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May 15 Voting Results For Election, Ballot Questions, & Fiscal Year Budget

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

An estimated 178 more ballots were cast during the May 15, General Election (1,317 ballots), compared to the October 2020 General Election (1,139 ballots). With more voters exercising their right to vote, it made an impact on the voting totals on all the FY 2021-2022 line items, as well as the primary election.

Winning the position of the Comanche Nation Chairman, is Mark Woommavovah. He totaled 836 votes. Leonard Parker received a total of 454 votes.

In the voting totals of the Comanche Nation Vice Chairman position, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy received a total of 523 votes, LaNora Parker received a total of 472 votes, and Michael Burgess received a total of 299 votes. With a difference of 51 votes between Pewewardy and Parker, there will be a run-off June 12, between the two.

Tribal Administrator, Julia Mantzke, retained her position, running unopposed, and gained a voting total of 1,049 votes.

Three questions were on the Primary Voting Ballot for voters to approve or deny.

Question One – Election Board

Question One pertains to amending the Comanche Nation Constitution to include the establishment of an Election Board in Article VII (7), Section 4. The question passed by a total of 888 “Yes” votes and 389 “No” votes.

The resolution also includes that the Tribal Council shall approve an necessary committee to establish new election ordinances with a committee comprised of (2) business committee members and four (4) members at-large selected by the Tribal Council, said members of the election ordinance committee shall only serve up to such time as a special constitutional council of the nation is called to approve the new Constitution, which shall be called within six months of the appointment of the committee; and that only two (2) former members of any election board may be seated on the special committee, thus allowing for experience and new vision to come forward to guide the Nation in an unbiased manner for future elections; and that the recommended election board amendments must be approved by a secretarial election of the tribal council and ratified by the regional director of the BIA in accordance of article XI (11), section 1 to establish the election board in the constitution.

Question Two

Recall Petition Process

Question Two pertains to the Recall Petition Process, and asks amends to the Comanche Constitu-

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Photo by Stacey Heminokeky/News Staff

Mark Woommavovah is sworn into Office as the Comanche Nation Chairman May 18, at the Comanche Nation Complex’s Comanche Code Talker Meeting Room. Vice Chairwoman, LaNora Parker, left, reads the Oath, while CBC No. 2, Diana Doyebi, assists with the ceremony.

Mark Woommavovah is Sworn In as the Comanche Nation Chairman

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

May 18, was a joyous and historical day for the Comanche Nation, as Mark Woommavovah was sworn in as the Comanche Nation Chairman.

Vice Chairwoman, LaNora Parker, welcomed all Comanches who were present at the ceremony as well as watching online. She acknowledged Julia Mantzke as continuing her position as the Tribal Administrator, and all the women who currently on the Comanche Business Committee (CBC), saying it is a historical time in Comanche leadership.

Patrick McClung conducted the invocation.

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) brought in the flags.

Conducting the Swearing in of Chairman Mark Woommavovah was Parker and CBC No. 2, Diana Doyebi.

Following the swearing in, Chairman Woommavovah was presented with a Pendleton

Prior to his speech, Chairman introduced his special guest and mentor, the former Oklahoma Senator Enoch Kelly Haney from the Seminole tribe. Woommavovah added Kelly mentored him the last three months of his campaign.

“Today is a day of history and hope. Today, we celebrate the triumph, not of the candidate, but one of a cause. The cause for positive hope, and positive leadership. The voices of the Comanche people have been heard. So now on this hallow ground, we will set a foundation of servant leadership,” said Woommavovah.

He thanked members of his campaign team for running a clean and positive campaign.

He added Comanche people have been through so much this past year, having lost tribal members due to the pandemic, and asked for a moment of silent prayer.

“I will always speak the truth. I will support our Comanche Nation Constitution, I will support and defend our cultural ways, and I will lead by example through servant leadership,” he said.

He explained to the audience that he leads his life with a set of core values: loyalty, duty, respect,

selfless service, honesty, integrity and personal courage.

“Together, we shall re-write a Comanche story of hope. My hope, and the First Lady’s hope for our Comanche people, is that our lives will stand the test of time. Whatever we build, whatever we sow, how we treat people, particularly those who do not look like us, come from where we come from, or share our same perspective; If we can treat them with dignity, honor, and respect, if we can fight for their hopes, their dreams, their aspirations, if we can lift somebody else, if we can push one person into destiny, then all the years of our life would have been worth it. Then we can say our life was a success,” Woommavovah concluded.

Next, Chairman gave the floor to Mantzke, to share a few words the Comanche Nation.

“I will continue to keep our programs going, and servicing our tribal members. We are doing the best we can to continue this through the end of this pandemic, and we will start updating you on the American Rescue Plan,” said Mantzke.

She added she applied for the first part of the American Rescue plan funds on May 14, which included how many tribal members are currently enrolled. She stated as of February, there were a total of 17,480 enrolled. She also stated the second part of the American Rescue Plan has to do with entity numbers that were submitted last year for the CARES Act money.

Tribal members lined up to congratulate Chairman Woommavovah, while the drum sung the Comanche Chief Song.

Last on the agenda was a prayer for the Chairman and First Lady by Patrick McClung.

Former Senator Haney sung the song, “Alleluia” in the Seminole language, which concluded the Swearing In Ceremony.

Meet the new Chairman

The Comanche Nation News (TCNN) sat down with Chairman Woommavovah in an interview to ask questions about his vision for the Comanche Nation.

TCNN: Why did you choose the

phrase, “Comanche Strong, Stronger Together?”

Chairman Woommavovah: I chose that because it is going to bring pride back to our people. I did not choose it. When I was out campaigning, I canvased all our Meet & Greets. I would ask our Comanche people, and they would say, “We are Comanche Strong.” It put a bug in my ear. I wrote it down in my journal. Everywhere I went, they would say the same thing. I asked, “Do you think we are Comanche strong?” and they replied, “Yes, but we are stronger together.” That came from Walters. The elders in Walters said, “Yes, but we are stronger together.” I knew exactly what we wanted. Not only that, but it puts a positive light on us. There is a cloud over us, but when we start coming together as Comanche people, that cloud is going to turn into a rainbow. Whenever we go to a meeting or have a meeting, I will start the meeting with, “Comanche Strong,” and it will get the response. It will be like our motto, too, as well as our vision. In order to have something positive for the people, you have to ask the people. The Comanche people came up with it. It was not our chairman, it was our people.

TCNN: How to you plan to lead by example, and how will “Listen, Learn, Lead” help you do this?

Chairman Woommavovah: I have a set of core values guiding my life. The core values are loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honesty, integrity and personal courage. Those core values set up any leader for success. You know on a daily basis what you need to do, and how you need to lead by example. I was reared by my grandparents, and when I would talk to my grandmother and all her sisters, they would say, “Grandson, in order to be effective, we know you are going into the military, you need to listen, and you need to learn, and you need to lead.” I have used that principal, and in the Army when I took my commands, I would put that on all my boards, so that all our soldiers would do it.

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Lieutenant Colonel Richard Martinez Retires



Courtesy Photo

LTC Martinez receiving Meritorious Service certificate

On April 30, Lieutenant Colonel Richard Martinez retired from the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) with over 28+ years of military service. The Retirement ceremony along with a Change of Command ceremony was held at the Texas Army National Guard HQs at Camp Mabry Texas (located in Austin, TX). Eight veterans and seven Auxiliary members made the 720-mile round-trip to attend and also presented honors to LTC Martinez. They were accompanied by a five-member drum group.

The delegation provided a meal to the Martinez family the evening before the ceremonies. The Change of Command ceremony, which LTC Martinez relinquished his Garrison Commander position, and the retirement ceremony during which he was awarded the Meritorious Service and the TXARNG Distinguished Service medals preceded honors by the CIVA and Auxiliary. During CIVA honors he was presented with a embroidered Grateful Nation blanket, a framed Honor Certificate, an Honorable and Combat Service medallions, a Challenge coin, a rank insignia coin and two eagle feathers (courtesy of SIA) for his military service. The Comanche flag and CIVA War Dance songs were sung in his honor.

LTC Martinez is the son of the late Dorothy Komahcheet (1944-92) and Luis Martinez (1937-2021); He and his wife, Gina, reside in Austin – they have two daughters.

He is a graduate of Indiohoma high school and the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. LTC Martinez began his military service with the Oklahoma Army National Guard from 1985-88 then served with the Texas Army National Guard from 1988-97 and again from 2007 until his retirement. He held numerous positions including Platoon Leader on six occasions; Battalion S-3; Battalion Maintenance Officer; Garrison Commander on three different occasions; S-3 and Operations Officer; Company Commander; Engineer Officer; Operations and Training Chief; Logistics Chief; Deputy G-4; Property Manager; Georgian Army Liaison Officer; S-5 Planner; Joint Force Environmental Officer; Afghanistan Army Senior Logistics Advisor and G-4 Troop Command Logistics Officer. He served with sixteen different units during his career. His service includes three combat deployments to Camp Anaconda, Iraq from 2006-07 with the 1st Battalion, 149th Aviation Attack Battalion; to Kabul, Afghanistan with the 136th Maneuver Enhanced Brigade from 2012-13; and in 2017 to Kandahar,

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A Total of 14 Resolutions on the May Agenda for the CBC Monthly Meeting

Story by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the May 1, 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 Chairwoman, LaNora Parker, called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Secretary-Treasurer, John D. Wahnee, conducted Roll Call. A quorum was established with all Comanche Business Committee (CBC) members present.

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

A motion made to approve the minutes of the April, CBC meeting by Committeeman No.2, Sovo-Doyebi. It was seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Resolutions

List No. 46-2021: Enrollment List No. 1196. 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. 47-2021: Enrollment List No. 1197. The applicants have been verified and are eligible 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. 48-2021: Enrollment List No. 1198. The applicant is ineligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

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

List No. 49-2021: Enrollment List No. 1199. The applicant wishes to relinquish his membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

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

List No. 50-2021: Comanche Language-Grant Submission.

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

List No. 51-2021: Comanche Language- Grant Submission.

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

List No. 52-2021: Food Distribution- Fee to Trust.

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

List No. 53-2021: CCDF Construction Funds.

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

List No. 54-2021: Tribal Program Carry Over.

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

List No. 55-2021: Tax Commission- Liquor Ordinance.

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

List No. 56-2021: Tax Commission- Hemp Plan.

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

List No. 57-2021: Retail/ Wholesale- Bank Signatory.

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

List No. 58-2021: Retail/ Wholesale- Card Information change.

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

List No. 59-2021: Realty-Cow Calf Operation.

Wahnee, made the motion. Sovo-Doyebi, seconds the motion. The motion carries 2/1/2.

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

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Afghanistan with the 36th Infantry Division Task Force Arrowhead. LTC Martinez is a graduate of the Basic Infantry Officer, Advanced Ordnance Officer, Advanced Battalion Maintenance Officer, Logistics Company Command and Battalion Pre-Command and General Staff College – ILE courses and the Combined Arms Services and Staff School. His awards include the Bronze Star; Meritorious Service with/Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Commendation with/Oak Leaf Cluster; Army Achievement with/2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Army Reserve Component Achievement with/Silver and 1 Oak Leaf Cluster; National Defense Service with/Star; Afghanistan Campaign with/2 Campaign Stars; Iraqi Campaign with/Star; Global War on Terrorism Service; Armed Forces with/Mobilization Device and Silver Hourglass; and the NATO medals; and Army Service; Overseas with Numeral 3; and Reserve Component Overseas Training ribbons; and the TX Army National Guard Distinguished Service; Medial of Merit; Federal Service; Combat Service; and Faithful Service ribbons.

LTC Martinez is one of only 10 Comanche veterans to earn the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Upcoming 2021 Election Dates

May 28

Last day to request an absentee ballot for the Runoff Election

June 11

Early In-Person Voting (Runoff Election)

June 12

Runoff Election

June 12

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

CHAIRMAN WOOMMAVOVAH

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Comanche Nation under your leadership?

Chairman Woommavovah: Servant Leadership. It is putting the people before you put yourself, serving them. That has served me very well over my military career. To serve our country, to serve our soldiers, and those civilians who serve underneath us that add value to us. Service leadership is the foundation to any successful leader.

Comanches sees us at the top level. Their leader serving their people. (It's) not about 'Him', not about 'I', its about 'We'. I never use the word 'I', and I never use the word 'me'. I use 'us' and 'we.' Once our people see their top leader serving, they are going to get that mentality, that positiveness, they are going to want to serve and give back to our Comanche people and our community.

TCNN: How do you plan to achieve this vision?

Chairman Woommavovah: By valuing people. Our CBC (Comanche Business Committee), I back

them one hundred percent. We agree together, that valuing our people starts with our leaders. Leaders that value people, they give their best effort. They serve them, they empower them, they motivate them, but most of all, they respect them.

TCNN: is there anything else you want to add that was not covered?

Chairman Woommavovah: Yes. I believe God has a purpose for all of us. I think the COVID situation brought me to our people because during COVID, due to the cutbacks, I lost my job, but I still volunteered. I was the Leadership and Talent Scout Recruiting Officer at OU (the University of Oklahoma). I think it was a calling. He had a higher purpose for us, and I think it showed in our Comanche voices when they elected me as their Chairman.

To reach Chairman Woommavovah, call the Office of the Comanche Nation Chairman at (580) 492-3599.

It's been a very interesting "term of time" as your Chairman. My only hope is that I brought honor to my Mothers Legacy and Life. Thank you to my family for enduring this time with me. Thank You to my companion "Lillie" in no way could I've made it without you. Good luck to your next Chairman. May "Tah Ahpu God" keep our Nation in the hollow of his hand. Uh Dah.



May 15 Official Voting Results

Comanche Nation of Oklahoma - General Election 2021 - Unofficial Results

		Lawton ED	Walters	Apache	Cache	Anadarko	OKC	Lawton EV	Complex EV	Absentee	Hand Tally	TOTAL
	BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	137	42	47	156	19	62	96	49	706	3	1317
CHAIRMAN	LEONARD PARKER	50	16	21	34	10	25	21	11	264	2	454
CHAIRMAN	MARK WOONMAVOVAH	87	26	25	121	9	37	73	37	420	1	836
VICE CHAIRMAN	DR. CORNEL PEWEWARDY	55	11	21	60	6	35	47	21	266	1	523
VICE CHAIRMAN	LANORA J. PARKER	47	21	9	54	8	14	36	20	262	1	472
VICE CHAIRMAN	MICHAEL BURGESS	33	9	14	37	5	13	13	8	166	1	299
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR	JULIA MANTZKE	105	32	25	107	16	46	74	42	600	2	1049
ATTORNEYS	DORSEY & WHITNEY, LLP	97	23	31	115	12	43	65	38	428	2	854
ATTORNEYS	KEWENVOYOUA LAW, PLLC	39	14	13	28	6	16	27	9	238	1	391
QUESTION 1 - Election Board	YES	96	30	30	100	15	47	70	35	464	1	888
QUESTION 1 - Election Board	NO	40	8	15	52	4	13	25	12	218	2	389
QUESTION 2 - Recall and Process	YES	89	27	34	98	13	37	67	29	390	2	786
QUESTION 2 - Recall and Process	NO	45	11	11	52	6	21	28	19	274	1	468
QUESTION 3 - Lee Motah Day	YES	85	17	26	87	13	30	59	28	398	2	745
QUESTION 3 - Lee Motah Day	NO	49	20	18	59	6	28	36	20	276	1	513
Bereavement Assistance	YES	125	37	39	140	19	57	93	46	661	3	1220
Bereavement Assistance	NO	8	2	5	9	0	2	2	3	37	0	68
CBC Salary	YES	89	24	29	92	13	39	64	30	568	3	951
CBC Salary	NO	45	15	16	54	5	20	31	18	121	0	325
Chairman's Salary	YES	92	23	28	103	13	36	73	34	538	3	943
Chairman's Salary	NO	42	14	17	46	6	20	22	15	150	0	332

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		Lawton ED	Walters	Apache	Cache	Anadarko	OKC	Lawton EV	Complex EV	Absentee	Hand Tally	TOTAL
Child Support Services	YES	113	34	34	131	18	48	83	40	646	3	1150
Child Support Services	NO	21	4	11	18	1	10	10	8	48	0	131
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	YES	85	34	32	118	14	45	69	28	621	2	1048
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	NO	49	4	12	33	5	14	25	21	75	1	239
Comanche Tribal Princess	YES	102	29	31	109	16	35	74	39	584	2	1021
Comanche Tribal Princess	NO	32	10	15	37	3	23	21	10	112	1	264
Comanche JR. Princess	YES	97	27	26	107	15	31	68	38	548	2	959
Comanche JR. Princess	NO	37	12	19	41	4	28	27	11	147	1	327
Comanche Language Planning and Developme	YES	97	24	30	111	14	47	78	38	589	2	1030
Comanche Language Planning and Developme	NO	37	15	15	40	5	12	18	11	106	1	260
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	YES	90	22	27	102	15	32	65	29	576	3	961
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	NO	45	15	18	43	3	25	30	19	111	0	309
Tombstone Project	YES	114	33	39	140	17	51	88	42	643	3	1170
Tombstone Project	NO	21	5	5	7	1	7	7	7	45	0	105
Church Donations	YES	114	30	30	132	17	44	83	38	560	3	1051
Church Donations	NO	22	8	14	16	1	13	12	11	130	0	227
Transportation	YES	117	27	31	121	17	44	81	44	615	3	1100
Transportation	NO	19	11	14	26	1	12	13	5	75	0	176
Transit	YES	115	27	33	115	16	43	79	41	567	2	1038
Transit	NO	21	11	13	29	1	14	16	8	119	1	233
Optometry/Prescription/Diabetes-Fitness	YES	122	38	36	143	17	54	91	45	664	3	1213
Optometry/Prescription/Diabetes-Fitness	NO	12	1	8	6	1	5	4	4	26	0	67

