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Attendees of the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair will see some changes this year.



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The famous row of tipis that symbolize the Comanche Nation Fair will be put up the end of September to commemorate the Comanche Nation Fair celebration, which will take place Sept. 29-Oct. 1.

By Natascha Mercadante/NewsStaff

As summer comes to an end, Comanche tribal members near and far are preparing for the annual Comanche Nation Fair where tribal members gather to celebrate their culture. The Comanche Nation Fair will run from Friday, Sept. 29, through Sunday, Oct. 1, with some events starting the week prior.

A new Fair Board was elected the end of 2022, and they are making some changes to help make the fair more accommodating for everyone.

President of Comanche Nation Fair Board, June Kester said the land run will have an online registration this year.

"Registration will be strictly enforced," she said. "So, if they come on the day of to set up, they will just be stopped, and then we can register them on-site. If somebody happens to try to set up camp where there's somebody else registered, we'll just move them and help them register for their own site."

She said they're still work-

ing on getting registration ready.

"We're currently working extremely hard with law enforcement and with the IT department on our camper registration," Kester said. "That is set to go live on September 1, and we also have an event set up with the Elder's Council so that we, as the fair board, can help be there to assist our elders when it is time for them to register for campsites."

She said they measured sites to ensure room for a car, tent and anything else campers might need.

"They'll be numbered, and they'll be rows, and they'll be more organized," Kester said. "So, when you go on the website and you pick your site, you'll be able to, when get on site, you'll be able to see your number, you'll see your location."

Annual events are still active this year; however, there won't be a rodeo, a softball tournament or a music festival.

"Most of the annual events; the golf tournament, the carnival, of course, will be up and running, and our powwow, which is the center of

the fair, will be up and running for the three days, and we'll have children's activities," she said.

There will be a horseshoe tournament and cornhole, a parade and hot dogs after the parade.

Kester said they have everything in the works and are wrapping up event fliers and a schedule of events.

"We're hoping that this will open it up for more employees to be able to go and, of course, more visitors over the weekend. And we're going to have the buffalo harvest as well. This will be the second year that we'll be doing the buffalo harvest," she said.

Kester said the fair board is there to help transition to the upcoming changes.

"We want to be moving forward and always doing better as the fair board continues to grow," she said. "I mean, last year, I think, was our biggest year ever, and so that's part of what this whole thing is, it is just working together and coming up with ideas. We've outgrown our

space, and we've also got a lot of structures coming up on the limited space that we already have. And so, we understand that it's a big change, but we're hoping this will be a good change, and we'll make sure that it's fair and there's room for everybody who wants to come and camp."

The Comanche Nation Fair Board members are:

- President - June Kester
- Vice President - Anthony Naumi
- Secretary - Larissa Wetselline
- Treasurer- Ritchie Felix

For more information about the fair, contact any of the fair board members by calling the Comanche Nation Main number, (580) 492-4988.

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Comanche Nation Housing Authority Awarded \$491,283 Grant to Help Rehabilitate Out of Area Elders Homes

The BIA ARPA funding will enhance Comanche Nation Housing Authority's Elder-focused welfare initiative

LAWTON, Okla., (Aug. 14, 2023) – Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA), a Comanche Nation-affiliated organization that promotes self-sufficiency and provides affordable, safe and decent housing to low-income tribal members, recently announced it was awarded the Bureau of Indian Affairs American Rescue Plan Act (BIA ARPA) grant of \$491,238. The federal grant will directly support CNHA's ongoing efforts to rehabilitate Elders' living conditions.

The one-time grant aims to address the long-lasting public health and economic challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic by providing essential housing repairs and improvements to tribal Elders, helping them maintain a safe and healthy living environment.

"Over the past year, we have prioritized our efforts to better serve our Elders as they are an essential part of our culture and community," said Nora Sovo, Deputy Director of CNHA. "The funding will allow us to reach Elders that have been considered out of reach since they do not reside in our service areas. It is crucial to maintain the upkeep of as many Elder tribal members' homes as possible, ensuring they have safe and healthy living spaces."

The funding will serve as an expansion of Comanche Nation Housing Authority's existing Elder Rehabilitation Program, which is a social welfare initiative aimed at improving the housing needs, living conditions and general well-being of Comanche Nation Elders. The BIA ARPA is specifically designed to extend the ongoing housing improvement services to Elders residing outside of the current service area.

