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Comanche Nation Fair is one of Several Events Canceled Due to COVID-19

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

On July 30, The Comanche Nation Fair Board made the following statement regarding the cancellation of the Comanche Nation Fair:

“After careful deliberation and discussion, we have decided to accept the suggestion made by the Comanche Business Committee to cancel the Comanche Nation Fair for 2021. Due to the COVID-19 Delta variant numbers rising, we felt that it was in the best interest of our tribal elders, children, dancers, vendors, guests, and employees that we take the proper precautions in regards to the health and safety of our community. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. We encourage everyone to stay safe and healthy this year.”

Despite the Oklahoma Governor’s leisure approach to the rising COVID-19 cases in the state, several tribes across Oklahoma have canceled their annual events to keep their citizens safe, which include the Cherokee National Holiday events, Choctaw Labor Day Festival, and Seminole Nation Days, to name a few.

The cases of COVID-19 Delta variant has been on the rise since June. Due to the highly contagious variant, hospitals are filling to capacity, with the majority of the patients being those who are unvaccinated.



Q & A ARP Home Repair

- Who is handling ARP Home Repairs?
a. ARP Staff and the Administration office
- Who is qualified for ARP Home Repairs?
a. Homeowners with proof of ownership
b. Locals and non-locals
c. TSR from the BIA
d. Mortgage Receipt
e. Tax Document
- How many quotes do I submit?
a. One (1) quote with a W-9 form for each vendor. You must turn in all quotes at once.
- How are you determining who is next to receive work?
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a. You can apply for the ARP Home Repair online at www.comanchenation.com.
- How much will I receive for home repair?
a. You will receive up to \$35,000.

2021 Comanche Nation Back To School Bash

Tribal students received much needed school supplies for the new academic year



Parents and students picked up school supplies at the Comanche Nation Complex, on August 20. The Student Service Departments Annual Back to School Bash. ABOVE: Ursula Poemoceah, receives a backpack from Comanche Nation staff member, Nancy McIntosh. ABOVE RIGHT: Levi Negron is beaming with excitement as he looks at the contents in his new backpack. BELOW RIGHT: Danielle Tahah, receives her COVID-19 vaccination during the Back to School, Supply Distribution Giveaway.

Story and Photos by Hannah Tehauno/News Staff

On August 20, the Comanche Nation Student Services, as well as the Tribal Administration, distributed school supplies to tribal members, age groups Kindergarten up to 12th grade. The event took place at the Comanche Nation Complex, located at 584 N W Bingo Rd., Lawton, Okla.

A Comanche Tribal I.D., as well as a face mask were required to be able to sign in for registration to get the school supplies. The Lawton Indian Hospital Program, had nurse staff present to give COVID-19 vaccinations to any tribal members that was wanting to get vaccinated, as well staff from the Lawton Indian Dental Clinic handing out dental care items.

Some of the Comanche Nation staff volunteered to help during the back-to-school bash, helping with

registration, and distribution of supplies.

The (CHR, EMS) department, located at the Comanche Nation Fire Station Building near the Comanche Tribal Complex, were on standby to assist with any emergencies.

The Director of Student Services, Gwen Pesewonit, was very happy with the turnout of 564 parents and students that came in to pick up school supplies.

The backpacks were split amongst grade levels, and the supplies consisted of hand sanitizers, masks, binders, pencils, pens, notebooks, as well as a coloring pencils and markers.

Several tribal members took advantage of the opportunity to receive a COVID-19 vaccination during the event.



KCA to Honor Female Veterans at September Powwow

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Kiowa, Comanche & Apache Indian Veterans Organization will conduct their second Annual Veterans Pow Wow on Sept. 11, on KCA Land located just west of the Comanche Nation Water Park in Lawton. In 2019, the Kiowa, Comanche & Apache Indian Veterans joined ranks to help raise funds for the Native Memorial that was being developed at the National Indian Museum in Washington DC. This was a great success and all urged the newly formed KCA Veterans to continue with an annual event to honor Native Veterans. In 2019, all Fallen Warriors from the three tribes were honored. This year, 20 Women Warriors from the KCA tribes will be honored. Comanche Woman Warriors being honored will be:

Comanche Female Veterans

From Master List for CIVA

Roberta Bradley: WAAC 1942-1945 (Weekeah) PVT USMC 1943-1945: First known Comanche woman to serve in the US Armed Forces. She served in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corp with Detachment SU 1741 Station Component and the US Marines in AWRS-19 at Marine Corps Station at Cherry Point NC. She served as a messenger at New River and Cherry Point and was awarded the World War II Victory Medal and Honorable Service Lapel Button.

Lindsey Griner Huston:

SGT USMC 2003 – 2007: Served with 1st Marine Division based at Camp Fullajah, Iraq from March to October as a Gunner Driver and Convoy Commander. She took her Boot Training at Paris Island, SC, and her Occupation Training as a Field Radio Operator at 29 Palms, Cali., and also served in Okinawa, and Japan. Huston earned meritorious promotions to Corporal and Sergeant and Staff Sergeant and later was awarded the Navy/Marine Corps Achievement Medal with Distinguishing Device and Combat V for Valor, The Combat Action Sea Service Deployment W/3 Ribbons, The Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Marine Good Conduct, Nat. Defense, Iraq Campaign and GWOT Service Medals, and many other honors including being honored with the *Numu Pukusi* Title by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association for her Decoration for Valor and Heroism. The only Comanche Woman to earn this title at the time of this printing.

Donna Harris:

GYSGT USMC 1973 – 1996: Persian Gulf War w/1st Force Service Support Group, also served in Washington DC, Paris Island, SC, Camp Pendleton, Cali., Quamico, Va., and overseas in Hawaii, Korea, and Okinawa. Her service was in Supply and Logistics positions and played on the Marine basketball and softball teams. She was awarded: Navy/Marine Commendation, Navy/Marine Achievement, Good Conduct, Armed Forces and Marine Expeditionary, National Defense Service, Southwest Asia Service and Saudi Arabian and Kuwait Liberation Medals and retired as

Sonya Haden is Recipient of Lawton’s First Citizen of the Year Award

Story and Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Sonya Liles Haden was awarded with the City of Lawton’s first Citizen of the Year Award on August 5, at the Lawton City Hall. This award was created to recognize an individual who exemplifies what it means to be a citizen of Lawton through the embracement of cultural values and service to the community.

Jason Poudrier, Lawton Arts & Humanities Administrator, said it’s a way of shining light on the lights of the community.

“This longtime community celebration is a wonderful opportunity for neighbors, friends and family to come together and celebrate our rich history here in Lawton/Fort Sill,” he said.

“I am excited,” expressed Haden. “I am amazed by this award. It has taken me by surprise.”

Haden is a member of the Comanche/Creek/Seminole Tribes. In November of 2001, she went to work with the Comanche Nation as a secretary for Injury Prevention and completed Emergency Responder training at Great Plains Vocational School, and just over ten years later she took over Comanche Nation’s Community Health Representative program, and



Haden

most recently took on the role as Fire Chief for the Comanche Nation Fire Department in October of 2020.

“Over the past 10 years, she has made numerous improvements

in services, functions, and efficiencies, which have provided the framework of support that has greatly benefited our community during this past pandemic year. The CHR program has served and continues to serve a vital role in assisting our community in dealing with the Challenges of COVID-19,” said Lawton Mayor, Stan Booker, who presented Haden with the award.

He added when she is not serving her community during the day, she is serving her family and honoring her cultural heritage, attending powwows, doing bead work, and teaching her daughters to sew—instilling in her family the importance of community and tradition, doing what they can in honor and to serve those who no longer can.

“Seeing the need out there, and wanting to help people is what it all comes down to,” said Haden.

Haden is a direct descendant of Comanche Chief Esa Rosa (White Wolf) and was the Esa Rosa Princess while in her teens.

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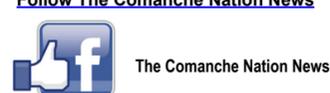


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Fourteen Resolutions on the Comanche Business Committee August Meeting Agenda

Story by Hannah Tehauno/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the August 7, Comanche Business Committee Monthly Meeting, and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, please contact the Office of the Chairman, (580)492-3251.

Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Secretary- Treasurer, John D. Wahnee, conducted Roll Call. A quorum was established with all Comanche Business Committee (CBC) members present, with the exception of Committeeman No. 1, June Sovo.

Chairman, Woommavovah, began the meeting with the Invocation.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the July CBC meeting by Committeeman No.3, Alice Kassanavoid. It was seconded by Committeeman No.2, Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Resolutions

List No. 87-2021: Enrollment List No. 1209.

The applicants have been verified and are eligible for membership with the Comanche Nation Tribe.

Sovo-Doyebi, made the motion to approve. Committeeman No.4, Robert Komahcheet Jr., seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 88-2021: Enrollment List No. 1210.

Applicants Approved for the Comanche Tribal Membership.

Kassanavoid, made the motion to approve. Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornell Pewewardy, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 89-2021: Enrollment List No. 1211.

Applicant relinquished membership from the Comanche Nation.

Sovo-Doyebi, motioned to approve. Komahcheet Jr., seconded the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 90-2021: CHR-Wildfire 93-638 Contract Proposal.

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

List No. 91-2021: CNLE-Sac&Fox Contract Renewal.

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

List No. 92-2021: Tax Com.-TERO Amendment.

Kassanavoid, makes the

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

List No. 93-2021: Tax Com.-ATM Transaction Fee Tax.

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

List No. 94-2021: CNGC-FY22 Budget.

Pewewardy, makes the motion to approve. Komahcheet Jr., seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 95-2021: CBC-KCA Appointment.

Pewewardy, motioned to approve. Wahnee, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 96-2021: CBC-KCAILUC Budget.

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

List No. 97-2021: CBC-Broadband Resolution.

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

List No. 98-2021: CBC-Wholesale Board Members Bank Signatory.

Wahnee, Made the motion to approve. Sovo-Doyebi, Pewewardy, both seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

List No. 99-2021: CBC-Wholesale Banking Information.

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

List No. 100-2021: CBC-War Pony Parking Lot.

Pewewardy, made the motion for approval. Sovo-Doyebi, seconded the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

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

The meeting came back into place out of Executive Session at 1 p.m.

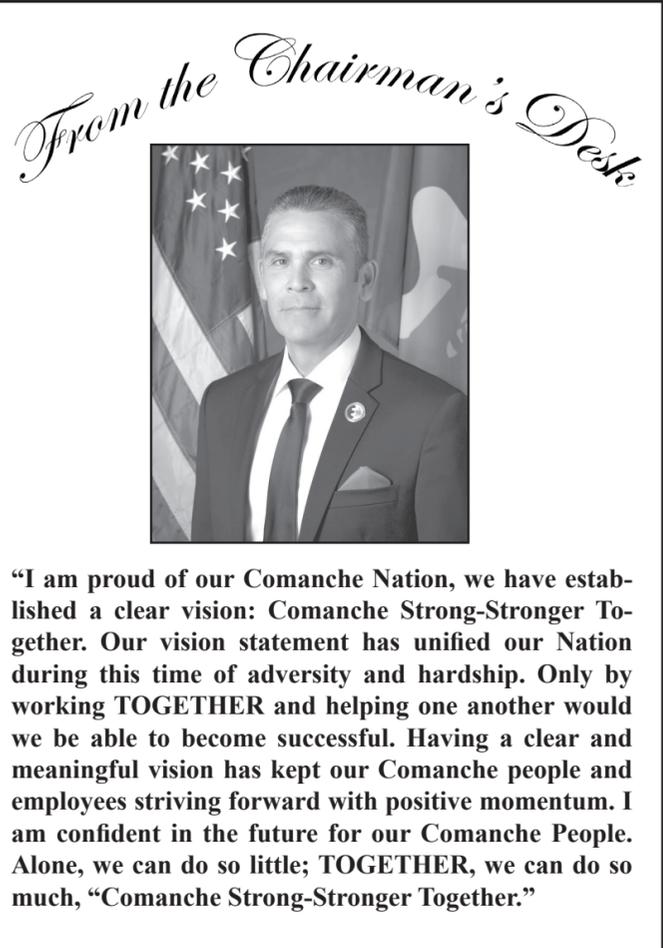
ECDC MOU with Charter School 101-2021.

