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Housing Authority to Rehabilitate 15 Homes with COVID-19 Relief Grant

Submitted By: Nora Sovo/Comanche Nation Housing Authority

The ongoing pandemic has drawn attention to the housing crisis currently facing our nation's Tribal entities, specifically overcrowded living conditions. According to the Housing Assistance Council (HAC), approximately nine percent of native populations live in overcrowded conditions, compared to the national average of three percent.

This issue has continued to prevail due to a shortage of affordable, safe and decent housing. Recently, the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) reported that Tribal nations face a deficit of 68,000 housing units per year. When there is not enough housing, many are left with no option but to create overcrowded conditions. It was not until 2020 that COVID-19 brought this crisis to light because of the difficulties it can cause with proper social distancing, quarantining and protecting our Elders.

HUD has recognized and addressed this issue through awarding Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) \$1,035,000 in COVID-19 relief. The grant will help fund CNHA's construction and rehabilitation projects as part of its prevention, preparation and response efforts to the ongoing pandemic. The funding will give CNHA the opportunity to thoroughly address this matter for this first time in the organization's history.

In response to receiving the grant, CNHA conducted a survey of over 100 Tribal members on what issues they felt were the most prominent and needed immediate attention. Over 60 percent of respondents stated they live in substandard or overcrowded conditions with more than 90 percent reporting the need for improvements to their home mechanical ventilation systems.

The one-time federal grant, distributed as a part of the Indian Community Development Block Grant Imminent Threat-American Rescue Plan (ICDBG-ARP), will fund the extension of CNHA's home improvement efforts to address our Tribal members' needs through two programs, including The Home Rehabilitation Program and Construction Program.

The Homeowner Rehabilitation Program will focus on repairing or replacing ventilation systems in order to improve the air quality by removing allergens, pollutants and moisture that can enhance COVID-19 risks in up to 15 units. The Construction Program will reduce overcrowding through the completion of feasible construction tasks to include additional bedroom or bathroom space in up to 12 units.

Both programs are now accepting applications from Tribal members who are living within CNHA's service areas and are income

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Kahrahrh is Sworn in As Comanche Business Committeeman on May 21; No Quorum is Established for Special Meeting



Photos by Stacey Heminokky/News Staff



By Paula Karty/News Staff

On May 21, the doors of Watchtaker Hall were opened at 8 a.m., for the continuation meeting of the Comanche Nation Annual General Council meeting. The main purpose of the meeting was for the council to go over resolutions presented to the general council which were supposed to appear on the official ballot to be voted on by the Comanche people.

The newly elected Comanche Business Committeeman (CBC), Ross Kahrahrh, was officially sworn into office by Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah.

At 9:41 a.m., Chairman

Woommavovah, read the oath of office. With his right hand in the air and his left hand placed on a bible, held by outgoing Committeewoman, Diana Doyebi, Kahrahrh repeated the oath of office.

Outgoing CBC woman, Doyebi addressed the congregation, giving Thanks to the Comanche people for allowing her to serve as a Comanche Business Committee member.

Doyebi, placed a Pendleton blanket on the shoulders of Kahrahrh and asked the Native American Church, Chapter 1918 to take the

blanket off the shoulders of Kahrahrh.

Secretary/Treasurer, John David Wahnee, said it was an honor serving with Diana Gail.

Tribal members were given the opportunity to greet the new councilman Kahrahrh.

At 10 a.m., Chairman Woommavovah, called for a count to establish a quorum. The count was .51%, 66 registered voters, therefore No quorum was established.

The meeting was officially adjointed at 10:04 a.m.

Progress Continues at Comanche Cache Casino



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Progress continues at Comanche Cache Casino, with a grand opening on schedule for this Fall. We are also nearing the completion of an agreement to bring a major restaurant chain to our portfolio, which will be a welcome dining addition to the Cache community.

Recent construction progress has included:

- Underground work for the expansion of the new building is progressing and nearing completion.
- Recent heavy rains have caused some delays, but crews are working to make up time to stay on schedule.
- The casino's new south entrance is going to be poured soon, allowing for rain water to pass under the pavement and not collect in the driveway.
- Equipment needed to operate the casino has been delivered in waves throughout April and the beginning of May.

Stay tuned for more progress on this exciting new property!

Historical Preservations Office Hosts Prayer Circle June 21 for Protection of Sacred Sites

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office is hosting a Prayer Circle in Observation of the National Day of Prayer for the protection of sacred sites. The event will be held at noon on June 21 at the Comanche Nation Powwow arena.

The program is inviting all Christian and Native American Church chapters to join in the prayer on the first day of summer.

Lunch will be provided following the prayers at Watchtaker Hall. Please bring your own chairs.

"Join us for the National Day of Prayer for the Protection of Native American sacred places. There will be gatherings and observations throughout Indian Country to offer prayers," said Martina Minthorn, Director of the Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

"Sites such as Pikes Peak in Colorado, Monument Rocks in Kansas, Medicine Bluff at Fort Sill, Capulin Volcano in New Mexico, and Scotts Bluff in Nebraska are but a few of many that need prayers of protection. These sites are important to our Native tribes. It is where we gather to pray, and they are being desecrated and damaged. These sacred sites are vital for our religious freedom and cultural survival," she added.

For more information, call the Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office, (580) 492-1153.

Run Off for CBC Seat No. 1 Election Set for June 11

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Courtesy Photos

Sovo



Tahsequah

There will be a run off between Gene Sovo and Hazel Tahsequah for the Comanche Business Committee Seat No.1. In the May 14 Primary Election, Sovo trailed Tahsequah by 61 votes. Tahsequah received a total of 511 votes (41.65%), and Sovo received a total of 450 votes (36.67%). Also, in the Primary Election, Leonard Parker received a total of 266 votes (21.68%).

Also in the Run Off election are the two law firms who are vying to represent the Comanche Nation in legal matters.

Incumbent law firm, Dorsy & Whitney, LLP had a total of 539 votes (45.60%), while Crow & Dunleavy had a total of 374 votes (31.64%).

Early voting will take place 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. June 10, at the Co-

manche Nation Complex's Code Talker Conference Room.

All absentee ballots are due at the Lawton Post Office by noon on June 11.

Voting will be 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. June 11 at the following locations:

- Comanche Nation Complex's Code Talker Conference Room
- Cache Cahoma Building
- Comanche Nation Outreach Center in Anadarko
- Comanche Nation Community Center in Apache
- Comanche Nation Community Center in Walters
- Comanche Nation Outreach Center in Oklahoma City

For more information, call Elections Office at (580) 492-3629.



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A Total of 19 Resolutions are Presented at the May CBC Monthly Meeting

Story by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the May 7, Comanche Business Committee Monthly Meeting, and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, please contact the Office of the Chairman, (580) 492-3251. You can watch the meeting in its entirety online at comanchenation.com.

Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, calls the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Secretary/Treasurer, John Wahnee, conducts Roll Call. Robert Komahcheet Jr. is not present. A quorum is established.

Comanche Business Committeeman (CBC) No. 2, Diana Gail Doyebi Sovo gives the invocation.

Doyebi-Sovo makes a motion to accept the April 2, CBC monthly meeting minutes. Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 59-2022- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1236. Wahnee makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 60-2022- Enrollment Eligible Adults Resolution List 1237. Doyebi Sovo makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 61-2022- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1238 Does Not Meet Blood Quantum Requirement. Doyebi-Sovo makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 62-2022- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1239 Does Not Descend from an Original Allottee. Kassanavoid makes the motion to approve. It is seconded Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 63-2022- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1240 Applying Outside of the Parameters of the Constitution (Enrolled in Another Tribe). Doyebi Sovo makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 64-2022- Enrollment Relinquishment Resolution List 1241. Kassanavoid makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 65-2022- Comanche Nation Gaming Commission FY 2022 Budget Modification Resolution. Wahnee makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 66-2022- CIP IT Media Room Resolution. Doyebi Sovo makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 67-2022- WIOA Updated Comanche Nation Games Guidelines Resolution. Wahnee makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 68-2022- WIOA Workforce Department Template Resolution. Dr. Pewewardy makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Doyebi Sovo. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 69-2022- WIOA Grant Resolution. Kassanavoid makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 70-2022- WIOA DHS, Administration, and Native Employment Grant Resolution. Wahnee makes the motion to approve. It is seconded by CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 71-2022- Big Pasture Conservation District Stipend Resolution. Wahnee makes a motion to move it to the Executive Session. It is seconded by Doyebi Sovo. The motion carries 3/1/0.

Resolution No. 72-2022- CN Enterprise Designated as the Implementing Entity Resolution. Doyebi Sovo makes the motion to approve with an amendment. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 73-2022- CN Enterprise Appointment of Directors Reso-

lution. Wahnee makes a motion to approve. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 74-2022- Tribal Court Contract for Prosecutorial Services Resolution. Kassanavoid makes a motion to approve. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 75-2022- Tribal Court Appellate Panel Resolution. Kassanavoid makes a motion to approve. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 76-2022- Prevention & Recovery KCA Consortium Behavioral Health Resolution. Doyebi Sovo makes a motion to approve. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 77-2022- Prevention & Recovery SAMHSA Opioid Resolution. Kassanavoid makes a motion to approve. It is seconded by Doyebi. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Resolution No. 78-2022- Emergency Management Skid Steer Purchase Resolution. Wahnee makes a motion to approve. It is seconded Doyebi Sovo. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Doyebi Sovo makes a motion to go into Executive Session. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Diana Doyebi Sovo makes a motion to come out of executive session. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Dr. Pewewardy makes a motion for the CBC attend the REZ conference May 23-26 in Oklahoma City, Okla. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion for the CBC to attend the Sovereignty Symposium June 8 and 9 in Oklahoma City, Okla. It is seconded by Doyebi-Sovo. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to donate to the Comanche Little Ponies. It is seconded by Doyebi-Sovo. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Doyebi-Sovo makes a motion to pass **Resolution No. 71-2022**. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 3/1/0. Kassanavoid said after talking to the director of Reality, it is not in their budget.

Doyebi-Sovo makes a motion to reinstate the NAGPRA Board, effective immediately. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Wahnee said as a follow-up to the discussion at the Annual Meeting in April, he makes a motion that the CBC will make a monthly report to the Comanche people on economic planning and development projects. Comanche Nation Gaming, Tax Commission, Reality and Enterprise will do reports. Kassanavoid amends the motion to add the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Secretary Treasurer also provides a monthly report. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Doyebi-Sovo makes a motion to rescind **Resolution 75-2022**. There are some legal questions that the tribal attorney will review and negotiate. It will be continued on May 13. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/0. Dr. Pewewardy acknowledges all the graduates.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to assist with transportation to the Shoshone Reunion. It is seconded by Doybi-Sovo. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to remove Susan Parker from the Interim Election Board. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doyebi-Sovo seconds the motion. The motion carries.

From the Chairman's Desk



Leaders Are Listeners

A mentor of mine always told me, hearing is through the ears but listening is through the mind. In short, hearing is an ability, listening is a skill. You have to make a choice to listen to the ideas and perspectives of others instead of just hearing them. Here are some that I have learned that has served me well and will help you be a better listener.

* Listening is a sign of respect. To say that a person feels listened to means a lot more than just their ideas get heard. It's a sign of respect. It makes people feel valued.

* Never stop listening. Of all the skills of leadership, listening is the most valuable and one of the least understood. Most leaders listen only sometimes, and they remain ordinary leaders. But a few, the great ones, never stop listening. That's how they get word before anyone else of unseen problems and opportunities.

* Learn by listening. I remind myself every morning: Nothing I say this day will teach me anything. So if I'm going to learn, I must do it by listening."

* Listening open and actively. To learn through listening, practice it naively and actively. Naively means that you listen openly, ready to learn something, as opposed to listening defensively, ready to rebut. Listening actively means you acknowledge what you heard and act accordingly.

* Learn to bite your tongue. You have to be willing sometimes to listen to some remarkable bad opinions. Because if you say to someone, "That's the silliest thing I've ever heard; get on out of here!" — then you'll never get anything out of that person again.

* Use your eyes and your ears. If you make listening and observation your occupation, you will gain much more than you can by talk.

* Exercise the creative force. Listening is a magnetic and strange thing, a creative force. The friends who listen to us are the ones we move toward. When we are listened to, it creates us, makes us unfold and expand.

* Do more listening than talking. Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking.

Listening is all about Servant Leadership and making the our Comanche Nation vision clear and then rolling our sleeves up and doing whatever it takes to help our Comanche People win together....we are Comanche Strong-Stronger Together!