The grant will provide up to \$8,000 in assistance for services like remedying water, sewage, and major electrical issues, renovations to meet handicap accessibility and lifestyle improvements, appliance replacement to enhance habitability of the home limited to generators, range, cooktops, hoods/vents, ovens, refrigerators, washers and dryers.

Eligibility for this award is determined upon tribal enrollment status and age (62 or older), being the homeowner residing in the home and being located outside of the Comanche Nation's seven-county service areas. Online applications will be accepted beginning Sept. 11 and will continue until funds are expended. To apply for this one-time grant, please visit www.comanchehousing.com.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



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Hundreds of students received backpacks and school supplies at the Youth Services' annual Back-to-School Bash, which took place July 29 at the Comanche Nation Complex. TOP: Cache School students Preston Crosby, Andy Nunley, Haze Nunley and Carson Crosby receive their student supply boxes. LEFT: Benicio Costilla of Apache School chooses a backpack for his 4th grade year. RIGHT: Jimmy Parker and other parents sign in at the Back to School Bash school supply giveaway.



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On August 21, the Comanche Academy Charter School began their school year in a new facility behind the Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Education Center in Lawton, Okla. The Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) installed electricity at Comanche Academy Charter School just in time for classes to begin. The school has students from Pre-Kindergarten through third grade.





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CBC Meeting

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- Fox motioned to accept the resolution. Wahnee seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 74-2023-Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List No. 1300 - Wahnee motioned to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 76-2023-CN Finance Department Manual Resolution - Kahrahrak motioned to accept the resolution. Wahnee seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 77-2023-FY 2024 Gaming Commission Budget Resolution - Fox motioned to accept the resolution. Wahnee seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 78-2023-Comanche Nation Housing ARPA Resolution - Wahnee motioned to accept the resolution. Kahrahrak seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 79-2023-Comanche Nation Housing ICDB Grant Resolution - Wahnee motioned to accept the resolution. Pewewardy seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 80-2023-Comanche Nation Entertainment FY 2024 Operating Budget Resolution - Kahrahrak motioned to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 81-2023-Comanche Nation Entertainment Capital Expenditures Resolution - Kassanavoid motioned to accept the resolution. Fox seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 82-2023-CN Enterprise Board of Directors Removal - Fox motioned to move it to Executive Session. Tahsequah seconded the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Old/New Business

Tribal elder, Ron Red Elk takes the floor to remind the CBC that the Comanche Constitution regulates them, and he said it is not in the constitution CBC members can use the online meeting app, called Zoom. He said if the CBC wants to use Zoom in a meeting, it needs to be placed in the Comanche Constitution first. Another tribal member supported Red Elk's statement. Kassanavoid explained that Zoom was allowed in the COVID restrictions, but those restrictions have been lifted, so Zoom should not be allowed.

Tribal member, John Harrington encouraged the CBC to work together, although the group has different opinions. He added that there are many gaming competitors, the cost of living is rising, and their constituents support the CBC and want to help. Tribal member, Donnie Ramos supported Harrington's statement by saying he has worked for other tribes and has met with several, and he sees them moving forward. He said he wants to see the Comanche tribe move forward and for the CBC to use the talents of tribal members to reach that goal.

A tribal member questioned Kahrahrak why he has to attend meetings via Zoom and asked him to attend the CBC meetings physically and not through the online app.

Wahnee makes a motion to go into Executive Session. Kahrahrak seconds the motion.

Out of Executive Session

Fox makes a motion for the CBC to travel to the USDA Conference. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Tahsequah motions to move the Housing meeting to the Tuesday of the All Entities meeting. Kahrahrak seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

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Tahsequah makes a motion to create a sub-committee to work with the election board, having two CBC members on it to work on the election ordinance. Pewewardy seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Pewewardy makes a motion to pass Resolution 82-2023. Kahrahrak seconds the motion. Kassanavoid stated she wants it to be noted that removing the Comanche Enterprise Board is a political ploy to allow a CBC member a better opportunity at the CEO job. She added that this is the second time since she has been in office that she has seen a CBC member trying to better his chances of obtaining the job for CEO with the attempted removal of two board members, which should be three, which will make the charter out of compliance because of the actions of the CBC.

