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Secretarial Election Set For July 9 with Absentee Voting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

A Secretarial Election will be held July 9, by absentee voting only. For the purpose of voting on the proposed constitutional amendments. The election will be conducted by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Comanche Nation in accordance with Title 25, Part 81 of the Code of Federal Regulations (25 CFR Part 81). This is not a tribal election and will not be under tribal election procedures.

The ballots will be counted at 1 p.m., July 9, at the Comanche Nation Complex's Comanche Code Talker Room, and the results will be posted at the Comanche Nation Complex, Comanche Nation Dorothy Lorentino Education Center, Comanche Nation Anadarko Outreach Office, Comanche Nation Dallas Outreach Center, BIA Anadarko Agency and the Southern Plains Regional Office in Anadarko, Okla.

Amendments – Article VII – Elections

(Pursuant to Amendment II, adopted May 29, 1976, Amendment VI, adopted June 10, 1978, Amendment XVII, adopted April 25, 1981, and Amendment XXI, adopted September 29, 1984)

Section 1. As soon as practicable after this constitution is adopted the Area Director shall call a tribal council meeting and shall hold and supervise the first nomination and election hereunder for the tribal committee and officers, as follows:

(a) The Area Director may at his discretion delegate chairmanship of the initial meeting to an employee under his supervision. A secretary for the proceeding may be provided by the Area Director from his staff or he may also designate this responsibility to a member of the Comanche Nation.

(b) At the initial meeting of the tribal council shall nominate candidates for the office of tribal chairman for three (3) years, vice-chairman for three (3) years, secretary-treasurer for two (2) years, two (2) business committee members for two (2) years and two (2) business committee members for (1) year. Nomination shall be made from the floor and accepted by the chairman. Persons duly elected at the ensuing election shall serve for the terms stated above unless their successors are duly elected prior to the expiration of such terms. Thereafter, all terms of office shall be for a period of three years or until a successor is duly elected. The terms of officers and committeemen shall be subject to the additional provisions of

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Comanche Business Committeeman No. 1, Hazel Tahsequah, Sworn-In June 17



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Hazel Tahsequah took the Oath Of Office as the Comanche Nation Business Committeeman (CBC) No. 1 the afternoon of June 17, at the Comanche Nation Complex's Comanche Code Talker Conference Room, among a crowd of tribal members. Tahsequah won the June 11, Run Off Election against Gene Sovo by 103 votes, with the voting results being 567 (55%) for Tahsequah, and 464 (45%) for Sovo. Tahsequah thanked everyone who encouraged and supported her during her campaign, and said she has heard the voices of need and concerns from the Comanche people, and she will serve the Nation with integrity and address the issues.

LEFT: Chairman Mark Woommavovah, right, swears in Hazel Tahsequah as CBC No. 1, with the assistance of CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, center. BELOW: Tribal members congratulate Hazel Tahsequah as CBC No. 1 during the Swearing In Ceremony, held June 17, at the Comanche Nation Complex.



Quanah Parker Descendants Gather in Texas for Annual Celebration



Comanche artist, Quanah Burgess, second to right, takes a photo with his mother, LaNora Parker, right, and his children during the June 11, dedication of a mural of Comanche chief, Quanah Parker, which he created for the city of Quanah, Texas. TOP RIGHT: Oklahoma City Powwow Club Princess, Kasey Atauvich, preforms the Lord's Prayer during the opening ceremony of the Quanah Parker Celebration. BELOW RIGHT: Tina Parker Emhoolah, dances in a traditional buckskin dress during the Quanah Parker Society Powwow.

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Annual Quanah Parker Celebration took place June 10, and 11, in the town named after the Comanche leader. People near and far came together to celebrate the heritage of the famous Comanche Chief.

"I think it is important we carry on his legacy because Quanah was noted for a lot of good things. He was a businessman, a rancher, and he was willing to learn the white man's

way," said Ardith Parker Leming, the great granddaughter of Parker.

"He wanted our people to progress. He had a vision of what life could be and how we could improve as long as we learned new ways of living, because it was hard on the plains, and even though it was sad to leave our old ways, we carry on the traditions and the cultures. What a big step he took. He had to be strong, as we all

do, and not give up. I think he portrayed a way of how we should all get along, to take care of our family, and of each other. He was so hospitable to everybody who visited his home; everybody, not just Natives. He had a way of communicating which, sometimes we lack that, because it is hard for us to accept people if they are different than what we are. He taught

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Housing Awarded a \$1 Million HUD Grant for Home Repairs

Submitted By Nora Sovo/Comanche Nation Housing Authority

Some of the nation's most urgent housing rehabilitation needs are traced back to tribal entities. According to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), 57 percent of Native American households live in housing with poor or substandard conditions.

Due to a shortage of funding and safe housing, this crisis has continued to linger amongst our tribal Nations. HUD recently reported that housing on tribal land is four times more likely to have plumbing or kitchen appliance deficiencies and 120 times more likely to have heating deficiencies compared to housing elsewhere. Where there is a lack of resources, there tends to be difficulties managing the upkeep of aging homes, ultimately causing a deficit of viable living spaces.

It was not until the Comanche Nation Housing Authority sought competitive grant funding through the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program, that there was a federally funded initiative that we could focus explicitly on home repairs. In an effort to continue recognizing and addressing this ongoing issue, HUD recently awarded the Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) with a \$1 million federal grant.

The funding will allow CNHA to expand its home repair program beyond critical emergency repairs, permitting service to more low-income tribal members, such as long-term residents with other urgent needs. As part of the ICDBG program, CNHA has received the funding for eight consecutive years. The team's most recently concluded grant was completed this past April and assisted with repairs for 96 of our tribal member's homes.

With the support of this latest funding award, CNHA plans to complete a series of interior and exterior repairs in at least 30 homes over a three-year period. The team will also contribute \$333,250 of its own funding to optimize the initiative's abilities and provide services to as many low-income tribal members as possible.

The program is now accepting applications from Comanche Nation members who are living within CNHA's service areas and are income eligible. CNHA will service homes in need of rehabilitation services based upon living conditions and other eligibility requirements. All services must be completed within the grants three-year term life.

CNHA currently serves five counties in Southwest Oklahoma, including Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Kiowa, and Tillman, for their federal grant programs. To learn more about this ICDBG Home Rehabilitation Program or to apply, call (580) 357-4956 or visit www.comanchehousing.com.

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Executive Officer Reports, Resolutions and Moving Meeting to July 9 fill the June CBC Monthly Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the June 4, 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.

The Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. Secretary Treasurer, John Wahnee, conducted Roll Call. All the Comanche Business Committee (CBC) were present and a quorum was established. Wahnee provided the invocation.

Wahnee make as motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting. It is seconded by CBC No. 4, Robert Komahcheet. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Executive/General Council Officer Reports

Chairman Woommavovah began the reports by listing the meetings and events he attended on behalf of the Comanche Nation, which included city of Lawton Officials, City of Medicine Park, Lawton Public Schools, CIVA, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and Fort Sill.

Vice Chairman, Cornel Pewewardy, was next by reporting he helped organize and attend fundraising events, powwows, funerals for tribal members, and meetings. He was publicly recognized as the founder for the Comanche Academy.

Wahnee reported he conducts the duties of the Secretary Treasurer as stated in the Comanche Nation Constitution.

He attended a meeting with the tribe's CPA to review the new federal regulations. He is working on updating the Comanche Nation's website for information on resolutions, working on audits for Comanche entities, and listed meetings he attended.

Pewewardy makes a motion to amend the agenda to include a process for approving executive sessions, and to reintroduce the resolution on native stereotypes. A discussion followed about clarifying the process on how to be placed on the CBC Meeting agenda. Wahnee makes a motion to have this tabled so the CBC and the tribe's law firm can review it, and Dr. Pewewardy can get additional feedback from tribal members. Pewewardy amends his motion to move that a task force is formed that will design a policy towards vetting the general session agenda and the executive session agenda. It is seconded by CBC No. 2, Ross Kahrahrhah. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Economic Development

Wahnee spoke about ways to generate money for the Comanche Nation other than gaming. Wahnee said he and Chairman Woommavovah will be giving a detailed report in the July monthly meeting how Economic Development will be better structured, and will ask for tribal members feedback and involvement.

"Our Nation has to be very careful of what we are doing financially, because with inflation nearing two digit figures, times are not good in this country," said Wahnee.

Kahrahrhah makes a motion to accept the agenda. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Cache Casino/Gaming

Jonathan Ramirez, General Manager of Comanche Cache Casino, explained by a Cache was chosen for its economic opportunities and its historical significance to the Comanches. He stated there is nearly five million vehicles that pass by Cache on an annual basis, and the community is growing. Ground breaking for the casino took place in March 2021. The CEO and the COO were able to negotiate with the machine vendors

for placement fees, that are going to pay for a lot of the construction of the casino. They are in phase two of the construction. It will have 316 machines, a restaurant and bar, with an outside patio seating area, and is on 110 acres of land, that will make way for future development. These ideas include an RV park, amphitheater, a hotel, an event center, and a powwow area, among others. Ramirez added the city of Cache is willing to work with the Comanche Nation with events and activities.

Stephen Lee of the Comanche Nation Realty added the purchase of 152 acres in Cache, surrounding the casino property, which is the most recent purchase of land for the Nation. Lee said a feasibility study was completed.

Wahnee announced CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, and Komahcheet are the CBC representatives for Comanche Nation Enterprises.

Sarae Ticeahkie was announced as the Public Relations to the CBC. She stated she is looking forward to working with the CBC.

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Report

Wahnee began the report by explaining how the federal government gave the Comanche Nation \$80 million for the ARP Program. The Nation received an additional \$25 million from the BIA-ARP. A total of \$6 million was set aside to improve the government operations.

Home Repair has a remaining balance of \$2,310,869.55. The budget is \$5 million, with a budget modification of \$22 million. As of August 2021, there has been a total of 812 tribal members assisted, with 504 applications remaining. Each household can be assisted with up to \$35,000.

Rental Assistance has a budget of \$4 million, with a budget modification of \$4 million. The remaining balance is \$1,714,740.01. As of October 2021, a total of 1,084 tribal members have been assisted, with 969 applications remaining. The households were assisted with six-months of paid rent, one-time payment.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 81-2022- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1242. Wahnee made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 82-2022- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1243 Does Not Meet Blood Quantum Requirement. Dr. Pewewardy made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 83-2022- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1244 Does Not Descend from an Original Allottee. Kassanavoid made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 84-2022- CN Enterprise Funding Allocation for Close Out Bonding Costs. Transfer \$500,000 from Comanche Nation New Business line item to Comanche Nation Enterprises for closeout of bonding cost in Tucson, Arizona. Allows George Tahdoohnippah to sign any documents on behalf of Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. Kahrahrhah made a motion to table the resolution until more information is provided. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 85-2022- CN Child Care Center Fee-To-Trust Application. Kassanavoid made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kahrahrhah. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 86-2022- Prevention & Recovery Addendum to Lease. Kassanavoid made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kahrahrhah. The motion carries 5/0/0.

