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Two Comanche Constitution Amendments Pass Through the July 9, Secretarial Election

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The July 9, Secretarial Election had a total of 297 voters cast their ballots to pass the Comanche Constitution amendments for Article VIII – Vacancies and Removal from office and Article VII – Elections.

The amendment for Article VIII – Vacancies and Removal from Office – had 209 votes for and 87 against the amendment.

The Constitution will now read:

ARTICLE VIII -VACANCIES AND REMOVAL FROM OFFICE 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).

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 from 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 with (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

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COMANCHE NATION PRINCESS HOSTS LITTLE LADY TEA PARTY. On June 25, Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya, hosted a little lady tea party. The event was held at the Beloved Venue in Fletcher, Oklahoma nestled in the country. Little ladies aged 3 to 17 were invited to join the Princess in afternoon tea. Francene Monenerkit, Image Coach, gave a quick lesson on the history of tea and went over the proper do's and don't of tea and etiquette in general. The girls had a fantastic time trying out new foods like scones and cucumber and butter sandwiches and much more. Nevaquaya said it is important to her to give back to her community and what could be a better way than empowering little ladies. Nevaquaya has a full summer schedule of powwows and events, she has enjoyed every moment of her Comanche Nation Princess reign. In the fall, she will attend OSU's Architecture (BAR) in the College of Engineering, Architecture & Technology program. See more photos on Page 13.

The Journey to Homeownership Through Affordable Housing

By Nora Sovo/Comanche Nation Housing Authority

In today's market, there is a housing shortage sweeping the nation and at the center of this crisis lies the dire need for affordable housing. According to the National Low Income Housing Coalition, there are 6.8 million affordable housing units needed for low-income families in the U.S. alone.

Many organizations across the country have established assistance programs in efforts to combat this issue, including the Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA). CNHA with the direction and support of the Business Committee and our Board has founded various housing initiatives and assistance programs to better accommodate Tribal members and the general welfare of its community.

"As their servants, we are committed to our community to focus available resources and time into providing affordable and safe housing," said Russell Sossamon, executive di-



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rector of CNHA. "Whether members begin with renting or purchasing, our goal is to help them get on the right path to achieve and maintain affordable homeownership."

Since its inception, the programs have assisted with providing more than 850 homes to tribal members and has placed 31 members within the past year. A number of our assistance programs are designed to help members obtain the necessary tools for successful homeownership,

especially the lease-to-own program.

The lease-to-own program provides families the opportunity for homeownership to overcome the barriers of meeting standard credit score requirements or making a large lump sum down payment. This CNHA program lowers the cost of the home by deducting \$50,000 from the final sale price, paying the taxes and insurance associated with the property and dropping the interest rate to zero.

"My journey to homeownership started with CNHA's rental assistance program," said Gwendolyn Pesewonit, member of the Comanche Nation and client of CNHA. "After I applied for the lease-to-own program, the CNHA team helped me prepare by providing me with a series of classes where I learned about finances and the home buying process."

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Progress Continues at Comanche Cache & War Pony Casinos

Submitted By Shandi Tahhahwah /General Manager, Comanche Cache Casino

The teams at Comanche Nation Entertainment are preparing to welcome guests to their first casino in Cache--their second new property to open this year. They expect to open their doors this Fall with a Grand Opening to be announced. Some of their recent progress at Cache includes:

Phase 1-

- Building is being prepared for exterior stone placement

- Casino interior is being installed and finalized

Phase 2-

- Steel framing is complete
- Walls are now being put into place for the building and doorways



Courtesy Photo

Down the road at Comanche War Pony Casino in Devol, they are preparing to welcome a new installation of some of the hottest new games from Video Game Technologies (VGT). Stop by War Pony this month to see what's new to play!

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

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Cynthia Chavez Lamar, Director of The National Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C., and Hah-Tee Delgado, courier of tribal historic significant items, sign paperwork on June 7, to return Comanche remains to be repatriated in Comanche land.

Submitted by NAGPRA Staff

NAGPRA Repatriates Comanche Human Remains and Sacred objects

On June 7, the Comanche Nation was represented by Hah-Tee Delgado as the authorized representative to assume responsibility for the physical return of the claimed items. Delgado is a recognized courier of tribal historic significant items. He escorted the repatriated objects from The National Museum of the American Indian Smithsonian Washington D.C. back to the Great Comanche Nation in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Delgado said, he is happy to have the NAGPRA Law in place to get ancestral remains back. "Prior to November 1990, when NAGPRA became law for federally recognized tribes, we did not have a process to bring back our ancestral remains that were in the collections of museums and universities that receive federal funds," he explained. "It is a reconciliation and a way for us to give sense of peace to our ancestors."

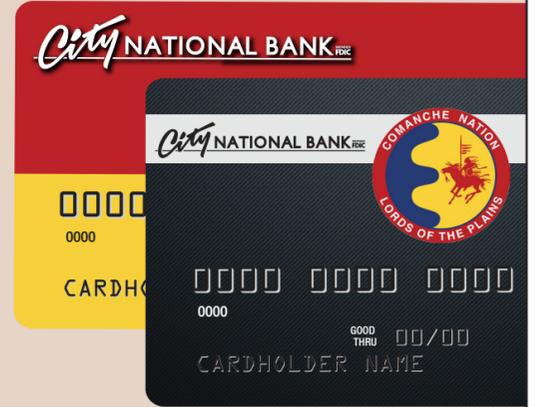
On August 18, 2015, the Comanche Nation submitted a claim for scalps, a shield and shield covers, a human hair shield ornament, and a war medicine hair ornament.

This report addresses the claim put forward by the Comanche Nation. These items are of great historical importance to the Comanche Nation. The following is a description of the cultural affiliation with the Comanche Nation. The scalps are identified only as "Comanche" in the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian records. As explained, they are reasonably believed to be scalps taken by Comanche warriors. The scalp found on Comanche Indian, December 24, 1872, near Henrietta, Clay County, Texas. The History of the scalp after 1872 is unknown until it was purchased by the Museum of the American Indian, Heye Foundation (MAI) in 1929. There are no records to indicate from whom or exactly it was purchased.

In addition to this scalp, a scalp of a Comanche warrior was purchased from a Tonkawa girl in Texas, in March of 1866 by Daniel Cleveland of San Antonio. The Tonkawa girl was wearing the scalp on her arm as a decoration. Collected by Dr. F.J. Dockstader. Irving S. Cobb Collection, Comanche, Texas purchased from the collector. Also scalps of the Comanche were taken in 1880 by U.S. Army Major North's Pawnee scouts. In 2019 the Pawnee and Comanche Nation consulted re-

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Government

Several Resolutions and Topics are Discussed at the July CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the July 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. The Secretary/Treasurer, John Wahnee, conducted a roll call of Comanche Business Committeemen (CBC). All were present with the exception of Ross Kahrahrh. A quorum was established. Wahnee provided the invocation. Kahrahrh was seated following the invocation.

Chairman Woommavovah entertained a motion to accept the minutes from the June 4, CBC Meeting. CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, makes a motion to accept the June 4 meeting minutes. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Executive/General Council**Officer Reports**

Woommavovah reported the tribal events he attended and provided opening remarks, which included the Higher Education Banquet, the City of Lawton Annual Banquet, Ft. Sill USO Meeting, two Comanche Churches, Assisted Living Center, Workforce Orientation Workshop for Summer Youth, the keynote speaker at the CIVA banquet, National Indian Education webinar, National Congress of the American Indian Tribal and Intertribal Government Advisory Council Meeting, and he was the guest speaker in Quanah, Texas for the Quanah Parker Days celebration.

Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornell Pewewardy, reported besides his several monthly meetings he attends, he also attended the Sovereignty Symposium, the Higher Education Banquet, a guest speaker for the Elders Council, attended three funerals of Comanche tribal members, the Comanche Academy meeting, attended four powwows, and was a Guest Speaker at the Quanah Parker Days celebration.

Wahnee reported he performed the duties sided with the Comanche Constitution, Article XII (12) Section 3, keeping records including financial, supported by CPA firm, Finley and Cook, supported by the Tribal Administrator have been ensured that the records and the keeping of the minutes of all tribal council and legal quorum business committee meetings is handled and is done by Dodson Recording Company. He provided notices for all legal meetings, ensure tribal employees keep copies of all such notices and requests, ensures that such notices are mailed and published, and that copies of all minutes of the tribal council, legal quorum business committee meetings and resolutions are sent to the Anadarko Agency.

He is currently working with the Tribal Administrator, the IT Department director, to update the tribal networking and information system to allow for all general council and CBC motions and resolutions be made available to tribal members for review. He also attended the following monthly meetings with the following tribal operation administrators or chief executive officers of the tribal entities for reviewing and monthly reports and financial statements.

Tribal Administrator, tribal government, Service Expenditure reports, purchasing and accounting for 60 tribal programs, Chief Executive Officer for the Comanche Nation Gaming monthly report, financial report and Expenditure Report. He is working with the Realty Director to obtain a summary booklet that reflects all tribal land holdings for all tribal members to observe. Once it is completed, it will be submitted to

the CBC for approval. He requested a report on tribal land that needs to be moved to trust. He explained the reason for the delay is the BIA is short on realty employees. He reviewed a proposed budget for future cow/calf operations. The KCA Land Use Committee attended the monthly meetings, reviewed the financial report, working with the KCA Committee, to get economic development projects started. He is working with the KCA Director and BIA to get KCA lease agreements updated. He is addressing the BIA Right of Way, which is trespassing on KCA lands.

He said the KCA accomplishments include the Lawton Indian Hospital parking lot expansion. The KCA voted to waive the lease for the Indian Hospital on the parking lot, expansion on land that was donated by the KCA, so the hospital could expand the parking lot due to COVID 19. The Oklahoma Natural Gas Right of Way, is asking for a new right of way on KCA property. The KCA Committee has approved to move forward, which will establish a new right of way that will bring further funding for the KCA. The decision was by the KCA Committee to raise the value to \$300/feet on each rod ran, which is over the market value.

The Conservation District Resolution was passed by the KCA Committee to establish a conservation district on KCA property. This will allow the KCA to access funding through NRCS and also USDA so the KCA can have funding to better care for the owned land.

Wahnee attended the June meeting of the Housing Authority and reviewed the director's monthly operations and financial reports. He said the accomplishments of the Housing Authority includes receiving a HUD grant to rehabilitate 30 homes over a three-year period - \$1 million, received \$1,645,485 for Home Owners Assistance accepting applications. He made recommendations that hiring support staff to be assigned to make home visits to provide technical assistance in completing the appropriate application(s). Special consideration given to working with our tribal elders and ensure that follow up monitoring with tribal members is being carried out.

Wahnee reviewed the monthly financial report developed by the firm and met with Finley and Cook and the Tribal Administrator to discuss necessary modifications to the tribe's procurement policies to bring in line with recent Federal and State law changes. These changes were incorporated with the Nation's policies. This was necessary in order for the tribe to meet audit requirements.

He monitored programs and/or tribal operations to ensure that the requirements that annual audits are being accomplished. The Comanche Nation Enterprises and the Comanche Nation Tax Commission did not host audits for the years 2019-2020-2021. As the Secretary/Treasurer, in support of the Comanche Constitution, informed all key managers of their responsibility for completing annual audits; failure to comply could warrant an unsatisfactory performance rating.

Wahnee met with the acting Tax Commission Administrator and reviewed the monthly report and financial report and requested a status report on the Tax Commission's efforts to obtain payments for unpaid tribal land oil and gas severance taxes by contractors.

State of Oklahoma-Comanche Academy Charter School - as a representative of the CBC's sponsorship of the Academy and in compliance to the State Charter Agreement; completed the second quarter monitoring of the school's financial plan,

From the Chairman's Desk



Things that WE can control, that will make a massive difference in our lives, if WE DECIDE and COMMIT to them.

Your thoughts & beliefs.

How you see the world is how you LIVE in the world. If you believe people are mostly good, you will see mostly good people. If you think about all the negative things around, and the bad people in the world, that is what you will attract.

The meaning you give to everything in your life, becomes your life.

If you believe in miracles, you might attract one. If you don't, you have no hope.