Kahrahrak seconds the motion. The motion carries 4/1/1.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to amend Resolution No. 82-2023 to remove Secretary/ Treasurer John Wahnee because, with all the listed charter violations, he was also on the board when they occurred. There was no second to the motion, so the motion died.

Fox motions to move the September CBC Meeting to September 9 due to the Labor Day holiday. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Wahnee makes a motion to adjourn. Pewewardy seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.



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Comanche Red River Hotel Casino Names "Summer Night Drive" and "Fun in the Sun" Grand Prize Winners

Two winners drive away in style with Polaris powersport vehicles and a Ford Bronco

DEVOL, Okla., (Aug. 15, 2023) - Comanche Nation Entertainment has named two winners for its "Summer Night Drive" and "Fun in the Sun" promotional drawings. The "Summer Night Drive" drawing took place on July 29, naming Wichita Falls resident David the winner of a brand new full-sized 2023 Ford Bronco. The following week, the "Fun in The Sun" promotion named James, also from Wichita Falls, the winner of both a Polaris Sportsman and RZR PRO XP.

"These giveaways are just a few examples of the many ways we commit to providing exceptional entertainment and unforgettable experiences to our valued guests," said Mia Tahdoohannah, CEO of Comanche Nation Entertainment.

Throughout June and July, Comanche Red River Hotel Casino held two promotions where guests could play various games to earn entries into grand prize drawings. Each drawing offered guests the chance to drive away in either a Ford Bronco or two Polaris vehicles.

David's new SUV is renowned for its blend of classic design and modern features, built for navigating city streets and going on off-road adventures. It offers a spacious and comfortable interior, optimizing the driving experience for both drivers and passengers.

James' Polaris Sportsman and RZR PRO XP are built to tackle diverse landscapes. Each Polaris vehicle features Ride Command+, which checks the vehicle's health, location and maintenance schedule from the palm of the driver's hand.

"Summer Night Drive" and "Fun in the Sun" are part of Comanche Nation Entertainment's efforts to deliver an unparalleled gaming and entertainment experience to its guests. Throughout its seven casinos and travel plaza, each property holds monthly promotions and giveaways to reward its guests and local community.

Comanche Red River Hotel Casino is open 24 hours a day seven days a week. To learn more about Comanche Red River Hotel Casino, visit <https://www.comancheredrivercasino.com/>.



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The Comanche Dance Troupe participated in the Annual Gallup Inter-tribal Ceremonial on August 10-12, 2023 in Gallup, NM. From left: Quanah Henry, Tessa Roblelo, Bruce Bennett, Bear Berryhill, Louis Bennett, Gail Tahhahwah, Kenny Donaghey, Delvin Bennett, LaNeal Pewewardy, Shiann Famer, Chantel Pewewardy. Kneeling from left: Mario Tenequer, Jr., Armondo Tenequer, Mario Tenequer, Cornel Pewewardy

Comanche Dance Troupe represented at 101th Annual Gallup Inter-tribal Ceremonial

Submitted by Dr. Cornel Pewewardy

For the fifth year in a row, the Comanche Dance Troupe participated in the Annual Gallup Inter-tribal Ceremonial on August 10-12, in Gallup, N.M. Leader of the Comanche Dance Troup, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, said that this year was special because of a missed year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Annual Gallup Inter-tribal Ceremonial event was held through the difficulties of the Great Depression, World War II, and other major world events. This year marked the 101st Gallup Inter-tribal Ceremonial for tribal groups to share their cul-

ture with everyone, and at the same time, learn about Native cultures of the Southwest. For over 100 years, locals and tourist alike, look forward to gathering in Gallup to carry on traditions enjoyed by generations.

The excitement of walking in the Thursday night and Saturday morning parade, performing at the amphitheater and group performances at the rodeo arena, while enjoying the company of Comanche relatives, friends is second to none.

The Election Board met on August 1 and selected six additional members to complete the Election Board of the required 12 plus one alternate.

The additional Election Board Member are:

- Sandra Chasenut
- Elizabeth Ware
- Marilyn Tiger
- Rosalind Asetamy
- Elia Ahdosy
- JW Figueroa
- Mike Blackstar-Alternate

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INAUGURAL WICHITA WILDLIFE REFUGE SUMMIT. Members of the Comanche Nation and tribal leadership attended the inaugural Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge August 9, at the refuge's Quanah Parker Education Center. Other area tribes were represented along with their leadership. The purpose of the gathering was for Wichita Wildlife officials to discuss many topics concerning the refuge and will be a foundation on which they can build relationships to better understand one another and find ways to collaborate to achieve shared success!

