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Comanche Nation Opens New Casino Comanche War Pony Casino Opens in Devol



Comanche Business Committeewoman, Alice Kassanovoid, and Comanche Nation Entertainment, CEO, Mia Tahdoohnippah, cut the ribbon which officially opens the new Comanche War Pony Casino, in Devol, Okla., on March 19. Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, looking on.

Story and Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

The celebration of the Comanche Nation's newest casino, The Comanche War Pony Casino, was held March 19, at Devol, Okla.

The celebration began with a cedar ceremony and blessing by tribal member, Edmond Nevaquaya.

Opening remarks by CEO of Comanche Nation Entertainment, Mia Tahdoohnippah, said, "The opening of War Pony is a milestone for our company and the Comanche Nation."

"This marks the first of two new properties we will open this year. We welcome a new era of prosperity for our people, and are thrilled to be able to bring new and exciting gaming opportunities for our guests,"

said Tahdoohnippah.

Comanche War Pony Casino features 250 gaming machines, which many of the games are not available at any other casino in Oklahoma, according to Tahdoohnippah.

"Most of the games will be the first of their kind, providing guest with a unique experience that cannot be found at any other casino in the state," said Tahdoohnippah.

Besides the opening of the War Pony Casino, the Comanche Nation plans to open another location, which is currently under construction in the Cache area, later this year.

The casino is open seven days a week from 9 a.m., to midnight Sunday through Thursday, and 9 a.m.

to 2 a.m., Friday and Saturday.

Following the opening remarks, the ribbon was cut by members of the Comanche Business Committee and Tahdoohnippah, which officially opened the Comanche War Pony Casino for business.

The Grand Opening attracted guests from the surrounding area, as well as Texans from across the Red River, in hopes of winning BIG and enjoying their afternoon.

Refreshments were available, along with a noon meal consisting of original Buffalo Burgers prepared by the Comanche Burger Co. Goody bags were given out to guest upon entering the casino, containing hand sanitizer, a War Pony Casino



The new Comanche War Pony Casino, located in Devol, Okla., officially opened for business on March 19.



A satisfied guest hits a jackpot on one of the new games featured at the new Comanche War Pony Casino, in Devol, Okla.

Oklahoma's Tension with Tribes Attracts Attention of Western States

By Nancy Marie Spears/Gaylord News

While Oklahoma remains in a power struggle with its 39 tribes on criminal jurisdiction and whether Native American reservations still exist, some Western states have been collaborating with their tribes for years.

In New Mexico, the state supreme court laid the foundation in 2006 for what has become known as the McGirt decision, the Oklahoma case in which the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the Muscogee reservation had never been dissolved.

Jerri Mares, the New Mexico Attorney General's legislative affairs director, said New Mexico's Supreme Court held in a 2006 case that New Mexico did not have jurisdiction to prosecute crimes occurring on reservations there.

"While New Mexico will undoubtedly feel an impact of the McGirt v. Oklahoma decision in the future, New Mexico case law has already established a framework for who can exercise jurisdiction over crimes committed by members of Indian tribes in Indian Country," Mares said.

Oklahoma courts have since ruled under McGirt that the reservations of the Cherokee, Choctaw, Chickasaw, Muscogee, Seminole and Quapaw tribes were never dissolved by Congress.

Robert J. Miller, an Arizona State University College of Law professor, said his own tribe's 14,000-acre reservation of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe in Oklahoma could potentially be re-recognized under McGirt.

Miller said Arizona had by far the most Indian Country within its borders until McGirt re-recognized reservations for Oklahoma tribes.

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Cache Casino Sets Mid-August for its Opening Date



Courtesy Photos

Jonathan Ramirez, the General Manager of Cache Casino, said the completion of the casino is on schedule, and are setting mid-August as the opening month.

"I hope you have had the chance to visit our newest gaming property, Comanche War Pony Casino, which held its official grand opening on March 19. Hundreds of people came to celebrate our newest gaming property in Devol. It is an exciting time for our company and our community," said Ramirez. "Now we set our sights on completing Comanche Cache Casino, located in Cache. This month we have completed the hanging of a ceiling grid throughout



the building, installed lights and ceiling tiles in the offices and carpeted our back of the house areas. We are now preparing exteriors for rock and exterior wall installations."

COMANCHE NATION ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, April 16, 2022
Watchetaker Hall
Comanche Nation Complex



START TIME: 1:30 PM
(if legal quorum is established)
DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM

North and South gates will be open
Temperature checkpoints
Facemasks encouraged
Please practice social distancing
Lunch will be provided

Nominations will be accepted for:
CBC No. 1
CBC No. 2
Tribal Administrator
Tribal Attorney

COMANCHE NATION CONSTITUTION, Article V, Section 1. Pursuant to ARTICLE IV, Section 1. The supreme governing body of this organization shall be the Comanche Tribal Council. The Tribal Council shall consist of all duly enrolled members of the Comanche Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. The Tribal Council will affirm and exercise its Supreme Powers Clause by the Annual Election following the Annual Meeting or Special Election following a Special Meeting, excluding Article VIII.

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Story by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

ARP Program Updates; Interim Gaming Commissioner Some of the Topics at the March CBC Meeting

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the March 5, 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. You can watch the meeting in its entirety online at comanchenation.com.

Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, called the meeting to order at 10:11 a.m. The Comanche Nation Secretary/Treasurer, John David, conducts Roll Call. A quorum is established. The invocation was conducted by Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy.

Comanche Business Committee (CBC) No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, makes a motion to accept the February 5, CBC meeting minutes. Dr. Pewewardy seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

ARP Expenditure Update

Wahnee gives an ARP Program update. The Year-to-Date Expenditure Report shows a total of 574 households were helped from August 2021 to February 2022, with an expenditure total of \$17,991,114.87. The remaining balance is \$2,008,885.13. Each household is given up to \$35,000 for home repair.

Wahnee added they are only at 55% of households that are in need, and he will be recommending to the CBC a modification be done to increase the funding in the ARP Home Repair Account, to help more of the Comanche tribal households.

The Rental Assistance Expenditure Report has a remaining balance of \$562,939.97. A total of 714 households were given assistance from October 2021 to February 2022, with an expenditure balance of \$4,437,060.03. The households were given six months of paid rent.

Wahnee said they are only at 50% of those who need assistance. He will be recommending to the CBC a modification be done to increase the funding in the ARP Rental Assistance Account, to help more of the Comanche tribal households.

"The need is out there, and we need to help our people," said Wahnee.

He also announced on the Comanche Tribal Building Proposal, the CBC has expended at total of \$6,000 to date, to hire three companies to do the create a design for the building. Each company was paid \$2,000 to render their drawings. No money was paid to any contractor for design or construction. The total amount of \$3 million for the tribal building will be voted on at the General Council meeting, scheduled for April 16.

"If our people want a building for our Nation, we will allow a vote of our Comanche people to de-

cide that. Or we can move that money, the \$3 million, to (ARP) Home Repair or Rental Assistance. We will leave that up to our Comanche people to vote," said Wahnee.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 35-2022 – Enrollment – Eligible for Enrollment – Wahnee makes the motion to accept the resolution. Dr. Pewewardy seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 36-2022 – Enrollment- Eligible for Enrollment - Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Dr. Pewewardy seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 37-2022 – Comanche Nation Program Budget Carryovers - Wahnee makes the motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 38 2022 – Add/Remove Arvest Bank Account Signers – Authorized signatures of the Comanche Nation Gaming Commission Bank Accounts maintained by Arvest Bank. These accounts are Sweep Accounts. The signers are Shannon Wilmeth, John Gwoombi, Major Pewenofkit Jr. Dr. Pewewardy makes the motion to accept the resolution. CBC No. 4, Robert Komahchee, seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 39-2022 – Shannon Wilmeth Interim Gaming Commissioner – Dr. Pewewardy makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahchee seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 40-2022 – SIA –Wahnee makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahchee seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 41-2022 – Elder Center Grant Resolution – Dr. Pewewardy makes the motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 42-2022 – The Historic Preservation Office Doris Duke Oral History Project Resolution - at the University of Oklahoma - Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Wahnee seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 43-2022 – Vocational Rehabilitation Grant Resolution - Wahnee makes the motion to accept the resolution. Dr. Pewewardy seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 44-2022 – CBC Amend Election Policy Resolution - Komahchee makes the motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

From the Chairman's Desk



Dealing With Difficult People,

How you handle Difficult People will determine how far we go in life. The scripture says, "you overcome evil with good," you never overcome disrespect with more disrespect, you will never get ahead. That's a test of your character. Are you going to be the bigger person and overlook the insults? When we always take high road and not get baited into the conflict you WIN. We only have so much emotional energy each day. It takes up to much energy to get upset and to live offended. God is fighting you're battles when you take the high road.

If someone is disrespectful, and rude, they have issues, they haven't dealt with. They end up with bitterness, anger, insecurity, bottled up on the inside, they'll try to take it out on you. You have to stay focused. Successful people maintain a positive focus in life no matter what is going on around them. Stay positive when negativity surrounds you. Smile when others refuse to. Make it a daily ritual to work hard in silence, to do what you have to do, and to ignore the drama, discouragement, and negativity surrounding you. Let your success be your noise in the end and SMILE when others refuse to.

Our Comanche family with ever birth and every union our circle grows, our Comanche Nation is a circle of strength every crisis faced together makes the circle stronger....we are Comanche Strong Stronger Together!

Chairman Mark Woommavovah



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The Comanche Nation is requesting proposals from qualified attorneys or law firms experienced in American Indian Law to provide competent, effective, and timely legal representation. Candidates must be licensed with the Oklahoma Bar Association. Please submit a resume and a proposal demonstrating the capacity and capability of the attorney or law firm to perform the work involved.

Must CERTIFY IN WRITING: No suit was brought against the Comanche Nation.

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Questions regarding the RFP may be addressed to the Election Office.

RFP Proposals Due: Thursday, April 14, 2022 by 6:00 PM



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April 20th 2022

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Members of the KCA Land Use Committee Meet with Lawton Public School Superintendent



Courtesy Photo

Lawton Public Schools Superintendent, Kevin Hime, and Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, along with other Tribal leaders, met with the Lawton Public Schools on March 14, to talk about educational goals for Native students.

The Kiowa, Comanche and Apache Intertribal Land Use Committee (KCAILUC) Director, Roman Red Elk, and KCA Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, met with the Lawton Public Schools (LPS) Superintendent, Kevin Hime, and his staff to build partnership (“to create opportunities with the Native community”) with the KCAILUC and our respective tribal school children enrolled in LPS system and support educational programs such as the Title VII (Indian Education) and Johnson O’Malley (JOM). “We are going to

learn from our past and stand together on tribal educational programs in LPS. In the spirit of collaboration, we the KCAILUC are fully poised to offer our resources, knowledge, and skills to LPS administration and practical tools to engage in culturally responsive teaching and learning practices for American Indian and Alaska Native students at LPS. We welcome your reflections, insights and opportunity to work with you to move Indian education forward within LPS.

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- * Foster open and honest communication
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- * Create collaborative goals
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“Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. Comanche Stronger Together,” said Woommavovah .

Election Office Announces 2022 Voting Dates

| Comanche Nation ELECTION OFFICE | |
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| ELECTION CALENDAR DATES | |
| Annual Meeting | April 16, 2022 |
| Last day to request an absentee ballot for the General Election | April 29, 2022 |
| Early In-Person Voting (General Election) | May 13, 2022 |
| General Election | May 14, 2022 |
| Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 pm | May 14, 2022 |
| Last day to request an absentee ballot for the Runoff Election | May 27, 2022 |
| Early In-Person Voting (Runoff Election) | June 10, 2022 |
| Runoff Election | June 11, 2022 |
| Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 pm | June 11, 2022 |

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MCGIRT

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Arizona is made up of 27% Indian Country, while Oklahoma now comprises 43% Indian Country.