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Community Center Apache	YES	111	29	41	121	17	43	84	34	616	3	1099
Community Center Apache	NO	24	9	4	26	2	14	10	14	65	0	168
Community Center Cache	YES	112	30	33	132	18	43	85	36	631	3	1123
Community Center Cache	NO	23	8	11	14	1	14	10	12	59	0	152
Community Center Walters	YES	110	33	35	125	19	42	86	34	630	3	1117
Community Center Walters	NO	25	5	9	22	0	15	8	13	58	0	155
Outreach - Anadarko	YES	96	23	31	108	18	38	79	30	580	2	1005
Outreach - Anadarko	NO	39	15	12	39	1	19	15	18	105	1	264
Outreach - Dallas	YES	95	23	27	111	16	40	79	30	520	3	944
Outreach - Dallas	NO	40	15	16	36	3	17	15	18	168	0	328
Outreach - OKC	YES	104	23	28	119	17	49	87	30	579	3	1039
Outreach - OKC	NO	30	15	16	29	2	9	7	18	109	0	235
Elder Payment	YES	128	37	44	142	19	56	92	47	695	2	1262
Elder Payment	NO	7	3	3	10	0	3	4	2	6	0	38
Per Capita Distribution	YES	126	37	42	146	19	58	90	47	687	2	1254
Per Capita Distribution	NO	9	3	5	5	0	1	5	2	12	0	42
Administration	YES	89	28	27	104	17	41	67	34	583	2	992
Administration	NO	44	11	18	36	1	16	26	12	104	0	268
Elections	YES	88	27	29	104	16	45	70	34	592	2	1007
Elections	NO	45	12	15	37	2	11	23	11	96	0	252
Info Technology - Complex	YES	99	26	24	106	13	44	81	38	601	2	1034
Info Technology - Complex	NO	34	13	19	33	4	13	12	8	83	0	219

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		Lawton ED	Walters	Apache	Cache	Anadarko	OKC	Lawton EV	Complex EV	Absentee	Hand Tally	TOTAL
Law Enforcement	YES	87	21	23	102	15	43	62	25	600	2	980
Law Enforcement	NO	44	18	21	40	3	15	32	21	88	1	283
Legal Fees	YES	100	25	27	101	16	44	80	33	605	2	1033
Legal Fees	NO	31	13	16	38	2	13	13	12	83	0	221
Enrollment	YES	109	33	33	122	16	48	83	42	628	2	1116
Enrollment	NO	23	6	10	20	1	9	10	4	59	0	142
Adult Education	YES	113	36	32	122	17	50	86	40	646	3	1145
Adult Education	NO	18	3	11	19	1	8	8	6	43	0	117
Public Information Office (PIO)	YES	92	22	28	94	14	39	69	37	552	1	948
Public Information Office (PIO)	NO	39	17	15	44	3	17	24	9	134	1	303
New Business	YES	84	21	23	88	13	43	69	31	541	3	916
New Business	NO	48	15	21	52	5	15	24	14	138	0	332
Capital Improvement	YES	98	30	27	108	14	43	80	32	582	3	1017
Capital Improvement	NO	35	8	17	31	4	15	12	12	97	0	231
Tribal Court	YES	98	29	26	109	15	47	68	35	603	2	1032
Tribal Court	NO	35	9	17	31	3	10	23	9	81	1	219
Water Park	YES	60	15	15	55	9	30	35	17	403	1	640
Water Park	NO	73	23	29	85	9	28	56	28	279	1	611
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	YES	111	28	34	106	15	47	78	37	587	3	1046
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	NO	22	10	10	34	3	12	14	9	97	0	211
CN Fair	YES	110	30	29	115	17	42	79	37	608	2	1069
CN Fair	NO	22	8	15	25	1	16	13	9	80	0	189

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CN Homecoming	YES	93	35	24	98	14	42	73	33	538	2	952
CN Homecoming	NO	40	3	19	42	4	16	19	13	147	0	303
Youth Shelter CRY5	YES	116	34	30	124	17	52	87	41	637	2	1140
Youth Shelter CRY5	NO	16	4	13	18	1	5	5	5	47	0	114
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WI)	YES	104	29	31	114	17	46	85	40	588	3	1057
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WI)	NO	28	9	14	27	1	12	8	6	92	0	197
Job Placement & Training	YES	109	30	30	118	17	54	82	37	629	3	1109
Job Placement & Training	NO	23	8	14	23	1	5	11	8	56	0	149
Realty Management/Land Management	YES	88	24	24	102	15	44	74	35	570	1	977
Realty Management/Land Management	NO	45	13	19	38	3	13	18	11	113	1	274
Land Acquisitions	YES	85	25	24	98	13	45	73	30	589	2	984
Land Acquisitions	NO	47	14	19	41	4	12	17	15	91	0	260
Assisted Living Facility	YES	110	36	31	121	16	51	86	38	659	3	1151
Assisted Living Facility	NO	22	3	12	20	1	5	5	7	29	0	104
Early Childhood Development Center	YES	112	34	30	119	16	51	85	39	654	3	1143
Early Childhood Development Center	NO	20	5	13	22	1	6	6	6	34	0	113
Comanche Nation Housing	YES	98	33	32	121	15	49	84	33	633	3	1101
Comanche Nation Housing	NO	34	6	11	22	2	8	7	12	54	0	156
Burial Assistance	YES	126	39	42	138	18	56	88	44	673	3	1227
Burial Assistance	NO	6	0	3	4	0	3	2	2	22	0	42
Gravel-Tin horns for Tribal Driveways	YES	105	32	34	122	16	45	75	38	542	3	1012
Gravel-Tin horns for Tribal Driveways	NO	27	7	9	20	2	13	16	8	141	0	243

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Caregivers	YES	107	36	32	124	17	54	78	36	656	3	1143
Caregivers	NO	26	3	11	19	1	4	13	9	38	0	124
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care S	YES	101	31	26	112	17	44	78	37	590	3	1039
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care S	NO	31	8	17	29	1	13	13	9	94	0	215
CHR /EMS	YES	105	30	28	115	16	49	84	36	613	3	1079
CHR /EMS	NO	27	9	14	27	2	8	7	9	72	0	175
Education Center	YES	112	32	29	117	17	48	86	36	630	3	1110
Education Center	NO	20	7	14	25	1	9	4	10	57	0	147
Elder Center	YES	115	37	34	128	17	52	87	40	663	3	1176
Elder Center	NO	18	2	9	14	1	6	4	6	33	0	93
Elder Council	YES	87	25	27	107	17	43	72	30	572	0	980
Elder Council	NO	43	14	16	35	1	14	19	15	112	2	271
Emergency Management Direct Services	YES	109	28	32	115	16	50	85	38	623	2	1098
Emergency Management Direct Services	NO	22	10	12	26	2	6	6	8	66	0	158
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	YES	104	29	27	114	17	44	80	35	581	3	1034
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	NO	26	10	16	25	1	13	11	11	103	0	216
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	YES	109	34	33	125	17	52	85	37	644	3	1139
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	NO	24	5	11	19	1	7	5	9	46	0	127
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	YES	112	34	29	123	17	55	79	33	634	3	1119
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	NO	20	5	14	19	1	3	12	13	55	0	142
Higher Education	YES	118	37	37	131	16	54	90	42	657	3	1185
Higher Education	NO	15	2	7	10	2	5	2	4	33	0	80

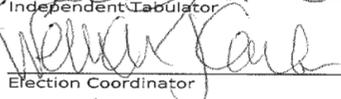
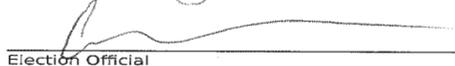
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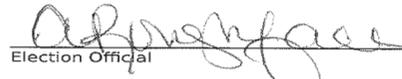
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Home Improvement	YES	107	36	37	127	17	50	82	37	610	3	1106
Home Improvement	NO	26	3	6	16	1	8	9	9	78	0	156
FAC-Womens Shelter	YES	116	34	31	125	17	53	86	38	646	3	1149
FAC-Womens Shelter	NO	17	3	12	17	1	4	5	7	44	0	110
Injury Prevention	YES	103	28	22	107	17	42	76	33	525	2	955
Injury Prevention	NO	30	10	21	34	1	15	15	12	156	0	294
Native American Graves Protection/Repatr	YES	117	33	31	124	17	49	84	37	637	2	1131
Native American Graves Protection/Repatr	NO	16	5	12	17	1	9	8	8	52	0	128
New Pathways	YES	98	28	22	113	15	45	76	37	526	1	961
New Pathways	NO	33	10	21	27	3	12	16	8	155	1	286
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	YES	126	37	34	134	17	53	87	43	657	3	1191
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	NO	7	1	9	8	1	5	5	3	39	0	78
Student Services (K-12)	YES	121	36	33	130	17	52	89	41	655	3	1177
Student Services (K-12)	NO	12	2	10	11	1	6	3	5	38	0	88
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (YES	107	30	27	111	17	44	79	38	620	2	1075
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (NO	24	8	16	31	1	12	14	7	65	0	178
Vocational Rehabilitation	YES	110	28	29	119	17	49	85	35	618	3	1093
Vocational Rehabilitation	NO	23	10	14	24	1	8	8	11	74	0	173
Youth Program	YES	113	34	27	125	16	46	86	38	637	3	1125
Youth Program	NO	20	4	16	17	2	12	7	8	52	0	138
Museum/Travel Center	YES	96	31	27	110	14	46	76	34	588	2	1024
Museum/Travel Center	NO	36	7	16	31	4	12	16	12	103	0	237

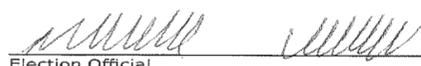
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Prevention & Recovery / Reintegration	YES	101	29	26	113	17	45	85	36	568	1	1021
Prevention & Recovery / Reintegration	NO	31	9	17	26	1	12	8	9	117	1	231
KCA BUDGET	YES	94	22	26	109	16	41	72	30	567	2	979
KCA BUDGET	NO	37	17	17	33	2	16	20	15	109	0	266

We, the undersigned election officials of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the General Election held on Saturday, May 15, 2021. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Comanche Nation.


 Independent Tabulator

 Election Coordinator

 Election Official


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Memorial Dance
In Memory of
Frank Whitewolf

Comanche Nation Complex grounds
 June 26, 2021



MC:
 Cy Ahtone

Color Guard
 KCA

Singers:
 Parker Emhoolah
 Daniel Cozad
 Robert Tehauno
 Kevin "Bubba" Savo
 Charlie Horse
 Victor Tahchawwickah
 Gaylon Motah
 Berky Monoessy
 Darryl Cable

Arena Directors:
 C.C. Whitewolf
 Gunner Bointy
 Happy Pewo

Security:
 Jim Wade
 Joetta
 Sommers

Program:
 1 pm - Ceremony
 2 pm - Gourd Dance
 5 pm - Supper
 6 pm - Gourd Dance
 10 pm - Closing

Invitation to all tribal princesses, organization princesses, and dance organizations

Bring your own chair

Not responsible for any accidents/thefts. No alcohol on premises No specials

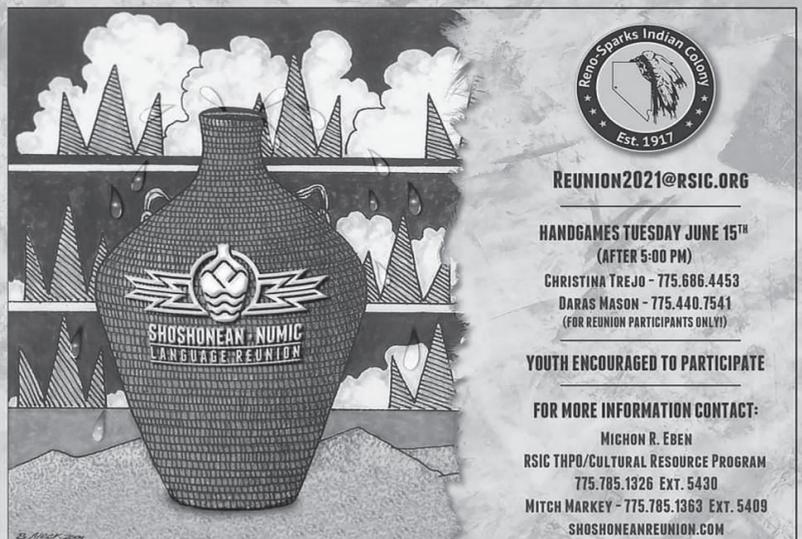
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JUNE 14TH - 16TH, 2021

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HANDGAMES TUESDAY JUNE 15TH
 (AFTER 5:00 PM)
 CHRISTINA TREJO - 775.686.4453
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 (FOR REUNION PARTICIPANTS ONLY)

YOUTH ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE

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RESULTS

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tion to have a total of 250 eligible voters of the Comanche Nation requesting recall is submitted to the Tribal Chairman. The recall of only one officer or committeeman may be initiated per meeting called for this purpose. The question passed by a total of 786 "Yes" votes and 468 "No" votes.

It is also added in Section 2 (b) titled "Acceptable Recall Petitions Must:

a. Include viable documentation that a crime or act is grievous enough to endanger the Nation or its entities and was intentionally performed by the accused

b. The particulars cannot be any subject matter not within the operational control of the accused, such as acts of nature, economic misfortune due to a national crises or mismanagement of program administrators (federal, state, or other contractual entity actions not within the scope of the accused), nor prior committee actions which are approved by a majority of the prior business committee members

c. The presenters of the Bill of Particulars must verify by more than 12 (?) witnesses that they were harmed intentionally by the actions of the accused, such actions if found not viable, or true to the nature presented, presenter of the particulars will not be allowed to take a recall petition on any other committeeman for a period of 18-months from the date the petition is filed. Their signature to any other petition will nullify such signed recall petition.

d. Pursuant to Tribal Council authority, a Petition for Recall must be accompanied with a cashiers check or bank draft of \$500, non-refundable to the Court Clerk or other designated entity so named by the Tribal Council

e. No Recall Meeting is allowed within 45-days, prior to or after an election period is declared

f. At no time will more than two (2) recalls against more than two (2) committee members (only one recall per person) be allowed within a six (6) month period, any such filing by any member of the Nation will disqualify such person from initiating another recall for 18-months.

g. No citizen of the Comanche Nation may take a recall against any Committee member within nine (9) of so doing [A member can only take out one recall on a Committee member once every nine (9) months]

h. Sub-Committee members are not subject to the Recall Ordinance

Other amendments to the Comanche Constitution Recall Petition Process include:

(a) The petitioner's representative shall provide proper evidence or receipt by the accused, the tribal chairman shall call an official meeting of the Comanche Tribal Council within thirty (30) days for the purpose of hearing and disposition of the case, such meeting can be established within the time frame so noted in Section 2(B)(e).

(b) The format for the Tribal Council meeting shall be established as follows:

(1) Presentation of the Bill of Particulars against the accused by a representative of the accusers. This presentation shall be limited strictly to those specifics included in the Bill of Particulars as presented to the accused. See SECTION 2(B)

(2) The accused shall be given adequate opportunity to answer any and all charges of which he or she is accused. The accused may personally present or may choose to utilize the services of another to present this response.

(3) The accused, while having the opportunity to rebuff the particulars, if interrupted at any time of his/her presentation, such charges shall immediately be dismissed, without Chairman's recognition, and no future charges of the same nature can be brought forth against the accused for their remainder of their term in office

(c) Upon completion of these two presentations no further discussion shall be allowed, and voting shall proceed immediately in a manner prescribed by this constitution.

(d) A TWO THIRDS (2/3) major-

ity vote of those voting of the Tribal Council meeting shall be sufficient to effect recall providing a quorum is present. Should a quorum not be present the charges against the accused shall be declared null and void and no further action shall be taken on this petition, nor shall the same charges be allowed within the accused term of office

Section 3. Any officer or committeeman who shall be found guilty by any State or Federal Court of a felony, a grievous act involving harm or threatening harm to any other person, within or without the reservation bounds of the Comanche Nation or misdemeanor involving dishonesty, or of accepting a bribe shall forfeit his office and such office shall immediately become vacant and be filled in accordance with Section 1 of this Article.

Question Three – Lee Motah Day

Question Three was a proclamation to recognize Lee Motah, first Comanche Nation Chairman, and first Chairman of the Kiowa and Apache Tribes, on April 17. It will be known as 'Lee Motah Day' for the Comanche Nation. The question passed by a vote of 745 "Yes" votes and 513 "No" votes.

The proclamation includes The Comanche Nation recognizes the accomplishments of Formerly Chairmen Lee Motah as the First Comanche Tribal Chairman 1964-1976 and First Tribal Chairman of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Tribes (KCA) 1956-1964. He also devoted over 50 years to the Methodist Church in

Ministry and helped established several churches. Motah was an active member of the National Congress of the American Indian (NCAI) and Chairman of the United Tribes of Western Oklahoma and Kansas. He served as master of ceremonies at numerous pow-wows and fluent Comanche language speaker.

On April 17, 1976, the Comanche Business Committee (CBC) gifted Motah a plaque as an Honorary Lifetime Chairman of the Comanche Indian Tribe. The City of Lawton has a Proclamation of May 25, 1996 as Chairman Lee Motah Day.

The Comanche Nation acknowledges the dedication and leadership of Lee Motah as a Founder of the Comanche Nation. He was instrumental in the creation of the Comanche Constitution and the protection of Land, Water and Hunting Rights for numerous tribes.

2021-2022 Fiscal Year

All line items on the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year budget passed.

Having the five highest votes of approval for the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget were the Elder Payment (1,262 votes), Per Capita Distribution (1,254 votes), Burial Assistance (1,227 votes), Bereavement Assistance (1,220 votes), and Optometry/Prescription Assistance/Diabetes-Fitness (1,213 votes).

Receiving the lowest votes was the Comanche Nation water park, passing by a total of 29 votes. The voting total was 640 "Yes" votes and 611 "No" votes.

COMANCHE NATION RABIES CLINIC



Cache Oklahoma
Cahoma Building
Saturday, June 26, 2021
9:00AM-12:00PM

Comanche Nation Complex
Softball Field
Saturday, June 26, 2021
1:00PM-4:00PM

CHR EMS FIRE



INDIAN OWNED PETS ONLY

Tribal CDIB's must be presented prior to vaccinations.

Certificates and tags will be provided for each pet vaccinated. Each pet should be at least three (3) months of age in order to receive vaccine. Make sure that all animals are on a leash or pet carrier. Vaccinations are provided by the Fort Sill Veterinarians.