From the Chairman's Desk



"Hatred is never ended by hatred but by love," and a misunderstanding is never ended by an argument but by tact, diplomacy, conciliation and a sympathetic desire to see the other person's viewpoint."

LESSONS LEARNED THROUGH LEADERSHIP

Distrust your first instinctive impression. Our first natural reaction in a disagreeable situation is to be defensive. Be careful. Keep calm and watch out for your first reaction. It maybe you at your worst, not your best.

Control your temper. Remember, you can measure the size of a person by what makes him or her angry.

Listen first. Give your opponents a chance to talk. Let them finish. Do not resist, defend or debate. This only raises barriers. Try to build bridges of understanding. Don't build higher barriers of misunderstanding.

Look for areas of agreement. When you have heard your opponents out, dwell first on the point and areas on which you agree. Be honest. Look for areas where you can admit error and say so. Apologize for your mistakes. It will help disarm your opponents and reduce defensiveness.

Promise to think over your opponents' ideas and study them carefully. And mean it. Your opponents may be right. It is a lot easier at this stage to agree to think about their points than to move rapidly ahead and find yourself in a position where your opponents can say: "We tried to tell you, but you wouldn't listen."

Thank your opponent's sincerely for their interest. Anyone who takes the time to disagree with you is interested in the same things you are. Think of them as people who really want to help you, and you may turn your opponents into friends.

Postpone action to give both sides time to think through the problem. Suggest that a new meeting be held later that day or the next day, when all the facts may be brought to bear.

The biggest lessons I learned were probably the times where I had the biggest setbacks and the biggest challenges. If we are going to be Comanche Strong, I've learned ... That being kind is more important than being right.

URA,
Chairman Woommavovah

Resolution No. 87-2022- CN Law Enforcement THSGP Grant Award. Kahrahrhah made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution 88-2022 – Gaming Commission. Jonathan Ramirez to serve as the interim commissioner to the office of the Comanche Nation Gaming Commissioner at the 2014 wage scale starting pay for the executive director physician effective June 4. Wahnee made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 89-2022 – Gaming Commission. Remove Shannon Wilmoth from Comanche Nation Gaming Commissioner Arvest Bank accounts and adds Jonathan Ramirez to the Comanche Nation Gaming Commissioner Arvest Bank accounts. Wahnee made a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 84-2022. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries.

Tax Commission representative gives a brief summary of the oil and gas severance tax.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to honor the former administrations decree, dated Sept. 16, 2019, and keep it in place as it is. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to adjourn the meeting. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 5/0/0.

New Business
 Dr. Pewewardy makes a motion to move the July 2 CBC Monthly meeting to July 9, due to the Independence Day holiday. It is seconded



To request to be on the CBC monthly meeting agenda, contact the Office of the Chairman/CBC no later than the last Friday of each month. Telephone: (580) 492-3573 Email: administration@comanchenation.com

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

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Article VI, Section 8.

(c) A list of nominees shall be made a part of the official minutes of the proceedings of this initial organization meeting from which determination shall be made that all such nominees are officially qualified as candidates for office in accordance with the provision of Article IX of this constitution. The Area Director will be the final authority in making such determination as to the qualifications of candidates for the initial election of officers and committeemen of the Comanche Nation.

(d) Following the initial organization meeting, an election day shall be designated to elect the business committeemen and officers from among the candidates who were nominated during the initial meeting. This election day and polling places shall be declared by the Area Director. The election of committeemen and officers shall be by secret ballot. No absentee ballots will be considered at such election.

Section 2. At each annual Comanche Tribal Council meeting subsequent to the first election of officers and business committeemen, under this constitution, candidates will be nominated to compete for election to offices being vacated by reason of expiration of term of office.

Determination of qualifications of nominated candidates and election processes shall be as described in Section 1 (c) and (d) of this Article *except that the Election Board will assume the responsibilities assumed by the Area Director the first election under this constitution and except that absentee ballots shall be considered at all subsequent elections of officers and business committeemen. However, the Comanche Business Committee shall be the final authority in making determinations as to the qualifications of candidates under the power vested by Article VI, Section 7(b), provided that nothing herein shall be construed as permitting either the Comanche Business Committee or Election Board to modify, increase, or diminish the required qualifications/or candidates set forth in this Constitution.* No election shall be held later than 60 days after the annual meeting. Because a valid election was not completed by the Comanche Nation within sixty (60) days after the 1980 Annual Meeting, the Anadarko Agency is authorized to conduct one (1) election for the tribe pursuant to rules and regulations as prescribed by the Anadarko Agency. The Anadarko Agency is further authorized to notice, call, and conduct a special meeting of the Comanche Tribe Council for the sole purpose of nominating candidates for the vacant or expired positions that will be filled pursuant to the election.

(a) *There shall be an Election Board comprised of members of the Tribal Council. Members of the Comanche Business Committee, the Tribal Administrator, Tribal Attorney, or any candidates for those positions, are ineligible to serve on the Election Board.*

1. *The compensation, number, and other qualifications of persons that comprise the Election Board shall be determined by the Comanche Business Committee in an Election Ordinance, but in no event shall be less than six persons.*

2. *The first Election Board created by this subsection shall be appointed by the Comanche Business Committee and shall hold office until an election of new members may be held following nominations at the first Tribal Council Annual Meeting following the ratification of this subsection.*

3. *Subsequent boards shall be elected for a term of two years following the election process for officers and business committeemen set forth in Section 2(b) of this Article.*

Section 3. Should an incumbent of the Comanche Business Committee accept a nomination at an annual tribal council meeting as a candidate for a different office, that individual shall be required to resign the business committee position which he then holds. Although such resignation shall not be effective until

the completion of that year's election processes.

Nomination for candidates to fill the unexpired portion of such person's term of office, shall be made at the same tribal council meeting which he accepted nomination for a different office.

Amendments – Article VIII – Vacancies and Removal from Office (Pursuant to Amendment XV, adopted April 14, 1979, and Pursuant to Amendment XLIV, adopted September 8, 2017)

AS AMENDED:

Section 1. If a committeeman or officer of the tribe shall die or resign, be removed or recalled from office, his office shall be deemed vacant and the tribal chairman, or should this office be vacant, the tribal vice-chairman, shall immediately call a meeting of the Comanche Tribal Council to be held within twenty (20) days for the purpose of filling such vacancy for the unexpired term, except that when such vacancy shall occur within four months of the annual meeting of the Comanche Tribal Council, the position shall remain vacant until the next election when provisions shall be made to fill the vacancy.

Section 2. The Comanche Tribal Council may at a meeting duly called specifically for the purpose, recall any officer or committeemen for neglect of duty or conduct that has brought disrepute upon the tribe. *Such a meeting shall not be unless a petition signed by two hundred and fifty (250) eligible voters of the Comanche Nation requesting recall is submitted to the tribal chairman.*

The Tribal Council shall consist of all members of the Comanche Nation who are eighteen (18) years of age or older. The recall of only one officer or committeeman may be initiated per meeting called for this purpose. The petitioner's representative shall provide proper evidence or receipt by the accused, the tribal chairman shall call an official meeting of the Comanche Tribal Council within thirty (30) days for the purpose of hearing and disposition of the case, *such meeting can be established within the time frame so noted in Section 2(a)(5).*

a) Following submission of an acceptable petition for a recall Tribal Council meeting, the tribal chairman shall require that a signed Bill of Particulars setting forth the elements of neglect or misconduct be submitted to the accused. The petitioner's representative shall provide proper evidence or receipt by the accused, the tribal chairman shall call an official meeting of the Comanche Tribal Council within (30) days for the purpose of hearing and disposition of the case.

b) *Acceptable recall petitions must adhere to the following standards:*

1. *The standards of "one and only one" recall taken on a committeeman within a 120 day time frame; all recalls must be of a grievous nature such as mismanagement of funds, not by error, but by intent, actual manipulation of documents, coercing of personnel to perform such illegal acts, and verified not by hearsay, but with actual documents; or by intentionally misleading committeemen, committee appointees or community at large to commit acts which endanger the future appropriations of funds, notwithstanding those funds be tribal, contractual or earned revenue from the various enterprises of the Nation;*

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

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

4. *The presenters of the Bill*

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

5. *Pursuant to Tribal Council authority, a petition for recall must be accompanied with a cashier's check or bank draft of \$500.00, non-refundable, to the Enrollment Director or other designated entity so named by the Tribal Council;*

6. *No recall meeting is allowed within 45 days, prior to or after an election period is declared;*

7. *At no time will more than 2 recalls against more than 2 committee members (only one recall per person) be allowed within a 6-month period, any such filing by any member of the Nation will disqualify such person from initiating another recall for 18 months. (The petition will be declared null and void by the Enrollment Director).*

8. *No citizen of the Comanche Nation may take a recall against any committee member within 9 months of so doing. (A member can only take out one recall on a committee member once every 9 months.)*

9. *Subcommittee members are not subject to the recall ordinance.*

c) The format for the Tribal Council meeting shall be established as follow:

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

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

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

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

e) *A two thirds (2/3) majority vote of those voting of the Tribal Council meeting shall be sufficient to effect recall providing a quorum is present. Should a quorum not be present the charges against the accused shall be declared null and void and no further action shall be taken on this petition, nor shall the same charges be allowed within the accused officer's term of office.*

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

Article X - Bill of Rights

AS AMENDED:

Section 5: *Except for the recall petition fee provided for in Article VIII, Section 2(b)(4)(as amended), no charge or filing fee shall be imposed upon any tribal member in connection with the right to petition which are provided for in this constitution. No person or committee shall be authorized to deny any tribal member the right to petition.*

Comanche Nation Casinos Update



Courtesy Photos

The War Pony Casino is open with food specials and upgrades to the facility.

By Jennifer Simmons/ General Manager, Comanche War Pony Casino

With Comanche War Pony Casino now open in Devol and Comanche Cache Casino nearing its opening this Fall, 2022 is shaping up to be an exciting year for Comanche Nation Entertainment!

Our Cache property is on schedule with recent progress including:

- Phase I parking lot completed
 - Phase II foundation has been poured
 - Electrical has been completed on the gaming floor
- Comanche War Pony Casino, which opened this Spring, has opened its WP Bar with new drink specials each month and food specials on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

War Pony has upgraded its bar, cage and rest room entry with a fresh shiplap wood design, compliments of the internal project manager, Chas Spradlin. Spradlin has also given columns a fresh coat of paint and wainscoting on the accent walls.

Check out the War Pony Facebook page @comanchewarponycasino for updates, and a weekly employee spotlight that highlights our incredible team members.



Cache Casino has completed Phase I and II of its completion and has a tentative opening date of September 2022.

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SPECIAL GUEST
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ONSITE REGISTRATION 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
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12:10 Awarded to Julia Mantzke

By Tim Farley/Southwest Ledger Newspaper/ May 24, 2022

EDITOR'S NOTE: The 12:10 Award Program highlights the top 12 individuals in Southwest Oklahoma who have worked to make Oklahoma a top 10 state. The recipients are chosen by a panel of judges made up of the *Southwest Ledger* staff. The judges agree upon 52 recipients and then narrow them down to the top 12.