URA,
 Chairman Woommavovah

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Official Voting Results for the May 14, General Election

All Program Budgets and Ballot Questions Pass

Comanche Nation of Oklahoma – General Election 2022 – UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

		EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL	
BALLOTS CAST – TOTAL		65	86	187	29	47	132	55	20	628	1249	
Committeeperson #1	Hazel Tahsequah	23	33	96	5	17	54	20	6	257	511	41.65%
Committeeperson #1	Leonard Parker	20	8	28	10	13	24	9	7	147	266	21.68%
Committeeperson #1	Gene Sovo	22	45	63	14	17	52	26	7	204	450	36.67%
Committeeperson #2	Ross Kahrahhah	43	34	112	11	31	83	33	15	335	697	56.44%
Committeeperson #2	Diana Gail Doyebi-Sovo	22	52	75	18	16	47	22	5	281	538	43.56%
Tribal Administrator	Julia Mantzke	37	62	95	15	19	72	31	9	387	727	59.15%
Tribal Administrator	Francis Attocknie, III	22	17	63	9	22	41	24	8	156	362	29.45%
Tribal Administrator	Deborah Hendrix	5	7	28	5	6	16	0	2	71	140	11.39%
Tribal Attorneys	Crow & Dunleavy	23	17	46	6	14	26	15	10	217	374	31.64%
Tribal Attorneys	Rosette, LLP	11	26	35	10	11	41	11	4	120	269	22.76%
Tribal Attorneys	Dorsey & Whitney, LLP	29	41	99	13	20	56	28	6	247	539	45.60%
Question 1 – Bereavement Assistance	Yes	54	70	152	27	42	118	39	13	506	1021	83.62%
Question 1 – Bereavement Assistance	No	9	15	30	2	5	11	15	6	107	200	16.38%
Question 2 – Individual Burial Assistance	Yes	58	74	162	29	41	116	45	14	538	1077	88.06%
Question 2 – Individual Burial Assistance	No	5	11	21	0	6	14	9	4	76	146	11.94%
Question 3 – Educational Scholarships	Yes	56	77	161	25	43	119	53	15	564	1113	90.49%
Question 3 – Educational Scholarships	No	7	9	23	4	3	11	2	2	56	117	9.51%
Bereavement Assistance	Yes	48	72	157	28	39	112	50	13	552	1071	88.44%
Bereavement Assistance	No	13	10	24	1	6	15	4	5	62	140	11.56%
CBC Salary	Yes	39	58	125	18	27	85	42	7	508	909	75.12%
CBC Salary	No	22	25	56	10	19	44	12	10	103	301	24.88%

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Chairman's Salary	Yes	43	61	119	16	26	79	37	9	472	862	71.36%
Chairman's Salary	No	19	23	61	12	20	49	17	10	135	346	28.64%
Child Support Services	Yes	50	71	148	29	31	106	49	13	559	1056	86.91%
Child Support Services	No	12	13	33	0	14	21	4	6	56	159	13.09%
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	Yes	37	58	116	23	28	95	42	10	534	943	77.17%
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	No	25	26	66	6	19	34	12	8	83	279	22.83%
Comanche Tribal Princess	Yes	43	70	149	25	32	89	45	12	508	973	79.69%
Comanche Tribal Princess	No	19	14	33	4	14	38	9	6	111	248	20.31%
Comanche JR. Princess	Yes	41	68	146	24	30	84	44	11	487	935	76.58%
Comanche JR. Princess	No	21	16	36	5	16	44	10	8	130	286	23.42%
Comanche Language Planning and Development	Yes	41	58	127	27	28	92	41	11	513	938	77.14%
Comanche Language Planning and Development	No	21	27	55	2	17	36	13	9	98	278	22.86%
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	Yes	41	54	126	22	22	76	42	9	497	889	72.93%
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	No	21	29	56	7	24	52	10	11	120	330	27.07%
Elder Council	Yes	40	61	138	24	34	96	39	13	513	958	78.46%
Elder Council	No	22	23	44	5	12	33	15	7	102	263	21.54%
Tombstone Project	Yes	52	74	152	29	39	105	46	17	540	1054	87.47%
Tombstone Project	No	9	10	31	0	7	21	6	3	64	151	12.53%
Church Donations	Yes	46	68	142	21	29	106	40	15	470	937	77.63%
Church Donations	No	15	16	41	7	18	22	12	5	134	270	22.37%
Shoshone Reunion (hosted by Comanche Nation)	Yes	40	55	127	22	28	84	30	10	436	832	69.39%
Shoshone Reunion (hosted by Comanche Nation)	No	20	28	54	7	18	45	20	10	165	367	30.61%

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Transportation	Yes	53	65	143	27	31	101	42	11	534	1007	84.13%
Transportation	No	8	17	37	2	14	26	9	9	68	190	15.87%
Optometry/Prescription/Diabetes-Fitness	Yes	56	81	166	28	40	121	49	18	579	1138	93.97%
Optometry/Prescription/Diabetes-Fitness	No	5	4	17	0	5	8	3	2	29	73	6.03%
Elder Payment	Yes	58	74	166	28	42	121	48	17	597	1151	94.73%
Elder Payment	No	5	8	17	1	5	6	5	2	15	64	5.27%
Per Capita Distribution	Yes	58	81	169	28	42	126	51	19	604	1178	96.48%
Per Capita Distribution	No	5	1	13	1	5	3	2	1	12	43	3.52%
Administration	Yes	45	61	127	21	27	85	45	10	512	933	77.11%
Administration	No	17	23	53	8	17	44	8	9	98	277	22.89%
Elections	Yes	40	60	124	24	23	75	39	10	507	902	74.98%
Elections	No	22	24	55	5	22	52	13	8	100	301	25.02%
Emergency Management Direct Services	Yes	46	62	150	27	34	101	43	15	524	1002	83.99%
Emergency Management Direct Services	No	14	21	32	2	11	26	10	5	70	191	16.01%
Info Technology - Complex	Yes	45	64	126	23	25	95	42	10	506	936	77.68%
Info Technology - Complex	No	17	20	55	6	19	33	10	10	99	269	22.32%
Law Enforcement	Yes	38	54	110	23	26	97	45	9	521	923	76.41%
Law Enforcement	No	24	30	73	6	19	31	8	9	85	285	23.59%
Legal Fees	Yes	49	65	136	23	32	92	44	13	510	964	79.74%
Legal Fees	No	13	18	45	6	13	36	9	7	98	245	20.26%
Enrollment	Yes	50	68	149	27	29	106	46	15	532	1022	84.25%
Enrollment	No	11	14	32	2	16	22	8	5	81	191	15.75%

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Adult Education	Yes	55	74	168	26	34	109	50	14	552	1082	88.83%
Adult Education	No	7	11	15	3	11	20	4	6	59	136	11.17%
Public Information Office (PIO)	Yes	43	61	132	20	24	84	44	8	472	888	73.33%
Public Information Office (PIO)	No	19	23	50	9	20	43	10	12	137	323	26.67%
New Business	Yes	39	60	112	22	23	78	39	8	470	851	71.51%
New Business	No	21	24	63	6	21	50	12	12	130	339	28.49%
Capital Improvement	Yes	48	59	125	23	27	93	40	11	508	934	78.82%
Capital Improvement	No	12	24	48	5	15	34	11	9	93	251	21.18%
Tribal Court	Yes	40	56	117	22	23	87	39	14	481	879	75.78%
Tribal Court	No	20	27	56	5	20	40	11	6	96	281	24.22%
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	Yes	44	60	129	25	32	97	46	15	504	952	79.87%
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	No	18	22	44	2	15	29	6	5	99	240	20.13%
CN Fair	Yes	49	71	144	26	29	100	43	13	513	988	83.73%
CN Fair	No	13	12	29	2	16	27	9	7	77	192	16.27%
CN Homecoming	Yes	46	63	136	22	23	81	39	13	473	896	76.32%
CN Homecoming	No	16	20	38	6	19	46	11	7	115	278	23.68%
Youth Shelter CRY5	Yes	55	75	155	26	37	114	47	17	554	1080	90.23%
Youth Shelter CRY5	No	6	9	20	2	7	15	4	3	51	117	9.77%
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA)	Yes	53	71	153	27	29	104	46	14	515	1012	84.76%
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA)	No	9	13	23	1	14	24	5	5	88	182	15.24%
Job Placement & Training	Yes	52	70	153	24	30	104	46	15	544	1038	87.67%
Job Placement & Training	No	10	15	21	4	13	24	4	5	50	146	12.33%

HOUSING

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eligible. CNHA will select homes in urgent need of rehabilitation services based upon living conditions and other eligibility requirements. All services must be completed within the grants one-year term life, expiring on February 28, 2023.

including Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Kiowa and Tillman, for federal grant programs. To learn more about the Home Rehabilitation Program and Construction Program or to apply, call 580-357-4956 or visit www.comanchehousing.com.

CNHA currently serves five counties in Southwest Oklahoma,

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Museum/Travel Center	Yes	41	58	119	22	28	94	44	11	499	916	76.40%
Museum/Travel Center	No	20	26	54	6	16	34	7	9	111	283	23.60%
Realty Management/Land Management	Yes	47	56	124	23	20	87	39	8	501	905	76.18%
Realty Management/Land Management	No	14	27	48	4	24	41	11	12	102	283	23.82%
Land Acquisitions	Yes	42	55	120	24	27	86	42	10	497	903	76.33%
Land Acquisitions	No	19	29	51	4	17	42	7	9	102	280	23.67%
Transit	Yes	47	61	138	24	27	97	43	13	505	955	80.59%
Transit	No	14	22	33	4	16	30	8	7	96	230	19.41%
Assisted Living Facility	Yes	48	63	142	23	31	108	44	13	552	1024	85.48%
Assisted Living Facility	No	13	20	31	4	13	20	6	7	60	174	14.52%
Early Childhood Development Center	Yes	52	71	151	23	32	108	46	15	530	1028	86.60%
Early Childhood Development Center	No	9	13	23	5	10	21	5	5	68	159	13.40%
Comanche Nation Housing	Yes	49	66	144	25	37	106	38	13	561	1039	86.44%
Comanche Nation Housing	No	12	18	31	3	9	23	13	7	47	163	13.56%
Burial Assistance	Yes	51	82	148	26	36	116	45	16	556	1076	93.89%
Burial Assistance	No	7	1	13	1	4	6	2	3	33	70	6.11%
Gravel-Tinhorns for Tribal Driveways	Yes	42	66	119	24	27	100	36	13	473	900	79.44%
Gravel-Tinhorns for Tribal Driveways	No	16	17	42	3	13	22	10	6	104	233	20.56%
Caregivers	Yes	50	68	140	24	35	106	48	14	555	1040	87.10%
Caregivers	No	12	16	33	3	11	20	3	5	51	154	12.90%
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	Yes	47	62	128	24	29	99	42	12	509	952	80.07%
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	No	15	21	45	3	15	27	9	8	94	237	19.93%

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CHR /EMS	Yes	39	64	132	23	33	98	46	13	520	968	82.24%
CHR /EMS	No	22	20	40	4	11	28	4	6	74	209	17.76%
Community Center-Apache	Yes	44	65	133	22	35	97	43	17	522	978	82.32%
Community Center-Apache	No	17	17	39	5	10	30	8	3	81	210	17.68%
Community Center-Cache	Yes	47	65	137	19	28	109	43	17	529	994	84.24%
Community Center-Cache	No	15	18	37	8	14	17	8	3	66	186	15.76%
Community Center-Walters	Yes	48	64	139	21	32	100	41	18	528	991	83.84%
Community Center-Walters	No	14	18	35	6	12	26	8	2	70	191	16.16%
Education Center	Yes	50	65	145	25	32	105	47	15	534	1018	85.69%
Education Center	No	12	19	28	2	12	22	4	5	66	170	14.31%
Elder Center	Yes	53	68	151	24	32	111	45	16	561	1061	89.31%
Elder Center	No	8	15	22	3	11	15	5	4	44	127	10.69%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	Yes	47	58	136	25	30	99	43	14	508	960	81.08%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	No	15	24	39	2	14	27	7	6	90	224	18.92%
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	Yes	49	72	146	26	32	111	46	16	561	1059	89.22%
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	No	12	12	28	1	11	16	5	4	39	128	10.78%
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	Yes	48	65	138	26	33	102	46	14	553	1025	85.99%
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	No	14	19	36	1	12	24	5	6	50	167	14.01%
Higher Education	Yes	57	77	155	26	36	114	48	14	560	1087	91.89%
Higher Education	No	5	8	20	1	7	15	4	6	30	96	8.11%
Home Improvement	Yes	55	71	146	25	38	114	45	16	543	1053	88.19%
Home Improvement	No	6	11	29	2	7	14	7	4	61	141	11.81%