SELF SERVICE FLEA/TICK DIP ON SITE

For more information on the Rabies Clinic please call the CHR Office at 580-492-3600

DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENT

Comanche Nation Police Department
Unwanted Prescription Medicine Disposal



Bring any **UNUSED PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS** that you would like have disposed of to either clinic.

This event is in conjunction with the Comanche Nation Police Department.

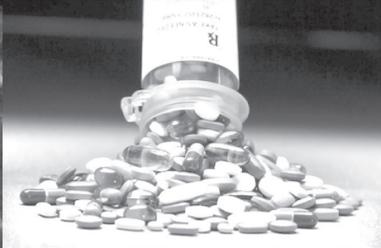
For more information on the Drug Take-Back please call the Comanche Nation Police Department at 580-492-3260

PARENTS

WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN LISTENING TO?

Music artists such as:

- Lil Xans
- Lil Uzi Vert
- Trippie Redd
- Travis Scott
- Lil Peep
- Juice Wrld
- XXXtentacion



and several others... glorify prescription drug abuse in their music.

Talking with your child at an early age about drug use is the first step toward keeping them safe. For tips on how—and when—to begin the conversation, visit:

<https://www.samhsa.gov/talk-they-hear-you>







Comanche Nation Workforce Presents:

WIOA Outreach Dallas, TX Community

Thursday, July 15th, 2021
10:00am – 3:00pm
Urban Inter-Tribal Center
1261 Record Crossing Rd.,
Dallas, TX 75235

Application for services available for Comanche Nation Tribal Members only.

Face Masks & Temperature Checks will be required for entry into the premises!

For more information, please contact 580-492-3257.



COMANCHE NATION WORKFORCE
"WHERE BUSINESS AND OPPORTUNITIES MEET."

Comanche Nation Workforce Presents:



WIOA Outreach: Oklahoma City Community

- Thursday, June 10th, 2021 •
- 10:00am – 3:00pm •
- AM/PM
- Trinity Church of the Nazarene •
- 7301 S Walker Ave., OKC, OK 73139

Face Mask & Temperature Checks Required for Entry!
For more information, contact 580-492-3257.






COMANCHE NATION ELDER COUNSEL PRESENTS
COMANCHE ELDER ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021
AND
SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2021
FROM
10:00 A.M. TO 4:00 P.M.
EACH DAY

HELD AT THE ELDER COUNCIL OFFICE
10TH AND "C" AVE
LAWTON, OKLAHOMA

FEATURED ITEMS ARE COMANCHE ELDER HANDMADE:
Bow and Arrows, Sling Shots, Medicine Bags, Dolls, Beadwork and Hand Strung Jewelry, Bears, Apron Shaped Dish Towels, Wreaths and Floral Arrangements, Small Bags and Flowers, etc.

CASH ONLY *****MASKS ARE REQUIRED

Programs

Child Support Program Announces Upcoming Court Hearings

Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Joshua Imotichey: CNC-SP-20-17, Petition for Determination of Paternity and Establishment of Child Support of Additional Child.
- Jerry Mullen: FD-18-28, Application for Indirect Contempt.

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 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.

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 listed at the end is when the Gravel/Tinhorn will be working in that area. Please make sure to update application yearly. Applications available on Comanche Nation Website under Gravel Tinhorn Program and can email them. All New Applicants Must provide all 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 31 Applications due for Apache area "February"
- February 1 – February 28 Applications due for Elgin "March"
- March 1 – March 31 Application due for Anadarko, Carnegie and Ft. Cobb "April"
- April 1 -April 30 Application due for Cache "May"
- May 1 – May 31 Application for Snyder - Indianhomia 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 and utility bill in your name
- Must not benefit a business or non – Comanche Tribal Member (rental homes)
- Must reside in the Comanche Nation Jurisdiction Service Area

If you have any question / 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

Comanche Business Committee Update American Rescue Plan (ARP) COVID-Relief Funds

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"From the office of the Chairman & Comanche Business Committee"

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Attention Tribal Members:

Comanche Nation received the first drawdown of the American Rescue Plan COVID-19 recovery funds in the amount of \$87,025,738.64. This is the first of two payments from the Department of Treasury to assist in rebuilding tribal governments. The impact of the COVID-19 virus took an economical hit on tribal enterprises and government.

The CBC will discuss the cash distribution to tribal members at the June monthly meeting. The first order of business will be the tribal members that did not receive the third payment from the Cares Act funding. There were almost 1,400 tribal members that did not receive funding due to the funding being exhausted.

The ARP funding will also be allocated for assistance to households such as food, rental, mortgage, utility, Job training, home repairs, and weatherization. The CBC will work together in the implementation of the application process in order to service all tribal members local and non-local. A strategic plan of action is being implemented.

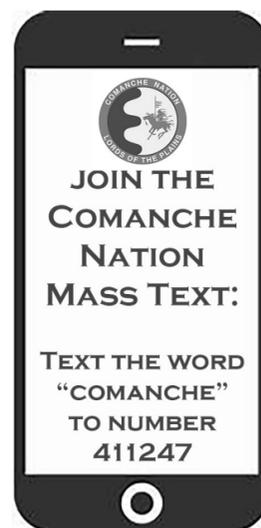
Remember, Comanche Strong-Stronger Together!

Chairman & Comanche Business Committee

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COMANCHE NATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOT LINE

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LIFE SAVING TRAINING. A total of 11 Comanche Nation employees attended the First Aid/CPR/AED Training, hosted by Comanche Nation Workforce (WIOA) and Great Plains Technology Center, May 12, at Watchetaker Hall. All who attended the class successfully completed it, and became First Aid/CPR/AED Certified that same day. WIOA plans on hosting more trainings for all the Comanche tribal employees, so that it may help in better serving the Comanche people. TOP: Great Plains Technology Center Instructor, Shawn Johnson, trained the employees on several first aid responses. BOTTOM LEFT: WIOA staff member, Larissa Wetselline learns how to correctly place a breathing aid on a CPR mannequin. BOTTOM RIGHT: PIO Director, Jolene Schonchin, gives chest compressions to a CPR mannequin.



Culinary Corner/Fun Page

June Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

JUNE 2021						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 FREDERICK 1 ST DAY	2 FREDERICK 2 ND DAY	3 WALTERS 1 ST DAY	4 WALTERS 2 ND DAY	5
6	7 CACHE 1 ST DAY	8 CACHE 2 ND DAY	9 CACHE 3 RD DAY	10 CACHE 4 TH DAY	11 TRUCK DAY	12
13	14 LAWTON 1 ST DAY	15 LAWTON 2 ND DAY	16 LAWTON 3 RD DAY	17 LAWTON 4 TH DAY	18 LAWTON 5 TH DAY	19
20	21 MAKE-UP DAY	22 MAKE-UP DAY	23 MAKE-UP DAY	24 MAKE-UP DAY	25 MAKE-UP DAY	26
27	28 INVENTORY	29 INVENTORY	30 INVENTORY			

Recipes for Home Cooking

Elotes (Mexican Corn In A Cup)

Ingredients

- 2 (15.5 ounce) Cans whole kernel corn, drained
- 4 Tablespoons mayonnaise, or to taste
- 4 Tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, or to taste
- 4 Teaspoons chile-lime seasoning or more to taste
- 1 Lime, or more to taste

Directions

1. Heat corn in skillet over medium heat until steaming, about 5 minutes. Remove from heat and drain water.
2. Fill several cups or mugs halfway with the corn. Add 1 tablespoon mayonnaise, 1 tablespoon Parmesan cheese, and 1 to 2 teaspoons chile-lime seasoning to each cup. Squeeze lime juice on top.

Five-Ingredient Red Curry Chicken

Ingredients

- 2 tablespoons coconut oil
- 1 (16 ounce) package skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into small cubes
- 1 (14 ounce) can cream of co-

conut (such as Trader Joe's® Extra Thick and Rich)

- 1 (11 ounce) bottle red Thai curry sauce (such as Trader Joe's®)
- ½ (16 ounce) package dried rice stick vermicelli noodles

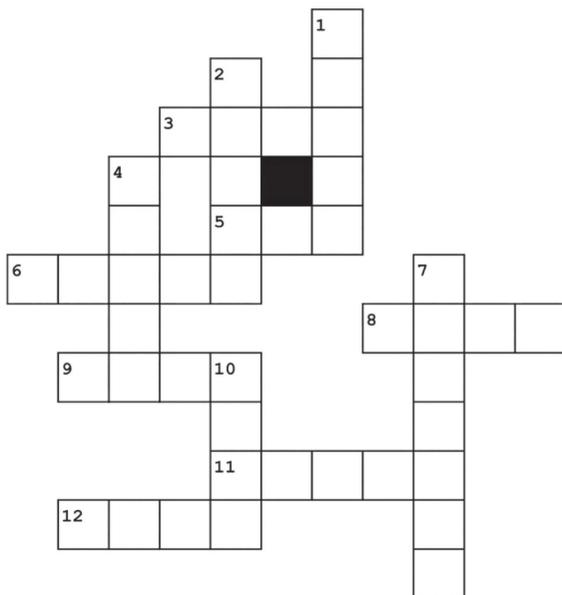
Directions

1. Heat oil in a large skillet on high heat. Add chicken cubes; cook until browned, about 2 minutes per side. Reduce heat to medium-high and add coconut cream and curry sauce. Cook until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the juices run clear, about 5 minutes. An instant-read thermometer inserted into the center should read at least 165 degrees F (74 degrees C).
2. Fill a large pot with lightly salted water and bring to a rolling boil; stir in vermicelli pasta and return to a boil. Cook pasta uncovered, stirring occasionally, until the pasta is tender yet firm to the bite, 4 to 5 minutes. Drain.
3. Reduce skillet heat to simmer. Add the noodles and let simmer until flavors are absorbed, about 5 minutes. Divide chicken and noodles among individual serving bowls.



Comanche - Body Parts 1

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



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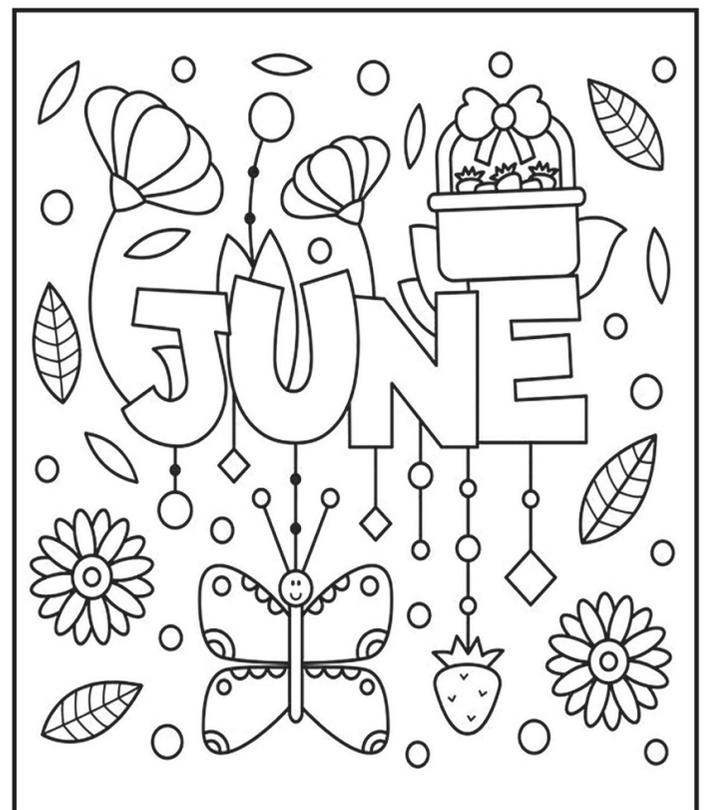
3. arm
5. eye
6. mouth
8. ear
9. tongue
11. nose
12. hand

Down

1. head
2. foot
4. lips
7. eyebrow
10. leg

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

Directions: Color me.

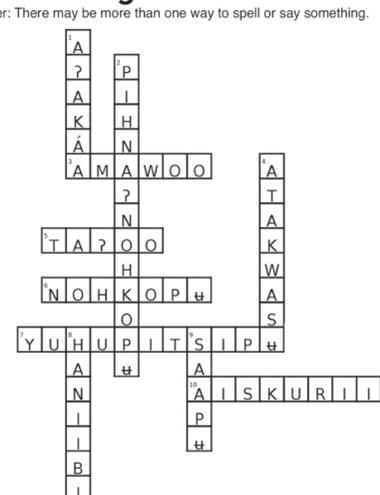


Answer Key for "Things to Eat" that was published in the May Edition of TCNN.



Things You Eat

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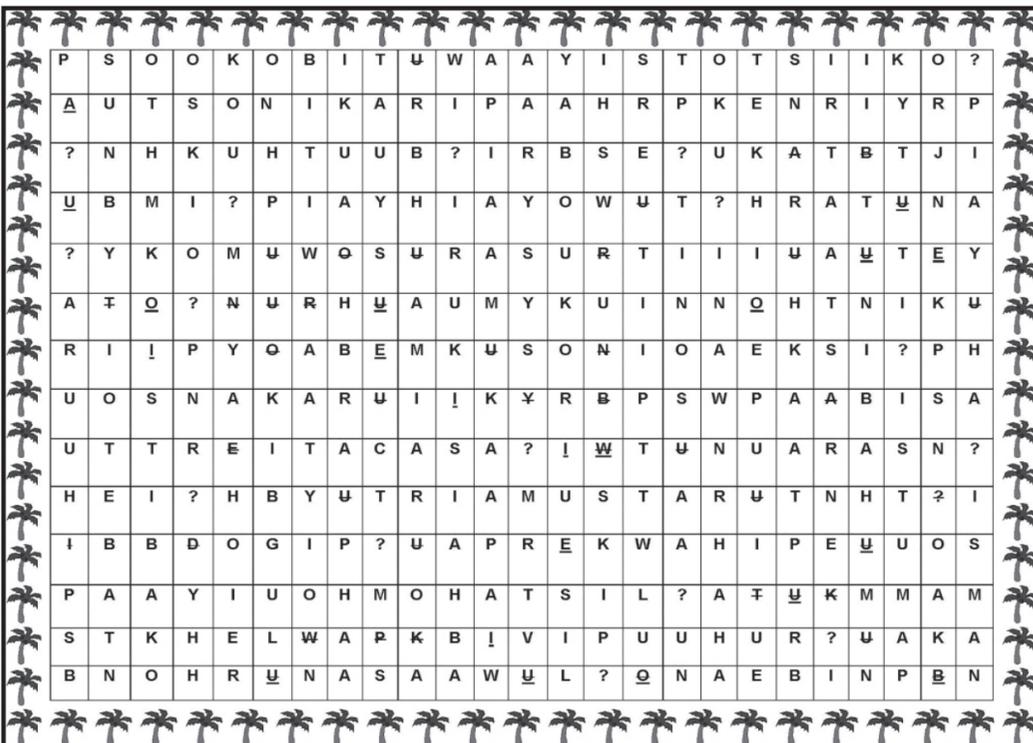
1. banana
2. cake or cookie
4. cooked dried corn with meat
8. corn
9. boiled meat

Across:

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

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

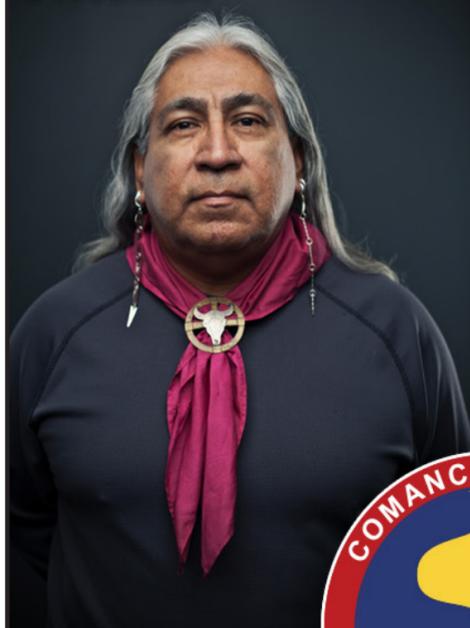


WORD BANK

June- PUHI MUA
 Summer - TAATSA
 Graduate - TURATSUMAI
 Father - AHPU
 Dive - PAMUTSI?ITU
 Water - PAA

Ice Cream - AISI KURI?I
 Soak In The Water - -PARUKITU
 Sunrise - TABETOI
 Tree - HUUPI
 Flower - TOTSIIYAA

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SOVEREIGNTY
& EDUCATION



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DR. CORNEL PEWEWARDY

2021 VICE CHAIR CANDIDATE

CAMPAIGN PLATFORM

Maraweka My name is Cornel Pewewardy. I'm honored to be nominated to run for Comanche Nation 2021 Vice-Chair. My partner, Dr. Nocona Pewewardy, and I are thrilled to return home in my retirement from Portland State University as Professor Emeritus to southwest Oklahoma where we both were raised and educated. My dedication to rebuild the Comanche Nation, coupled with my drive to do great community organizing work, means that I will do an effective job representing the Comanche Nation within Comancheria. I have been fortunate to work all my life and return my gift of education and experience in Nation building and transformational Indigenous leadership.

WHAT I CAN DO WITH THE COMANCHE NATION:

Strongly represent Comanche citizens at the international, national, state, and local levels, thereby asserting our tribal sovereignty and ensuring that our ideas and opinions influence the direction of self-determination and in turn affirm who we are as Numunu peoples. This generation has a cultural responsibility to our former warrior leaders, to hold fast to Comanche culture and language, to hang on to the land, to follow the

and ensuring that our ideas and opinions influence the direction of self-determination and in turn affirm who we are as Numunu peoples. This generation has a cultural responsibility to our former warrior leaders, to hold fast to Comanche culture and language, to hang on to the land, to follow the instructions of our Elders, and to rebuild our Nation. And it is their craft wisdom that will ensure a bright future for our Nation.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND:

Post-doctoral Fellow in Multi-Ethnic Studies, University of Oklahoma
Doctorate of Educational Administration, The Pennsylvania State University
Graduate of Institute for Educational Management, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Masters of Education in Educational Management and Development, New Mexico State University
Masters of Education in Guidance & Counseling, Northeastern State University
Bachelor's Degree in Education, Northeastern State University

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Founding Director and Professor Emeritus of Indigenous Nations Studies, Portland State University
Founding Dean of Academic Instruction, Comanche Nation College
Founding principal, American Indian Magnet School St. Paul, MN; and Ojo Encino Day School, Cuba, NM
Affiliated faculty at the University of Washington, Cameron University, USAO, and Bacone College

QUALIFICATIONS FOR VICE CHAIR:

Former tribal administrator, Picayune Rancheria of Chukchansi Indians in Coarsegold, CA
Teaches courses in American Indian Government at Bacone College
Regularly attends the Native Nations Institute at the University of Arizona

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES:

Design Team Leader, Comanche Academy Charter School
Founding member, Indigenous Peoples' Day
Founding member, Task Force for the Recruitment and Retention of American Indian Students at Cameron University
Founding member of Native American Council, Lawton Public School
Regents, Museum of the Great Plains
Knowledge Keeper, First American Museum in OKC
Traditional flute player and singer of Comanche music
American Indian Chamber of Commerce

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION:

National Teacher & Educator of the Year, National Indian Education Association
5-times recognized as Big XII American Indian Faculty of the Year

MY PROMISE:

By electing me as Vice-Chair, I will enable the Comanche Nation to make important educational and economic progress and ensure our survivance toward self-determination.

