clayton, and Everett Rowell, Hunter Blackowl and Alexander Sparrow, many nieces, nephews and other fam-

ily and friends that he loved dearly.

Special acknowledgement to his adopted relatives, The Marie Haumpy family.

Kaedryn Bennie Herrera

Kaedryn Bennie Herrera went to his heavenly home on March 10, in Oklahoma City.

Graveside services was March 16, at Little Washita Cemetery with Pastor Ricky Horse officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Herrera was born on March 4, 2021, in Lawton to Faith Herrera and Kristopher B. Botone.

Herrera is survived by his: parents Faith Herrera and Kristopher B. Botone, twin brother Kamdyn Herrera all of Anadarko; grandparents: Jennifer Herrera, Michael Bohay, Mary Fourhorns, Levi Fourhorns; great grandparents: Debra Hererra, Mary Bohay, Jesse Botone and Karen Fourhorn.

Herrera is preceded in death by: uncle Bradley Bohay, great grandparents: Thomas Bohay and Ella Morton; aunt: Lena Bohay.

Holden Tahahwah Montanez



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Montanez

Holden Tahahwah Montanez, went to his heavenly home on March 23.

Graveside service was, March 27, at Ottopoby Cemetery.

Montanez was born September 19, 1987, in Minneapolis, Minn. to Rebecca Tahahwah and Jorge Montanez. He was raised in Oklahoma and departed this life in Oklahoma at the age of 33.

Montanez had many hobbies but most of all, he liked to be with his family and friend especially with his mother, listening to music, reading the bible and telling stories. Montanez was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He worked as a landscaper he loved working outside.

He is survived by: his mother Rebecca Tahahwah of the home, brother Reuben Montanez of Lawton; grandfather Jerome Tahhahwah, grandparents: Gloria Rodriguez and Enrigque Montanez; aunts and uncles: Eileen Tahahwah, Ray Gene Tahhahwah Jr., Mary Lasley, Patrick Tahahwah, Jeanine Tahahwah, Daniel Montanez; numerous other family members and friends.

His was preceded in death by: brother Colin Tahahwah; great grandmother Daisy Mae Smith Tahahwah, great grandfather Horace Whitebreast, grandparents Ray Gene Tahahwah Sr. and Colleen Mildred Whitebreast Tahahwah, aunt Deborah Ann Tahahwah Corbine, great aunts: Melba Shemayme, Fern Whitebreast and Maria Whitebreast; great uncle Delmar Whitebreast.



Jeffery Loy Toahty



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Toahty

Jeffery Loy Toahty, went to be with his Heavenly Father on March 25, in Oklahoma.

Graveside services was March 31, at Little Washita Cemetery Fletcher with Rev. Patrick McClung officiating. Burial was under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Toahty was born in Lawton on December 10, 1956, to Bennie and LaDora (Yackeschi Trout) Toahty. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He enjoyed watching the OU Sooners and the Cyril Pirates. He also enjoyed spending time with his friends especially his grandchildren.

Toahty is survived by: his children: Marcia Toahty and Jeff Toahty Jr. both of Cyril; Annie, Joseph, Kris, and Monica Machado; sisters: Debrah Herrera of Apache, Ulinda Toahty of Oklahoma City, Gina Niedo of Walters; brothers: Gary Toahty, Gerald Toahty both of Cyril, Warren Anquo of Moore; nine grandchildren, three great grandchildren, many nieces, nephews, many other family members and friends.

Toahty is preceded in death by: his parents, brothers: Joseph and Vincent Toahty; grandmothers Faith and Hope Martinez.

Jennie "Marie" Ware



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Ware

Jennie "Marie" Ware, 79, of Anadarko, Okla., made her journey on March 26, with her loving family by her side.

Graveside services was held at Wares Cemetery in Anadarko March 30, with Rev. Marvin Delaware officiating.

Born on April 4, 1941, at the Kiowa Indian Hospital in Lawton, Oklahoma to Wilson and Pearl Pewo-Ware. Ware was an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, and a proud member of The Kiowa Tribe. She attended Fort Sill Indian School, Broxton High School and graduated in 1958, O.S.U. Technical Institute and trade school. She worked at Indian Action Construction Co. and in later years Fort Sill Apache A.O.A. program. She was well known for her loom and Comanche medallion bead work. Ware attended powwows across the country all of her life, she enjoyed singing, and dancing; she loved her tribal culture and traditions. She was a lifelong member of Kiowa Blacklegging's Women Auxiliary, United Methodist Women's Organization-Southwest region, Wares Chapel, Dirty Shame Gourd Club, Reservation War dancers and a O-HO-MAH supporter.