If you believe your best is yet to come, your best is on it's way.

It doesn't take a lot of common sense to understand positive people live better, happier lives, than negative people.

People who believe in abundance and expect abundance enjoy more of it than those who speak of lack.

Being kind to others.

Kindness and compassion shouldn't require any EFFORT. It's just part of your REAL nature. And when you GIVE the universe always returns with interest.

When you are kind to others, more people are kind to you. If you choose to see negativity more negativity will show up in your life.

Kindness and compassion... GIVING to others, not only lifts them, it lifts you too. There aren't many better feelings than knowing you made a difference in the life of another human.

You don't know who is hurting. One simple, kind interaction could change someone's life. It could SAVE someone's life. Kind people are always the most loved. You want more love? Give more love. You want better friends? Be a better friend.

You want more kindness? Be a kind person.

Regardless of what others do or don't do: Be kind, and watch those around you change with you.

Being grateful for what you do have.

We speak about gratitude A LOT. The best teachers, our parents, and our elders speak about gratitude A LOT.

Why?

There's no better way to improve your day, your life, than perspective and GRATITUDE for what you do have.

What can you appreciate today?

What is GREAT in your life right now?

Who you surround yourself with.

You always choose who you surround yourself with, and how much time you give all the people in your life.

You also choose if people will drain your energy, or give you energy based on the quality and compatibility of individuals you surround yourself with.

Surround yourself with people that make you feel good about you.

People that get you, that allow you to be YOU.

When we all help each other out, when we stand together, we are "Comanche Strong - Stronger Together!"

URA,
Chairman Woommavovah

State of Oklahoma Academic/Curriculum requirements and safety facilities inspection. The serious building issues identified are the kitchen needs repairs, asbestos needs to be removed, and a large portion of the roof needs repair for leaks.

Wahnee attended the XXX-IV Sovereignty Symposium in Oklahoma City. The major topic of concern related to financial operation was sovereignty in the 21st century; the next generation of economic opportunities.

In addition, Wahnee dedicated time to follow up on tribal member's issues and concerns.

Economic Planning & Development

CBC No. 2, Kahrahrh presented recommendations for economic planning and development. His report covered understanding

the Comanche economy, community engagement, writing the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDs), evaluating the framework, and an action plan. He spoke about creating a 'Numunu Village' around the Comanche Nation Casino to house small businesses and living facilities. Discussion followed about funding, land use, environmental impact study, investing and savings, and abiding by the Comanche Constitution.

Dr. Pewewardy makes a motion to amend the agenda to add Ross Corrales, four motion points he presented to the CBC during June 6 work session, and a resolution Dr. Pewewardy wrote on stereotypes that was discussed at the same workshop. The motion failed by Woommavovah breaking the tie, with a 'no' vote.

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Resolutions

Resolution No. 90-2022- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1245 – Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

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

Resolution No. 91-2022- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1246 – CBC No. 4, Robert Komahcheet, makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 92-2022- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1247 Does Not Meet Blood Quantum Requirement- Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 93-2022- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1248 Does Not Descend from an Original Allottee - Wahnee makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kahrahhah. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 94-2022- Enrollment Relinquishment List 1249 – Dr. Pewewardy makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 95-2022- Enrollment Relinquishment List 1250 - Wahnee makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 96-2022- Enrollment Relinquishment List 1251 - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 5/0/0.

A discussion about the agenda procedure followed.

Resolution No. 97-2022- CIP Resolution Renovation of Funeral Home Prep Room - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to go into a 10-minute recess. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 98-2022- CBC Resolution BIA Signatory Form 4432 –

CBC No. 1, Hazel Tahsequah, makes a motion to strike Tribal Administrator, Julia Mantzke, from the list. It is seconded by Kahrahhah. The motion fails by 1/3/1.

Wahnee makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 99-2022- CBC Resolution Bank Signatory - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 100-2022- CBC Resolution KCAILUC Representatives – Dr. Pewewardy makes a motion to amend the agenda to appoint the following to the KCA Land Use Committee (KCALUC) effective immediately: Dr. Cornell Pewewardy, Ross Kahrahhah, Alice Kassanavoid, and Hazel Tahsequah as an alternate. Kassanavoid added neither she nor Komahcheet has had the opportunity to serve on the KCALUC board and would like the opportunity before their time is up as CBC members, and asked if one of them could be an alternate member to the board. Dr. Pewewardy said he will honor Kassanavoid's request. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Dr. Pewewardy makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 101-2022- CBC Resolution for OST Signatories - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Dr. Pewewardy. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 102-2022- CBC Resolution Comanche Princess - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Tahsequah. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 103-2022- CBC Resolution Special Project IRB – Dr. Pewewardy makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by

Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 104-2022- CBC Resolution for Donation to Comanche Academy Charter School – Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 105-2022- Language Resolution Little Speakers Project - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kahrahhah. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 106-2022- Language Resolution Authorizing Annex 1 MOU - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kahrahhah. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 107-2022- Tax Commission Resolution for Tax Administrator Access to View Bank Accounts - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Old/New Business

Tribal member, Debbie Hendrix, asks about the agenda and outline of the CBC weekly work sessions they have. Dr. Pewewardy explains while adhering to the Constitution, the CBC gather to discuss resolutions or any issue that needs to be addressed, referring to it as 'troubleshooting,' and to gather information needed for the meetings. Wahnee added he feels the work sessions should be open to the public.

Tribal member, Eleanor McDaniel, speaks about the integrity as a Nation, and the CBC needs to consider creating an advisory board made up of around seven tribal elders, for matters such as the tribal language and culture. Dr. Pewewardy the Comanche Constitution supports advisory and sub committees.

A motion was made by Kassanavoid for a five-minute break before moving on with the agenda. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Michael Burgess asks if any of the ARP funds can go toward fixing the Charter School. He added the school board can work with corporations for donations or free labor. He asked why does the charter school need to move? The charter school principal replied they will eventually outgrow the building when they begin to add more grades in the future. Wahnee said his personal opinion is before the tribe begins to spend a large amount of money on the school, it needs to go to the general council first. Tribal member, Tanisha Cable said, it was addressed at the general council meeting. She also asked if the CBC is considering rescinding the Accountability Act. CBC Tahsequah makes a motion to rescind the Accountability Act. A discussion followed about amending the agenda. Tahsequah said to make the deadline to submit it for next months business committee meeting, and it will be on the agenda.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to go into executive session. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 4/1/0.

Wahnee makes a motion to come out of executive session. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion for the CBC to travel to Tulsa for the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to remove Diana Gail Sovo Doyebi from all boards she served on. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Wahnee makes a motion to move the economic planning and development to the enterprise board, and it will no longer be a part of the monthly report of the CBC. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 4/0/1.

Kassanavoid makes a motion that any motions, directives or actions for employees must be signed and typed by the CBC. Komahcheet seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/0.

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

AMENDMENTS

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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
Section 5. Except for the recall petition fee provided for in Article VIII, Section 2(b)(5) (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.

Election Board

The amendment to add the Election Board to the Comanche Constitution passed with 230 for and 67 against the amendment.

The Constitution will now read:

ARTICLE VII – ELECTIONS

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 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.

(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. 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. 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.

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.

(b) 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 for candidates set forth in this Constitution.

(c) 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.

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.

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Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland's, Road to Healing Tour Begins at Riverside Indian School



Story and Photos by Heaven Williams/News Staff

On July 9, the Secretary of the Interior, Deb Haaland, came to the Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Okla., as it was her first stop on her, 'Road to Healing' tour. She stated at the beginning she was mainly there to listen to the people talk about their experience in the boarding schools.

Multiple people spoke up about their past trauma involving the boarding schools. Haaland left the floor open to anyone who felt like sharing their story and then closed the event after an hour to the press to give people that didn't want to share their stories to the public some privacy.

Haaland said in an interview, "Those are formidable years in a child's life, it's devastating and it's important that our Country realizes and understands this history because I think it's important for every single

American to know what happened."

These boarding school all around the United States caused intergenerational trauma that we are still dealing with today. Not only that but the Comanche Language is now considered a dying language as well.

Dr. Kathryn Pewenofkit Briner, Director of the Comanche Nation Language Department stated, "I've seen people who was trying to learn the language be unable to physically produce it because of how much trauma is associated with it."

The treatment these children received was not unknown. Native children all across the Country were ripped from their homes and placed in the boarding school where teachers forbid them to speak in their Native Language and punished harshly when they did.

It was an emotional event,

but will be an outlet and will help give these boarding school survivors the resources for help.

Briner was hired on as the director of the newly formed Comanche Language Department in 2019. While her plans have been hampered by the pandemic, she believes that the department goals of not only preserving the language, but bringing it back from the brink.

"It will take incredible amount of work but it is my hope that all Comanche people learn to speak the language."

Following Oklahoma, Secretary Haaland, will travel to Hawaii, Michigan, Arizona, and South Dakota as part of The Road to Healing tour in 2022. Additional states will be announced for 2023.

REPATRIATION

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Historic Preservation Officer, Martina Minthorn, places Indian Perfume on the Comanche remains.

garding this issue. At the time the Pawnee tribal representative felt that repatriation directly to the Comanche was the appropriate course of action for tribal reconciliation and spiritual restoration.

Comanche shield ornaments and shields include one buffalo hide shield, one canvas and denim shield cover, and two deerskin shield covers.

The following addresses the shields. The shields were owned by every Comanche warrior. They were constructed from multiple layers of buffalo hide that were pressed together in a circular shape and then stitched around the edges. The hides for shields are taken from the neck or shoulder of the buffalo, because it is the thickest part of the buffalo's skin. Deerskin covers were placed over the front of the shield and cinched together with a drawstring on the backside to protect it. Some covers had feather trailers, and hand-drawn powerful illustrations.

HOUSING

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CNHA offers every approved lease-to-own applicant a series of educational courses that cover a wide range of criteria, including financing, the home buying process, homeowner expectations, maintaining home ownership and more. This ensures our clients are fully prepared to sustain their new home while setting them up for success.

"I will never forget the day I received the call that we found the perfect house for me," said Pesewonit. "They went above and beyond to assist finding a beautiful and affordable home that not only accommodated my large family, but also my handicapped mother who needs accessible amenities throughout."

While the priority is affordable housing, CNHA also strives to help families find a desirable home that meets their requirements while remaining within budget. The team works closely with each client throughout the entire process to ensure their needs are heard and taken into consideration.

"I could not have done this without CNHA," said Pesewonit. "They treated me like part of the tribal family that I am and took care of me every step of the way. They truly have tribal members best interest at heart."

CNHA is on track to place 10 more members this year. "Our focus remains on helping our Tribal members with more opportunities for affordable housing," said Sossamon.

CNHA is consistently working to address the need for affordable housing within its community. It also offers various other programs, including the down payment and closing cost grant, elder home rehabilitation program, rental program, student housing program and CNHA home improvement emergency repair program (HIP).

For more information about CNHA's programs and requirements,

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Comanche Honor a.k.a. Walters Pow-wow honors elders



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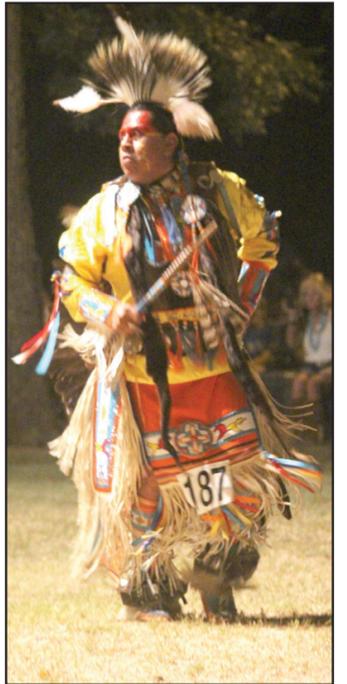


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Homecoming 2022

Princesses and veterans; celebrates traditions

2022 Comanche Homecoming Turtle Race Winners



Photo By Heaven Williams/News Staff



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Bryson "Catfish" Kerchee's, (3-years-old), turtle won the Turtle Race at the Comanche Homecoming Powwow. Coming in Second Place is Chrissie Lonelodge's, (9 years old) turtle.