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FAC-Womens Shelter	Yes	52	70	153	25	34	111	46	16	568	1075	89.66%
FAC-Womens Shelter	No	9	13	21	2	10	18	4	4	43	124	10.34%
Injury Prevention	Yes	42	65	133	23	27	95	39	11	439	874	76.13%
Injury Prevention	No	19	19	39	4	17	32	10	9	125	274	23.87%
Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	Yes	49	66	147	25	34	103	44	17	543	1028	86.39%
Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	No	12	17	26	2	10	25	7	3	60	162	13.61%
New Pathways	Yes	47	65	136	23	29	100	40	13	476	929	78.60%
New Pathways	No	14	17	37	4	16	27	10	7	121	253	21.40%
Outreach - Anadarko	Yes	43	59	132	24	28	94	40	14	478	912	78.22%
Outreach - Anadarko	No	18	23	41	3	16	32	10	6	105	254	21.78%
Outreach - Dallas	Yes	42	58	126	22	29	90	41	14	465	887	74.92%
Outreach - Dallas	No	20	24	46	5	15	36	10	6	135	297	25.08%
Outreach - OKC	Yes	45	58	136	23	28	95	46	14	488	933	79.07%
Outreach - OKC	No	16	24	37	4	16	32	5	6	107	247	20.93%
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	Yes	54	77	160	27	37	121	48	16	553	1093	91.31%
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	No	7	6	16	0	7	8	4	4	52	104	8.69%
Student Services (K-12)	Yes	52	80	158	27	37	114	49	17	575	1109	92.49%
Student Services (K-12)	No	10	5	15	0	7	14	3	3	33	90	7.51%
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	Yes	46	64	140	24	31	101	45	12	533	996	83.56%
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	No	16	19	34	4	13	27	6	8	69	196	16.44%
Vocational Rehabilitation	Yes	46	72	151	27	31	101	47	13	527	1015	85.73%
Vocational Rehabilitation	No	15	11	21	1	13	27	4	7	70	169	14.27%

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Youth Program	Yes	52	70	145	27	32	111	45	16	550	1048	87.04%
Youth Program	No	9	14	31	1	12	18	6	4	61	156	12.96%
Prevention & Recovery / Reintegration	Yes	50	65	142	25	29	97	43	13	507	971	81.46%
Prevention & Recovery / Reintegration	No	12	19	33	3	15	30	9	7	93	221	18.54%
KCA Budget	Yes	47	56	125	24	35	89	41	11	497	925	79.33%
KCA Budget	No	14	25	46	4	10	34	10	9	89	241	20.67%

We, the undersigned election officials of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the General Election held on Saturday, May 14, 2022. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Comanche Nation.

Kimberly A. Zubora
Independent Tabulator

Brian Gazes
Election Official

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Election Official

[Signature]
Election Official

[Signature]
Election Official



Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

Portion of the Comanche Cattle herd being corralled for vaccinations. Heifers and their calves were both vaccinated on tribal property near the Red River.

Comanche Nation Land and Cattle Increase Herd Size

Submitted by Stephen Lee/ Realty Director, Comanche Nation

Comanche Nation Land & Cattle is increasing its herd size. Tony Komahcheet, Agricultural Manager, assisted contractors in vaccinating 47 heifers, and 45 calves recently on tribal property near the Red River. The Comanche Nation began its cow/calf operation with 50 bred black Angus cattle last year and now has increased the herd total to 92.

The cow/calf program started with 50 head of bred black Angus cattle. The purpose of the program is to provide premium beef to Comanche Burger Company and Comanche Elders Center who have both already expressed interest in purchasing the tribe's beef. The tribe's Realty de-

partment operates the cow/calf program with the goal of increasing the herd size to 1000 head of cattle. To prepare for the cattle, the Realty Department took over multiple leases of tribal land from non-tribal members and improved or built fencing, cleared land, and conducted soil testing to prepare tribal lands for winter wheat.

The Comanche Tribal Business Committee approved \$300,000 out of new business to begin the program last year recognizing the opportunity to take back our lands and control our own food source. In the near future, the tribe will look at

taking advantage of the USDA tribal food processing grants.

If there are any tribal ranchers or farmers interested in a partnership with the tribe or if there are any tribal members that have any questions, please contact the Comanche Nation Realty Office.

Stephen M. Lee
Realty Director
Comanche Nation
302 NW Rogers Ln
Lawton, Oklahoma 73507
(580) 699-3818 (work)
(580) 595-1371 (mobile)



Tribal members, Tony Komahcheet and Tim McIntosh along with Derick McIntosh, Brandon McIntosh and Joe Segura.



Tribally owned heifer and her calf, corralled waiting to be vaccinated on tribal own property near the Red River.

Rabies Clinic Set for Pet Owners

Comanche Nation Police Offer Drop Off of Unused Medications during Comanche CHR Rabies Clinics

The Western Tribes of Oklahoma has released it's 2022 Rabies Clinic schedule:

Kiowa Tribe CHR Program: June 2, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Red Buffalo Hall, Kiowa Tribal Complex, 100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, Okla.
Contact: Dean Ahdokobo, (580) 654-2300

Comanche Nation CHR Program: June 11, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Comanche Nation Tribal Complex, 584 N W. Bingo Rd., Lawton, Okla. Contact: Sonya Haden, (580) 492-3600

Comanche Nation CHR Program: June 28, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Cache Cahoma Building, 752 NW Quanah Rd., Cache, Okla. Contact: Sonya Haden, (580) 492-3600

Delaware Nation CHR Program: June 23, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Delaware Nation Tribal Complex, 2 M. N Hwy 281 of Anadarko, Okla. Contact: Ambrea Marshall, (405) 247-9755

Fort Sill Apache CHR Program: June 23, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Fort Sill Apache Tribal Complex, 2 M. N of Apache, Okla. Contact: Pamela Eagleshield, (580) 588-2298

Apache Tribe CHR Program: June 25, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Apache Tribe Food Distribution, 602 E Colorado Ave, Anadarko, Okla. Contact: Toni Short, (405) 247-7000

Caddo Nation CHR Program: June 30, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Caddo Nation Tribal Complex, N Hwy 281/152 Junction, Binger, Okla. Contact: Sharla Moore, (405) 345-9874

The clinics are open to all tribes. Tribal CDIB's must be presented prior to vaccinations. Certificates and tags will be provided for each pet vaccinated. Each pet should be at least three months of age. Vaccinations are provided by the Fort Sill Veterinarians.

In addition to the Comanche Nation Rabies Clinic, the Comanche Nation Police Department is asking for any unused prescription medications or unwanted needles/lancets to be dropped off at either clinic. No questions asked. For more information on the Take-Back, call the Comanche Nation Police Dept., (580) 492-3260.

Need a Car Seat?

**Please call the
CHR/Injury Prevention Office
at 580-492-3600
Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM
for more information.**

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Programs

Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Kyle Carroll



Courtesy Photo

Carroll

Kyle Carroll is a certified surgical technologist at St. Anthony's Bone & Joint Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Carroll received his Surgical Technologist certification from Great Plains Technology Center in 2017, and has been working as a Surgical Tech for the last four years.

He recently enrolled to take online classes at the Meridian Institute of Surgical Assisting in Nashville, Tenn., in December 2021. His anticipated graduation date is in December 2022.

Carroll states, "I'm beyond grateful for the Comanche Nation's Higher Education department and all the support they've given me since I've started my journey in the medical field. Without them I wouldn't have made it to where I am today."

His future plans include furthering his career by becoming a Certified First Assist, and he will take the national certification exam in 2023.

Higher Education Student of the Month Numutahsahs Tomahsah



Courtesy Photo

Tomahsah

Numutahsahs "Numu"

Tomahsah is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation. She is the granddaughter of the late Henry and Laquita Tomahsah. She is also the great-granddaughter of the late Vernon and Patsy Tehauno. Her parents are Yvonne Sadongei of Mesa, Arizona and Gary Tomahsah of Elgin, Oklahoma. Tomahsah resides in Norman, Oklahoma with her companion and 4-year-old daughter, Cecilia Ruth.

In the Fall of 2020, she graduated from the University of Oklahoma (OU) with a bachelor's degree in Human Relations and a minor in Native American Studies. She currently attends graduate school at OU where she carries a 4.0 GPA in the Clinical Mental Health Counseling (CMHC) program. The CMHC program will give Tomahsah the requirements she needs to become a licensed professional counselor (LPC). Once she obtains her LPC she wishes to work with children and families.

Higher Education Student of the Month Parker King



Courtesy Photo

King

Parker King is the son of Charlotte and Michael King. He comes from the Parker family in Apache, Okla. He is currently enrolled at the University of Alabama located in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. King is majoring in Geography with a concentration in regional and urban planning. He is also double minor in Geographic Information Systems and Spanish. He has been named to the Fall 2021 President's List with a 4.0 GPA.

In addition, King has been named a National Indigenous Recognition Scholar. His future goals include completing the Accelerated Master's Program and receiving a Masters in Geography before the end of his four years at the University of Alabama.

Adult Education Student of the Month Tara Johnson



Courtesy Photo

Johnson

Tara Ann Johnson (RedElk). Johnson has been a licensed practical nurse for 13 years with a minor in Criminal Justice. Johnson is currently enrolled at Western Oklahoma State University studying Registered Nursing. She will graduate on May 13, with my Associate's Degree in Nursing.

Johnson has a wonderful supporting husband and four beautiful children. They live on a big farm in Central Oklahoma. She currently works for Complete Hospice in Lawton, Okla. Before Hospice, she worked at Southwestern Medical Center as a Medical/Surgical nurse for seven years.

Her plans for the future are bright yet still unknown. Her dream has always been to one day work within the tribal community and give care to tribal people.

All Senior and Graduate photos will be featured in July edition of *The Comanche Nation News*.

GED Student Pass the Language Arts and Social Studies Modules Morgan Apaty



Courtesy Photo

Apaty

Morgan Apaty's future goals include going to vo-tech to achieve my CNA certification. Apaty wants to be a nurse like her mom. Her mom is her rock, and one of the very few role models that she has in her life. Her and Apaty's kids are the reasons that she strives to be a better version of herself.

Apaty's plan is to carry on with her journey to success so she can continue to make her family proud!

"Success is not final; failure is not fatal: It is the courage to continue that counts."

Tori Brill



Courtesy Photo

Brill

Brill is a proud Comanche woman. Brill is currently studying to get her GED. Brill dropped out of school in the 11th grade. Brill has always put off getting her diploma because of issues she had with herself. Now that she is actually doing it, she is proud of herself.

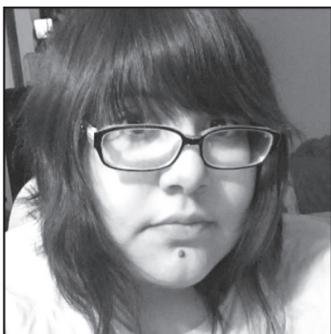
Brill worked hard and recently passed the Language Arts and Social Studies modules of the GED Exam. She has two left and will graduate.

After she gets her GED, she will attend college for Law School. It's a dream of hers to be a lawyer. After she graduates law school, she wants to do everything she can to become a Supreme Court Judge.

Yes, these are big aspirations, But Brill believes she can make it there.

Brill's hobbies are watching Sponge Bob and spending time with her husband and cat (Midnight).

Ashley Glancy



Courtesy Photo

Glancy

Having not finished high school, the program that the Comanche Nation has provided has been very helpful to Glancy; not only educationally but also financially. The teachers are very supportive and help motivate Glancy to see it through to the end.

Glancy's future plans after she receives her GED, have not yet been decided, but knowing that what she achieved from the program will motivate her further to broaden her

horizons with good job opportunities.

New Pathways Halfway House June Recovery Events

The 2022 New Pathways Alumni Reunion will be held on June 4, at the facility located at 8503 NW Madische Road. They are located west of the Law Enforcement Building at the Comanche Complex. The event begins at 10 a.m., with a AA Speaker followed by an Ala-Non Speaker. Lunch will be provided followed by the annual chip call where current and former Clients receive their annual sobriety medallions. All former clients and workers are invited.

New Pathways' Four Winds Wellbriety Group will host the Oklahoma Wellbriety Summer Gathering on June 11, at Pavilion 2 at Lake

Lawtonka, north of Lawton. All Oklahoma Wellbriety members are welcome. Please bring a side dish, chairs, towels and everything you will need to keep cool. Camping is available with a permit. Fishing is available with a license.

Wellbriety Medicine Wheel and 12 Step Meetings are held each Monday at 5:30 p.m. Wellbriety chips are handed out to members on the last Monday.

Spirit Winds AA Meetings are held each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. The last Wednesday is Birthday Night/Speaker meeting and potluck. Bring a side dish.

For more information about New Pathways, please contact: New Pathways Halfway House Service Site: 8503 NW Maddische P.O. Box 2752 Lawton, OK, 73507 Phone: (580) 492-3743



Photo by Heaven Williams

CINCO DE MAYO CELEBRATION. Former Comanche Nation Chairman, Bernard Kahrahrh, left, enjoys Mexican food and the company of Comanche elder, Nolan Tahdoohnippah, at the Edith Kassaravoid Assisted Living Center on May 5, during the Cinco De Mayo celebration for all their residents.