Julia Mantzke never dreamed she'd be at the center of her tribal government, but sometimes good fortune comes in different forms.

Mantzke has been the chief executive of the Comanche Nation after winning elections in 2020 and 2021. She was re-elected May 14 for another one-year term after capturing 59% of the vote by tribal voters.

Mantzke is in charge of the tribe's day-to-day business affairs, 360 employees and 71 programs. It sounds like a massive task, but Mantzke knows her work is benefitting thousands of fellow tribal members. Ironically, she never intended to be in the tribe's top spot.

After starting her employment with the Comanche Nation in 2016, Mantzke held a variety of positions that allowed her to learn tribal government practices, ordinances and gaming.

In August 2020, she was named interim tribal administrator after a vacancy occurred and was then elected in December 2020. She was re-elected as administrator in April 2021. Working for three previous tribal administrators helped prepare her for the role.

"I didn't expect to stay (in that role)," Mantzke said. "I had never been in politics and never expected to run (for tribal administrator)."

During her time as the top administrator, Mantzke has been through two financial audits that showed no irregularities. In addition, the tribe's budgets remained in the black during the COVID-19 pandemic despite having to close the casinos for more than three months.



Mantzke

Courtesy Photo

"The casinos are our biggest source of revenue," she said. "So to have to close those and still be in the black was a positive."

Mantzke and the tribe endured pressure during the pandemic when the Comanche Nation's revenue dropped 54% from the previous year, so the federal government's CARES funding proved vital.

"Our employees had a hard time collecting unemployment, but CARES helped," she said. "We actually worked it (CARES) in the budget to ensure we had enough to help people."

Despite the pandemic and the stresses associated with it, Mantzke is happy with her role and the ability to assist people.

"I enjoy working within our government," she said. "I like devel-

oping relationships with other tribes, the U.S. government and the people of Lawton. We need to be more community-oriented because so much of our nation is in Lawton."

Mantzke said her office has worked to get tribal enterprises back to normal by requiring all employees get vaccinated with the COVID-19 shots and boosters.

"We haven't had a positive (COVID-19) test since Feb. 1," she said. "We still do routine temperature checks, and the campus is open, and services are ongoing."

Mantzke is full steam ahead as she manages the Comanche Nation's business affairs.

"I don't leave when everybody else leaves," she said. "I enjoy having this job."

She also wants the tribe's

employees to enjoy their jobs, so she implemented an employee of the quarter award. Nominations are submitted for workers who have gone above and beyond the call of duty. The reward is a day off, a \$100 Visa gift card and a certificate of appreciation. In addition, the Comanche Nation chairman presents the employee with a Coin of Excellence and the employee is featured on the tribe's Facebook page.

Although her job is "24/7," Mantzke allots time for her son who plays baseball at Lawton Macarthur High School.

"When I'm at his games, my phone is off. It gives me time to take a break," she said. "I also focus on taking a break on Sundays."

Prior to working for the Comanche Nation, Mantzke worked for the Oklahoma Blood Institute for 10 years and spent eight years at the Lawton Indian Hospital working in the emergency room department as a technician and phlebotomist.

Mantzke is engaged, has two sons, ages 28 and 17, and a 23-year-old daughter. She also has five grandchildren.

Comanche Nation District Court
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF COMANCHE NATION

In the Matter of the Estates of:
Virgil Dean Karty and Deloris Woottakewahbitty Karty

Case No.s PB-2022-001 and PB-2022-002

NOTICE OF HEARING

THE COMANCHE NATION DISTRICT COURT TO CREDITORS AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

You are notified that petitions were filed in this court by Robert Karty, Administrator of the estates of Virgil Dean Karty and Deloris Woottakewahbitty Karty, deceased, requesting Administration, and praying, inter alia, that the court approve the transfer to the heirs the personal property of the estate. All creditors and other persons interested in said estate are notified to present their claims and to appear and show cause, if any they have, and why said account should not be settled and allowed, the heirs determined, the estate distributed and the Administrator discharged, on or before July 6, 2022, at 11:30 a.m. in the Comanche Nation District Court, 584 NW Bingo Rd, Lawton, OK, at which time the cause will be heard. Contact the Court Clerk for hearing information at telephone (580) 492-3822 or email to tribalcourt@comanchenation.com.

Should you fail to file your written defenses, judgment and decree will be entered in due course upon the petition.

[Signature]
Robert Karty
Petitioner/Administrator
1115 Mission Rd
Anadarko, OK 73005
405-638-1504

**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

Official June 11, Run Off Election Voting Results

Tahsequah wins CBC No. 1, Dorsey & Whitney, LLP remains as the Comanche Nation's legal attorney

COMANCHE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

2022 RUN-OFF ELECTION

June 11, 2022



UNOFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS

COMMITTEEPERSON NO. 1	CACHE	WALTERS	OKC	APACHE	LAWTON	ANADARKO	EARLY LAWTON	EARLY COMPLEX	VOTE BY MAIL	TOTAL	%
HAZEL TAHSEQUAH	48	9	22	4	50	1	41	21	371	567	55%
GENE SOVO	17	7	12	12	43	8	29	38	298	464	45%

100%

TRIBAL ATTORNEY	CACHE	WALTERS	OKC	APACHE	LAWTON	ANADARKO	EARLY LAWTON	EARLY COMPLEX	VOTE BY MAIL	TOTAL	%
CROW & DUNLEVY	27	8	13	9	24	4	34	21	306	446	45%
DORSEY & WHITNEY, LLP	38	8	21	6	66	4	32	37	337	549	55%

100%

CERTIFICATION

We, the undersigned election officials of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the Run-Off Election held on Saturday, June 11, 2022. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Comanche Nation.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

[Signature]
ELECTION REP

Programs

Child Support Services Announce Court Dates

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Mame-Neta Attocknie: CNC-SP-22-06; Petition to Accept Transfer
- Stephanie Escobar: CNC-SP-18-23; Motion for Redirection of Support Payments
- Cody Han: CNCSP-18-17; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Antoinette Hernasy: CNC-SP-21-34; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Chuck Johnson: CNCSP-15-74; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Anthony Pewewardy: CNC-SP-17-02; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Gilbert Torralba: CNCSP-18-23; Motion for Redirection of Support Payments
- Ronald Yellowfish: CNC-SP-21-23; Application for Indirect Contempt

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

Please take note that all Comanche Nation Tribal Court Child Hearings will be conducted in person.

Please take note that all Court of Indian Offenses Child Support hearings will be conducted by phone.

Gravel Tinhorn Schedule for 2022

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

- May 1 – May 31 Taking application for Snyder - Indian area
- June 1 – June 30 Taking applications for Chattanooga, Faxon, and Grandfield Area
- July 1 – July 31 Taking applications for Geronimo, Temple, and Walters area
- September 1-September 30 Taking application for Lawton area
- November 1- November 30 Taking applications for Sterling and Duncan area
- December 1 – December 31 Taking applications for Cyril and Fletcher area

Qualifications Include:

- All New applicants must provide all documents before the application is complete.
- If there are any changes in the contact number please call the office and update the phone number.
- Must provide proof of Comanche Nation C.D.I.B.
- Must provide a copy of the utility bill to show proof of residence (name included on bill).
- Must NOT benefit a business or NON – Comanche Tribal member (rental homes)
- Must reside in the Comanche Nation jurisdiction boundaries of the service Areas.
- Applicant shall be responsible for maintaining the driveway after improvements are made.

If you have any questions/concerns please call the office at (580) 492-3308 Monday – Friday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. You can now submit applications through email: GravelTinhorn@comanchenation.com



NUMUNU STAFFING

Numunu Staffing Awarded the US Government's Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) Status

Numunu Staffing, LLC announces their certification in the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) 8(a) Business Development (BD) Program. In FY2020, 8(a) firms were awarded \$34.0 billion in federal contracts, including \$9.3 billion in 8(a) set-aside awards and \$11.1 billion in 8(a) sole-source awards. The 9-year SBA 8(a) program also offers training, tools, resources, and contracting vehicles to grant 8(a) designated businesses access to federal contracts, often in a non-competitive, sole-source or set-aside environment.

George Tahdoohannah, CEO of Numunu Staffing said, "Our strategy for launching Numunu Staffing was to create a company that would qualify for 8(a) status, win U.S. Government contracts, put tribal members to work delivering those contracts and most importantly, win a share of the \$34.0 billion in the U.S. Government's contract awards for our people!"

Steven Riley Mowatt, Business Development Representative of Numunu Staffing, lead the application process for the firm, "Getting the application completed and submitted, with all the appropriate documents, was a learning process taking over a year to complete. I am glad the work put in paid off. Now we can refocus our resources into winning more U.S. Government contracts faster and generating profits for the enterprise and Comanche Nation stakeholders."

Edward Tahhahwah, Lead Talent Recruiter for Numunu Staffing said, "Today, IHS of Oklahoma is a current U.S. Government client. In the past, we have had to compete to win contracts. Becoming an 8(a) participant is a game changer. We can now be awarded sole-source contracts, meaning the work does not need to be published for bid – saving IHS time and money while ensuring more purchase orders are assigned to our firm directly."

As a tribally owned business holding the SBA 8(a) designation, Numunu Staffing now has an advantage that can turn fierce competitors into potential partners and U.S. Government contracting opportunities into wins for the firm and the Comanche Nation.

About Numunu Staffing

Numunu Staffing, www.numunustaffing.com is wholly owned by the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and is a Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. business entity. The company is based in Lawton, Okla., is SBA 8(a) certified, HUBZone certified, and is recognized as an Indian Small Business Economic Enterprise (ISBEE). For more information about the company, contact info@numunustaffing.com or (580) 280-2268 or visit their website to download their latest Capabilities Statement.

Student Services Accepting Applications

The Comanche Nation Student Services K-12 Program is now accepting completed applications for upcoming school year.

Eligibility-Student(s) are to be an enrolled Comanche Tribal member. In grades pre-kindergarten through twelfth (12) grade.

Applications are available at the following locations: Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Education Center, Anadarko Outreach, Dallas Outreach and online at Comanchenation.com

The following documents are required: completed applications, CDIB's for each student, report card/progress reports/award certificates or letter from the school for all students.

Please call the program office at (580) 492-3280 for more information

Enrollment Office Passes Annual Audit

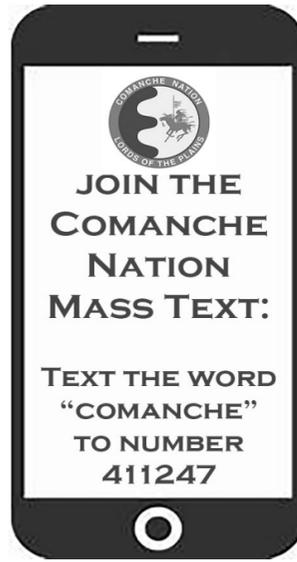
The Comanche Nation Enrollment Department is pleased to announce they passed their Annual Audit in conjunction with the Tax Commission.