“There’s no state making the same arguments Oklahoma is,” Miller said. “Oklahoma’s acting like this is the end of the world. Yes, 43% is a pretty big deal and it’s a shock to the system. I called this case a bombshell and it was a bombshell for the feds, the state and the tribes.”

But Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt has been in conflict with Oklahoma tribes beginning with casino gaming compacts in 2019, a year before the July 2020 McGirt ruling. In 2021, he went toe-to-toe with the tribes over hunting and fishing compact costs and the expiration of gaming compacts.

Stephen Greetham, Chickasaw Nation’s senior counsel, said “there’s no ambiguity left to be reasonably argued,” in the applications of the law.

Greetham said that in his experience working with his team, Stitt only wants to work with the tribes under a framework of rolling back McGirt, “and the tribes aren’t going to do that.”

“Each one of those states (outside Oklahoma) has been dealing with this for quite a long time,” Greetham said. “They have invested, built, and structured their law enforcement systems in order to deal with the law as it is. What Oklahoma is doing, instead of working with the tribes and working with the law as it is, it’s continuing arguments to try to say ‘no, not us, we’re different.’ It doesn’t work that way.”

Oklahoma’s attorney general on Thursday indicated there might be room for dialogue with the state’s tribal nations.

“The Attorney General has had constructive conversations with tribal leaders

and looks forward to more in the future,” the Oklahoma Attorney General office’s communication director Rachel Roberts said. “Our office will continue to endeavor to work with the Indian Nations toward meaningful solutions that benefit all Oklahomans.”

Oklahoma’s position isn’t totally unique, according to Monte Mills, a University of Montana Federal Indian Law professor who said state and local concerns over tribal rights and their impact on non-tribal citizens are often at the core of state-tribal conflicts.

“That’s not to say there haven’t been conflicts

over whether the state exerts authority or taxes certain people within reservation boundaries,” Mills said. “Those have continued, but that basic question about whether the reservations exist hasn’t been an issue here recently like it has in Oklahoma.”

Alexander Skibine, professor at the University of Utah’s S.J. Quinney College of Law, pointed to continued disputes about reservation boundaries for the Ute Tribe.

“Although McGirt is only relevant to Oklahoma in the immediate future, disputes about reservations’ boundaries or disestablishment have

affected a number of states,” Skibine said. “Here in Utah, the state has had a long history in refusing to cooperate fully with federal rulings concerning reservation boundaries.”

Skibine said Utah was refusing to accept Ute reservation boundaries as established by federal courts.

Miller said there also are a number of Supreme Court cases in which Arizona was litigating against the tribes. In 1959 and 1973, the state was involved in suing individual tribal members in state court as well as a case where the state tried to tax a Native woman’s salary who

lived on the Navajo reservation. Arizona, he said, has learned to recognize tribes for what they are: an equal body of government.

“The state (Arizona) recognizes tribal governments as constitutionally recognized governments and you have to deal with them the same as you deal with other states or you deal with a city or a county,” Miller said. “There’s a lot of obligations on the tribes in Oklahoma now that they didn’t have before. Most of them are working very diligently to absorb these new powers. They’re cooperating with the feds, they want to cooperate

with the state. Will the state?”

Nancy Marie Spears, a Gaylord News reporter is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma. Gaylord News is a reporting project of the University of Oklahoma Gaylord College of Journalism and Mass Communication. For more stories from Gaylord News visit GaylordNews.net

✓ Annual Meeting is set for Saturday, April 16, 2022.

✓ Resolutions to be presented at the Annual Meeting are due by Monday, April 11, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

✓ Resolutions can be submitted to the Election Office via email: elections@comanchenation.com, via fax: 580-492-6389, or in person to the Election Office.

✓ Resolutions will be reviewed by the Tribal Attorney and CBC to ensure compliance with the Comanche Nation Constitution.

✓ Approved resolutions will be presented at the Annual Meeting in the order in which they are received.

✓ Resolutions not received by April 11, 2022, can still be reviewed and presented at the Annual Meeting once the other items on the agenda are completed.



COMANCHE NATION ELECTION

2022

Comanche Strong, Stronger Together

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month



Every Child Matters



By Paula Karty/News Staff

April is recognized as National Child Abuse Month (NCAPM). Throughout the year communities are encouraged to increase awareness about child abuse and work together to implement effective strategies to prevent child abuse.

Evidence shows that children's early experiences impact them throughout life - positively or negatively.

Child maltreatment includes all types of abuse and neglect of children under the age of 18 by a parent, caregiver, or another person in a custodial role (clergy, coach, teacher, etc.) that results in harm, potential for harm, or threat of harm to a child. There are four common types of child maltreatment.

- Physical abuse is the use of physical force, such as hitting, kicking, shaking, burning, or other shows of force against a child.
- Sexual abuse involves inducing or coercing a child to engage in sexual acts. It includes behaviors such as fondling, penetration, and exposing a child to other sexual activities.
- Emotional abuse refers to behaviors that harm a child's self-worth or emotional well-being. Examples include name calling, shaming, rejection, withholding love and threatening.
- Neglect is the failure to meet a child's basic physical and emotional needs.

These needs include housing, food, clothing, education, and access to medical care.

Not all children experience abuse or neglect, at least 1 in 7 children have experienced child abuse and/or neglect.

Risk for child abuse and neglect perpetration and victimization is influenced by a number of individual, family, and environmental factors, all of which interact to increase or decrease risk over time and within specific contexts. Risk factors for victimization include child age and special needs that may increase caregiver burden (developmental and intellectual disabilities, mental health issues, and chronic physical illness).

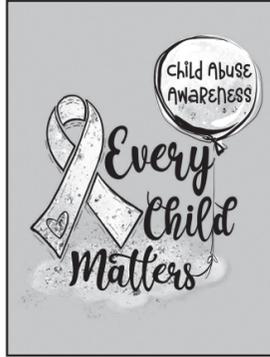
Risk factors for perpetration include young parental age, single parenthood, large number of dependent children, low parental income, parental substance abuse, parental mental health issues, parental history of abuse or neglect, social isolation, family disorganization, parenting stress, intimate partner violence, poor parent-child relationships, community violence, and concentrated neighborhood disadvantage (high poverty and residential instability, high unemployment rates). Although risk factors provide information about who is most at risk for being a victim or a perpetrator of child abuse and neglect, they are not direct causes and cannot predict who will be a victim or a

perpetrator.

The American Indian population has the highest rate of child abuse and neglect.

American Indian children suffer from disproportionately high rates of abuse and neglect, and most are not receiving any treatment for those issues.

A vast majority of American Indian children live in communities with alarming



Courtesy Photo

high rates of poverty, homelessness, drug abuse, alcoholism and suicide. Continual exposure to violence has a devastating impact on child development and can have a lasting impact on basic cognitive, emotional, and neurological functions.

The concept of protecting children and families from various dangers is not new to most Native communities. In fact there have been standards and mechanisms in place, both cultural and societal, for eons that have guided

how Native people addressed safety of children and instructions for adults as to how the behaved with children. These practices have had significant impact on preventing abusive and neglectful behavior from occurring. Some tribal communities have adopted a "Children's Bill of Rights" to moralize their values and beliefs about children and expectations of parents and the community. With contemporary knowledge added to traditional networks and concepts of community responsibility for children, modern teams can develop policies and protocols that can serve the needs of traumatized Native children.

Little is known about the clinical spectrum of Native maltreatment the psychodynamics and effective treatment modalities. Cultural misunderstanding, modernization, poverty, situational stress, poor parenting skills, break-up Native families, alcoholism, handicapped children, and divorce constitutes factors associated with maltreatment.

Child abuse and neglect is associated with negative human, societal, and economic impacts. Children who are abused and neglected may suffer immediate physical injuries (cuts, bruises, burns, broken bones), as well as emotional and psychological problems (posttraumatic stress, anxiety). Child abuse and neglect can also affect broader health outcomes, mental

health, social development, and risk-taking behavior into adolescence and adulthood.

Many child abuse victims are afraid to report the abuse because they are concerned about what will happen to their family or what recourse will be taken out on them by their abusers. Confidentiality is a big concern for the victims. Many of the victims are embarrassed or they believe that they are the blame for what is happening to them.

The oppression suffered by Native Americans has so undermined their culture and ability to parent that child abuse and neglect are frequent problems. Yet the history of oppression often seriously damages the capacity of many Native American parents to accept help from child protective service agencies and staff members.

Certain community and cultural factors affect how Native American parents react to child protection investigations and interventions concerning child abuse and neglect. Native American parents may behave in ways that cause practitioners to view them as uncooperative, unmotivated, resistant, or hard-to-reach. Not all Native American parents abuse or neglect their children. This does not suggest that the Native American parents that are suspected of abusing or neglecting their children are resistant or uncooperative with Child Protection Services (CPS). Native

American parents who react to CPS with extreme aggressiveness, passivity, or avoidance unfortunately results in court action and at times incarceration.

The Indian Child Welfare Act offers a retrospective view for understanding the current internal upheavals in tribal communities and suggests a viable solution based on the full exercise of tribal sovereignty and the commitment of internal tribal resources, both financial and cultural, to attain the ultimate goal of preserving Indian families and communities.

Indian Child Welfare Act
The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 is a Federal law that governs the removal and out-of-home placement of American Indian children. The law was enacted after the Federal Government recognized that American Indian children were being removed from their homes and communities at a much larger rate than non-Native children. The law established Federal standards of the removal and placement of Native children as well as with termination of parental rights to protect the best interest of Native American children and keep them connected to their families and tribe.

Native Americans consider children as special gifts from God and look at them as the future of the tribe.

COMANCHE NATION HIGHER EDUCATION

GRADUATION BANQUET

2022

SAVE THE DATE

June 4, 2022 6:00 p.m.

COMANCHE NATION GRASSHOPPER PROGRAM

ATTENTION NEW APPLICANTS

The 2022 Grasshopper Program season is here to provide lawn mowing services to our Comanche Elders (62 and above) or 100% disabled tribal members that reside in Comanche, Caddo, Tillman, and Cotton Counties. (If you're already in the program you do not need to reapply again!)

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

In order to be eligible for services, applicants must be an enrolled Comanche Nation tribal member and:

- Elder must be head of household.
- Reside in the home for which the lawn mowing services are being requested.
- Be 62 years of age or older.
- 100% permanently disabled, if under the age of 62 with documents of proof.

HOW TO APPLY

Complete a Comanche Nation Grasshopper Program application via online at www.comanchenation.com. Provide a copy of following documentation:

- Picture ID (Driver's License, State ID, etc.)
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB card or tribal enrollment card)
- Proof of Residency (utility bill, rent receipt, lease agreement, deed to house, etc.)

We require a physical address not a P.O. Box!

- Proof of 100% Disability, if under the age of 62 (legal documentation)

INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

Comanche Nation Grasshopper Program
584 NW Bingo Rd, Lawton, OK 73507
Phone: 580-919-9105
Marshall Nieto, Supervisor

Congratulations GRADUATES

Please submit senior/graduation photograph by

MAY 1, 2022

highered@comanchenation.com

ATTENTION COMANCHE TRIBAL MEMBERS:

The Comanche Nation Student Services K-12 Program is requesting Comanche enrolled high school seniors to verify their mailing address no later than **Friday, April 22, 2022**. The Graduation Banquet invitations will be mailed the first week of May 2022.