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

Language Program MOU with Charter School 102-2021.

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

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornell Pewewardy Shares his Vision and Goals for his Term

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

It has been two months since Dr. Cornell Pewewardy has been in the Vice Chairman position of the Comanche Nation.

TCNN visited with him as he shares his priorities goals while in office.

Q. Why did you run for Vice Chairman?

A. Returning home to Lawton in retirement four years ago, many Comanche citizens encouraged me to run for elected office for the Comanche Nation. At that time, I told them that my work profile was too full to consider that offer. When I returned to Lawton, I was employed full-time by the NACA Native Inspired Schools Networks and engaged in building an Indigenous charter school in Lawton, Oklahoma. That initial effort was the foundation of what is now the Comanche Academy Charter School. I was also doing a lot of volunteer work with starting up the Indigenous Peoples' Day initiative and teaching part-time at Cameron University, University of Arts and Sciences of Oklahoma, and Bacone College, and University of Washington. I realized that I was doing grass-roots work with Comanche Elders, monitoring Comanche youth, teaching Comanche songs to young adults. This revelation shifted my approach toward Nation building.

Many retirees at the tail end of their professional careers are motivated by the desire for new challenges, an opportunity to reinvent our skillset, participate in meaningful community activities. For me, that means being of greater service to the Comanche people. So, now in my retirement from Portland State University, I can truly return the gift of education to the Comanche Nation. Besides, I continuously teach collegiate courses on Indigenous leadership and Nationhood. Over the past four years, I realized I was ready to embrace the local opportunities to express my love and passion for our people by running for elected office.

Tribal sovereignty is my life's work. I feel a powerful calling to the task; I believe the work is my life's assignment and privilege, not simply a chosen undertaking. I am Comanche and Caiugu, and a citizen of the Comanche Nation. Pursuing this purpose, I have a solid understanding of sovereignty and autonomous Nationhood from the work I have done with Native Nations in Oklahoma, Kansas, Minnesota, New Mexico, California, Oregon and Washington.

My work focuses on bridge-building among public-tribal partnerships to help Indigenous people exercise their sovereignty, working across reservations, Rancherias, urban communities, tribal colleges, and mainstream research universities.

Instead of phasing out in my retirement, I sought out opportunities in my hometown that would give me more meaning from work, not less—more flexibility as Vice Chairman because this leadership role fits my academic profile giving me more autonomy, to be sure, but equally more meaning and greater impact to help rebuild the Comanche Nation. Unlike those retirees celebrating their freedom from work, rather I'm celebrating my freedom to work. Yes, these are my Golden Years.

The challenges that await the Comanche Nation in the new millennium will prove daunting. Settler colonial societies must confront those largely unexamined conventions that systemically continue to defame, demean, and deform. The most egregious expressions of colonialism have been discredited, in other words, but what remains untouched are those "colonial agendas" that have had a controlling (systemic) effect in privileging national (white) interests at the expense of Indigenous rights.

Q. What are your long-term goals as Vice Chairman?

A. To move the Comanche Nation from the Standard Approach to the development of Nationhood to the Nation-Building Approach. The standard approach has five primary characteristics: (1) decision making is short-term and nonstrategic; (2) persons or organizations other than the Native nation set the development agenda; (4) Indigenous culture is viewed as an obstacle to development; and (5) elected leadership serves primarily as a distributor of resources. The five primary characteristics of the nation-building approach are: (1) Native nations comprehensively assert decision-making power (practical sovereignty or self-rule); (2) nations back up decision-making power with effective governing institutions; (3) their governing institutions match their cultures; (4) decision-making is strategic; and (5) leaders serve as nation builders and mobilizers.

- Conduct an assessment of the current status of Comanche governance to determine an action plan

See PEWEWARDY, Page 10

Secretary/Treasurer Report on Comanche Nation ARP Expenditure Report

American Rescue Plan Budget
Year to Date Expenditure Report

Program	Budgeted	YTD Expense	Remaining Balance
ARP Staff	300,000.00	14,194.48	285,805.52
ARP Staff (4 Year Budget)			
Food Assistance	4,381,250.00	4,381,250.00	0.00
Education (K-12)	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00
Individual Asst.	43,054,950.00	17,531,528.20	25,523,421.80
Home Repair	5,000,000.00	508,944.55	4,491,055.45
Construction	6,000,000.00	214,369.87	5,785,630.13
Repairs, COVID-19 Related Expense	3,955,945.80	154,683.25	3,801,262.55
Gov. Revenue Replacement	19,933,592.84	0.00	19,933,592.84
Total Budget	83,025,738.64	23,204,970.35	59,820,768.29

- The BIA ATTG American Rescue Plan Funding has not been allocated by the BIA. This funding is pending in the amount of \$4,431,258.00 for tribal operations.
- The 2nd American Rescue Plan draw down has not been determined by the treasury and this is also pending to the tribe.

I attest by my signature that this is the budgeted figures for the first draw down of the American Rescue Plan.

John D. Wahnee, Secretary/Treasurer

8/7/21

Date

Programs

Comanche Language & Cultural Preservation Committee Elects Officers



Courtesy Photo

The Comanche Language & Language & Cultural Preservation Committee (CLCPC) met for their annual meeting on July 29. The meeting was held at the Medicine Park Event Center, Medicine Park, Okla. A few highlights of the meeting included the annual election of officers, stories shared by a couple of our elders of past CLCPC events, the officers shared highlights from the past year and a special anniversary of two special CLCPC members was celebrated with all who were in attendance.

The newly elected officers are Carolyn Codopony, President; Dustin Miller, Vice-President; Martie Woottakewahbitty, Secretary; and Dr. Kathryn Briner, Treasurer. The members were provided with important information from the past year and a half's worth of activities. The updates included language learning materials distribution and stakeholders' updates from the Comanche Language Department, the Early Childhood Development Center, and the Comanche Academy.

The pandemic stopped the membership from meeting in person for over a year, however, the work continues and is going forward. The CLCPC is one of the most important stakeholders that the Comanche Language Department has. The Comanche Language Department team is building upon what the CLCPC has built over the past 28 years. The large amount of resources that is distributed by the committee each year is invaluable. These resources are being used more and more! The CLCPC is seeing its purpose realized, which is... "to change the direction of the Comanche language. That change is to restore the *Numu Tekwapu* as a living language once more and to take our language heritage into the future."

For more information on the CLCPC please go to their website, www.comanchelanguage.org.

Child Support Program Announces Court Dates

The CNCSP is requesting notice of publication in the September 2021 edition of *The Comanche Nation Newspaper* for:

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Vernon Atauvich, Jr.: CNC-SP-12-07; Motion to Determine Support Arrears and Reduce to Judgment.
- Dakota Brinsfield: CNC-SP-15-18; Application for Indirect Contempt.
- Becky Perez-Negron: CNC-SP-19-01; Motion to Determine Support Arrears and Reduce to Judgment.
- Mark Yackeschi.: CNC-SP-19-25; Motion to Modify.

In the Court of Indian Offenses for The Apache Tribe

- Alva Anderson: CIV-15-025; Application for Indirect Contempt.

In the District Court of Caddo County

- Mary Palmer: FD-2004-347; Motion to Transfer.

In the District Court of Comanche County

- Vernon Atauvich, Jr.: FR-2009-14; Motion for Redirection of Support Payments.
- Sheldon Tawkoity: FP-2009-215; Motion to Transfer.

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.

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.

Elder Council Drive By Event Set for September 25

The Comanche Nation Elder Council had planned to man a booth at the Comanche Nation Fair, to provide gifts to Comanche Nation Elders; however, the Comanche Nation Fair has been cancelled due to the resurgence of COVID, the Delta Variant.

Since the Comanche Nation Fair has been cancelled, the Comanche Nation Elder Council Executive Committee has voted to have another DRIVE BY EVENT scheduled for September 25, from 11 a.m. until they run out of supplies. The date of September 25, was chosen, because that was the date they had planned to give out gifts at the Comanche Nation Fair.

The DRIVE BY EVENT will be held at the Comanche Nation Elder Council office at 1001 "C" Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma. The Comanche Nation Police Department will be at the event providing traffic control, do not block 11th Street, do not block alleys or in front of Stores located on those streets.

Due to the resurgence of COVID, the Delta Variant, everyone is required to wear a mask and not get out of their car. The Comanche Nation Elder Council Executive Committee is trying to keep elders safe and still provide services to the elders, please help them by complying with the requirements.

In order to receive services from the Comanche Nation Elder Council, you must be 62 years of age and enrolled in the Comanche Nation; therefore, you must provide your Tribal ID, we will take down your name and the ID number. You must be present to receive services, they cannot give supplies to your family member or friend for you.

For further information contact Rita Heath (580) 305-2005; Phyllis Narcomey (580) 919-3543; Adele Mihesuah, (580) 606-7519.

Temporarily Not Accepting Tires

The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Programs will temporarily stop all incoming tire recycling.

The accumulating number of tires they have on the property is at full capacity. Until they are able to locate a new vendor, they are unable to accept any tires at this time. Once they are back to operational status, they will notify the public.

For more information please contact the office at (580) 492-3754.

Transitional Housing Program for Survivors of Domestic Violence

When domestic violence survivors escape a dangerous home situation, they often find safety at an emergency shelter. The time period in which survivors can stay in a shelter varies – sometimes they can stay for only a few days and most cases a maxi of 30 days.

The Comanche Nation Women Shelter now has a program that works with clients to secure a more permanent housing situation. It is call transitional or alternative housing. The program combines a

housing option for up to 24 months with other services that will help the client develop stability in their life. The program provides case management and supportive therapeutic services. Qualifications for the program depend upon the individual personal circumstances and their willingness to participate in the supportive services offered such as life skills classes, support groups, in-house therapy, etc.

The program has guidelines such as the client securing employment, but the idea is not to place rules and regulations on survivors, but help them permanently become self-sufficient and have a better, healthier life.

Survivors can learn more about this program by contacting the shelter, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Becky Smallwood, Case Management Specialist, (580) 492-3590.

Prevention & Recovery S.T.E.A.M. Camp and Native Spirit Billboard Project



Courtesy Photos



The Comanche IAMNDN Youth Program and CNPR Youth Prevention was given an "Open Canvas" at the Comanche Nation Complex to visualize and to express their interpretation of our Comanche vision: Comanche Strong-Stronger Together. Lead by Director Martin Flores and Shara Peterson, the Comanche youth that helped create this beautiful mural were: Christian Solis 14, Arlene Schonchin 12, Modesto Schonchin 14, Michael Parker 13, Angelina Parker 15, Genina Parker 16, Rylan Robin 13, Gavin Williams 14, William Suina 13, Reyna Serna 13, and Deja Tanequodle 11.



Ryan Robin receives a coin of excellence from Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, during the STEAM Camp at Watchetaker Hall.

Comanche Nation IAMNDN & CNPR Youth Prevention Programs hosted a cultural S.T.E.A.M. camp for Native youth grades K-12. S.T.E.A.M. stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. The purpose of this camp was to encourage Native youth to find interest in S.T.E.A.M. fields by implementing cultural elements to a variety of hands-on activities. This builds a sense of identity within their culture and reduces the amount of dropout rates by increasing school retention, ultimately promoting the prevention of underage drinking/drug use and suicide among our Native youth.

Activities included setting up a tipi, constructing their own mini tipi, and painting their own tipi. They also had lessons over cedar and sage where youth learned to make their own medicine bags. A mini-media camp was led by Comanche tribal member Dakota "YK" Wahkinney where he taught youth how to edit videos and photos to make their own collaborative video. Shara Paterson (Dine tribal member) and Hayden Cable (Comanche youth tribal member) led a tipi painting session and a mural painting project titled "Stronger Together", which can be viewed going N/S bound on I-44.

Our Native youth are sacred. It is important to take the time to invest in them and instill cultural values and traditions and lead them to a path of sobriety and positive mental health. Adults must be the example and show them how to become the

strong and resilient tribal members and leaders of tomorrow.

Comanche Nation Native Connections/Native Spirit Suicide Prevention Project has one more installment of their billboard project left. So far, this project has hosted three different pieces of suicide prevention-focused artwork and poetry created by our very own Native youth.