Programs

Child Support Services Announces Court Dates

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Shawn Davis: CNCSP-23-21; Petition to Establish Child Support
- Jose Espinoza: CNCSP-20-34; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Brittany Parker: CNCSP-23-18; Petition to Register Foreign Order
- Johnathan Smith: CNCSP-16-37; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Carlotta Harry: CNCSP-18-074; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Delvin Polite: CNCSP-11-11; Motion to Modify Child Support

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

Please note that all Comanche Nation Tribal Court child hearings will be conducted in person.

Please note that all Court of Indian offenses child support hearings will be conducted in person.

Historic Preservation Office Invites Public to Community Gatherings

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Historic Preservation is inviting communities to gatherings that will take place during the month of September.

The goal is to bring people together to share stories in regards to the cultural and traditions from the past to the present.

“We want to get the communities together to share stories about the area, about their families, and just fellowship with each other,” said Martina Minthorn, director of the Historic Preservation Office.

Light refreshments will be served.

The meetings will be held 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the following locations:

- August 31 - Elgin/Richard Spur community - Watchetaker Hall,

- Comanche Nation Complex
- Sept. 5 - Anadarko community - Comanche Nation Outreach Office
- Sept. 7 - Apache/Cyrl/Fletcher communities, Comanche Nation Community of Apache
- Sept. 12- Cache/Indiahoma communities, Comanche Nation Cahoma Building
- Sept. 14 - Lawton/Geronimo communities, Comanche Nation Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Education Building
- Sept. 19 - Walters/Faxon communities, Comanche Nation Community Center of Walters

For more information, contact the Historic Preservation Office at (580) 492-1153.



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Prevention & Recovery’s COIPP Program Skates into Wellness at Their 2nd Annual Skate Jam

Submitted by Brittany Turner/Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery

The Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Community Opioid Intervention Pilot Project (COIPP) hosted their 2nd Annual Ramp It Up Skate Jam on August 12. Skaters of all ages braved the summer heat at the Lawton Skate Park to compete in this family-friendly event. Viewers were able to grab a slice of pizza while they watched the competition and a demo skating performance by BladeOK. DJ Tyler D rocked the Skate Park with upbeat music while families also enjoyed other fun activities, such as the photo booth, face painting and other temporary body art. COIPP Project Director, Anthony Monoossy, stated that the event’s purpose is to not only bring awareness to the opioid crisis and the prevention efforts CNP&R takes to fight drug and alcohol use and suicide, but to reach out to our Native youth within the Skate community. It’s important for us to show them that they matter and do not go overlooked. CNP&R has come to look forward to hosting this community event and hopes that it continues to grow throughout future competitions.

Future events include the 3rd Annual Native Spirit Walk, which will take place on September 26 in collaboration with the local MMIW chapter. The walk event will begin at 6 p.m. at the Comanche Nation Powwow Grounds. Keep an eye for future CNP&R events on their Facebook page at “Comanche Nation P&R,” “Comanche Nation IAMNDN,” and “Comanche Nation Native Spirit Project” as well at their Instagram page at cn.prevention.recovery.



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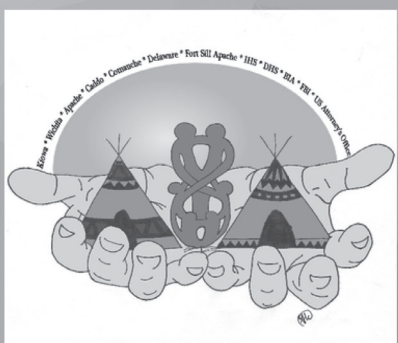
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EVENING OF PRAYER. The Historic Preservation Office held an evening of prayer Aug. 15 at the Comanche Nation Complex’s Watchetaker Hall to commemorate date of the Comanche Nation versus the United States of America in 2008. In addition, prayers were given for the protection of Native American sacred places such as Pikes Peak, Colo., and Scotts Bluff, Neb, among others. **TOP LEFT:** A memorial song was given for the sacred monuments by singers. **TOP RIGHT:** Martina Minthorn, director of the Historic Preservation Office, welcomes the attendees. **BOTTOM LEFT:** The Comanche Indian Veterans Association Princess, Arlene Schonchin, and the Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, call ticket numbers and give out door prizes throughout the evening.