Please call the Student Services program office at (580) 492-3280 to verify mailing address and for further information.

Programs

Gravel Tinhorn Schedule

Please turn Applications in 30 days prior to being in your area. Thank you.

- February 1 – February 28 Taking Applications due for Elgin
- March 1 – March 31 Taking Application due for Anadarko, Carnegie and Ft. Cobb
- April 1 -April 30 Taking Application due for Cache
- May 1 – May 31 Taking Application for Snyder - Indian Area
- June 1 – June 30 Taking Applications for Chattanooga, Faxon, and Grandfield Area
- July 1 – July 31 Taking Applications for Geronimo, Temple, and Walters Area

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

All New Applicants Must provide all documents before application is complete Thank you!

- If there are any changes in the contact number please call the office and update phone number.
- Must provide Proof of Comanche Nation CDIB
- Must provide copy of Utility bill to show proof of residence (name included on bill).
- Must NOT benefit a business or NON – Comanche Tribal Member (rental homes)
- Must reside in the Comanche Nation Jurisdiction boundaries of the Service Areas.
- Applicant shall be responsible for maintaining the driveway after improvements are made.

For more information on Gravel qualifications and how to apply call (580) 492-3308 or Email: Gravel Tinhorn@comanchenation.com Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Child Support Program Lists Court Docket

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court:

- Donald Bread Jr.: CNC-SP-21-40; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support
- Elizabeth Ruiz: CNC-SP-21-40; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support
- Mark Cochran: CNC-SP-22-02; Petition to Accept Transfer
- Carla Whiteman: CNC-SP-11-14; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Russell Cozad Sr.: CNC-SP-11-14; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Airk Goodin: CNC-SP-22-01; Petition to Accept Transfer
- Sterling Stonecalf: CNC-SP-11-12; Motion to Determine Support Arrears and Reduce to Judgment

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ALL CNCSP HEARINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON AT THE COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COURT.

Job Placement and Training Student of the Month

Joaquin “Keeno” Gallegos, is a full-time adult student at Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center in Fort Cobb, Oklahoma.

Gallegos has excelled in the Digital Imaging



Courtesy Photo

Gallegos

& Printing program. He has spent the last three years earning industry certification as a Graphic Arts & Design Production Technician, 3D Animation Designer, as well as his current course of study as a Video Production and Digital Media Web Specialist.

Outside of his educational accomplishments, Gallegos has utilized his acquired skills and artistic talents to launch his own business and clothing line at www.Braid-Gxng.com specializing in Indigenous Streetwear Fashion.

Gallegos looks forward to expanding his brand into all facets of media, including the film industry highlighting indigenous stories and narratives.

Higher Education Student of the Month



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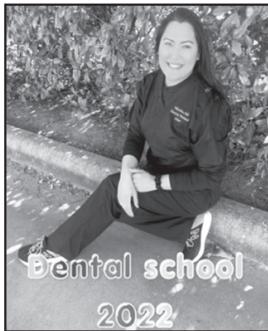
Martinez

Stephan Martinez, is a graduate student at Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma. He is pursuing a Master

of Science in Behavioral Science.

Martinez wants to become a Licensed Practical Counselor (LPC). Martinez will graduate in May 2023.

Adult Education Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

French

Stephenie French, is the daughter of Sandra Caddo and the granddaughter of Jimmy Ray Caddo. French currently resides in Snyder, Oklahoma. She is a single mother with five beautiful children.

French recently attended Wichita Falls Dental School and graduated on February 26. She is currently registering for her permit in Oklahoma as a certified Dental Assistant.

She plans to take her Radiology exam at Cameron University.

Higher Education Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Rosier

Tiyah Rosier, is from Gilbert, Arizona. She

is the great granddaughter of Marie Tiyah Carr and Stanford Saupitty and the granddaughter of Alyson Neirkirk. Her parents are Ron and Kate Rosier.

Rosier is a freshman attending Yale University in New Haven, Connecticut. She is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth and Planetary Science.

She enjoys science and math and wants to learn more about energy, water, and climate change issues. These issues are extremely important for our planet, our country, and our tribal communities.

Rosier wants to be a leader in creating solutions for future generations.

Adult Education Student of the Month

Lindsey Red Elk, is from Cache, Oklahoma. She is a mother to two wonderful little boys.

Helping others and gaining medical knowledge



Courtesy Photo

Red Elk

are her professional passions. She is currently a licensed Certified Nursing Assistant and Phlebotomy Technician, and is currently certified in Basic Life Support.

Red Elk's overall goal is to become a Registered Nurse.

Comanche Nation Higher Education Dorothy Lorentino Scholarship 2022




**Deadline May 27th, 2022
Announcement June 4th, 2022**

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COMANCHE NATION WORKFORCE: SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM




Applications available for the summer of 2022:
April 4th thru May 6th
Ages: 14 – 24 years old

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

- Application Deadline will be Friday, May 6th, 2022.
- All applications will be processed on a first come, first serve basis.
- No more than two (2) youth from same household when applying.
- Tribal Administration COVID-19 Policy & Procedures will be followed during this program.
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted nor held.

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




Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

April Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

| April 2022 | | | | | | |
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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | | | | | 1 Frederick 1st Day | 2 |
| 3 | 4 Frederick 2nd Day | 5 Walters 1st Day | 6 Walters 2nd Day | 7 Cache 1st Day | 8 TRUCK DAY | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Cache 2nd Day | 12 Cache 3rd Day | 13 Cache 4th Day | 14 Lawton 1st Day | 15 CLOSED Good Friday | 16 |
| 17 <i>Happy Easter</i> | 18 Lawton 2nd Day | 19 Lawton 3rd Day | 20 Lawton 4th Day | 21 Lawton 5th Day | 22 Make-Up Day | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Make-Up Day | 26 Make-Up Day | 27 Inventory | 28 Inventory | 29 Inventory | 30 |

Chicken Bacon Ranch Casserole

Ingredients

- 1 Package (16 ounces) uncooked spiral pasta
- 1 1/2 Cups 2% milk
- 1/2 Cup ranch salad dressing
- 1 Envelope ranch salad dressing mix
- 1 Package (8 ounces) cream cheese, cubed
- 2 Cups cubed cooked chicken
- 8 Bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- 2 Cups shredded Colby cheese, divided
- Sliced green onions, optional

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400*. Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and transfer to a large bowl.
2. In the same pan, combine milk, ranch salad dressing and salad dressing mix until smooth. Stir in cream cheese. Cook and stir over medium heat until cream cheese is melted; pour over pasta. Stir in chicken, bacon and 1 cup cheddar cheese. Transfer to a greased 13 x 9-in. baking dish. Top with remaining 1 cup cheese. Bake, uncovered, until heated through and cheese is melted, 15-20 minutes. If desired, sprinkle with green onions.

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| Grass | Pia |
| Rain | Matokoo |
| | Taba |

WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE COOKING!

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

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Outgoing Comanche Princesses Address the Nation in Exit Letters



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Hello everyone!
My name is Angelina Steinmeyer, and I am your 2020-2022 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess. I am 18-years-old and I am a freshman at the University of Oklahoma, where I am obtaining a bachelor's of science in Human Health and Biology.

Serving as the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess for the last two years has been one of the most incredible experiences I've ever been gifted the honor of doing. Since initially being elected, I have been able to learn so much about what it truly means to be a representative for my Nation. I would like to say 'thank you' to all of those that have encouraged me throughout my reign, and especially, I would like to thank God for giving me and my family the strength and protection during the pandemic. We, as a Nation, have lost so many of our elders, and I would like to send my complete condolences to those that lost relatives during the COVID-19 epidemic. I would like to encourage everyone to continue wearing masks and receive their booster shot vaccines to continue the downward curve of cases we are currently seeing.

To my Princess Director, JJ, I want to thank you for continuously being patient with me throughout my reign, and my senior princess, Rita, for always being there for me. You are truly like a sister to me, and I will forever appreciate you for teaching me the things you've learned while being a title holder. To my family, thank you all so much for being there for me and for the never-ending support and love you've shown me over these last two years. To the incoming 2022 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, I would like to extend the invitation to contact me at any time if you need advice, or assistance, or support throughout your reign. To the incoming Senior Princess, Michelle, I am so excited for you to experience this incredible title. So many wonderful things have come out of this title for me, and I hope you have an amazing time serving our Nation as princess. Congratulations to both you girls, you are both going to do amazing as representatives.

Thank you all so much for supporting me through the hardships we've all experienced these last two years due to the pandemic and I hope you all stay safe and healthy.

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Angelina Steinmeyer

Hello everyone,

My name is Rita Florence Monoessy. I am the daughter of Larry and Melinda Monoessy and the granddaughter of Neal Monoessy, Collette Dupoint, and the late Lisa Longhat and the great granddaughter of the late Rita Wauhadooah Mountain and the late Carl and Patsy Wockmetooah Tahah and the late Elrod "Crutch" Monoessy and Barbara Ahhaitty Monoessy.

I am the current Comanche Nation Princess, and as my title come to an end, I would just like to say "thank you" everyone from the bottom of my heart that has supported me throughout my title, and to the one who gave me words of encouragement throughout my title as the 2018-2020 Comanche Nation Junior Princess, and the 2020-2022 Comanche Nation Princess. I am very honored to have represented my family and myself from when I come from, and would like to say Congratulations to Michelle as the new Comanche Nation Princess. I wish the best to you and your family and hope you have as much fun as I did.

Thank you, Comanche Nation, and people, for having me as your princess for the last four years.

Thank you,
Rita Monoessy



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COMANCHE NATION 2022 PRINCESSES HONOR POWWOW

SPECIAL GUEST
OUTGOING
2021 COMANCHE NATION
PRINCESS
RITA MONOESSY

SPECIAL GUEST
OUTGOING
2021 JUNIOR COMANCHE
NATION PRINCESS
ANGELINA STEINMEYER

2 P.M. - 9 P.M. APRIL 17, 2022

WATCHETAKER HALL- COMANCHE COMPLEX

2022 COMANCHE NATION PRINCESS
MICHELLE NEVAQUAYA

2022 JR. COMANCHE NATION PRINCESS
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AD - LARNEY SILVERHORN AND TJ PARKER
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SECURITY - BROOKLYN NAUNI
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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

2 P.M. GOURD DANCE
5 P.M. SUPPER
6 P.M. GRAND ENTRY

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The Adversity Behind Building Tribal Housing

By Nora Sovo/Comanche Nation Housing Authority

The percentage of homeownership among indigenous nations is among some of the lowest in the country. Currently, only about 50 percent of Native Americans are homeowners, significantly lower than the national average for non-Hispanic Americans. While this number has seen subtle growth over recent years, the adversity surrounding the construction of affordable tribal housing persists.

Native American communities and their economies depend on safe and affordable housing to thrive, yet they face some of the toughest housing and living conditions in the country. Indigenous nations across the U.S. have long faced property and housing disposessions due to a lack of resources and federal land management policies. These challenges continue with the

current federal funding programs because the funds are limited and the programs are competitive amongst the tribes.

Dating back to 1998, tribes exchanged federal housing programs for the Indian Housing Block Grant Program. This initiative's funding level has remained the same for the past 20 years with no adjustments for inflation or tribal population growth. There are currently 574 federal and state recognized tribes that are eligible to compete for these funding programs and less than one-third are awarded grants.

