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Programs

Child Support Services Release Court Dates

In the

Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Darin Cable: CNCSP-15-43; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Kelly Cable: CNCSP-15-146; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Angela Cox: CNCSP-15-46; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Bobbie Foster: CNCSP-15-149; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Christopher Hearrell: CNCSP-17-11; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Lea Morgan: FD-19-18; Motion for Redirection of Child Support Payments
- Mary Palmer: CNCSP-21-42; Motion to Determine Support Arrears and Reduce to Judgment
- Charles Poco: CNCSP-15-104; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Sonny Whitewolf: CNCSP-15-127; Motion to Modify Child Support

Higher Education Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Sophie Tiger

Sophie Tiger is the mother of Randall "Baby Randy" Cable, and the daughter of Janet Saupitty and Robert "Boy" Tiger. Her maternal grandparents are Carol Saupitty and Bob Wade, and maternal great-grandparents are the late Floyd and Beatrice Saupitty.

Upon graduating from Cache High School, Tiger was awarded the highly competitive Gates Millennium Scholarship to pursue higher education. With this financial support, she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and minor in Native American Studies at the University of Oklahoma. Currently, Tiger is a Master of Public Health candidate at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health in the Health Policy and Management department, where she is the only Native American student.

She hopes to educate her peers and faculty members on public health issues facing Indian Country as well as create a space for Native students to feel welcomed at Mailman.

Tiger had the privilege to serve as Female Co-President of two of National Native Youth led organizations, United National Indian Tribal Youth, Inc (UNITY) and National Congress of American Indian (NCAI) Youth Commission, focusing both on empowering Native youth to transform their communities into the world they envision living in by offering Native youth leadership opportunities to find success.

Recently, Tiger was selected as a 2022 Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Intern, where she spent the summer in Washington, D.C. as a legislative intern in the Office of U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren and worked on issues concerning Native Americans, immigration, and taxation. Through her experiences and education, Tiger has a passion for Tribal sovereignty and its efforts to deliver adequate health care, she plans to further her education by attending law school to advocate and improve health and health systems through policy and legislation for Indian Country.

Job Placement & Training Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Salina Pequeno

Salina Pequeno, is a Walters graduate, class of 2021. Shortly after graduating high school, she enrolled with Elite Academy, where she is currently learning and striving to become a Licensed Cosmetologist. After she receives her license, she will begin her career working for Studio 2202 in Lawton, Okla.

Pequeno is a good example when Colin Powell said, "A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work."

She continues to show her determination by attending school full-time, working part-time at Hype Nutrition, and taking pride in raising her 2-year-old daughter and being the best mommy, she can be.

Pequeno is the proud mother to Marisol; daughter of Saul Pequeno and Summer Heminokeky; granddaughter to Tony and Irene Lopez, Eddie and Laura Heminokeky, and the late Simon Pequeno; and great granddaughter to Mona Goingkeen, the late Kenneth and late Cornelia Karty, and the late Revas Hale.



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Ramp It Up Draws Several Members from the Skate Community

Story and Photos by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery held Ramp It Up Skate Jam on Oct. 22, Ramp It Up Skate Jam at Lawton's skate park.

Coordinator Anthony Monoessy, said the event was used to raise awareness about the opioid crisis.

"The event today, we thought about all the events that happened for all the native athletes, native students; basketball, softball, football, baseball. There's always events that host drug awareness, prevention events for those athletes. Nobody ever reaches out to our skate community," said Monoessy. "We have a lot of native youth in our skate community. I think they're overlooked so we wanted to reach out to them to show

them that they matter, that we care."

Skate Jam also raised awareness for suicide and drug and alcohol use.

"We're here to listen, we're here to help you and we're to prevent you from ever being in recovery, so that's basically what today is. We're sending a message to the skate community that we care," said Monoessy.

He said that if someone isn't able to go to someone close, they're there.

"We just want to bring prevention to the community. Show that the Comanche Nation cares. We are just not focused on our own tribal members as well as other tribal members, we're also focused on the youth

of the community as a whole because we all have to live together. We're not segregated into one reservation. We look at Lawton, Oklahoma as part of our reservation. That's when you look at Lawton, Oklahoma as part of your reservation you consider it a community. And so, when you consider it a community then you look at all the youth in the community, not just our own," Monoessy said.

Those who entered the competition also competed for free skateboards.





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Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Recaps September and Comanche Nation Fair Events

Submitted by Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Staff



Courtesy Photos

Participants of the Fun Run gather for a picture, October 1, after completing a one mile and 5K challenge during the Comanche Nation Fair.



LEFT: The Prevention and Recovery's float won the Program Float category during the 2022 Comanche Nation Fair parade. RIGHT: IAMNDN participants parade at the Comanche Nation Fair.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Several members of the community take part in the Prevention and Recovery's Spirit Walk, which took place Sept. 8 at the Comanche Nation Complex.



The Turtle Race, held at the Comanche Nation Fair, was sponsored by the Prevention and Recovery Program.



Chairman Woommavovah takes a photo with the winners of the Prevention and Recovery's Fun Run's Overall Male and Overall Female, Oct. 1, at the Comanche Nation Fair.

In honor of National Suicide Prevention Week, the Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Native Spirit Project hosted a Native Spirit Walk on Sept. 8. Martin Flores, from IAMNDN, burned cedar and prayed before the event to start the event off in a good way and promote a sense of community and spiritual healing. Brittany Turner, Project Director for the Native Spirit Project, handed out stickers to advertise the new "Dial 988" mental health crisis lifeline, applications for mental health counseling, and information on suicide prevention and how to implement activities in your daily life that are positive for your mental health.

At College and Career Day

on Sept. 21, Shailah Ramos, Project Director for Circles of Care (a youth and family mental health planning grant), and Turner had the opportunity to be guest speakers and discussed topics such as mental health, time and stress management, and building support systems to local high school students and school district personnel. Meanwhile, booths were set-up at this event for outreach to discuss our Prevention & Recovery services and youth prevention programs.

During the Comanche Nation Fair weekend, the Prevention & Recovery Program had the pleasure of putting on a host of events, such as archery in collaboration with the Comanche Nation Youth Program,

Family Fun Run, and turtle races. In addition to the CNPR festivities, the department also participated in the Fair parade, and entered two floats - one for Prevention & Recovery Residential Treatment Center and one for IAMNDN. Each program decorated their own floats and handed out candy, cups, T shirts, and youth suicide prevention posters.

This is always a fun time of the year for the department, as they gear up for our fall and winter events, like Red Ribbon Week and the New Year's Eve Bash. Stay tuned for a highlight of our Security team and an article over October events in the next edition.

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Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery

Are you a tribal youth between the ages 12-17?

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~ Colossians 3:17

“O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.”

~ Psalm 95:1-3

Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

November Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

NOVEMBER 2022

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

Color the Picture



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

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Healthy Slow Cooker Sweet Potato Mexican Quinoa

Ingredients

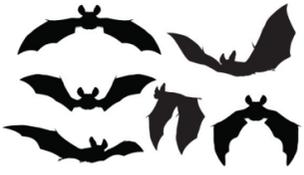
- 1 cup uncooked white quinoa
- 2 large non cooked sweet potatoes, peeled and diced
- 1 can black beans
- 1 can kernel corn, drained and rinsed
- 1 can crushed tomatoes
- 1 can green chilis
- 1 cups vegetable broth
- ½ large red onion, finely diced
- 3 tbsp taco seasoning
- 1 tbsp sriracha
- 2 tsp maple syrup
- Fresh cilantro
- Yogurt
- Avocado
- Paprika

Instructions

1. Begin by spraying your slow cooker with non stick cooking spray
2. Place all of the ingredients into your slow cooker and mix until combined.
3. Cover and cook on high for 3-4 hours or on low for 6-8 (or until the quinoa is fully cooked and the sweet potatoes are at desired texture)
4. Occasionally stir all of the ingredients together every hour.
5. When the quinoa is cooked and the sweet potatoes are soft, uncover the slow cooker.
6. Serve the sweet potato Mexican quinoa with the optional toppings and enjoy.