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Foil Pack Grilled Sweet and Spicy Chicken

Ingredients

- ¼ Cup of chili powder
- ¼ Cup of packed light brown sugar
- 1 Teaspoon chipotle chili powder
- Salt and Pepper
- 4 Pounds of chilled chicken thighs
- ¼ Cup of vegetable oil
- ½ Cup of freshly chopped cilantro
- 1 Lime cut into wedges

Directions

1. Whisk together the chili powder, sugar, chipotle powder, 1 teaspoon of salt, and ½ a teaspoon of pepper in a medium bowl to make a dry spice rub. Place chicken in a large bowl, toss with the oil, and sprinkle with the dry spice rub. Toss the chicken to evenly coat, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 1 hour and up to 2 hours.
2. Prepare the grill for high heat.
3. Tear off four 18 by 18-inch heavy-duty non-stick aluminum foil sheets. Remove the chicken from the bowl. Make sure to leave any excess liquid behind. Divide the chicken among the foil pieces, centering them on each piece in a single layer. Sprinkle the wings with a generous pinch of salt and pepper. Bring two opposite ends of the foil together and fold twice to seal, then fold in the other side to create leakproof packets. Grill over high heat, turning once, until the chicken is cooked through, about 25 minutes. Carefully open the packets. Scatter the cilantro over the tops and serve with the lime wedges.

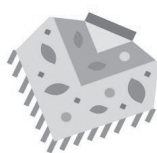
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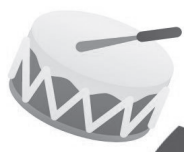
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Sports Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?



- TUNEHTSə (RUN)
- PAKWABI (SWIM)
- POHPITə (JUMP)
- WIHI (THROW)
- YAI (LOSE A GAME)
- Nəʔəpree (BASEBALL)
- NAMAPEE (BASKETBALL/VOLLEYBALL)
- Təhpəʔtse (BALL BAT)
- Wəʔkəʔə (ARCHERY GAME)
- NATSIHTOʔETə (LACROSSE GAME)



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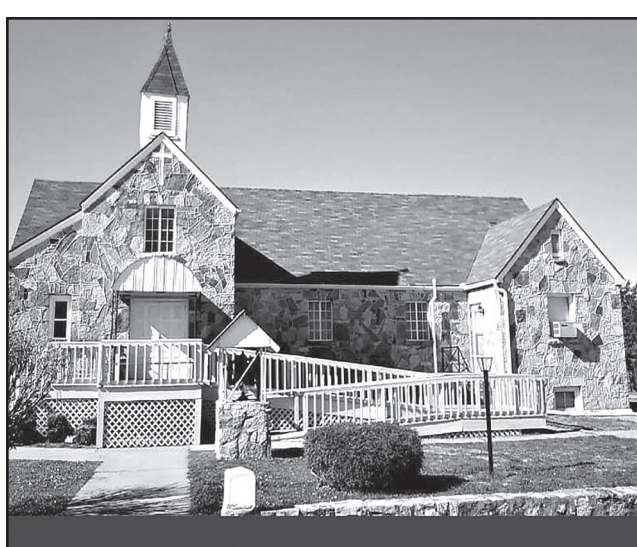
Loaded Baked Potato Salad

Ingredients

- 4 Pounds of russet potatoes
- ¼ Cup of pickle juice
- 1 ¼ Cups of sour cream
- ½ Cup of mayonnaise
- 2 Tablespoons of finely chopped pickles
- 1 Tablespoon of ranch seasoning
- 2 Teaspoons of yellow mustard
- 1 Teaspoon of salt
- 1 Teaspoon ground black pepper
- 8 Slices of chopped cooked bacon
- 1 ½ Cups of shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ Cups of thinly sliced green onions

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F.
2. Place the potatoes on a baking sheet. Using a fork, prick the potatoes all over. Bake until fork tender. Let cool for 15 to 20 minutes or until able to handle comfortably.
3. Peel the potatoes, chop them into 1-inch pieces, and transfer them to a large bowl. Drizzle the chopped potatoes with the pickle juice and let them sit until the potatoes have cooled completely.
4. In a small bowl, stir together the sour cream, mayonnaise, pickles, ranch seasoning, mustard, salt, and pepper until fully combined.
5. Pour the sour cream mixture over the cooled potatoes. Add the chopped bacon, cheese, and green onion, and stir gently to combine. Refrigerate until ready to serve. Top with more green onions and bacon just before serving.