Additional funding programs have been introduced to address the challenges that arose from COVID-19, including the American Rescue Plan (ARP). This program provided selected tribes with a



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one-time federal grant to assist with housing and living concerns.

Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) was among those who received this funding through the support of the Comanche Business Committee, which was integral in the creation of CNHA and its programs. In 2021, funding from the ARP,

combined with other federal grant funds, directly supported the purchase of 15 homes for low-income members of the Comanche Nation. While this is a step in the right direction, CNHA's lease-to-own program has nearly 100 families currently on the waiting list.

In addition to restricted resources and federal funding, the red tape surrounding

the process of building on individually owned trust properties impacts the ability for tribal assistance organizations like CNHA to produce affordable housing.

"CNHA is frequently asked if we can build on individually owned property," said Russell Sossamon, executive director of CNHA. "While we certainly can, we tend to run into issues with the loan process since we operate through a lease-to-own program."

When CNHA builds a home on the renter's own land, the residents are responsible for paying the lease in full before the lease agreement expires. But if the tenant defaults on the loan, CNHA must lease the house to another resident. Unfortunately, since CNHA does not own the land, the new residents would not be able to reap the benefits

of the lease-to-own program and keep the house.

After decades, CNHA and tribal organizations alike continue to face similar hardships to build safe and affordable housing for tribal members, but their efforts remain strong. Specifically, CNHA's numerous assistance programs stride towards making affordable housing more accessible while bringing attention to this dire need within the community.

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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

Honors and Presentations

During the February monthly meeting, CIVA honored and conducted a presentation to Comanche Nation Veteran, Patrick Craig. He was previously honored by CIVA but unfortunately his house and personal belongings were lost in a house fire. CIVA without hesitation reissued his military biography and award plaque, Comanche Nation Pendleton blanket, CIVA jacket and a gift bag. Below is Craig's military biography as you will see, he is only one of a few Comanches who served in the U.S. Army Special Forces.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko reading Patrick Craig award plaque.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess (Not Pictured) issued a Comanche Nation Pendleton blanket to Craig along with CIVA Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Toralba presenting a gift bag.

Patrick N. Craig, SSG USA, 1984-90, conducted his Basic Training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. and his Advanced Individual Training (AIT), as a Combat Medic, at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, completed Airborne School and began his Special Forces training at Ft. Benning, Ga., completed his Special Forces training at the JFK Special Warfare School in Washington, D.C. and was assigned to the 3rd Special Forces Group at Ft. Bragg, N.C., was an Instructor in Special Weapons and Demolition at Camp McCall, N.C., missions included Grenada and Kosovo, made between 150-200 jumps, awards include the Army Commendation (5), Army Achievement (4), Good Conduct, National Defense Service and United Nations Medals, Army Service and NCO Professional Development Ribbons, Airborne and Special Forces Tabs, Parachutists, Air Assault and Expert Field Medic Badges.

CIVA and the CIVA Auxiliary would like to thank Craig for his service to God and Country.

Gift Presentation

A gift presentation was conducted by Aurilla Craig, who is one of a few the CIVA's oldest and faithful member of the CIVA Auxiliary.

Craig along with Yoneva Sapcut, presented a CIVA Banner to the CIVA. The CIVA banner presented is one of the original banners used by CIVA as officially chartered on August 18, 1976.

CIVA thanks Craig for the historical banner and her dedicated 30 plus years of faithful service in honoring our Comanche Veterans and to the CIVA Auxiliary.



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Dedicated and faithful CIVA Auxiliary member, Aurilla Craig presenting the CIVA Banner.

CIVA Funeral Details

Donald Lee Quiver

On a cold clear day, February 22, CIVA at the request of Ray and Martha's Funeral Home in Anadarko, Oklahoma, was asked to assist the funeral detail for U.S. Navy Veteran, Caddo Tribal member, Donald Lee Quiver.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members of the CIVA. The U.S., Oklahoma, U.S. Navy and the CIVA flags were displayed at Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko Oklahoma.

A prayer was given to the Quiver family by a CIVA Veteran. CIVA also assisted by playing taps prior to his flag being folded by the U.S. Navy Funeral Detail. Following the burial, family members thanked CIVA for providing honors to their loved one.



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CIVA Members present: Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko; Vice Commander, John McClung, Sergeant at Arms, Clifford Red Elk; Clifford Takawana; Roger Tehauno and CIVA Auxiliary member Linda Tehauno.



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CIVA Sgt. Of Arms, Clifford Red Elk preparing to play taps.



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Officers's and Veterans of CIVA.

Jeffery Tiddark Saupitty McClung



Courtesy Photo

McClung

A funeral and memorial service was conducted at the Indianoma Auditorium in Indianoma, Oklahoma on March 14, with burial at the Post Oak Cemetery also located in Indianoma, Oklahoma.

Jeffery Tiddark Saupitty McClung was born on September 25, 1988. He served in the United States Marine Corps Reserve earning the rank, Private First Class.

His awards include the National Defense Medal. McClung enlisted in 2008 and completed his Boot Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot, San Diego, Cali., and Individual Training

Regiment at Camp Pendleton, Cali. Served Recruiter Support Duty at the United States Marine Corp Recruiting Station in Lawton, Oklahoma, and shortly afterwards he reported to the Armed Forces Reserve Center in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, where he was assigned to the 4th Marine Division, Anti-Tank Company.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Marine Corp and the CIVA flags were displayed in the auditorium. His military bio was read, a roll call was conducted as well as a final salute.

At the Post Oak Cemetery, honors were conducted by CIVA as they presented and folded his flag. The Comanche Nation Police Firing Squad was present and fired a round volleys as Taps was played. His flag and Comanche Nation flag was presented to his son and daughter. Once a Marine is always a Marine, Semper Fi brother.



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CIVA Vice Commander, John McClung, reading his brother Jeffery Tiddark Saupitty McClung obituary.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, reading Jeffery Tiddark Saupitty McClung military service in the U.S. Marine Reserves.



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CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, conducting final roll call, pictured are CIVA Vice Commander, John McClung, Clifford Takawana, George RedElk, CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski, CIVA Sgt. Of Arms, Clifford Red Elk and Ramonah Davis.



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Graveside honors at Post Oak Cemetery in Indianoma Oklahoma. Pictured are Sgt. Of Arms, Clifford Red Elk, George RedElk holding the U.S. Flag, Roger Tehauno holding the Comanche Nation Flag, CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski holding the U.S. Marine Flag, Clifford Takawana, Romonah Davis, CIVA Vice Commander, John McClung. CIVA Auxiliary present were Lisa Pawlowski, Nona Gail Mihecobey, Shirley Pohawpatchoko and Elizabeth Plata.



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Comanche Nation Police Firing Squad



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CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, presenting the flag of Jeffery Tiddark Saupitty McClung to his son.



Courtesy Photo

Clifford Takawana, presenting the Comanche Nation flag to Jeffery Tiddark Saupitty McClung daughter.

Remembering Operation Praying Mantis

The 2nd Largest Naval Battle in History since WWII

As April approaches, U.S. Navy Veteran recalls a historical event which occurred 34 years ago, on April 18, 1988. Kevin Pohawpatchoko, then a Third-Class Petty Officer was assigned to the Navigation Department on United States Ship (USS) Bagley FF-1069 stationed in San Diego, Cali.

The USS Bagley, was on deployment and just exited the Persian Gulf and traveling to a much-needed liberty port in Mombasa, Kenya. The crew on the USS Bagley FF-1069 spent majority of their deployment in the Persian Gulf. Pohawpatchoko recalls shortly after midnight while on watch, his Commanding Officer, Commander, Keith Bersticker ordered the ship to turn around as they were heading back to the Persian Gulf.

During a briefing, the crew discovered the USS Samuel B. Roberts FFG-58 was severely damaged by an Iranian mine.

At 6 a.m., in the morning, the USS Bagley's Commander Officer spoke to the crew as they were heading to rendezvous with the aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, on the events that occurred and to prepare for combat.

Pohawpatchoko, had written a last-minute letter to his mother, the late Velma (Aputy) Pohawpatchoko and placed the letter in the ships Post Office as outgoing mail was being delivered to United States Naval Ship (USNS) San Jose AFS-7 a combat stores and supply ship.

The next day, USS Bagley, was on station with the USS Enterprise, just outside the Persian Gulf as Pohawpatchoko, finished his breakfast, he went to the navigation room and was briefed by a fellow Quartermaster. Pohawpatchoko, noticed several bleeps on the navigation radar and walked out on to the bridgewing. There Pohawpatchoko saw the following ships, USS Reasoner, USS Merrill, USS Lynde McCormick, USS Trenton, USS Truxtun, USS Simpson, USS Wainwright and USS Jack Williams, USS O'Brien, USS Strauss and the USS Cornado.

At 8 a.m., the Commanding Officer was flown by our helicopter to the USS Enterprise where a meeting was being held with the Commander, Joint Task Force Middle East and the USS Enterprise Battle Group Commander.

When USS Bagley's Commanding Officer returned, an announcement was made over the intercom. All personnel who are not on watch are to meet with the Commanding Officer on the flight deck. Of course, Pohawpatchoko was on

watch, as he was later told by his Leading Chief Petty Officer, USS Bagley will be teaming up with USS Wainwright and the USS Simpson to form Surface Action Group "Charlie." Their mission was to destroy the Sirri Oil Platform and to search and destroy any Iranian warships that wish to engage them.

While outside the Persian Gulf their guns, missiles and weapons were being checked and tested as well as their 5 inch forward mounted gun. Pohawpatchoko, along with other shipmates in the Navigation Division began checking their battle gear and went over their check list for Battle Stations.

During General Quarters, Pohawpatchoko's Battle Station was on the port (left) bridgewing to serve as spotter and give damage assessment to the Commanding Officer and to the Officer of the Deck. Once Pohawpatchoko completed checking their battle gear, it was time to rest and relax until going back on watch at 8 p.m.

At 8 p.m., Pohawpatchoko, returned back on watch and reviewed his pass down log and orders and saw written, General Quarters will be announced at 6 a.m., as well as Flight Quarters to launch their SH2 Sea Sprite helicopter. Pohawpatchoko got off from watch after midnight and attempted to get some sleep with no avail. Pohawpatchoko had to force myself to sleep as he was unsure what the next day will bring.

At 6 a.m., General Quarters (Battle Stations) was announced as their helicopter was launched as the USS Bagley raced back into the Persian Gulf and met up with USS Wainwright and USS Simpson to form Surface Action Group "Charlie" SAG "C."

At 7:30 a.m., the Siri Oil Platform was ordered to evacuate. At 8:05 a.m., they opened fire with their 5 inch forward mounted gun. Pohawpatchoko, called out to the Officer of the Deck when he saw their rounds were a little short and to the right. The Gunnery crew and the Fire Control Radar operator overheard his call and Pohawpatchoko was told to spot the next five rounds. When the gun fired again, Pohawpatchoko saw the rounds hit the oil platform when Pohawpatchoko yelled, "direct hit" "I repeat, direct hit." After a dozen or so rounds were fired, their 5-inch gun suffered a major causality and was unable to fire any more rounds. This is when Pohawpatchoko overheard a call saying, two enemy aircraft inbound, two enemy aircraft inbound. Pohawpatchoko looked up and saw two vapor trails coming towards them from a distance. Missiles were launched from the USS Wainwright and USS Simpson towards the two enemy aircraft as the enemy aircraft vapor trails began turning away from them.