Photo by Heaven Williams

On May 18, the Comanche Nation Workforce hosted a Career Fair at Watchetaker Hall. There was a total of 35 vendors and 67 participants. Guest speaker, Ray Garcia, and his wife Richelle, encouraged the young adults they could use these resources to their advantage and pursue something they love doing.

**DIVORCE?
WRITS?
WILLS/CODICILS?
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
(580) 678-2052 or (580) 492-5455**

69th Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration
July 15th, 16th and 17th 2022
Sultan Park Walters, Oklahoma

2022-2023 Comanche Homecoming Princess: Kyleigh Davidson

Head Staff

Emcees: Kevin "Bubba" Sovo, Martin Flores

Honorary Emcee: Wallace Coffey

Head Gourd Dance Singer: Anthony Nauri

Head Gourd Dancer: Terry Poemoceah

Head War Dance Singer: Darrell Cable Sr.

Head Man War Dancer: Ronald Monoessy Sr.

Head Lady Dancer-Gourd Dance: Joyce Oberly

Head Lady Dancer-War Dance: Sally Kerchee Strye

Arena Directors:

Travis Codynah
Ashley Kerchee
Larney Silverhorn

Contest

Golden Age Women
Womens Cloth
Buckskin
Fancy Shawl
Jingle Dress
\$800 \$600 \$400 \$200

Contestant Coordinator: Corey Reeder

Raffle Coordinator: Cheryl Pewewardy

Drum Contest Coordinator: J.T. Liles

Co-Host: Walters Service Club

Golden Age Men
Mens Straight
Fancy
Traditional
Grass
\$800 \$600 \$400 \$200

Color Guard: KCA Veterans Organization

Raising & Lowering of the flags:

Comanche Indian Veterans Association

Honored Veterans

Friday: Fred Codynah
Saturday: Bernard Kahrahrhah
Sunday: John David Wahnee

Jr Boys
Jr Girls
Teen Boys
Teen Girls
\$200 \$150 \$100 \$50
(Categories will be combined if not enough contestants enter)

Honored Elders

Friday: William "Bill" Voelker
Saturday: Marion Nauri Simmons
Sunday: Ruth "Tootsie Motah Toahy"

Drum

\$3000 \$2000 \$1000 \$500

Veteran Flags to be flown

Friday: Otto "Sonny" Tonips Jr., U.S.M.C.
Saturday: Bobby J. Nauri, U.S. Air Force
Sunday: Acey Oberly Jr., Oklahoma National Guard

Raising the Flag: 10am
Gourd Dance: 1pm
Supper Break: 5pm-6pm
Grand Entry: 7pm

49 Contest Friday & Saturday

Arts/Crafts Vendors & Food Welcome. Contact for Vendor Fees.
No Alcohol or Drugs Permitted. Not responsible for accidents or theft.
Vendor Contacts: Nolan Tahdooanippah (580)919-0868, Fred Fodder (580)284-4271
Edward Tahhahwah (580)713-2011, Tanya Codynah (580)585-1353

Comanche Indian Veterans Association Host Memorial Day Ceremony After Three years; Invited to Participate at Sunset Memorial Gardens Service



Courtesy Photo

Veteran Jimmy Caddo, salutes the memorial of the fallen Comanche soldiers, May 30, during the CIVA Memorial Ceremony held at the Comanche Nation Complex's Watchtaker Hall.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The CIVA Auxiliary and CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, place a memorial wreath in front of the Comanche Code Talker Monument May 30, at the Comanche Nation Complex. Due to COVID, the CIVA was not able to hold its annual event for three years, and expressed they are thankful they were able to do it this year.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Members of CIVA participate in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Memorial Day Services May 30, in Lawton, Okla. The organization was asked to participate in this years event by the Lawton Rangers. CIVA danced in to the beat of singers: Kevin Sovo, Berkey Monoessy and TD Sovo.



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CIVA was one of many veteran organizations in the area that participated in the Sunset Memorial Gardens Memorial Day Service, May 21, in Lawton, Okla.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, introduces Lawton Mayor, Stan Booker, who attended the memorial ceremony, May 21, at the Comanche Nation Complex.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Auxiliary member, Suzanne Patterson, gives out American Flags to place around the veteran monuments at CIVA's Annual Memorial Day Ceremony on May 30, at the Comanche Nation Complex.



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2022 CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, places an American Flag at the base of the names of fallen veterans during the May 30, CIVA Memorial Day Ceremony at the Comanche Nation Complex.

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DALLAS OUTREACH. On April 29, the Dallas Outreach Center in Dallas, Texas, held a community gathering for Comanche Nation members in the Metroplex, which included questions and answers with Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah. A total of four departments were also there to assist the tribal members with programs and information.

Comanche Nation Vocational Rehabilitation Program Disability Awareness Powwow



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 1:30 Gourd Dance
 5:00 Supper
 6:30 Grand Entry

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Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

June Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

JUNE 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Inventory	2 Frederick 1st Day	3 Frederick 2nd Day	4
5	6 Walters 1st Day	7 Walters 2nd Day	8 Cache 1st Day	9 Cache 2nd Day	10 TRUCK DAY	11
12	13 Cache 3rd Day	14 Cache 4th Day	15 Lawton 1st Day	16 Lawton 2nd Day	17 Lawton 3rd Day	18
19	20 CLOSED June 19th	21 Lawton 4th Day	22 Lawton 5th Day	23 Make-Up Day	24 Make-Up Day	25
26	27 Make-Up Day	28 Inventory	29 Inventory	30 Inventory		

Hopi Corn Stew

Ingredients

- 3 lbs ground beef
- 1 lbs carrots
- 2 cans of green chilies with juice
- 3 cups of White Hominy
- 2 large onions
- 6 potatoes
- 3 cans of whole tomatoes
- 3 cups beef broth
- ½ tsp black pepper ground
- 2 tbsp chili powder
- ½ tsp salt

Directions

1. In a large pot over medium heat, cook ground beef until evenly brown. Stir in onions, and sauté until soft and translucent.
2. Season with chili powder, and cook for about 2 minutes. Add potatoes, carrots, hominy, tomatoes and chilies. Pour in beef broth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Reduce heat, and simmer 2 hours, or until potatoes and carrots are tender.

Find each word



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- ESIPITU (GRAY)
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- OHAPITU (YELLOW)
- TOSAPITU (WHITE)
- OTUPITU (BROWN)



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Match the Words for Summer

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- Grass *Taatsa*
- Summer *Matokoo*
- Swim *Umaaru*

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People, Places & Things Happening

Brown Crowned Homecoming Queen



Courtesy Photo

Brown

Kierra Denise Brown, is a member of the Comanche, Otoe-Missouria, and Pawnee tribes. Brown is currently a senior at Putnam City High School in Bethany, Okla.

Brown was crowned 2021-22 Homecoming Queen and inducted in the National Honor Roll Society. She plays varsity basketball and in April committed to attend Eastern State College with Letter of Intent for Women's Basketball, her goal is to pursue a nursing degree in pediatrics.

Brown is the daughter of Jesse and Christy (Rivera) Brown, her grandparents are Denise and Tito DeJesus, Rene Rivera-Laboy, great-grandparents are Penny Monetathchi Beaver and the late Ron Plumley Sr.

Her family is very proud of her and wish her all success.

Blazing Bear Drum Wins Gathering Of Nations Drum Contest



Courtesy Photo

On April 29, the Blazing Bear Drum participated and won the first place World Class Southern Singing Champions at 2022 Gathering of Nations celebration.

Singers include tribal members Larry Monoessy and Ronald Monoessy Sr.

Choney Makes High School Girls All-Star Basketball Team



Courtesy Photo

Tribal youth, Olivia Choney, was selected to the Oklahoma High School Girls Basketball All-Star team by the Oklahoma Coaches Association.

Choney is a Senior at Eisenhower High School. She also participated in volleyball and cheerleading throughout her high school years. She will continue her basketball career at Haskell Indian Nations University.

Choney is the daughter of Robin and Shaun Hughes and Corey Choney. Granddaughter of Delores and the late Ron Twohatchet and Chuck and Sandy Choney and late Connie Choney.

Noble Receives Dental Assistant Certification



Courtesy Photo

Noble

Tribal member, Ayanna Noble, of Oklahoma City, graduated from dental Depot Academy March 15, with her Dental Assisting Certificate. Noble is now working with Taylor Dental and Implant center.

Pewewardy Recognized with the Sundance Institute

Daniel Pewewardy, a young professional Native man is plagued by a paranormal threat in his new apartment. To stop the threat he must uncover the mysteries of the apartment building — a former Native American Boarding School.

Pewewardy is a Comanche filmmaker and comedian from Lawton, Oklahoma. They also act, perform stand up, and are the creator of the internet meme persona @pendletonmane.

Pewewardy resides in Wichita, Kansas, where he works as a public programming librarian and serves as Board Vice Chair for the Mid-America All-Indian Museum.

Breaking Silence and Finding Justice

Statistically, Native Americans experience the highest rates of violence in the country, and sadly, that includes cases of child abuse and neglect. They know that violence was introduced by colonizers. It is not shameful that they were subjugated by colonizers; nor that they continue to endure violence predominantly at the hands of non-Natives. Their healing has only just begun and they speak their truth so that they, and others, may find healing. No More Silence.

Native people only speak of trauma when ready to heal. They use their voice to remove trauma from their bodies with the spoken word. Though their voices have been silenced for centuries, their people still gather in trusted community driven healing spaces. They participate in sweat lodges, vision quests, sundance and pow-wows and other avenues seeking a path toward healing. It's their way of speaking to the next of many generations to come - that despite the reality of domestic and sexual violence - they are survivors. Native Americans use storytelling to share oral history, to pass down teachings to younger generations and to provide a space for healing. Talking circles can be a source of therapy where victim-survivors find common ground and help each other to navigate domestic and sexual violence. It is in these safe spaces where the need to keep quiet dissolves and transparency can be transformative.

One-by-one, StrongHearts Native Helpline listens to stories of victim survivors with the hope of leading the way to safety and sovereignty. They believe that healing can begin with storytelling. That is why it is so important to lift their voices - especially in Indian Country where secrecy and shame are deeply embedded into the construct of life on a reservation where colonizers - the dominant society - ravaged the land and people of Turtle Island.

If you've been sexually assaulted, StrongHearts Native Helpline can help. StrongHearts is an anonymous, no-cost confidential service for Native Americans and Alas-

ka Natives. For more information, call or text 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) to speak with a Strong-Hearts advocate. For more information about the impact of domestic violence on children visit our website at strongheartshelpline.org. Read: PTSD Effects On Native Children Who Witness Domestic Violence.

Harvey gets recognized for her hard work



Courtesy Photo

Tribal member, Holi Harvey, as just an 8th grader has already played against varsity level teams. She can do almost anything at such a young age. One of her most underrated skill is her play making ability. She can collapse the defense and make her teammates better by creating open looks for them. She has all the potential to be something great. Congratulations Harvey. Keep up the good work.

Harvey attends Apache schools. She plays travel basketball for Oklahoma Runners.

Harvey is the daughter of Wendy Koassechony, she is the granddaughter of Keith and Ann Koassechony and Carla Aniol and the late Joe Harvey, all of Apache.

Love receives Silver Slugger Award



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Tribal member, Julian Love, received a Silver Slugger award for:

697 Batting and Slugger Average
48 hits
5 home-runs
35 RBI'S on May 17

He is 4th in the state for his batting average and put southwest Oklahoma on the map. "I am so proud of him and his love for the game! From the 5th grade when he started playing to the end of this junior year he has strived to be the best! Now baby boy let's see what you can do as a senior!"

Yazzie signs with the Air Force

Tribal member, Kaylah Yazzie, picked the Air Force Academy to continue her path as a collegiate swimmer.

The Diné, Comanche, and Sac and Fox athlete signed with Air Force on Feb. 2 in a group signing with her high school teammates.

Yazzie is the daughter of Lamoni and McResha Yazzie, and she has one younger sibling, Nanabah, who is also a competitive swimmer. With her signing, Yazzie follows the military path that her dad, uncle (Colonel Lawrence Yazzie), and aunt (Major Desbah Yazzie) took.

She is planning on studying either business management or aeronautical engineering.

National Museum of the American Indian To Dedicate Native American Veterans Memorial

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian will dedicate the National Native American Veterans Memorial on Nov. 11. The dedication ceremony will take place on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., as part of a three-day event (Nov. 11-13) to honor Native veterans. A Native veterans procession will take place before the start of the dedication ceremony.

"The dedication of this memorial is an opportunity to gather and reflect on the extraordinary service and sacrifice of Native veterans and their families," said Cynthia Chavez Lamar (San Felipe Pueblo, Hopi, Tewa and Navajo), the museum's director.

Throughout the weekend, the museum will host special programming in honor of the dedication of the memorial, including hands-on activities, films in the Rasmuson Theater, performances in the Potomac Atrium and a dedicated veterans hospitality suite. The museum will remain open until 8 p.m. Nov. 11.