They had a 10% error rate in the past, and this year we passed our audit with a 1.5% error rate.

Since the Enrollment office implemented the online address change form it is more convenient for our tribal members to keep their addresses updated.

This great news means the Comanche Nation will receive the states fuel tax credit, which is very helpful to our nation.

Please remember to keep your address updated with the Enrollment office at all times.



COMANCHE NATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOT LINE

(580) 492-3628

Attention Comanche's!!



OPEN HOUSE

July 14 at 10:00-3:00

Programs to be here

Optometry

Prescription Assistance



Diabetes Awareness

Come See the New

Anadarko Comanche

Outreach Building

Enjoy Refreshments



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Courtesy Photo

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER. The Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office hosted a prayer circle in observation of the National Day of Prayer of Sacred Sites the afternoon of June 21, at the Comanche Nation Complex. There were gatherings and observations throughout Indian Country to offer prayers to protect the numerous sacred sites such as Pikes Peak, Monument Rocks, Medicine Bluff, and Capulin Volcano. **TOP RIGHT:** Hah-Tee Delgado sings a Native American Church song. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Surveys were handed out to get feedback about future culture classes. **TOP LEFT:** A meal followed the prayer circle, offering refreshing fruit and other foods to feed the participants. **BOTTOM LEFT:** Gifts of sage, cedar, Indian Perfume and red rock were given to those who were in attendance for the prayer circle.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Several families gathered the evening of June 17, for an array of activities and tasty food during the Prevention and Recovery's Circles of Care Family Barbecue, which took place at the Janice Pewewardy Softball field and park, located near the Comanche Nation Complex grounds.



TJ Parker gets a shot of cold water from a water gun during the parent versus children water fight that took place during the June 17, Prevention and Recovery's Circles of Care Family Barbecue evening.



A heaping helping of food and snacks were available for the families that attended the family barbecue evening.



Families were asked to fill out a survey concerning mental health during the Prevention and Recovery's Circles of Care Family Barbecue event. They received in incentive of gifts cards from local restaurants for participating in the survey.

Family, Food, and Fun was the Theme for Prevention and Recovery's Family Barbecue Event

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Food, Family, and Fun was on the agenda for the Prevention and Recovery's Family Barbecue, held June 17, at the Comanche Nation Softball field and park. Over 100 people came together for an evening that revolved around families. The event was hosted by the Circles of Care Indigenous Healing Project for Prevention and Recovery.

Shailah Ramos, Director of the Circles of Care Indigenous

Healing Project for Prevention and Recovery, said this was funded by a grant, and she is pleased about the attendance.

"The goal tonight is to have a family barbecue night to do outreach. We are in a planning period for this grant and the consensus is filling gaps involving mental health. We have surveys with five important questions involving mental health we need to know from parents. Things

that they run into as barriers when it comes to their children receiving mental health services. We are going to take that data and implement it. I am really pleased with the outcome. It is more than I anticipated which is even better," said Ramos.

The area included bounce houses, corn hole games, a mini obstacle course, and a water balloon/water gun play area.

"This brought families to-

gether to have a safe and sober activity," said Adrienne Roughface, of Prevention and Recovery. "We have surveys for families to fill out, and as an incentive we have gift cards to give them. Even though it is warm outside, we have a great turnout."

A traditional barbecue menu that included hamburgers, hotdogs and sweet watermelon fed the hungry crowd and there was a variety of snacks for the children.

It was parents versus children during the water balloon/water gun fight that left all the participants drenched in water, which was a nice relief from the summer temperatures.

For more information about the Prevention and Recovery Programs, call (580) 492-3614.

Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Introduces Staff and Graduates

Each month the Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery (CNP&R) department will introduce employees to our community. This month we will be highlighting CNP&R staff, Jay Mule and Blake Mosley, as well as Mr. Daryl Galindo, a recent CNP&R treatment center graduate.

Jay Mule

Reverend Jay Mule is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma and holds a Master's Degree in Indigenous Studies from the University of Kansas. He resides in Oklahoma City, Okla. with his wife Toni Tsatoke-Mule and two daughters, Jaylee and Lily. Mule is the Reentry Group Facilitator at CNP&R, and works directly and personally with those in recovery on a daily basis. As a result, he has developed a personal care and concern for each client he works with.

Currently, Mule facilitates classes such as "Thinking for a Change" which focuses on social skills, problem solving, and cognitive behavioral change. Mule coordinates and provides instruction for the CNPR GED program. He is also a facilitator for a 52-week domestic violence course called, "Batterer's Intervention Program (BIP)." Additionally, Mule provides a noon chapel service on Wednesdays at the CNP&R outpatient building; the service is open to the community.

Personally, Mule considers himself a preservationist and enthusiast of Indigenous culture and encourages others to do the same. From his own tribe, he is part of the revival of an ancient old game called "stickball" and is the founder of one of the Oklahoma's first organized Choctaw stickball teams, Okla. Hannali. He is also knowledgeable of the songs and dances associated with this spe-



Mule

Courtesy Photos



Mosley

cial game. Mule's unique upbringing exposed him to the powwow world where he and his family travel and compete throughout Indian Country. Mule is a fancy dancer and sings with the Sizzortail drum group. At CNP&R he sings with any client that wants to learn. Mule also enjoys making various regalia pieces and he is currently learning Comanche hymns along with the clients at CNP&R.

Mule is extremely thankful for this opportunity to work with Native people in recovery as this has always been an important part of his personal life and ministry. Mule stated, "I am most grateful to work for the Comanche Nation since I was once a client in the tribe's substance abuse programs."

"I feel that I have come full circle and am blessed with this opportunity to give back," he added

CNP&R is thankful for the wisdom, passion, and dedication that Mule puts into his work within our

community.

Blake Ashlynn Mosley

Blake Ashlynn Mosley is a citizen of the Choctaw Nation and Project Coordinator, for Project Strong Life, an OVC (Office of Victims of Crimes) grant geared toward helping youth and children who have been victimized by the opioid crisis. The program provides direct services to youth and children ages 8 to 18 such as counseling, case management, and cultural activities.

Mosley appreciates that Project Strong Life allows her to make a difference in our community.

When asked about what brought her to Prevention & Recovery, Mosley stated, "I have always wanted to work with youth and children in some capacity. My goal is to empower youth to know that they are not their past or upbringing. They have the power to change their narrative and lead a different life than the



Galindo

new cycle of healing. CNP&R appreciates Mosley's enthusiasm, energy, and "Go Get Em" attitude she puts into her daily work of serving Native youth.

Daryl Galindo

Daryl Galindo is a recent graduate of the Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Residential Treatment Center and citizen of the Wichita & Affiliated Tribes. CNP&R provided Galindo the opportunity to reconnect with his culture and spirituality, in which Galindo found his passion with the White Bison teachings. He has become a source of inspiration for many of those interested in the Wellbriety Movement, including his brothers and sisters and CNP&R staff at the Residential Center. Galindo obtained his certification to facilitate White Bison 12 Step Medicine Wheel classes while at CNP&R, and is always willing and ready to share his own story of how he reclaimed his identity and found his purpose through Wellbriety. Galindo facilitated over ten Wellbriety classes at the Residential Treatment Center.

He also completed Relapse Prevention, Thinking for a Change, and Positive Indian Parenting classes throughout his time at Prevention & Recovery. In addition, he attended a host of other CNP&R classes, outside meetings, sweat lodges, Native American Church meetings, and NARCAN training.

Galindo wants to work in recovery and looks forward to helping others overcome substance use disorders by sharing his own knowledge, wisdom, and tools to maintain sobriety. Everyone at CNP&R is so incredibly proud of all of his hard work and cannot wait to see the difference Galindo makes in his hometown community, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

one before them".

Mosley is also currently a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer for Southwest Oklahoma. CASA helps deprived children advocate for themselves and gives them a voice in court. Mosley holds a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice from University of Central Oklahoma. In May, she finished the first year of her MSW (Master of Social Work) program at OU. In the fall, she will begin her practicum.

Outside of work, school, and volunteering, Mosley loves to read a good book or watch a show. She likes to spend a lot of her time at the lake, especially in the summertime. She is very close with her family, so she enjoys traveling to see her cousins and going to concerts when she has a free weekend. Mosley is passionate about youth mental health and finds great meaning in doing her part in breaking the cycle of pain in Native Communities and beginning

Programs

Tahchawwickah receives Award in Excellence in Safety and Training



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff
Tahchawwickah

Comanche Nation Transit is excited to announce on May 25, the Oklahoma Transit Association Award of Excellence in Safety and Training was awarded to Transit Asset Manager, Rebecca Tahchawwickah. She was awarded this honor due to exemplary service and dedication to public transit. She also won the award of excellence in Safety and Training in 2021 as well, making this a second award win two years in a row.

Tahchawwickah started a career in public transit as a Dispatcher and worked up to Transit Asset Management. She created an Asset Organization System and Data Collection System for Comanche Nation Transit that let to improvement of service. She also has created an employee safety reporting tool that had given employees a way to express concerns or safety issues that come up.

Tahchawwickah also engaged in speaking at the National Transportation in Indian Country Conference (NTICC) 2021 under the track: Tribal transit on the lookout to combat human trafficking. She spoke on the topic of implementing Human Trafficking Awareness and Tools that agencies can use to help their Bus Operators in learning, identifying, and reporting possible incidents of human trafficking.

Tahchawwickah has made an effort to quality of educational, and proper risk assessment for each step of training and safety for clients and employees. Commitment to setting safety standards and nurturing that safety culture of the transit system. Her determination from day one coming into public transit and becoming the wave of change that played a key role in making Comanche Nation Transit the safe system that it is today.

Tahchawwickah's goal in public transit is to create an environment that promotes safety and security for passengers while making mobility for all an everyday reality. Using education to change the perspective of public transit as a starting point to reaching the goal of accessibility for all.

Tahchawwickah is a member of the Comanche Nation. She has been with Comanche Nation Transit for nine years and has served in many capacities for the system including current duties which include: managing the Transit Asset Management Plan, Grants, Asset Management, Dispatching, and Bus Operating. She has attended many trainings and studied numerous topics across public transit to keep up with the challenges that transit agencies face.

Comanche Nation Social Services

Comanche Nation Social Services has federal money still available to help tribal members that reside within the five-county service area (Comanche, Kiowa, Cotton, Caddo and Tillman counties) with help toward their electricity and water bill.

If your NET monthly income meets the below listed guidelines then you may be eligible for assistance. Please contact Comanche Nation Social Services at (580) 492-3358 and an application can be emailed or mailed to you. Or you



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

HEROISM. Fletcher's American Legion Post 306 honored six police officers for a rescue of an unconscious individual from a submerged vehicle in Medicine Park's creek on March 22. The honoring ceremony took place at Watchetaker Hall on June 18. Lynn Sovo, who is Fletcher's American Legion Historian, was instrumental in getting these six, Wilson Ware Jr., Deputy Chief, Paul Reed, Lacey Pueblo, Char Childers, and Deputy, Bill Perry, officers recognized for their actions.

may pick up an application at Social Services.