Their ships began making aggressive turns to the left and to the right when Pohawpatchoko and lookouts from the Signal Bridge witnessed a big splash in the water. Chaff was launched as it was later discovered a silkworm missile or similar to a harpoon missile was fired at SAG "C" from an Iranian Warship, Joshan.

The Joshan was spotted by radar and ordered to abandon ship. After the radio announcement, Joshan fired upon SAG "C" again. Their 5 inch forward mounted gun was repaired as it fired repeatedly at Joshan. A harpoon missile was launched from USS Bagley as it scored a direct hit and split Joshan in two.

At 10:30 a.m., after the engagement on the Siri Oil Platform and Joshan, USS Bagley began searching for an Iranian Amphibious ship and other Iranian warships until being called off.

USS Bagley, USS Wainwright and USS Simpson were awarded the Joint Meritorious Unit Award and the Combat Action Rib

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The five inch forward gun mount after the engagement was called "Lefty" by the Gunners mates. Further articles on Operation Praying Mantis can be found in Wikipedia, U.S. Naval Institute, U.S. Naval History and Heritage Command.



Courtesy Photo

Kevin Pohawpatchoko in battle-dress in the Persian Gulf



Courtesy Photo

USS Bagley FF-1069 returning back to Naval Station, San Diego Cali., after deployment.



Courtesy Photo

USS Bagley five-inch gun named "Lefty"



Courtesy Photo

Sirri Oil Platform ablaze with the USS O'Brien in the background.



Courtesy Photo

Iranian warship destroyed.



Courtesy Photo

Operation Praying Mantis cover photograph.



Courtesy Photo

USS Bagley's Harpoon missile being launched toward the Iranian Warship.



Courtesy Photo

USS Enterprise Battlegroup



Courtesy Photo

USS Bagley's ships patch

Comanche Military Service-As of March 15, there are 1,291 Comanche served in our Armed Forces.



Courtesy Photo

681 Comanches served in the U.S. Army, Army National Guard, Army Reserve, Women Army Auxiliary Corp, Woman's Army Corps.



Courtesy Photo

United States Army Seal



Courtesy Photo

Army National Guard Seal

149 Comanches served in the U.S. Marine Corps, Marine Corp Reserve and the Woman Marine Corps.



Courtesy Photo

United States Marine Corps Seal

228 Comanche served in the U.S. Navy, Navy Reserves, WAVES (Women Accepted Volunteer Emergency Service.)



Courtesy Photo

United States Navy Seal



Courtesy Photo

United States Navy WAVES

171 Comanches served in the U.S. Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Army Air Force and the Women's Air Force.



Courtesy Photo

United States Air Force Reserve Command Seal



Courtesy Photo

United States Air National Guard Seal

Five Comanches served in the U.S. Coast Guard.



Courtesy Photo

United States Air Force Seal



Courtesy Photo

United States Coast Guard Seal

**DIVORCE?
WRITS?
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ATTESTATIONS?
Notary Services
Tax Return Preparation**

Packets/citations typed and prepared for Native Americans for issuance through BIA Court of Indian Offenses. (Additional BIA filing fees due at time of documentation)

REASONABLE PREP FEES

Contact: Jewell Laurenzana Tieyah
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Bricolage Behavioral Health

Tribal member establishes business to help children and adolescents

By Paula Karty /News Staff

Outpatient behavioral health facility that specifically caters to the mental health needs of children and adolescents, ages 7 -18.

The Bricolage Behavioral Health is a business owned by tribal member, Kelly Mayer.

Mayer, the Chief Operating Officer, was asked several questions and her response are as follows:

1. **What made you want to get into the field of behavioral health?** *I actually got into mental health on accident. As a typical college student, I was wanting to make as much money as possible by doing as little as possible and applied to be a receptionist for a boutique doctor's office. "Psychiatry" was a totally foreign concept to me but I immediately became intrigued by the opportunity to help destigmatize people taking care of their brains- it's so vital!*
2. **Why Children and adolescents?** *I've had the privilege of working in upscale adult settings my entire career and wanted to bring that experience to children and adolescents. There is a need for quality healthcare in general, but especially in mental health and for the kiddos. The sooner anyone can safely face life's challenges, the better!*
3. **What kind of training must**



Courtesy Photo

Tribal member, Kelly Mayer, Chief Operating Officer, of Bricolage Behavioral Health

you have to in this line of work? *Depending on the role you would like to be in, NONE! With our organization, we have the highest standards when it comes to clinicals care- so, our clinical are fully licensed with designated specialties to ensure that the Bricolures are receiving unparalleled care. Others, like myself, are in more creative*

roles where all you need is a true passion for helping others and inspiring growth.

4. **If a tribal member was interested in this line of work, what advise would you give them?** *Mental health can be a challenging field for anyone to enter. Do it with an open mind and authentic heart, and the possibilities are endless. It truly is*



Courtesy Photo

Front lobby and reception area of Bricolage Behavioral Health

a rewarding experience to be a positive part of another person's journey, especially of those who have faced so much adversity at such a young age.

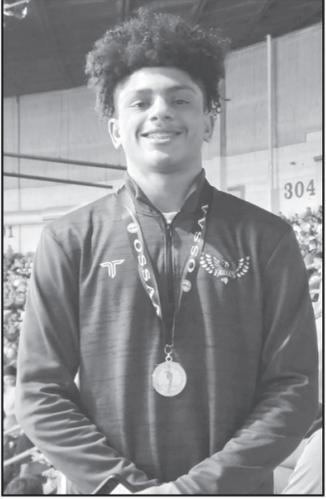
5. **Is there anything else you would like to be featured in the article that you would like for the tribe and our readers to know about you or your business?** *You are not alone and it's*

okay to ask for help. You've got this!

Mayer's business is located at: Bricolage Behavioral Health, 3204 Long Praire Road, Suite A, Flower Mound, Texas, 75022.

People, Places & Things Happening

Congratulations to Crawford, State Runner-Up for 2022 Wrestling Champions



Courtesy Photo

Crawford

Comanche Tribal member, Logan Crawford, is a 5-A State Runner-Up in the 2022 State High School Wrestling Championships.

Congratulations to Roberts and the Tahdoohnippah Brother's for Placing During the 44th Annual Wrestling Championship



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above left; Zayden Roberts, finished 2nd place (runner-up) at the 44th Annual Oklahoma Kid's Wrestling Association State Championships. Roberts, wrestled at the 100 lbs. 15U division and wrestles for Elgin Wrestling. Pictured above right; Tahdoohnippah brother's win the State Championships, during the 44th Annual Oklahoma Kid's Wrestling Association State Championships. Talon Tahdoohnippah, placed 1st at 100 lbs. 12U division. River Tahdoohnippah, placed first, competed at 43 lbs. 8U division. This is River's second state title. Both Tahdoohnippah brother's wrestle for Elgin Wrestling.

StrongHearts Native Helpline Observes Five-Year Anniversary with more than 20,000 Calls

This month StrongHearts Native Helpline observes five years of successful operation. More than 20,000 calls have been received since the organization's launch in 2017. Significant organization milestones over the past five years include:

- An increase in operating hours to 24/7/365
 - Launch of a new website
 - Addition of sexual violence advocacy, chat and text advocacy
 - Opening of a branch office in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan (in addition to the national headquarters in Eagan, Minnesota)
 - Launch of the Michigan Enhancement Project to expand that state's existing domestic and sexual violence advocacy services to support tribal programs and their contacts (a partnership with the Division of Victim Services at Michigan's Department of Health and Human Services, which also provided the funding)
 - In October 2021, StrongHearts became an independent, national Native non-profit 501(c)3 organization with its own board of directors
- "In 2021, StrongHearts Native Helpline continued its commit-

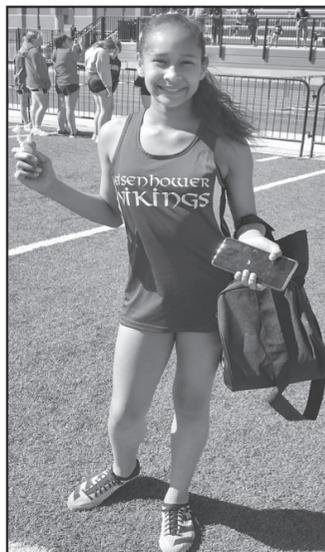
ment to provide culturally-appropriate advocacy despite the continuing Covid-19 pandemic — it is through the resilience of our ancestors and our own experience with hardships that we were able to stay the course," said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians) director, Strong-Hearts Native Helpline. "With tenacity, we will continue our mission to restore power to Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic, dating and sexual violence by providing a system of safety, sovereignty and support in 2022 and beyond."

Biden Administration Announces Nomination for Indian Health Service Director

The Biden Administration announced the nomination of Roselyn Tso (Navajo Nation) to serve as Director for the Indian Health Service (IHS). The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is pleased that the Biden-Harris Administration is taking steps to fill the IHS Director position, which is essential to fulfilling the federal government's trust responsibility to Tribal Nations. We look forward to engaging with the candidate during the process and working with the Administration to ensure IHS is fully prepared to meet the needs of Indian Country.

A citizen of the Navajo Nation, Roselyn Tso is currently the Director of the Navajo Area of IHS, and previously held the position of Director of the Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes at IHS. Tso began working for IHS in 1984, and prior to working with the Navajo Area, she spent years working in the Portland Area, which included roles such as the Portland Area Planning and Statistical Officer, Equal Employment Officer, Special Assistant to the Area Director, and as Director of the Office of Tribal and Service Unit Operations. As Director for Tribal and Service Unit Operations, she was responsible for implementing the Indian Self-Determination and Education Act, working directly with tribes and direct service tribes.

Baker Placed Two Times During Elgin Owls Classic Track Meet



Courtesy Photo

Baker

Congratulations to Comanche Tribal member, Amara Baker, is in the seventh grade at Eisenhower Middle School, located in Lawton, Okla. Baker, placed first in the 100 hurdles and second in the 300 hurdles at the Elgin Owls Classic on March 3rd.

Vietnam War Commemoration Honoring Service Valor Sacrifice

The Kiowa-Comanche-Apache Indian Veterans Organization would like to invite all, to Honor the Vietnam War Veterans, to include the Surviving Spouses. The event will be on March 29 at 1:30 p.m., located at the new Lawton Farmers

Market, 77 SW 4th Street, in Lawton, Okla. Every Vietnam Warrior will be recognized and Surviving Spouses will receive honors on behalf of the Organization.

For more information please contact: Kristopher Killfirst (580) 699-0896 or email: kk114a@yahoo.com.

Furr Places First In the Oklahoma Youth Dart Tournament



Courtesy Photo

Furr

Congratulations to Comanche Tribal member, Rylen Furr, for placing 1st place in the State of Oklahoma Youth Dart Tournament located in Shawnee, Okla., on March 16.

DeBartolo is a Tribal and Multicultural Liaison for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse



Courtesy Photo

DeBartolo

Comanche Tribal member, Josh DeBartolo, officially started his new role as the Tribal & Multicultural Liaison for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services. The new role will include being the point-of-contact for all Oklahoma Tribal Nations in relation to mental health and substance use disorder treatment. This is a new position for ODMH-SAS incorporating both tribal and multicultural aspects together in a single role focusing on inclusion and diversity.

DeBartolo was born and raised in Lawton, Okla. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he received both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Human Relations. In his personal time is actively engaged in his local Native American community.

DeBartolo started working for the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in April 2016. Different positions that he has help include being a Behavioral Health Case Manager, Housing Navigator Trainer, Assisted Outpatient Treatment Program Manager, and now current role as Tribal & Multicultural Liaison. He comes from a family of Native American artists, and is also a self-taught beadwork artist. He is currently the National Chairman of Sigma Nu Alpha Gamma Incorporated, the only Oklahoma based Native American Fraternity.