Match all the Comanche Words with the English words

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|------------------|---------------------------------|
| Turkey | <i>Hanibita tsometu</i> |
| Family | <i>Tuehna?kwisj</i> |
| Feast | <i>Nanumunuu</i> |
| Thanksgiving Day | <i>Kuyunii</i> |
| Full | <i>Pia tuhkaru</i> |
| Harves | <i>Pukytaakuyuni?atuhka?eng</i> |
| Squash | <i>Nakamumi</i> |



Trunk or Treat Provides Screams, Smiles and Lots of Candy for Halloween



Story and Photos by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On Oct. 21, several Comanche Nation departments set up trunks filled with treats, spooks and games for the surrounding communities for Trunk or Treat.

Each trunk had its own theme from Day of the Dead to a Sasquatch hunt.

According to coordinator Shandel Wesaw of the Association of Comanche Employees, the event is the first of its kind, as Trunk or Treat is normally an indoor safe house but the organization will be hosting another event next year.

"This is an annual event. This time we decided to do it outdoors that's why we called it a Trunk or Treat," Wesaw said.

In the previous years we had a safe house which was indoors due to COVID we haven't had it in the past couple of years so we wanted to go out with a bang. And we thought 'we're outgrowing our gymnasium,' so we thought that a trunk or treat would be beneficial to the public."

She said the Trunk or Treat is a community outreach and is important to surrounding areas and the Native American community.

"I think because it's open to the public, it's not just a tribal event, not just tribal members can attend and, in our area, sometimes there's not a lot of things to do and on top of that it's free," Wesaw said.

Wesaw said it's nice for the kids to receive candy in a safe environment.

"It's important to me because it's something the nation can give back to the community; it's a safe environment for the public to come," Wesaw said.

She said the event went well and is looking forward to next year's Trunk or Treat.

"I feel like our trunk or treat was the best one yet, it was very successful," Wesaw said.

"We had it outdoors, the weather cooperated; unfortunately, it was a little windy. We had planned to have bounce houses and we couldn't have that this time. So we got a bunch of positive feedback, our tribal community has expressed that to us and we're looking forward to next year; we're going to have it bigger and better."



Skeletons and ghouls welcome candy seekers to the Trunk or Treat event.



Many games, including the ball toss gave children fun things to do during the Trunk of Treat event held at the Comanche Nation Complex.



Giant spiders take over a vehicle at the Oct. 21 Halloween Trunk or Treat event.



The PIO's Day of the Dead Sugar Skulls gave children a handful of candy if they dared to put their hand inside.



Pirates had a treasure chest of treats to give to trick or treaters during the Oct. 21, Trunk or Treat festivities.



Pia Mupitsi, AKA Bigfoot, was captured during the Comanche Nation's Trunk or Treat Halloween event, and was daring everyone to get a tasty candy treat from him. The Prevention and Recovery Program said they had fun putting on the costume and playing Bigfoot.



Witches fill their cauldron with candy to give to children at the Oct. 21, Comanche Nation Trunk or Treat Halloween event at the Comanche Nation Complex.



CRYS Director, Teresa Lopez, enjoys giving treats to children at the Comanche Nation Trunk or Treat Halloween event at the Comanche Nation Complex.

Military News

What is the meaning of Veterans Day!

Veterans Day carries a special meaning, as Veterans Day approaches. It must never be forgotten the sacrifices Comanche Veterans have made to serve this Great Country in Peacetime and during a time of War. The Comanche People must listen and take pride in Comanche Nation Veterans and listen to the stories what his/her service meant to them.

While Veterans Day will forever be a cause for celebration and a time to honor the sacrifices of veterans, this day is regarded as a day of opportunity—a chance to remind Comanche People about the challenges Comanche Nation Veterans face during and after service, so that it can be ensured they are properly taken care of not only physically but mentally.

On this Veterans Day, please continue to support Comanche Nation Veterans. They are the backbone of this Great Nation. Celebrating their lives and sacrifices is an honor and privilege. This Veterans Day, is to commemorate the sacrifices of those who continue to carry the wounds, both mentally and physically, from their fight for the cause of FREEDOM, some FREEDOMS are enjoyed today, and sometimes taken for granted not knowing the sacrifices they made and the scars they carry.

The (CIVA) Honor all Comanche Nation Veterans on this upcoming Veterans Day. Here are few Comanche Nation Veterans who have answered the call to fight for the cause of FREEDOM, LIBERTY, and JUSTICE:



Courtesy Photo
Glen Heminokeky
LCPL USMC, Jan. 2011- Jun. 2016



Courtesy Photo
Johnny R. Tiddark
CPT USA, 1964-69
USAR, 1970-83



Courtesy Photo
Darrell W. Chrismon
CPL USMC, 1968-70



Courtesy Photo
Baliente S. Herrera
SPC USA, 1997-2004



Courtesy Photo
Anthony B. Beasley
SGT USA, 2000-06



Courtesy Photo
Jessica L. Koweno Frampton
SPC USA, Aug. 23, 2006 - Jul. 18, 2009



Courtesy Photo
Kenneth D. Atauvich
MSGT USAF 1986-2011



Courtesy Photo
Michael R. Squire Jr.
SFC USA 1986-92 & 1994-2013



Courtesy Photo
Richard E. Sapcutt
CPL USMC, 1963-66



Courtesy Photo
Jimmy R. Caddo
SH1 USN, 1952-72



Courtesy Photo
Michael J. Frickie
SSG USA, 1998-present



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Garrison Tahmahkera
A1C USAF, 1958-62



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Vincent Pocowatchit
CPL USMC, 1960-64



Courtesy Photo
Lindsey Houston Griner
SGT USMC, 2003-07



Courtesy Photo
Billy J. Wermly
CPL USA, 1951-53



Courtesy Photo
Lanny Asepermy
SGM USA, 1966-90

CIVA Advisor, George RedElk, presented a Comanche Nation flag to Linda Myers, the widow of the late James "Jim" Myers who passed away on May 7.

A Comanche Nation flag was not available during his funeral services. Honorably discharged Comanche Nation Veterans who passes away will be presented a burial flag by the Veterans Administration and a Comanche Nation flag by the CIVA.



Courtesy Photo
Pictured are CIVA Advisor, George RedElk, Linda Myers and CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko.

Work Day

On September 28, CIVA Veterans held a work day to replace all the flags at the Circle of Honor and the Court of Honor to prepare for the 2022 Comanche Nation Fair. It was a beautiful morning as some of the flag poles needed to be repaired as well to replace all the service flags.



Courtesy Photo



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CIVA Vice-Commander, John McClung, Sgt. Of Arms, Clifford RedElk and Advisor, George Red Elk repairing some flag poles and replacing the service flags at the Circle of Honor and the Court of Honor.

Color Guard Details Quanah Parker Pilgrimage and Declaration

On September 24, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary provided a Color Guard Detail to open of the Quanah Parker Pilgrimage and Declaration which held at the Fort Sill Cemetery. This event was hosted by the Quanah Parker Decendants and Baldwin Parker Jr. Family.

CIVA Monthly Meeting

On October 6, CIVA held it's monthly meeting in the CIVA Patriot Room. A call to order was conducted by CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko. A prayer was given by CIVA Chaplin, Jimmy Ray Caddo, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance by the CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin.

Before the serving of the meal, a birthday recognition was given as our CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, made some delicious meat pies in honor of her mother Jolene Schonchin.



OCT 6 2022 CIVA MONTHLY MEETING
Courtesy Photo

Clifford "Beaver" Takawana, Jolene Schonchin, Victoria Plata, Dominic Pawlowski, and Shirley Pohawpatchoko.