Advance the Comanche Nation from the Standard Approach to the Nation-Building Approach

Bring big ideas to the CBC that will help all Comanche people to improve the economic development, social progress, and educational experiences of all of our people (from cradleboard to the grave).

Advocate for MMIW, Comanche families, Comanche language preservation, continuously honor the Elders, and provide healing from COVID-19 through affirming cultural ceremonies.

Fight for Comanche children and students' sovereign rights at local public schools and higher education institutions. Stop the assault on our children!

Advance tribal sovereignty and social justice within the City of Lawton and within Comancheria

Keep you informed of local and national affairs as well as introduce you to events happening around Comancheria.

My decisions are based in rationale, critical thought, science-based, and common sense

Settler-colonial tools and analytics will never rebuild the Comanche Nation

United We Are Strong

LaNora Parker was nominated for Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman on April 17, 2021 at the Comanche Nation General Council Meeting located at the Comanche Nation Complex Lawton Oklahoma. She is currently the Incumbent for the Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman position. However, as of March 2021 she has served as the Interim Comanche Nation Chairwoman. The new Elected Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woomavovah has taken his Oath of Office as of May 11, 2021 and will serve a three-year term. Parker is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation. Her father was Simmons Parker a Comanche Code Talker, during WWII serving in the United States Army. He was a Congressional Gold Medal Recipient and a Military Hall of Fame Inductee. Her mother was Iona Mae Parker a Woman of Great faith in God. She was also an accomplished tribal hymn singer, fluent in her Kiowa language, cook, quilt maker and seamstress. LaNora is also a Great Granddaughter of Quannah Parker well known historically for his Leadership as a Comanche Nation Chief. She is from family who have distinguished themselves as adhering to spiritual values. Honesty, Respect, Integrity and Courage are the standards she lives by daily. Her sons are Nocona Jay and Quannah Parker Burgess who are both professional artist with their own unique depictions of Native and Comanche life. Nocona is also a Cultural Director in Santa Fe, New Mexico for the Santa Fe Public School System. She has six grandchildren and they are TaSia, Nahmi, Nyveeh ThaTsiKoah, To'tsiyaah and Quahada. Family life is a high priority and she is proud of both her sons and grandchildren. They have all learned to be proud of their Comanche heritage and are very supportive of Parker to serve the Comanche Nation. Her faith in ThaAhPu is a very important aspect of her spiritual life since a very young age. She is a member of Petarcy Methodist Church and is currently serving as a Lay Servant. If Re-elected she will serve in her position as Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman with diligence and tenacity, follow the Comanche Nation Constitution, work in a unified manner within the Comanche Business Committee and be a voice for all Comanche Nation members.

Her platform is to support the Elder's to insure they receive the goods and services that are needed. Before the COVID 19 Pandemic she attended Elder Council Meetings, events, and the Elder Nutrition Program. The growth and development of our youth has always been a major concern and will remain of upmost importance. Advocacy for our Youth will be a continual effort. As far as Economic Development, her promotion of future business ventures will be a priority to provide employment and increased revenue for the Comanche Nation. The Educational advancement through Higher Education or Vocational training will provide families the opportunity to increase their quality of life by becoming gainfully employed. Therefore, educational and vocational services for Comanche Nation tribal members is viewed as a worthy cause. As far as the Veteran's Military Honoring Ceremonies and future plans to recognize our Soldier's and Veteran's, Parker is in favor to support these efforts. They are well-deserving for the sacrifices they have made for our Country and Freedom.

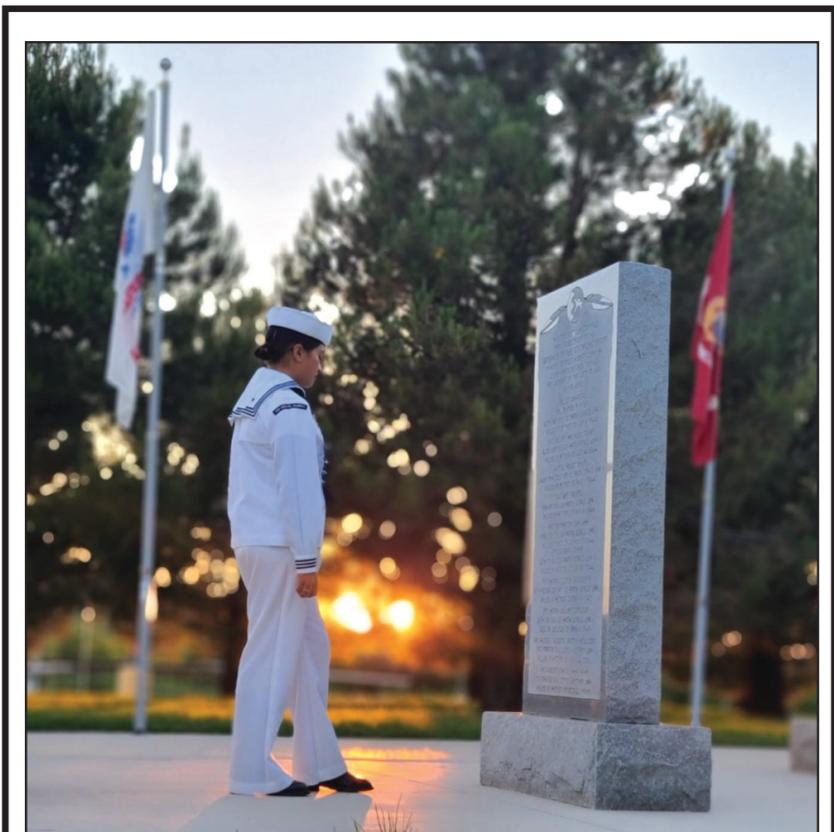
As a member of a military family her education was acquired in a variety of locations, one country and three states. She attended school on military bases, public schools and government boarding schools. She was exposed to a variety of cultures, another country, languages, and other tribes which was an education in itself. In the beginning she started school in Lawton, Oklahoma. However, at an early age her father received military orders and was stationed at Aschaffenburg, Germany. The entire family was included and they lived there for two years. Other school locations were in Ft. Lewis Washington, East Los Angeles and Compton, California. After graduation she acquired her Bachelor of Art in Sociology, at the University of Science and Arts in Chickasha, Oklahoma.

Her career choice was to work in the helping profession with other Native tribes and Comanche Nation. Her jobs within the Comanche Nation were Comanche Nation Social Worker, Comanche Nation Housing Drug Elimination Coordinator, Comanche Nation Child Welfare Worker and Comanche Nation Director of Social Services.

Other employment was with Santa Fe Indian School; Counselor, Institute of American Indian Art; Healing Circle Coordinator, and Riverside Indian School; Dormitory Supervisor. Her entire career was 30 years which includes 18 years of Civil Service.

Her servitude in leadership as a Comanche Nation elected official has been 6 years, she has an established track record and institutional knowledge. In her leadership capacity she has helped the Comanche Nation to move forward through projects and other initiatives, both in her past term of office and her current position. The past projects and initiatives were the Per Capital Elder Payment, Comanche Church Funding, Red River Expansion, Funeral Home and the Comanche Nation Fair Carnival. The current projects are War Pony Casino and Comanche Cache Casino, Anadarko Outreach Center and the upcoming Child Care Center. Re-Elect LaNora J. Parker for Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman. She is a voice for all Comanche Nation tribal members.

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Evashawn Poemoceah, standing in front of the Fallen Warrior dye at the CIVA Court of Honor on May 6. She enlisted in the Navy on August 15, 2017, and was home on leave from May 3-13. She is assigned to the USS Michael Murphy (DDG-112) an Arleigh Burke-class destroyer that carries a crew of 323 Sailors. Her homeport is Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. The Murphy began a six-month deployment on June 2. Poemoceah is one of 33 known Comanches on active duty. She is the daughter of Renee Nibbs and Jerry Poemoceah, and the granddaughter of Helen Koomsa and Ronald Nibbs and Tonie Timbo and Elmer Poemoceah.

The Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office is hosting A Prayer Circle in Observation of the **National Day of Prayer for Protection of Sacred Sites.** Sunday, June 20, 2021 at 11:00 AM at the Comanche Nation Powwow Arena

Inviting all Churches to join in prayer & tribal hymns on the First Day of Summer.

Lunch will be provided.

Join us for the National Day of Prayer for the Protection of Native American Sacred Places. There will be gatherings and observations throughout Indian Country to offer prayers.

For More Info: Comanche Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) at (580) 595-9960

Please, bring your own chairs.

People, Places & Things Happening

Conneywerdy Graduates With Highest Honors "Summa Cum Laude" From Northern Oklahoma College



Courtesy Photo

Conneywerdy

Tribal member, Autumn Conneywerdy and her dad, Cruz, take a photo together after her graduation ceremonies at Northern Oklahoma College (NOC) in Tonkawa, Okla.

While at NOC, Conneywerdy was a member of the Kappa Beta Delta Honor Society and the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society which recognizes high academic excellence. By achieving a 4.0 each semester while at NOC, Conneywerdy was listed on the President's Honor Roll every semester. She was awarded numerous academic scholarships including the NOC Valedictorian Scholarship, Comanche Nation Higher Education Scholarship, Jana Potter Memorial Scholarship, and the Catholic Foundation Scholarship. Autumn would like to give a "Big Thanks" to Christian Boos, Comanche Nation Education Director along with his staff, in helping her achieve her educational goals. Autumn will be transferring to OSU in the fall to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Math. The family is so proud of Conneywerdy and all her accomplishments.

Award-Winning Author Gives Free E-Books To Every Native American Who Gets Covid Vaccine

Native Americans remain at the top of the CDC's list of most at-risk groups for contracting, being hospitalized, and dying from COVID-19. However, there's also significant good news—vaccination rates, or actual 'shots in arms' on most Indian reservations far outpace the U.S. general population.

Kevin D. Miller, the author of the award-winning new book "White Skies, Black Mingo," and his publisher Headline Books are throwing their support behind the Native American vaccination effort. They have pledged to give away free copies of his novel to every Native American who receives the COVID vaccine.

"It is an honor to offer my novel, White Skies Black Mingo, to all Native Americans who receive their COVID-19 vaccination. The heroine in my book is a strong, independent Native American woman, and my direct ancestor, so this comes from the heart for me. The health and welfare of America's indigenous people is a highly important issue that requires our full attention."

The relative success of vaccination campaigns on many reservations can be attributed to the fact that tribes, which are sovereign nations, can set their own eligibility criteria and immediately administer doses with aggressive word-of-mouth tribal outreach.

"We knew how to reach our population, despite these obstacles, because we've had to overcome these obstacles for some time already," said Abigail Echo-Hawk, Seattle Indian Health Board's chief research officer and member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma.

"Tribes all across America are doing an amazing job at getting shots in arms despite all the odds stacked against them, and it's so vitally important. The numbers don't lie, and they show how much

more deadly COVID-19 is to Native Americans," says Miller, whose story is inspired by his great grandmother Margaret aka 'Kateri.'

"White Skies, Black Mingo," based on Miller's research into his ancestry, centers on a young woman who flees a terrible epidemic devastating her Seneca clan in the 1850s. Kateri travels south through the Appalachian Mountains on a treacherous journey where she eventually falls into captive servitude on a Virginia plantation before encountering a Union soldier during the Civil War who changes her life forever. "White Skies, Black Mingo" has received several national awards, including a Mom's Choice Gold Award for its positive portrayal of the female lead character.

Details on how all Native Americans who have been vaccinated can receive their free copy of "White Skies, Black Mingo" from now through Independence Day July 4th are available at <http://authorkev-millier.com/vac.html>.

Langford Competes in the 4A State Golf Tournament



Courtesy Photo

Langford

Tribal member, Kelly Langford, is a Freshman at Elgin High School, located in Elgin, Okla. Langford has played golf recreationally with her dad these past few years and started playing golf for Elgin as a 7th grader back in 2019. She recently competed at the 4A Regional golf tournament in Kingfisher, Okla., where she scored a 92, which qualified her to compete at the 4A State golf tournament in Cushing, Okla. On May 5 and 6 she competed in the two day 4A State tournament and ended with an overall score of 212 placing 51st place out of 75 golfers. Kelly ended her 1st year of high-school golf strong with huge accomplishments as an individual golfer making it all the way to State.

Langford's parents are, Natasha Spores, and Jeff Langford.

Lady Bulldog and Bulldog of the Year Award For Athletics



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Glenn, Bulldog of the Year and Yackeyonny, Lady Bulldog of the Year both stand proudly with their awards.

Tribal members, Krista Yackeyonny and Hunter Glenn both attend Cache Public Schools, located in Cache Okla. They were both selected for Bulldog of the Year Award.

The Lady Bulldog and Bulldog of the Year award is given by the Athletic Department to a female and male athlete each spring. Nominees

for the award are made by the coaching staff. Any athlete 9th-12th grade is eligible for nomination and consideration.

Winners of the award are those who the coaches believe most exemplify the best of Bulldog Athletics and represent our school with pride and dignity. The award considers not only the student athlete's athletic accomplishments but his or her classroom ability, willingness to be coached, integrity on the playing field and off, and team leadership as demonstrated by being a positive example for their treatments.

Krista Yackeyonny is the daughter of Audrey Lee Yackeyonny and Gary Yackeyonny.

Hunter Glenn is the son of Carmen Nieto Glenn and Mason Glenn.

Totem Pole Journey To DC Rescheduled To Begin July 14

The Red Road to DC Totem Pole Journey, a cross-country trip to highlight sacred sites across the U.S. that are at risk, has been rescheduled to July 14-July 30, due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Starting July 14, the House of Tears carvers at the Lummi Nation will make stops at several locations that are considered sacred to local tribes and Indigenous peoples, and are current or potential targets for dams, mining, drilling, or oil pipelines. At each stop, the activists will display a totem pole especially created to honor these sacred sites. They will meet with local tribes and residents to underscore the message that tribes must give their consent before major infrastructure projects are approved.

Tour stops will include the Snake River within Nez Perce traditional lands; Bears Ears National Monument in Utah; Chaco Canyon, Navajo Reservation in New Mexico; Black Hills in South Dakota; and stops along the Missouri River, including Standing Rock Reservation, ND; the White Earth Indian Reservation in Minnesota and the Bay Mills Indian Community in Michigan before arriving in Washington, DC on July 28, where the totem pole will be delivered to the Biden-Harris administration.

Following the tour this Fall, the totem pole will be featured in the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian.

Leading up to July 14, the Lummi Nation carvers, House of

Tears, will tour the pole throughout the Pacific Northwest and West. The carvers have already made stops to several Washington State locations, including the Lummi Reservation, Port Townsend, Coupeville, Tacoma, Bellingham, Arlington, and Ferndale.

For additional information on the carvers' west coast trip, please visit <https://www.facebook.com/tempolejourney>.

For additional information and to stay updated on the tour to DC, visit redroadtodd.org.

Alcohol Use Falling Among County Students State Releases OPNA Survey Results for Comanche County

Comanche County has seen an overall 3.2% decrease in past 30 day alcohol use among middle & high school students, as reported by the 2019-2020 Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment (OPNA) Survey. According to the OPNA results, 12th graders experienced the sharpest drop, as just 27.6% percent of high school seniors consumed alcohol within the previous thirty days, compared to 35.6% during the 2015-2016 school year. Additionally, only 10.6% of 8th graders, and 22.4% of 10th graders reported having consumed alcohol, compared to 16.4% and 24.5% in 2015-2016, respectively. However, 6th graders reported a 1.1% increase, 6.9%, up from 5.8%

previously.

"We are excited to see alcohol use trending downward overall," says Jennifer Gormley, Regional Prevention Specialist with the nonprofit Wichita Mountains Prevention Network. "While there is still work to be done, students are starting to realize the harm of underage drinking, due to strong, comprehensive work of parents and community members."

Since 2004, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services has conducted the Oklahoma Prevention Needs Assessment, a biennial, state-wide survey of 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th graders designed to identify the risk and protective factors that affect the behavioral health of students. The state in turn distributes this data to school districts, communities and counties in order to create tailored programs targeted to specific needs. To access the full county report, please visit www.wmpn.org/opna.

Wichita Mountains Prevention Network (WMPN) is a nonprofit dedicated to creating safe communities through promoting proven substance abuse prevention strategies among teens and adults. WMPN is grant funded by the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. For more information on how you can protect your teens, please contact RPC Prevention Specialist Jennifer Gormley at jgormley@wmpn.org, and follow WMPN on Facebook.