2022 Comanche Homecoming Fun Run



Photo By Heaven Williams/News Staff

Comanche Homecoming Princess, Kyleigh Davidson, pins a banner around the new Walters Service Club Princess, Tatum Burgess on July 14, at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



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The children who participated in Chairman Woommavovah's Kids Fun Run at the Comanche Homecoming Powwow received a Coin of Excellence.

Receiving Recognition



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Receiving Chairman's Coin of Excellence are the Comanche Nation CHR/Fire/EMS/Injury Prevention Programs, for coordinating the children's event.



Photo By Heaven Williams/News Staff

Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to welcome back home to Captain Kent Tomah III on his reassignment back to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. CIVA would like to thank Captain Kent Tomah III on his continued service to God and Country.



Courtesy Photo

Captain Kent Tomah III

Funeral and Honor Details



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U.S. Army SP5 Robert Soontay

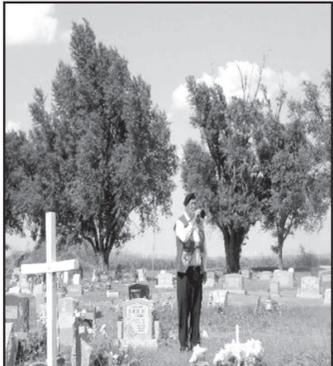
On June 20, a burial detail was provided for U.S. Army Veteran, Robert Soontay, at the request by the Tahhahwah Family.

SP5 Robert Soontay, was born on December 8, 1940, in Apache, Oklahoma. He entered the U.S. Army on August 30, 1963, and served as an Administration Specialist and was Honorably discharged on August 20, 1966, in Fort Polk, Louisiana. The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members.

The U.S., Apache, Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Army, U.S. Navy and the CIVA flags were displayed. The Comanche Nation Police provided a firing squad and after taps was played, his flag was presented to his wife.

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

Interment at Cache Creek Cemetery, Apache, Oklahoma.



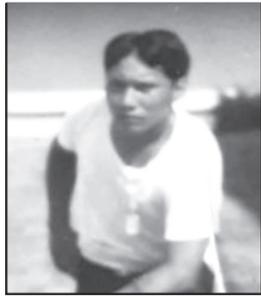
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Taps being played by a CIVA veteran.



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The flag of Robert Soontay being presented to a family member.



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U.S. Navy Seaman, Electronic Systems Technician Ernest Lee Brewer

On June 28, a funeral and burial detail was requested from the Ernest Brewer Family.

U.S. Navy Seaman, Ernest Lee Brewer, served onboard the USS Coral Sea CVA-42 as an Electronic Data System Technician. He completed his Boot Training at the Naval Technical Training Center Great Lakes, Ill., and graduated from his "A" School prior to arriving to his command.

Brewer was awarded the National Defense Medal for his service during the Vietnam War period. The Comanche Nation, Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to thank Brewer for his service to God and Country.

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.

Interment at the Post Oak Cemetery, Indianhom, Oklahoma.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, singing a Comanche Hymn to the Brewer family.



Courtesy Photo

The flag of Ernest Lee Brewer displayed to the family by CIVA veterans.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA veterans, Princess and Auxiliary paying their respects.



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Law Enforcement Firing Squad prepares to render honors.



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U.S. Naval Reservist, Seaman Patricia Ann Sutton

On June 30, a burial and honors detail was provided for U.S. Naval Reservist, Seaman Patricia Ann Sutton.

She completed her Boot Training at the Naval Technical Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill., and served at the Naval Operation Support Center, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The Comanche Nation, Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to thank Sutton for her service to God and Country.

The detail consisted of Veterans as her as her military bio was read, a roll call was conducted as well as playing of taps and a final salute. Her flag was folded and presented to her mother.

Interment at the KCA West Cache Cemetery, Cache, Oklahoma.



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The flag of Patricia Ann Sutton is displayed to the family.



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CIVA Chaplain offering a word of prayer for the Sutton family.



Courtesy Photo

Members of the CIVA presenting a final salute for Seaman Sutton.



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The flag of Patricia Sutton being presented to her mother by a CIVA veteran.



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United States Navy Seal

U.S. Navy Seaman Apprentice Gary Alan Poafpybitty

On July 9, a burial and honors detail was requested by the Poafpybitty Family for U.S. Navy Seaman Apprentice, Gary Alan Poafpybitty.

He completed his Boot Training at the Naval Technical Training Center, Pensacola, Florida. Poafpybitty went on to complete his Seaman Apprentice Training.

Seaman Apprentice, Poafpybitty served onboard the USS Bushnell (AS-15) homeported at Naval Station, Key West, Florida. The USS Bushnell (AS-15) was a Fulton Class submarine tender in service with the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1948 and from 1952 to 1970. The USS Bushnell (AS-15) serviced and repaired submarines while being deployed. The Comanche Nation, Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to thank Poafpybitty for his service to God and Country.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma and U.S. Navy flags were displayed. His military bio was read, a roll call was conducted as well as taps being played followed by a final salute.

Final interment, Cache Creek Cemetery, Apache, Oklahoma.



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The flag of Samuel "Doc" Pewewardy Jr., was raised by CIVA Veterans Roger Tehauno, Clifford Takawana, Domonic Pawlowski, Monah Davis and Kevin Pohawpatchoko at the Tia-Park Powwow Grounds. In the background pictured are the son's, Farley, LaNeal and Cornell Pewewardy singing the Comanche Flag Song.



Courtesy Photo

The flag of Nelson Bigbow was raised by CIVA Veterans, Veterans Roger Tehauno, Clifford Takawana, Frankie Patterson, Domonic Pawlowski, Monah Davis and Kevin Pohawpatchoko on the second day of the Tia-Piah Powwow.



Courtesy Photo

U.S. Navy Veteran David Wayne Eckiwaudah

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Courtesy Photo

BigBow Family Eagle Tipi which is erected every year during the Annual Tia-piah Society Of Oklahoma Pow-wow.



Courtesy Photo

July 17, the flag of Oklahoma Army National Guard Veteran, Acey Oberly Jr., was raised by CIVA Veterans Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Monah Davis, Mark Davis and Dominic Pawlowski. Not photographed and present during the flag raising events were CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin and Auxiliary member Shirley Pohawpatchoko.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, and Auxiliary members Linda Tehauno, Shirley Pohawpatchoko, Elizabeth Plata and Suzanne Patterson rendering honors during the flag raising ceremony.



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CIVA would like to congratulate their CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin as she won "Best Dressed in Native Regalia" at the Walters Parade.

Comanche Homecoming



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July 15, the flag of USMC Veteran, Otto "Sonny" Tonips Jr. was raised by CIVA Veterans, George Red Elk and Monah Davis.



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July 16, the flag of U.S. Air Force Veteran, Bobby Nauni was raised by CIVA Veterans Kevin Pohawpatchoko and Monah Davis.



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The Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to give a big thank you to the Comanche Nation Police Department for all of their hard work serving as the Firing Squad Detail for tribal Veterans Burial Services. These men and women, work side by side with the CIVA Funeral & Burial detail and the Funeral Honor Guards from our Armed Forces. The Comanche Nation Police Officer's work around their tireless schedule and days off to ensure tribal veterans get the respectful honors they deserve for serving the United States of America. On behalf of the Officer's, Veterans, Princess, and the Auxiliary, the CIVA thank the Comanche Nation Police for their dedicated service.



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Comanche Nation Headquarters:

- Enrollment Building
- Main Office
- Watchtaker Hall

Lawton:

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

South of Lawton:

- Walters CN Casino
- Red River Casino
- Travel Plaza

Geronimo:

- City Hall

Cache:

- Trading Post
- Hop N Sack
- Gas Mart

Indiahoma:

- Warrior Café

Oklahoma City:

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

Porter Hill:

- Comanche Nation Spur Casino
- Porter Hill Gas Station

Apache:

- Mac's

Anadarko:

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

Fletcher:

- Hop N Sack

Elgin:

- Gas Mart

Comanche Nation Veteran Information Needed

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association are updating the Comanche Veterans Master List. If you are a Honorably Discharged Veteran and you would like your military service updated and documented, please email Kevin Pohawpatchoko at k_pohawpatchoko@yahoo.com.

Your military service history, documents, records, photographs and your DD-214 will be forwarded to Dr. Bill Meadows, Missouri State University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology/Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize your military documents and update the Comanche Veterans Master List.

Comanche Veterans military history and documents received will also help in the event of a Veterans passing.

In closing, this is voluntary for the Comanche Nation Veterans and their families. Thank you!

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Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

August Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

| August 2022 | | | | | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
| | 1 Inventory | 2 Frederick 1 st Day | 3 Frederick 2 nd Day | 4 Walters 1 st Day | 5 Walters 2 nd Day | 6 |
| 7 | 8 Cache 1 st Day | 9 Cache 2 nd Day | 10 Cache 3 rd Day | 11 Cache 4 th Day | 12 TRUCK DAY | 13 |
| 14 | 15 Lawton 1 st Day | 16 Lawton 2 nd Day | 17 Lawton 3 rd Day | 18 Lawton 4 th Day | 19 Lawton 5 th Day | 20 |
| 21 | 22 Make-Up Day | 23 Make-Up Day | 24 Make-Up Day | 25 Make-Up Day | 26 Inventory | 27 |
| 28 | 29 Inventory | 30 Inventory | 31 Inventory | | | |

Super Easy Walking Tacos Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 lb Ground beef
- 1/4 Cup of water
- 1/2 Onion, diced
- 2 1/2 Tbsp. Taco seasoning
- 6 Chips
- Lettuce, diced Tomato, Shredded cheese, Sliced black olives, diced avocado, and salsa

Directions

1. Brown the hamburger meat in a large skillet, along with the onion, until fully cooked and crumbled. Drain any fat and return skillet to stove top. Add the taco seasoning and 1/4 cup of water. Stir until moistened and fully seasoned.
2. Serve the taco meat with the bag of chips and all the taco toppings. Let everyone assemble their own tacos by layering the ingredients inside the bag.

Strawberry-Melon Summer Salad

Ingredients

- 1 cup lemon yogurt
- 1 tablespoon honey
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 2 cups watermelon balls
- 2 cups cantaloupe balls
- 2 cups halved fresh strawberries

Directions

1. In a salad bowl, whisk together the lemon yogurt, honey, and lemon juice until smooth, and gently fold in the watermelon balls, cantaloupe balls, and strawberries. Toss to coat, and serve.

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



Classroom Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?

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UHOHOBAMUSASIPO
TURUTSHPUBAOTU
KOTUBOOKAHNITU

WANAKOA (SCISSOR) TUMANAHKE (RULER) TUBOOPU (BOOK, PAPER)

TURUTSUPU (NUMBER)

TUBOOKAHNI (SCHOOL) NOHI?NURAA (RUN AROUND AND PLAY)

NABOOPU (PICTURE, DRAWING) TURATSUMAI (GRADUATE)



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Directions: Match the Comanche Words to the pictures!



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Taa Tekwapgha Pooitt



Tuboo

Tuboo Kahni

Tumanahke



Directions: Color me.