Comanche Nation flag presentation

On September 21, CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, along with Lanny Asepermy and



Courtesy Photo

Presenting the Colors are CIVA Advisor George RedElk, followed by CIVA Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Sgt. Of Arms Clifford RedElk, Secretary Dominic Pawlowski and CIVA Vice Commander John McClung followed by the CIVA Princess Arlene Schonchin, CIVA Auxiliary members Nona Gail Mihecoby and Shirley Pohawpatchoko. Not pictured was CIVA Veteran Ramona Davis.



Courtesy Photo

Newly promoted Major Kent O. Tomah III, carried the U.S. flag during the grand entry on Oct. 1.



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Jaylene Bluesky Tosee and CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin entering the arena followed by the CIVA Auxiliary.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin sings a Comanche Hymn to all in attendance.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Vice- Commander, John McClung holding his first sermon.



Courtesy Photo

Marker showing the original site of Post Oak Mission.

Color Guard Detail Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center

CIVA was invited by the Comanche Nation Elderly Center to take part in a parade at the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center on Flower Mound Road.

Prior to the start of the parade, some Veterans were escorted outside as a few remained inside for the parade.

At 2 p.m., CIVA Color Guard Detail led the parade followed by Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Jaylene Bluesky Tosee and the CIVA Auxiliary.

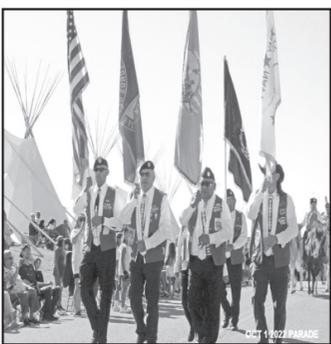


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CIVA Color Guard leading the parade followed by the Comanche Jr. Princess, Jaylene Bluesky Tosee and the CIVA Auxiliary.

CIVA to Honor and Induct of Two Comanche Veterans

This upcoming Veterans Day Ceremony and Celebration two Comanche Veterans will be honored and inducted into the CIVA.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans Kent Tomah III, George RedElk, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, John McClung, Ramonah Davis and Roger Tehauno leading the Comanche Nation Fair Parade.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary on the CIVA float throwing candy to the parade spectators.

3rd Annual Post Oak Mission Ceremony

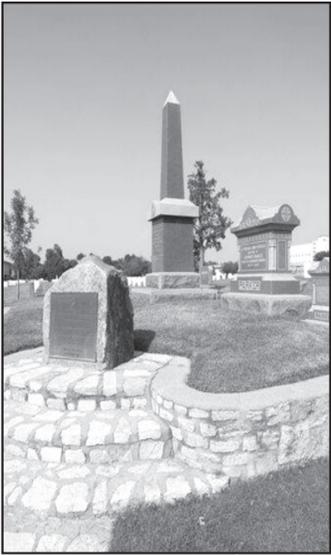
On Sunday, October 9, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary provided a Color Guard Detail for the original historic site of the Post Oak Mission on Fort Sill. All in attendance gathered at the Post Oak Mission in Indianhoma and caravanned to the front entrance of the U.S. Air Force, Falcon Bombing and Gunnery Range on Fort Sill, and escorted to the area where the original mission once stood.

The Color Guard Detail presented the colors and afterwards a Comanche Hymn was sung by our CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin. CIVA Vice-Commander, John McClung held his first sermon at the historic Post site.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko and CIVA Veteran Roger Tehauno providing the Color Guard detail.



Courtesy Photo

2022 Comanche Nation Fair

CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary were busy in preparation of the 2022 Comanche Nation Fair. Thursday evening prior to the kick off of the Comanche Nation Fair, we were all busy decorating our float for the Saturday morning parade.

On Sept. 30, CIVA Veterans raised and lowered the flag of Vernon Griffin who was born on September 26, 1954, and passed away on December 6, 2019, at age 65 years. He served in the Air Force from 1974-98, earning the rank of Master Sergeant.

On Oct. 1, CIVA Veterans raised and lowered the flag of Carl Kenneth Tahah was born on June 26, 1932, and passed away on October 12, 2012, at age 80 years. He in the Navy from 1950-72, earning the grade of Petty Officer First Class.

On Oct. 2, CIVA Veterans raised and lowered the flag of Edmond Lee "Eddie" Mahseet was born on July 16, 1947, and passed away on February 26, 2021, at age 73 years. He served in the Marine Corps from 1964-68, earning the rank of Corporal. He is one of only thirty Comanches to earn the honorary title of *Numu Pukutsi*.

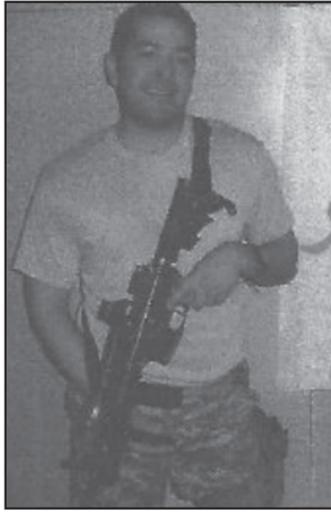
(Photos will be featured in the Special Comanche Nation Fair edition.)

On Sept. 30, and Oct. 1, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary provided the Color Guard Detail to open the Comanche Nation Fair Powwow.



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CIVA Color Guard Detail during Sept. 30 grand entry.



Courtesy Photo

SGT Gregory Cole
SGT Gregory Cole, USA, GWOT with 3rd Infantry Division from 2005-06 in Baghdad, Iraq and from 2008-09 with 82nd Airborne Division also in Baghdad, Iraq.

SGT Cole, took Basic Training at Fort Sill, AIT at Fort Sam Houston, TX as Combat Medic, also stationed at Fort Stewart, GA and Fort Bragg, NC, completed "Jump" School in March 2010,

His awards include Army Commendation (3), Army Achievement (6), Good Conduct (3), Iraq Campaign with 2 Bronze Service Stars, GWOT Expeditionary and Service Medals, Army Service, Overseas Service and NCO Professional Development Ribbons, Parachutist and Combat Medical Badges.



Courtesy Photo

SSG Charles Eatmon

SSG Charles Eatmon, USA 2001-Retired, Served combat tours in Iraq and Afghanistan w/3rd Infantry Division, 75th Ranger Battalion & 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment, also served at Fort Benning, Ga.

SSG Eatmon's previous assignments include: 1st Battalion, 15th Infantry "Can Do" Regiment C Company 2nd Battalion 69th Armored Regiment 3rd Brigade Combat team "A" Company, 2nd Battalion 75th Ranger Regiment, 2nd Battalion, 11th Infantry Regiment.

SSG Eatmon served as a Team Leader, Rifle Squad Leader, Weapons Squad Leader, Platoon Sergeant, 2/11 Infantry Battalion Operation NCO, 618 awarded the Expert and Combat Infantryman Badges.

SSG Eatmon's awards include: Purple Heart (2 awards), Legion of Merit, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal (3rd award)

Army Commendation Medal (8 awards), Army Achievement (6th award), Army Good Conduct Medal (7th award), National Defense Service, Global War on Terrorism, Iraq Campaign (2) and Afghanistan Campaign Medals (1 Bronze Campaign Star), NCODP and Army h Dental Company Operations and Training NCO, NCOIC Allen Dental Clinic, Ft. Sill Oklahoma, NCOIC DC#3 Ft. Riley Kansas, NCOIC 1st Term Dental Readiness (FTDR) Boak Clinic, Clinical Operation NCOIC, Dental Technician NCO. Service Ribbons, Army Overseas Ribbon (6 numeral device), Meritorious Unit Citation, Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Superior Unit Award, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, Drivers/Mechanic (Wheeled), German Schutzenschnur Marksman-ship Badge (Gold).