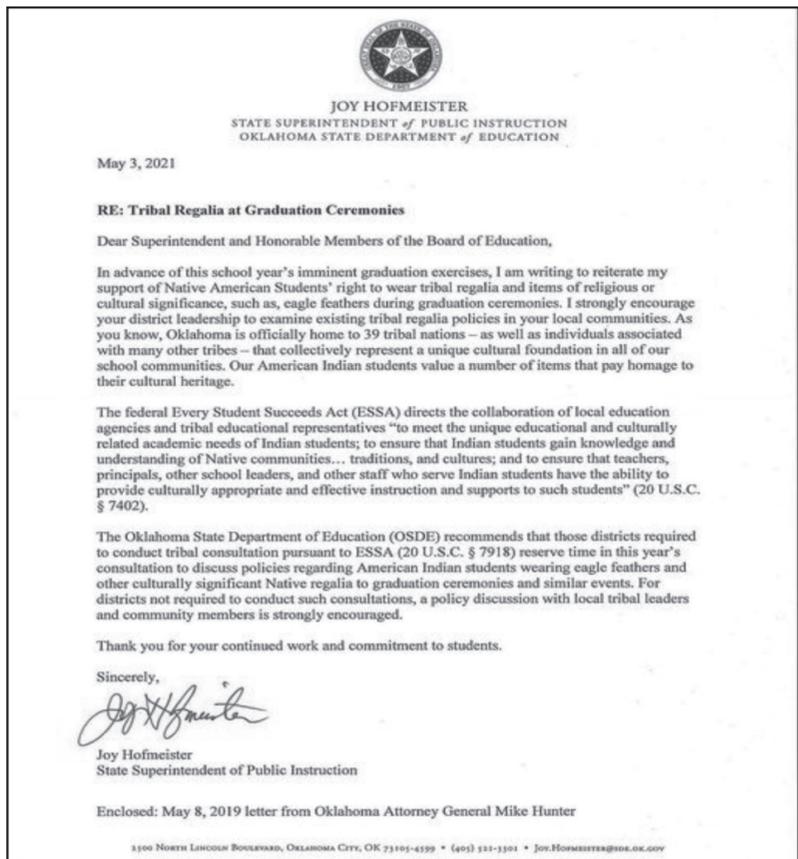
Parker-Fields Won First Place For Her Artwork in the Alcohol Awareness Category



Courtesy Photo

Tribal member, Hayla Parker-Fields, is a Freshman at Anadarko High School located in Anadarko, Okla. Parker-Fields won First Place during a art contest sponsored by CASA, Consortium Against Substance Abuse Program. Parker-Fields, artwork titled "Two Wrongs Never Makes A Right!!" is now on display inside the CASA office, located at 115 E Broadway St, Anadarko, Okla.

Oklahoma State Superintendent Supports and Encourages Native American/American Indian Students to Wear Tribal Regalia During Graduation Ceremonies





Courtesy Photo

Meet Justin Boos, Tribal School Founder and Educational Equity Campaigner

Published: May 3, 2021/ University of Colorado Boulder School of Education Press Release

The need to sustain the Comanche language and culture has always been at the heart of Justin Boos' 20-plus-year career working with and for Native American tribal members. Forever focused on education equity, Boos has been a director for Comanche Nation Workforce program, an Education Specialist for the Comanche Nation Office of Higher Education, a middle school teacher, and a leader of Upward Bound programs at Fort Lewis College, Cameron University and CU Boulder. A national program, Upward Bound at CU Boulder serves Native and Indigenous students from over a dozen tribal communities across the United States.

My experiences within the CU Boulder EFPP program helped make me aware of how the standard American public-school curriculum has maintained race, class, and gender divisions within society through the use of the hidden curriculum. As a result, I have used the knowledge gained from the program to help establish a tribally controlled charter school in southwestern Oklahoma that will attempt to decolonize Native American education by promoting Comanche culture and language."

In 2006, Boos was the Assistant Director for CU Boulder's Upward Bound program when his then-supervisor and mentor encouraged him to apply to the nationally ranked Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice (EFPP) master's degree program in the CU Boulder School of Education to allow him to more effectively serve Upward Bound and Native students.

"My experiences within the CU Boulder EFPP program helped make me aware of how the standard American public-school curriculum has maintained race, class, and gender divisions within society through the use of the hidden curriculum," Boos said.

"As a result, I have used the knowledge gained from the program to help establish a tribally controlled charter school in southwestern Oklahoma that will attempt to decolonize Native American education by promoting Comanche culture and language."

Today, Boos is a co-founder of the Comanche Academy, a culturally responsive tribal charter school in his home-state of Oklahoma. He currently serves on the board of the academy and the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Indigenous P.O.W.E.R. Program, and campaigned for the position of Tribal Administrator during the Comanche Nation General Election in the fall of 2020.

Boos brought all of these experiences and more to his education coursework to the benefit of his peers and the program. He drew from his collaborative work with Comanche Academy to become a leader in class discussions and activities, and he regularly shared how decolonizing theories of education helped him be a stronger advocate for tribal education for the Comanche community and beyond.

"Justin has been a standout contributor in our program," said Kevin Welner, Terri Wilson, and the EFPP faculty members who se-

lected Boos for the 2021 Outstanding Graduate Award in Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice. "He enriched our collective learning by sharing valuable insights from his ongoing community engagement work in his home state of Oklahoma."

His professors also commended Boos for incorporating this work and framing into his innovative capstone project, which explored how the Comanche Academy school might be equally accountable to Comanche tribal leaders and traditional educational entities.

Now, nearly 15 years since he first enrolled in the Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice program, Boos' advice for incoming students and education leaders is not to wait to enroll in graduate studies, because of ever increasing family responsibilities. And yet, he is proud of his newly minted master's degree and its promise for his people, principally his nine-year-old daughter, Kinzee Nokona Boos.

"It took me 15 years to complete my degree, primarily because of the care I had to provide for both my elder mother and pre-adolescent daughter, but it is my hope that earning a master's degree from CU Boulder will motivate my 9-year-old daughter to pursue higher educational opportunities after high school," Boos said.

"Also, I plan on utilizing my master's degree to continue to help the Comanche nation progress, both socially and economically."

Trespass Activity on Indian Allotments is Spiraling Out of Control. Where is the Trustee?

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Indian Landowners Party is gathering information from allotment landowners on Trespasses throughout Indian Country. In some cases people are building homes or other structures on the trust allotments without permission. Roads have been built across the allotment. Pipelines have been built without the permission of the landowners. In all cases the Indian Landowners are not receiving compensation.

What action is the Trustee (Bureau of Indian Affairs) taking? Generally they take no action. Sometimes it is the Bureau of Indian Affairs roads department that is trespassing or authorizing trespass on the client's land! "The BIA has double standards towards Indian people. Trespass is one of the BIA's favorite words. yet they believe it does not apply to them." This quote was from a landowner about the BIA Roads Department trespassing on her land and she could not get them off the land.

On another reservation there is a trespass that has been ongoing for 49 years. The estimated damages several years ago were \$150,000. The Trustee has received letters on this trespass since the first year of the trespass. It just has not been that important. Out of three generations of landowners only one is living and is still fighting to get the opportunity to occupy her land. Her 94 year old aunt



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told her it was up to her to continue fighting for the land that had been in her family since the 1870's.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs knows about many of these trespasses but has not taken action. Some of the landowners have given up on even reporting new trespass activity after years of failure on the part of the Trustee to take action. The problem goes up the line to the Solicitor's Office, the in-house attorney for the Department of Interior.

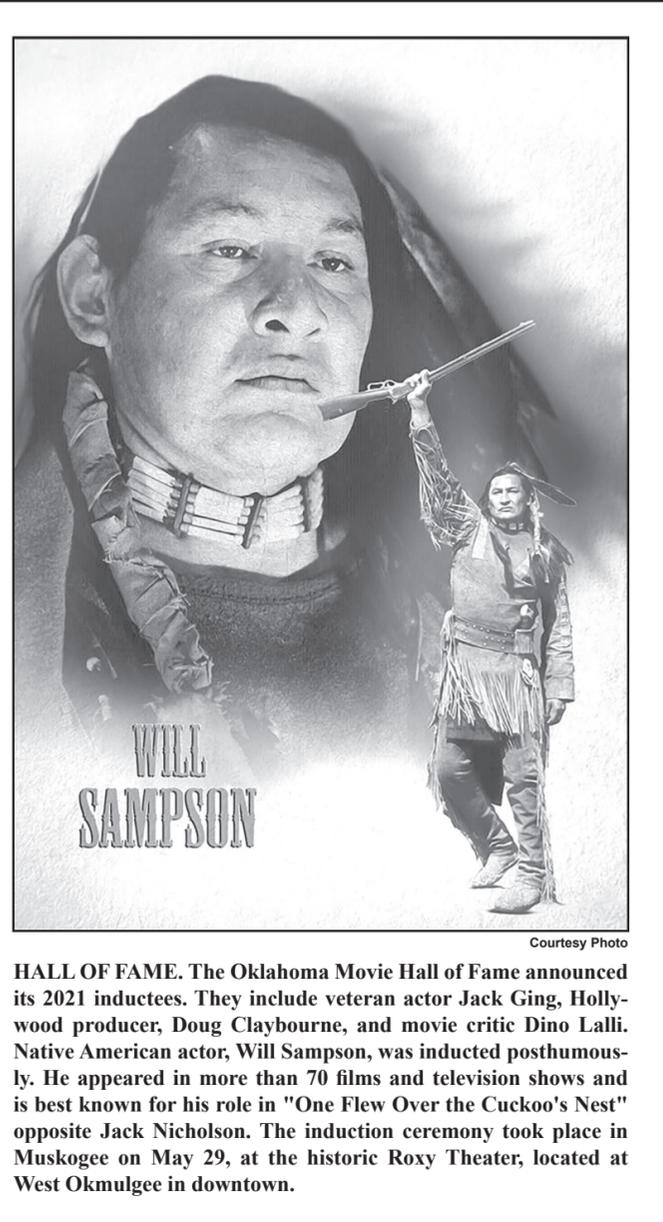
From the Solicitor's web page: With an emphasis on high ethical standards, excellence in public service and the delivery of superlative advice and counsel, our Office performs the legal work for the United States Department of the Interior, and manages the Departmental Ethics Office and Departmental FOIA Office. With more than five hundred total employees, more than four hundred of which are licensed attorneys, the Office strives to provide sound legal services to fulfill the Depart-

ment's diverse and wide-ranging mission.

The allotment owner client may question the "high ethical standards," the "excellence in public service" and the "delivery of superlative advice and counsel."

We want to hear from the landowners about trespass activity on their land. Contact us through the Indian Landowners Party Facebook page or emailing iccindian@me.com. Trespass on Allotted Lands report will be submitted to the Secretary of Interior on November 1.

Indian Landowners Party is a Think Tank operating through social media sites, including Facebook and Zoom, that performs research and advocacy in the field of Federal Indian Land with the major focus on trust and restricted allotments. Research includes the history of policy decisions by the Federal Government that have resulted in a loss of land and the devaluation of Indian Land versus land owned by the general public. The allotment land base is approximately 11 million acres, an area that would place allotted land between West Virginia and Maryland in size. The allotment land base has a value of over \$100 billion. Assets of that size would rank it higher than some of the top 20 Corporations in the Fortune 500.



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HALL OF FAME. The Oklahoma Movie Hall of Fame announced its 2021 inductees. They include veteran actor Jack Ging, Hollywood producer, Doug Claybourne, and movie critic Dino Lalli. Native American actor, Will Sampson, was inducted posthumously. He appeared in more than 70 films and television shows and is best known for his role in "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" opposite Jack Nicholson. The induction ceremony took place in Muskogee on May 29, at the historic Roxy Theater, located at West Okmulgee in downtown.

President Biden Nominates Muscogee Citizen Lauren J. King to Federal Bench for the Western District of Washington

By Native News Online Staff/ May 12, 2021

Lauren J. King, a tribal citizen of the Muscogee Nation, was nominated by President Joe Biden on Wednesday to become a federal district judge for the United States District Court for the Western District of Washington.



she will be fair and impartial, and we eagerly anticipate her confirmation to the federal bench."

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) and the Native American Rights Fund (NARF) released a joint

statement on Wednesday afternoon supporting King's nomination. "NCAI strongly supports the nomination of Lauren J. King, a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, as the first ever Native American judge to serve on a federal bench in Washington state," President Fawn Sharp of the NCAI said in the statement. "Washington state is home to 29 federally recognized Indian tribes, making it critical that its federal judges better reflect the communities they serve and understand the unique histories of Native peoples and the legal principles that protect and preserve our standing under federal law."

King currently is a principal at Foster Garvey, P.C. based in Seattle, Wash., where she has practiced since 2012. She chairs the firm's Native American Law Practice Group and has served as a pro tem appellate judge for the Northwest Intertribal Court System since 2013.

King is also an appointed Commissioner on the Washington State Gambling Commission. She previously taught Federal Indian Law at the Seattle University School of Law. Prior to joining Foster Garvey, King was an associate at Byrnes Keller Cromwell LLP from 2010 to 2012 and at K&L Gates from 2008 to 2009. King graduated from the University of Virginia School of Law in 2008, and from the University of Washington, with distinction, in 2004. Ms. King is a citizen of the Muscogee Nation, which is located in Oklahoma.

The Muscogee Nation applauded President Biden for nominating one of its tribal citizens in a statement that read in part:

"King has a wealth of knowledge and experience in the legal field that includes positions as a Judge, practitioner and instructor. Her work on behalf of our Nation, both on our Mvskoke Reservation Protection Commission and in defending the preservation of sacred ceremonial sites, will be impactful for generations to come. Her example of hard work, pursuing education and dedication to her craft, is a valuable teaching tool and motivation for our young Muscogee women to reach their greatest potential. Her experience, leadership and integrity leaves us confident that

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John Echohawk, executive director of the Native American Rights Fund said, "Ms. King is a highly respected Native American attorney whose background and experience has prepared her well for the federal bench. We congratulate Ms. King and encourage the United States Senate to act swiftly on her confirmation."

For decades, both organizations have advocated for more Native American nominees for federal judgeships.

Despite these efforts, Native Americans have been historically under-represented in the federal judiciary. In the 231-year history of federal courts, only four Native Americans have been appointed as federal judges. Currently, of the 890 authorized federal judgeships, only two Native Americans serve as active federal district court judges. If the federal judiciary reflected nationwide demographics, there should be at least 14 Native Americans serving as federal judges.

"Given the unique relationship between the United States and Indian tribes under federal law, federal court decisions impact the daily lives of Native Americans more so than other American citizens," the joint statement said.

Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

Serving with Honor Wounded Warrior Charles E. Eatmon

61 known Comanches have received the Purple Heart – 13 of them posthumously. Five Comanches were wounded twice – they are Floyd Paddyaker, Larry Sauppitt and Meech Tahsequah during World War II, Joyce “Chuck” Choney during the Vietnam War and Charles E. Eatmon during the Iraqi and Afghanistan Wars.



Courtesy Photo

Charles Eatmon recovering from a gun-shot wound at Walter Reed Army Hospital, Va.

Sergeant First Class (Promotable) Charles E. Eatmon, was born in Wiesbaden, Germany. He is the son of Offles Eatmon and Joyce Connywerdy Plumley. He was raised by his father and grandparents, the late Phillip (1930-2011) and Selma Connywerdy Herrera. He enlisted into the Army in July, 2001, and completed Infantry One Station Unit Training at Fort Benning, Ga. His military service includes five combat deployments to Iraq and Afghanistan. He has also served in Korea. Stateside duty stations have been at Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Sill; Fort Riley, Kan. and currently the First Sergeant of the Dental Health Clinic at Fort Leonard, Mo.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and General Studies from Columbia University. His military education includes completion of the Operations Intelligence; OPSEC Program Manager; Basic Healthcare Administrator; Dental Management Development; Range Safety Officer; Sexual Assault Response Coordinator/Victim Advocate; Equal Opportunity; Instructor Training; Ground Safety Management; Master Resiliency Trainer; Masters, Senior, Advanced, Basic, Unit Prevention, Weapons and Bradley Leaders; Anti-Terrorism Officer; Combat Life Saver; Hazardous Materials Transport/Material Handler; Dental Specialist; and Combative Level 1 and 2 Manager Development courses.

SFC (P) Eatmon is one of the most decorated Comanches, as he has earned 51 decorations, medals, badges, commendations, citations and campaign ribbons to include the Combat and Expert Infantryman; Drivers/Mechanic (Wheeled); and Schutzen-schnur Marksmanship (in Gold) Badges; the Presidential Unit and Meritorious Unit Citations; the Superior Unit Award; two awards of the Purple Heart; four awards of the Meritorious Service; nine awards of the Army Commendation; seven awards of the Army Achievement; six awards of the Good Conduct; the National Defense Service; Iraq Campaign with/2 Battle Stars; Afghanistan Campaign with/1 Battle Star; Global War on Terrorism Service; Korean Defense Service; and the Military Outstanding Volunteer Service medals; and the

NCO Professional Development with/Numeral 4; Army Service; and Overseas with/Numeral 6 ribbons.

He and his wife, Simone, a Stillwater Okla., native, have five children and two grandchildren.

Serving with Honor Father and Son Glendal and Seth Yackeschi

Glendal Yackeschi and his son, Seth, are both currently serving in the OK Army National Guard (OKARNG). Master Sergeant Glendal Yackeschi enlisted into the OKARNG in August 5, 1986, (at age 17 years and 7 days old) and is a 34+ year combat veteran while Seth is a Sergeant who enlisted into the OKARNG on June 28, 2015.



Courtesy Photo

MSG Glendal and SGT Seth Yackeschi

SGT Seth Yackeschi, completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson, S.C.; Advanced Individual Training at the US Army Intelligence School, as an Intelligence Analysts, at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., where he was the Honor Graduate. He has also completed the Army's Basic Leadership, Combat Life Savers, Command Post of the Future Operator and Distributed Common Ground Systems Trainer courses.

As an Intelligence Liaison for various units of the 45th Infantry Combat Team (ICT) he has been based at Fort Sill; Lawton; Pryor; Mustang; Norman; and Oklahoma City and has served at Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Camp Ripley, Mich.; Fort Chaffee, Ark.; Fort Bliss, Texas; Camp Gruber, Okla.; and Sinton, Texas (in response to Hurricane Harvey).

From February to November, 2020, he deployed to Kuwait with 158th Field Artillery (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System), 45th ICT attached to Special Operations Joint Task Force in support of Operation Inherent Resolve serving as the Intelligence Liaison and Physical Security Officer, Operational Security NCO in-Charge and Intrusion Detection System Manager.

His awards include the Army Commendation with/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement, National Defense Service, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary, Humanitarian Service and Armed Forces Reserve with/Mobilization and Hourglass Devices medals and the Army Service, OK Recruiting, OK Active Duty and OK Good Conduct (2 Awards) ribbons.