Love Set a State Record in Snatch



Courtesy Photo

Love

Congratulations to Tribal member, Julian Love, who competed in the 2022 Oklahoma Open at Koda CrossFit in Norman, Okla. Love set a State record in snatch. Love, is now qualified for Nationals in Las Vegas, NV.

Comanche War Dance Society Powwow

On May 14, The Comanche War Dance Society would like to invite all Tail Dance organizations to the Watchetaker Hall, located at the Comanche Nation Headquarters from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m. for Tail Dancing. The organization encourages everyone to follow Safety Social Distance Protocols: face coverings and hand sanitation. Absolutely No video or Photography will be allowed. In case of Complex closure the event will be moved to the Apache Fair Grounds, located in Apache, Okla.

For more information please contact: Tennyson Kerchee at (580) 678-1196 or Billy Komahcheet at (580) 956-9727.

Handgame Tournament for MaryElla Wermey's 13 Birthday

A handgame tournament will be held April 3, for MaryElla Wermey's 13th Birthday celebration. The event will be at the Watchetaker Hall located, at the Comanche Nation Headquarters. The event is sponsored by her family, parents, grandma's and Nana. The event times are listed below:

- Light Lunch - 1 p.m.
- Registration - 1-1:45 p.m.
- Drawing - 1:45 p.m.
- Game Time - 2 p.m.

There will be a Entry Fee of \$75, and there is no age limit for the event.

Team Comanche Spur Won Third Place in Handgame Tournament



Courtesy Photo

The Apache tribe sponsored a Handgame tournament on March 20, at their tribal complex grounds. There were 17 teams. First place was Kiowa kickers and Second place was Red thunder and Third place was Comanche Spur. Comanche Spurs teammates are as follows: Edmund Tate, Gary Chasenah Sr., Davien Black, Mary, Linda, Sierra, Unsee Chasenah and Sweet Laurezana.



2022 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess & 2022-2025 Comanche Nation Princess Director

Voting

8 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 8, 2022
8 a.m. - 5 p.m. April 9, 2022
Comanche Nation Complex
Watchetaker Hall

Bring CDIB or State ID to Vote

The Jr. Comanche Nation Princess and Comanche Princess Director will be announced live on the Comanche Nation PIO Facebook Page, The Comanche Nation News The Princesses will be crowned 11 a.m., April 16, at Watchetaker Hall

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

March 29 - Alizee
 March 12 - Neariah Poem-oceah "Happy 18th Birthday, from Mom, Brother and Grandpa."

Happy Birthday



Happy Belated 6th Birthday
 Alizee
 March 29



Happy 19th Birthday
 Vylet Skye Stonecalf
 April 22
 ~Birthday Blessings to our precious child who has become an awesome young lady. Happy 19 Birthday, from Papaw, Kaku, Mom, your Auntie Moms, sisters, and brothers! Much love.



Happy Birthday
 Lisa Lackey
 April 3
 ~Happy Birthday to our crazy, intelligent Mother. We've had our ups and downs but at the end of the day she's still our number 1. From your sons, Raydon and Ronnie Lackey.



Happy Birthday
 Wynter Shae Parker
 April 6

April - Vylet Skye Stonecalf
 April 2 - Lester Komah
 April 3 - Lisa Lackey
 April 6 - Chuck Pollard
 April 6 - Wynter Shae Parker
 April 8 - Emilia Mae Chasenah, From Dad Leon, sister Leela, Kaku Mary and Uncle Bubba Travis and your Chasenah family! We love you ♥
 April 9 - Tim Monetathchi
 April 13 - Dalyliah Amorina Guerrero
 April 15 - Donovan Owen Lee
 April 15 - Gabby Luna
 April 16 - Cameryn Rose Lee
 April 18 - Jennifer Rodriguez
 April 18 - Tingleigh Ototivo
 April 19 - Sheyanne Juarez
 April 21 - Phyllis Chasenah. Happy Birthday from your Chasenah family. Love you.
 April 22 - Nichole Peeler
 April 23 - Lloyd Heminokeky Jr. Happy Birthday! Your Daughters, and Grandkids love you very much!! ♥♥♥♥♥
 April 25 - Charles Pollard
 April 27 - Laura Juarez
 April 29 - Glen Heminokeky Jr.
 April 30 - Ronald Chasenah Sr. Happy Birthday from your Chasenah family. Love you.



Happy 63rd Birthday
 Tim Monetathchi
 April 9



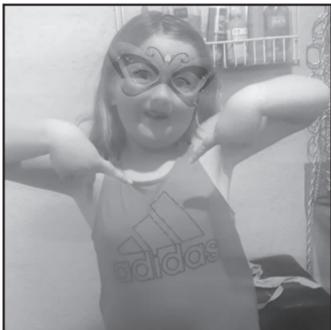
Happy 13th Birthday
 Dalyliah Amorina Guerrero
 April 13
 ~Love Always, Mommy and Ian Mikal



Happy 10th Birthday
 Gabby Luna
 April 15



Happy Birthday
 Jennifer Rodriguez
 April 18



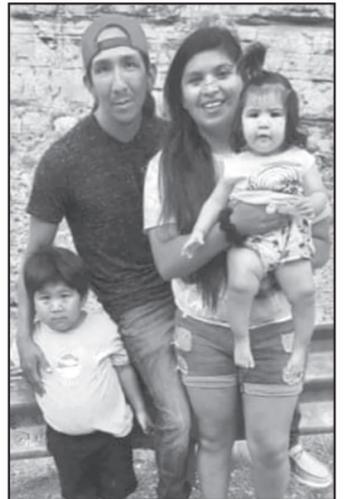
Happy 8th Birthday
 Tingleigh Ototivo
 April 18
 ~From Kaku



Happy 25th Birthday
 Sheyanne Juarez
 April 19



Happy Birthday
 Laura Juarez
 April 27



Happy Birthday
 Glen Heminokeky Jr.
 April 29
 ~From your family. We Love You.

Happy Heavenly Birthday

Lester Komah
 April 2



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CHR/EMS/FIRE/Injury Prevention

The following are calls that the department has ran from February 9, 2022 to March 10, 2022. It gives the date, time, type of call, address with town, and any assisting agencies.

- February 9 @ 10:31 a.m.: Fire Standby, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton
- February 9 @ 1:35 p.m.: Fire Investigation, 8633 NW Meers-Porter Hill Road-Lawton (Wichita Mtn Est FD)
- February 9 @ 4:40 p.m.: Fire Investigation, 258 NW Crater Creek Road-Cache (Cache FD, Indianoma FD)
- February 10 @ 8:45 a.m.: Grass Fire, 135th and Watts Road-Fletcher (Fletcher FD)
- February 11 @ 2:23 p.m.: Grass Fire, US 62 and Highway 115-Cache (Cache FD, Indianoma FD, Pecan Creek FD, Cache PD, Com Cty Sheriff, Kirks Ambulance, Wildlife Refuge, PSO)
- February 13 @ 2:10 p.m.: Grass Fire, SW Lee Blvd. and Post Oak Road-Indianoma (Cache FD, Indianoma FD, Chattanooga FD, Tribal PD)
- February 14 @ 11:24 a.m.: Grass Fire, 150th and Watts Road-Fletcher (Elgin FD, Fletcher FD)
- February 14 @ 1:05 p.m.: Agency Assist, CR2590 and Highway 19-Apache (Apache FD, Tribal PD)
- February 14 @ 4:30 p.m.: Medical, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton
- February 14 @ 11:58 p.m.: Medical, 1482 NW McIntosh Road-Lawton (Wichita Mtn Est FD, Porter Hill FD, EMS 33, Tribal PD, Com Cty Sheriff, FBI)
- February 15 @ 4:15 p.m.: Fire Investigation, 622 SW Bishop Road-Lawton
- February 18 @ 12:07 p.m.: Medical, 18130 Highway 7-Lawton (Tribal PD)
- February 20 @ 5:43 p.m.: Grass Fire, 5076 SW 267th-Indianoma (Indianoma FD, Chattanooga FD, Manitou FD, Cache FD, Geronimo FD, Medicine Park FD, Com Cty Emergency Management)
- February 21 @ 9:47 a.m.: Grass Fire, I44 MM 62-Cement (Fletcher FD, Elgin FD, Sterling FD, Cement FD, BIA Fire)
- February 21 @ 12:32 p.m.: Grass Fire (rekindle) I44 MM 62-Cement (Fletcher FD, Cyril FD, Cement FD)
- February 22 @ 10:07 a.m.: Agency Assist, Highway 58 and Wolf Road-Lawton (Wichita Mtn Est FD, Medicine Park FD, Meers FD, Com Cty Sheriff, Survival Flight)
- February 22 @ 3:26 p.m.: Grass Fire, Highway 65 and Baseline Road-Walters (Bethel FD, Hulén FD, Coxs Store FD, Com Cty Sheriff)
- February 28 @ 12:32 p.m.: Grass Fire/Mutual Aid, SE 210th and SE Bishop Road-Lawton (Central High FD, Bethel FD, Cox's Store FD, Hulén FD)
- February 28 @ 4:58 p.m.: Grass Fire, NW Stoney Point Road and NW King Road-Apache (Porter Hill FD, Tribal PD)
- March 1 @ 1:13 p.m.: Grass Fire, SW Baseline and SW Airport Road-Cache (Cache FD, Indianoma FD, Chattanooga FD)
- March 2 @ 11:10 a.m.: Grass Fire, 285 NW Eagle Road-Lawton (Meers FD, Paradise Valley FD, Com Cty Sheriff)
- March 2 @ 11:33 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton
- March 3 @ 9:45 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH OEH)
- March 3 @ 12:10 p.m.: Agency Assist, SE Railroad and SE Bishop Road-Lawton (Tribal PD, CN EPA)
- March 3 @ 3:22 p.m.: Fire Investigation, Highway 19 and Mt. Scott Road-Apache
- March 4 @ 12:21 p.m.: Grass Fire, 398 NE McCracken Road-Lawton (Wichita Mtn Est FD, Com Cty Sheriff)
- March 5 @ 2:01 p.m.: Grass Fire, 318 NE Uvon Lane-Elgin (Elgin FD, Fletcher FD, Sterling FD, Coxs Store FD, Porter Hill FD, Elgin PD, Com Cty Sheriff, Apache Ambulance, Com Cty Emergency Management)
- March 5 @ 3:11 p.m.: Highway 7 and 9 Mile Road-Central High (Bethel FD, Coxs Store FD, Hulén FD, Central High FD, Com Cty Emergency Management, OHP)
- March 7 @ 10:43 a.m.: Grass Fire/Mutual Aid, 1407 SW Deyo Mission Road-Cache (Pecan Creek FD, Geronimo FD, Com Cty Sheriff)

HELP A CHILD IN NEED

COMANCHE NATION INDIAN CHILD WELFARE IS IN NEED OF FOSTER HOMES FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO BE WITH THEIR OWN FAMILIES

NEEDED QUALIFICATIONS:

- AT LEAST 21 YEARS OF AGE
- MEMBER OF A FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBE
- ABLE TO PASS A BACKGROUND CHECK

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Obituaries

Louis Clark



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Clark

Louis Clark, age 87, passed away January 16, 2022, at the VA Hospital in Muskogee, Okla. He was born, March 9, 1934, in Lawton, Okla., the son of Clifford and Juanita Terasez Clark. Clark was a proud member of the Comanche Nation and was a great-grandson of both Quanah Parker and Chief Ten Bears.