SSG Eatmon's grandfather, Phillip Herrera was a Korean and Vietnam War combat wounded veteran

Numu Pukutsi- Honoring the Elite Veterans of the Comanche Nation

1,075 Comanches have served in the military since 1878 including 38 scouts at Fort Sill from 1891-97. 58 Comanches served during WWI including 23 in Europe as seven were wounded in action. Our Comanche Code Talkers were awarded the Congressional Gold Medal for their service in WWII and Comanches have fought in the Korean, Vietnam and the Persian Gulf Wars and currently 42 Comanches have served in either Iraq or Afghanistan.

There are 30 known Comanche Veterans who have been decorated for gallantry, heroism, valor or have fought and killed the enemy in Hand-to-Hand Combat.

With a lot of hard work, Lanny Asepermy reached out to Bubba Sovo and Comanche Business Committee Treasure, John David Wahnee to compose a song to honor or *Numu Pukutsi's*. On March 25, CBC Treasure John David Wahnee reported to Lanny Asepermy the *Numu Pukutsi* song is ready. The *Numu Pukutsi* song will debut during the CIVA Annual Veterans Day Powwow and Celebration which will be held on November 11, at Watchetaker Hall.

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 our Comanche Veterans Master List. Our 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!



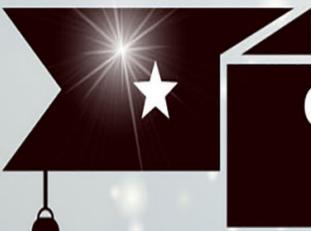
Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

WOMAN WARRIORS!!!! Comanche Tribal Veterans, Eleanor McDaniel and Rhonda Williams, being honored at the 3rd Annual KCA Veterans Pow-wow, held at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Expo Center, in Lawton, Okla. This year the celebration was honoring "Woman Warriors," of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes. McDaniel served in the U.S. Army earning the rank of Specialist 4. She is the first Comanche woman to serve in actual combat. Williams served in the U.S. Army earning the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Both women are just a few of the Comanche Nation's "Woman Warriors."

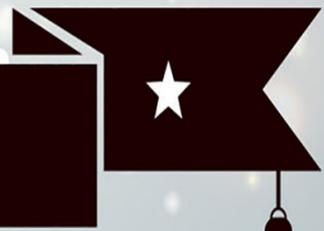


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U.S. Army, Bronze Star with Valor Device, Vietnam War
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U.S. Army, Bronze Star with Valor Device, Vietnam War
- Rudolph Kosechequetah**
U.S. Army, Soldier's Medal, Vietnam War
- Phillip Roger Jr.**
U.S. Army, Soldiers Medal, Vietnam War
- Amos Makes Cry**
U.S. Army, Commendation Medal with Valor Device, Vietnam War
- Kristopher Wermly**
U.S. Army, Commendation Medal with Valor Device, War on Terror, Iraq and Afghanistan Campaign
- Leland Parker**
U.S. Marine Corps, USN/USMC Achievement Medal with Valor Device, Vietnam War
- Lindsey Griner**
U.S. Marine Corps, USN/USMC Achievement Medal with Valor Device, War on Terror, Iraq Campaign
- Ron Mahsetky**
U.S. Marine Corps, Hand to Hand Combat with the Enemy, Vietnam War

DECEASED NUMU PUKUTSI'S

- Calvin Atchavit**
U.S. Army, Distinguished Service Cross, WWI
- Edward Louis Clark**
U.S. Marine Corps, Silver Star, USN/USMC Commendation Medal with Valor Device, WWII
- Lee Toquohty**
U.S. Army, Silver Star, Korean War
- Meech Tahsequah**
U.S. Air Force, Distinguished Flying Cross, WWII, Korean War
- Vincent Myers Sr.**
U.S. Air Force, Distinguished Flying Cross, WWII
- Edwin Chappabitty**
U.S. Army, Bronze Star with Valor Device and Oak Leaf Cluster, Army Commendation Medal with Valor Device, Vietnam War
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- Joshua Ware**
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Quanah Parker Pilgrimage

Preserving the Legacy of Quanah Parker

Story and Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

On Sept. 24, the descendants of the late Quanah Parker and family members of the late Baldwin Parker Jr., hosted a Pilgrimage of Quanah Parker.

The pilgrimage was a effort to perserve and share the legacy of the late Quanah Parker. Parker was very important in Comanche history.

Parker was the son of a Comanche Warrior, Peta Nacona and Comanche captive, Cynthia Ann Parker.

A motorcade traveled the same path of Parker from the Cache area to the Fort Sill Cemetery, in which Parker is currently buried.

A memorial ceremony was held at the cemetery with the CIVA serving as color guard, presenting the American, Oklahoma, and the Comanche flags. Apporiate songs were sung by Kevin Sovo and fellow drummers.

Fort Sill Garrison Commander, Col. Peay, rendered remarks on behalf of Fort Sill Military and Comanche Chairman, Mark Wommavovah, rendered remarks on behalf of the Comanche Nation. A bugler from Fort Sill played TAPS, as both men stood at attention while saluting.

After the ceremony and a lite lunch attendees traveled to the original homesite of Parker, which located north of Cache on Fort Sill Military's west range.

All who visited the homesite were allowed to walk around the area and view what is left and still in exitence of the homesite, such as the sidewalk leading to the foundation of the home, two water wells, and his official mark which was seen on the sidewalk.

According to Don Parker, who is the Great-Great Grandson of Quanah Parker; "The events were spiritual and deeply moving, at the homesite. It is certain that the fireplace where Quanah shared many peyote meetings with other tribes was located. Thanks to Paula Karty and her sister Cricket Karty for their initial sighting."

At the grave site, songs baffled the morning air with cedar and prayer. It was a great day to honor a great man, said Parker.

Parker said, "Quanah and other Comanche leaders taught this way of song and prayer throughout indian country to help cope with some of the most difficult times of living in another society."

Sandra Chesnut, the Great-great Granddaughter of Quanah said, "This celebration meant so much to me, and I just want to give a big thank you to all of those that supported this event, starting with the Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Wommavovah, Lawton Mayor, Stan Booker, Fort Sill Garrison Commander, Col. Peay, the CIVA, and all the family and friends that came from numerous places, that came and helped support this legacy."

The day was a good learning experience about Comanche history and to see what is acutally still in exitence to-day.



Quanah Parker

Courtesy Photo



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The headstone of the late Quanah Parker adorned with his photos during the Pilgrimage ceremony held Sept. 24, at his gravesite at Fort Sill Cemetery.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Headstone of Comanche captive, Cynthia Ann Parker and mother of the late Quanah Parker. She is buried right next to her son, both gravesites are located at the Fort Sill Cemetery at Fort Sill, Okla.

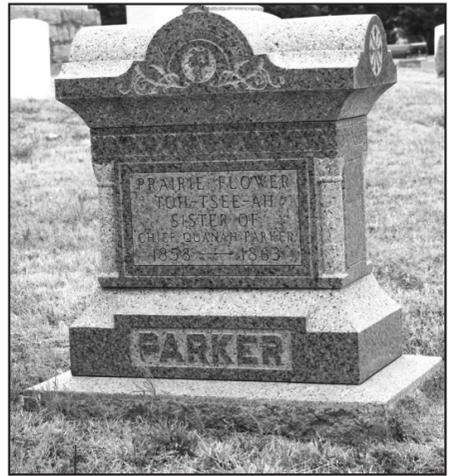


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Headstone of Toh-tsee-ah (Prairie Flower), the sister of Parker. She is buried next to her mother, which is also at the Fort Sill Cemetery, located at Fort Sill, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Quanah Parker's official mark, which is a circle within a circle, still appears on the sidewalk at the official homesite of Parker, located on the west range of the Fort Sill Army Base at Fort Sill, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Official sidewalk leading up to what is left of the foundation of the home of Parker. The sidewalk is still in existence at the homesite located on Fort Sill Army Base's west range.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Members of the CIVA by the grave of the late Quanah Parker holding the American, Comanche, Oklahoma and Military flags, while the Comanche Flag song was being sung.