His wife, Vanessa, is also a member of the OKARNG.

Master Sergeant Glendal Yackeschi, is currently the Noncommissioned Officer In-Charge of Recruit Team Alpha, SW Oklahoma Recruiting Area, based in Mustang, Okla. He completed Basic Combat and Advanced Individual Training, as a Multi Launch Rocket System (MLRS) Crewman, at Fort Sill. MSG Yackeschi has served in numerous positions within the 45th Fires Brigade

including MLRS Crewman; Battalion Fire Direction Chief; Master Gunner; Senior Human Resources NCO; Materiel Management NCO; Readiness NCO; Assistant and Operations NCO; Training NCO; and Recruiter and Retention NCO. He has been based at Lawton, Altus, Hobart, Oklahoma City, Mustang and Midwest City. During Annual Training he has served at Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah; Camp Grayling, Mich.; Camp Gruber, Okla., Fort Chaffee, Ark., North Fort Hood, Texas, Fort Sill, Camp Atterbury, Ind. and Fort Carson, Colo.

A combat veteran of the Gulf War, he deployed from November, 1990, to June, 1991, to Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait with the 158th Field Artillery (Multi Launch Rocket System) during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. From July, 2010, to July, 2011, he deployed, again, overseas to Forward Operating Base (FOB) Gardez in Paktia Province, Afghanistan which is near the Pakistan border. He served as the Operations NCO with the 45th ADT attached to the 101st Airborne Division – he provided combat support and intelligence to all ground units operating in/around FOB Gardez. MSG Yackeschi oversaw 90+ combat missions, managed the FOB Gardez defense operations and provided security to the Shura's local government agencies with zero losses of personnel.

His military education includes competition of all three primary NCO courses – Primary Leadership Development, Basic and Advanced. Other courses he completed include the 79T Conversion Recruiting and Retention; Senior Leader; Unit Supply Specialist, Phase II; Automated Logistical Specialist; Basic Instructor; Recruiting and Retention; MLRS Platoon Sergeant; Basic Pashtun Language; Battle Staff NCO; Unit Administrator; and First Sergeant courses.

He is the most decorated Reserve Component Comanche veteran, as he has received 47 Federal Awards and Decorations – the Meritorious Service twice; Army Commendation twice; Army Achievement eight times; Good Conduct six times; Army Reserve Component Achievement twice; National Defense Service twice; Southwest Asia Campaign with/2 Battle Stars; Afghanistan Campaign with/2 Battle Stars; Global War on Terrorism Service; Liberation of Kuwait from both the Kuwait and Saudi Arabia governments; Humanitarian Service three times; Outstanding Volunteer Service; and the NATO medals; the Army Service, NCO Professional Development with/Numeral 3 and Overseas with/Numeral 2 ribbons and the Army Superior Unit Award. In addition he has received thirty-eight State of Oklahoma awards and one award from the state of Louisiana. In all, he has earned 86 Federal and State Awards and Decorations – an extraordinary accomplishment.

MSG Yackeschi, is the son of the late Edgar Yackeschi (a US Marine). His mother, Frances, resides in Oklahoma City. He and his wife, the former Rhonda Corbin and a native of Indiana, live in Tuttle, Okla., and have five children and four grandchildren.

Serving with Honor Lieutenant Commander Jennifer A. Newbauer



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LtCdr Jennifer Newbauer

Lieutenant Commander (LtCdr) Jennifer A. Newbauer, enlisted into the Army Reserve in August, 2000, and served until May, 2008, earning the rank of Sergeant. She completed her Basic Training at Fort Jackson, S.C., and Advanced Individual Training, as a helicopter mechanic, at Fort Eustis, Va. The remainder of her Reserve commitment was with A Company, 5th Battalion, 159th Aviation Regiment on Joint Base Lewis-McChord, Wash., and the 1st Battalion, 414th Regiment, 95th Training Division based at Renton, Wash. She deployed to Iraq from January to December, 2003, with the 159th Aviation Regiment and was based at Balad Air Base.

She was commissioned into the Navy Reserve, as an Ensign (O-1), on May, 8, 2010. She is currently a Lieutenant Commander (O-4) which is the equivalent of an Army, Marine Corps and Air Force Major – only fifteen Comanches have earned the O-4 grade or higher. She completed the Direct Commission Officer and Supply Basic Qualification courses at Newport, R.I. Since 2013, she has served with Navy Cargo Handling Battalion 5 based at Joint Base Lewis-McChord. She is currently the Headquarters Company Commander, Battalion Supply Officer (S-4), Ammunition Program and Expeditionary Supply Corps Officer. From September, 2013, to May, 2014, she deployed to Afghanistan based at Bagram Air Field. From February to November, 2016, she deployed to Naval Support Activity Bahrain as the Task Force 56.4 Movement Officer. She deployed again to Bahrain in April, 2021, for a 12-month tour of duty. The Kingdom of Bahrain is a small Arab state (Island) situated in a bay on the southwest coast of the Persian Gulf.

Her awards include two awards of the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation; Army and Navy/Marine Corps Achievement; National Defense Service; Iraqi and Afghanistan Campaign; Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary; Armed Forces Reserve with/Mobilization Device; and NATO medals; the Joint Meritorious Unit Award; the Navy Expeditionary Supply Corps Badge; the Army Service; Army Overseas; Navy Overseas; Army Reserve Component Overseas Training; Navy Rifle and Pistol Sharpshooter; and two awards of the Battle E ribbons.

LtCdr Newbauer, has a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management from the University of Phoenix and a Masters of Education degree in School Counseling from City University of Seattle. She is a Middle School Counselor at Kulshan Middle School in Bellingham, Wash.

She is the daughter of Tony Reza and Serena Newbauer

(a retired Navy LtCdr) and the granddaughter Delores Conwoop. Her great-grandparents are World War I Comanche Code Talker Gilbert Pahdi (1895-1962) and Florence Codopony (1897-1987) Conwoop. She has a 19-year son, Jaden.

CIVA Elects 2021-22 Princess

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association has elected their 2021-22 Princess. She is Mercedes Ranae Banderas. Banderas is the daughter of Richanda Banderas and granddaughter of Richard Banderas and Mary Imotichey. Her paternal great-grandparents are the late Chico and Martha Banderas – her maternal great-grandparents are the late Joshua David Imotichey and Opal Poemoceah. Her Comanche name is Atu-naive. She is from the Penatuhka Band.

She was born on December, 17, 2007, in Lawton. Banderas is the oldest of three children. Banderas is in the sixth grade at Apache Middle School.

Her grandfather, Richard, is an Army veteran and two of her great-grandfathers served in the military – Joshua David Imotichey, retired from the Army served in Vietnam and Darrell Niedo served in the Air Force. Her great-Aunt, Camille Poemoceah served in the Women's Army Corps and her great-Uncles, Kelley Poemoceah served in the OK Army National Guard and Winfred Poemoceah in the Air Force. She is also a descendent of Comanche Code Talkers Haddon Codynah, Roderick Red Elk and Albert Nahquaddy Sr. and Jr. Her grandmother, Mary, is a member of the CIVA Auxiliary.

Banderas participates with the Native American Church, Sweat Lodge ceremonies and is a member of the Numunu Nahmi Oklahoma Ballet Performer. She served as the Comanche War Scouts Princess for 2016-19. Banderas went into the arena at age 18 months. She is an accomplished Sign Linguistics and singer of Comanche hymns.

Her reign is from Armed Forces Day 2021 to Armed Forces Day 2022.



Courtesy Photo

Mercedes Ranae Banderas Trinity Rae Ahtone

Outgoing CIVA Princess, Trinity Rae Ahtone, served two terms as the CIVA Princess from 2019-21. She is the daughter of Eagles Sr. and Megan Stone Mahseet and Carleton “CJ” Ahtone. Her maternal grandparents are Steve and Gwen (Pohawpatchoko) Stone; her paternal grandparents are the late Eddie Mahseet and Elizabeth Mahseet and Mari Frances Sahmaunt and Vohn Ahtone. She is the great-granddaughter of Calvin Sr. and Velma (Aputy) Pohawpatchoko, Steve and Lena (Boyiddle) Chibitty,

Spencer Sahmaunt, Marion Ahdosy and Vernon and Juanita Ahtone.

Antone's father, Eagles Sr., is a Marine; her grandfather, the late, Eddie Mahseet, was a Marine, Vietnam War and Numu Pukutsi; her great-grandfather, Steve Chibitty, served in the Army during World War II and her other great-grandfather, Calvin Pohawpatchoko, was a World War II, Korean and Vietnam War veteran.

She is a junior at Lawton Eisenhower High School. Ahtone is on the Principle's Honor Roll, a varsity Cheerleader and manager of the high school baseball team.

Ahtone is the former Little Miss Indian Lawton, Jr Miss Indian Lawton and Miss Indian Lawton.

The CIVA owe their gratitude to Ahtone for her dedicated and faithful service to the organization during the past two years as she participated in numerous CIVA commitments.



Courtesy Photo

Trinity Rae Ahtone

Funeral Details Aubrey Howard Bread March 11, 2021



Courtesy Photo

A funeral detail was provided for the family of Aubrey Howard Bread (April 19, 1940 – March 7, 2021) on March 11, at the Post Oak Cemetery in Indianola.

Bread served in the Marine Corps from September, 1958, to September, 1964, earning the rank of Corporal. He was a Fleet Marine and served overseas in Okinawa and Korea.

The detail included Lanny and Shelley Asepermy; Clifford Red Elk; Ramonah; and Liz Plata. Former CIVA Vice-Commander, Doug Williams, assisted. The Comanche Nation Police Department provided a firing squad and the Marine Corps Artillery Detachment at Fort Sill provided a three-man detail. The hearse was escorted by an “empty-saddle” horse from the cemetery entrance to the gravesite.

Elmo Thomas Morgan March 25, 2021



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A funeral detail was provided for the family of Corporal Elmo Thomas "Tom" Morgan (February 18, 1942 – March 12, 2021) at the North Indian Cemetery outside of Pawnee, Okla., on March 25.

Cpl Morgan was a member of the Pawnee Nation and a supporter of the CIVA over the years – he is married to Comanche member, Margaret Hernasy Morgan. He served in the Marine Corps Reserve from 1964-70 as a Field Artillery Crewman.

Making the trip was Kevin and Shirley Pohawpatchoko; Lanny and Shelley Asepermy; George Red Elk; Clifford Takawana; Jimmy Caddo; Ramonah Davis; Lyman Guy and Nona Mihecoby. The Cheyenne-Arapaho American Legion Post 410 provided a firing squad and bugler; a Marine Corps detail folded the flag and Marine Corps First Sergeant (Retired) Stewart Cady presented the flag to the widow. The Pawnee Nation provided a traditional meal, after the service, at their "Round House."

Edward Jerome Tahhahwah
April, 23-24, 2021



Courtesy Photo

On April 23 and 24, a funeral detail was provided for the family of Edward Jerome Tahhahwah (August 5, 1931 – April 12, 2021) for a wake service in Watchtaker Hall and a gravesite service at Otipoby Comanche Cemetery on Fort Sill.

At the wake service honors and a roll call were conducted. At the gravesite the flags of the U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, Army and CIVA were displayed – the Army provided a detail to play Taps, fold and present the casket flag and the Comanche Nation Police Department provided a firing squad.

Tahhahwah served in the Army from 1950-53 earning the rank of Corporal including two years overseas in France as the Commander's driver for the 98th Transportation Port Company. He completed Basic Training at Camp Chaffee and his Occupation Training, as a Field Radio Mechanic at Fort Monmouth, N.J. prior to his service overseas. His was discharged at Camp Chaffee, Ark.

It is noted that CPL Tahhahwah was the last living member of the CIVA when it was chartered on August 18, 1976, as he served as the Secretary – there were 15 active members at that time. It is also noted this marked the 300 funeral detail provided by the CIVA.

Attending the wake service was Lanny and Shelley Asepermy, Ron Parker, Jimmy Caddo, Ramonah and Mark Davis, Don Brown, Clifford Takawana and Nona Mihecoby. Attending the gravesite service was the Asepermy's, R. Davis, Mihecoby, Takawana, Caddo, Clifford and George Red Elk and Rhonda Williams.

Robert Baldwin Parker
May 3, 2021



Courtesy Photo

A gravesite funeral detail was provided for the family of Robert Baldwin Parker (October 10, 1946 – April 20, 2021) on May, 3 at the Saddle Mountain KCA Cemetery.

The family requested Taps and the folding and presentation of the casket flag only.

Parker served in the Air Force from 1967-70 earning the grade of Sergeant. He served at Lackland AFB, Texas; Keesler AFB, Miss.; Forbes AFB, Kan.; and MacDill AFB, Fla.

The detail consisted of Kevin Pohawpatchoko; Lanny Asepermy; and Clifford and George Red Elk.

Marker Placements

On March 9, military markers were placed for the families of Thomas Ogle (June 29, 1954 – July 8, 2020) at Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko. Ogle served in the Marine Corps.

Gillis Miller (November 7, 1950 – November 20, 2020) at the Rock Springs Cemetery north of Anadarko. Miller served in the Army.

Terry Wetselline (June 6, 1945 – December 15, 2020) at the Redbone Family Cemetery between Fort Cobb and Carnegie. Wetselline served in the Air Force.

Lelbert Kopepassah Jr (February 22, 1948 – November 24, 2020). Kopepassah Jr served in Army.

The detail consisted of Lanny Asepermy; Clifford and George Red Elk; Ron Parker; and Lyman Guy. They were assisted by Jacob Johnson and Dayze Braveheart.



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Thomas Ogle marker



Courtesy Photo

Gillis Miller marker



Courtesy Photo

Terry Wetselline marker



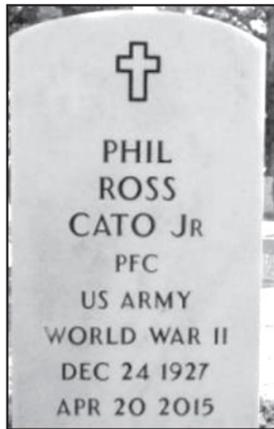
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Lelbert Kopepassah Jr. marker

On March the marker for Phil Ross Cato Jr (Dec 24, 1927 – Apr 20, 2015) was placed at the Deyo Indian Mission Cemetery west of Lawton.

Cato Jr., was a World War II Army veteran who served in the European-African-Middle Eastern Theater including the Battle of the Bugle.

The detail consisted of Lanny Asepermy; Clifford and George Red Elk; Lyman Guy; Clifford Takawana; and Ron Parker. Sons Scott and Michael Cato were also present.



Courtesy Photo

Phil Cato Jr. marker

Color Guard Video

On March 27, a video of the Color Guard was filmed at the Comanche War Scout Circle of Honor by Dustin Miller of the Comanche Nation IT Department.

The video opened the 39th Annual National Indian Child Welfare Association virtual conference in Portland, Ore., on April 11.

The Color Guard consisted of Kevin Pohawpatchoko; Dominic Pawlowski; Lanny and Shelley Asepermy; Clifford Red Elk; Ramonah Davis; Lyman Guy; Nona Mihecoby; and Tavia Torralba.

After the video, seven members of the detail went to Cracker Barrel, in Lawton, for lunch. While having lunch a woman from the Chisholm Trail Blue Star Mothers of America, Chapter 19 from Duncan, came to our table and thanks us for our military service – she then made a heartfelt gesture by paying for our lunch.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Color Guard, left to right: Kevin Pohawpatchoko; Dominic Pawlowski (behind Kevin); Shelley Asepermy; Clifford Red Elk; Nona Mihecoby; Ramonah Davis; Tavia Torralba (behind Ramonah); Lyman Guy; and Lanny Asepermy.

Veteran Gift Packets

Veteran Gift Packets which consist of a blue and black CIVA Veteran T-shirts; Comanche Nation Veteran Vehicle Tag; Grateful Nation Mug; CIVA Coffee Cup; Comanche Veteran Hat; two Comanche Nation Stickers; Honorable and Combat Service Medallions; and a Challenge Coin; were mailed to Capt Ferrell Koassechony in Jacksonville, N.C., on March 8, LtCdr Jennifer Newbauer in Ferndale, Wash., on March 16 and Spencer Cox in Fayetteville, Ark., on April 8.

If you have not received a package please contact Lanny Asepermy at (580) 678-4629 and a package will be mailed or presented to you.

Flags, Crosses and Honors

On April 3, the flags at the Comanche War Scout Circle of Honor were replaced. The Memorial Crosses for the 13 Fallen Warriors, which are displayed during the week of Memorial Day, were painted and new identification tags

and Comanche Nation emblems placed on the crosses.

Also honors were presented to John Tahah in the Patroit Room. Tahah retired from the Air Force after serving from 1962-82. He earned the rank of Technical Sergeant and served 12 months in Vietnam. He and his wife, Linda, of 57 years live in Moore, Okla. Tahah is 80 years old.

The detail consisted of Kevin Pohawpatchoko; Dominic Pawlowski; Lanny and Shelley Asepermy; Clifford and George Red Elk; Lyman Guy; Ramonah Davis; and Nona Mihecoby.



Courtesy Photo

From left: Shelley Asepermy; Clifford Red Elk; Ramonah Davis; Nona Mihecoby; Kevin Pohawpatchoko; and Lanny Asepermy

April Monthly Meeting

On April 8, the CIVA held their first monthly meeting since March 5, 2020. Nine veterans, five Auxiliary and nine guests attended the meeting.

The meeting meal was provided Auxiliary Leader Shirley Pohawpatchoko. After the meal, Thomas Hettich Jr., (from Albuquerque N.M.), Jim Parker (from Mescalero, N.M.) and Jeffery Parker (from Tula Rosa, N.M.) were all recognized for their military service – they were in Oklahoma for the funeral of Jim and Jeffery Parker's mother, Esther Parker.

After honors, a roll call was conducted, the minutes of the March 2020, meeting, the Treasurer, Veterans and Auxiliary Spoils reports all passed.

Other business conducted was not to hold the annual Armed Forces Day Banquet again because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The annual Memorial Day ceremony will be held, outdoors, in the CIVA Court of Honor with COVID-19 guidelines in effect. Also discussed, was the Meech Tahsequah American Legion Post dedication, in Lawton, on May 21.