Family Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$19,320	\$1,610
2	\$26,130	\$2,178
3	\$32,940	\$2,745
4	\$39,750	\$3,313
5	\$46,560	\$3,880
6	\$53,370	\$4,448
7	\$60,180	\$5,015
8	\$66,990	\$5,583

Adult Education Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

DeBartolo

Dean DeBartolo was born on November 11, 1966, and resides in Lawton Oklahoma. He has worked as a concrete finisher and a truck driver and has EMT training.

DeBartolo, has recently taken his EPA section 608 certification examination and has scored an impressive 90% and above on all four certification types.

Higher Education Student of the Month

Holden Myers Bartosovsky, is the proud grandson of the late James (Jim) H. Myers of Apache, Okla.

Bartosovsky will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science with a minor in Health Science Sports Medicine in May 2023. He then plans to pursue a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center. His goal is to be a travel nurse and see the world.



Courtesy Photo

Bartosovsky

He enjoys serving his community in any way he can, and spreading positivity by something as simple as engaging conversation. Bartosovsky, played collegiate level baseball for 3 years.

19th Century Comanche Relics Come Home

Items repatriated from the Smithsonian Institution

Haw-Tee Delgado, of the Comanche Nation NAGPRA Department, recently acquired possession of a 19th century shield and two shield coverings from the Smithsonian Intuition's National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C. The repatriated items have been added to Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center's permanent collection.

The shield is made from buffalo hide and has an attached canvas covering which is adorned with horse hair. Canvas and denim were widely available in the United States by the mid-1800s. The two additional coverings are made from deerskin. The Smithsonian purchased the items in 1929 from a museum in Texas.

The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center is located at 701 NW Ferris Avenue in Lawton. Hours of operation are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information call (580) 353-0404.

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Cops and Kids

July 30, 2022

Comanche Nation Police Department
 &
 Comanche Nation Student Services Present:

10 am – 1 pm

584 NW. Bingo Rd. (Comanche Nation Complex)

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Backpacks Distributed by Student Services to Tribal Students with Comanche CDIB

For More Information Contact
 580-492-3789

COMANCHE NATION YOUTH PROGRAM PRESENTS:

2022 CNYP TEK CAMP

SERVING COMANCHE YOUTH AGES 6-13

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MONDAY - THURSDAY

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DATES

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Comanche Owned Businesses

Bulldog Inflatables and Party Rentals LLC Owned by Lauren Dalby & Jay Sumner

Bulldog Inflatables and Party Rentals LLC (Owners are Lauren Dalby & Jay Sumner) is native owned business, it is licensed, insured and state inspected.

They have been in business since the beginning of April. They decided to run this type of business because Sumner has at least 16 Years prior experience in inflatables. They thought, why not open of our own business right here in Cache,Okla.? So from there they decided to make it come true, and Bulldog Inflatables and Party Rentals LLC was born.

They hope to have your support for their small business hoping it grows into a big business. They are hoping by next year they will have more inflatables to choose from, but for now they just have the three units available. Units available are: the TROPICAL Double slide Combo unit, (which can either be wet or dry), Star Wars Single slide combo unit, (wet or dry) and the Princess Single slide combo unit, (wet or dry).

You can find them on Facebook (BULLDOG INFLATABLES AND PARTY RENTALS LLC, or you can email them at bulldoginflatables88@gmail.com or call them at (580) 232-0575 or (580) 591-1859.

To book your event a \$50 deposit is required.

Prices

- Dry its \$200/ 6 hours
- Wet its \$250/6 hours
- NO delivery fee!



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Star Wars single slide combo unit, which can be used wet or dry, is available for your party needs.



Courtesy Photo
The front view of the Princess unit, which can be used wet or dry.



Courtesy Photo
Side view of the Princess unit.



Courtesy Photo
Front view of the Tropical Double slide combo unit, which can be used wet or dry.



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Side view of the Tropical Double slide Combo.



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Before and after photo cleaned by Dalby and her staff.



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Before and after photo of a oven cleaned by Dalby and her staff.

Lauren Dalby, has her own native owned cleaning business. Her business is licensed and Insured.

LJCS is a commercial and residential cleaning business located in Cache, Okla., just south of the Wichita Wildlife Refuge. LJCS has over seven years of Professional cleaning experience.

Dalby would love to take care of your business or home. Dalby said, "I love my job and a lot of people can't say that cause who wants to clean right? Well, I'm here to help you with that!"

Dalby offers all types of cleaning services. Dalby's service go about 25 miles around the Cache area, anything further there is a charge for mileage and such.

Dalby provides Deep cleaning (recommended 1st), regular cleaning, move in/out cleaning and organizing (Seperate fee).

If you have any questions or would like to get a free estimate give Dalby a call/text at (580) 232-0575 or email at ljscleaningservice33@gmail.com Find her on facebook at LJ'S CLEANING SERVICES LLC "like and follow her page"

Reviews:

"Lauren and her team came and cleaned my house and they did an incredible job, would recommend to anyone who is needing a deep cleaning, or organizing." Susan G



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Before and after photo of a refrigerator cleaned by Dalby and her team.

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The Comanche Nation News



The Comanche Nation Offices will be closed July 4, for Independence Day. Offices will re-open for business July 5. The Comanche Nation Offices will also be closed July 15 for Comanche Chief's Day. Offices will re-open for business July 18.



Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to congratulate Alexander Akoneto on his recent promotion to United States Army Specialist (E-4).

SPC Akoneto, pictured in the middle is an Ammunition Specialist with the 1st Combat Aviation Brigade (CAB) 601st Aviation Support Battalion (ASB) "A" Company, Fort Riley, Kansas.



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CIVA would like to thank SPC Akoneto for his service to God and Country.

The Comanche Indian Veterans would also like to congratulate our mascot Bob Plata on his recent promotion to Command Sergeant Major (E-9).



Courtesy Photo

Pictured are Elizabeth Plata with Bob as he is being promoted by United States Army Captain, Scott Zapic, Battery Commander, E/1-79th FA, 434 Field Artillery Brigade, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to congratulate the following Veterans who were honored during the 17 Annual CIVA Banquet.

Honorees



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Staff Sergeant Clark

Staff Sergeant, Curtis Jon Clark, retired from the United States Army after serving from December 29, 1997, to March 10, 2020, (22 years, three months and one day) earning the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6); awarded the Navy/Marine Corps Presidential and Army Meritorious Unit Citations, Valor Unit Award, Air Assault, Expert Qualification with/Carbine and Pistol clasps, and Mechanic with/Driver Wheel clasp Badges; Meritorious Service with/Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation with/Silver Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct with/2 Silver clasps, National Defense Service with/Bronze Star, Iraqi Campaign with/2 Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Service and Expeditionary, Korean Defense Service, Outstanding Military Volunteer Service medals and the NCO Professional Development with/ Numeral 3, Army Service and Overseas with/Numeral 3 ribbons.



Courtesy Photo

Lance Corporal Clark

Lance Corporal Skylar Justice Clark, served in the United States Marine Corps from April 3, 2017, to November 1, 2019, (two years, six months and 29 days) earning the rank of Lance Corporal (E-3); awarded the National Defense, Global War on Terrorism Service and Armed Forces Service medals, Rifle Expert Qualification Badge and Certificate of Commendation.



Courtesy Photo

Boiler Technician Second Class Tahah

Boiler Technician Second Class, Marlon Tahah, served in the United States Navy from February 11, 1980, to February 10, 1984, (four years) earning the grade Boiler Technician Second Class (E-5); awarded the Good Conduct and Navy Expeditionary medals, Battle E and Sea Service Deployment with/Bronze Star ribbons and a Letter of Commendation from the Commander of the USS Vancouver.



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Fire Controlman Petty Officer First Class (Surface Warfare / Air Warfare) and Master Training Specialist, Codopony

Fire Controlman Petty Officer First Class (Surface Warfare / Air Warfare) and Master Training Specialist, Lantz Codopony, served in the United States Navy from August, 2008, to August, 2018, and in the U.S. Navy Reserves from 2018 to present.

His awards includes the following: Surface Warfare and Air Warfare Pins, Navy Achievement Medal (Two Gold Stars), Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy Battle "E" Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal with (Two Bronze Stars), National Defense Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Navy Sea Service Ribbon (Two Bronze Stars) Navy Rifle Marksman Medal, Navy Pistol (Expert) Medal.



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Private First Class, Davis

Private First Class, Mark DeVal Davis, served in the United States Army Reserve from October 2012, to April 2016, earning the rank of Private First Class.

His awards include the National Defense Service medal, the Global War on Terrorism medal, the Army Service Ribbon and the Sharpshooter Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar.

Each Honoree was given a plaque, a U.S. Army-USMC-Grateful Nation Pendleton Blankets, Service Medallion along with a gift bag.

CIVA would like to thank this year's Honorees for their faithful and dedicated service to God and Country.

CIVA Veterans Home Visit

On May 23, CIVA Veterans, Princess, Auxiliary at the request of the Tenequer Family conducted a home visit with Comanche Nation, U.S. Army Veteran, Bob Tenequer.

The evening started with and opening prayer by George RedElk and Comanche Hymn singing by CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin and Roger and Linda Tehauno.

After the fellowship, Veterans, Princess and the Auxiliary members were treated with a meal.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA member, George Red Elk, visits with Comanche elder, Bob Tenequer, in his home.



Courtesy Photo

Members of the CIVA along with Auxiliary and CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, pose for a quick picture with tribal elder, Bob Tenequer, during a home visit at the request of Tenequer's family.

Funeral and Honor Details



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U.S. Army National Guard Specialist 4 / U.S. Navy E-3 Sonar Technician, Clifford "Keith" RedElk

On May 24, a funeral detail was provided for Clifford "Keith" RedElk was requested by the RedElk Family at the Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home in Walters, Oklahoma.

He was born on November 1, 1939, and served from 1955-1958, in the California Army National Guard, earning the rank of Specialist 4.

He was assigned to 40th Infantry Division as a wheel and tank driver and Tank Commander. He was also assigned to the 1st Battalion, 33rd Armor Division.

RedElk enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed his Boot Training at the Naval Technical Training Center in San Diego, Cali., he completed "A" School as a Sonar Communications Technician also at the Naval Technical Training Center, in San Diego, Cali.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Army, 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.



Courtesy Photo

U.S. Navy Honor Guard and CIVA veterans rendering honor. The Comanche Indian Veterans Association Veteran thank RedElk for his service to God and Country.



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U.S. Army Master Sergeant Richard "Dicky Bird" Giles

On June 6, a Funeral Detail was requested by Beth Giles, the wife of U.S. Army M.Sgt., Richard Giles at the Comanche Nation Community Center, Apache Oklahoma.

He was a member of the Delaware Nation of Oklahoma and volunteer under the buddy system in the U.S. Army. He served during the Vietnam War and was a point man for his troops.

Master Sergeant, Giles, was attached to the 1st Infantry Division (The Big Red One) as this unit as was well known to see a lot of combat action during the Vietnam Campaign. He also served with Headquarters Battery, 4th Infantry, Light Weapons Infantry Division.