"It all started with an art contest. We asked our youth to create an expressive piece of work that promotes positive mental health and displays a message centralized around suicide prevention. Art is a fantastic way to allow individuals to tap into their creativity and to find a way to express emotions in a good way" said Director of Prevention and Recovery, Bonnie Lennon. Lennon, also stated "Our people are intrinsically talented in different mediums of art. As a healthy coping mechanism, we like to embrace this outlet as a way to combat those negative emotions by utilizing our connections to an inherent talent. Each piece of artwork also includes the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which is (800)-273-8255."

If you or somebody you know has displayed warning signs of suicide or is at risk for a mental health crisis, please call the Native Spirit Project Director, Brittany Turner at (580) 357-3449 or email brittany.turner@comanchenation.com.

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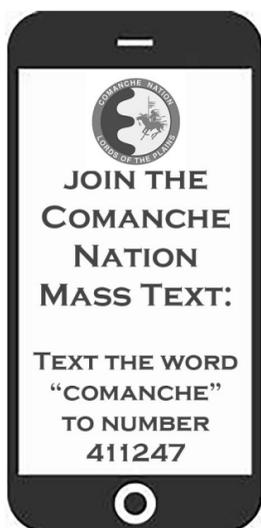


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School is In Session at Comanche Academy Charter School



A young mother escorts her children to class on the first day of school at the Comanche Academy Charter School, while being welcomed by numerous staff members along the hallway.

On August 12, the Comanche Academy Charter School, welcomed children with a big smile. The Comanche Charter School is located at 1701 NW Taft Ave., in Lawton, Okla.

Chairman Woommavovah was more than excited to be joining the children for the opening ceremony day on the first day of school, along with Vice-Chairman, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy.

The expansion of tribal sovereignty through education is frequently overlooked. Tribes often lack the capital or other resources to start tribally-owned schools, an extremely costly endeavor that does not typically generate much revenue. But those challenges did not stop dedicated Comanche Nation citizens, descendants, and supporters.

Utilizing a unique Oklahoma law that allows tribes to be the direct authorizers of tribal charter schools, the Comanche Nation is increasing its ability to define and create its own educational goals for its children. While a charter school is a state public school, it is independently run and granted greater flexibility in its operations than a traditional public school.

State laws and charter contracts provide these schools with autonomy over curriculum, personnel, budget, and schedule. Though each state's laws are different, generally charter schools must comply with statewide assessments, reporting, and accountability requirements. Unless otherwise provided, charter schools are usually exempt from state laws applicable to other public schools, though they are still able to receive state funding.

Charter schools operate under a "charter," which is a contract between the school and its "authorizer." The charter both establishes the school and outlines the terms and conditions of its operations. The authorizer sets benchmarks through performance framework and is accountable to the state for monitoring the school and holding it to the standards outlined in the charter. Typically, the authorizer can receive a small percentage of state funds for its administrative duties. In most states the authorizer, also known as a "sponsor," is usually a nonprofit organization, government agency, district or state school board, or university. As such, more often than not, tribal charter schools report to and are monitored by a non-native board or agency.

In 2011, the Oklahoma Charter Schools Act was amended to allow tribes to act as authorizers for native language immersion schools which operated under the authority of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and, in 2015, it was expanded to encompass any type of charter school "located within the former reservation or treaty area boundaries of [a] tribe on property held in trust by the [federal government]."

Now enter Comanche Nation. The Tribe voted in 2018 to charter Comanche Academy and so began the tireless work of various



Chairman Woommavovah, giving fist pump's to the children entering the auditorium after lunch for the opening ceremony.

members of the Comanche Nation community to develop and open the school. The beauty of charter schools is in the flexibility in curriculum and its community-led nature. For Native students, this can be especially important as numerous studies have found Native students excel with tribally-led, culturally-centered education.

The founders, citizens, local parents, and stakeholders worked without pay, day after day, week after week, in the midst of a global pandemic, to open the Comanche Academy. And now, due to the dedication and hard-work of so many individuals, the school opened in August 2021, as the only tribally-chartered school in the country directly authorized by a tribe. Through the school board, the community will have tremendous input and control to structure the curriculum around the tribe's values and cultures to prepare students for higher education.

Jonathan Poahway, President of Comanche Academy School Board, states, "We hope to insure cultural enrichment and preservation for seven generations by empowerment of the younger Native Comanche Nation citizens through the decolonization of our education." Rather than non-native district or state school boards, the Comanche Nation will monitor and evaluate whether the students are receiving a quality education.

Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Design Team Leader of Comanche Academy and Vice Chairman of Comanche Nation states, "One of the steadfast core principles for designing Comanche Academy is to serve an entire neighborhood/tribal community comprehensively and at scale to create a tipping point and definitively merge a public charter school culture and language into a Comanche-centered community culture and language."

While Oklahoma's legal structure is unique, other states have established similar laws that indirectly give tribes the power to oversee a tribal charter school and Comanche Academy is just one unique example of a tribal community taking the education of its children back into its own hands, evidencing tribal charter schools can not only co-exist with tribal sovereignty but can be a tool to expand it.



Jerry Tieyah, (Pepper) performs his version of the Hoop Dance for students, teachers and sponsors.



Bruce Neconie, entertains the crowd by making a geographical sphere while dancing the Hoop Dance.

Comanche, Kiowa, and Caddo Summer Learning Camp 2021

This summer, the Comanche Nation Child Care Programs sponsored a summer learning camp for school aged children in Caddo County. This pilot project was the "Summer Learning Camp 2021" and was a joint effort by four local tribal child care programs in the service area. The sponsors were the Apache Tribe Child Care Development Fund Program, the Caddo Nation Child Care Program, the Comanche Nation Child Care Programs, and the Kiowa Tribe Child Care Program.

This pilot project was funded by supplemental CCDF funds and was a huge success. The main project goal was for the student's to have hands on learning, innovative teach-

ing, while incorporating traditional teachings and experiences within the learning modules. Local Indigenous Educators (teachers) and child care staff formed three dynamic teaching teams.

These teams delivered four learning modules to the children over four weeks this summer. There was a S.T.E.M module, a Literacy module, a Language/Culture module, and an Art module. There were three campsites with 20 children each. The teaching teams rotated between the three campsites; Binger Y (Caddo Nation), Anadarko (Kiowa Tribe), and Apache Community Center (Comanche Nation). On July 23, the last day of Summer learning camp,

all three groups came together to share a meal and enjoy hoop dancers and did some tribal dances together. The sponsors plan on expanding the learning camp for summer 2022.

The Comanche Nation Child Care Programs wants to thank the programs partners, all of the program staff from the four tribal child care programs, the Indigenous educators (camp staff, visiting teachers), knowledge keepers, singers, dancers, artists, speakers of our languages, elders of our tribes, leaders of our tribes and last but not least Indigenous Authors. It was an incredible experience for our students in Caddo County.

Summer Youth Employment Cultural Workshop



Comanche Nation Summer Youth workers line up to ask Native actress, Amber Midthunder, questions during their final day of summer employment via Facetime.

On August 6, the last day of the Summer Youth Employment Program, the Workforce Department, held a workshop for summer youth workers. The Workshop took place at the Comanche Nation Watchetaker Hall, located North West Bingo Road, Lawton Okla.

Workforce Director, Rodney Parker, wanted to try something new on the final workshop of the year. The workshop was based on cultural identity.

The Summer Youth workers had the chance to video chat and ask questions with Amber Midthunder, a Native American actress that stars as the female lead in the Netflix's new thriller "THE ICE ROAD". Summer youth workers were more than eager to ask questions, that of which pertained to how she got started in acting and how exciting it is to act alongside big names such as Lawrence Fishburne, Liam Neeson, as well as many others. The youth workers asked if Midthunder, could say "Comanche Strong, Stronger Together" she did so, and the youth workers cheered her on with glee.

It didn't stop there. Five stations were set up that consisted of arts and crafts, archery, Comanche language Jeopardy, as well as a story telling station. The youth workers were split amongst groups, and each group had a hour at each booth learn-



Participants of the Comanche Nation Summer Youth Employment Program try archery during the SYEP Cultural workshop.

ing and creating memories.

Parker, expressed "I will admit that this was my very first time attempting a workshop designed how it was. With some faulty steps and some bumps along the way, I still think, overall, that it was the best workshop yet!" Parker, also expressed, "Everyone's dedication to

our tribal youth showed today and I truly hope the tribal youth soaked up everything that was taught by all the staff that was able to come out and help today as well."

KCA HONORS VETS

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the highest ranking enlisted Comanche Female.

Eleanor McDaniel: USA SP4 1982-1992: Persian Gulf War w/7th Support Command as a member of a Explosive Device Team, Admin. and Communication Specialist, and was part of the Invasion Force in Iraq. She also served in Ft. Polk, La. w/5th Infantry Division, Ft. Hood, TX w/13th COSCOM and overseas at Bamberg, Germany w/1st Armored Division, Nurnberg, Germany w/7th Support Command, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. She was awarded the Army Commendation (5) Army Achievement (4) Good Conduct (2) and the National Defense Service, Kuwait Liberation and Southwest Asia Service w/3 Campaign Stars medals, 1 Overseas Bar, Driver/Mechanics Badge w/Driver Bar and the Army Lapel Button. She is the first known Comanche Woman to serve in Combat.

Rhonda Williams: LTC Retired USA 1993-2019: Global War on Terror at Camp New Jersey, Kuwait and Riyath, Saudi Arabia and Afghanistan (August 10 to August 11), Commissioned as a 2nd Lt. through ROTC program at Cameron University, Graduate of Field Artillery Captains Course, Airborne School and Air Defense Artillery Officer Basic Course, and has served as a Launch Platoon Leader, Maintenance /HQ Platoon Leader, Battery XO, Battalion Assistant S-3, Battalion Adjutant, Battery Commander and Assistant Brigade Operations Officer. Her awards include: Combat Action and Parachutists Badges, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Army Commendation (3) Army Achievements (2), National Defense, Armed Forces Expeditionary: Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary: Global War on Terrorism Service and Afghanistan Campaign Medals and the Army Service and Overseas Ribbons.

Ramona Woothakewabitty Gooday: SN Waves 1955- 1957: Served with the US Navy Training Center in Bainbridge, Md. and the US Naval Receiving Station in Washington DC as a Clerk Typist, and was a member of the Naval Station softball team. She is one of the oldest Female Comanche Veterans. While on station in Washington DC, she met her husband-to-be, Lupe Gooday, from Apache.

Janelle Yokesuithe Mowatt: PFC USMC 1954 -1955: Served at Paris Island, SC and Camp Pendleton, Cali. Her duties were with the Base Exchange and Driver for the Commanding General. She was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

Lisa Pocowatchit: Tsgt USAF: Pocowatchit enlisted in the USAF in August 2008, and completed Boot Training at Lackland AFB in TX. After completing Personal Technical Tng at Keesler AFB in Miss, she then serviced the 505th Distributed Warfare Group and 377th Force Support Squadron at Kirkland AFB NM, the Joint Exercise Virtual Flag Support Team and was the NCOIC of the Relocations Section. Pocowatchit then was assigned to the 349th Recruitment Sqd. At Tinker AFB, Okla. where she was selected as Outstanding Performer two times. She is currently assigned to the HQ AF Personnel Center at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph TX. Her awards include: the Commendation, Achievement, Good Conduct, National Defense Service and Global War on Terrorism Service Medals and the AF Outstanding Unit Award. Pocowatchit is serving as Head Lady Dancer to the KCA Pow Wow 2021.

Deann Nibbs Sovo: SSGT USAF 1987-1994: "Served at Lackland AFB, Sheppard AFB, TX, Falcon AFB, Colo., Cheyenne Mountain AFB and Patterson AFB, Colo. w/ 21st Space Wing and Tinker AFB OK W507th Reserve Airlift Wing. Her Duties were as an Accounting and Finance NCO. While in England, she traveled throughout Europe as a member of the AF Softball Team. Her awards included: AF Commendation, AF Achievement, and Good Conduct Medals, AF Basic Training, AF Overseas-Long Tour and NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbons and Outstanding Unit (2)



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and the Longevity Service Awards. **Deborah A Niedo:** Retig SSG USA 1988-2010: Her service included Persian Gulf and War on Terror (Iraq), retired with 22 Years and one month of active duty, which included eight years seven months and four days of foreign service that included Saudi Arabia and Haiti as a Medical Logistics Specialists. Her awards include: Meritorious Service, Army Commendation (9), Army Achievement (8), Good Conduct, National Defense Service (2), and the Southwest Asia Service w/3 BSS Medals, Joint Meritorious Unit Commendation (3), and the Army Superior Unit Award.