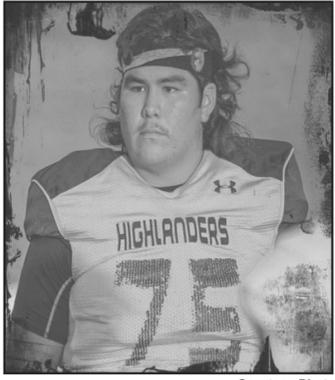


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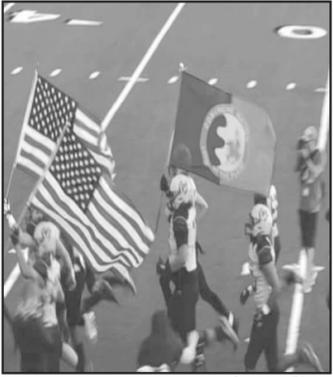
Fort Sill Garrison Commander, Col. Peay and Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Wommavovah, salute while TAPS was being rendered at the gravesite of the late Quanah Park.

People, Places, & Things Happening

Tahbonemah Receives Offers from Seven Universities and Counting



Courtesy Photo



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Caden Tahbonemah-Mac

Caden Tahbonemah, son of Ameer Pahcheka Tahbonemah, Grandson of Lanny and Shelley Asepermy, is a senior at MacArthur High School. Tahbonemah is team Captain of the MacArthur Highlander Football team and is active in the leadership class of 2023 and is apart of student council.

Tahbonemah has gotten football offers from: Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Southeastern Oklahoma Sate University, Oklahoma Baptist University, University of Central Oklahoma, Arkansas Tech University, University of Central Arkansas and Missouri Western University, and Recruitment is still open.

Morris, Placed Second in the Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association



Courtesy Photo

Kaleb Morris

Comanche Nation Tribal member, Kaleb Morris, has been racing dirt bikes since he was six years old. On October 16, he placed second in the OCCRA, where he supports and is a proud Comanche Nation Tribal member.

He makes A's and B's in school all while playing football and basketball. His parents are so proud of him and love him very much.

2022 Fall/Winter Open Handgame Schedule Oklahoma vs Crow

Dates	Sponsors & Location
November 9	Kiowa Kickers Handgame Team Kiowa Tribal Complex Carnegie, OK
November 10	North Spur Heights Handgame team Watchetaker Hall, Comanche Tribal Headquarters

November 11 Bearshield Family

Clinton, OK
Joe Fish and Family

Kiowa Tribal Complex
Carnegie, OK

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Tribal Youth Place First and Second in Museum Art Contest



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Jonah Cole and Kyleigh Davidson Win FAM Contest

Congratulations to Comanche tribal members Jonah Cole, fifth grade, and Kyleigh Davidson, eighth grade. They placed first and second at the Youth Art Contest at the First American Museum on Oct. 10, Indigenous Day.

Tribal Member Dezirae Monoessy awarded pitcher of the year



Courtesy Photo

Dezirae Monoessy

The Elgin Lady Owls finished their season with a 27-11 record. Tribal member, Dezirae Monoessy, has been evolving and grinding daily to become the best version of herself for the team. Monoessy's hard work is paying off as she was just awarded Pitcher of the Year.

Monoessy is the daughter of Anthony and Bonnie Monoessy.

Tribal Member Jhane Myers Nominated for the Third time for an Emmy



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Jhane Myers

Congratulations to Tribal member Jhane Myers, for her third Rocky Mountain Emmy nomination and second win!

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VISIT TO GREAT GRANDFATHER'S MEMORIAL. Samantha Jade Wade, 28 years old, is the great granddaughter of Comanche veteran, the late Meech Tahsequah. She visited the Korean Memorial in Washington D.C. on his birthday to pay tribute to him on behalf of her family. Wade is between classes at Florida State University where she already has an a Bachelor Degree in the Junior Justice System, Criminology, and Sociology. She has taken a vacation to Washington D.C. to visit all of the war memorials, the White House and Arlington Cemetery. On her return from vacation she will start back at FSU to earn a Masters Degree in Sociology. She wants a career in helping children.

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INDIGENOUS Peoples' Day

Lawton's Indigenous People's Day Committee and Cameron University's Native American Student Association held day of Celebration, recognizing community leaders, holding a series of discussion panels of various Native topics, and had a session of round dance.



Schonchin

Meet the 2022 Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Princess

Arlene Schonchin, 13, attends Elgin Middle School, and is the 2022-2023 Comanche Indian Veteran Association (CIVA) Princess. She is a proud member of the Comanche Nation, and is of Modoc, Piute and Klamath descent. She is the daughter of Jolene Jimenez Schonchin (1988 Comanche Princess) and Lynn Schonchin Jr. Her maternal grandparents are the late Arlene Wockmetoah Jimenez (1945 Comanche Princess) and Joe "Papa Joe" Jimenez. Her paternal grandparents are the late Lynn Schonchin Sr., and Linda Jimenez (1960 Klamath Tribal Princess) of Chiloquin, Oregon. Her maternal great grandparents are the late Lillie Teyyah and the late Roy Wockmetoah. She is a descendant of Chief Wildhorse and Chief Whitewolf (Esa Rosa) on her maternal side, and is a descendant of Schonchin John (Modoc) on her paternal side.

Academically, she is listed as a Gifted & Talented student and is on the Jr. National Honor Society, as well as the Principal's Honor Roll. She plays soccer for Elgin Middle School and has been playing since Pre-K.

Her military legacy includes her maternal grandfather – Ronny Wockmetoah – US Navy; maternal great grandfather – John Allen Pratt – US Army; maternal great grandfather – Chester Teyyah – US Army; maternal grandfather – Carl Tahah – US Navy; paternal grandfather – Lynn Schonchin Sr. – US Army – 1st Armored / Ft. Hood, Texas- Modoc Tribe; paternal grandfather – Billy Sunday – US Navy - Klamath, Modoc, Piute tribes; and paternal grandfather – Ramon Jimenez – US Marines - Klamath, Modoc, Piute tribes.

Her great grandmother, Lillie Teyyah, is a founding auxiliary member of CIVA.

Schonchin has participated in powwows and began dancing in the arena since she was one, being brought in the arena at the 2010 Comanche Nation Fair. She has been the Head Little Girl Dancer for several powwows, and has placed in her dance category at several powwows. She performed with the Comanche Nation at the National Museum of the American Indian on November 27, 2014, at the age of five, performing the Lord's Prayer in Native Sign Language to an audience of over 1,000 people, and demonstrating several powwow dances. She has also demonstrated a variety of powwow dances at many schools and national events, including Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas, the International Festival, Lawton Okla., the Apache Rattlesnake Festival in Apache, Okla., and Palo Duro Canyon, Amarillo, Texas, with her family and with the Comanche Youth Dancers. In addition, she performs traditional Mexican Dances with the Mexican Folkloric Dancers group.

She loves to sing and lead Comanche hymns, and has performed the Lord's Prayer, the Hail Mary prayer, and the National Anthem in sign language at various events. She is a student of the Comanche language class in Elgin Middle School, and has learned to say words and phrases in the Comanche language growing up.

She is an active member of her Church, Blessed Sacrament in Lawton, Okla., and was the 2019-2022 American Indian Catholic Outreach Princess. If she is not at a powwow or playing soccer, she is at home reading or in the kitchen cooking or baking.