Visitors can also visit the exhibition "Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces" on the museum's second floor. The exhibition, which tells personal stories of Native Americans, Native Hawaiians and Alaska Native veterans who have served in the U.S. armed forces, brings long overdue recognition to those who have served their country selflessly and with honor for more than 250 years.

About the National Native American Veterans Memorial

The National Native American Veterans Memorial sits on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian and was commissioned by Congress to give "all Americans the opportunity to learn of the proud and courageous tradition of service of Native Americans in the Armed Forces of the United States." Native Americans have served in ev-

ery major military conflict in the U.S. since the Revolutionary War. This is the first national landmark in Washington, D.C., to focus on the contributions of American Indians, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians who have served in the military.

The memorial was designed by Harvey Pratt (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), a multimedia artist, retired forensic artist and Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. The design features an elevated stainless steel circle resting on a carved stone drum. It also incorporates water for ceremonies, benches for gatherings and four lances where veterans, family members, tribal leaders and others can tie cloths for prayers and healing. Major support for the National Native American Veterans Memorial has been provided by the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, the Chickasaw Nation, Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies, Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians and Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community.

Lopez Goes to High School State Golf Tournament



Courtesy Photo

Lopez

James Lopez went to the May 9 and 10, Class 5A State Golf Tournament. He shot 92 first 18 and shot 87 the second to make state with a total of 179.

He represented in Eisenhower High school as an individual.

Lopez is the son of Gary Lopez and Jodi Eshiti Breeden and grandson of Teresa Lopez, Larry Lopez and great grandson Selma (Nive) Connywerdy Herrera.



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Potawatomi Fire Pro Basketball Team Drawing Community Support



Oklahoma's newest professional sports team, the Potawatomi Fire, is 14-6 and in fourth place in The Basketball League's central division in its inaugural season — not bad for a team that is less than a year old.

"We're wrapping up our first season with the Potawatomi Fire and we're excited about how the team and community are investing in each other," said David Qualls, the Fire's general manager and designated tribal spokesman for the team.

Citizen Potawatomi Nation became the first tribe in Oklahoma and the U.S. to own a professional sports team when it founded the Fire in October of 2021.

"Diversifying in this way helps CPN make use of FireLake Arena and attracts a new demographic of fans—it's a different fan base than single-event sports like boxing or MMA," Qualls said.

"We have Native players on our team and this has given them an opportunity to play at a level that's higher than high school or college, and hopefully is a stepping stone in their careers. They're professional basketball players."

Qualls, who has served as director of Citizen Potawatomi's FireLake Arena since 2018, became general manager after playing an instrumental role in bringing the franchise to Shawnee. Qualls is a longtime employee of Citizen Potawatomi Nation and a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

"I had bought this basketball court as a product for the arena to do basketball tournaments, high school, maybe some college," Qualls said. "Last spring, I caught a press release of this TBL and that they were expanding from 16 teams to 29 teams that year. I got to look into the semantics of it, the budget and cost and what the return would be. It just fit the business model of something we could do here."

Qualls presented the idea to tribal leaders, who attended a TBL game in Enid to ensure it would be a worthwhile investment. They were impressed with the community involvement in Enid and signed off on the proposal. The league now has more than 40 teams divided into four divisions.

Thus far, the Fire have proven to be a great investment, selling about 1,200 tickets per game, about half the arena's capacity. Qualls said the team reached its goal of turning a profit in its first season.

Qualls said the nature of the investment fit nicely with Citizen Potawatomi's pre-existing infrastructure. Such a venture would have been more difficult if the tribe didn't already own and operate an arena.

"It wouldn't have been impossible, but it would have required a group of investors. You would have been bouncing around between two or three high schools. It would have taken a lot more people, a lot more work, a lot longer diligence period, a lot longer payback period. You probably wouldn't have been able to do it as professionally because simply, the budgets wouldn't let you do it."

He said some TBL teams broadcast their games with an iPad, with quality comparable to a Facebook livestream. In contrast, the

Fire maintains a full audio and visual staff that produces a high quality livestream for every home game, complete with audio commentary. After receiving approval from tribal leadership, Qualls began searching for a head coach. The first name on his list: Derrick Rowland, TBL-championship-winning coach of the Albany Patroons.

Qualls figured it would be difficult to lure Rowland from his established dynasty, but Rowland was eager for the challenge and excited by the prospect of coaching the Fire.

"It wasn't that tough of a decision," Rowland said. "I had a lot of success there. But this just looked like a new challenge. It intrigued me that this was their first year having a team and I knew the background and the history of the Potawatomi Nation. And I just wanted to be a part of this historical thing that they're doing. So when I looked at everything, it was a pretty easy decision for me to come and try to do some of the things here that I've done in Albany."

Rowland isn't the only one excited by the idea of a tribal-owned team. He's found success using that fact as part of his recruiting pitch to potential new players.

"Everything we do, we're playing for history, because this is historical. Being the first Native-owned team in the state, a lot comes with that. And that's appealing to the players as well. But yeah, that's a part of my motivation to get across to the players. And it's special."

Another key part of his pitch is the team's access to FireLake arena. "It's a huge advantage for us because we don't have to go through the arena fees. Many teams do, that's part of their budget. We have access to the arena all the time, and it's just a great place to improve yourself and work on your basketball game."

One player who didn't need a sales pitch is Tevin Foster, a guard from Lawton. Foster is a citizen of the Comanche Nation.

"I was like, man, this is gonna be a good opportunity if I can get on with this team and be part of a Native pro basketball team sponsored by and promoted by a Native tribe," Foster said. "I was like, man, it's gonna be a good opportunity for me. It's gonna be history."

Foster has firsthand experience with the tribal basketball community in Oklahoma and the surrounding region, and he's excited by the impact the Fire is having.

"Back home I train a lot of kids, and most of them are Native American. Being a part of this will help elevate the Native American community," Foster said.

Foster's presence has added a new dimension to the team, on and off the court.

"Having Tevin here has been great, with his Native background, and you know, he's a great player," Rowland said. "He plays hard. He's smart. He's coachable."

He's everything you look for in a player. And he definitely brings insight to some of the stuff that we just didn't know."

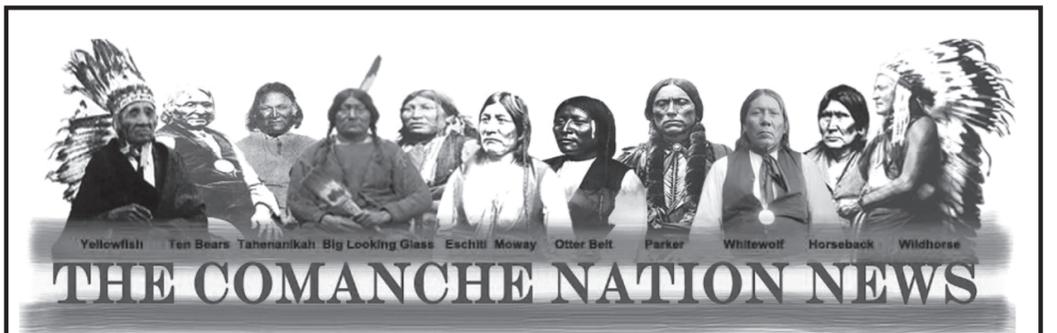
The Fire have four games remaining in their first regular season before entering the playoffs and vying for the ultimate goal: a TBL championship.

Remember When . . .



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This picture was taken at Otipoby Cemetery on Fort Sill back in 1965. Charlie Pokoro (seated), Robert Chaat, Ralph Chaat, Ernest Doyebi Jr., Phillip Narcomey, Maude Blevins, Lucille Cizek, Ellen Goodin, Joe Goodin, Hugh Otipoby, Rev. Robert Coffey, Dana Chibitty, Steve Chibitty, Anna Coffey, Susie Ahdosy, Lena Chibitty, George Watchetaker, Toots Pahdocony, Minnie Bointy, Jesse Otipoby, Joyce Connovichnah, and Sara Pohocscut. Comanche Photo courtesy of Barbara Goodin.



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- Main Office
- Watchetaker Hall

Lawton:

- Lawton IHS
- Tax Commission
- Comanche Nation Casino
- Assisted Living Center
- Comanche Nation Daycare
- Comanche Nation Housing
- NAPRA/Historic
- Comanche Nation Diabetes
- Education Center
- Intertribal Visions
- Lebert Taunah Casbah Hair Salon
- Elder Center
- Bucks Pawn
- Comanche Nation Funeral Home
- Comanche Nation Museum
- Reality

South of Lawton:

- Walters CN Casino
- Red River Casino
- Travel Plaza

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- City Hall

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- Trading Post
- Hop N Sack
- Gas Mart

Indiahoma:

- Warrior Café

Oklahoma City:

- Dean's Pawn Shop
- Sam's Best Buy
- Indian Clinic
- First Americans Museum

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- Comanche Nation Spur Casino
- Porter Hill Gas Station

Apache:

- Mac's

Anadarko:

- Outreach
- Library
- Indian Craft Store
- McKee's Indian Store
- Step & Fetchum Grocery
- Riverside Indian School
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Fletcher:

- Hop N Sack

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Remembering and Honoring Comanche Nation Veterans

On a beautiful morning at the Comanche Nation Complex grounds, CIVA Veterans with the assistance from the Auxiliary setup 13 Crosses and flags in Honor of our Comanche Nation Veterans who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms we greatly enjoy and sometimes take for granted.



Courtesy Photo

Fallen Warriors

Johnnie Rivas

Killed in action, June 6, 1944

Melvin Myers

Killed in action, June 14, 1944

Eli Hosetosavit

Killed in action, August 1, 1944

Ben Trevino

Killed in action, August 3, 1944

Thomas Chockpoyah

Killed in action, August 7, 1944

Gilbert Vidana

Killed in action, Sept. 16, 1944

Henry Kosechata

Died of combat wounds, May 1, 1945

Henry Conwoop

Died of combat wounds, May 3, 1945

Dennis Karty

Died in captivity, March 30, 1952

Meech Tahsequah

Declared dead, Feb. 28, 1954

Russell Pesewonit

Killed in action, July 22, 1966

Robert Pahcheka

Killed in action, Oct. 22, 1966

Joshua Ware

Killed in action, Nov. 16, 2005

Hallowed Grounds, the U.S. National Cemetery, Normandy France. CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary remembering those who gave all this upcoming Memorial Day!!!



Courtesy Photo

Back view of the entrance of the U.S. Cemetery, Normandy France.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Auxiliary remembering and paying respects to Comanche Nation Veteran, Johnnie Rivas who was killed in action on June 6, 1944. He is buried at the Normandy Cemetery with his fellow Brothers in Arms.



Courtesy Photo

Hallowed and sacred grounds, Normandy Cemetery.



Courtesy Photo

The U.S. Flag flown being lowered from the U.S. National Cemetery, Normandy France.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans, Lanny Asepermy, Ramona Davis, Clifford RedElk and Kevin Pohawpatchoko preparing to receive and to fold the U.S. Flag.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans presenting the U.S. Flag back to the U.S. National Cemetery Staff.

Funeral and Honor Details



Courtesy Photo

Chief Petty Officer Garner Pewewardy

A funeral detail was requested by the Pewewardy Family as the services was conducted at the Petarsy Mission Methodist Church in Elgin Oklahoma on April 12, with burial at the Otipoby Comanche Cemetery located on Fort Sill.

Garner Pewewardy, was born on February 22, 1933, in Elgin, Oklahoma. His mother was Ella "Nuh-Nuh-Tsi" Pewewardy.

He served in the U.S. Navy Army for 20 years and earned the rank of Chief Petty Officer.

His awards include the Navy Presidential Unit Citation, Good Conduct Medal with Silver Star, China Service Medal, National Defense Medal with Bronze star, Korean Service with two Bronze Campaign Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze Stars, Korean Defense Medal, Navy Reserve with two Bronze Stars, Vietnam Gallantry with Palm, United Nations Medal with Korean Clasp, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device, Korean Service Medal.

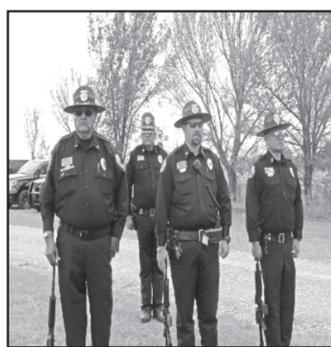
The detail consisted of Vet-

erans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Navy and the CIVA flags were displayed. His military bio was read, a roll call was conducted as well as a final salute. At the Otipoby Cemetery, honors were conducted by CIVA and the Auxiliary.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Funeral Detail with the Auxiliary



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Police Department Firing Squad.