KCA Veterans Honored Aug. 5

On July 29, a total of 20 veterans from the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache tribes were honored for their gallantry at the Comanche Nation Complex's Watchtaker Hall. All of the honored veterans received a homemade quilt, from the Southwest Chapter of Quilts of Valor.

The honoring's were a prelude to the second annual KCA Indian Veteran's Organization Powwow, which will take place at the on September 11, north of the Comanche Nation Waterpark, Lawton. This year's event is honoring the women warriors.

The KCA Indian Veteran's Association are a newly formed organization made up of veterans from all three tribes.

"We formed when we came together in 2019, and put a powwow on at the KCA land. We are doing it equally; the Kiowa, the Comanche, and the Apache" explained Clifford Takanawa, the treasurer for the KCA Indian Veteran's Organization. "The powwow was such a success, and we raised money for the National Museum, and everybody said 'do it again.' Obviously, last year, we could not due to COVID, but we are putting one on this year."

Princesses were present at the honoring to help present the Blankets of Valor to the veterans. The princesses that helped were the Comanche Nation Princess, Rita Monoessy, Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Angelina Steinmeyer, Apache Tribal Princess, Jaselyn Thompson, Comanche Indian Veteran's Association

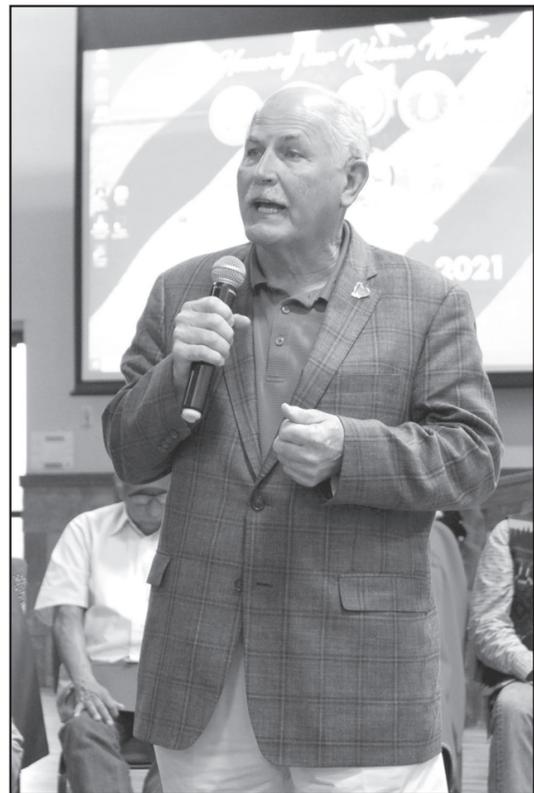
(CIVA) Princess, Mercedes Banderas, and O-Ho-Mah Lodge Princess, Kacie Lynn Allen.

"We are here to honor the KCA veterans, and all other veterans, too. It is important to honor veterans because they went through a lot of things" said Eddy Onco, Kiowa veteran. "We come from warrior backgrounds, chieftainship backgrounds. Whenever a war breaks out, the Indians are always the first in line. They do not wait for a draft card and get their numbers so they can go into the military. They sign with the recruiters and the next day they are gone to basic training, they are gone to their advanced individual training and their permanent change of station. A lot of them go to the war zones. Like in my era, Vietnam, we went. It is good we can gather, because we need to honor the veterans."

"It is important for us to honor our veterans to preserve our way of life. Native Americans are some of the most patriotic of all men, especially the Warrior mentality that we have always had. Especially Comanches, Kiowas and Apaches," added Takanawa. "We want to honor them, wherever we are at. I know I have heard a number of veterans that say, 'Don't honor me. I was not a hero.' But, you are too a hero. If you did what you were supposed to do, you are a hero. That is what we try to do."

Following the organizations regular planning session for the KCA Powwow, the veterans were honored. Kenneth Lookingglass, from the Apache Native Warrior Society member, was a singer for the event. He served with the United States Marine Core, is a Vietnam War veteran, combat wounded, and a Purple Heart.

"We have been fighting since 1492. We were supposed to have been a genocide. But, we are still here, and we are still ready to fight. Most of the veterans here are combat veterans, so they will fight again if they had to. If you fought overseas, you will fight at home harder. I don't care how old you are," said Lookingglass, who has been honored by the Comanche CIVA and by the Apache Tribe. "A lot of these veterans have not been honored. We have been looking for veterans to be honored. We got 28 today, and there



Lawton Mayor, Stan Booker, talks about the first time he attended a powwow, which was the 2019 KCA Veterans Powwow in Lawton, Okla.

is more on the list. From what I seen, it is great and wonderful."

Lookingglass explained when he left in 1966, he was sent off with a Peyote Meeting and a powwow, and when came back from Vietnam in 1968, he and his family had a powwow.

"Before I left I had a powwow. A lot of these veterans didn't. Like today, this event, this makes up for some of it."

Lookingglass gave recognition to Comanche veteran, Lanny Asepermy, saying he started a lot of the veteran recognition.

"He brought the veterans out in the open. He went to the top for the Code Talkers, he pushed it all the way. There are a lot of veterans out there that peopled do not know what they did. The KCA, WCD, CIVA, they are putting the veterans out there, so people will know what they did. I see veterans, non-Indians, that died and they were World War I and World War II heroes, and nobody

knew that. This is what we need to uplift our people and share their stories. Nobody knows what you did when you were overseas. That is something great, to me."

Attending the veteran's honoring were Lawton Mayor, Stan Booker, and retired Brigadier General Ben Robinson, along with representatives from the Secretary of Military and Veteran Affairs.

The families of the veterans filled Watchtaker Hall, and as each veteran was given recognition for their service, applause, war cries, and lulus echoed in the gym.

"I am so happy and proud of my dad," said Nadia Tenequer, whose father, Bob Tenequer, was one of the honorees.

For more information about the September 11, KCA Veterans Powwow, go to their, Facebook Page, or contact Kristopher Killfirst (580) 699-0896 or Clifford Takawana (940) 391-1085.



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US Army 1952-1954



Lisa Pocowatchit
US Air Force 2008-Current



Richard Banderas
US Army 1971-1975



Justice Perry
US Army 1998-2012



Jennifer Northcutt
US Army 1998-2000



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US Army 1997-2017



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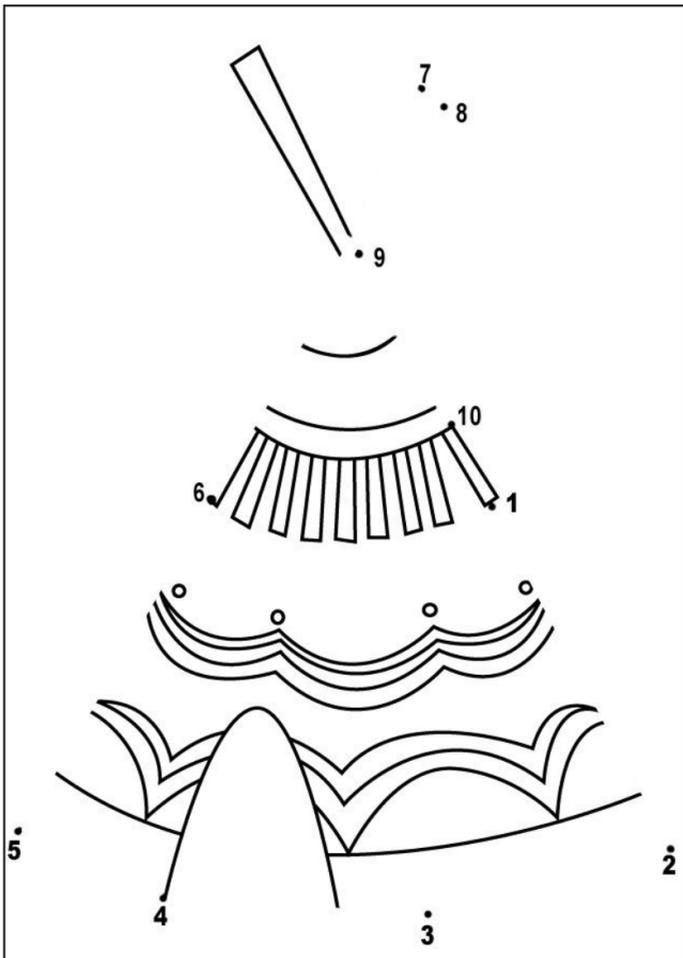
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- Hay
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- Leaves
- Fall
- Cold
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Match the Comanche Word to the English Translation.

Fall

Slow Cooker Chicken & Mushroom Alfredo

- Ingredients**
- 4 bone-in chicken breast halves (12 to 14 ounces each), skin removed
 - 2 tablespoons canola oil
 - 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
 - 1 can (10-3/4 ounces) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
 - 1 cup chicken broth
 - 1 small onion, chopped
 - 1 jar (6 ounces) sliced mushrooms, drained
 - 1/4 teaspoon garlic salt
 - 1/4 teaspoon pepper
 - 8 ounces fettuccine
 - 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened and cubed
 - Shredded Parmesan cheese, optional.
- Directions**
- In a large skillet, brown chicken in oil in batches. Transfer to a 4- or 5-qt. slow cooker. In a large bowl, combine the soups, broth, onion, mushrooms, garlic salt and pepper; pour over meat. Cover and cook on low for 4-5 hours or until chicken is tender.
 - Cook fettuccine according to

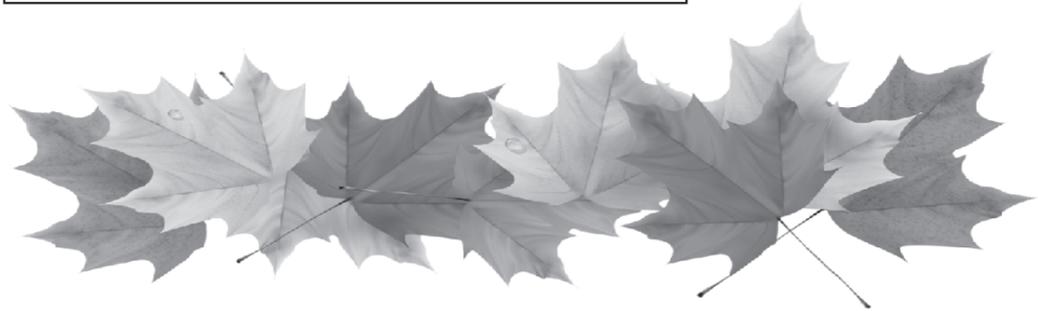
package directions; drain. Remove chicken from slow cooker and keep warm. Turn slow cooker off and stir in cream cheese until melted. Serve chicken and sauce with fettuccine. Top with Parmesan cheese if desired.

Slow Cooker Molten Mocha Cake

- Ingredients**
- 4 large eggs
 - 1 1/2 cups of sugar
 - 1/2 cup of melted butter
 - 1 tablespoon of vanilla extract
 - 1 cup of all-purpose flour
 - 1/2 cup of baking cocoa
 - 1/4 teaspoon of salt
 - Vanilla ice cream and fresh raspberries, optional.

Directions

- Whisk together first four ingredients. In another bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa, and salt; gradually beat into egg mixture. Transfer to a greased 1-1/2-qt. slow cooker.
- Cook, covered, on low until a toothpick inserted in center comes out with moist crumbs, 2-1/2 to 3 hours. Serve warm. If desired, serve with ice cream and raspberries.



Answer Key for the Crossword Puzzle that was published in the July Edition of TCNN.