After his tour of duty in Vietnam he was transferred to the U.S. Army Reserves.

His awards include the

Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 device, Combat Infantry Badge, Overseas Service Bar (Vietnam), Expert Rifle and the Presidential Unit Citation with two oak leaf clusters.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Army, and the CIVA flags were displayed.

His military bio was read, a roll call was conducted as well as a final salute.



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Members of the CIVA present a series of flags at the gravesite of Giles.



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At Highland Cemetery in Lawton, Oklahoma, the Comanche Nation Police provided a firing squad and after taps was played his flag was presented to his wife, Beth Giles. The Comanche Indian Veterans Association Veteran thank Giles for his service to God and Country. Interment at Highland Cemetery, Lawton, Okla.



Courtesy Photo

U.S. Army Corporal Bob Tenequer

On June 8, a Funeral Detail was requested by the Tenequer family for U.S. Army Corporal, Bob Tenequer.

His funeral services were conducted at the Latter-Day Saints Church in Lawton, Oklahoma and burial with military honors at the Post Oak Cemetery in Indianhoma, Oklahoma.

Tenequer served in the U.S. Army from (Aug. 5, 1952 to Aug. 6, 1954) earning the rank of Corporal.

He completed his Basic Training and was assigned with HQs Detachment, 5227th AUS at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., as a Mail Clerk and a member of the Post-Boxing Team.

He was a Golden Glove Boxer and his championships include: All Indian Boxing SW Oklahoma District, Champion for three years in Springfield Mo., 6th Armored Division, two Year Champion 5th Army. All U.S. Army Runner-Up National Gold Glove and the National AAU Champion.

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He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, US Army, and the CIVA flags were displayed.

His military bio was read, a roll call was conducted as well as a final salute.

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association Veteran thank Tenequer for his service to God and Country.



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U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Daniel Elam Jr.

On June 10, a Funeral Detail was requested by the Tahah and Elam family for U.S. Marine Corps Lance, Daniel Elam Jr.

His funeral services were conducted at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home and burial with military honors at the Post Oak Cemetery in Indianhoma.

Elam, enlisted into the United States Marine Corps Reserves in 2008 and earned the rank of Lance Corporal (E-3). He completed his Boot Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot, San Diego, Cali., and Individual Training Regim at Camp Pendelton, Cali.

His primary specialty was a Field Artillery Control Man. His unit was activated to support the War on Terror and was deployed to Afghanistan with U.S. Marine Battery "Fox-trot" 2nd Battalion 14th Marine, 4th Marine Division.

Lance Corporal, Elam, completed his tour of duty and was Honorably Discharged at the U.S. Marine Corp Field Artillery Detachment, Fort Sill, Okla.

His awards include: The National Defense Service Medal, Selected Marine Corps Reserve Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Navy Unit Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation-Navy, Certificate of Appreciation, NATO Medal-ISAF Afghanistan and the Certificate of Commendation (Individual Award) Certificate of Appreciation and the Marksman Markmanship Badge.

The state of Oklahoma, Comanche Nation and the Republic the Lance Corporal, Elam for his dedicated, faithful and honorable service to God and Country.

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



Courtesy Photo

Members of the CIVA flew the U.S., Comanche Nation and the USMC flags during the burial of Elam at Post Oak Cemetery.



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The U.S. Marine Corps Honor Detail were present to fold the flag of Elam.

CIVA Activities

Comanche Academy Powwow



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On May 16, the CIVA provided a Color Guard for the Comanche Academy 2022 Powwow.

Pictured above: Comanche Indian Veterans Association Color Guard, Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya and CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin leading the CIVA Auxiliary.

USO Luncheon

On May 25, Jennifer Waters, Director of the Fort Sill USO provided a luncheon and a tour with Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah and members of the CIVA and Auxiliary.

The CIVA thanks Waters for showing the USO in action in providing services to Military service members and their families.



Courtesy Photo

Member of the CIVA and Auxiliary, pose for a picture along with Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah and Fort Sill USO Director, Jennifer Waters.

CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, was honored to have served as the Head Gourd Dancer for the American War Mothers, Kiowa Chapter 18, 78th Annual Honoring Veterans Celebration on May 28, in Carnegie Oklahoma.



Courtesy Photo

2022 Comanche Nation Higher Education Graduation Banquet

On June 4, the CIVA provided the Color Guard Detail for the opening ceremonies of the Comanche Nation Higher Education Graduation Banquet.

CIVA would like to congratulate all Comanche Nation Graduates on their accomplishments.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA and Auxiliary providing the Color Guard for the 2022 Comanche Nation Higher Education Banquet at the Fort Sill Apache Casino Ballroom.

Quanah Parker Days

On June 11, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary were invited to attend Quanah Parker Days in Quanah Texas. The opening ceremonies began at 10 a.m., at the County Court House.

CIVA paraded their colors followed by the CIVA Princess and Auxiliary. Later that evening the CIVA Color Guard, Princess and Auxiliary brought in their flags during the grand entry of the Quanah Parker Society Powwow.



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CIVA participating in the morning activities of the Quanah Parker Days held in Quanah, Texas.



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CIVA serving as the Color Guard brings in the flags during grand entry for the Quanah Parker Days powwow.



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CIVA princess, Arlene Schonchin, leads the CIVA auxiliary and the grand entry during the Quanah Parker Days pow-wow, held in Quanah, Texas.

Headstone replacement

On June 4, CIVA Veterans set aside this day for a Headstone placement and to fix a headstone for a late Comanche Nation Veteran.

The Oklahoma heat did not stop CIVA Veterans as they placed a headstone marker at the Post Oak Cemetery in Indianhoma, Oklahoma, for the late Hugh Edwin Chebahtah, U.S. Army and U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA members work to prepare the ground for the headstone placement for the late Hugh Chebahtah.



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CIVA Vice Commander, John McClung, CIVA Treasure, Frankie Patterson, CIVA Sgt. Of Arms, Clifford RedElk, Marker Placement Coordinator, George RedElk with CIVA Veterans, Clifford 'Beaver' Takawana, Mark Davis pictured with the Chebahtah Family.

The CIVA Veterans then traveled to the Walters Cemetery located west of Walters, Oklahoma to help correct the headstone of a Comanche Nation Veteran, Kelly W. Poemoceah.



Courtesy Photo

Headstone marker of the late Kelly Poemoceah, a U.S. Army National Guard Veteran of the 45 Infantry Division.



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CIVA Vice Commander, John McClung, CIVA Treasure, Frankie Patterson, CIVA Sgt. Of Arms, Clifford RedElk, Marker Placement Coordinator, George RedElk with CIVA Veterans Clifford 'Beaver' Takawana, Mark Davis preparing the headstone of U.S. Army National Guard Veteran, Kelly Poemoceah.

Cyber Partnerships with FBI Oklahoma City

By: Edward J. Gray, Special Agent in Charge of FBI Oklahoma City

Over the past few years, cyber attacks have increased dramatically. Both major companies and local businesses face an alarming number of sophisticated threats every day. FBI Oklahoma City is reaching out to Oklahoma businesses in an effort to share critical information, provide insights into emerging cyber threats, and protect our community from malicious foreign actors.

Cyber risk is business risk, and there is no shortage of recent examples of wide-ranging economic effects caused by cyber attacks. While media attention focused significantly on ransomware over the past year, the FBI's Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) issued an annual report showing that Business Email Compromise (BEC) schemes cost U.S. businesses more than \$2 billion last year and more than \$15 million just in Oklahoma. These substantial losses are absorbed by companies who chalk it up as the cost of doing business in the modern age— but that should never be the case.

Although cyber threats are global, victims in Oklahoma deserve a rapid, local response. The FBI has invested enormously in its decentralized workforce. We have numerous cyber-trained agents throughout Oklahoma, and each has significant threat response, counterintelligence, domestic intelligence, and computer intrusion expertise. We can put a cyber-trained FBI Special Agent on any doorstep in this state within three hours. No other organization in the world has our reach, our unique tools, or our experience in assisting victims. Our discreet and experienced cyber investigators want to assist you and your company.

In addition to the resources we've placed around Oklahoma, the FBI has dedicated teams out of Washington D.C. which provide specialized support to victims of cyber intrusions. Our Cyber Action Team (CAT) is a technical investigative team that rapidly deploys nationally and internationally to assist with complex intrusions and cyber incidents. Our Recovery Asset Team (RAT) acts quickly to help victims recover funds that otherwise would be lost to cyber criminals. In 2021, RAT used the Financial Fraud Kill Chain (FFKC) over 1,700 times and was able to successfully freeze more than \$328 million. That money was then rightfully returned to victims of cyber fraud.

The FBI's current cyber strategy focuses on imposing risk and consequences on adversaries through our unique authorities, world-class capabilities, and enduring partnerships with both federal and private organizations. One example of how important partnerships are to our mission occurred just last year. Chinese state actors exploited a vulnerability in Microsoft Exchange Server software to compromise thousands of U.S. computers and install web shells— back doors which allowed them

to come and go into victim networks as they pleased. China tried to prop open these doors, and we slammed them shut. Thanks to information shared with us by a private partner, the FBI executed an innovative court-authorized operation to identify and remove those backdoors from hundreds of vulnerable computers across America. Most important to the private sector, we only did this after publicly releasing information on the compromises and working with Microsoft to directly contact server owners and allow them time to fix the problem on their own. And, consistent with our respect for the privacy of businesses, we removed the web shells surgically without exposing the contents of victim computers to the FBI.

What can we learn from this example of partnership between the FBI and private industry? First, if Oklahoma businesses and organizations don't report cyber incidents, we can't provide the resources to help. We can't recover company assets and data without knowing you've lost it. We also can't warn other businesses who might fall victim to the same attack in the future. Bottom line is the quicker you report a cyber incident to us, the faster we can spring into action.

What can you do today to protect your business or organization from a cyberattack? Take the proactive step of becoming a partner with FBI Oklahoma City before you experience a cyber intrusion. We can provide world-class capabilities, international reach, and critical information about ongoing vulnerabilities and cyber intrusions. Also, consider becoming a member of InfraGard (infogard.org). InfraGard is a unique partnership between the FBI and individuals in the private sector focused on the protection of U.S. critical infrastructure and the American people. If your company does become the victim of an attack, we're ready to serve as a force multiplier for you to augment information security and hold cyber criminals accountable. We encourage any company who suffers a cyberattack to report it on the FBI's IC3 website at www.ic3.gov so our office can review for investigative action. If you are an Oklahoma business leader or cyber professional, please give FBI Oklahoma City a call at (405) 290-7770 and see what resources we can provide to you.

Lastly, we are looking for exceptional individuals from the Comanche Nation to help us investigate cyber threats and criminals. If you or someone you know has a background in cyber security and is interested in using it to counter malicious actors who target the United States, the FBI would like to hear from you. We are always looking for talented new employees to join our ranks as Computer Scientists, Digital Forensic Examiners, Intelligence Analysts, and Special Agents. Reach out to the FBI Oklahoma City Field Office on how you can start the application process to join the FBI!