Courtesy Photo

James (Jim) Harold Myers, 82, of Apache passed away on May 7, at his home, Myers Ranch, west of Apache. Funeral service was at the Cowboy Church, 15513 HWY 62, Apache, on May 12, at with Pastor Jed Linebaugh officiating. Burial followed at Fairview Cemetery in Apache under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. A celebration of his life was at Cowboy Church on May 11.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1940, in Lawton to Randlett C. and Margaret "Sturm" Myers. Myers attended Apache Schools where he was a member of the first football team. He graduated in 1958 and attended Arkansas City Junior College where he received a football scholarship and was the nose guard for the team. He later transferred to Panhandle State University to continue his football career.

Myers apprenticed to become an electrician which led him to a long career as a Civil Service Electrical Estimator until retirement in 1992. He was a member of the National Guard from 1960-1966. Myers farmed and ranched on his grandmother Lena Fischer Myers allotment of 1901 which was named Fischer Farms. That same land is now known as Myers Ranch and has been awarded centennial ranch status.

Color Guard Detail for the 2022 Comanche Nation Annual Meeting

On April 16, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary were tasked in bringing in the Colors prior to the start of the 2022 Comanche Nation Annual Meeting.

The drum was provided by Bubba Sovo and the Sovo Family

Singers.

CIVA Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko conducted a brief history on how many Comanche Veterans served in each conflict.

During the retirement of the Colors, all Comanche Veterans in attendance were invited to dance out with the Colors.



Courtesy Photo

Bubba Sovo and the Sovo Singers providing the drum.



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CIVA Veterans George RedElk and Frankie Patterson carrying the U.S. and the Comanche Nation Flag.



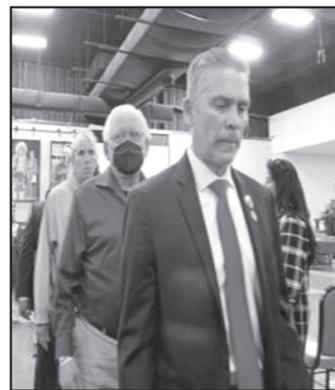
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Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Bluesky Tosee with CIVA Incoming Princess, Arlene Schonchin.



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CIVA Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Torralba followed Linda Tehauno, Shirley Pohawpatchoko, Suzanne Patterson and Nona Gail Mihe-coby.



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Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, leading our Comanche Nation Veterans during the retirements of the Colors.

On April 17, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary provided a Color Guard detail for the 2022 Comanche Nation Princess Honor Powwow.

CIVA Princess in Waiting, Arlene Schonchin, led in the Auxiliary.



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Fredericksburg 175th Anniversary Lasting Friendship Ceremony

CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary were invited to the Fredericksburg 175th Anniversary Lasting Friendship Ceremony, a Treaty between the German people and the Comanches.

On May 6, at the Fredericksburg Fairgrounds the Lasting Friendship Ceremony began present were; Billy Komacheet (Native American Church), Edmond Nevaquaya, Ron Parker, Quanah Parker Decedents, Bubba Sovo & Berkey Monoessy and the Sovo Singers along with Lenny & Dana Medina who was one of the organizers of this event.



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CIVA along with Auxiliary participate in the 175th parade.

Meeting with General Hagee, USMC, Retired. Former Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps. He is the President and Chief Executive Officer with the Admiral Nimitz Foundation.

CIVA & Auxiliary along with the Comanche Nation Delegation toured the National Museum of

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the Pacific War where the original Treaty between the Germans and the Comanches was stored.



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On May 8, CIVA & Auxiliary along with the Comanche Nation Delegation participated in the Treaty Ceremony. After the speeches and awards presentations, a wreath was laid to end the Treaty Ceremony.



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Arlene Schonchin Elected 2022-2023 CIVA Princess



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Arlene Schonchin, was elected as the 19th CIVA Princess. She will begin her reign during the Armed Forces Day Banquet on May

21. Her term also ends on Armed Forces Day 2023.

She is the 13-year-old daughter of Lynn and Jolene Schonchin Jr. Schonchin is a Direct Descendant of Chief Wildhorse and Chief Whitewolf (Esa Rosa). Her mother, Jolene Schonchin, was the 1988 Comanche Nation Princess along with her grandmother, Arlene Wockmetoah Jimenez who was the 1945 Comanche Nation Princess.

Schonchin served as the 2019 American Indian Catholic Outreach Princess and a member of the Comanche Youth Dancers along with the Junior National Honor Society at the Elgin Middle School.

Outgoing 2021-2022 CIVA Princess



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Mercedes Ranae Banderas, is the daughter of Richanda Banderas and granddaughter of Richard Banderas and Mary Imotichey.

CIVA want to thank Mercedes for dedicated service while serving as the 2021-2022 CIVA Princess.



Powwow Time to Swing and Sway



Photo by Heaven Williams/News Staff

On May 21-22, the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery held a Pow Wow at the Comanche County Fairgrounds in Lawton, Oklahoma, to celebrate sobriety through culture. Contests in all age dance categories were held, which drew hundreds to the two day celebration. ABOVE: Junior Boys Straight Dancers. BELOW: Junior Girl Cloth Dancers line up for the dance judges.



Photo by Heaven Williams/News Staff



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Students from the Comanche Charter School celebrate their graduation with a powwow held May 21, at their school grounds in Lawton, Okla.



Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!! May 7, at the Great Plains Coliseum's Annex building, mothers of all ages along with their families came together for the annual Comanche Little Pony Mother's Day celebration. The event honored all mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers. Each year the Comanche Little Pony organization sets aside this special day to honor all the mothers, young and old.

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Teachers of the Comanche Charter School lead students in during the Grand Entry of the Comanche Charter School Graduation Celebration, held May 21, at it's school grounds in Lawton, Okla.

Warrior Cafe

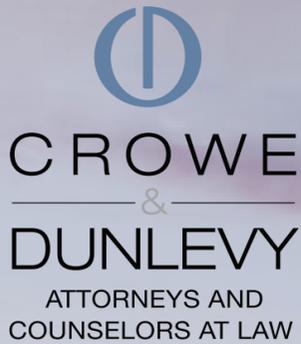
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The 2022 Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya, leads the Grand Entry at the Comanche Charter School Graduation Celebration held May 21, in Lawton, Okla.



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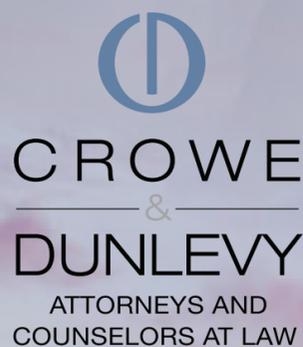


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Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

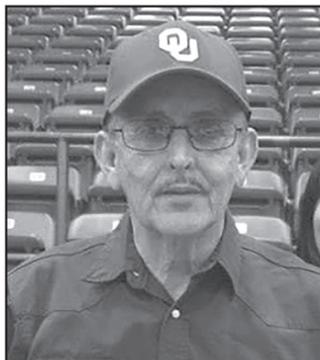
May 18- Edward Tahhahwah III
May 19 - Tom Chasenah Sr.
May 30 - Linda Chasenah Silverhorn



Happy Birthday Edward Tahhahwah III May 18



Happy Birthday Edward Tahhahwah Jr. June 2



Happy 70th Birthday Bert McClung June 4



Happy 18th Birthday Caden Tahbonemah June 7

~Happy 70th Birthday Dad! Love all your babies, Lance, Vanessa, Melanie, John, Keenan, and Renee.

Happy Birthday



June 2 - Edward Tahhahwah Jr.
June 3 - Jamie Prarie Chief
June 4 - Bert McClung
June 7 - Caden Tahbonemah
June 8 - Denise Poemoceah
Happy Birthday Auntie Denise! We love you! Philip, Coral, & Lena
June 10 - Mary June Chasenah
June 11- Mariah Silverhorn
June 12 - Donald Chasenah
June 14 - Joia Pahcheka-Johnson
June 23 - Qynn Plata
June 23 - Benjamin Chasenah
June 25 - Autumn Bier
June 28 - Kenneth Chasenah



Happy Birthday Joia Pahcheka-Johnson June 14



Happy Birthday Qynn Plata June 23



Happy Birthday Autumn Bier June 25

~Happy Birthday! Love Mom.



Happy Birthday Dr. Ronald L. Burgess

~He's the absolute LOVE OF MY LIFE! He's smart, loving, and just some kind of (wonderful) nanisuw̄kai. And I, plus all his family and fellow tribesmen, Love him so much! Na naranap̄m̄ u ʘ-kamak̄m̄ nu!!! He's a wonderful father and grandfather to three of the finest Numunu Artists and one daughter, with many grandchildren who look up to him as he guides them in seeking higher education and living a fulfilling life of love, respect, and compassion for fellowman.

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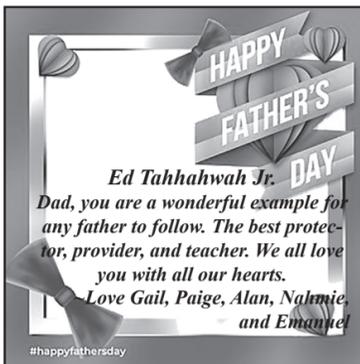
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Happy Father's Day
Paige Burgess
Happy Father's Day you are the best blessing God sent! We are proud to call you Dad!
~Love Gail and Emanuel



Happy Father's Day
Ed Tahhahwah Jr.
Dad, you are a wonderful example for any father to follow. The best protector, provider, and teacher. We all love you with all our hearts.
Love Gail, Paige, Alan, Nalmie, and Emanuel



Comanche Nation CHR/EMS/FIRE/ Injury Prevention

The following are calls that the department has ran from April 11, 2022 to May 10, 2022. It gives the date, dispatch time, type of call, address with town, and any assisting agencies.

- April 12 @ 9:30 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- April 13 @ 9 a.m.: Standby, Highway 5-Walters (Tribal PD)
- April 16 @ 8 a.m.: Standby, 584 NW Bingo Road-Lawton (Tribal PD)
- April 16 @ 1:41 p.m.: Medical, 584 NW Bingo Road-Lawton
- April 18 @ 12:41 p.m.: Agency Assist, 15064 CR1450-Apache (Tribal PD)
- April 18 @ 5:11 p.m.: Agency Assist, 15064 CR1450-Apache (Tribal PD)
- April 20 @ 2:27 p.m.: Structure Fire, 105 NW Bingo Road-Lawton (Tribal PD, Wichita Mtn Est. FD, Medicine Park FD)
- April 20 @ 3:17 p.m.: Standby, Highway 5-Walters (Tribal PD)
- April 21 @ 9:06 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- April 21 @ 9:21 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- April 21 @ 9:43 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- April 21 @ 10:25 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- April 21 @ 10:38 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- April 21 @ 3:57 p.m.: Grass Fire, 6th Street and D Ave-Lawton
- May 6 @ 9:42 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- May 6 @ 10:17 a.m.: Service Call, 8527 NW Madische Road-Lawton (LIH-OEH)
- May 6 @ 10:46 a.m.: Fire (control burn), 13135 State Highway 19-Apache
- May 9 @ 1:23 p.m.: Service Call, SE Railroad and SE Bishop Road-Lawton (Tribal PD)



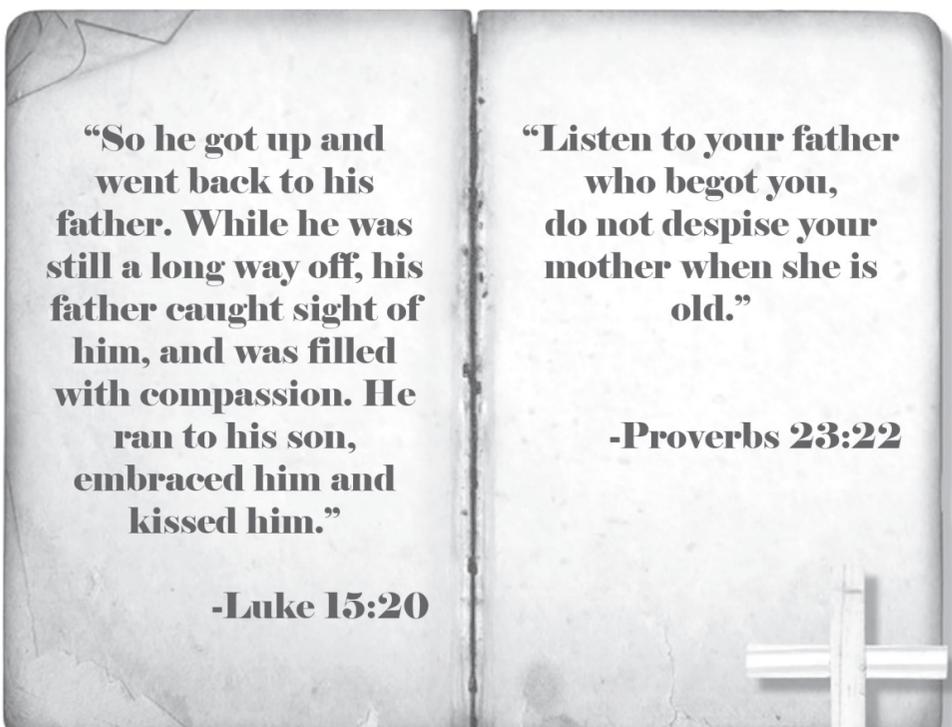
“Nayanohitekwaru” (One who tells jokes)



Many many years ago, (soobetsu) in Cache at one of the Indian churches, they had a sewing circle which met every other weekday and sewed quilts, (in fact, that is where I learned Comanche language, sleeping and coloring under the quilt frame). There was about 10 – 15 Indian ladies setting around a quilt just sewing and talking and laughing, etc. All of a sudden this one ‘special’ Indian lady walks in. Her brother had recently passed away. And she said, “Well ladies, I can’t stay long I have to go to the funeral home and INTERVIEW THE BODY!!” All the ladies just looked at each and busted out laughing!! She didn’t pay no mind to them, she just spun around on her heels and blazed out!