Comanche - Words of August

Down

- south wind, summer wind
- that's it, end of it, the end
- school
- buckskin dress decorated with elk's teeth; summer dress
- Summer Tanager (bird)
- a half, or partial sheet worn by men during peyote meetings held in the summer time

Across

- plum ripened in late summer
- hot like a chili pepper
- hot, scorching day
- deer meat, dried meat, summer dried meat butchered and dried in the summer

Comanche - Words of September

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

Down

- September ('back to school month')
- leaf
- college
- Fall plum
- ball, play ball
- whiskers, beard

Across

- Fall (season)
- fair or carnival
- gather in, harvest
- cool, as in weather

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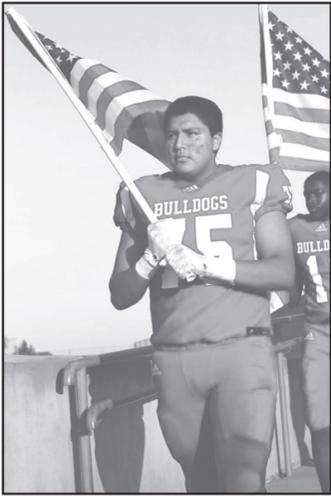
BACK - TO - SCHOOL

Match the Comanche Word To the English Translation.

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| Numinoo?eetu | _____ | Computer |
| Tuboo | _____ | School |
| Tuboo?u K?uni | _____ | Teacher |
| Tutsaapuniwapi | _____ | Ruler |
| Taa Tekwap?uha | _____ | Breakfast |
| Pooit?u | _____ | Pencil |
| Posarubo?pu | _____ | |

People, Places & Things Happening

Tribal Youth Named to Oklahoma Prep Redzone



Courtesy Photo

Congratulations to Comanche Tribal member, Kenny Wermey (Comanche/Arapaho/Cheyenne), of Cache, Okla. and is currently attending Cache Public School.

A Junior in high school is only part of Wermey's, exciting and talented life, the other part is playing as the Offensive Lineman for the Cache Bulldogs.

Wermey, was recently named to Oklahoma Prep Redzone, Pre-season All-State 1st team. Wermey is 6'6, and 295 lbs. Wermey, is in the graduating class of 2023, and plans to continue striving towards greatness.

of the refuge in order to prevent the suspect's escape.

Before the incident was over, Officer Komahcheet, organized a team of 13 Federal Wildlife Officers, as well as over a dozen Local, County, State and Federal Law Enforcement Officers from several agencies to assist in apprehending the suspect.

The suspect, who had been evading capture, eventually took his own life. Officer Komahcheet's actions resulted in containing the suspect and preventing him from harming any other innocent bystanders and ending the threat to the public.

In addition, Officer Komahcheet, handled over 339 Law Enforcement incidents and assisted with 37 other incidents during 2020.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, Wichita Mountains received a record number of visitors, which in turn brought an enormous workload for law enforcement officers located out near the refuge. Officer Komahcheet played a key role in coordinating law enforcement details and collaborated with the refuge management and his zone officer to make those law enforcement details efficient and more productive as possible. These actions resulted in a better improved law enforcement coverage at the refuge."

Reigner Selected as Intern at NASA



Courtesy Photo

Between internships and leadership positions at RIT, Abigail Reigner, embraces a multitude of hands-on learning experiences.

This summer, Reigner, is an intern at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in the spacecraft mechanical engineering team. Her work focuses on mechanical integration for spacecraft, working on components that support the structure while it is being assembled, tested, and transported.

Reigner, has had the privilege of helping mechanical integration for two missions, Europa Clipper and Mars Sample Return (MSR). For the Europa Clipper mission, Reigner, had the opportunity to physically design parts, and for MSR she worked on proof-of-concept studies since the project is in its preliminary stages. Last summer, Reigner, completed a virtual internship with GE Aviation which focused on supply chain and systems engineering.

Beyond her internship experiences, Reigner takes advantage of additional hands-on learning and leadership opportunities on campus. She joined RIT Racing during her first year and was the team's suspension lead for 2020-21. Reigner explains that RIT Racing has provided her with unparalleled educational experiences and problem-solving opportunities.

Reigner hones her leadership skills as an active member of the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). As an indigenous woman in engineering, Reigner explained that she spends "a lot of time wondering how I can stay true to my beliefs in stewardship and sustainability while still partaking in industries that can be detrimental to my community and others."

AISES is an organization for indigenous people in STEM to discuss and solve these very problems. RIT's AISES chapter func-

tioned as Reigner's home base when she arrived at RIT, and she served as the Northeast region's student representative for the past two years, and as chapter president.

Reigner, is also a member of Engineers of Color Creating Opportunities, connecting with other indigenous engineering students to work together to overcome obstacles.

Reigner, is the daughter of Kevin and Joan Krayeski Reigner, the granddaughter of John and Rose Ann Attavich Krayeski, and the great granddaughter of Frank and Lottie Fisher Attavich.

Vision Maker Media Announces 2021 Public Media Fund

Each year, Vision Maker Media funds media projects intended for PBS broadcasting that represent the cultures, experiences and perspectives of Native Americans and Alaska Natives. Films are reviewed by a panel of public media programmers and Native American filmmakers, and board approved based on Native involvement, topics of relevance that can garner a wide audience, guideline eligibility, and meeting technical standards of PBS broadcast quality. This year's topics communicate social justice, climate and environment, health and well-

ness, democracy and arts.

Fourteen television projects were selected for 2021 funding and will be executive produced by Vision Maker Media for PBS television broadcasting. The filmmakers represent 23 different Native nations with a total \$841,522 in funding support. The films funded are at all stages of the production process, with some still in research while others are nearing the end of production. The Vision Maker Media Public Media Fund offers up to \$150,000 in support for episodic programming and production, up to \$100,000 for post-production, and a range of \$5,000 to \$25,000 for research and development.

The purpose for research and development support is to fully develop a documentary or episodic program for television broadcast. The purpose for production support is to film, record and produce projects for television broadcast. The purpose for post-production support is to bring projects to completion and deliver a master cut for television broadcast. "We're elated by the variety of projects selected for the 2021 Public Media Fund," says Executive Director Francene Blythe-Lewis (Diné, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Eastern Band Cherokee). "The group of projects represent an array of tribes, topics and impactful new stories that are vital

to today's dialogue. It is an honor for everyone at Vision Maker Media to be part of the creation of these important stories being told by and about Native Americans for public media.

The Land Returns
Feature Documentary
Phase: Production
Awarded \$142,329
Co-Producer: Kevin Abourezk (Rosebud Lakota)
Co-Producer: Margaret Jacobs
Co-Producer/Director/Editor: Charles "Boots" Kennedy (Kiowa)
Opportune pathways whereby Indigenous nations are regaining their land.

Indigenous Genders (working title)
Episodic Series
Phase: Research and Development
Awarded \$25,000
Writer/Director: Raven Two Feathers (Cherokee, Seneca, Cayuga, Comanche)
Executive Producer: Ciara Lacey (Kanaka Maoli)
Producer/Co-Writer: Nils Cowan
Producer: Eleni Ledesma (Indigenous Mexican descent)
Director of Photography: Steve Hyde
This documentary-series explores gender norms through Indigenous lenses.




Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

DEFINITE COMANCHE WARRIOR!!! SSG Tennyson Kerchee, takes his final oath to defend the United States, in his Swearing-In ceremony at the Medicine Bluffs, located on Fort Sill Military Base. SSG Kerchee, has re-enlisted "Indefinitely," into the United States Army, which means he will be in the Army until retirement. This event was a historical moment, due to the fact that is the first time that a Comanche Nation Chairman (Mark Woommavovah) has ever sworn a tribal member into any branch of the military. SSG Kerchee, has served 13 years in the United States Army, and he will continue his military career until retirement. Pictured holding the United States flag are Staff Sargent, Patrick Alber and Retired Military, Darrel Yazzie.

Eagle Meets Condor Gathering

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Saturday, September 4, 2021

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Kevin Pau-ki Rivera
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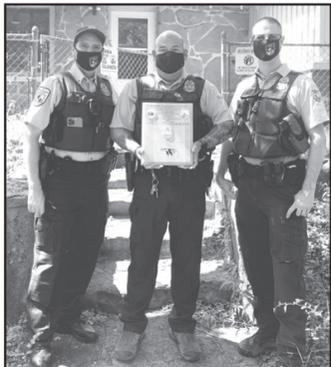
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Austin, TX
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Houston, TX
Chikawa
Conroe, TX

Tribal Member Named Federal Wildlife Officer Of The Year



Courtesy Photo

Shawn Komahcheet, who is a member of the Comanche Nation, was selected and awarded Federal Wildlife Officer of the year (2020) by the US Fish & Wildlife on August 11.

The following text is from the US Fish and Wildlife Service:

"Our final recognition goes to the 2020 Federal Wildlife Officer of the Year, Southwest Region.

The Division of Refuge Law Enforcement, recognizes Federal Wildlife Officers who distinguish themselves by actions that represent the highest standards of the law enforcement profession and greatly contribute to the image and mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Wildlife Refuge System.

This award honors a Federal Wildlife officer who has accomplished and extraordinary act or provided exceptional service in Law Enforcement during 2020.

Senior Federal Wildlife Officer, Sawn D. Komahcheet, patrol zone 2-0-4-0-6, Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge, is the recipient of this year's award.

In 2020, Officer Komahcheet, continuously worked to improve his patrol zone in keeping with the overall mission of the National Wildlife Refuge System. Last year was a challenging one, on the other hand his year of 2020, started out on an especially challenging note. On New Year's, Komahcheet, received a call from the Comanche County Dispatch Center informing him of an active search for a murder suspect who had killed a two-year old boy.

Quickly responding, Senior Officer Komahcheet, located the suspect's empty truck on the refuge. Komahcheet, immediately relayed the information through his local dispatch and cordoned off that part

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for affirming, reconstituting, or modifying the Comanche Nation Constitution.

Q. What are your short-term goals as Vice Chairman?

A. To understanding the scope of my role as Vice-Chair to increase citizens' understanding of and participation in our current endeavors and how to inspire more nation building empowerment ideas.

- I would like to plant the seeds of a stronger nation for our children's children. We can do this by creating our own public charter school that is Comanche-centered for all students in our community. Opening up this fall 2021, the Comanche Academy Charter School is a placed-based elementary school where Numunu culture, language, and history are the foundation of experiential curriculum.

- Create a Comanche Leadership Program whereby we can bring to the complex a group of 8-10 promising youth Comancheria citizens from around Comancheria annually to Lawton, Oklahoma to learn about the government, culture, language, and economic development of the Comanche Nation. This program will give interns an accurate perception of the Comanche Nation as a whole and cultivate talent from within to ensure that younger generations of Comanche citizens are prepared for larger leadership roles in the future governance of our Nation.

- Explore and analyze the current practice of CBC decision-making and how that methodology aligns with the Comanche Nation constitution and movement toward Nationhood.

- Open up communication with the Comanche citizenry by offering office hours via zoom conferencing, especially for non-locals.

- Initiate an educational summit where we bring together all Comanche Nation programs and departments that have a focus on education (cradleboard to grave). The purpose is to create an over-arching goal for linking and working together for creating educational space for Comanche self-determination.

Q. What do you think are your priorities as the Vice Chairman?

A. Study the Comanche Nation constitution and current governance to protect and expand Comanche Nation self-determination.

- To visit and become familiar with the key Comanche Nation program officers. I want to hear about the action goals that are currently in place.

- To broadcast the Nationhood themes that I announced in my campaign: Reframing, Renaming, and Regenerating.

- What I will be looking for is a cultural match within Comanche governance. To be successful sovereign nation today, governing institutions have to have legitimacy with those being governed. One of the sources of such legitimacy is what we have called cultural match: a fit between the formal institutions of governance and the underlying political culture of the society being governed.

- To support the dream of creating a Comanche-centered charter school for all children. In the early years of the charter school we will start with the Littles (K-1) and grow into a K-12 Comanche-centered charter school within ten years.

- To comprehend Comanche Nation historical trauma and reclaim Comanche ways of thinking, teaching, and learning from a context of community, land, and spirit. Our struggle should not just be about transforming ourselves into something new but also to regenerate the power of our Indigenous ways of knowing, being, and sustaining ourselves and our environment.