Ware is survived by two

sons Robert Baker III and Nia of Anadarko and Dempsey Baker and Glenda of Apache; daughter Bambi Allen and Andy of Elgin. Sisters Frankie Ware of Anadarko, and Clarissa Ware of Tuttle. Special brothers Millard Clark, Larry Cole, Dusty Miller; Special sisters Phyllis Twohatchet and Karen Jo Deason. She is survived by numerous loved ones.

Ware is preceded in death by: her parents Wilson and Pearl Pewo Ware; son Truman Baker; Brothers Bill Ware, Truman Ware, Bobby Pewo, Tom Ware, Sisters; Tatoo Ware and Marcella Delaware; Granddaughter Chloe Baker; special brother Bear Ludenia.

Esther Riddles Parker Thompson



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Thompson

Esther Riddles Parker Thompson, 99, of Tularosa, New Mexico, passed away March 27, at home with her loving son Jeffery by her side. She was five weeks away from reaching 100 years old.

Graveside services was April 9, at Walters Cemetery with Pastor David Johnson officiating. Burial followed the directions of the Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Thompson was born May 5, 1921, east of Walters she was born in a teepee on East Cache Creek to William Wesley and Jane (Mothterme) Riddles. She graduated from Fort Sill Indian School where she was salutatorian. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

In 1939, Thompson was the first Comanche Nation Princess and attended the World's Fair in New York City. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Thompson married twice in her life: first to Wilbur Parker in 1940 and then to Bob Thompson in 2007. Her and Wilbur's careers brought them to work and live with Mescalero and Jicarilla Apaches and the Hopi and Navajos. Thompson loved to travel and enjoyed visiting with her sisters, brothers, other relatives and friends.

She retired from the U.S. Public Indian Health Service after working over 30 years in Keams Canyon, Mescalero and Albuquerque. For a brief time while in Albuquerque, she worked for the Fred Harvey organization.

Thompson is survived by her sons: Bruce Parker of Albuquerque, James Parker of Mescalero, Steven Parker of West Monroe, La., and Jeffery Parker (a twin) of Tularosa; sister, Ella Faye Washburn Winkler of Walters. She dearly loved her family and always remembered them with greeting cards. She was blessed with many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents William and Jane Riddles; daughters Gwendolyn Faye Parker and Janine Ruth Parker (a twin); husbands Wilbur Parker and Robert Thompson; brothers: Robert Holder, Leonard (Black Moon), Raymond and Stanley Riddles; and sisters June Harmon Woolsey and Ada Hettich.

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Maudine Saupitty Kennedy



Courtesy Photo Kennedy

Maudine Saupitty Kennedy of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma went to her Heavenly home on Easter Sunday, April 4.

Graveside service was April 9, at West Cache Creek Cemetery west of Apache with Pastor Lloyd Heminokeky officiating. Burial is under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Kennedy was born on June 11, 1937, to Jerry Saupitty and Mary Poafpybitty. She was born and raised in Apache, Oklahoma. She attended and graduated from Rose State College in Midwest City, Okla., with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Development.

As a self-employed entrepreneur she owned and operated the Tom Thumb Daycare in Oklahoma City, Okla. Later worked for many years and retired as the Director of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal

Head start Program.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary and husband Willie Williams, Ruth Ann Poafpybitty both of Oklahoma City, Okla., and five grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her Father Jerry Saupitty, mother Mary Poafpybitty Comanche Medicine Woman and Eagle Doctor, two brothers Andrew B. Weryavah and Dean Saupitty and one son Jerry Saupitty.



Poem of Life

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

We all have different journeys,
Different paths along the way,
We all were meant to learn many things,
But never meant to stay.

Our destination is a place
Far greater than 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.

VOTE



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ATTOCKNIE III**

**COMANCHE NATION
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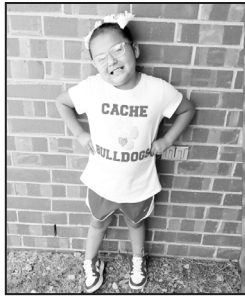


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Milestones

Happy Birthday

March 11- Dennis Neal Stillwell
 April 8- Wesley Stillwell Jr. (Chubs)
 April 12- Pete Coffey Jr.
 April 19- Sarah Jerre (Sassie)
 Magpie-Bennally



Happy 5th Birthday Jay'Lea Deonie



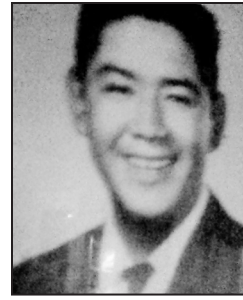
Happy 18th Birthday Trinity Pewewardy May 2