She is proud to represent Comanche veterans through CIVA.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Kiowa, Comanche and Apache (KCA) Veterans Organization retrieves the flags during the opening ceremony of Indigenous People's Day, Oct. 10, at Lawton City Hall.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The 2022 Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya, center, is flanked by the 2022 Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Princess, Arlene Schonchin, and the 2022 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Bluesky Tosee, along with dignitaries and special guest for Indigenous Peoples Day. From left, Julian Killfirst, Student Ambassador of the Year, Kiowa Tribal Chairman, Lawrence Spottingbird, the City of Lawton Mayor, Stan Booker, and Special Guest, Erica Bread.



Courtesy Photo

Julian Killfirst proudly displays his Indigenous Peoples Day Ambassador of the Year Award, surrounded by veterans of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes. Killfirst enrolled in the ROTC class at his school, and was denied entry unless he cut his hair. He contacted the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, along with other tribal leaders, and he presented his case and had the denial overturned. He is now enrolled in ROTC.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Recipient of the Indigenous Woman of the Year Award, Bonnie Lemon, director of the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Program. Her dedication to Native health, sobriety, and mental wellness was recognized.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Recipient of the Student Ambassador Award, Julian Killfirst. It is being presented by the Comanche Nation Vice Chairman and founder of the Indigenous People's Day Committee, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy.



Photo by Heaven Williams/News Staff

Several singers came together for a series of round dance songs during the Oct. 10, Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration at Cameron University. The crowd enjoyed the beautiful songs and ladies danced around the drum.

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Milestones

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October - Joseph Wesley
 October 3 - Julia Aguilera
 October 8 - Camila Rodriguez-Gilliam
 October 12 - Lynden Gibson
 October 23 - Hoss Defate
 October 25 - Philip R. Gilliam

Happy Birthday!

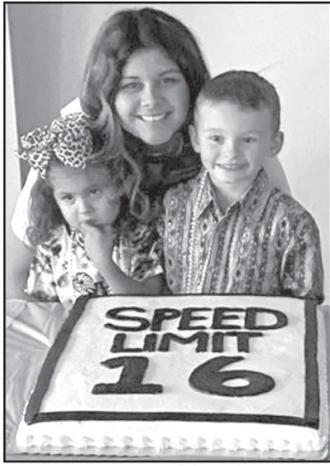


November - Pauline Hawzipta
 November - Victoria Petronico
 November - Kenzi Lynn Faith
 November 2 - Wesley Kopadny "Happy 29th Birthday!"
 November 4 - Angela Rochelle Knox
 November 4 - Rosalind Nauri Asetamy
 November 4 - Adalie Martinez
 November 5 - Sweet Laurenzana
 November 6 - Derrick Nauni
 November 6 - Happy Heavenly Birthday Carolyn 'Cricket' Stillwell "Love and Miss You!"
 November 4 - (12th Birthday) Nieve Famer; November 6 - (16th Birthday) Shiann Famer; November 7 - (14th Birthday) Quanah Famer "You are the best babies a mother could ever have, your Dad and I want you to win at everything your heart desires. Love Mom, Dad, and Grandpa Ron!"
 November 11 - Keith Satepehtaw
 November 13 - Hannah Owens
 November 14 - Josiah Jones
 November 19 - Elaine Kihega
 November 20 - Danny Nauni
 November 22 - William Oldham "Happy 13th Birthday!"
 November 22 - Elizabeth Robles
 November 24 - Cherry Martinez
 November 25 - Noble Paddyaker
 November 26 - Jackie Wahnee
 November 28 - Jason Dalby
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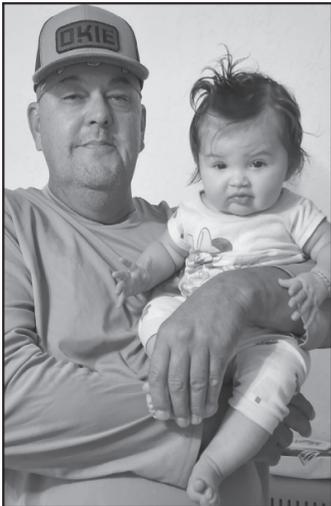
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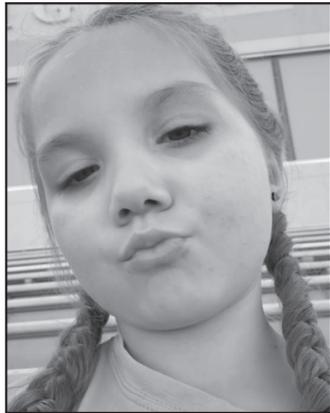
Happy Belated 4th Birthday
 Camila Rodriguez-Gilliam
 October 8
 ~Happy 4th Birthday Love Mom & Dad



Happy Belated 5th Birthday
 Lynden Gibson
 October 12



Happy Belated 56th Birthday
 Hoss Defate
 October 23



Happy 7th Birthday
 Victoria Petronico
 November
 ~You make our days brighter with every smile!



Happy 96th Birthday
 Pauline Hawzipta
 November
 ~Mama, today we wish you the happiest of birthdays. We love and cherish you. Thank you for teaching about the Lord, discipline, kindness, forgiveness and loving us unconditionally. Love Mary, Donna, Lee, and all our family.



Happy 8th Birthday
 Kenzi Lynn Faith
 November
 ~Love Momma and Daddy



Happy 4th Birthday
 Adalie Martinez
 November 4



Happy 24th Birthday
 Sweet Laurenzana
 November 5
 ~Happy Birthday Sweet Girl. From Dad Cobb, your two moms Mary & Diana



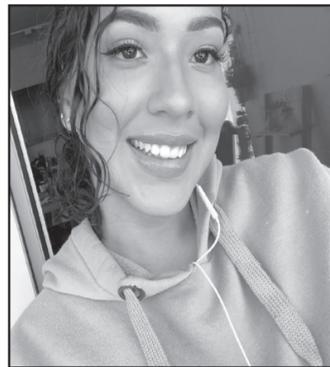
Happy 33rd Birthday
 Keith Satepehtaw
 November 11
 ~From mom, pops, all 6 siblings, and Gma Sondra. We love you bubba!!



Happy 15th Birthday
 Hannah Owens
 November 13
 ~We love you Daddy, Momma, and Paige



Happy 2nd Birthday
 Josiah Jones
 November 14



Happy Birthday
 Elizabeth Robles
 November 22



Happy 36th Birthday
 Cherry Martinez
 November 24



Happy 30th Birthday
 Noble Paddyaker
 November 25
 ~Happy 30th Birthday Noble Paddyaker! Your name fits you and we love you SO much. Love, Your Best Friend & Onaa



Happy Birthday
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 November 28
 ~Happy Birthday Dad! From all your kid's!



Happy Birthday
 Gabby
 November 30



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Lena Calfy



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Lena Calfy, 78, Walters, Okla.

Funeral Service was at Church of the Nazarene, Walters, Okla., October 1, Rev. Paul Metcalfe officiating. A Prayer Service was held at Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home in Walters, Ed Eschiti officiating.

Lena Ann (Chockpoyah) Calfy was born to Lee and Alice Lorean (Hicks) Chockpoyah on February 16, 1944, northeast of Walters, Okla., and departed this life in Lawton, Okla., on Sept. 25, at the age of 78 years, seven months and nine days.

Calfy grew up northeast of Walters on Beaver Creek and attended Lone Star School until transferring to Walters to begin her freshman year. She graduated from WHS in 1962. Calfy married Michael Monzell "Mike" Calfy on July 6, 1962, in Walters where they have made their home and raised four kids. Through the years she worked at a factory in Frederick, worked at the city library and was a teacher's aide at WPS. In the '80s she co-owned E & L Snack Shack and later owned the Wagon Wheel Restaurant. She also helped Mike build a few houses. In the 1990s she attended college, receiving her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Art from Cameron University in 1999 and went on to get her Master of Arts in Teaching in 2001.

Calfy was very active in her church with children and youth ministries for many years and in 2006 received her

Elder Ordination from the Church of the Nazarene in Oklahoma City. She pastored the Emerson Nazarene Church west of Walters for a number of years and has since served as Associate Pastor at The Church of the Nazarene in Walters.