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



Numbers Answer Key

HTNABAITUAADQNY
HARHATOOTWREEA
ATMAHUPKIHUMESI
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EURLALEKIMKLW?E
TVITSDTTRNWYDV
UHOHOBAMUSASIPO
ILMO?OBETUBOTU
KJULAMOKEHETU

SUMU (ONE)

WAHATU (TWO)

PAHITU (THREE)

HAYAROKWETU (FOUR)

MO?OBETU (FIVE)

NABAITU (SIX)

TATSUKWITU (SEVEN)

NAMEWATSUKWITU (EIGHT)

WUMINATU (NINE)

SUMARU (TEN)

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COMANCHE NATION FAIR POWWOW 2022

Celebrating Resilience & New Beginnings

SEPTEMBER 30, OCTOBER 1 & 2, 2022

HOST NORTHERN DRUM

YOUNG SPIRIT
FROG LAKE, ALBERTA, CANADA

HOST SOUTHERN DRUM

SOUTHERN BOYZ (SBZ)
OKLAHOMA/MINNESOTA

HEAD STAFF

EMCEE'S

RUBEN LITTLE HEAD
JR ROSS

HEAD GOURD DANCE SINGER

HOWARD COZAD

HEAD MAN GOURD DANCER

TERRY POEMOCEAH

HEAD LADY GOURD DANCER

AMANDA HARRIS MOORE

HEAD MAN & LADY (EVENING SESSION)

PICKED DAILY

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COLOR GUARDS

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HONORED VETERANS

VERNON GRIFFIN FRIDAY
CARL KENNETH TAHAH SATURDAY
EDDIE MAHSEET SUNDAY

CO HOST

COMANCHE LITTLE PONIES
YELLOWFISH DESCENDANTS

Categories

TINY TOTS, JR & TEEN

TINY TOTS (5YR AND UNDER)

JR GIRLS (COMBINED) (6-12)

\$75, \$50, \$25

JR BOYS (COMBINED) (6-12)

\$75, \$50, \$25

TEEN GIRLS (13-17)

FANCY/JINGLE/CLOTH/BUCKSKIN

\$200, \$100, \$75

TEEN BOYS (13-17)

GRASS & CHICKEN (COMBINED)/NORTHERN

TRADITIONAL/SOUTHERN STRAIGHT/FANCY

\$200, \$100, \$75

JUNIOR & SENIOR ADULTS

SR ADULT WOMEN (36-59)

FANCY/JINGLE/NORTHERN

TRADITIONAL/SOUTHERN CLOTH & BUCKSKIN

\$1000, \$700, \$400, \$200

SR ADULT MEN (36-59)

GRASS/CHICKEN/NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

SOUTHERN STRAIGHT/FANCY

\$1000, \$700, \$400, \$200

JR ADULT WOMEN (18-35)

FANCY/JINGLE/NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

SOUTHERN CLOTH & BUCKSKIN

\$900, \$600, \$300, \$150

JR ADULT MEN (18-35)

GRASS/CHICKEN/NORTHERN TRADITIONAL

SOUTHERN STRAIGHT/FANCY

\$900, \$600, \$300, \$150

GOLDEN AGE

GOLDEN AGE WOMEN (60+)

(COMBINED)

\$1,000, \$700, \$400, \$200

GOLDEN AGE MEN (60+)

(COMBINED)

\$1,000, \$700, \$400, \$200

* ALL JR & SR ADULTS CONTESTANTS
MUST MAKE ALL GRAND ENTRIES
7:00 PM DAILY

* POINT SYSTEM: JR & SR ADULT
CATEGORIES

Special Contests

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

WOMEN 18+

LUCK OF THE DRAW

\$300, \$200, \$100

PRETTIEST SHAWL CONTEST

"IN HONOR OF RITA WAHNEE"

FRIDAY

GOURD DANCE 4:00 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 5:00 PM

GRAND ENTRY 7:00 PM

TINY TOT CONTEST (5 AND UNDER)

JR & SR ADULT EXHIBITION AND EXCUSED

JR CATEGORIES (6-12)

TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17)

WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (60+)

MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (60+)

WOMEN'S 18+ LUCK OF THE DRAW

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

MEN TRADITIONAL 18+

\$500, \$300, \$200

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "WOLFMAN" POAFPYBITTY

ORGANIZED BY DAUGHTER KAYLA

SATURDAY

GOURD DANCE 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 5:00 PM CLOSSES AT 6:45 PM

SUPPER BREAK 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

GOURD DANCE 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

GRAND ENTRY 7:00 PM

SR ADULT CATEGORIES

18+ MEN'S TRADITIONAL CONTEST

IN MEMORY OF RICHARD "WOLFMAN" POAFPYBITTY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

CHAIRMAN'S SPECIAL

MEN 18+ STRAIGHT DANCE CONTEST

\$300, \$200, \$100

SUNDAY

BRUSH DANCE 2:00 PM

GOURD DANCE 2:00 PM-5:00 PM

SUPPER BREAK 5:00 PM-6:00 PM

COMANCHE DANCES 6:00 PM-7:00 PM

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GRAND ENTRY 7:00 PM

JR ADULT CATEGORIES

CHAIRMAN'S SPECIAL, MEN 18+

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People, Places & Things Happening

StrongHearts Native Helpline Statement

The June 24 decision by the U.S. Supreme Court, overturning the constitutional right to an abortion will adversely impact Native American and Alaska Native victim-survivors of sexual violence in several ways. The ruling paves the way for national criminalization of abortion. A number of states, including Idaho, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wyoming, already have existing trigger laws that allow those states to ban abortion now that Roe v. Wade has been overturned.

“Native women and girls suffer the highest rates of stalking, rape and femicide in the nation,” said Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians), chief executive officer, StrongHearts Native Helpline. “Abortion is not offered at the Indian Health Service (IHS) and having planned parenthood clinics is essential to the health and well-being of sexual assault victims. It’s a breach of trust responsibility and body sovereignty that goes back to colonization.”

In fact, the IH (which provides health care on reservations) is prohibited under the 1976 Hyde Amendment from using federal monies for abortion services, except when the mother’s life is endangered and in instances of incest and rape.

Making it difficult for any woman to obtain an abortion or by criminalizing it in some, or even all, states won’t make abortions disappear. It makes them unsafe and po-

tentially fatal. Those at most risk will be poor women and women of color, especially Native women who reside on tribal lands or in remote areas where abortion services are difficult to access.

Making abortion services inaccessible to Native women whether they live in an urban or rural area further exacerbates the enormous socio-economic and health disparities. For example, the poverty rate among Native women is the highest among racial and ethnic groups in the U.S. at 28.1 percent. Overall, one in three Native Americans live in poverty with an annual median income of \$23,000. Complications during pregnancy or childbirth (or both) are three to four times more likely for Native women.

There are also barriers to acquiring emergency contraception outside of reservation communities and travel to obtain abortion services can require exorbitant travel and other expenses that Native women simply cannot afford. Financial abuse — a form of relationship abuse where one partner controls their partner’s financial situation — also can figure into the picture. An intimate partner who takes control of their partner’s finances ultimately has control over making financial decisions that undermine their partner’s well-being and, in cases such as these, make it difficult or even impossible for that partner to seek abortion services.

Native women in the United States suffer from the highest rates of sexual violence. In Indigenous communities, more than half of American Indian and Alaska Native women

(56.1%) have experienced sexual violence in their lives and the vast majority (96%) are victimized by a non-Native perpetrator. Sexual violence is based on power and control and an abuser may see the unpredictability of pregnancy as an opportunity to increase power and control. Sexual violence robs Native women of the right to body sovereignty and the choice of reproductive autonomy.

Sexual violence is a tool and result of colonization, which has been responsible for the enslavement and genocide of Native peoples and the theft, occupation, resource extraction and exploitation of Native lands that began at contact. The same government infrastructure and its federal laws, policies and institutions has targeted and permitted sexual violence, abuse and harassment of Native women for centuries. The legacy of colonialism continues to exist in 2022 through this most recent action by the U.S. Supreme Court to deny Native — and all — women the right to body sovereignty.

Women’s Shelter

Leaving an abuser can be dangerous. Consider taking these precautions:

- Call a women's shelter or domestic violence hotline for advice. Make the call at a safe time — when the abuser isn't around — or from a friend's house or other safe location.
- Pack an emergency bag that includes items you'll need when you leave, such as extra clothes and keys. Leave the bag in a safe place. Keep

important personal papers, money and prescription medications handy so that you can take them with you on short notice.

- Know exactly where you'll go and how you'll get there.

Protect your communication and location

An abuser can use technology to monitor your telephone and online communication and to track your location. If you're concerned for your safety, seek help. To maintain your privacy:

- **Use phones cautiously.**

Your abuser might intercept calls and listen to your conversations. An abusive partner might use caller ID, check your cellphone or search your phone billing records to see your call and texting history.

- **Use your home computer cautiously.**

Your abuser might use spyware to monitor your emails and the websites you visit. Consider using a computer at work, at the library or at a friend's house to seek help.

- **Turn off GPS devices.**

Your abuser might use a GPS device on your vehicle or your phone to pinpoint your location.

- **Frequently change your email password.**

Choose passwords that would be difficult for your abuser to guess.

- **Clear your viewing history.**

Follow your browser's instructions to clear any record of websites or graphics you've viewed.

Where to find help

In an emergency, call 911 or

your local emergency number or law enforcement agency. The following resources also can help:

- Someone you trust. Turn to a friend, loved one, neighbor, co-worker, or religious or spiritual adviser for support.
- National Domestic Violence Hotline: 800-799-SAFE (800-799-7233; toll-free). Call the hotline for crisis intervention and referrals to resources, such as women's shelters.
- Your health care provider. A health care provider typically will treat injuries and can refer you to safe housing and other local resources.

Meet the 2022 Walters Service Club Princess



Courtesy Photo

Tatum Mallory Burgess is 13 years old and will be in the 7th at Indian Public Schools. She is the daughter of Kenny & Tanisha Burgess, and has two (2) brothers and one (1) sister. She is proud enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and also of Otoe-Missouria and Kiowa descent.

Her maternal grandparents are Retired U.S. Army SFC Richard A. Adame & the late Norma (Cable) Adame of Mayetta, Kansas. She is also the great granddaughter of Lavera Belle of Mayetta, Kansas and the late Vernon Cable Sr. & Gloria (Wermey) Cable. Her paternal grandparents are Retired U.S. Air Force SSG Donald Burgess & Roberta (Kerchee) Burgess of Lawton, Oklahoma and the late Rebecca (Boydiddle) Burgess of Carnegie, Oklahoma. Her great grandparents are the late Earl Sr. & Daisy (Perdasofpy) Burgess and the late Rev. Melvin and Mary Boydiddle and the late Melvin Sr. and Nettie Kerchee.

Burgess is active in sports and currently plays volleyball, basketball, and golf. Among a variety of things she also enjoys painting and drawing, listening to music, singing Comanche Hymns, and spending time with my family. Her favorite thing to do is traveling with her family and dancing at different powwows all over Indian Country. Burgess is an active participant in a Comanche Dance Troupe taught by Teresa Lopez known as the Comanche Nation Youth Dancers. This dance troupe has traveled throughout Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico show casing our Comanche Culture as well as other tribal dances and songs.

Burgess would like to thank everyone that has supported her and big thank you to the Walters Service Club for selecting her as the 2022-2023 Princess.

Ura
Tatum Burgess and family

Powwow Time to Swing and Sway



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

A line of Gourd Dancers dance the afternoon away at the Oklahoma Tia-Piah Society Pow-wow, June 25, 26, at Tia-Piah Park.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The SW Chapter of MMIWM Dance in during the June 25, Grand Entry of the MMIWM Powwow at Watchetaker Hall.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Cheyenne Pocowatchit and an unknown grass dancer show their best moves at the MMIWM Powwow, June 25, at the Comanche Nation Complex.

Comanche Nation Princess Tea Party

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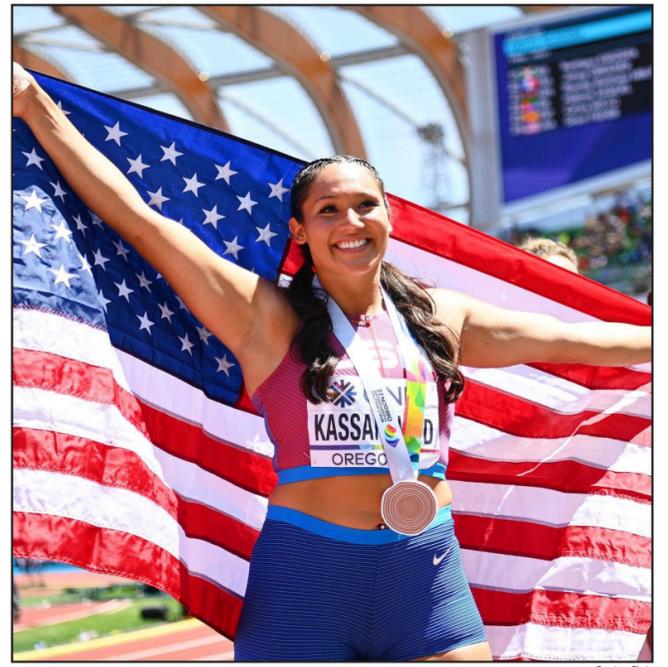


Courtesy Photos



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Francine Monenerkit and Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya.