Clark retired from the U.S. Marine Corps, after serving from June 3, 1954, to September 30, 1974, earning the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. GySgt Clark, served two tours in Vietnam from 1966 - 67, at DaNang and from 1970 - 71, at Marble Mountain. He was a .50 Cal Window Gunner on a CH-46 Transport Helicopter in which he was credited with 168 Combat Missions. Among GySgt Clark's awards were the Combat Action Ribbon, Air Medal and the President Unit Citation.

After retiring from the Maries, Clark relocated to the Haworth area where he would raise his family. Clark was a talented mechanic and would work on his son's cars.

He was handyman and could fix or build just about anything. Clark was a dedicated fan of the Haworth Lions and very rarely missed a basketball game. He was a longtime member of the Kulli Tuklo Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lenora Clark; sons, Darrell Clark and Lindsey Clark; a brother, Jon Clark; and sisters, Mary Clark and Honey Clark.

Clark is survived by sons and daughters-in-law, Brian and Gina Clark of the Pollard Community, Okla., Michael and Roxanne Clark of the Re-land Community, Okla., Alan Clark, of McAlester, Okla., and Harrell and Faith Clark of Shawnee, Okla.; grandchildren; Clayton Clark, Kristie Smead and Ashlyn Clark whom he raised; brothers, Benjamin Clark, Mark Clark, Clifford Clark and Edward Clark; sisters, Wanda Ann Earl, Geneva Bishop and Elsie Gale Sanford; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Jackie and Arlie Marris to whom he was particularly close; 15 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Adrian "Boysie" Koassechony



Courtesy Photo

Koassechony

Adrian "Boysie" Koassechony, passed away to his heavenly home on February 10, with family by his side. Koassechony and twin sister, Andretta were born February 20, 1953, in Lawton, Oklahoma to Irene Koassechony of Apache, Oklahoma. Koassechony was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He was a 1973 graduate of Apache High School. He also attended Oklahoma State University Technical Institute in Okmulgee, Oklahoma in 1974/1975 and studied culinary arts. Throughout his life he was employed as a laborer, Apache cattle auction. After 15 years of being employed with Comanche Nation in the Maintenance Department he retired in 2019. Koassechony enjoyed being with his family and lifelong friends. He enjoyed listening to his favorite music and watching TV and going to casinos. He was a joy to be around joking and

laughing with everyone. Especially with all his nieces n nephews. He will truly be missed by all who loved him.

He was preceded his mother, Irene Koassechony, Apache, Oklahoma; his grandparents, Reuben Koassechony and Mary Ahdosy Koassechony; siblings, twin sister, Andretta Koassechony, Marilyn Spybuck, and Ferrell Koassechony.

He is survived by his sisters, Karen Koassechony, Mary Sapcut, Sharon Enriquez; special sister, Danita Washa; brothers Donald Koassechony, Richard Sapcutt, Keith Koassechony, and James Koassechony; nieces, Ekayah Rosette Koassechony, Andrea Talbot Jordan; nephews, Robert Spybuck, Brandon Koassechony, Retired USMC Captain Ferrell Wayne Koassechony; along with all his Koassechony and Sapcut nieces n nephews.

Graveside services was February 22, at KCA Cache Creek Cemetery in Apache directed by Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Carl James Paddyaker, Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Paddyaker

Carl James Paddyaker, Jr. passed away on February 18, in Lawton, Oklahoma. He was born May 11, 1967, at Lawton Indian Hospital in Lawton Oklahoma to Carl J. Paddyaker, Sr. and Vernice (Tubby) Tahchawickah Williams.

Paddyaker attended Indian High School. He later continued his education by completing Small Engine Repair at Vo-Tech. He was a man of many trades and he loved the outdoors more than anything else. He worked as a construction worker, mechanic, and thoroughly enjoyed landscaping until his disability made him retire. He really enjoyed living off the land by hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed playing with his grandkids out in the country. Paddyaker also enjoyed the many of weekends riding dirt bikes, camping and taking the boat out to go juggin' with his son Christopher, sister Char and brother-in-law Marshall. But most off all Paddyaker liked shootin' just to be shootin'.

He is survived by father and stepmother, Carl and Bonita Paddyaker; sons and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Samantha Large and Aaron Paddyaker; daughter, Sarah Paddyaker; sisters and brothers-in-law, Charlotte and Marshall Niedo, Carol and Joe Jimenez, Mona Gail and Tommy Hancock, and Dee-Dee Jozwiak; brothers and sisters-in-law, Kevin and Erin Paddyaker, JR. and Lisa Yackeyonny, Kelly and Angela Yackeyonny, and Robert Simmons; grandchildren, Isaiah, Sierra, Kierra, Dominic Large, Madison Bucktrot, and D'Angelo Paddyaker; nieces, Selena Ray, Baylee Paddyaker, and Tiffany Cable; nephews, Lawrence Perez II, Bubba and Byron Brewer, and Kerry Paddyaker; special childhood friend, Joey Sorrow and many other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Vernice (Tubby) and Roger Williams; brother, Warren (Bitty) Tahchawickah; maternal grandparents, Marvin and Sarah SaddleBlanket, Allen and Barbara Tahchawickah; paternal grandparents, Hazel Thurman and Benton Paddyaker, Sr.; aunts, Carol Hall and Ermina (Docky) Burgess, uncles, Preston and Virgil Tahchawickah; cousins, Rodney, Donna, and Kimberly Tahchawickah, Frieda Wetselline, and Ruben (Kahoo) Burgess.

Graveside service was February 28, at Cache KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Pamela (Raven) Thornton



Courtesy Photo

Thornton

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Pamela (Raven) Thornton. She passed from this life on February 18, at the age of, 62, with her daughter Stephanie by her side.

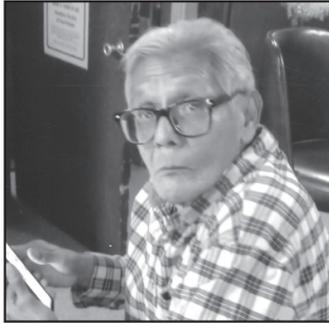
She was born August 15, 1958, in Lawton, Okla. She was known as Raven to most, but her children knew her as Momma and her grandchildren knew her as Kaku. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation Tribe and enjoyed spending time with family and friends and especially her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her sister Cecelia. Her brothers Duke, Terry, Albert and Joe Earl and sister-in-law Theresa.

She is survived by her ex-husband and dear friend Brian and their children John and Fiancé Lisa and son Landon, daughter Stephanie and husband Bryan, grandchildren John Jr. and wife Kelsey, Colby James, Bryan Jr., Bradley and great grandchild Maylen Grace. Daughter in law Rhonda. Her favorite niece Christina and nephew Jeremy. Sisters Rhonda Kay, Donna, Marilyn, Ramona and Joyce. Brothers, Jerry and James, her cousin Dee Dee and many other cousins and friends.

A Celebration of Life Service was on top of Mt. Scott on March 4.

Danny Pueblo Sr.



Courtesy Photo

Pueblo

A Celebration of Life for Danny Pueblo Sr., was March 5. The Celebration was at 115 NW Indian Road, Indianola, Okla.

Danny Pueblo Sr., of Cache, took his last breath with family members by his side on Feb. 20, at the age of 71. Pueblo was born June 12, 1950, at the USPHS Indian Hospital to Burnell Pueblo Sr., and Alene Pueblo of Cache, Okla. He attended Cache School and lived in Cache most of his life.

During his time here on earth he was a jack of all trades. He worked as a derrick hand during the Oil Boom then he worked as a truck driver, mostly driving cross country for many years. During his truck driving days, he got his degree in Small Engine Repair and in Diesel Mechanics in Okmulgee Okla. Pueblo could fix anything with an engine in it and he could build just about anything he set his mind too. Him and his brother spent many years framing some of the most beautiful homes in our area, Pueblo's last job before retiring was driving the Comanche Nation Transit bus which he enjoyed very much.

Pueblo had a real genuine heart and it showed in the love that he had for his family and friends. He had a special kind of love for each one of his children and grandchildren. He loved spending time with them the most and he tried teaching them as many OIT's as he possibly could. Pueblo loved collecting things and he loved shooting guns, playing darts, he liked to fish, he loved tending to his green garden and music has always just been in his soul, from country music to rock and roll.

Pueblo's smile was contagious, he had a beautiful spirit inside of him that could always shed some light and bring laughter to any situation.

Pueblo will always be in our hearts, our souls & our memories For Ever and ever. Every hour that we are

left wondering this earth without him will just be another hour that we will miss him and look forward to seeing him again someday.

Pueblo has went home to join his family Alene Gembacz mother, Burnell Pueblo Sr. father, and Burnell Pueblo Jr., his Brother. He has left behind his wife of 45 years, Glenda Pueblo, three sons Danny Pueblo Jr. and Gayle of Cache Okla., Terry Pueblo & Keri of Lawton Okla., and Joseph Pueblo of Okla. City, Okla. Two Daughters- Cheryl Pueblo of Indianola, Okla., and Danyel Pueblo and Cody Mansel of Lawton, Okla., two brothers Hugh (Jay) Pebeashy of Okla City, Okla., and Randy Gembacz of Cache, Okla., 18 Grandchildren, two great grandchildren & numerous nieces and nephews. Pueblo also left behind life-long, loyal, loving friends that are too many to count!

Although Pueblo's physical being may be gone, may we all be blessed to have his easy-going spirit continue to live inside each and every one of us and may the sight of his smile, the wisdom of his outlaw ways and the sound of his laughter play in our hearts, Forever and Ever Amen.

The sun must set to rise again, here's to you Danny Pueblo Sr., here's to You and High Noon In Heaven with a few good family & friends.

Glenn Reed Pahcody



Courtesy Photo

Pahcody

Glenn Reed Pahcody, 61, of Apache, Okla., went to his heavenly home February 26. Prayer service was at First Caddo Baptist Church in Ft. Cobb, Okla. Funeral was at First Caddo Baptist, burial followed at Redbone Family Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Pahcody, was born in Anadarko, Okla., Oct. 17, 1960, to Larry and Carol Pahcody. He grew up in Fletcher, Okla., where he attended school and graduated in 1978. After high school he went straight to work until he was no longer able to and retired.

Pahcody was a huge family man; he always attended his children's events no matter what or where. He coached his daughters up until they were teenagers and into their young adulthood. He enjoyed going hunting, shooting guns and checking properties with his sons. Pahcody loved playing golf with his kids, friends and brother. He loved teasing his wife about the Dallas Cowboys. He was a big Green Bay fan also known as "Glenn Bay" to him and Stephanie was a big Dallas fan so it was always a house divided when they played each other. He was a big boxing and UFC fan as well. He really loved going to sporting events. His enjoyed playing his guitar with his son, Glenn. Stickball, corn hole, and horseshoes, were some of his favorite things to play during family gatherings. He was a very competitive man. He had a great sense of humor, he always had something funny to say about everything. His smile never left his face.