Happy 12th Birthday Leah Smith May 26



Happy 22nd Birthday Taylor Meurant May 13



Happy Birthday Pete Coffey Jr. April 12



Happy Birthday Bretta Marte Komahcheet May 28

Happy Birthday

May 2- Curtis Akoneto
 May 12- Marian Akoneto
 May 13- Douglas Ray Goombi
 May 13- Erin Post
 May 13- Kinzee Boos
 May 13- Uriel Akoneto
 May 25- Henry Moran
 Pohocsucut
 May 28- Bretta Marte Komahcheet

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My Daughter, I wish you joy and peace, Love and Laughter too; All happiness life can bring, In everything you do. Love, Mom & Callum

Mom Dad Thank you for always being there for us !! Happy Birthday and many many more. Love your spoiled but eternally graceful. Love Your Kids- Christy Komahcheet, Rebecca Paddyaker, Pete Coffey III, Petina LaShawn Coffey (Madderra) and All of our Families and puppies too!

COMANCHE NATION CHR/EMS/FIRE

The following are calls that the department has ran from March 15, 2021 to April 14, 2021. It gives the date, time, type of call, address with town, and any assisting agencies.

- 3/15 3:30 p.m.: Service Call, 222 Cardinal Lane, Elgin
- 3/15 9: 00 p.m.: Control Burn, Highway 36 & Logue Chapel Road, Chattanooga, Chattanooga Fire Department
- 3/18 9: 45 a.m.: Medical, 8086 NW Madische Road, Lawton
- 3/18 11:30 a.m.: Agency Assist, 502 South Cob Lake, Apache, Apache Police and Comanche Nation Police
- 3/18 7:30 p.m.: False Alarm, 8441 State Highway 65, Sterling
- 3/20 9:00 a.m.: Standby, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton
- 3/20 1:30 p.m.: Medical, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton
- 3/20 5:12 p.m.: Grass Fire, 479 Post Oak Road, Cache, Cache Fire Department, Indianoma Fire Department, BIA Fire
- 3/21 9:00 a.m.: Standby, 8527 NW Madische Road, Lawton
- 3/21 12:06 p.m.: Monitor/Rehab, 479 Post Oak Road, Cache, BIA Fire
- 3/21 8:01 p.m.: False Alarm, 150th Street & King Road, Fletcher
- 3/23 3:32 p.m.: Service Call, 222 Cardinal Lane, Elgin
- 3/25 8:00 a.m.: Standby, 2800 West Gore, Lawton, BIA Fire
- 3/25 4:32 p.m.: Grass Fire, Highway 36, Chattanooga, Comanche Nation Police & Chattanooga Fire Department
- 3/26 12:40 p.m.: Fire, Highway 5 and US 277, Elgin
- 3/29 8:24 a.m.: Standby, 751 Quannah Road, Cache, Comanche Nation Police, Comanche County Sheriff, BIA Police, CCMH Ambulance
- 3/29 11:24 a.m.: False Alarm, I-44 & Highway 49, Lawton
- 3/29 1:05 p.m.: Grass Fire, CR2460 & CR18250, Walters, Walters Fire Department & Chattanooga Fire Department
- 3/29 2:16 p.m.: Grass Fire, 22867 Highway 49, Lawton, Medicine Park Fire Department, Wichita Mountain Fire Department
- 3/29 4:13 p.m.: Service Call, 222 Cardinal Lane, Elgin
- 3/30 12:35 p.m.: Structure & Grass Fire, 15782 NE Tony Creek Road, Apache, Elgin Fire Department, Fletcher Fire Department, Comanche County Emergency Management, Comanche Nation Police
- 4/1 11:45 a.m.: Grass Fire, Baseline & 120th, Lawton, Hulen Fire Department and Coxs Store Fire Department
- 4/1 2:48 p.m.: Grass Fire, 3707 North Lakeside Drive, Apache, Porter Hill Fire Department, Comanche Nation Police
- 4/2 5:39 p.m.: Structure & Grass Fire, 8625 Meers-Porter Hill Road, Lawton, Paradise Valley Fire Department, Meers Fire Department, Wichita Mountain Fire Department, BIA Fire
- 4/5 3:05 p.m.: Service Call, 222 Cardinal Lane, Elgin
- 4/6 9:02 p.m.: Structure Fire, 24588 State Highway 15, Lawton, Meers Fire Department, Paradise Valley Fire Department, Wichita Mountain Fire Department, Comanche County Emergency Management, Comanche Nation Police and BIA Police
- 4/7 10:30 a.m.: Structure Fire-Rekindle, 24588 State Highway 115, Lawton, Meers Fire Department, Wichita Mountain Fire Department, Paradise Valley Fire Department
- 4/7 6:12 p.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road, Lawton
- 4/8 11:03 a.m.: Medical, 180th & King Road, Fletcher
- 4/9 9:27 a.m.: Medical, 8527 NW Madische Road, Lawton
- 4/12 4:15 p.m.: Service Call, 222 Cardinal Lane, Elgin
- 4/14 8:24 a.m.: Service Call, 805 7th Street, Snyder