Courtesy Photo

HISTORY WAS MADE!!! Comanche tribal member, Janee' Kassanovoid became the First Native American Woman to Medal at the World Track and Field Championships. It is the first time in history, two U.S. Women place on the same world podium in the event. The first North American-Hammer and first World Championship and first medal. "I am so incredibly thankful and blessed for this opportunity to throw heavy rocks. This journey would have never been possible without my coach- the man who built me and who made hammer my world, Greg Watson. To everyone who has supported me and followed me, Thank you. Thank you to my fellow Natives, women and young athletes. Dream big, work hard and make it happen. We're just getting started," said Kassanovoid.



Courtesy Photo

CONGRATULATIONS to Dan Bigbee Jr., who received an Emmy Award on July 16, for his documentary show "Osage Murders Reign of Terror," that was completed in partnership with OETA's Back in Time Series. Go to <https://youtu.be/3imh-Fnff8o>.

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Programs

Gift Shop Offers Discount

The Comanche National Museum and Gifts Shop offers a discount to members of the Comanche Nation. Enrolled tribal members receive 10% off their highest priced item. Saturdays are Super Senior Day when enrolled elders receive an additional 5% off their highest priced item for a total of 15%.

The Comanche National Museum and Gift Shop, located at 701 NW Ferris Avenue in Lawton, is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information call (580) 353-0404.

Transportation Department Helps Area Schools

The Comanche Nation Transportation has projects in the works, as many of you know they have been helping with all the schools in the area. Comanche Nation Transportation has completed Nine schools: Elgin, Fletcher, Walters, Cement, Chattanooga, Cyril, and Apache Public Schools. They just completed the Indianoma and Geronimo Public School to make it safer for all tribal children and the community as well.

At this time, they are waiting to start Sterling Public School, they should start working on this project in August or September, with the County on this project. The Comanche Nation Transportation is still working with all the schools in the areas they serve to make it safer for all tribal children and the community members as well. Some of the roadways are not safe for tribal children and tribal members and the community. Safety is their number one priority.

The Comanche Nation Transportation has been out checking areas of roadways that might need some work done and talking to the County Commissioners to explain and assist with roadway repairs. Comanche Nation Transportation is making these roadways safer for tribal members and for the local community members who travel the roadways in these areas.

Higher Education Students of the Month Job Placement and Training



Courtesy Photo

AnnaRose Blackstar

AnnaRose Blackstar, daughter of Michelle Addi and Mario Begay. Cameron University Junior, Dean's Honor Roll. Graduating with an Associates of Science in Allied Health Sciences in May of 2023.

Will be applying to the University of Oklahoma's Nursing program this fall to achieve a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, to become a registered nurse.

Adult Education Students of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Destiny Luna

Destiny Luna from Cache, Oklahoma but resides in Lawton, Oklahoma. Married mother of a one-year old daughter, and takes care of nine-year-old brother.

She loves helping people and is always willing to go the extra mile for anyone. A Certified Nurses Aid/home health aid and a Certified Phlebotomist. CPR and First aid certified. Will be attending LPN school this fall at Great Plains Technology Center.

Overall goal is to become an Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner (ARNP).



Courtesy Photo

Andy Reza, is from the Tomah and Tosee families under Quahada on mother's side; Conwoop on father's side.

He is a student at Maryville University of St. Louis, working on Ed.D in Higher Education Leadership Goals/Accomplishments:

- Cobell Scholar, 2022-2023
- Cobell Scholar, 2021-2021
- Cardinal Stritch University Presidential Award for Civic Engagement and Leadership, 2020-2021
- Chair, Native, Aboriginal, and Indigenous Coalition for ACPA - College Student Educators International, 2019-2021.



Courtesy Photo

Victoria Marie Vargas. Daughter of Carletta Tahchawwickah, maternal grandparents were the late Arletta Cable Wermly and Dennis Wermly and mother's father the late Patrick Tahchawwickah. Maternal great grandmother was the late Carla Tahah Atavich and great grandfather the late Herbert Cable and great grandfather Carl Atavich.

She is a student at Tohono O'odham Community College in Sells, Arizona. Her major is in Early Childhood Education. Her goals are to become a Teacher of children in the grades between Pre-K to 3rd grade.

She hopes to be able to spread the history and knowledge of our tribe as she learns herself. She also hopes to pass our traditions down to the next generations that are growing.

E.P.A. and Summer Youth Help Clean Wildlife Refuge

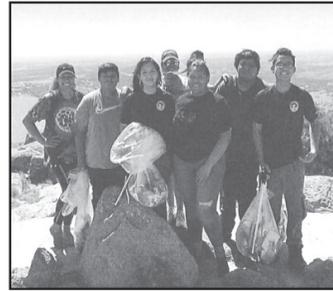
The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental along with the Comanche Nation Summer Youth workers volunteered July 5, to clean up litter and other debris in the Wichita Wildlife Refuge. The workers became official "Friends of the Wichita's," and were given volunteer shirts and water bottles. This group can now volunteer for any cleanups hosted at the refuge.

The Wichita Wildlife Refuge preserves approximately 60,000 acres of mixed grass prairie, ancient granite mountains and fresh water lakes and streams. This group of young adults put their conservation hats on and gave a helping hand to their wildlife friends by protecting and cleaning their home.

Established in 1901, the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge

is the one of the oldest in the United States formed to specifically protect big game animals such as the beloved bison. In 2020, the refuge joined the Bison Conservation Initiative in partnership with the Department on Interior to as a commitment to conservation and restoration of wild American bison. By ending the annual auctions of bison on the refuge this initiative will support the long-term preservation of bison herds. The refuge hosts cleanups the first and second Tuesday of each month.

You can arrive at the Visitor's Center between 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m., to be assigned a designated area in the refuge to clean up. The Wichita Wildlife Refuge centers are also now clients to the Comanche Nation Recycling program. The Comanche Nation Environmental Office will now be partnering with the refuge to pick up recycling the refuge collects.



Courtesy Photo

Christina Cooper, Kole Battise, Anabah Werito, Leslie Neconie, Jur-nee Toahy, Lenard Polit, Sialas Werito.

The youth and adult Comanche Nation EPA workers visited several sites and gathered water samples. The water samples were collected to be tested to see if it was still suitable for the wildlife consumption. In the photos shown, the sites visited were Sapcut Creek, East Cache Creek, and Flower Mound Road.

The youth took turns collecting the samples at the various locations they visited. Once the adult workers gathered the samples from the youth, they took the samples to a testing site in Oklahoma City. Water testing is another great program that EPA conducts.



Courtesy Photo

Jacob Liles, Sialas Werito, Tito Lindsey, Kole Battise, Steven Swanson

Language Department Receives Grant

The funding will continue to help tribal organizations continue the preservation of their at-risk disappearing languages.

The Indian Affairs Office of Economic Development awarded \$7 million in grants under the Living Language Grant Program, to 45 American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes and tribal organizations.

The grant will allow Comanche Nation's Language Department to hire two additional employees, who will assist them as they continue to work on a new language software, partnering with 7000 languages, a non-profit that creates language-learning software for Indigenous communities all around the world. The grant will also ensure fast-track software training for Comanche Language's staff, teachers, and apprentices.

Comanche Nation Languages Department Director, Dr. Kathryn Briner said this opens so many doors for Comanche Nation's fight for language and cultural preservations.

"I think the bottom line is, to be able to build capacity, getting those extra hands to do this and to get it out to folks as soon as possible, Dr.

Briner said. "Because we have tribal members in New Zealand, so they should be able to have access to our language as well".

Vocational Rehabilitation Disability Pow-Wow

On July 9, The Vocational Rehabilitation Program held the third Annual Disability Awareness Powwow at Watchetaker Hall. Two Vocational Rehab clients told how they were successful in meeting their employment goal with the assistance of the Voc Rehab Program, and encouraging people hearing the drum, and enjoyed visiting with family and friends. The Voc Rehab received many compliments.

Voc Rehab's mission is to provide vocational rehabilitative services to American Indian adults that have a disability and are seeking employment. The employment plan is developed by the client and counselor, based on the clients' interest and capabilities, and is specific to their job interest. Voc Rehab also assist with education when it is needed to reach the clients employment goal.

The Vocational Rehabilitation Center is federally funded and open to all American Indians that are enrolled in a federally recognized tribe and reside in their nine county service area of Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Grady, Jackson, Jefferson, Kiowa, Stephens, and Tillman.

Voc Rehab also offers Transition services to American Indian youth age 16-24, who are attending school and have a disability. They help clients prepare for life after high school. After they graduate from high school they are transferred to the adult side of Voc Rehab.

The Vocational Rehabilitation is located at the Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Education Center, 1608 SW 9 Street, Lawton, OK, 73501. Required documents are tribal ID, drivers license or state ID, Documentation of Disability (form is in the application, to be completed by your doctor), proof of income, proof of physical address, social security card, and an IEP for the Transition program.

The Vocational Rehabilitation works closely with other tribal programs, Tribal Voc Rehab programs, and State Department of Rehabilitation Services to enhance success. For more information call (580) 492-3605, fax (580) 699-7241 or email voc-rehab@comanchenation.com.

Anadarko Outreach Hosts Open House



Courtesy Photo



Courtesy Photo

ANADARKO OUTREACH RECEIVES AWARD. The Anadarko Garden Club would like to name the recipient of the beautification award for the month of June. A neat and inviting landscape makes the new facility of Comanche Nation Outreach at 602 West Virginia Avenue a worthy recipient of the Commercial Landscape of the month. Shown at the facility is the Director, Charles Wells.

The Comanche Nation Anadarko Outreach hosted an Open House on July 14. Several programs were in attendance to serve local and area tribal members. Those programs included: Optometry, Prescription Assistance, Diabetes, Housing Authority, and Transit.

It was a great opportunity for tribal members to come out and learn what each program provides and how it can assist their needs. Charles Wells, Outreach Director, was very pleased with the turnout and looks forward to hosting more programs at the Outreach location in the next coming months.

Refreshments and school backpacks were also given out. Anadarko Outreach would like to thank everyone who came out and help make their Open House a success.

Workforce Holds Workshop



Courtesy Photo

Youth Employment Program is a workshop that the workforce has for the youth every year during the summer. There is a total of three workshops in all.

The theme for the first one is Personal and professional development where they have guest speakers come in and touch on topics that pertain to their personal development and their professional development.

The first guest speaker for the day was Tinker Federal Credit Union. The guest speakers talked about how to adult in the real world so that workforce can teach them how to learn financial things like how to budget, financial awareness, financial preparation and things related to that.

The second speaker was from the University of Oklahoma she was going over a section called perfectly polished where she tried to teach the youth about customer service out in the field and out in the real world.

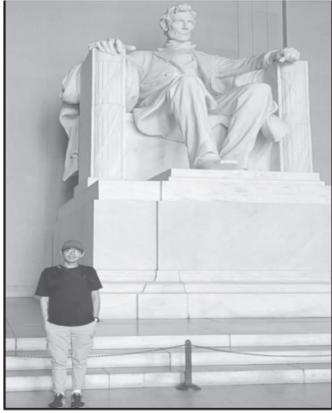
The third speaker was the Great Plains Technology Center. They came in and did a seminar with the youth on how to find land and keep a good job and how to find a good job.

The final speaker was from Prevention and Recovery, Brittney Turner, who spoke about mental awareness and mental health for the youth. Turner introduced a couple of resources to the youth that could possibly help them to have a better health and better mental awareness when it comes to the real world and how to apply that to their own personal development.