Calfy enjoyed reading, painting, drawing, playing dominos with her sisters and simply enjoyed time with her family most of all. She also enjoyed serving the Comanche Nation on the Housing Board and the traveling she experienced while on the board.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Lee and Alice Chockpoyah; and two sisters, Connie and Lou.

Survivors include her husband, Mike, of the home; four children and spouses, Mike Jr. and Lori Calfy of Edmond, Okla., Shiela and Dan Swanner of Oklahoma City, Fonda and Jim Keesee of Walters, Chris Fletcher and Brittanni McMenamin of Chickasha, Okla.; two brothers, Fred Chockpoyah of Walters, Eddie and Rose Chockpoyah of Grandfield, Okla.; five sisters, Marie "Midge" Sevier of Moore, Okla., Lavera Thompson, Sylvia Jean Ricketts, Geraldine Gray all of Walters and Jessie Foster of Comanche, Okla.; 16 grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, other relatives and a host of friends.

Dakota Levi Howlingcrane "Redfist"



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Howlingcrane

Dakota Levi Howlingcrane, "Redfist", was born on Nov. 28, 1998, to Jeanette Riggs Howlingcrane II in Lawton, he passed from this life on Oct. 5, after an

extended illness, with his family by his side.

Howlingcrane, attended school at Riverside Indian School and also attended schools in Dallas and Lawton. For most of his life he lived with and was raised by his grandfather James A. Howlingcrane III in Anadarko. His grandfather, James, gave him his Indian name "Redfist" upon his birth. Howlingcrane was an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and was also of the Cheyenne-Arapaho and Kiowa tribes. He was a direct descendant of Cheyenne Chief Black Kettle and Descendant of the Survivors of the Sand Creek Massacre. He was a firm believer in Christ, well versed in scripture and was a member of Virginia Avenue Baptist Church in Anadarko.

Howlingcrane was an outdoorsman who loved hunting and fishing. He enjoyed camping on the family property at the river place located in Thomas. He loved attending powwows and listening to all types of music. He was also an avid gamer, who had a wide network of friends across the US. He also enjoyed cooking and his siblings often called him for his famous recipes. While living in Dallas, he was forced to become a Dallas Cowboys fan by his Annah Terri Mack McClung but he preferred connecting with his friends through online gaming. He was an animal lover and had many pets including dogs, cats, ducks, chickens and his horse, Brownie. Howlingcrane will be most remembered for his sense of humor, his infectious laugh and as an exceptional conversationalist who loved talking to friends and family.

Howlingcrane, leaves behind his companion of the home, Abby Nicole Silverhorn, brother Adrian Ma'ehveh'geses Howlingcrane, sister Nadia Ann Howlingcrane and brother Nathan James Howlingcrane, his beloved nieces and nephew, Angelina Mya Howlingcrane of Oklahoma City, Annalise Joy of Tulsa, Aiden Kias Howlingcrane of Arizona and a special niece, Noella Rayn Anderson, daughter of his cousin, Melanie Whitewolf, of Medicine Park, he also leaves behind his grand-uncles, Tim Howlingcrane of Kansas, Stacey Howlingcrane of Clinton, Okla., Bart Williams

of Minnesota and grand-aunt Irene Edwards of New Mexico. He will be greatly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and his Annahs (grandmothers).

He is preceded in death by his mother, Jeanette Riggs Howlingcrane II and his grandparents, James A. Howlingcrane III and Katy Ann Karty Howlingcrane.

A Wake service was officiated by Gary Tomahsah on Oct. 11. Funeral service was officiated by Brother Justin Doughty, on Oct. 12. Wake, and Funeral was held at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home with burial followed at Highland Cemetery, Lawton.

Linda Ecker



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Ecker

Linda Ecker went to be with her heavenly Father on Sept. 14, with her loving family by her side.

The funeral service was Sept. 16, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home with Billy Komachee officiating. Burial followed at Deyo Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Ecker was born in Lawton on May 2, 1943, to Robert and Alene (Werqueyah) Geionety. She attended Cache High School. She worked in the nursing field for 25 years and having to retire because of health reasons. She loved going to hand games, playing bingo, going to

casino and cooking Sunday Dinners. She was baptized and a member of the River of Life Fellowship. She was a member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and was also of Kiowa descent.

Ecker is survived by: daughter Lorrie Fox of the home, two grandsons: Jordan and Nile Fox; brother Hugh Peabashy Jr.; two very special friends that she loved as sisters Gwendalyn "Biddy girl" Komachee and Ruth Pickup; many nieces, nephews who she enjoyed being with.

She is preceded in death by: parents Alene and Robert Geionety; grandparents: Day and Pearl Werqueyah; sister Doris Edge, brother Burnell and Dany Pueblo. The family would like to thank all the nurses and hospice staff for all the care and love that was shown to their mother.

Noma Sue Jones Stephens

Noma Sue Jones Stephens, 78, of Big Spring, passed away Sept. 16, at her residence.

She was born February 27, 1944, in Lawton, Okla. to Edward and Ramona Jones. She was a graduate of Big Spring High School. She graduated Lawton Oklahoma Vo-Tech of Nursing and received her LVN and then RN degree.

Stephens, worked for McDowell Ranch as a bookkeeper and the Area Agency of Aging in Big Spring, Texas. She also worked as a Hospice Nurse and at Cedar Crest Minor as DON in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Stephens is survived by three sons: Chuck Stephens and Brandi of Stilwell, Kan., Shawn Stephens and wife Lou of Snyder, Oklahoma and Edward Stephens of Sterling, Oklahoma; one brother: Bart Jones and wife Mary of Durango, Colorado and one sister: Amber Jones of Big Spring, Texas; along with eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one son: Charles Brett Stephens; her father: Edward Jones; her mother: Ramona Carter and her grandparents.

Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

Dear TCNN,

Thank you to Chairman Woomavovah for taking the time to visit with two of our out of state *Numunu*. Thank you for the T-shirts, the Comanche Nation flags, Coins of Excellence, the "Indian Runner" book and the information you provided to them. Michael Waddle (*Numu Pukutsi* from Berryville, Ark.) and his niece, Kristin (from Gilbert Ariz.) were overwhelmed (so was George Red Elk and me).

The CIVA Princess, Arlene, also met with our visitors and sang a Comanche hymn to them. We concluded the day with a visit and cedar blessing by Edmond Nevaquaya at my home. Edmond also presented our "visitors" with a Doc Tate print. It was a great day to be *Numunu* - Comanche Strong!

Julia - Thank You on the Cares Act status, the rental assistance is for Edward Wallace, and the home repairs is for Michael and Kristin.

**With Respect and gratitude,
Lanny Asepermy**

Dear TCNN,
Halito.

Saholhchifoat Sonya Frazier. Chikasha micha Chata sia. Hello. My name is Sonya Frazier. I am Chickasaw and Choctaw. I am so proud and humbled to address you as the first President of the Oklahoma Indigenous Nurses Association (OINA). The past few years have been challenging for the 39 Tribes in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. Especially for our families, our culture and our Indigenous communities. Many recent events have been a reflection of our traumatic history causing deep seeded wounds to reopen. But like with any infected wound, it will need to be cleaned with love and healed from the inside out with the help of Indigenous nurses.

Indigenous nurses have always been and still are the natural healers of their communities. To address the inequalities related to Indigenous communities and health will always begin with knowing and understanding the history. As Indigenous nurses, we are unique in so many ways, not only individually but culturally and spiritually too. We must have a balance of understanding of the two worlds we live in every day. The western world and the Indigenous world. With

strong, empowered Indigenous voices, we need to be united to address issues such as racism, diversity, inequity, and inclusivity to the American Nurses Association and Oklahoma Nurses Association and Indigenous nursing research.