CIVA Princes candidate, Mercedes Banderas, was interviewed and voted as the CIVA Princess for 2021-22 beginning on May 15 – her photo and bio are in the May edition of TCNN.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

General Council Color Guard

On April 17, the CIVA provided the Color Guard to open the annual General Council meeting at Watchtaker Hall. Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko and Vice Commander George Red Elk posted, presented and retired the U.S. and Comanche Nation flags. Lanny Asepermy presented a brief history about Comanche veterans prior to the presentation of the Colors.



Courtesy Photo

George Red Elk, on left and Kevin Pohawpatchoko, on right preparing to post the colors.

Homecoming

Evashawn Poemoceah, U.S. Navy was welcomed home at the Will Roger World Airport by many of her family and members of the CIVA and Auxiliary on May 4.

She is the daughter of Bernadette "Renee" Nibbs and Gerald "Jerry" Poemoceah and the granddaughter of Helen Koomsa and Ronald Nibbs and Arlene "Tonie" Timbo and Elmer Poemoceah.

She enlisted into the Navy on August 15, 2018, and is currently serving aboard the USS Michael Murphy (DDG-112), a 320-crew destroyer that is ported at Pearl Harbor Naval Base, Hawaii. She is a Boatswain Mate Seaman (BMS3). She will be on leave for about 10 days. The Michael Murphy will be deploying on/about June 2, until December 2021 – deployments details are not available.

Because her flight arrived 30 minutes, early a few family and CIVA members were unable to greet upon her arrival. As she descended into baggage area she was greeted with the CIVA War Dance song by Kevin and June Sovo and Berkey Monessy and hugs from family members.

George Red Elk presented her with an Honorable Service medallion, Lanny Asepermy presented her with a CIVA Challenge coin and Shelley Asepermy presented her with a Veterans Gift Bag. Ron Parker took photos of the homecoming.

After honors, the Roderick Red Elk song was sung as many family members donned their shawls and danced.

She and her family were then provided a meal at Mackie McNair Restaurant and were joined by CIVA and Auxiliary members Kevin and Shirley Pohawpatchoko; Ramonah and Mark Davis; Lyman Guy; Nona Mihecoby; and Liz and Bob Plata. After the meal she was presented with a pendleton blanket by Commander Pohawpatchoko.

The homecoming was closed with a Comanche hymn by the Sovo's and Monessy.



Courtesy Photo

Evashawn Poemoceah

Joseph Albert Wilkie-Tahsequah, enlisted into the Navy in July, 2018.

He complete Boot Training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center III., and his A School, as a Machinist Mate, at May Port Naval Station, Fla. He is currently assigned aboard the USS Iwo Jima (LHD-7) a Wasp-class Amphibious Assault Ship and the flagship of the Iwo Jima Amphibious Readiness Group.

His first deployment was in February, 2021, and he is currently on a 9-month deployment to the Mediterranean and other locations in and around the European-Asiatic Middle East.

Machinist Mate Third Class (MM3) Tahsequah is the son of Harry and Gina Tahsequah. He has one brother, Jacob Meech Tahsequah. He is enrolled Comanche and also of San Juan Capistrano Acjache-

ment Nation, Juaneno Band of Mission Indians in California. He descends from a long-line of veterans as his great-grandfather, Hank Munoz, and four great-uncles, Albert "Bull" Tahsequah, Meech Tahsequah, Robert and Ernie Peralta are all World War II veterans. In addition his uncle, Ronald Munoz, served in Vietnam, while other uncles Terry Tahsequah and Greg Wilkie are veterans. His cousins Mick Lum, Sean Wilkie and Amanda Wilkie are also veterans.



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Joseph Wilkie-Tahsequah

New Photos



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Jennifer A. Newbauer



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Kenneth Pocowatchit



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Janelle Pocowatchit



Courtesy Photo

Virgil Pocowatchit



Courtesy Photo

Spencer Cox with the late Navajo Code Talker Albert Smith (1924 - 2013.)

Obituaries

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 Heminokky officiating. Burial was 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.

Frances Natalie "Ana" Niedo



Courtesy Photo

Niedo

Frances Natalie "Ana" Niedo, age 48, of Cyril, went to be with her Heavenly Father on April 5, in Lawton.

She was born to the late Michael Niedo Sr. and Carolyn Johnson Niedo on June 15, 1972, in Los Angeles, Cali. The family moved from Los Angeles to Cyril when she was 9-years old. She was a proud descendant of the Comanche Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribes. She attended Cyril Elementary and High School.

At an early age she professed her faith in Jesus Christ and joined the United Methodist Church of Apache (Mahsetky Indian Mission) where she was a dedicated member who became a Certified Lay Speaker. Later in life after moving back to Cyril, Niedo became a member of the Family Life Church where she enjoyed teaching Sunday school.

One of her greatest joys in life was her Son and playing with her grandchildren. Her exuberant personality drew in everyone who met her. She had a witty sense of humor combined with an infectious love of laughter who enjoyed telling stories.

Her beautiful life will forever be cherished in the lives of her only son, Isaiah Niedo and companion Desiree, and her two beautiful grandbabies Jordan and Damien Niedo of Lawton; sisters: Dorothea (Dot) Niedo of Lawton, Allyson Niedo and companion Harold Luthje of Cyril, Nancy Niedo Stewart and companion Bert Laurenzana of Cyril, Bobbie Niedo Gonzalez and husband Hugo Gonzalez of Edmond; aunts: Dorothy Ticeahkie of Lawton, Laura Niedo Lawson of Cyril; uncle: Hugh (Ed) Johnson of Norman; nieces: Annie Machado and companion Christopher Thompson of Lawton, Chris Machado of Lawton, Monica Machado of Tulsa, Adriana (Kitty) Cody of Cyril, Marissa Niedo of Lawton, Angela Gonzalez of Edmond; nephews: Joseph Machado of Los Angeles, Brian Stewart of Lawton, Devin Toahy of Lawton, Max Niedo of Lawton, Mathew (Mikey) Niedo of Cyril, Derek Niedo and his wife Angela of Lawton; and a host of loving great-Nephews and Nieces, Cousins, Family and Friends.

Niedo is preceded in death by her beloved parents, Michael and Carolyn Niedo; grandson Zackariah Niedo; her only brother Michael (Hulie) Niedo Jr. and his son Taylor Niedo; her brother in-law Russell Stewart; her grandparents: Menno Niedo, Haddon and Martha Looking-Glass Codynah, Harber and Bettie McHenry Johnson; her uncles and aunts: Theodore and Lydia Niedo, Lans (Butchie) and Monika Saupitty, Calvert Codynah, Charles Lawson, Charles (Lindy) Ticeahkie, Cy Johnson, Keeper Johnson, Richard (Bo) Johnson, Loretta (Dee) Johnson, Betty (Base) Neal, Patsy Wahnee, Frankie and Charlene Nevaquaya, and Darlene Robertson.

The family believes that when someone passes their life does not end, but rather changes. We know that Niedo has reached a place of everlasting peace alongside Jesus Christ. While we grieve her passing, with our grief comes the lightness of hope.

Arrangements were provided under the direction of the Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Graveside services was April 8, at the Little Washita Cemetery Fletcher with Pastor Jan and Pastor Fred Ticeahkie officiating. Burial was under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Shirley Sue Hinerickson Holman



Courtesy Photo

Holman

Shirley Sue Holman, 86, went to her heavenly home on April 12, in hospice care in Richmond, Virginia.

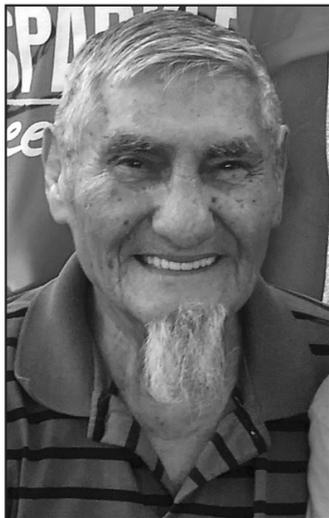
Holman was born on October 25, 1934, in Walters, Okla., as the first of eight living children to Suda Tahsuda Kosechata, who had passed away in 2004. Graveside services were at Mount Comfort Cemetery in Alexandria, Va. She was preceded in death by two son, Steven Ray Holman and Richard Malden Holman, Sr.; brothers Henry Darrell Kosechata, William (Billy) Kosechata, Teddy Warren Jones; and sister, Suda Kaye (Ross) Dugan.

She attended school at Fort Sill Indian boarding school in Lawton, Okla. At her retirement from the U.S. Government she had been living in Alexandria, Va., working at Ft. Belvoir as a Motor Pool Supply as-

sistant but moved to Goochland, Va., to be near the love of her life, Jack Alvis, Jr., who had also preceded her in death. She immensely loved watching sports of any kind. She was a Number one fan of the Washington Redskins, the Washington Nationals and college sports of any kind. She loved playing cribbage, poker and listening to Merle Haggard. She was a loving Mother, Sister, Daughter and Grandmother and loved spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Holman is survived by her sons Ronnie Burgess and David Holman; sisters D. Clo (Kosechata) Larson, Evie (Kosechata) Henson, and Milo Jean Ross; many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Her family loved her so much and will miss her dearly.

Edward Jerome Tahhahwah Sr. "Tuheen"



Courtesy Photo

Tahhahwah

Edward Jerome Tahhahwah Sr., "Tuheen" was born on August 5, 1931, in Richard Spur, Oklahoma. He began his journey to his heavenly home on April 19.

Wake service was April 23, at Watchetaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex. Graveside service was April 24, at Ottopoby Cemetery at Ft. Sill. Burial with military honors was under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

He was an Indian before it was cool to be an Indian. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation, descendant of the Noyukanuu band. He was a wonderful Comanche hymn singer. He attended FSIS all his school years where he spent his time year round gaining experience in agriculture and, what he is most remembered for, boxing. He was a two-time Golden Glove Boxing Champion; FSIS champion and the Army boxing champion in Madison Square Garden.

He served in the Army from 1950-1953. Sometime after discharge of the army, Tahhahwah volunteered to relocate to Chicago, Ill., making his way back to Okla., in the late 1950s when he met and married Ioleta. After her passing, he met his companion Anna in the early 1990s. He worked for Indian Health Services for 31 years. After retiring from IHS, he worked for Comanche Nation for about 10 years. Later he worked for Fort Sill Apache Casino, and finished his working years in his 80's with the Comanche Spur Casino.

He grew up in the powwow community where he became a well-known singer all across the United States. He was a founding member of Eagle Claw drum group established around 1977. Eagle Claw traveled from coast to coast; N.M., Fla., S.D., Colo., Texas, and of course Okla., just to name a few states.

He was the last living original founder of CIVA as well as Comanche Little Ponies. In 1976, he traveled to Washington D.C. during the Bicentennial Celebration to perform the Tuwii dance.

In 2005, he performed inside the National Musuem of the American Indian and the National Mall during Smithsonian Folklife Festival on 4th of July Weekend. He sang Comanche Hymns with Petarsy

Indian Mission, UMC on the Smithsonian's Folkways Beauty and Beyond CD. Tahhahwah kept his house open for everyone. It could be a night, a couple of weeks, or several months. Everyone was always welcome. Everyone was sonny boy and sister girl. He was always in good spirits with a great sense of humor. He loved joking, terrorizing and sharing laughter. He taught his family how to laugh.

Tahhahwah is survived by: son, Edward Tahhahwah Jr. and wife, Bertha; daughter, Angela "Lokie" Hankins and companion, Richard; son, Max Tahhahwah and wife, Annette; son, Jeremy Tahhahwah; son, Nolan Tahdoohnippah and wife, Hazel; son, Otis Tahdoohnippah and wife, Beate; son, George Tahdoohnippah and wife, Marina; daughter, Lizzie Marie Blackstar and husband, Thomas Jr.; son, Ron TwoFeathers; Special sister, Joyce Swift; Special niece, Stephanie Poemoceah; he was blessed with 29 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren.

Preceded in death by: mother, Daisy Smith-Tahhahwah; wife, Ioleta Poemoceah-Tahhahwah; companion, Anna Berry; daughter, Lora Tahhahwah-Beltron; granddaughter, Christina Tahhahwah; brother, Ray Gene Tahahwah; Sister Thelma Conahvichnah-Mutzinger; great-grandson, Jordan Johnson.

Douglas Ray Woothtakewahbitty



Courtesy Photo

Woothtakewahbitty

Douglas Ray Woothtakewahbitty, 60, of Walters went to his heavenly home on April 19.

Graveside service was April 23, at Walters Cemetery with Deacon David Johnson officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Woothtakewahbitty as born May 12,1960, in Lawton to Hugh and Tincey (Yackeschi) Woothtakewahbitty. Woothtakewahbitty lived the first part of life in Bell Gardens, Cali., and then lived in Cyril where he graduated from Cyril High School. Woothtakewahbitty was athletic and grew up playing all sports, baseball, basketball, football, volleyball and track. In High School he excelled at track and placed in the 2-mile event at the State finals two years in a row. After high school Woothtakewahbitty met his wife Amy Goingkeen they lived in Texas and then settled in Walters.

Woothtakewahbitty was energetic and had a love for long distance running and boxing. That energy led him to participate in the Toughman Boxing Championships where he earned the fighting name "Too Smooth." Doug "Too Smooth" Wooth fought in many matches, placed in three different championships and won 1st place in the Tulsa Toughman Championship.

Woothtakewahbitty worked in construction, a shipping supervisor for Walmart and Sams's in Texas and then for the Comanche Nation Casino. Woothtakewahbitty was a loving family man and was a great story teller. And he always had many real life stories to tell. He loved having a large family, including his grandkids. He loved family gatherings and always wished we could have more and he looks forward to endless family gatherings in the New Earth.

Woothtakewahbitty is preceded in death by Mother and Father, Hugh and Tincey Woothtakewahbitty, niece Jacqueline Allan.

He is survived by: wife Amy Woothtakewahbitty; daughters Ashley Wooth, April Wooth all of Walters, Tiffany Wooth of Oklahoma City; son Blayd Wooth, step-daughter Myra Wheeler and step-son Neil Wheeler all of Walters; two sisters, Doni Richardson of Monument, Colo., and Leslie Vickery of Lawton, three brothers, Lenny Wooth of Yukon, Ted Wooth of Yukon, and Tim Wooth of Lawton; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild and many friends, cousins, aunts and an uncle.

If Tomorrow Starts Without Me

When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see when the sun should rise and find your eyes all filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today,

while thinking of the many things we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me, as much as I love you, and each time that you think of me, I know you'll miss me too.

But when tomorrow start without me, please try to understand, the an angel came and called my name, and took me by the hand and said my place was ready, in heaven far above and that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love.

But as I turned to walk away, a tear fell from my eye for all my life, I'd always thought, I didn't want to die

I had so much to live for, so much left yet to do it seemed almost impossible that I was leaving you.

I thought of all the yesterdays, the good onw and the bad.

If I could re-live yesterday, just even for a while I'd say goodbye and kiss you and maybe see you smile.

But then I fully realized, that this could never be, for emptiness and memories would take the place of me.

And when I thought of worldly things, I might miss some tomorrow.

I thought of you and when I did, my heart was filled with sorrow But when I walked through heaven's gates, I felt so much at home, when God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne.

He said, "this is eternity, and all I've promised you, today your life on earth has passed,

but here life starts anew. I promise no tomorrow, but today will always last

and since each day is the same way, there's no longing for the past."

So when tomorrow starts without me, don't think we're far apart, for everytime you think of me, I'm right here in your heart.

COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COURT



MISSION

The Comanche Nation Tribal Court's mission is to preserve and strengthen the sovereignty of the Comanche Nation by providing a venue to adjudicate matters under Comanche law. The Tribal Court lobby is open for business from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday-Friday. Petitions can be filed during the posted business hours of the court. For Emergency Protective Order after hours assistance, please contact Comanche Nation police at (580) 492-3260, or go to the Comanche Nation police station at 8257 NW Madische Rd., Lawton, Okla., 73507.

All Petition forms and documents are available on the Comanche Nation Tribal Court webpage and are intended as samples and should not be considered as legal advice. Instructions for filing are included in each filing packet. The Court accepts documents other than those sample forms provided, so long as they comply with the Tribal Codes and Court Rules. The forms and documents provided do not address all potential legal issues. If you require a document that is not provided on the webpage or you need assistance in preparing any documents, you must either generate the document on your own or consult an attorney at your own expense. The Court Clerks **CANNOT** accept documents that do not conform to the instructions on the sample documents. Individuals should refer to the Comanche Nation Tribal Court codes prior to filing any petition or pleadings for a complete understanding of the rules and procedures governing your case. The Court Clerks are not attorneys and are prohibited by Ethical Code and Court Rules to provide legal advice and assist parties to prepare or type court documents. However, the Court Clerks may answer general questions concerning the completion of legal forms available to the public by the Tribal Court. The Tribal Court strongly suggests that individuals who are wanting to file petitions through the Tribal Court consult an attorney, at your own expense, to assist in filing of petitions. The Court Clerk's office retains a copy of the official Tribal Codes or they can be found on the Tribal Court web page for reference.