Time passed and she returned to the sewing circle. She walked in kind of distraught and said, “Ooooooh, LADIES, Y’ALL SHOULD’VE SEEN MY BROTHER, HE LOOKED SO GOOD - THEY SURE DID ‘BOMBED’ HIM GOOD”!!!

Verna Cable Burgess
Comanche Tribal Member



“So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him.”

-Luke 15:20

“Listen to your father who begot you, do not despise your mother when she is old.”

-Proverbs 23:22

Send your funny story to The Comanche Nation News, and if it is published, TCNN will mail some Nuumunu Swag! Email to: pio@comanchenation.com. The deadline is the 15th of each month.

Obituaries

Marlene Asenap James



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James

Marlene Asenap James, of Cache went to her heavenly home on May 5.

Funeral was May 9, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home with the Rev. Matt Asetamy officiating. Burial followed at Cache KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

James is survived by: children: Mike and Gail Frickie, Asa James Jr., Chris James, Rob and Chevonne Asenap, all of Cache; and Timothy James of Walters;

James is preceded in death by her husband, Asa James; daughter Lisa James Womack; son, Ted Asenap; parents: Teddy and Carrie "Peetsuni" Asenap; brothers and sisters: Laverna Asenap, Dena Asenap and Gene Asenap; brothers and sisters: Gene, Lavada, Amy Dell, Raymond, Jack and Stoney Asenap, and Barbara and Bill Edmonson.

James (Jim) Harold Myers



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Myers

James (Jim) Harold Myers, 82, of Apache passed away on May 7, at his home, Myers Ranch, west of Apache.

He was born on February 6, 1940, in Lawton to Randlett C. and Margaret "Sturm" Myers. Myers attended Apache Schools where he was a member of the first football team. He graduated in 1958 and attended Arkansas City Junior College where he received a football scholarship and was the nose guard for the team. He later transferred to Panhandle State University to continue his football career.

Myers apprenticed to become an electrician which led him to a long career as a Civil Service Electrical Estimator until retirement in 1992. He was a member of the National Guard from 1960-1966. Myers farmed and ranched on his grandmother Lena Fischer Myers allotment of 1901 which was named Fischer Farms. That same land is now known as Myers Ranch and has been awarded centennial ranch status.

Myers spent many hours watching ball games of all sports while supporting young athletes from across the state. He also loved being a part of the stock show world with his kids. Myers enjoyed rodeoing and calf roping in his younger years, and you could see him at National Finals Rodeo and the American Rodeo. One of his greatest joys was running his cow-calf operation and building his home. He loved and appreciated all forms of Native American art, but Myers' favorite hobby was collecting

friends.

Myers was a proud member of the Comanche Nation where he served many years on the election board. He was also a faithful member of the Cowboy Church of Apache. He was member of the American Heritage Museum, American Quarter Horse Association, Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, and Mo Betta Quail Hunt and Rodeo committee.

He is survived by his best friend and soul mate his wife Linda "Jump" Myers of 43 years; his children: Kip Antuna, Keri Jhane Myers, Jamey Myers Hunter, Tracy Myers Harris, James H. Myers Jr. and wife Decole, Teri Myers Hughes and husband Clint, Gavan Parker and wife Jeana. He was a grandpa of 20 grandchildren and a great grandfather of 12. He is survived by two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, siblings Randlett Jr., Deana, and Sally.

Mary Alice Sapcut



Courtesy Photo

Sapcut

Mary Alice Sapcut, 78, passed away on May 9, in Lawton. A pray service was held May 16. Funeral services took place May 17, with Sapcut's nephew Paster Baxter Asepermy officiating, burial followed at West Cache Creek KCA Cemetery in Apache, Okla. All services was held at and under the direction of the Comanche Nation Funeral Home of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Sapcut was born on October 16, 1943, in Apache, Okla., a daughter of the late Frank Sapcut, and Marion Ahdosy Sapcut. She was a lifetime resident of Apache, Oklahoma. Sapcut graduated from Apache High School and attended the Oklahoma Christian University before returning home. Sapcut worked at numerous places throughout her life including the Social Security Administration in Lawton, Okla.; the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Riverside Indian School, both of Anadarko, Okla.; and the Comanche Nation of Lawton, Okla., from which she retired.

Sapcut was a full-blood member of the Comanche Nation and loved her Indigenous heritage and historic cultural ways. She was a fluent speaker of the Comanche language, having learned as a small child from her parents and elders. Sapcut loved the lord was a lifetime member of the Cache Creek Presbyterian Church. Sapcut was also an active member of the Riverside Indian School Alumni, and never missed a meeting or function. In her spare time, Sapcut enjoyed traveling, listening to music, reading books, playing games on the computer and with her family, going to the movies, attending powwows, shopping, watching Polka and Hee-Haw every Saturday night with her sister Sharon, and most of all chatting and laughing with her family and friends. Sapcut was the heart of the family and looked forward to holidays as she was very active in the planning and cooking of meals for her family. Most of all, Sapcut loved her family. She was a loving and caring aunt to her many nieces and nephews and a loving and grandmother to her grandchildren and great-grandchildren—if she called you "sugar" you knew that you were extra special! Above all else, Sapcut loved spending time with her great-grandson Kenneth James Loveshim, always referring to him as, "my baby Kenneth."

She is survived by her sisters, Sharon Sapcut-Enriquez and Karen Koassechony, both of Apache, Okla.; brothers, Richard Sapcut and wife Fran, of Yukon, Okla., and Donald Koassechony of Oxnard, Cali.; two special adopted grandsons, Richard Varner II and Ty Hammonds, of Fort Campbell, Ky.; and goddaughter Jan Marie Sapcut, and a host of nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by parents, Frank and Marion Ahdosy Sapcut; sisters, Barbara Sapcut Asepermy, Patricia Sapcut White-wolf, Andretta Koassechony and Marilyn Spybuck; brothers, Kenneth Sapcut, Vincent Sapcut, Adrian "Boysie" Koassechony, and Ferrel Koassechony; niece, Melissa Ann Asepermy; nephew, Craig Allen Sapcut; and a special granddaughter and grandson, Michelle Renee Redbone and John Glenn Butteris.

Dirk Waylon Bennett



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Bennett

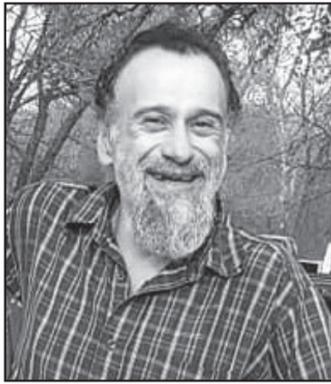
Dirk Waylon Bennett, passed away on April 8. He was born August 19, 1966, to Paul A. Bennett and Bobbie J. Sanders.

He is survived by mother; son, Sheldon L. Bennett; daughter, Sarah L. Apaaty; brothers, Dustin W. Bennett, Dack W. Bennett, James Greer, and Robert Greer; sister, Stephanie Greer; and Stepmom, Margot Bennett.

He is preceded in death by his father.

A Celebration of Life was held April 16, in the Trophy Room at Cache Road Liquor Store.

Michael Luis Martinez



Courtesy Photo

Martinez

Michael Luis Martinez, of Indianahoma, was a son, brother, uncle, father, grandpa or "papa", and friend to so many that cared so much for him. He passed away in Tulsa, Okla., on April 18, at the age of 54, after battling some serious medical issues. Martinez stayed so very strong until the end.

He was born to Luis and Dorothy "Dottie" Martinez on December 25, 1967. His given Comanche name is *Tuibitsi*, handsome young boy. On the maternal side, he descends from the Kassanavoid & Komahcheet families and was a direct descendant of Tosaway (Silver Brooch). On the paternal side, he descends from Alberto and Crucita Martinez from Puerto Rico. He was very proud to be Comanche and he loved to straight dance as a member of the Comanche Wardance Society. After graduating from Indianahoma High School, Martinez went to New Mexico's Southwestern Indian Polytechnical Institute and then to Haskell Indian Nations University. His passion was welding and he became a certified pipe welder. Following school, he met and married Clara Eidson. Together, they had two children together, Lillian and Myra Jean, and he embraced two stepchildren,

Jessica and Brandon. He loved all of his children equally.

Martinez is preceded in death by his Father, Luis A. Martinez-Camacho, and Mother, Dorothy R. Komahcheet-Martinez. He is survived by his Sister-Roberta Lopez of Lawton, Okla., Brother-Richard Martinez and wife Gina of Austin, Texas, Sister-Kathy Sovo and husband T.D. of Vian, Okla., Brother-Micah Martinez of McAlister, Okla., Daughter-Lillian Cervantes and husband Freddy of Frederick, Okla., Daughter-Myra Martinez and Fiancé Tony of Oklahoma City, Step-Daughter-Jessica Wade and husband Kennon of Chandler, Okla., Step Son-Brandon Eidson of McAlister, Okla., Grandchildren: Javarious, Darius, Zoey, Kaydence, Jordyn, Traevyn, Adalyn, Juan, Leigha, Carlos, Mayson, and Gunnar, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held April 22, at Post Oak Cemetery Indianahoma with Pastor Gene Wilson officiating. Burial was under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Dennis James Nevaquaya



Courtesy Photo

Nevaquaya

Dennis James Nevaquaya, *Wiya Wunury* "Standing Rope" he gained everlasting life on April 22.

Nevaquaya was born April 14, 1973, to Jereaux Nevaquaya-Sanders in Lawton Oklahoma. Nevaquaya was raised in Apache, Oklahoma by his mother, aunts, uncles, and maternal grandparents. He was the definition of "it takes a village to raise a child." Nevaquaya was a proud enrolled citizen of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and was a dedicated Oklahoma Sooners Football fan. He graduated from Apache High School in 1991, where he played football and was an All-District defensive back. He was active in different club organizations such as Indian club, 4H, the High School band, FFA, and was a member of the youth group and choir for the Mahsetky Methodist Church as well as a member of the Comanche Nation Native America Church.

After High School he traveled throughout the United States and Canada dancing at pow wows and performing with different Native American dance troupes. He was a champion grass and chicken dancer winning numerous pow wows throughout Indian country as well as serving as head staff for many celebrations. Throughout the years Nevaquaya sang and became brothers with various drum groups and was a life-long member of his family drum MGM.

He married his wife Rena Belle Whitecloud (Nevaquaya) in 2011. They made their home in Black River Falls, Wisconsin, where he made many friends and relatives. Nevaquaya had the best sense of humor. He loved to tease, laugh, and loved his family more than anything. He was the life of the party and lifetime president of the rippinit.com organization. Nevaquaya will be forever missed by all who knew and loved him.

He is survived by his wife

Rena and six children; Mariah (Nevaquaya) Hart of Sterling, Nathan Pasquayak of St. Paul, Alberta, Aidyn Nevaquaya of Cut Knife, Saskatchewan, Hozhoni Whitecloud, Nookinuh and Johnny Nevaquaya all of Black River Falls, Wisconsin, his only granddaughter Aubree Nevaquaya of Sterling, one grandson Quentin Dick III of Black River Falls, Wisconsin; godchildren; Jaelyn Cloud, He-les-wv Hopinka, and Tonatzin Bass; siblings David Hendrix, PJ Hendrix, Angie Revell all of Lawton, Oklahoma, Vanessa Sapcut and Joshua Boyd both of Apache; with many aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and adopted family throughout Indian Country.

He is preceded in death by: his maternal grandparents, Doc and Charlotte Tate Nevaquaya, mother, Jereaux Nevaquaya Sanders, uncle, Sonny Nevaquaya; paternal grandparents, Phillip Hendrix Sr. and Jane Pennah Hendrix, father, Phillip Hendrix Jr.; In-laws, Johnny Whitecloud and Patricia Hindsley-Eagleman.

Wake service was May 3, at the Comanche Community center in Apache.