OINA was created during a time of much needed healing and to give a platform for Native Nurses to share, learn and heal together along with our Non-Native relatives. Indigenous knowledge and scientific knowledge is a restorative combination. To restore the old ways with the new ways. We are asking you to join OINA because representation matters. We want to encourage and inspire our relatives to unite to share their Indigenous knowledge and wisdom from the 39 Resilient Sovereign Nations. We must continue to advocate and represent our ancestors, families, and communities in a good way. We are all related and our minds are one. Please encourage ALL nurses serving your Indigenous community to join the OINA circle of healing at <https://ona.nursingnetwork.com> or like us on Facebook at Oklahoma Indigenous Nurses Association.

**Yakoke,
Sonya Frazier RN, BSN
Chickasaw/Choctaw
President
Oklahoma Indigenous Nurse Association**

Dear TCNN,

Comanche Dances:

A Brief History of the Scalp and Victory Dances from the Ida Attocknie Family

The knowledge of various Comanche songs and dances have been kept by the Attocknie Family for generations; Such as Scalp , Victory and *Tu Wii* ; The Black Knife War Society songs and dances belonging to the *Yaparuhka* Root Eater Band , Northern Most Band of Comanches. Comanche Scalp and Victory dance has been a staple of the *Paque Ohaw Pith* Yellowfish Descendants dance which takes place annually in Apache, Oklahoma. It is integral we honor our histories and continue to dance and sing.

The history and stories of the Scalp and Victory Dance songs and protocols have been taught and shared over Seven Generations. As a family who are so fortunate to have been taught the



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Pictured: Ida Asah, Isa Attocknie, and Lula-Jean Black Owl. Granddaughters of Albert Attocknie.

knowledge and meanings of what we sing and dance. It is also our responsibility share with the *Numunu* who wish to learn. What I am sharing are from stories and oral histories shared to myself and my family by our *Kahku*, *Tsohs* Ida Attocknie and Francis Joseph (Joe A.) Attocknie. Who were taught by their father Albert Attocknie. All the song knowledge, and history came from firsthand accounts by Albert's mother Quer-her-pitty.

Attire

The Red and Blue Dresses at one time were exclusively worn by *Numunu Waipuh* .

Eka Kwahsuu - Red Wing Dresses - women of the Yapite refer to these as their "Mean Woman dresses". These dresses were worn by the wives, sisters, and daughters, of the warriors and *Tu Wii* Black Knife Society men. Historically, these women could ride alongside their menfolk into raids ; and in turn dance alongside the men celebrating their bravery. These dresses are now commonly referred to as Red and Blues and are only worn during *Tuu Wii* , Scalp and Victory dance. At one time not every woman wore a red and blue and it was not a dress for just any occasion.

It is important to note these Comanche Dances can be interpreted in four phases. I Scalp Dance, II Scalp

Dance second part, III Victory , and IV Giveaway. Each dance is accompanied by their own set of appropriate songs.

I Scalp Dance

Firstly, Scalp and consequently Victory dance are not social dances. Scalp Dance is an honor dance, danced by the honoree's women folk. That only took place after men returned from a raid or battle Unharmred. Scalp dance is comprised of two parts The first songs are slower tempo, where the women are reenacting the tracking of an enemy.

Dancers lead with their left foot moving in a zig zag motion towards the center. The staff's women carry belong to the men they are honoring. Held above the ground (Never touching the ground) When dancing the staff is held in a downwards motion, striking intentionally in time with the drum. In the center were war trophies i.e., Scalps. We dance towards the center which represents "the enemy". Women approach the center and back away towards edge. This exemplifies the old saying Comanches Never Turn Their Back On The Enemy.

II Scalp Dance

The Second phase of Scalp dance are songs with a fast and lively tempo, in which the women are "reenacting the battle". These songs have breaks that the women continue to dance through. Demonstrating warriors

relenting attack methods in battle.

III Victory Dance

Victory Dance Symbolizes "the capture" and honors the men who returned from battle Unscathed. If there was an injury or casualty these dances did not take place. Comanches did not celebrate injury or defeat, and it is considered disrespectful to dance while others Mourm.

Historically, the honored warrior would dance alongside the women, the whole camp would join in the Victory dance, even the singers would dance if they so chose. Now it is common for women to honor a veteran and dance alongside one another (man, woman, man, woman) with the woman leading. dancers move counterclockwise, (Leading with right foot, moving both feet individually, unlike and not to be mistaken with the motion of the round dance). On the honor beats the dancers raise their war trophies , staffs ; and ululate and war hoop showing their pride and honoring the warrior's deeds.

IV Giveaway - Final part

Post - Allotment era families would host Victory dances, honoring their sons who returned from war. All of which were elaborate doings, that took a great deal of preparation on the families' behalf. A family of such means would host the dance, feed, and after the dances an expensive giveaway would take place. The host family would give away almost all their worldly possessions. Honoring the returned warrior by sharing their wealth with the community and encouraging invited families, to take what they please from the host family's Tipi. In true Comanche tradition, give aways demonstrate gratitude through generosity and reciprocity.

At one time each band had their own songs, dances, societies, and teachings. This is the historic account of Comanche Woman's' Scalp Dance, Victory Dance; and *Tu Wii* dance , from the Attocknie family oral histories of Comanche songs and dances belonging to the *Yaparuhka* (The Root Eater) band of Comanches. Shared by the Grand Daughter of Ola Mae Asah, Great-Grand Daughter of Ida Attocknie.

**Kayla Bointy-Poafpybitty
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Pow-wow in the Park

People Gather on Oct. 8, at Medicine Park, Okla. to Honor Veterans and Remember Children Lost



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ABOVE: Dancers and members of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Veterans Organization (KCA) gourd dance and enjoy a celebration of a Pow-wow in the Park, honoring veterans and remembering Children Lost held at Medicine Park, Okla. LEFT: Comanche tribal member, Vickie Wiedaman and tribal youth, Amaras Karty, dance together at the Pow-wow in the Park., held Oct. 8 in Medicine Park, Okla.




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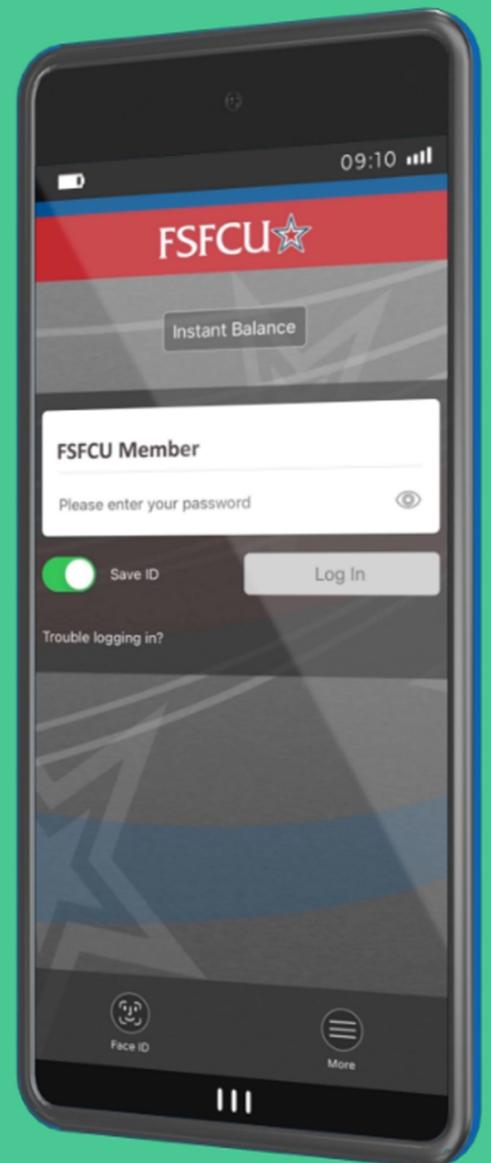
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