Proof of Service of a Petition is **MANDATORY** for a case to proceed. Obtaining proof of service is the Petitioners responsibility. If you request the Court Clerk to serve the documents on your behalf, service fees must be paid at the time of submitting the Petition for filing. Court costs are payable to Comanche Nation Tribal Court by money order or cashier's check. No personal checks or cash will be accepted. Petitioners can contact the Tribal Court to determine the costs associated with the filing of your petition. Below is a breakdown of court costs and filing fees for the Tribal Court:

Effective January 1, 2019 the schedule of court costs and filing fees:

CIVIL FILING FEES AND COSTS SCHEDULE	
Civil Filing Costs (apply to all new case filings with the exception of guardianships regarding minors)	
Description of the fee	Amount
Lengthy Trial Fund fee	\$8.50
Law Library Fund assessment (in addition to other fees)	\$5.00
Court interpreters and translators fee	\$5.00
Courthouse security fee	\$8.50
Mailing Fee	\$10.00
Total Civil Filing Fee (added to new case filings)	\$37.00

Miscellaneous Fees in Civil Matters	
Description of the fee	Amount
Approving bond or undertaking, including certificate and seal	\$3.00
Authentication of court record	\$5.00
Certification of conveyance of inherited lands by full-blood Indian heir	\$5.00
Certification of each instrument	\$0.50
Duplication of an instrument of record or on file: First page / Each subsequent page	\$1.00 / \$0.50
Filing and indexing of disclaimers	\$5.00
Filing certificates	\$30.00
Issuance of warrant for failure to pay fines and court costs	\$50.00
Posting notice	\$35.00
Worthless checks, drafts or vouchers	\$30.00
Police's fees on court-ordered sale of real or personal property	\$64.00
Preparing and transmitting record on appeal (non-jury trial) (jury trial)	\$170 / \$255
Service or attempted service by Police in a civil case (service upon each person, unless at same address)	\$35.00
Service or attempted service by Police in a civil case (service upon more than one person at same address)	\$35.00
Services of Court Reporter (\$75.00 deposit plus costs as determined by Court Reporter)	TBD

Service by Court Clerk, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, Restricted Delivery (by written request only)	\$12.00
Summons , Issuing for each person	\$8.50
Summons , Notice by publication	\$25.00
Surface damage certificate, Filing	\$8.50
When a jury is requested (civil only)	\$297.00

(NO FEES FOR ICWA TRANSFER CASES)

Civil Actions	
Description of the fee	Amount
Administrative appeal	\$72.00
Adoption	\$65.00
Misc. Civil Actions (including Restraining Orders)	\$50.00
Victim's Protective Orders (VAWA)	\$0.00
Change of venue (case received from another tribe) (all other)	\$72.00
Change of venue (case received from another tribe) in an amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or less	\$128.00
Change of venue (case received from another tribe) in an amount of Ten Thousand One Dollars (\$10,001) or more	\$139.00
Civil actions for an amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or Less	\$50.00
Civil actions for an amount of Ten Thousand One Dollars (\$10,001) or More	\$139.00
Condemnation	\$128.00
Filing of a motion for summary judgment or summary disposition of Issue(s)	\$43.00
Forcible entry and detainer	\$50.00
Garnishment	\$20.00
Income assignment	\$21.00
Judgment from another court	\$35.00
Name change	\$72.00
Notice of renewal of judgment	\$20.00
Proceeding after judgment (other than garnishment)	\$28.00
Emancipation/Rights of majority	\$72.00
Family & Divorce	
Description of the fee	Amount
[Post-decree] Application to initiate income assignment	\$21.00
Ancillary proceedings to modify or vacate divorce decree providing for custody or support	\$37.00
Application for contempt citation	\$28.00
Custody or support (Includes PATERNITY cases which involve custody &/or support)	\$65.00
Divorce	\$65.00
Paternity (with NO child support and/or custody)	\$35.00
Marriage License	\$35.00
Small Claims	
Description of the fee	Amount
Affidavit for recovery of money, replevin or interpleader \$5,000.00 or less	\$38.00

Affidavit for recovery of money, replevin or interpleader in excess of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00	\$128.00
Counterclaim or set-off filing	\$17.00
Court Reporter (\$75.00 deposit plus actual costs as determined by court reported)	TBD
Disposition of abandoned personal property \$5,000 or less	\$38.00
Forcible entry and detainer, \$5,000.00 or less	\$50.00
Forcible entry and detainer, in excess of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00	\$50.00
Jury trial (deposit, not fee)	\$1,000.00
Motion to transfer to another docket	\$52.00
Proceeding after judgment	\$28.00

Probate	
Description of the fee	Amount
Adult Guardianship/Conservatorship	\$35.00
Guardianship	\$35.00
Probate	\$50.00
Proceeding for sale or lease of real or personal property or mineral interest in probate or guardianship	\$37.00
Proceeding to revoke probate of will	\$72.00
Filing of Will	\$21.00

Criminal Actions
Costs in criminal actions are collected upon conviction or pursuant to a deferred judgment procedure.

Description of the fee	Amount
Duplication of an instrument of record or on file	
First page	\$ 1.00
Each subsequent page	\$ 0.50
Certification of each instrument	\$ 0.50
Authentication of court record	\$ 5.00
Mailing charges for each person (plus the actual cost of all postage in each case in excess of \$10.00)	\$ 10.00
Court Reporter \$75.00 deposit plus actual costs as determined as Court Reporter	TBD
Police's fee for pursuing fugitive from justice	\$ 40.00
Service by Police (criminal case) within the service area (Service or attempted service of each writ, warrant, order, process, command or notice)	\$ 35.00
Service by Police (criminal case) outside the service area (Service or attempted service of each writ, warrant, order, process, command or notice)	\$ 40.00
Court Maintenance Fee	\$ 5.00
Warrant fee	\$ 50.00
Criminal Court Costs	\$ 65.00

Juvenile Actions

Description of the fee	Amount
Court Reporter (\$75.00 deposit plus actual costs as determined by Court Reporter)	TBD
Jury trial (deposit, not fee)	\$500.00
Service by Police (service or attempted service of all writs, warrants, orders, process, commands or notices)	\$ 35.00
Preparing and transmitting the record on appeal	\$85.00

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

May 30- Linda Chasenah Silverhorn

Happy Birthday

June- Biz Saupitty

June 2- Beyard Lookingglass

June 6- John W. Moore

June 7- Amanda Whitewolf

June 7- Jeremy Trotter

June 7- Isaiah

June 9- Arya Lookingglass

June 10 -Mary June Chasenah

June 11- Mariah Silverhorn

June 11-Terry Brinkman Jr.

June 12- Donald Chasenah

June 12- Erin Raquel Singleton

June 21- Amelia Mammedty

June 21- Lily Lustig

June 23- Benjamin Chasenah

June 23- Shae Saupitty

June 21- Dan Moore

June 28. Elizabeth (Liz) Chrismon

June 28- Kenneth Chasenah

June 28- Robert Codopony



Happy 11th Birthday Biz Saupitty



Happy Birthday John W. Moore June 6



Happy Birthday Terry Brinkman Jr. June 11



Happy Birthday Erin Raquel "Sissy" Singleton- June 12



Happy Birthday Amelia Mammedty June 21



Happy Birthday Dan Moore June 21



Happy 3rd Birthday Lily Lustig June 21



Happy 16th Birthday Shae Saupitty June 23



Congratulations to Vincent Charles Pocowatchit and Carla Rae Bert Pocowatchit, who will exchange Wedding Vows June 5.



The Comanche Nation News July Edition Deadline June 15

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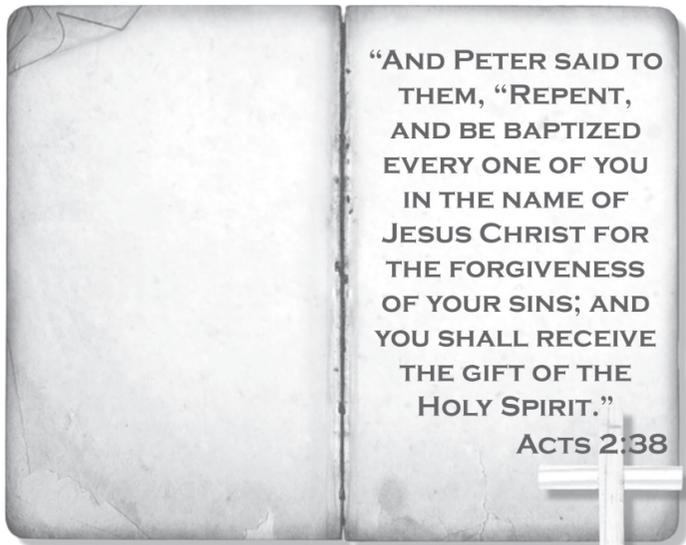
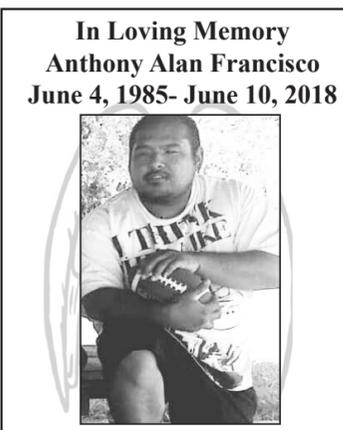
Mail: Comanche Nation PIO P.O. Box 908 Lawton, OK 73501

Contact: (580) 492-3621

COMANCHE NATION CHR/EMS/FIRE

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

- 4/15 9:43 a.m.: Standby, Tiapay Park-Elgin, BIA Fire
- 4/15 2:44 p.m.: Vehicle Fire, 205 North Hillside Drive-Apache, Porter Hill Fire Department, Edgewater Fire Department, Elgin Fire Department
- 4/15 3:31 p.m.: Medical, 9047 US Highway 62-Elgin, Comanche Nation Police
- 4/15 9:43 p.m.: Medical, 9047 US Highway 62-Elgin, Wichita Mountain Estates Fire Department, Kirks, Comanche Nation Police
- 4/16 8:52 a.m.: Medical, Rogers Lane & Sheridan Road-Lawton, Lawton Police Department
- 4/19 9:35 a.m.: Standby, Tiapay Park-Elgin, BIA Fire
- 4/19 10:13 a.m.: Medical, 165 Littlebear Loop-Elgin, Comanche Nation Police
- 4/19 2:07 p.m.: Grass Fire, Allison Road & Meers Porter Hill Road-Lawton, Porter Hill Fire Department, Meers Fire Department, Wichita Mountain Estates Fire Department, Edgewater Fire Department, Paradise Valley Fire Department, Comanche County Sheriff, Comanche County Emergency Management
- 4/19 3:55 p.m.: Service Call, 222 Cardinal Lane-Apache
- 4/21 9:00 a.m.: Standby, Flower Mound & Tinney Road-Lawton, Comanche Nation Police
- 4/21 1:24 p.m.: Fire, 717 NW Pine Drive-Elgin, Porter Hill Fire Department
- 4/22 2:40 p.m.: Structure Fire, NE Toney Creek & NE King Road-Apache, Cove Acres Fire Department, BIA Fire, Tribal Police
- 4/23 11:57 a.m.: Medica-Motor Vehicle Accident, US Highway 62 and McCracken Road-Elgin, Wichita Mountain Estates Fire Department, Kirks, Comanche County Sheriff, Comanche Nation Police
- 4/26 5:21 p.m.: Service Call, 222 Cardinal Lane-Apache
- 4/27 11:00 a.m.: Medical, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton
- 4/29 8:21 a.m.: False Alarm, 8503 NW Madische Road-Lawton, Comanche Nation Police
- 5/1 9:00 a.m.: Standby, 584 NW Bingo Road-Lawton, Comanche Nation Police
- 5/3 1:32 p.m.: Smoke Investigation, Porter Hill Area-Elgin
- 5/3 4:06 p.m.: Fire, 23489 State Highway 49-Lawton, Wichita Mountain Estates Fire Department, BIA Fire, Comanche County Sheriff, Medicine Park Police
- 5/5 9:00 a.m.: Standby, Flower Mound Road & Tinney Road-Lawton, Comanche Nation Police
- 5/6 3:43 p.m.: Medical, 8501 NW Madische Road-Lawton, Comanche Nation Police
- 5/12 5:34 p.m.: Medical, 8501 NW Madische Road-Lawton, CCMH Ambulance



Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

When you think of the Indian, you think of the Comanche, the Kiowa, and the Apache. A fierce group of people with a proud culture who hunted buffalo, lived harmoniously with mother earth, and ultimately defended their homeland to the point of near extinction. However, what we as a people do not think about is the historical trauma that we have been subjected to, the genocide, along with the theft of our homeland and the attempted extinction of our people's identity by stripping us of our culture and language. I'm proud to say though, that the fact that I'm writing this now means they were not triumphant. What you're about to read is something each and every member of our tribes should know, for it is all facts, and written by the Great Father himself.

In 1867, the United States government decided the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache (KCA) territories, defined by an 1865 treaty, were too large, so they formed a delegation called the Indian Peace Commission. After much prodding to renegotiate, and with the promise of a multitude of gifts from the Great Father, the Peace Commission, along with chiefs from the KCA, decided to meet on our chosen location; a sacred ground called Medicine Lodge. The Peace commission's agenda was to set new terms for this treaty that included tribal sovereignty, a gradual shift to

reservation life, and decreased territory. As one expert stated, "Medicine Lodge marked a shift from genocidal policies to policies that would today be termed "ethnocide", the extermination of a people's culture. However, just like countless times before, these terms were almost immediately disregarded by the United States with the creation of the Jerome Commission.

The Jerome Commission was created with the sole intent to discuss new treaty terms. Once more, the commission was immediately questioned by KCA chiefs, who stated that the Medicine Lodge Treaty was still in place, and thus did not need to discuss treaty terms anymore. However, the Jerome Commission countered that three quarters of adult male did not sign the treaty. The Commission offered to pay our tribes per acre of land, and be forced into reservation life that much faster. When our chiefs argued against this, the commission threatened to use the Dawes Act, in place for the Civilized Tribes, which paid less per acre than did the Jerome Commission. However, with all of the veiled threats the commission used, there was one Kiowa chief who took the fight directly to the government.

Lonewolf the Younger was a Kiowa chief who saw what the Jerome Commission was attempting to do. Instead of negotiating with

them, Lonewolf took to the courts filing charges against the Secretary of the Interior, whose predecessor proclaimed his goal to be either "civilize or exterminate all Indians." Lonewolf argued that Medicine Lodge was a binding treaty and that the Jerome Commission was, therefore, invalid in making deals with the KCA. Chief Lonewolf's case was strong. So strong that it scared the Federal Government. In an attempt to hunt and settle Indian Territory, President Harrison signed the Homestead Act that we all know as the Oklahoma Land Run. In doing this, along with the actions of the Jerome Commission, made any ruling for Lonewolf and the rest of KCA was made moot, but still the Supreme Court ruled that Congress had the right to break, or rewrite treaties however they saw fit. They called it "Plenary Power," which is the complete and absolute power to take action on an issue with no limitations. This very unconstitutional power is power that fueled Europeans to flee from the suppression of their own government to our lands. I'd like to state this power has been used almost exclusively against Native Americans. This is why a new warrior must arise and follow in Chief Lonewolf's steps.

The KCA once defended our lands on horseback using bows and arrows, but this is not the way now. Warriors must adapt to the ever-

changing landscape that is war. One where our weapons are treaties, ponies are living documents, and the battle grounds are the courts. Chief Lonewolf saw what I see now, the pen is mightier than the sword. Sign

the petition, spread the knowledge, and stand with us in helping reclaim what always is and always will be "Our Land."
Winston Walters
Comanche Tribal Member



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff
NO MORE STOLEN SISTERS!!!! Geneva Hadley, President of the Southwest Chapter of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) speaks to the crowd on the steps of the Oklahoma State Capitol on May 5. Behind Hadley are banners with pictures of Comanche tribal women who were murdered or are missing. While becoming emotional, Hadley stated, "These women are the reason I do what I do. I want justice for these women and I want to prevent this from ever happening to our tribal Mothers, Sisters, Daughters, Aunties, Grandmas and also tribal men in the future. We are their Voices."

Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Program Provide Mental and Spiritual Health Through Several Culture Based Programs



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Story and Photos Submitted by the Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Staff

The Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery (CNPR) department is dedicated to protecting People's mental, spiritual, emotional, and physical health by embedding elements of Comanche culture in with the teachings of their many prevention and treatment programs. They value holistic wellness, which is characterized by the treatment of the whole person, taking into account mental and social factors, rather than just the symptoms of a disease. They often incorporate community service/involvement as an expression of this value.

In April, CNPR participants volunteered with the Comanche Nation Environmental Protection Agency on Earth Day for a roadside clean up. It is important for everyone to understand the importance of the Earth and what it provides for everyone daily. Taking care of the Earth means to take care of ourselves, our People, and our futures. It gives life, balance, and energy. These are ideals that the CNPR instill in their program's participants when teaching about their

traditional ways and good medicine.

On May 5, a Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women gathering was held at the Oklahoma state capitol. CNPR staff and Project Strong Life (*Taa Natsui Numunaina*) represented the Comanche Nation by supporting and partaking in this historical event. They listened to families talk about their loved one's stories and fight for their justice by letting their voices be heard and speaking their name. Just by coming together like this, ancestors sought to this moment to keep resilience and Indigenous ways. Project Strong Life youth were a part of the native fashion show and displayed their pride in their heritage. For them to stand up for this cause and to know that they too have voices to be heard will have a lasting impact on their growing minds, hearts, and spirit.

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Prevention & Recovery participants. CNPR programs recognize the benefit of art within the local community. Art is used by CNPR as a therapeutic tool to increase self-esteem, promote self-discovery, relieve stress, and provide a healthy outlet for expressing emotions. Ramos said this is a project that has been in the works for about a year but was held up because of the pandemic. They finally got the chance to start their art, which Ramos hopes can help lift up the community.

Prevention and Recovery youth programs include youth and young adult alcohol/substance abuse and suicide awareness, prevention, and outreach. CNPR youth programming is designed to be culturally and educationally responsive. Their youth programs include IAMNDN, Indigenous P.O.W.E.R., Project Strong Life, Native Connections, and a brand new program titled Circles of Care. The primary goals of the Circles of Care grant program are to plan for the development and implementation of a community-based system of care model for children with mental



On May 5, Representative (Rep.) Mickey Dollens sits at the CNPR drum during the Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women gathering, held at the Oklahoma State Capitol. He is one of three Representatives who introduced five bills to address the issue. The others are Rep. Daniel Pae and Rep. Merleyn Bell.

health challenges and their families in tribal communities. The Circles of Care program is entering its first project year. For more information, you can contact the Project Director, Anna Silverhorn, at anna.silverhorn@cpmanchenation.com.

The purpose of the Native Spirit Project is to prevent and reduce suicidal behavior and substance misuse, reduce the impact of trauma, and promote mental health care among Indigenous youth and young adults. Utilizing the cultural and community connectedness that art provides, the Native Spirit project has hosted vari-

ous art sessions featuring native artists guiding different art techniques with water color and acrylic paints. Kits are provided as classes are facilitated virtually via their Facebook page "Comanche Nation Native Spirit Project". Follow their page for suicide prevention and mental health resources, virtual activities, and other outreach efforts.

For more information about the Native Spirit Project and their services, you can contact the Project Director, Brittany Turner, at brittany.turner@comanchenation.com

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