- To rekindle community relationships within Comancheria and our local partners of commerce through using Comanche knowledge and viewing information in culturally sensitive and holistic ways to create a multi-pronged responsive educational system that will serve a sustainable community, leadership, and environment for the complex and indeterminate future.

Q. Is there anything you would like to add?

A. For me, retirement is no longer considered a time without work. I've worked all my life since I was in elementary school. Research indicates that over 75 percent of baby boomers anticipate continuing to work beyond traditional retirement age. Effective performers are lifelong learners. What I've learned in my life is that the key to enhancing your career is through strong, mutually supportive relationships. All your awards, medals, degrees, accolades, and wealth, and so on, can be lost in a minute (like COVID-19), unless you accept what you have become in your life. Always, always look at the person you will become by achieving established goals. Your journey will become your goal, irrespective of your final outcome. The most precious element in life is you.

Personally, I've learned the hard way in my lifetime that in order to be successful, you must be patient about solving problems, be persistence to move toward your goals, and be positive in all that you do in your life and profession. Direction toward destiny speaks of focus, vision, and

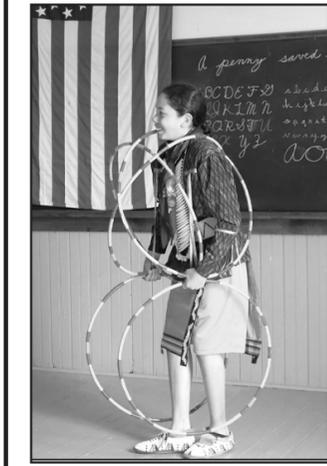
purposeful living.

My message to young Comanche citizens is to challenge you to seek out people who will energize and support your dreams and life goals, friends who are enthusiastic about your plans and to whom you can turn for a boost or shout-out, lifting you up when your motivation is flagging. Make sure you spend more time with these people to counteract the naysayers in your circle.

My advice to all young people is to begin to see your future in the present—feel it with fervent passion, see it crystal clear—this is what it takes to achieve your outcome. Ultimately, your self-esteem profoundly influences how others view you. The fact is that as adults, we spend most of our time subconsciously reacting to life rather than consciously creating it. You can't be successful in anything you do with other people if you haven't paid the price of success with yourself. Accordingly, clarifying your goals is power! If you only talk about your goals, it's a dream. But if you envision your dreams, it becomes possible. Finally, if you schedule it and practice it daily by design, it becomes real! *Ura'*



Courtesy Photos



SUMMERS SCHOOL. Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, pictured center, Vice Chairman of the Comanche Nation, and tribal members, from left, Paige Burgess, Gail Burgess, and Emanuel Burgess, provide a presentation about the Comanches at the School House Summer Camp at Museum of Great Plains, July 19-22. LEFT: Emanuel Burgess demonstrates the Hoop Dance at summer camp.

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Skating In Heaven

Tribal Youth, a Victim of Teen Suicide



Mural of the late Isaiah Whiteshield at the end of the half-pipe ramp at the skatepark at McMahon Park, with candles, flowers, skateboards and messages from friends of Whiteshield and youth. The mural has become an issue between the skating community, the City of Lawton and the Parks and Recreation Commission. Some say it's graffiti, some say it's a tribute to Whiteshield, and some say it's way of healing.

Story and Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Since he was eight years old, the late Isaiah Whiteshield, a tribal youth, had been skating. One vivid memory of Whiteshield's mother, Antonia Whiteshield, "He would always come home from the skatepark with scrapes and cuts, but he never would give up, he would go right back the very next day."

Unfortunately, Whiteshield, took his life on May 16.

In honor of Whiteshield and his love for skating, a mural was painted by his uncle Danny Nieto, at the end of the half-pipe ramp at the skatepark at McMahon Park in Lawton, Okla.

When asked about the mural, Nieto said, "Isaiah's father and I worked together for a couple years. Throughout those years David, Isaiah's father, would often show me clips of Isaiah skating or tricks he had done."

"The clips would often feature music that, in my opinion, a young teenager wouldn't be interested in, soul music to name one genre. I asked David who chose that music, he replied Isaiah did," he said.

"I started paying closer attention to Isaiah, watching his Facebook post, how he treated other people, the way he was respectful toward people in general. I realized that this kid could teach me something, and that I wanted to be better human being. I seen all those qualities in Isaiah, the way he expressed himself through his skating, the music he chose."

"The last couple of months were tough for my nephew, though we had been chatting. Corresponding through messenger and Facebook. I shared with him my own experience of how I felt life had beat me down but mainly thank him for showing me how to be better. He shared with me his own trials and told me some things that I'll forever hold dear."

"So when I found out what happened, I immediately started thinking how could I honor my nephew. The mural is my way of thanking him for showing me how to express my own feelings through what I love the way he did through skating, it is also for his family at the skatepark a reminder that, you are never alone,"

said Nieto.

The mural, which is more like a tribute to Whiteshield, drew a lot of attention when the Lawton City Council consider the mural as graffiti and decided to remove it.

The youths that use the skatepark and their parents, along with residents associated with the skating community, met with the Parks and Recreation Commissioners. They said that they want the mural of Whiteshield to stay.

Whiteshield's mother said, to her, Whiteshield's friends and the skating community, it is not graffiti, it's a way of dealing with the loss of my son.

According to Whiteshield's mother, two months earlier, another youth had taken their life and a mural was painted at the same park and the city painted over it. The skating community and the youth that use the skatepark does not want that to happen to the mural of Whiteshield.

Whiteshield's mother said, "If the city wants to do something, they should fix the ramps, add a water fountain. There wouldn't be so many empty water bottles and Gatorade bottles around the park if there was a working water fountain. There used to be a ice chest out there, for water and Gatorade, but that got stolen."

She also said that there isn't any restrooms, and the restrooms that are at the ballpark are always locked, the only time they are open is when there are ball games going on.

"There isn't any lights, and sometimes the kids like to skate in the evening when it's cool, but they can't because there isn't any lights," she said.

On September 4, at the skatepark, there will be a Skate Event Tournament in honor of Whiteshield and the National Suicide Prevention Month.

Whiteshield's mother said, "I hope this might bring awareness to Suicide Prevention and maybe this might help another person that is going through this same situation or something similar."

For more information about the Skate Tournament contact: Antonia Whiteshield at (580) 647-8365.



Photo by Hannah Tehauno/News Staff

PROMOTIONAL PRE-SCHOOL PARADE. On August 13, a celebratory parade was thrown in honor of the children that graduated from daycare to Pre-school, Kindergarten, and Head Start. The parade took place in front of the powwow grounds at the Comanche Nation Complex. The children, as well as their families, were able to join together to decorate the floats the way the children pleased. Stephanie Lewis, above, lead pre-school teacher at the Comanche Early Child Development Center (ECDC), hands a diploma to Samuel Hill, who just completed day-care.

Military News

Submitted by Lanny Asepermy/CIVA

CIVA Military News

Rudolph Seahmer, USMC



Courtesy Photo

Rudolph "Butch" Seahmer

On July 9, a Funeral detail was provided for the family of Rudolph "Butch" Seahmer.

He was born on September 4, 1995, and passed away on June 25, in Owyhee, Nevada.

His military in the U.S. Marine Corps was from September 29, 1965, to September 25, 1969, (three years, 11 months and 23 days) He earned the rank of Private First Class.

PFC Seahmer completed Boot Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot San Diego, Cali., his Individual Training Regiment and Occupation Training, as a Radio Telephone Operator, at Camp Pendleton, Cali. He served in Vietnam from July 1966 to August 1967 with the 2nd Battalion, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division in/around the I Corps Area of Operations. Other duty stations included Marine Air Station Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and Treasurer Island, Cali., where he was discharged.

His awards include the Good Conduct; National Defense Service; Vietnam Service with 2 Battle Stars; Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm; and Vietnam Campaign with 1960 Device and the Rifle Sharpshooter Qualification Badge. He was recognized for his military service by the CIVA during their Christmas Gathering in 2017.

This marked the 308th funeral detail the CIVA has provided for veterans since 2003 and the twentieth since January 2021. The most funeral details provided in one year was 23, in 2015.



Courtesy Photo

A wreath and the U.S., Comanche Nation, Okla., branch of service and CIVA flags are always displayed at the funeral service for Comanche veterans.

Marker Placements

On July 10, four 235-lb. white marble upright military markers were placed for the families of Marine Audrey Bread (April 29, 1940 – March 7, 2021) at Post Oak Cemetery; Marine Arthur Tommy Johnson (February 23, 1945 – February 15, 2021); and Soldier Michael Onco Sr. (September 21, 1950 – January 12, 2021) at Mount Scott Cemetery; and Airman Anthony Parker (June 10, 1961 – May 26, 2015) at Saddle Mountain Cemetery.

The CIVA has now placed markers for the families of 295 veterans since 2003.

Placing the markers were Kevin Pohawpatchoko; George and Clifford Red; Dominic and Lisa Pawlowski; Lanny Asepermy; Ron Parker; and Frankie and Suzanne Patterson. The sister and four granddaughters of Bread; two sons and daughter of Johnson; three sisters and son of Onco Sr.; and four sisters and a nephew of Parker were present for the placements.



Courtesy Photo

Marker placement detail from left: Frankie Patterson, Lanny Asepermy, Suzanne Patterson, George Red Elk, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Clifford Red Elk, Lisa Pawlowski, Dominic Pawlowski and Ron Parker.



Courtesy Photo

The sisters and granddaughters of Aubrey Bread.



Courtesy Photo

The children of Arthur Tommy Johnson.



Courtesy Photo

The son and sisters of Michael Onco Sr.



Courtesy Photo

The sisters and nephew of Anthony Parker.

Flags Presented

On July 24, Retired Army Master Sergeant, Wilbur "Duke" Red Elk Ellis, presented five 3x5 World War II Airborne flags to the Airborne Demonstration Team located in Frederick, Okla. The flags represented the 11th, 13th, 17th, 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions all of whom served during World War II.

He also pinned Jump Wings on the graduates of the Team's Airborne School after they successfully completed five jumps. The graduates are non-military personnel that go through the rigors of the military's Airborne School to earn Jump Wings.

"Duke" served in the Oklahoma Army National Guard from 1953-55 and Army from 1955-78 including a tour of duty in Vietnam with the Military Assistance Com-

mand-Vietnam (MACV). He was the first Comanche to earn the "Green Beret" and served with the 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 77th Special Forces Groups as well as the 11th, 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions.

"Duke" will be 85 years old in September and resides in El Reno with his wife, Janice, of 63 years.



Courtesy Photo

"Duke" Red Elk Ellis in 1956.

August Monthly Meeting

On August 5, the CIVA conducted their monthly meeting in the Patriot Room. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko with nine veterans, seven Auxiliary, the CIVA Princess and 16 guests present.

CBC member, June Sovo, gave the opening prayer followed by the Pledge to Allegiance led by Princess, Mercedes Banderas.

Introduction of guests was made by Lanny Asepermy followed by birthday greetings to Kevin Pohawpatchoko and Asepermy.

An outstanding Thanksgiving meal, prepared by Shirley Pohawpatchoko and Shelley Asepermy, was then enjoyed by all present.



Courtesy Photo

Nona Mihecoby, Shelley Asepermy, Suzanne Patterson and Liz Plata serving CBC member June Sovo.

After the meal a Casket Flag was presented to the widow, Katie, of the late James M. "Jim" Patterson.

Before the presentation, a Memorial song was sung by June and Kevin Sovo. After the flag was displayed, Taps was sounded by Clifford Red Elk. The flag was then folded and presented to Patterson by George Red Elk.

Patterson served in the Army from 1954-1957. He was born on July 24, 1936 at the Indian Hospital in Lawton and passed away on May 28, at age 84 years. His final resting place is the Fairview Cemetery east of Apache.



Courtesy Photo

Katie Patterson after receiving her husband's casket flag.

After the flag presentation, Paula Neubauer, the daughter of the late LtCol Meech Tahsequah, was presented with a Service Shawl.

She and her husband, Bud, made a 362-mile trip from Comfort, Texas, to attend the meeting.

Tahsequah is the only Comanche killed in action whose body has not been recovered.



Courtesy Photo

Paula Neubauer after receiving her Service Shawl from Princess Mercedes Banderas.