Comanche Reformed Church
Comanche Hymn Singing
6 p.m. - 8 p.m., Sept. 12.
Everyone welcome!

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.



September is Suicide Awareness Month; Sept. 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day



By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

During the month of September, an awareness is brought to light that has touched the lives of many within the nation, leaving families and friends grief-stricken. It is suicide.

Statistics

According to the National Suicide Prevention Website:

- The overall suicide rate has increased by 35% since 1999
- Suicide is the second leading cause of death for people ages 10-34 years
- 78% of people who die by suicide are male
- 46% of people who die by suicide have a diagnosed mental health condition
- 90% of people who die from suicide have experienced symptoms of a mental health condition
- Suicide is the 10th leading cause of death in the U.S.

To help prevent those who are contemplating suicide, people have to know the detection signs and where to seek help

Warning Signs

Raising awareness about warning signs, procedures, and available professional resources, including medical care, can help all members of a community.

Those with suicidal ideation may recognize alternatives to life-ending activities and feel supported to reach out.

The signs must be taken very seriously. The following are possible indications that someone may be considering suicide.

- Talking or writing about suicide
- Expressing suicidal ideas through art
- Comments that life is meaningless
- Statements of feeling trapped or suffering unbearable pain
- Feeling like a burden to loved ones
- Staying by themselves rather than hanging out with family and friends
- Withdrawing from participating in social activities
- Obtaining or boasting about a weapon
- Showing increased dependence on alcohol and drugs
- Acting recklessly and aggressively
- Giving away prized possessions
- Contacting loved ones to say ‘goodbye’
- Researching methods to die by suicide
- Difficulty adjusting related to gender identity

Suicidal Behaviors

Self-destruction acts typically fall into the following categories:

- Completed - A purposeful self-destruction action taken by a person that results in ending their life
- Attempted - When a self-harming act does not result in death, although performed with the intent of ending one’s life.
- Non-suicidal injury - Self-destructive actions performed to cause harm, but not death. Examples of intentional

self-injurious behaviors may include:

- Cutting or scratching the skin, mainly on the arms or near the wrist
- Hitting oneself or causing others other self-inflicted physical harm
- Overdosing medication
- Burning oneself, such as with cigarettes

People who engage in self-injurious behaviors may provide ‘explanations’ for their injuries or wear long clothing to cover them. Self-injurious behaviors might be a coping strategy that a person uses to try and release their emotional pain. Do not take these actions lightly as they may indicate future risk of possible suicide attempts.

A good link about suicide versus self-harm: Discoverymood.com/blog/difference-self-harm-attempted-suicide/

Notice Signs

If you recognize warning signs or think a person may be having suicidal thoughts, the first thing you do is talk to them.

- Ask them how they are doing
- Convey that you are concerned
- Mention what you have noticed
- Listen more than you talk. Don’t give advice, but let them know that you are available, and it may be best if they talk to a counselor.

Community Activities and resources

Initiatives that actively educate and involve people can be effective in helping people learn new information about suicide prevention. Some ideas that have been successfully implemented in churches, neighborhoods, or schools include:

Awareness Event – Speakers talk about how suicide may be prevented at a walk, marathon, picnic, design competition, or retreat

Social Media – Create an eye-catching and engaging campaign that involves and highlights your community with important, positive messages and conversations about mental health and suicide prevention.

It is essential to include youth and children in suicide education activities.

Resources:

- Suicide Hotline: (800) 273-8255
- Emergency Hotline: 2-1-1
- Policies and Reporting
- Several states have laws related to the prevention

and reporting of suicide attempts

- In an emergency, call 911 and request a trained mental health response team member
- If someone is feeling hopeless, helpless, or thinking of suicide, contact the National Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline online or call or text 988. You may also contact the Suicide Prevention and Crisis Lifeline at (800) 273-TALK (8255).
- Call the National Disaster Distress Helpline (800) 985-5990. The toll-free call goes to the nearest crisis center in the national network.
- These centers provide 24-hour counseling and mental health referrals.