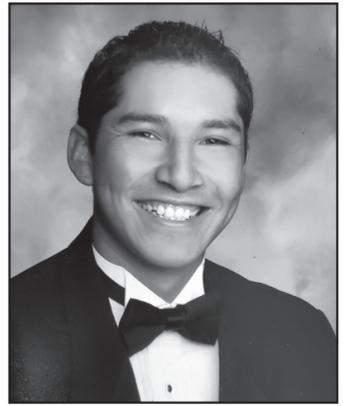
During his lifetime he traveled all over the U.S. playing fast-pitch for his dad and uncle's team the Squaretop Wranglers then Southwest Comanches and Southwest Indians. They played ball almost every weekend. Pahcody continued playing up until his 50s. He also played basketball for Mudhens, Anadarko Skindians and Western Delawares. He met many of his closest and lifelong friends through these sports. He will be missed deeply by friends, family and all who knew him. Pahcody was a proud member of the Comanche Nation. He met his sweetheart Stephanie in 1987, who later became his wife. They continued

their life together for 34 years. He was a devoted father and loving husband. All of his kids meant the world to him.

He is survived by his wife Stephanie "Jeannie" Pahcody and his kids, Kassius, Kacie, Kelia, Kayla, Glenn Jr. and Brian Pahcody. His siblings, Larry "Ludy" Pahcody and wife Freda of Fort Cobb, and Juhree Pahcody of Fletcher. His grandkids Taylor, Misty, Jaylen, B.J., Jordyn, Uriah Pahcody, and Azariyah Spottedwolf His great grandsons Lorenzo Limon. His special nieces and nephews Tiffany and Sam Pahcody, Hannah and Caleb Wetselline. His Aunt Irene Lane of Anadarko.

He was preceded in death by his parents Carol and Larry Pahcody; his nephew Lawrence "LL" Pahcody.

Jeffery Deschane McClung



Courtesy Photo

McClung

Jeffery Deschane McClung, was born September 25, 1988, in Lawton, Okla., to James Saupitty and Linda Tiddark. In 2001 he became a part of the McClung family along with his big sister Richa, his parents becoming Lena Chibitty and Jimmie Wilbur McClung.

McClung graduated from Indianola High School in 2007. While attending I.H.S., he played basketball and baseball, McClung was an extraordinary athlete. He would later play co-ed softball for McClung's Construction traveling softball team. After graduating McClung attended Marine Boot Camp at Camp Pendleton Cali. He returned home to work for Crossland and McClung's Construction as a heavy equipment operator for many years.

McClung was fun loving and a joy to be around. He could always make you laugh and had a smile that could light up any room. There was definitely never a dull moment with McClung. If you needed anything he was there for you. McClung trusted in the Lord and was baptized at Post Oak Mennite Brethren Church. He loved his children, nieces and nephews with all his heart, he was and will always be the fun uncle.

McClung is survived by his children, Logan and Max McClung; parents, Lena Chibitty, Jimmie W. McClung, James Saupitty, and Linda Tiddark King; siblings, Lenetta and Craig Davenport, Charlotte Lee, John B. McClung, Laurica, Celena and Johnny Romo, Richa and Cody Gill; special friend, Kelli Ulloa; uncles, Tim Saupitty, Eagle Hunter, Stephen Saupitty, Richard Tiddark, Leonard Chibitty, Victor "Pops" Ulloa; aunts, Johnnie Russo, Lola Flores, Gina Flores, Aunt Dana, Jackie Saupitty, Linda Saupitty, and Tracy Dean; nieces and nephews, James, Amanda, Jamie, Sunnie, Ashley, Jimmie, Conor, Alec, Jesse, Jessica, Ben, Zack, JJ, Tiana, Johnnie, Romo, Jace, Bryson, and Kolton; along with numerous great nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by brothers, Jimmie "Son Son" McClung and John Lee; uncle, Richard Saupitty, grandparents, Kenneth Saupitty, Jessie McClung, Mead Chibitty, Norene Chibitty, Tim Tiddark, Luella Yokesuite Saupitty Lumbert; aunts, Marlene Ulloa and Diana Poemoceah; and cousin, Oliver Poemoceah.

An all-night wake service was held on March 13, at Indianola High School Auditorium. Funeral Services was on March 1, at IHS Auditorium with burial at Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

Dear TCNN,

I think the Comanche Nation needs to try to help the people who are suffering in the Ukraine. Maybe we can ask people to donate blankets and clothes and find a way to send it to those people who are at war. They are suffering.

They are our brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus, and I think our leaders need to find a way to send things those women and children who are in need.

I am a full-blooded Comanche Vietnam Veteran. I have seen a lot of things in my life both good and bad, and what is happening in the Ukraine and Russia is bad. We need to come together as a Nation and send the people in the Ukraine some help, anyway we can. All of these things that are happening is in the Bible. We need to show charity to our brother and sisters in the Ukraine.

**Pratt Wauqua
Comanche**

Dear TCNN,

How to stop democracy, or better, how not to protect a democratic state!

Michael Burgess

In the past several years the Comanche Nation has witnessed events that are similar to the destruction of democracy in Ukraine. Fortunately, not by guns; yet by the use of destructive communications! When citizens of a country, in our case an American Indian nation, is not receiving communications from its leadership, then democracy is not being supported.

This is most unfortunate for those of us who desire to be informed of what our leadership is doing, planning to do, or has accomplished some actions that benefits all citizens of Comancheria. Which now includes all of America and parts of the world beyond those borders.

"A judge fined Ovsyanikova 30,000 rubles, or \$280, for flouting protest laws, according to Reuters." *ABC news wire, March 16, 2022*

This is what happened to a reporter for a state run TV station in Russia at which a news caster protested the invasion of Ukraine by the Russian government."

If any readers to this article question the headline to this article: the headline could easily be 'Democracy in Indian country dies due to lack of information!' The lack of information flowing from leadership within in any community can assist in the decay of any government.

The question that one Native must ask themselves' is: Can I really be a part of the Nation if my voice is not heard? This is what has really brought the Comanche Nation to a standstill in development and progress to a better future for our children to come. Specifically, one should ask this of leadership: What are the plans for future development of tribal resources? Or, what are the future plans for a better government which can better serve us all with the resources that are owned?

More importantly, each tribal Citizen should ask of themselves, "what do I want in the leaders for

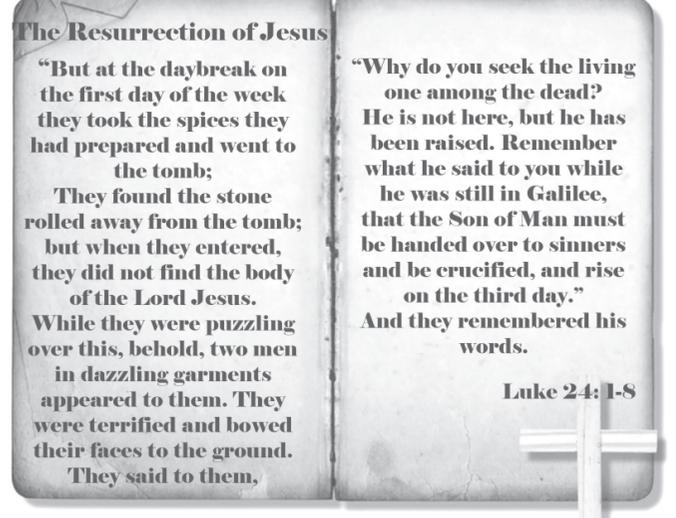
our Nation?" If you want a brighter future for yourself and for your children, we all need to vote for a better constitution, one that protects our rights to governmental access for services, one that respects the rights of each citizen to share equally in the benefit of services provided to us all. Most importantly, a government that protects the right of all Citizens of Comanche land to a fair, honest and respectful system of laws under which WE the PEOPLE select for our sovereign rights and protection.

Michael Burgess

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The deadline is the 15th of each month.

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52nd Annual Celebration

May 7th, 2022 - Mother's Day Weekend

Comanche County Fairgrounds, Expo Center, 920 S. Sheridan Rd., Lawton, OK

The Pow Wow is FREE & Open to the Public ~ Please bring your own chairs
All Singers, Dancers, Princesses & Drum Groups are Cordially Invited
Arts & Crafts Vendors, Concession Stands & Raffles all day long!

A Special Invitation to All Mothers ~ Happy Mother's Day!

Comanche Little Ponies Princess 2018-22'
Yylet Skye Stonecalf

HEAD STAFF
Master of Ceremonies – Hah-Tee Delgado
Head Singer – Darrell Cable Sr.
Head Lady Dancer – Starr Delgado
Head Gourd Dancer – Jeff Toppah
Head War Dancer – Greg Morris
Host Northern Drum – WarChief
Arena Director – Travis Codynah
Arena Director – Ashley Kerchee

Comanche Little Ponies Princess 2022-23'
Graison Leeann Yellowfish

PROGRAM
12:00 Noon – Cedar Ceremony (open to everyone)
1:00 pm – Gourd Dance
2:00 pm – New Princess Coronation
5:00 pm – Supper Break
6:00 pm – Grand Entry & Contests
11:00 pm – Host Organization Special & Announcement of Contest Winners

~ Special Invited Guests ~

Comanche Nation Princess 2022 – Michelle Tamaru Nevaquaya
Comanche Nation Jr. Princess 2022 – TBA
Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma – Nuka Nivy Yarholar
Miss Native American USA – Shelby Mata

~ CONTESTS ~

Boys & Girls Tiny Tots (combined, 0-6 yrs.)
Prettiest Shawl - \$50 Winner Take All

Jr. Boys (combined, 7-15 yrs.)
1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50

Jr. Girls (combined, 7-15 yrs.)
1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50

~ ADULT CONTESTS (16 yrs. +) ~

Women's Buckskin, Jingle Dress & Applique (Scrub)
1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200

Women's Cloth
1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

Men's Grass, Traditional & Straight
1st \$500, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200

Men's Fancy
1st \$600, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$200, 4th \$100

CONTEST RULES: ALL Contestants must register and participate in Grand Entry (contest #'s will be taken). Grand Entry will start on time! Registration will CLOSE at the start of Grand Entry. All decisions of the Pow Wow Committee are FINAL. Due to time constraints, Absolutely NO SPECIALS will be held after Grand Entry. Head Staff are not obligated to have a Special. Thank you.

ARTS & CRAFTS / FOOD VENDORS: All Vendors must provide own set-up, including tables & chairs. Electrical hookups are Available. Arts & Crafts Vendor Fee is \$40.00 (per 10 X 10 space). FOOD Vendors are SOLD OUT. For Vendor Applications, please contact Margaret Wallace @ 405-400-4124 or margwall1960@gmail.com. An application must be filled out and submitted in order to set up. For General Pow Wow information, please contact Lowell Nibbs @ 580-583-5279 or lowellnibbs@yahoo.com.

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SECURITY ON PREMISES - Absolutely NO ALCOHOLIC Beverages Allowed - Not Responsible for Accidents, Thefts or Injuries
Please Watch Your Children - Vehicles Cannot Park on Inside of Bldg. – The Expo Center is a NON-SMOKING Facility

National Day of Awareness for Missing & Murdered Indigenous Women

May 5, 2022 @ OKC State Capitol (10:00-5:00)

Prayer/Memorial Walk/Moment of Silence
MC-Shelby Ross (Chickasaw)
Welcome-Oklahoma MMIP State President, Carmen Harvie (Hualapai/Choctaw)
Introductions of MMIP Chapters
Special Guest Speaker
Lunch/Round Dance

"A Journey for Justice" by Alecia Onzahwah (Absentee Shawnee)
MMIWOKSWC President, Gen Hadley (Comanche)
"A Tribute to Our Brothers"-Chester Tieyah, Jr. aka "Pepper" (Wichita, Comanche, Kiowa)
Open Mic
"Speak for the Children"- Redbear Williams (Seminole)
Memorial Song/Closing Remarks-Cindy Famera, Warrior Woman Society (Comanche/Lakota)

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