Special guest, 90 year-old Robert Atchavit was driven from Wichita Falls by his daughter, Allison Ruth, to attend the meeting.

In his honor, the CIVA War Dance and Dick Red Elk songs were sung by June and Bubba Sovo, as he danced with the traditional Comanche staff along side members of the CIVA.

After the songs he stated he was grateful for his nine decades on earth and requested the CIVA "take care of him" when his time comes and that George Red Elk present his casket flag to his next of kin.

Atchavit served in the Army, Texas Army National Guard and Army Reserve for 32 years and nine months retiring as a Master Sergeant.



Courtesy Photo

Robert Atchavit dancing with the CIVA's tradition Comanche Lance along side Princess Mercedes Banderas, Paula Neubauer and other veterans.

Lyman Guy, an active member of the CIVA and Army and Vietnam War Infantryman veteran, was presented with a painted Eagle Feather by Red Elk. The feather was inscribed with the Army logo and "Numu Tek-ni-wap."



Courtesy Photo

Lyman Guy with an Eagle Feather presented to him on behalf of Jimmy Looking Glass.

Frankie Patterson and his wife, Suzanne, were both inducted as active members of the CIVA and Auxiliary.

Patterson was presented a jacket, hoodie, honorable and combat service medallions. He will be recognized for his military service during the annual CIVA Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow on November 11, 2021, at Watchetaker Hall. His photo and military bio are in the July issue of TCNV. His wife was presented with a service shawl and service blanket, a jacket, polo shirt, Auxiliary medallion, shawl bag and a stipend.

Her father is an Army veteran that served two tours in Vietnam.



Courtesy Photo

Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko speaking after presentation to Frankie Patterson.



Courtesy Photo

Nona Mihecoby presenting Suzanne Patterson with a Shawl bag.



Courtesy Photo

Left to right: Mary Patterson, Cyndi Patterson, Katie Patterson, Jimmy Patterson, Suzanne Patterson, Robert Atchavit and Paula Neubauer.

The business session began after the induction ceremony. After the roll call the July minutes, Treasurer and Spoils reports all passed.

Old business included the rescheduled Tai-piah Society Pow-wow on August 28.

New business included the attendee list for the OK Military Hall of Fame induction of Comanche veteran Cloyce "Chuck" Choney on October 23, 2021 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Norman and an update on the annual CIVA Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow in Watchetaker Hall on November 11, 2021. Both events are pending due to the COVID-19 guidelines.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m., with a prayer by George Red Elk.

Comanche Code Talker Meeting Room

During the September, 2020, CBC meeting former Business Committee member, Ron Red Elk, presented a resolution, dated January 9, 1999, designating the New Conference Room as the Comanche Code Talker Meeting Room (CCTMR). No action was ever taken on the 21 year resolution.

At the October, 2020, CBC meeting the CBC appointed a committee consisting of Lanny Asepermy, George Red Elk, then Vice-Chairman, LaNora Parker, CBC member, Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi and Tribal Administrator, Julia Mantzke to oversee the process of making changes for the CCTMR. Then Chairman William Nelson Sr., made a recommendation, to the committee, that a mural be painted depicting the Code Talkers of both World War I and II.

It was also decided, by the CBC, to upgrade the CCTMR with a new state of the art audio and visual system, a new desk and flooring and replace damaged ceiling tile – that task was given to the IT and Maintenance departments – Mantzke provided the guidance for those projects.

Comanche artists, Quanah Burgess, Tim Saup-

itty and Calvert Nevaquaya were commissioned by Vice-Chairman, Parker to paint the murals.

Asepermy was task to produce a "timeline" display of the Code Talkers accolades and photos and brief bio's of the 22 Code Talkers from both wars.

Shelving placement for the "Timeline" and Code Talker photos was made by Sovo-Doyebi and fabricated by, Clifford Red Elk.

Asepermy and George Red Elk placed the "Timeline" and Code Talkers prints. The transformation was complete in early June, 2021.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Mercedes, in front of the new desk, flooring and Code Talker mural painted by Quanah Burgess and Tim Saupitty.



Courtesy Photo

12 of the 22, 16x20 framed images with the Code Talker photos and bio's fabricated by Lanny Asepermy and printed by Intertribal Visions.

New Photos

It was brought to CIVA's attention that Comanche veterans, Stanley Jr and Buddy Large's names were not listed on the dyes at the CIVA court of Honor.

Because there is no room for another dye, names of Comanche veterans are being placed on bricks.

Bricks for the Large brothers are on order. Both brothers are deceased and buried at Highland Cemetery in Lawton.



Courtesy Photo

Stanley Large Jr.
1949-77
Navy



Courtesy Photo

Buddy Large
1950-70
Army
Vietnam War

1081 known Comanches have served in the military. They have all served under the flag of the United States. Proper respect for the flag is sometimes not rendered. Simple gestures of respect, such as standing and placing your hand over your heart or veterans standing and saluting when the flag is presented, is proper. You are never too young to know these things.

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

August- Aaliyah Annette Fox
 August 1- Ariane
 August 2- Samuel Lopez
 August 17- Richard Lee Bolt Jr. Love Mom and Dad. We are so proud of you, Comanche Strong.
 August 20- Crystal Eve Bolt. Love Mom and Dad. We are so proud of you, Comanche Strong.



Happy 1st Belated Birthday
 Aaliyah Annette Fox
 August



Happy 5th
 Belated Birthday
 Samuel Lopez
 August 2



Love Mom, Dad and Lil Nate



Happy 2nd Birthday
 Kenneth James
 September

Love, Mom & Dad...Loves Him & Sapcut Family



Happy 9th Birthday
 Bryson King
 September

Happy Birthday

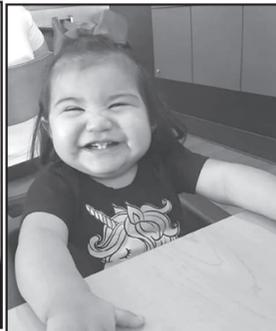
September- Kenneth James
 September- Bryson King
 September 1- Dobbin Monoessy
 September 1- Cameron Tahbonemah
 September 2- Lyric Wahahrockah
 September 2- Kamryn Rose Heminokeky
 September 2- Joshua Mowatt
 September 6- Arianna Machado
 September 7- Kandy Peeler
 September 8- Donald J. Tosee II
 September 10- Darci Kerchee
 September 11- Razia Poahway
 September 13- LaDonna Griffin
 September 17- Arachelle Leigh Harrison. Love Mom and Dad. We are so proud of you, Comanche Strong.
 September 18- Bryan Jester Jr.
 September 18- Sienna Williams
 September 20- Danny P. Lindsey III
 September 22- Taylor J. Lindsey
 September 23- Brantley Kerchee
 September 25- Danny P. Lindsey, Jr.
 September 29- Carol Pocowatchit
 September 29- Bryson Kerchee
 September 30- Happy 2nd Birthday Elias Cook



Happy Birthday
 Cameron Tahbonemah
 September 1
 Grandson of Shelly and Lanny Asepermy



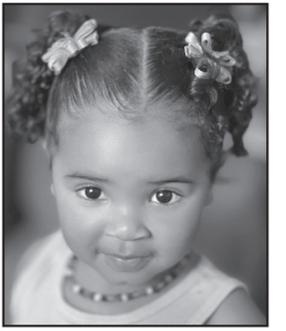
Happy 23rd Birthday
 Joshua Mowatt
 September 2



Happy 1st Birthday
 Kamryn Rose Heminokeky
 September 2



Happy 2nd Birthday
 Lyric Wahahrockah
 September 2
 From your Great-Grandma Nancy and family!



Happy Birthday
 Arianna Machado
 September 6
 Happy Birthday Tookie. Love Mommy!



Happy Birthday
 Kandy Peeler
 September 7



Happy Birthday
 Donald J. Tosee II
 September 8



Happy Birthday
 Darci and Bryson Kerchee
 September 10 and September 29



Happy 10th Birthday
 Razia Poahway
 September 11



Happy 9th Birthday
 Bryan Jester Jr.
 September 18

In Loving Memory
 Happy Heavenly Birthday
 Janelle Lena La Luna
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 August 10, 2020- August 10, 2020

In Loving Memory

Happy Belated Birthday my sweet niece. We love and miss you!
 ~Sarah Valdez



Happy 38th Birthday
 Sienna Williams
 September 18
 From your children, Desirea, Lauren, and Josiah!



Happy Birthday
 Danny P. Lindsey III
 September 20



Happy Birthday
 Taylor J. Lindsey
 September 22



Happy Birthday
 Brantley Kerchee
 September 23



Happy Birthday
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 September 25

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mary & Danny Lindsey, Jr.
 Celebrating 28 years
 September 16

Happy 50th Birthday
 Carol Pocowatchit
 September 29
 I am wishing my sister Carol Happy 50th Birthday. Daughter of the late Kenneth Pocowatchit and the granddaughter of the late Mae (Cable) Kopaddy! Carol is a Breast Cancer Survivor and a proud parent of Cheyenne and Deshaun Gales of Boston! Best Auntie to Da'Nasia Pocowatchit and David Alan Frank!
 And the rest of her nieces and nephews! Enjoy Your Day
 ~Janelle Sack

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kandy & Chris Peeler
 Celebrating 33 years

COMANCHE NATION CHR/EMS/FIRE RESCUE



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

- July 16 @ 1 p.m.: Standby, Sultan Park-Walters
- July 17 @ 1 p.m.: Standby, Sultan Park-Walters
- July 18 @ 9 a.m.: Standby, Sultan Park-Walters
- July 18 @ 1 p.m.: Standby, 584 NW Bingo Road-Lawton
- July 21 @ 4:53 a.m.: Medical, 144 MM49-Lawton, Tribal PD
- July 27 @ 6:17 a.m.: Medical, 904 SW F Avenue-Lawton
- July 28 @ 1:17 p.m.: Service Call, 18310 West Gore Blvd.-Cache
- July 30 @ 8:28 a.m.: Standby, 402 SE Interstate Drive-Lawton, Tribal PD
- July 30 @ 9:26 a.m.: Service Call, 9047 US 62-Elgin
- August 3 @ 7:57 a.m.: Medical, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton, Tribal PD
- August 9 @ 8:37 a.m.: Standby/Medical, 21048 Com-Caddo Cty Line-Cyril, Tribal PD, Caddo County Sheriff, Apache EMS
- August 10 @ 2:50 p.m.: Fire Investigation, Highway 115 & Baseline Road-Cache
- August 11 @ 7:36 a.m.: Medical, 402 SE Interstate Drive-Lawton, Tribal PD
- August 11 @ 12:43 p.m.: Grass Fire, Highway 62 & NW Crater Creek Road-Cache, Indianoma Fire Dept., Pecan Fire Dept.

Obituaries

Peggy Joyce "Wermey" Tahchawwickah



Courtesy Photo

Tahchawwickah

Peggy Joyce "Wermey" Tahchawwickah, of Cache went to her heavenly reward on July 22, at her home in Cache.

Funeral service for Tahchawwickah was July 29, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home with Pastor Matt Asetamy and Wallace Coffey officiating. Burial was at the Cache KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Tahchawwickah was born October 14, 1935, in Lawton to Donald and Agnes (Ataavich) Wermey Sr. She married the love of her life Nick Tahchawwickah in Cache. They traveled and spread the Word of God in many places. They were members of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. The couple moved back to Cache in 1972 where they made their home and raised their children. Nick and Peggy were both ordained ministers pastored the Church of the Nazarene in Cache. They enjoyed spending time with their Family and their Church Family. Tahchawwickah taught Sunday School, vacation Bible School and was teacher's aide in kinder garden at Cache School. Tahchawwickah also sold Avon and Mary Kay Cosmetics. She loved going to the Cache Community Center with her mother Agnes. Tahchawwickah helped cofound the Comanche Women Coalition.