Milestones

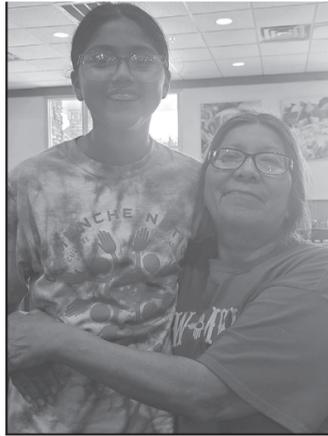
Happy Belated Birthday

July 8 - Arlene Schonchin
 July 13 - Demetrius Alejandro Martinez
 July 18 - Lailah Kopaddy, *Happy 7th Birthday!*
 July 21 - John Barfield, *Happy 21st Birthday!*
 July 22 - Bella Codynah
 July 22 - Lydia Horse
 July 22 - Adria Suina
 July 23 - Philip Douglas Jr.
 July 28 - Selina Rodriguez, *Happy 13th Birthday!*



Happy Belated Birthday
 Demetrius Alejandro Martinez
 July 13

~He and his lifelong girlfriend just visited Washington D.C. and he made the Dean's List. The family is super proud of you.



Happy Belated Birthday
 Arlene Schonchin and Adria Suina
 July 8, July 22



Happy Belated 11th Birthday
 Bella Codynah
 July 22



Happy Belated Birthday
 Lydia Horse
 July 22



Happy Birthday

August - Remi Ototivo-Selby
 August 1 - Ariane Alvarado
 August 5 - Terry Geimausaddle
 August 6 - Khylie Heminokky-Gayton, *Happy 9th Birthday! Your family loves you very much and may the Good Lord Bless you with many more! ♥*
 August 7 - Blake N Sayerwinnie
 August 17 - Nocona Caddo
 August 22 - David Rocha
 August 26 - Michael Portillo



Happy 6th Birthday
 Remi Ototivo-Selby
 August

~Auntie and Uncle loves you very much!



Happy Birthday
 Ariane Alvarado
 August 1



Happy Birthday
 Terry Geimausaddle
 August 5
~Love you Dad



Happy 8th Birthday
 Blake N Sayerwinnie
 August 7

~Happy Birthday! Enjoy and have fun! We love you Mom & Dad!

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Happy 11th Birthday
 Nocona Caddo
 August 17



Happy Birthday
 David Rocha aka Mijo
 August 22
~We love you!!



Happy Birthday
 Michael Portillo, (Krazyie)
 August 26

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1 Chronicles 16:34

Sweet's BIRTHDAY Dance

SATURDAY
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 6:00-10:00PM

Supper @7:00

DJ Larry Cole

Comanche Complex

Raffles
 Cake Walks
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Obituaries

Anna Wockmetooah Tahmahkera



Courtesy Photo

Tahmahkera

Anna Wockmetooah Tahmahkera, went to her heavenly home on May 22.

Funeral service was May 26, at Watchetaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex with Pastor Patrick McClung officiating. Burial followed at Cache KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Prayer service was May 25, at Watchetaker Hall.

Tahmahkera was born Jan. 29, 1918, to Judd Komah Wockmetooah and Edith Kewenoah. She was a Chief Wildhorse descendant. Tahmahkera was born on her father's allotment land in the vicinity of Pumpkin Center, in Comanche County. At the age of four, Tahmahkera's mother passed away and her father married *To-pay*, who was a widow of Quanah Parker. *To-pay* was a major influence in her life. *To-pay* would teach her about her Comanche culture, traditions and about Chief Quanah Parker.

At the age of seven, Tahmahkera was granted citizenship to the United States under the Indian Citizenship Act of 1924. At the age of 26, she was finally granted the right to vote. Tahmahkera attended Fort Sill Indian School until she married her husband of 68 years, Vance Tahmahkera. They were married in Frederick, on June 22, 1934.

During WWII, Vance joined the Navy, he was assigned to the 73rd Seabees where he partook in the Island-Hopping Campaigns. During that time Tahmahkera relocated to Riverside, California, with other Comanche women. They found employment in the shipyards. Tahmahkera became a certified welder where she helped assemble PT boats that contributed to the war effort.

After WWII, Tahmahkera relocated to Fort Worth, Texas. She pursued a career in nursing. She obtained her LPN certification and was authorized to practice in Texas and Oklahoma. She was authorized to be a surgical nurse where she worked for 17 years at Cook's Children's Hospital, Fort Worth, Texas. In 1970 Vance and Anna both retired and returned to Cache, where they made their home.

Tahmahkera was called out of retirement by the Comanche Nation Chairman, Roe Kahrahrhah, in that same year she was appointed as Director of the Comanche Nation Community Health Representative (CHR) program. The CHR's were tasked with providing health care assistance to the Comanche population within the counties of Comanche jurisdiction. She held this position for 10 years until deferring to retirement.

Tahmahkera was a Comanche historian; many people sought her knowledge. She was a fluent speaker of the Comanche language. She enjoyed beading as a pastime. She beaded name plates and belts. She beaded a belt for the late President, George H.W. Bush. She received many accolades from local, statewide politicians and organizations. She was a proud member of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association Auxiliary and the Comanche Little Ponies Auxiliary. She was a member of Pete Coffee Mennonite Brethren Church in Cache, and enjoyed spending time with friends and family.

Tahmahkera was preceded in death by her parents Judd Komah Wockmetooah and Edith Kewenoah; her sister Josephine Wockmetooah, her brother Roy Wockmetooah, and sister Margaret Wockmetooah, her husband of 68 years, Vance Tahmahkera, and her son, Benny Tahmahkera Sr.

She is survived by her grandson, Benny Tahmahkera Jr.; granddaughter, Cynthia Ann Tahmahkera-Stevens and husband Lt. Col. Andrew Stevens, M.D.; great-grandchildren: Joshua Tahmahkera, Marianna Tahmahkera, Nievy Tahmahkera, Vance Tahmahkera, Judd Tahmahkera, LeeLee Tahmahkera, Pierce Stevens, Parker Ann Stevens, Derrick Stevens, Quin Stevens, and her daughter-in-law, Toni Tahmahkera Seyfarth and many nieces, nephews and friends across the United States. She was a grandmother to the entire Comanche Nation.

Elias LeBron DeJesus II



Courtesy Photo

DeJesus

Elias LeBron DeJesus II, of Lawton went to his heavenly home on May 25.

DeJesus, was born July 1, 1973, to Elias L. DeJesus and Doris (Poahway) DeJesus in Lawton. He never met a stranger was always a friendly person to all. He loved sports and kept up with baseball and football Stats. He wrestled in high school and never forgot his moves. He was a pitcher in baseball where he his father was a volunteer coach, him and several other boys had the time of his life.

He worked as a trucker's helper for years. After he met his wife Debra, she settled him down and they have worked side by side for many years. They were married in Cache on February 14, 2015. He was baptized at the Nazarene Church in 1982.

DeJesus was survived by: wife Debra DeJesus of the home; parents Elias and Doris DeJesus; children; Jesse Aguilar, Alicia Chavez, Selina Aguilar, Milika LeBron, Eric, Emma, Jodi, Jeanie DeJesus, and Brooklyn; sisters Milika Berg and Sophia DeJesus; special son Joseph Allen Parker; mother-in-law Eleanor McDaniel; God mother Evelyn Pekah Bonilla, many aunts and uncles.

He is preceded in death by: sons: Eli DeJesus and Anthony David Tiddark McDaniel; father-in-law Patrick McDaniel; grandparents; Wanda Pekah Leon-Guerrero, Sullivan Poahway, Julio Lebron, Sofia DeJesus.

Destiny Mariah Ramos



Courtesy Photo

Ramos

Destiny Mariah Ramos, 14, of Lawton, Oklahoma, passed away on May 25. She was born on July 11, 2007, to David Ramos and Antonia Whiteshield.

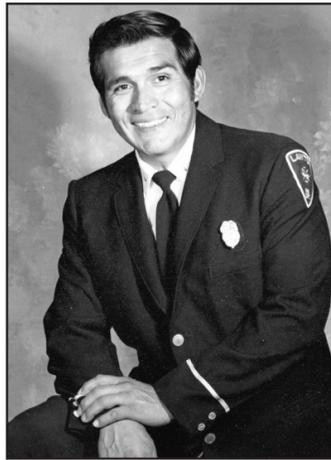
Funeral service was June 2, at Comanche Nation Funeral Chapel. Burial followed at Deyo Cemetery. Prayer service was at the funeral home.

She was a Freshman at Eisenhower High School. She was very artistic and good at expressing herself with her drawings and paintings. She loved to sing, along with dancing too. She had so much love for animals, she adopted two of her own fur babies and they loved her dearly. She will be remembered for her unique style, joyous laugh, sense of humor, and outgoing personality. As a young child she was very outspoken and bright, that did not change as she got older. Even through her trying times she kept that beautiful smile on her face and it will be greatly missed.

She was preceded in death by her big brother Isaiah Whiteshield. Great-grandparents Theodore and Lydia Niedo, George and Nelissa Ebanks, Clarence and Sally Chalepah and Randy Whiteshield. Her cousin Dwayne Scott Murray II and her aunt Emily Gray.

She is survived by her father and mother, sister Laisha Whiteshield, nephew Kamari Epps all of the home. Grandparents Thomas Chalepah, Elaine Whiteshield, Teddy Ebanks, Zena Niedo. Aunt's Letitia Chalepah, Corinne Whiteshield, Selena Whiteshield, Michealene Niedo Murray, Eleanor Ramos, Martha Hiltrado, Jewel Nicolle Ebanks. Uncle's Byran Whiteshield, Steve Blythe Jr., Robert Ramos Jr., Teddy Ebanks Jr., and Tyrone Ebanks.

Andrew Edward (Ed) Valdez, Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Valdez

Funeral service for Andrew Edward (Ed) Valdez, Jr., was June 6, at University Church of Christ with Eric Sharum, minister officiating.

Burial with Lawton Fire Department Honors was in Flower Mound Cemetery under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.

The service may be viewed by visiting the University Church of Christ Lawton Facebook page.

Andrew Edward (Ed) Valdez, Jr. of Lawton, Oklahoma, age 86, joined his Heavenly Father on May 31. Valdez was born in Cement, Oklahoma on May 1, 1936, to Andrew Martin Valdez and Ivarine Tiebo Valdez. Valdez grew up on a farm south of Hulen, Oklahoma, and attended a small school in Hulen before transferring to Geronimo School, where he excelled playing baseball and basketball. He continued to play baseball and softball as a young man in numerous leagues in Lawton, where he was quite the pitcher. After graduating high school in 1954, he joined his family in California, working at Bethlehem Steel and earning as much money as he could, getting ready to marry his high school sweetheart.

In 1956 he returned to Oklahoma to marry his high school sweetheart, JoAnn Morris, on June 8, 1956. From this union came two children, Eddie Valdez and Trena Valdez.

After marriage he joined the United States National Guard and

was stationed at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas and Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He worked for Katy Kay Meat Packing Co., Bianco's Pizza (where he saw his first pizza and said, "this will never catch on"), Oklahoma Drug, Roadway Trucking and other freight delivery companies, and Malone Oil Co. On September 1, 1961, he was hired as a City of Lawton Firefighter where he proudly served 34 years. He retired at the rank of Captain and was serving as Assistant Fire Chief upon his retirement in February 1995.

After retirement, Valdez spent his time playing golf, cheering the Oklahoma Sooners and the Thunder on to victory. Valdez's greatest joy came from spending time with his four grandchildren, Travis Burch, Hannah Valdez, Joslyn Burch, and Jake Valdez.

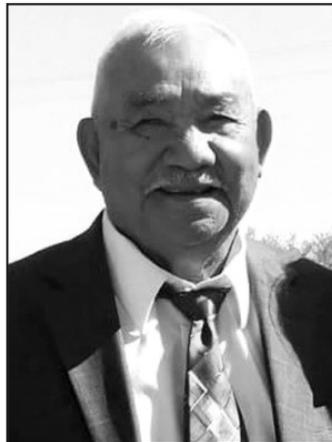
In his spare time, Valdez enjoyed yearly vacations to Branson with good friends, He loved Ray Stephens's greatest hits, and a good cup of coffee (he even drank so much coffee his finger was crooked from holding the cup). Prior to Covid, he met his friends every morning at the local McDonalds for coffee and all the latest news on the grapevine.