Ardith Parker Leming and Don Parker sing a song during the dedication of the Quanah Parker mural in downtown Quanah, Texas the afternoon of June 11. Both are direct descendants of Chief Quanah Parker.

QUANAH

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us, his descendants, how important his traditional life was on the plains, and we carry it on. I am very proud to be his great granddaughter. My father always taught me about him and my grandfather did, so I know all about the traditional ways. I look forward to this every year.

A full day of activities was scheduled during both days of the celebration. A historical bus tour of Quanah Texas, and guest speakers that included author and historian, Bill Neely, and Dustin Tahmahkera, the great great grandson of Quanah Parker.

A benefit concert featuring Doug Stone and a benefit breakfast were also held to help save Quanah Parker's home, the Star House.

The afternoon of June 11, a mural honoring the Last Comanche Chief, Quanah Parker, was unveiled in downtown Quanah, Texas. The project, administered by the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture, pays tribute to the role of Parker in the city's founding. The mural is located at 305 S. Main in downtown Quanah, Texas.

"We are honored to fa-

cilitate the creation of this mural in downtown Quanah," said Ann Arnold-Ogden, executive director of the Wichita Falls Alliance for Arts and Culture. "The piece will be a tribute to Comanche history, culture, and art. This artwork will help tell the community's story and celebrate the continued contributions and resilience of the Comanche Nation."

Renowned Comanche Artist Quanah Parker Burgess designed the mural. Burgess is the great-great-grandson of Chief Parker and a 4th generation artist.

"This Mural is unique historically for the fact that the town itself is connected and named after Quanah Parker. Also me being named after my great, great grandfather is not only an honor but, my name will be on the mural continuing our friendship with the good towns people and our great Comanche Nation. It's very powerful that my art can have an impact for them economically and hopefully break some of the old ways of thinking from the past for a better future," said Burgess.

"I would like to first of all thank the Wichita Falls Alliance for



Singers, from left, Roger Tehauno, TD Sovo, Berkey Monoessy, Harold "Bug" Neconie, and Kevin Sovo, along with "Bob" Plata, sing the Comanche Flag Song while the Comanche Indian Veterans Association bring in the Colors during the Opening Ceremony of the June 11, Quanah Parker Celebration that was held in Quanah, Texas.

Arts and Culture staff for all there assistance and organized help, Ann Ogden and Ferdine Le Blanc especially! The mayor of Quanah, Texas Kathy Butler and her son, Jarrett Butler for stepping in and lending us his paint sprayer when we needed help. Shane Lance, Economic Development Commission for his leadership. Bobby White, who bricked in the windows and graciously is still lending his scaffolds to us and his friendship. Last but, not least...all the town folk who came by with gratitude, water, even dinner and making us feel right at home really means a lot," he expressed.

"I want to acknowledge Our Creator 'Tha-Ah-Puh' for this blessing and opportunity to support my family and children. He's the only master artist that I know....just look around at nature and His watercolor sunsets and appreciate them and give thanks every day," said Burgess.

Following the dedication of the mural, a celebration powwow was held by the Quanah Parker Society.

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JULY 2022						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Inventory	Inventory
	CLOSED <i>Independence Day</i>	Frederick 1st Day	Frederick 2nd Day	Walters 1st Day	TRUCK DAY	
	Walters 2nd Day	Cache 1st Day	Cache 2nd Day	Cache 3rd Day	CLOSED <i>Comanche Chiefs Day</i>	
	Cache 4th Day	Lawton 1st Day	Lawton 2nd Day	Lawton 3rd Day	Lawton 4th Day	
	Lawton 5th Day	Make-Up Day	Make-Up Day	Inventory	Inventory	

Wild Rice and Berries with Popped Rice

INGREDIENTS

- 1 ¼ cups long-grain wild rice (about 8 ounces), rinsed (see Note)
- ½ cup mixed dried berries (any combination of cranberries, blueberries or sour cherries)
- 3 tablespoons maple syrup
- ¼ cup whole hazelnuts, crushed
- 2 tablespoons hazelnut oil
- Fine sea salt
- Whole chive stems (or scallions, thinly sliced on the diagonal), for garnish

PREPARATION

1. Heat the oven to 350 degrees.
2. In a large saucepan, bring 5 cups water to a boil over high. Stir in 1 cup wild rice along with the dried berries and maple syrup. Once the mixture comes back to a boil, reduce the heat so the liquid is just simmering, cover and cook until the grains begin to open, 20 to 40 minutes, checking if it is done after about 20 minutes. (The rice is done when it has opened slightly, is tender and has quadrupled in size.)
3. Drain the excess liquid from the rice. (The cloudy cooking liquid tastes sweet and nutty and can be sipped on its own, reserved for use in the roast turkey with berry-mint sauce and black walnuts, or used as a stock substitute.)

4. Meanwhile, toast the hazelnuts: Heat the oven to 350 degrees. Arrange the hazelnuts in a single layer on a baking sheet and toast them until the skin blisters and cracks, and they begin to smell nutty, 10 to 12 minutes. Transfer the nuts to a clean dish towel and massage them aggressively to remove most of the skins. Crush the nuts directly in the towel using the flat side of a knife or the bottom of a small, heavy frying pan.
5. Add the remaining ¼ cup rice to a dry medium skillet and cook the rice over high heat, shaking the pan, until it begins to darken and about half of the kernels have popped, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat.
6. Drizzle the boiled rice with the hazelnut oil and season to taste with salt. Divide among bowls and garnish with the popped rice, hazelnuts and chives.

We want to see what you are cooking!

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

Fourth of July Scavenger Hunt!

Can you find all these items?

1. Something Red _____
2. The word Freedom _____
3. Something Striped _____
4. A BBQ Grill _____
5. Something White _____
6. Decorations _____
7. Something Blue _____
8. Watermelon _____
9. The number 4 _____
10. A pool or Sprinkler _____

REMINDER: IF YOU GO OUTSIDE MAKE SURE TO BRING AN ADULT WITH YOU. HAPPY SEARCHING!!



Find each word



Numbers Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

N	T	N	A	B	A	I	T	H	A	D	Q	N	Y
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PAHIT (THREE)

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MO?OBETH (FIVE)

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GAME ROOM

People, Places & Things Happening

Piper Journeycake Chosen as an Oklahoma Slow-Pitch All Stater



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Journeycake

Tribal Member Piper Journeycake participated in a softball game on June 9, in Okmulgee at the Muskogee Creek Nation Omplex.

Journeycake graduated from Minco High School and will be attending OSU in the fall majoring in Biology.

She was also chosen as an Oklahoma slow pitch All-Stater and played in the all state game on June 18.

Tribal Member Cynthia Clay Awarded the Coin of Excellence



Courtesy Photo

Cynthia Clay is a Comanche artist and resident of the Edith Kasanavoid Gordon Assisted Living Center. She is the great granddaughter of Quanah Parker. She is from Lawton, but has lived many places including overseas. The staff and residents truly enjoy hearing about all of her adventures and getting to witness her art come to life.

Clay's favorite time to create projects is in the morning. She likes using oil or fluid acrylics with lots of bright colors. She finds her inspiration in her daily life and from people she comes across. Rene Magritte's ideas and optical illusions have really inspired some of her pieces. She has sold some of her work to a few people but also her work is displayed at the Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center.

Clay was awarded a Comanche Coin of Excellence for all of her hard work. Clay had to retire from painting due to medical issues but the sculpture she just got finished with titled "PIA" has given her the strength to paint again.

FDA Launches Campaign Preventing E-Cigarette Use Among American Indian Youth

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced the launch of the "Next Legends". Youth E-Cigarette Prevention Campaign as part of the agency ongoing efforts to protect youth from the dangers of tobacco use. The campaign will educate American Indian/ Alaska Native

(AI/AN) youth, ages 12-17, about the harms of vaping through unique branding and tailored messaging created to inspire a new generation to live Native strong and vape-free. There are approximately 400,000

Native teens in the U.S., and more than half of them are at risk of using tobacco products, including e-cigarettes. Studies show that Native youth are more susceptible to e-cigarette use than their non-Native peers and they demonstrate disproportionately high experimentation and current use of e-cigarettes. Data from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System indicate that:

- AI/AN youth are more likely to use e-cigarettes and almost twice as likely to be frequent users of e-cigarettes than high school students overall;
- 3% of AI/AN high school students report past 30-day use of electronic vapor products including e-cigarettes compared to 32.7% of high school students overall; and
- 9% of AI/AN high school students reported using electronic vapor products frequently (on 20 or more days in the last 30 days) compared to 10.7% of high school students overall

The Next Legends campaign will reach AI/AN teens where they spend much of their time online. Digital video advertisements will be placed on social media sites such as Instagram, Snapchat and TikTok, and streaming and gaming platforms such as YouTube and Twitch. In addition to the campaign digital video and social media presence, billboards, radio, and TV will also be used to help spread the public health messages to Native youth. The ads feature members of the AI/AN community and messaging focused on the negative health consequences and addiction risks of using e-cigarettes, the dangerous mix of chemicals and metals found in them, and how vaping can negatively affect aspects of life that are very important to the community

In consultation with AI/AN community members and other experts in Native culture, media, and public health research, the FDA conducted robust research to develop effective messaging to reach Native youth. Strategies include extensive research and analysis to identify messaging needs and unique cultural considerations for commercial tobacco use prevention efforts; focus groups with AI/AN youth from across regions of the U.S.; and testing of video ads through an online survey with a large sample of Native youth. To ensure cultural relevancy for the audience, the FDA media contractor, Rescue Agency, partnered with G+G Advertising, a Native owned advertising agency with more than 20 years experience working with AI/AN tribes and communities.

The FDA tobacco prevention campaigns are critical to its public health mission. In addition to public education campaigns, the agency protects youth from the harms of vaping through regulation, scientific review of products, and taking enforcement actions against tobacco manufacturers, retailers, importers and distributors, when needed. The FDA restricts youth access to tobacco products by, for example, requiring retailers to check ID prior to sale and not sell to anyone under the age of 21.

New T.V. Series brings light on lost and stolen Indigenous Women



Story by Heaven Williams/News Staff

A new television series, 'Dark Winds' that premiered on June 12, is set in the 1070's on the Navajo Nation and follows the lives of two Navajo police officers. The officers face a series of unrelated crimes as they search for clues in the case, they are forced to challenge their own spiritual beliefs and come to terms with their own personal traumatic pasts.

On June 7, the cast sat down in an online interview and answered a couple of questions about the show. Jessica Matten who plays, Bernadette Manuelito, answered what made you want to join this series? Her response was "Seeing that Zahn was working in this project got me really excited but also seeing how many Natives were apart of this project made me want to jump at the opportunity. Just an opportunity to collaborate with such an eclectic talented group is what drew me in."

Another question that was asked and sparked good conversation was "What is it like to be apart of this really incredible shift in Hollywood that they're now finally paying attention to indigenous stories and talent?"

Zahn McClarnon, who plays, Joe Leaphorn, in the series responded, "I think we've been telling our stories for thousands of years. Having control over our own stories is very important. I think it's a great step towards seeing Natives in their experience as normal. Allowing the public and the audience to see that Native culture is American Culture. It is American History."