Tahchawwickah is survived by: children: Sonya Tahchawwickah of the home, Sue and Nick Fallahzadeh, Jean Wang all of Hickory Creek, Texas, Nick and Deya Tachawwickah of Hurst, Texas; brother, George Wermey and Gerri of Cache; sister in laws: Rose Nauni and Velma Kimble; brother in law: Pete Coffey; granddaughters: Anna, Daphne, Rebecca, Felecia, Demi, Wendy, Jessica, Tiffany; grandsons: Tyler, Dylan, Myles, Datsun, Kip, Nicholas, Nathan, Nick Jr., Freddie Jr., Daniel, Phil, Jerry, Jeff and Sean; great grand kids: Tru, Romeo, Karina, Dominick, Cameron, Jeffery, A.J., Neeko, Michael, Cecilia, Donavan, Dakota, Niklaus, Elena; many other family members, nieces, nephews and friends.

Tahchawwickah is preceded in death by: her husband Nick Tahchawwickah; parents: Agnes and Donald Wermey Sr.; daughter, Flora Hernandez Shaw, son, Baby Chulik; grandson Neil Tahchawwickah; brothers: Donald Wermey Jr., Glen Wermey and Vernon Cable; sisters: Gloria Cable, Leatrice Wermey, Roberta Wermey and Betsy Wermey; three sons in laws: Cony Wang, Freddie Hernandez and Tommy Joe Frazier Jr.; sister in laws: Helen Cable, Carla Ataavich, Sara Saddleblanket; brother in laws: Allen Tahchawwickah and Burnell Pueblo Sr., special grandson Gage Neugebauer.

Ronald "Skipper" Bread



Courtesy Photo

Bread

Graveside service for Ronald "Skipper" Bread, was July 26, at Post Oak Cemetery in Indianoma. Burial was under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Ronald "Skipper" Leslie Bread, was born March 13, 1978, to Ronald and Bua Bread in Okinawa, Japan. During Bread's early childhood he and his parents then left Okinawa and moved back to the Cache. Bread attended Cache Public Schools until the fifth grade until his family moved to Layton, Utah, where Bread would reside until his early adult life. Bread continued his education after high school where he attended the Vocational Trade School in Layton, Utah, where he obtained a degree in Computer Technology. When Bread was in his mid-thirties, He moved back home to Cache in 2014 where he resided with his Aunt Betty and her family.

Bread always wanted to be close to family and get to know his Comanche Ways. In 2017 Bread then moved to Lawton, where he took on a job working on Fort-Sill taking on a job in environmental services. Bread loved to work hard and getting his hands dirty. Bread enjoyed spending quality time with all of his family, especially his cousins. He enjoyed reminiscing about old times, listening to music and spending time outside with the people he loved. Bread will be missed dearly by everyone he ever came across, truly one of a kind.

Bread is preceded in death by his father Ronald Bread, brother David Patrick Bread, grandmother Julia Bread; and his uncles.

Bread is survived by his mother Bua Bread; brother Noi Bread and Le Koomlek and wife all of Layton Utah, several cousins, aunts, nieces, and nephews.

Ila Leandra "New Baby" Smith



Courtesy Photo

Smith

Sunrise on December 5, 1965, in Lawton, Okla. - Sunset on July 30, in Lawton, Okla.

Smith attended many schools growing up before graduating from Sterling High School, where she played softball and basketball. She traveled all across the United States when she was younger, had gone to numerous powwows, and enjoyed traveling to rodeos and ball games to watch her children and grandchildren. She was very involved in our traditional ways for both Native American Church and in the powwow arena. She had served as tribal princess director for a few

years as well as helped numerous of her nieces while they served as tribal and organization princesses. She had also spent several years working for the Comanche Nation in multiple departments, along with the Lawton Indian Hospital.

Smith was known for her beautiful smile and for being the best supporter for her loved ones. She thought she was a comedian and could never be too serious. She always made the ones around her smile and her laugh was so contagious.

Smith is preceded in death by her oldest daughter, Lura Mai Smith; her siblings, Gerard Franklin Blackowl, Felix Devere Smith, LaQuinta Marie Smith; her parents, Floyd Wesley and Lula Jean Blackowl Smith; her paternal grandparents, John and Agnes Smith; her maternal grandparents, Cheyenne Chief Archie and Faith Attocknie Blackowl.

She is survived by her children William M. Tosee Jr. and Christy Galera of Walters; Rachelle and Matt Miles of Lawton; Laken Tosee of Anadarko; Kendra Tosee and her father W. Morgan Tosee Sr. of Medicine Park; her grandchildren, Lillian and Ila Vaughn of Anadarko; Penelope and Omar Williams of Carnegie; Jay, Denise, Avery, Hunter, and Oakley Tosee of Lawton; Jayden and Justin Galera of Walters; Destiny Tosee and Zach Howard of Lawton; Bailey and Lucchese Rankin of Lawton; Grace, Ethan, and Ryan Miles of Lawton; Carmelo Tosee of Anadarko; and great granddaughter, Delilah Tosee of Lawton; siblings, Clemencia, Kenneth, and Narissa Smith of Anadarko; Leslie Smith of Paraje, N.M.; and special friend, Jim Wedgworth of Anadarko; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Prayer services was August 3, at the Apache Reformed Church in Apache.

Funeral services was August 4, at the Comanche Nation Community Center in Apache.

Ila Leandra Smith will be laid to rest at Cache Creek Cemetery, west of Apache under the direction of the Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Hugh Edwin Chebahtah



Courtesy Photo

Chebahtah

Hugh Edwin Chebahtah went to be with his Lord and Savior on August 7, in Lawton.

Celebration of Life Service was August 11, at the First Baptist Church in Indianoma with Rev. Les Banks and Pastor Scott Patton officiating. Burial followed at IOOF Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

He was born April 13, 1943, at Lawton Indian Hospital to Mooney Sunrise and Mollie (Godsoe) Chebahtah. He graduated from Indianoma High School in 1961. He was a longtime resident of Indianoma and made many friends thru the years. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and the Comanche Indian Veterans Association.

He served with Honor, in the U.S. Marine Corps twice from September, 1961, to October, 1966, and from September, 1970, to February, 1981; the U.S. Air Force Reserve from July, 1968, to September, 1970; and the Oklahoma Army National Guard from March, 1981, to January, 1988. He retired as an Army Master Sergeant with 25+ years of military service.

He is survived by: two daughters - Carla Chebahtah of Cache and Carmen Chebahtah of Robertsdale Ala.; grandson - Canyon Chebahtah of Cache; sisters - Mollie Bernice Miller of Branson, Mo., and Marilee Chebahtah of Muskogee; brothers - Joe Chebahtah of Slidell, La., and Matthew Chebahtah of Oklahoma City; and a host of other family and friends.

He is preceded by: wife - Linda Chebahtah; parents - Mooney and Mollie (Godsoe) Chebahtah; sister Corrine Rindal; brothers: Gilbert Chebahtah and Thomas Chebahtah.

In lieu of flowers family ask memorial contributions to the Leah M. Fitch Cancer Center in Lawton.

Clint Cude

Clint Cude was born August 1, 1957, in San Jose, Cali., to Erwin Lee Cude Jr., and Helen Baldwin Cude Rich, he went to his heavenly home on June 24.

Cude graduated from San Jose High School in 1976, after graduation he joined the Army and was stationed at Ft. Lewis, Wash. He served for four years as a sharp shooter, he was honorably discharged. Cude then moved to Indianoma, Okla., where he found work with McClung's House Moving for two years. He then returned home to San Jose, where he would work building fences for many years.

Cude was a very loving person with a contagious smile. He loved to tease and have fun with everyone around him. He would face many troubles in life but continued to have faith in the Lord.

Cude is survived by his son, Curtis Cude Manzano of San Jose, Cali., his father Erwin Lee Cude Jr., and wife Dawn of Yakima, Wash. One brother, Donald Cude of Phoenix, Ariz., two sisters; Janice Mendez and Linda Cude both of San Jose, Cali. Three uncle's; Leonard Chibitty and wife Rosemary, Victor Ulloa and special uncle Jimmie W. McClung all of Indianoma, Okla. Two aunt's; Dana Bedecker and Lena Chibitty both of Indianoma, Okla., and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Helen Rich, his maternal grandparents, grandparents Mead and Norene Chibitty, uncle Kenneth Saupitty and Aunt Marlene Ulloa, his cousins: Richard Saupitty, Diane Poemoceah, Jimmie "Son" McClung, Kenneth "Bubba" Elam and Trina Ulloa.



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SNARES ARE ON
THE PATH OF THE
CROOKED;
THOSE WHO
WOULD
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THEIR LIVES WILL
AVOID THEM."

PROVERBS 22:5

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THEY SHOULD GO;
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PROVERBS 22:6



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DEPARTMENT SCHEDULES

M-F / 8:00AM-5:00PM	M-F / 7:30AM-6:00PM	OTHER
Administration	C.I.P.	Tax Commission – M-F/ 7AM-6PM
Enrollment	Diabetes	Fitness Center- M-F/8AM-8PM
Higher Education	Environmental Program	Child Care (Admin. Staff)- M-F/8:00AM-6:00PM
Historic Preservation	Indian Child Welfare	Lawton ECDC- M-F/ 7:00AM-5:30PM
Tribal Court	Maintenance	Apache ECDC- M-F/7:00AM-5:30PM
Youth Program	NAGPRA	Transportation- M-TH/7:30AM-6:00PM
Transit Admin. Staff	Optometry	Gravel Tinhorn- M-F/7:00AM-4:00PM
Grasshoppers	Prescription Assistance	Elders Center- M-F/7:00AM-4:00PM
Museum/Gift Shop (Admin. Staff)	Property & Procurement	Funeral Home- M-F/9:00AM-5:00PM
New Pathways	Social Services	Assisted Living- 24/7
Prevention & Recovery/Reintegration (Admin. Staff)	Student Services	CRYS- 24/7
Comanche Language	Voc. Rehabilitation	FAC- 24/7
Food Distribution	Caregivers Program	Law Enforcement- 24/7
P.I.O.	Finance	Transit- M-F/5:00AM-7:00PM
W.I.O.A.	Injury Prevention	I.T.- M-F/7:00AM-6:00PM
Election Office	Grants	CRYS- 24/7
Testing Center-Ed. Bldg.		FAC- 24/7
Dallas Outreach		Gift Shop- M-F/8AM-5PM - Saturday/10AM-2PM
Anadarko Outreach		
Realty		
Human Resources		
C.H.R.		
Child Support		
OKC Outreach (closed temporarily)		
CRYS (Admin. Staff)		
FAC (Admin. Staff)		
Transit (Admin. Staff)		

Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Comanche Business Committee (CBC) has not had an opportunity to read, address and answer the below questions.

Dear TCNN,

This letter are questions for the CBC. Due to COVID-19, the CBC is holding closed monthly meetings from the supreme governing body of the nation. The people are asking information to the following questions:

1. What workshops did the CBC attend while in Las Vegas? We are asking each of the CBC members who attended give the people an overview of the workshops.
2. What information did you obtain during the workshop that could help and possibly benefit us as a tribe?
3. When will the CBC call a meeting to change the Tribal Administrator title? Will there be a special council meeting to hire a Tribal Administrator?
4. How long have you known that the tribe's current tribal lawyer is not a member of the State of Oklahoma Bar Association?
5. When the CBC members went to the Spyware Training workshop, did it include Gaming? If Gaming was not included, please explain why. Does the CBC plan to send Gaming to a training in cyber security?
6. Why does our CBC sit on all tribal boards?
7. Does the CBC plan to remove the current CBC members on

these boards and appoint tribal members to sit on these boards per the Comanche Constitution?

8. Per the constitution, Article VI 7(E), what proposals are you developing and how far along are you? Please be specific.
9. What has the CBC done to ensure that our Comanche Tribal Members who receive funds to restore their homes, are getting quality work done and that the actual work will be done to their homes?
10. Are you assisting those that need to obtain repair estimates to submit with their application in contact with a reputable contractor?
11. How will TERO play into this, if at all? Do we have Tribal Inspectors from TERO to ensure that the actual work is being done?
12. Will there be a project manager to oversee it? Will this appointed project manager be a tribal member?
13. Finally, when will the questions that were on that ballet that were voted on during the last general council meeting come into play?) I.E. Election Board, Recall process, "Lee Motah" day, etc.? Submitted by the N4CC on behalf of all Concerned Comanche Tribal Members

Submitted by Santos M. Iruegas-Mitchell,
The N4CC on behalf of all Concerned Comanche Tribal Members
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