Valdez and his family were among one of the charter families of the Sullivan Village Church of Christ in the 1960's, where he served as an elder. He was a lifelong and faithful member of the University Church of Christ, where he continued to devote his life to serving the Lord.

Valdez was predeceased by younger brother Ronald (Woody) Valdez, his father Andrew Martin Valdez, his mother Ivarine Tiebo-Valdez, and his step-mother Neva Wooksook-Valdez.

Valdez is survived by his beloved wife Joann Valdez, his son Eddie Valdez and wife Stephanie, and grandchildren Hannah and Jake Valdez. His daughter Trena Valdez-Burch and husband Johnny, and grandchildren Travis and Joslyn Burch. Sisters Mavadene Joslyn and husband Jerry of Rochester, Michigan, DellAnn Brammer and husband Kenneth of Lawton, Frances Joslyn and husband Connie of Lawton, Andrea Valdez of Oklahoma City, brother Darrell (Dusty) Valdez and wife Joyce of Lawton, and several nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews.

Bob W. Tenequer



Courtesy Photo

Tenequer

Bob W. Tenequer, was born on January 1, 1931, at the Kiowa Indian Hospital in Lawton, Oklahoma. He attended school at Cache Primary, Fort Sill Indian School and Lindrith Nazarene Bible School in Lindrith, New Mexico.

Tenequer, was a former golden glove boxer, some of his championships include; All Indian Boxing, Southwest Oklahoma District, three years in a row Springfield, Mo., 6th Armour, two years in a row St. Louis, Mo., 5th Army, two years in a row, all Army Runner-Up National Golden Glove, and the National AAU Champion.

Tenequer was a Cpl U.S. Army special service, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. Later employed as a heavy equipment operator, jack pile mine Laguna, N.M., B.I.A Navajo Area, CrownPoint Agency in N.M. and maintenance foreman for Chinle Agency in Chinle, Ariz., where he retired in 1994 after 29 years and 11

months of service. After his retirement he came back home to Lawton, Okla.

Tenequer's hobbies include working with Indian youth, coaching basketball, baseball, softball, and teaching them good sportsmanship, as well as being an avid Dallas Cowboys fan.

Tenequer is survived by; Bob Jr. & LouAnn Tenequer of Laguna, N.M., Mario & Valerie Tenequer of Kayenta, Ariz., Bobbie & Tim Sauppity, Victor Tenequer, Nadia Tenequer, Jane & Kevin Wakinney, Eugenia Peters all of Lawton, Okla., Nathaniel and Ivan Peters of Shiprock, N.M. He is also survived by 46 grandchildren, 47 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Tenequer was preceded in death by the love of his life Cecelia Carol Tenequer; Parents Jane Woommavovah and Bob *Pah-Ve* Tenequer; brothers; Max Burgess, Andrew Tenequer, Nathaniel Woommavovah, and Ray Tenequer; sisters; Ruth Simmons-Tenequer, Ethelene Tenequer, Ruth Woommavovah-Palmer, Beatrice Tenequer-Samis, and Barbara Tenequer-Patterson; Children; Adrian, Nathaniel, Troy, Virgil, Conrad, Marcelina Tenequer and Tiffany Cooley.

Services was held at the LDS Church Lawton, Okla.: Funeral was June 8. Prayer Services was June 7, at Watchetaker Hall, Lawton Okla.

Honorary Pallbearers: Bob Tenequer Jr., Mario Tenequer, Victor Tenequer, Tony Cuellar, Dennis Little, Frank Arranaga, Jeremiah Tanequodle, Ryan Cooley, Kevin and Dakota Wahkinney.

Pallbearers: Brian Tenequer, Joshua Tenequer, Tracy and Armondo Tenequer, Tyler Tenequer, Marxus Tenequer, Juan Tenequer-Bahena, and Stephen Wahkinney.

Daniel Theodore Elam Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Elam

Daniel Theodore Elam Jr., went to his heavenly home on June 4.

Funeral service was June 10, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Burial followed with Military Honors at Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Elam was born November 2, 1988, in Lawton to Deborah Tahah and Daniel Theodore Elam Sr. Elam graduated from Cache High School.

Elam entered the USMC in Oklahoma City and served honorably he was discharged UMCS Art Det at Ft. Sill. Elam received 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 Marksmanship Badge.

Elam was a member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He enjoyed listening to music and watching the tv show Supernatural. He was an avid Star Wars fan, loved comics and spending time with his family and friends. Elam was a cook at the Sonic Drive Inn.

He is survived by his moth-

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er, Deborah Tahah and partner, Terrell Wemy; father, Daniel T. Elam Sr.; brothers, Allen C. Elam, Ethen R. Elam, and Lindley Dale Chaney Jr.; sisters, Kirsten Menefee, Trina Marie Elam, and Isabella Rae Elam; grandmothers, Dana Chibitty Bedeker, Lena McClung Chibitty, Jolene Tahah, Lahoma Knight, and Betty Chasenah; aunts, Krin Elam, Norma Davis, Vicki Kosechata, Judy Tahah, and Dyana Lowe; uncles, Leonard Elam, Wayne Elam, Alert Whedbee Jr., Marlon V. Tahah and spouse, Janet Tahah; special nephew, Olajawon Menefee; special nieces, A'Layah Jones, Ki'Ara Jones, Jolene Gardner, Dalanie Gardner.

He is preceded in death by his dad, Lindley Dale Chaney Sr., grandparents, Mead Chibitty and Norene Saupitty Chibitty, grandpa Helmar V. Tahah, and grandma Thelma Maxine Chaney; uncles, Kenneth N. Elam Jr. and Kenneth L. Saupitty; aunts, Marlene Ulloa and Mary Ann Morrow; and cousin, Nathan Allen Morrow.

LaVera "Bibo" Birdshead



Courtesy Photo

Birdshead

LaVera "Bibo" Birdshead, (Chiricahua Apache, Comanche), 72, of Apache, Oklahoma, was welcomed into the gates of Heaven on June 6.

She was born on August 11, 1949, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to LaVina Chasenah Mithlo and Bill Watson Mithlo. She grew up and received her early education in Apache and graduated from Chilocco Indian School in 1970. She then went on to Haskell and completed her education at Oklahoma City University.

She married Saul Birdshead Jr., on October 25, 1975. They lived in Apache where they raised Susie, Jennifer, Nick, and Nichole. She was a homemaker, was very organized, and was always so proud of her children and grandchildren. She cared for so many children before having her own and was known as the disciplinarian to her nephews, especially the ring leaders Mike and Baby Gene.

She was the best storyteller. One of her favorite characters to portray was the fabulous "Mini Haha," (an Indian princess) who often made appearances at the Church, adorned in her homemade traditional jingle dress, cardboard crown, and Swiffer duster fan. Her sense of humor resonated with so many and brought so much joy to those who heard her stories.

She was a devoted member of the United Methodist Church of Apache, and the members were her family. She was a God-fearing woman and faithful to the Church. She was a Prayer warrior and prayed for many on her prayer list daily.

She looked forward to Apache feast time and cooking in the shack with her sisters. As an Arapaho Chief's wife, she also learned traditional Arapaho ways and songs. She enjoyed singing and dancing at pow-wow's.

She enjoyed spending time with family, especially traveling with her sister Elvina. She raised her granddaughter Nichole who recently made her a great grandmother. She was the most loving, kind, and gentle grandma, always thinking of her grandchildren. She loved big earrings, sunflowers, and watching Walker Texas Ranger.

Birdshead was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers, Roy Mitchell, Eugene "Teezy," "Goat Baby"; sisters, Mary "Nanny," Leatrice Jay; daughters Carol "Tootie Mouse" Jay, Alice Jay.

Survivors include her son Nick (Dora); daughters, Susie (Pao), Jennifer (Dan), Nichole (Wyatt);

her brothers, Harry (Deborah), Bill (Maria), Melvin (Hilda); her sisters Elvina Poolaw and Audrey Mithlo; several special nieces, and nephews. Grandchildren: Kaia, A.J., Iliana, Carmela, Bro Bro, and Ioane and Great-grandchild Parker.

She was a beautiful spirit and now she will eternally worship God in Heaven with her family.

Richard Ralph Attocknie



Courtesy Photo

Attocknie

Richard Ralph Attocknie, affectionately called "Dee," was born April 18, 1956. He was the youngest child of Francis Joseph Attocknie, Sr. and Rosalie (Poolaw) Attocknie.

He was born in Oklahoma City and attended Capitol Hill High School until 1974 when his family moved to Apache, Okla. He graduated from Apache High School in 1975. While attending Cameron University he met his best friend and future wife, Chery Ahdokobo, whom he married on March 1, 1978. They settled in Carnegie and raised their family over the past 40 years. Attocknie was accepting and loved many as his very own. He was a member of the Comanche Nation and of Kiowa descent; direct descendant of Chief Ten Bears and born into the Little Ponies Society and *Tiwii* Society; and a proud member of the Kiowa Gourd Clan.

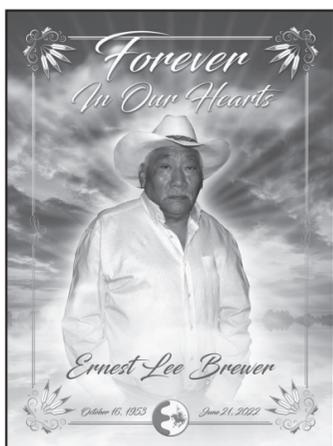
Attocknie is survived by his wife, Chery (Ahdokobo) Attocknie of the home; his brother, Randlett Attocknie and wife, Mary of Oklahoma City; brother-in-law Dean Ahdokobo and wife Holly of Anadarko; sister-in-law Sene Cody and husband Mark of Yukon; daughters, MaryAlyce Rose Attocknie of Lawton; Darla Sue Attocknie of Carnegie; Randi Lynn Claborn and husband, Bennie, of Apache.

His grandchildren, Rainy, Kaci, and Bunny Attocknie of the home; Drey Attocknie of Apache; Dayla Cody of Yukon; Rosalie Asa Rene Claborn of Apache; great-grandson, Weston Charles.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents Albert Attocknie & Isa Yellowfish; Bruce Poolaw and Ella (Nahdoahnippah) Codopony; parents, Joe A. & Rosalie Attocknie; siblings Phyllis Attocknie, Francis Joseph Attocknie Jr., Vidala Franklin, Esa Attocknie; daughter, Carla Ann Attocknie.

Graveside service was June 24, at Carnegie Cemetery and burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Prayer service was June 23, at Comanche Nation funeral home.

Ernest Brewer Sr.



Courtesy Photo

Brewer

Musician and lifetime ball player Ernest Brewer Sr.'s love of life didn't come to an end with his death. Brewer passed away on June 21, at the age of 68, after a lifelong battle of

diabetes and Alzheimer's surrounded by his loved ones who will continue to honor his legacy by living their lives to the fullest.

Brewer was an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation he was also proud to be Kiowa and Choctaw. Brewer was a member of Mountain Scott Kiowa and a lifetime member of The First Church of The Nazarene.

As a child Brewer was very rambunctious and athletic child to say the least. He attended Cache Public schools where he received various awards for sports. In 1971, Brewer enlisted in the United States Navy and served until 1973. In the late 80's the gospel group REEBORN was formed, where he was lead singer. Singing was his passion. Along side with his cousins and friends they traveled all over to spread the word which reached a lot of people and brought them to the alter. Brewer received his associates degree in Criminal Justice at Cameron University and made deans honor roll. Brewer never met a stranger and he would talk to everyone he came in contact with and I mean everyone!

Brewer is survived by: wife Rita Brewer of Lawton, daughter Nicole & Ricardo Reyna of the home, daughter Jennifer Brewer & companion Jeff of Norman, daughter Lorna Cable of Lawton, daughter Selena and Daniel Ray of Cache, two sons, Ernest Brewer Jr. & Byron Brewer of Cache, brother Byron Apauty of Cache, two sisters Ernestine Kopaddy and Eva Antunez of Cache. Many grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends.

He is preceded in death by parents Eva Kopaddy and Ernest Brewer, sisters Adaline Horn, sister-in-law Patricia "Babydoll" Apauty, son Chris Pohawpatchoko, grandparents Adaline Hahnee and Claude Vandal Apauty Sr.