Funeral service was May 4, at the Nevaquaya home place in Apache with Pastor Jay Mule officiating. Burial followed at Cache Creek KCA Cemetery west of Apache under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Howard D. Tinney



Courtesy Photo

Tinney

Howard D. Tinney, went to his heavenly home on April 24, in Lawton with loving family by his side.

He was born on January 18, 1968, to Caroline Mihecoby Tinney and Harold Tinney. He was raised in Lawton, Oklahoma, then moved to Fletcher Oklahoma where he lived the rest of his life. He worked at Goodyear and Cyril Foods for many years.

He also helped his daughter Marisa Trevino open a home daycare. He was known for his love of music, watching OU football, Dallas Cowboys, professional wrestling and his family.

Especially his only beloved daughter Marisa and two granddaughters Amaya and Akorra all of Fletcher. He loved coaching his daughter throughout her softball career and had a passion for baseball throughout his life; sister Nicole Tinney of Fletcher

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents: Allen and Iva Mihecoby, paternal grandparents, Columbus and Ruby Tinney, and his parents, Harold and Caroline Tinney.

Graveside services was April 27, at Little Washita Cemetery, Fletcher with Rev. Monroe Tsatoke officiating. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

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Luzette Tissychy



Courtesy Photo

Tissychy

Luzette Tissychy, of Cache went to her heavenly home peacefully on April 24, at her home surrounded by her loving family.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Rose Tahah, niece, Amy Wahnee and life partner Tony "Cotton" Huddleston, brother, Delmar and sister, Lawanna Wahnee and other family members.

She is survived by her children, Carolynn Lonewolf, Karen Cozad Banderas, Richard Tissychy, Elsie Tissychy and partner Ricardo Davis, Amber Tissychy, Willie Parker all of Lawton; Keith Tissychy and partner Kim of Madill.

Her grandchildren, Kara Noel and fiancé Tony Henderson, Kirsty Marcellino and husband Vince Marcellino, Brandon Eidson, Devin Lopez, Ryan Noel and wife Ashley Noel, Kendra Lopez, Rebecca Bull, Brya Wahkinney, Mya Davis, Kaiden Davis, Rose Tissychy,

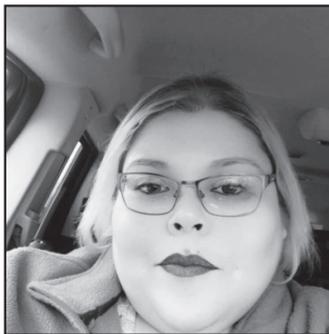
Zackery Tissychy, Julia Tissychy, Kayden Tissychy, Leila Tissychy, Aiden Green, Austin Tissychy; great grandchildren, Bryson Gilliam, Noah Noel, Mayva Andersen, Alicia Lopez, Esther Noel, Devin Lopez, Aaliyah Lopez, Kash Lopez, Ezra Bull, and Mateo Edwards; good friend Glen Parker, her siblings: Lalbert Tahah of Indianhoma, Kathy Carlson Lawton and Ruth Factor of Edmond and special niece Nancy Tahah.

Tissychy enjoyed spending quality time with family and friends. She also spent her spare time at the Casino. She was a proud Member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

The Viewing was held April 29, at the funeral home. Graveside service was April 30, at Post Oak Cemetery in Indianhoma. Burial followed at Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.



Melissa Nicole Hankins Roberts



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Roberts

Melissa Nicole Hankins Roberts, was the firstborn of Angela "Lokie" and Wendell "LeWayne" Hankins at the Lawton Indian Hospital on July 14, 1983. She gained her wings on April 27.

She grew up in Richard Spur in the Tahhahwah family home and loved living amongst her extended family. Roberts attended Elgin Public Schools until she graduated in 2002. She began general education at the University of Oklahoma for Business Management. Later, she continued her education in accounting at Cameron University, where she was working toward her bachelor's degree.

Roberts began working at the Comanche Spur Casino in 2004; she started in the smoke shop, working in various positions before holding her current position as a Manager on Duty, serving Comanche Nation Entertainment for 18 plus years. Many team members and guests loved Roberts.

Aunt to all her nieces and

nephews, then in 2007, she was blessed with her whole world, her son, Zayden. She enjoyed going to Zayden's sporting events to cheer him on and going to the movies with family and friends.

Roberts was a board member of the Elgin Youth Baseball Little League, served as a Vice-Chairman of the Elgin Johnson O'Malley Program, and served as a committee board member since 2013. She was instrumental in reinstating the JOM program at Elgin Public Schools.

She owned a small business in which she made t-shirts and cups. She loved getting her nails and hair done and a fresh new tattoo. Roberts had style and confidence in herself that inspired many. She was always up with the trends. She loved to bake and was always willing to share.

She was a sister to all, always laughing and terrorizing. She always had a shoulder to lean on, an ear to listen, and a stern voice if you didn't listen. She was wise beyond her years.

Roberts is survived by her son: Zayden Roberts; mother: Angela "Lokie"; sister: Tabitha; brother: Kyle Hankins; niece & nephews: Kellen, Korbin, Juliann, and Jaylen; special niece: Loleta Tahhahwah; and many more nieces and nephews.

Roberts was preceded in death by her father: Wendell "LeWayne" Hankins, paternal grandparents: Gaylord "Wendell" Hankins and Rena Mae Wauqua Hankins, and maternal grandparents: Edward Jerome Tahhahwah Sr. and Ioleta Poemoceah Tahhahwah, and best friend: Charity Ware.

Pat Hernasy



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Hernasy

Pat Hernasy, was born in Glendale, Arizona to Nathan and Betty Jo (Greenlee) Hernasy Sr.

She graduated from Manzano High School and the received Associates Degree from Technical Vocational Institute in Albuquerque. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and was also a descendant of the Cherokee and Osage Tribes.

Hernasy enjoyed shopping at the Dollar Tree, Costco, Grapevine Mills in Dallas. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

She is survived by: son Jesse Madrid and daughter in law Jessica; grandson Robbie Madrid all of Lawton.

She is preceded in death by: parents to Nathan and Betty Jo (Greenlee) Hernasy Sr.; brother Nathan Hernasy Jr.; grandparents: Richard and Ora Hernasy, Oscar and Lillian Greenlee.

Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

Colonialism in school graduation ceremonies

Educational graduation ceremonies for many families is one of the most memorable accomplishments that recognizes the hard work of our students. Over the years, many tribal leaders have expressed to our partners in state government how meaningful it is for Native students to be allowed to wear cultural items during graduation ceremonies as a means of honoring their Native Nations, their community, and heritage culture. For many Indigenous families, however, this time of the year has become bitter sweet because of the resistance by some school officials not allowing Native/Indigenous students to wear their traditional regalia during graduation ceremonies (i.e., eagle feathers/plums, beaded caps, tribal stoles, honor cords, etc.). Even with Oklahoma House Bill 3046, official letters from the Oklahoma State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Oklahoma Attorney General, Oklahoma Council for Indian Education and other Native Nations resolutions supporting Native students' right to wear tribal regalia and items of cultural significance, there still is ambivalence among public schools and institutions of higher education to honor tribal sovereignty during graduation ceremonies.

Indigenous survivance stories are minimized, at best, or erased entirely in mainstream educational institutions. This strategy has been used to impose capitalist ideology on people, to pacify them, and to portray their struggle as doomed to failure. Over 500 years ago, various European powers began the invasion, occupation and colonization of the Americas, setting in motion a process of genocide and destruction that continues to this day. An indisputable consequence is the fact that throughout the globe, Indigenous people suffer the highest rates of poverty, suicide, unshelteredness, violent death, drug and alcohol addiction, disease, imprisonment, and dislocation.

One of the most seductive features of white ideology contained is the omitting of the continent's history, language usage, contributions and humanity of all ethnicities

and cultures that are not white, male, straight, and able-bodied. Beyond those cultural identity markers, every other ethnicity has had to fight, protest, march, demonstrate and petition to be included within public schools and higher education institutions. For Indigenous families, these struggles meant sending children off to off-reservation U.S. government boarding schools hundreds of miles away from their tribal homelands. The tribal languages they were forbidden to speak in boarding schools saved the U.S. (WWII Code Talkers). A generational soul wound was created by these boarding schools which meant sending Indigenous children into schools

of anti-darkness, suffering, and structural erasure.

The nation's leaders, tribal governments, and Native communities are increasingly concerned about the significant increase in social problems among Native peoples and about the loss of their culture and language. Culture and language are inextricably linked, because one supports the other. Today, it is almost a miracle that one Native students would graduate from high school given the structural inequalities within educational institutions.

Graduation, especially in high school, is a time of joy and excitement for families across the coun-

try. As we celebrate with our communities and recognize the hard work of our students, we encourage educational institutions to review their graduation policies to ensure they are culturally inclusive and honor the diversity of our students and families. We also encourage schools to explore ways for students to honor their heritage by allowing for non-disruptive expressions of Native culture at commencement ceremonies. The Comanche Nation fully support policies allowing students to outwardly wear items that honor their unique cultures. Examples of such items include eagle feathers, beaded caps, stoles, cords and other tribal insignias.

Our survivance story continues by exploring other types of learning that could occur if Indigenous knowledges, desires and sovereignty were more seriously invited into the educational process.

Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Comanche Nation Vice-Chair and co-author of Unsettling Settler-Colonial Education published by Teachers College Press, 2022



Comanche Nation
Resolution No. 06-19

Comanche Nation Business Committee Resolution

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution directs the Comanche Business Committee to be bound by the Comanche Nation Purpose and all lawful matters within the Comanche Nation Constitution as its written; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation since time immemorial has exercised the sovereign rights of self-government in behalf of the Comanche people. The Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Nation with a historic and continued government-to-government relationship with the United States of America, and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Constitution ARTICLE VI, Section 1, Section 2, Section 3 and Section 4 does mandate the Comanche Business Committee to conduct business for and on behalf of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution affirms our ancient practices and Sovereign Right to; "Wear Tribal Regalia during Graduation Ceremonies and Public Spaces"; and

WHEREAS, the wearing of items of cultural significance such as eagle feathers, plumes, beaded caps, and stoles hold sacred religious place for Comanche people, tribal regalia are often gifted for significant achievements, including high school, college/university graduation, and in public spaces; and

WHEREAS, Comanche Nation recently expressed support for Comanche students who were advocating for Boone Apache Public Schools to change their policy of prohibiting items of cultural significance on graduation regalia; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation assigns their Education Liaison, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, to work with Boone Apache Public Schools' administration to help them amend their school policies to allow Comanche students to wear tribal regalia on their graduation regalia and in public spaces; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Comanche Nation expresses its appreciation to Boone Apache Public School administration for supporting Comanche students and the Comanche Nation on this very important cultural issue and encouraging all public schools to allow the wearing of items of cultural significance for religious purposes at high school graduations and in public spaces.

CERTIFICATION

The forgoing Resolution was adopted at the lawful monthly meeting of the Comanche Business Committee held on the 5th day of January, 2019 at the Comanche Nation Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma by a majority vote of 6 for, 0 against, and 1 abstaining, a legal quorum present.

ATTESTED:
Robert Tippeconnie
Robert Tippeconnie
Secretary/Treasurer

William Nelson Sr.
William Nelson Sr., Chairman

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Dear TCNN,

The Wockmetooah/Tahmahkera Families would like to thank the Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, the Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, Cornel Pewewardy, the CBC, the Tribal Administrator, Julia Mantzke for their kind words and support as we laid our grandmother to rest. We were humbled that the Comanche Nation offices were closed to honor our grandmother. She was a true legacy of the tribe and was a grandmother to all of the Comanche Nation.

Thank you to the CIVA auxiliary and the Comanche Little Ponies Auxiliary for the food they made during her prayer service. Thank you to Jacquetta McClung and the Pete Coffey Church for overseeing the meal following the services.

Thank you to Mr. Bill Volker, who gave beautiful stories of grandma and her participation in SIA. Thank you to Mr. McClung for officiating her services.

Thank you to all those who brought food, said a prayer for the family, bought flowers for grandma, and gave kind and encouraging words of comfort during our time of sorrow.

The Southwestern Nurse Association, all the friends and families that traveled near and far to celebrate grandma's life is truly appreciated.

Thank you to Benny Cable, and all the staff of the Edith Kasanavoid Assisted Living Center who took care of her all the years she lived there.

We are proud to be her legacy. She has told us all her experience living here on this earth, and trials and tribulations she went through till her final days of being 104 years old. Grandma always will be cherished, and all the stories, all the good times and the memories you shared with us, we will remember.

We all will miss her dearly, and we hope and pray that we can be as strong as she was till the last breath.

Respectfully,
Adria Suina, Murray Rhoads Jr., Jolene Jimenez Schonchin, Cindi Tahmahkera-Stevens, Benny Tahmahkera, Collette Dupoint, and Ronna Potts

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