If you've been fully vaccinated

- Fully vaccinated
- Unvaccinated and low risk of severe disease
- Unvaccinated and high risk of severe disease
- 🏠 Single household

Prevention Measures

- Wear a mask
- Keep 6 feet away from others and avoid crowds
- Choose well ventilated areas
- Wash your hands

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

“I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD: THE GOOD SHEPHERD LAYS DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP. THE HIRED MAN, SINCE HE IS NOT THE SHEPHERD AND THE SHEEP DO NOT BELONG TO HIM, ABANDONS THE SHEEP AS SOON AS HE SEES A WOLF COMING, AND RUNS AWAY, AND THEN THE WOLF ATTACKS AND SCATTERS THE SHEEP; HE RUNS AWAY BECAUSE HE IS ONLY A HIRED MAN AND HAS NO CONCERN FOR THE SHEEP. I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD; I KNOW MY OWN AND MY OWN KNOW ME, JUST AS THE FATHER KNOWS ME AND I KNOW THE FATHER; AND I LAY DOWN MY LIFE FOR MY SHEEP. AND THERE ARE OTHER SHEEP I HAVE THAT ARE NOT OF THIS FOLD, AND I MUST LEAD THESE TOO. THEY TOO WILL LISTEN TO MY VOICE, AND THERE WILL BE ONLY ONE FLOCK, ONE SHEPHERD. THE FATHER LOVES ME, BECAUSE I LAY DOWN MY LIFE IN ORDER TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN. NO ONE TAKES IT FROM ME; I LAY IT DOWN OF MY OWN FREE WILL, AND AS I HAVE POWER TO LAY IT DOWN, SO I HAVE POWER TO TAKE IT UP AGAIN; AND THIS IS THE COMMAND I HAVE RECEIVED FROM MY FATHER.”

JOHN 10: 11-18

Spring Benefit Powwow

Sunday, May 23rd, 2021

Indian Hills, 8980 N Sooner Rd, Oklahoma City, OK 73151

MC - Eugene Blackbear
Head Singer - Robert Tehauno
AD - Coy McLemore
Head Gourd Dancer - Robert Tabor
Head Man Dancer - Marc Googles-Keka
Head Lady Dancers - Oney Roubedeaux & Aubrey Berry
OKCPWC Princess - Cassidy Garza

All Gourd Dance, War Dance Societies & all Princesses are invited.

1-5pm
Gourd Dance

5-6pm
Dinner

6-7pm
Gourd Dance

7pm
Social & War Dance

ARTS & CRAFTS VENDOR INFO:
 Booths \$40.00
 Setup @ 12:00pm
 Contact Joe Poe
 (405)923-1254

ALL GOURD DANCERS: The Oklahoma City Powwow Club requests you adhere to the dress protocol of the Kiowa Gourd Clan: long-sleeve dress shirt, dress pants [no jeans] & nice shoes. No hats except outer, please. A'ho.

Raffles, Cake Walks, Arts & Crafts Vendors

Specials held before supper, confirmed with Club Secretary & head staff are priority.
 Admission is always free. Bring a chair.
 OKC Pow-wow Club is not responsible for theft, accidents or injuries. No alcohol or drugs allowed.
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Comanche Nation Youth Earns State Recognition



Dawsey

Courtesy Photos

DanQuez Dawsey is the eighteen year old son of Darone and Lisa Dawsey and the grandson of Joyce Burruss. Dawsey is a senior at MacArthur High school and has been a major part of the Highlander basketball team's success.

During his high school career Dawsey had 500+ rebounds, 250+ assists, 1800+ points, 100+ steals

In his senior year, Dawsey averaged 20.5 points, 6.7 assists, 7.3 rebounds, and 2.3 steals, 3 Oklahoma State tournament appearances, which included a state runner-up title. Dawsey has been selected for the 2021 Oklahoma All-State Large West, 2021 Oklahoma Native American All-State, and is a McDonald's All-American Nominee.

"Grind hard and be humble." –DanQuez Dawsey

Dawsey was also chosen to play in the Faith 7 All-Star game, which is when the top 7 players from Oklahoma and Texas compete.

When asked what advice he would offer to the Comanche youth who look up to him for his current and future accomplishment, Dawsey replied, "Just grind hard and be humble."

He also gives credit to his family for being his biggest inspiration. Looking forward to the future, Dawsey plans to play college basketball and then eventually overseas.

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