Chris Eyre, the Director of 'Dark Winds' added, "We make the work because we have to, meaning we have something inside us that says we want to do this, we want to tell a story. We have something to say, We're artist, Story tellers. It is apart of who we are so the fact that the audience is now absorbing it better is great. We love it."

Graham Roland, the writer and the Executive Producer also added, "I'm glad people are paying attention to these stories now. One of the things I'm very proud of is that this show had a lot of Native American crew members and Native Writers. It's really gratifying to be apart of this."

85% of the cast and crew are Native American and along with that they had two Navajos on location for the language and dressing in the show.

It was also asked if the cast could talk about what they were doing to spread awareness about lost indigenous woman away from the series and Jessica Matten answered, "Dark Winds has really given me a platform to make it easier to find the resources and people to partner up with me. The whole underline premises of our college and academy is actually mental health. I think it's an issue that I really want to put some emphasis on in terms of healing between our young men in particular. So my biggest life purpose is to really tackle the issue of missing and murdered indigenous woman and it has been. My mother was one of the initial women to start the inquiries 20 years ago. So as you know given this platform is something that can really bring back to the communities and I really believe on doing the hands on work and I have been for the last 20 years and it matters to me. Its extremely important to make sure our next generation continues to heal and rise and just flourish."

Blazing Bear Drum Group Places First at Two National Powwows



Courtesy Photos

The Blazing Bear Drum Group

Congratulations to the 2022 Gathering of Nations World Class Southern Singing Champions, the Blazing Bear Drum. The Blazing Bear Drum also won first place at the 2022 Alabama Coushatta Powwow in June.

Among the singers and representing the Comanche Nation, Geramey Cable, son of Steven and Darla Cable, brothers Sean, Garrett, Keeven, Keenen, son EJ, nephew Randall. Great grandson of the Late Owen Tahah, grandson of the Late Carla Tahah, and honorable mention grandmother, the Late Rita Wahnee who took Geramey along on the powwow road many many times, teaching him along the way, the respect of the music and of the drum.

The Blazing Bear Drum consists of young singers from Comanche Country, Potawatomi Country and some from the Eastern counties of Oklahoma.

As all drummers start out singing at young ages learning from their peers and families, they decided

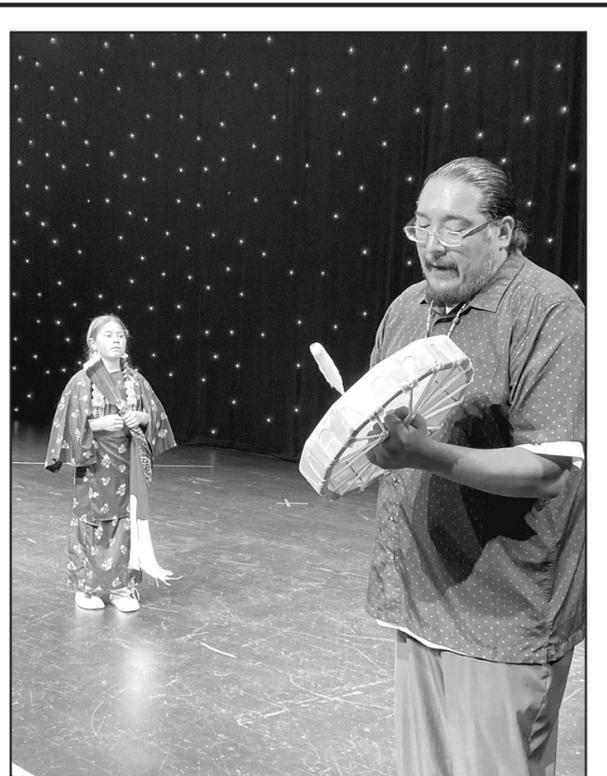


Lead Singer, Geramey Cable, center, starts a song while others record the Blazing Bear Drum group during the Gathering of Nations Powwow, held in April.

it was time to start their own drum just over a year or so ago. And by creating their own song styles earned their way to be Host Drum, Drum Contest Winners and above all a good reputation as singers.

CONGRATULATIONS BLAZING BEAR, may all the singers continue with their great passion of the drum.

**Comanche Reformed Church
Comanche Hymn Singing
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
2nd Tuesday of the Month
Everyone welcome!**



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COMANCHE YOUTH DANCERS. Paige Burgess sings a hand drum song for the Comanche Youth Dancers May 28 at the Native Nationals Bodybuilding Show at the McMahon Memorial Auditorium in Lawton, Okla. The youth performed during the event, demonstrating various dance categories.

Powwow Time to Swing and Sway



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Kasey Atavich dances next to her grandfather, Carl Atavich, during her Honor Powwow, which took place June 5, at the Comanche Nation Complex's Watchtaker Hall.



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Straight Dancers are called out for a dance exhibition June 11, during the Quanah Parker Society Powwow in Quanah Texas.



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Breanna Bella Portillo serving as the Head Girl Dancer for the Indigenous Peoples powwow, along with her mother, Paula Cooper and grand-mother, Jodi Youngman.



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Numerous dancers fill the powwow arena during an intertribal song at the June 11, Quanah Parker Society Powwow in Quanah, Texas.



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Head Lady dancer, Fawn Tsatoke and Head Man dancer, Matthew Horse, during their special at the Indigenous People's Day pow-wow held on June 19, at the Hilton Hotel Ballroom in Lawton, Okla.



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Comanche Nation Vice-Chairman, Dr. Cornell Pewewardy, being honored during the Indigenous People's Day pow-wow held on June 19, held at the Hilton Hotel Ballroom in Lawton, Okla.



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2022 Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, leads the line of tribal royalty in during the Grand Entry of Kasey Atavich's Honor Powwow, June 5, at the Comanche Nation Complex.



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Fancy dancer, Frank Swift, left, and George Tahdoahnippah, right, show off their best dance moves during the Quanah Parker Society Powwow, June 11, in Quanah, Texas.



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The Seminole Color Guard along with Special Guest, Lawton Buffalo Soldiers present the Eagle Staff at the Indigenous People's Day pow-wow held at the Hilton Hotel Ballroom in Lawton, Okla.



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On June 6, the Southern Plains Indian Museum, in conjunction with the Southern Plains Community Arts Association, held a welcome back celebration. Special guests included the Comanche Academy, (ABOVE) Bruce Ceasar, Sharon Harjo, Gene "Ironman" Smith, Caddo Tribal Chairman Bobby Gonzales, and *First American Art* magazine publishing editor, American Meredith. The event was free and open to the public with art and dance demonstrations held throughout the event. Emanuel Burgess opened the program with the pledge of allegiance in Comanche, the O-ho-mah Lodge Princess, Kaci Allen and Anadarko Middle School Princess, Cherokee Bread, spoke and demonstrated cultural dances. Echohawk Pete Neconi was the master of ceremonies, Robert Tehauno provided the gourd dance session of singing, and the social dance session was sung by the O-ho-Mah Lodge singers.

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

June 28 - Elizabeth (Liz) Chrismon

Happy Birthday



- July 1 - Matthew Kaywaykla
- July 2 - Victoria Rose Stevens
- July 2 - Mollie Coffey
- July 3 - Hayden Goombi
- July 3 - Yesenia Aitson
- July 6 - Terisa Brinkman
- July 7 - Olivia Skeen *From Mewma & Grandpa*
- July 7 - Benny Cable *From Connie, Nancy, & Jeannie*
- July 10 - Joseph Tahsequah
- July 14 - Clay Oliver Stevens
- July 16 - Ezekiel Whitewolf
- July 16 - Christian Berry Gilliam
- July 17 - Riley Grant-White-wolf
- July 23 - Trevor Pewewardy
- July 28 - Charles Pocow-atchit. *Happy 55th Birthday!*



Happy Birthday
Matthew Kaywaykla
July 1



Happy 6th Birthday
Victoria Rose Stevens
July 2



Happy Birthday
Mollie Coffey
July 2
~Love Mom



Happy 5th Birthday
Yesenia Aitson
July 3



Happy Birthday
Terisa Brinkman
July 6

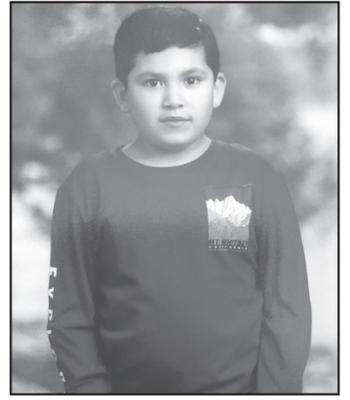


Happy Birthday
Joseph Tahsequah
July 10

~Tahsequah is currently serving in the United States Navy stationed on the East Coast. We love you very much son! Love Mom, Ed, Jacoub, & Riley



Happy 5th Birthday
Clay Oliver Stevens
July 14



Happy 7th Birthday
Christian Berry Gilliam
July 16

Sweet's
BIRTHDAY
Dance

SATURDAY
November 5th, 2022
6:00-10:00PM

DJ Larry Cole

Comanche Complex

Supper @7:00

Raffles
Cake Walks
Photo Booth



Happy Birthday
Trevor Pewewardy
July 23

Congratulations!
Monte & Ronna Potts

Celebrating 25th Anniversary
July 25



Happy 1st Birthday
Ezekiel Whitewolf
July 16
Happy Birthday
Riley Grant-White-wolf
July 17
~Love Dad



There was this young Indian maiden, somewhat carefree and wild. Ayyy. She drove a lil’ black Kia that could really move! After a long day at work, while she was going west toward home from Lawton on old Hwy. 62, she travels over a hill; her nephew just happen to be traveling home as well.

Now their relationship was such that he thought the world of his auntie cause he knew she was quite daring just as he! And he couldn’t resist. Of course, he didn’t really think she would ...

Now picture it:

As he attempts to pass her traveling about 70 mph, he passes her, he looks at her and holds up his right forefinger saying, "one time Auntie"! Without any answer nor hesitation, she hunches her back holding tightly the steering wheel and floors it, rearing up that lil’ black Kia. And he does the same. There they go, side by side, 75, 80, 85, 100 and before they reach the blue beaver bridge, he backs off!!! The winner by miles, left his *thine* in the dust!!

Don't mess with Auntie!

- Verna Cable Burgess

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“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

Psalm 46:1-3



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Airman Kyshawn Dunkley



Kyshawn Dunkley, 24 yrs old was born on October 28, 1997, in Lawton, Oklahoma. He enlisted into the United States Air Force on March 21, 2022, graduated from Basic Training in San Antonio, Texas on May 12, 2022 and is currently attending Tech School in Wichita Falls, Texas. Upon his completion from Tech School he will then be heading off for hands on training as an Airlift/Special Mission Aircraft Maintenance in Washington State. His mother is Civa Hill and he is the brother to Rick Wahnee Rose and the grandson of Rosalie Pennah all of Lawton, Oklahoma. His family couldn't be more proud of him congrats Airman Dunkley!

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