Prayer service was June 27, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Funeral was June 28, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Burial was at Post Oak Cemetery in Indianahoma under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Anthony "Scott" Taptto



Courtesy Photo

Taptto

Funeral for Anthony "Scott" Taptto, 52, Walters, Oklahoma, was July 2, in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel in Lawton, Oklahoma with Rev. Sharon Taptto, Pastor of Ponca Indian Full Gospel Church, Ponca City officiating.

Burial followed at Deyo Mission Cemetery, west of Lawton.

Our beloved father, grandfather, brother and uncle, Anthony "Scott" Taptto went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on June 26. He passed peacefully surrounded by his beloved daughters, auntie, brother, sister, and best friend.

Anthony "Scott" Taptto, was born in Lawton, Oklahoma on Sept. 18, 1969. He was a proud member of the Comanche and Kiowa tribes. He grew up in Lawton and Walters, where he was best known for his goofy personality, sweetheart, and amazing ball skills. He spent his school years playing basketball, baseball, and football and always excelled in academics. After school, he worked in the manufacturing business for many years. This is where he met many of his life-long friends, who are now considered family. He enjoyed spending lots of time with his friends, as well as his two daughters. He also enjoyed playing golf, basketball, and going hunting, but more than anything else, he enjoyed

watching the Oklahoma Sooners and Dallas Cowboys. He was a hardcore fan of both teams his whole life.

Survivors include his two daughters: Alora and Mikayla Taptto, two brothers: Richard and Neal Taptto, one grandson: Dainin Luffman, one niece: Tiffany Gonzales, one nephew: Micheal Nizolak, and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Hollis and Geneva Taptto, sister: Cheryl Nizolak, grandparents: Bill Taptto, and Florence (Aitson) Taptto, and Rie Dodge Fawbush Sr. and Sallie (Houvah) Fawbush.

Kenton Wahkinney



Courtesy Photo

Wahkinney

Kenton Wahkinney, was born on June 4, 1951, at the Lawton Indian Hospital to Dorothy and Russell Wahkinney. He departed this life peacefully, surrounded by family, at his home near Medicine Park, on June 27, at the age of 71.

Prayer Service was held at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home on June 30. Funeral Service was held at Paradise Valley Baptist Church on July 1, with Pastor Gary Neighbors officiating.

A devout Christian, Wahkinney remained steadfast in his faithfulness to his church and his Lord. He never wavered and was a light in a darkened world. He was a member of Paradise Valley Baptist Church since the age of 15.

As a youth, Wahkinney worked cattle for area ranchers and also worked at the Lawton Sale Barn for many years. He was a devoted and reliable employee and person. Wahkinney was a good man of outstanding character. He will always be remembered by his family for his Christian witness with his personalized spiritual handwritten notes and Christmas cards with encouraging and kind words.

Wahkinney never had an enemy and was loved by everyone who ever came in contact with him. He brought the Lord's blessings to his home. We will miss Wahkinney, but we know we will see him again in heaven. The Lord called Wahkinney home, and he was ready.

He was preceded in death by his parents Russell and Dorothy Wahkinney, brothers, Randall Wahkinney and Kevin Wahkinney, nephews Russell Clark Wahkinney and Abraham Wahkinney.

He is survived by his brothers and sisters, Edward Wahkinney, Karen Macias, Dennis Wahkinney, Eileen Guerra, Christine Ruiz, David Wahkinney, Edwina Houseman, Darrell Wahkinney, Kenneth Wahkinney, Dorothea Perkins, Lyndon Wahkinney, Dean Wahkinney, and Jamie Wahkinney.

Gary Poafpybitty

Long time Indianahoma resident, Gary Poafpybitty, passed away June 30, after a brief illness.

Graveside service was July 9, at Cache Creek Cemetery west of Apache. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

He was born October 18, 1946, in Lawton to Frank and Irene Poafpybitty. Poafpybitty was a lifelong member of Sherwood Tsothigh UMC, formerly Cache Indian Methodist Church. He was a member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Poafpybitty's was in the U.S. Navy. He often remembered his days on submarine missions and would share stories with friends and family. After his military service, he joined his older brother, Bob Poafpybitty, in the field of Ironworkers Local Union

along the eastern United States. They constructed many high-rise buildings from District of Columbia to New York and Pennsylvania. He eventually returned to the Southwest and made his home in Dallas for a while. While living there, Poafpybitty participated in several past time favorites competitively. He was an ace billiards player and a classic dart member. Poafpybitty would compete in tournaments for both throughout Dallas and Oklahoma City area. Poafpybitty had a trade in automotive and motorcycle mechanics. He and his brother Bodie worked to repair vehicles for many people in the local area. Once Poafpybitty was back in the Indianahoma area to be with family and friends, he said that he was home and done with his travels.

Poafpybitty was preceded in death by his parents, Frank Poafpybitty and Irene Chappabitty, his five sisters, LaVerna Hoahwah, Francella Thom, Phyllis Poafpybitty, Verwyn Nevaquaya, and Couer'Alene Jacob, his two brothers Robert "Bob" Poafpybitty and Jarold "Bodie" Poafpybitty. Also preceded by Grandparents, Otis and Lucy Chappabitty and Robert and Mahrahwadi Poafpybitty.

Poafpybitty is survived by sons: Russell Poafpybitty of California, Greg Poafpybitty of Shawnee, Levi Poafpybitty of Tulsa Okla., Frand R. Poafpybitty of Indianahoma, and daughter LaVerna Harjo of Shawnee, sisters Theresa Poafpybitty and Paula Poafpybitty of Dallas, Texas. Along with numerous grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Patricia "Patti" Ann Sutton-Tahdoahnippah



Courtesy Photo

Tahdoahnippah

Patricia "Patti" Ann Sutton-Tahdoahnippah, 36, of Cache went to her heavenly home on Friday.

She was a member of the West Nazarene Church of Cache. She was born on July 26, 1985, to Belinda Cable-Wemy and Donald Sutton. She started kindergarten in California then went to Cache Public Schools later got her GED through the Comanche Tribe. Sutton also attended the Great Plains Technology Center for CNA classes and went for her LPN but didn't finish and chose to move forward with the Navy Reserves. After losing her youngest baby she began a career with Swanson's Services as a 1st cook and was there 11-12 years. After Swanson's she went to Serco for a year and then took an opportunity at the Comanche Nation Casino. She loved to cook, read, watch Game of Thrones and TikToks, she also enjoyed hanging out with her family, friends, and kids. Her favorite football team was OSU and her favorite basketball team was the Lakers and OKC Thunder. Her hobby was hanging out with her best friend and sister, Tiffany.

Trouble would follow them everywhere. Her favorite place to eat was Olive Garden, she loved their wine! She also enjoyed playing tag and hide and seek with her two cats Gailz and Krillin. She enjoyed being out in the sun tanning, though she never got darker. You can see her smile and hear her laugh coming from miles away.

Survivors include her two daughters, Alexia Sutton and Alissa Tahdoahnippah; grandson Alijah Estrada all of Lawton; parents: Belinda and Charles Wemy; brothers David Cable of Cache, Donald Sutton of Amber; her sisters, Tiffany Cable all of Cache, Tresa Caldwell of Eufaula; many cousins she considered broth

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ers and sisters; and many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by: son Bryan George Poahway; husband Bryan Tahdoahnippah; dad Donald Sutton; aunts, uncles, and grandparents: Bruner and Annie Cable; Jack and Marie Sutton.

Funeral Services was June 30, with Rev. Matt Asetamy officiating. Burial followed at Cache KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

David Wayne Eckiwardah



Courtesy Photo

Eckiwardah

David Wayne Eckiwardah, born October 15, in Lawton, Oklahoma, and passed peacefully at home on July 3.

Funeral service was July 11, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Burial followed at Highland Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Eckiwardah graduated from Cyril, Oklahoma, in 1981, attended

Haskell Indian Jr. College in Lawrence, Kan., and Cameron University in Lawton, Oklahoma, with a degree in Electrical Engineering.

Eckiwardah served in the U.S. Navy. Bootcamp in Orlando, Florida, and in Illinois at Great Lakes Naval Training Center – he served on the Battleship USS New Jersey, toured Europe and the Mediterranean (Beruit 1984) later he docked in Long Beach, California.

After the service he returned to Cyril, Oklahoma, continued with his education and started an Electrical Fix it shops in his home called AD Electronics.

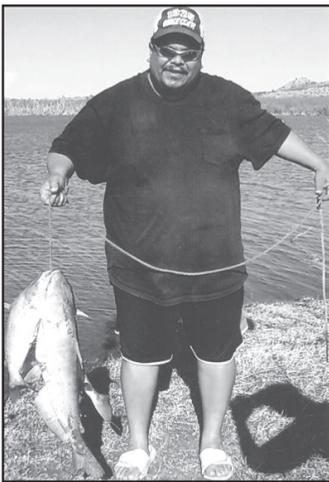
Eckiwardah, had a great passion for science and tinkering with electronics. He was always active at playing sports throughout his school years, playing football, baseball, basketball and track in high school. He played football and baseball at Haskell Indian Jr. College. Later in life he was a champion on the Horseshoe circuit and did allot of tournaments throughout Oklahoma.

Eckiwardah is survived by: Sister, Natalie Eckiwardah of Cyril, brother, Dennis Eckiwardah Jr. (Lynette) of Flagstaff, Ariz. He was a loving uncle to Alan Eckiwardah and Stephanie Eckiwardah-Montanye. He was also was a grand uncle to Regina and Emma Eckiwardah-Montanye.

Eckiwardah is predeceased by his mother, Gloria Marie Eckiwardah, father, Dennis H. Eckiwardah Sr.

He was Well known for loving Star Trek he was always saying "Space is the Last Frontier."

Alan Raymond Froehlich Jr.



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Froehlich

Alan Raymond Froehlich Jr., age 47, of Indianoma passed away on July 4, in his home. Froehlich was born February 16, 1975, in Junction City, Kansas and graduated high school from West Moore High School. He was married to his wife, Tonya Froehlich, for 30 years. Froehlich, was a mechanic and a jack of all trades. He loved and enjoyed hunting and fishing with his kids. He loved playing with and watching cartoons with his grandson. He loved spending time grilling and bonfires with his loved ones.

Froehlich is survived by his wife Tonya, kids, Raymond, Bryanna, Brittany, Jeffrey and Sammy, a grandson, Justin, mother Kate, father, Alan, sisters Christie and Carrie, brothers, Randy and Eric, nieces, Trishtin, Whitney, Destanee, Autumn

and Katelyn, nephews, Kyle, Anthony, Dakota, Aaron and Jeremiah.

He is preceded in death by grandfathers, Alan F. Froehlich and Weldon Kowena and grandmother, Beverly Hall.

The wake was held at Comanche Nation Funeral Home on July 6, Funeral was July 7, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Tommy Samuel Chasenah



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Chasenah

Tommy Samuel Chasenah, 15, known by close family and friends as "FattKatt," went home on July 9. Chasenah was born April 27, 2007, in Lawton, Okla., at Comanche County Memorial Hospital to Tommy and Dana Chasenah.

Chasenah attended Central Middle School and was employed at Medicine Park Aquarium. He was one hell of a football player and enjoyed playing basketball. He loved being around his family and friends.

Chasenah was baptized on December 6, 2020, and was a member of Memorial Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents; siblings, Kailah Kassanavoid, Jayden Kassanavoid, Arayah Kassanavoid, Ranyttah Chasenah, and Gina Nibbs; grandma, Gina Niedo; aunts and uncles, JD Chasenah and wife Mindi, Joshua Imotichey, Rebecca Niedo, Martha Niedo, and Opal Chasenah; cousins, Alyshia Niedo, Lei'Lana Niedo, Manuel Niedo, Jermaine Chasenah, and Jermiah Chasenah.

He is preceded in death by his niece, Janelle Lena La Luna "Muneca" Niedo and an aunt, Ty Tofpi.

A Prayer Service was July 13, and Funeral Service was July 14, both services were held at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel with burial at Deyo Cemetery with Pastor Kevin, officiating and under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

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when I walk through heaven's
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