Treatment

Successful suicide interventions require coordination and cooperation among healthcare providers.

Depression is the most common underlying diagnosis of someone who has chosen to end their life. 30%

to 70% of suicide victims suffer from major depression or bipolar (manic-depressive) disorder, according to Strom P. & Strom R. (2014) *Adolescents on the Internet Age*.

Effective treatment and care depend heavily on individuals’ level of risk and personal needs. Most professionals widely agree that treating underlying mental illness and assessing suicide risks are vital in preventing suicide deaths.

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tion about suicide prevention, another resource is to contact the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Department at (580) 492-3614.

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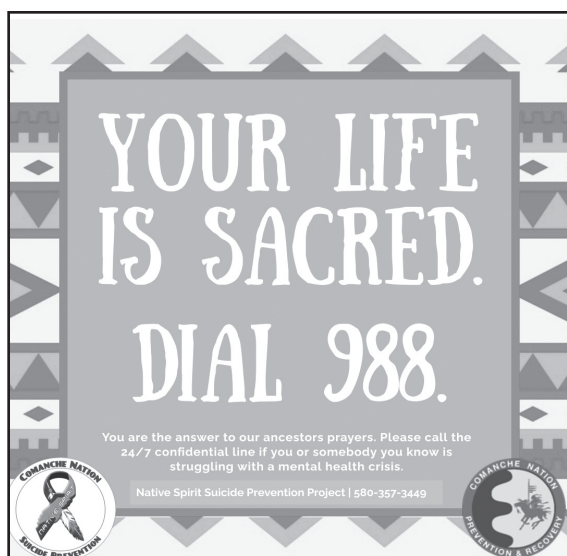
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American Indian Exposition Revives After Three Years

Aug. 2-5 was filled with activities at the Caddo County Fairground in Anadarko, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, had a beautiful display of photos and food at the American Indian Exposition's Princess Reception August 4 at the Wichita Building in Anadarko, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, was honored by the Comanche Nation Princess Sorority Aug. 4 at the Wichita Building in Anadarko, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Nine tribal princesses and their princess directors enjoyed a busy week during the American Indian Exposition, which was held Aug. 3-5, in Anadarko, Okla. From left: Wichita Princess - Isabella Fridia; Delaware Princess - Lauren Jeffers; Apache Princess - Peggy Maynahonah; Comanche Princess - McKenzi Sovo; Kiowa Princess - Kyla Tsoodle; Osage Princess - Lauren 'Lulu' Goodfox; Ponca Princess - Serena Horinek; Caddo Princess - Karissa Edge; and Ft. Sill Princess - Alyssa Palmer.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo (right), awards a parent and her daughter (left) a first-place trophy at American Indian Exposition's Beautiful Baby Contest. Children ages 0 to 6 competed at the Iscani Gym in Anadarko, Oklahoma and won various awards.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Vivien Parker, unleashes her creativity on canvas at the Princess Paint Party held August 3 at the Southern Plains Museum in Anadarko, Okla.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Archers retrieve their arrows, and judges take count of the scores after a round at the Bow Shoot. Two judges were on standby to keep scores for competitors and make rulings.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Emily La'Miyah Gray round dances at American Indian Exposition's Beautiful Baby Contest. She would win first place in her division and the Elder's Choice Award.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Archers of various ages and skills fire arrows at hay bales across a field by the Southern Plains Indian Museum in Anadarko, Oklahoma. There were 15 rounds, and awards were given for each category archers competed in.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, paints a n artistic image at the Princess Paint Party held August 3 at the Southern Plains Museum in Anadarko, Okla.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

A constant releases an arrow at American Indian Exposition's Primitive and Traditional Bow Shoot. He won first place in his division.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff



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INDIAN RELAY COMES TO THE INDIAN EXPO. The Indian Relay Horse Racing was brought to American Indian Exposition this year for the first time. The races were a special added feature to this year's scheduled events. Riders of different teams rode a series of three different horses around the track bareback. Each time a rider comes around the track, they are required to jump off the horse and jump onto a different horse and proceed around the track, this process is call, "The Exchange." The first rider to finish riding all three horses around the track wins the race for him and his team. Along with the horse racing, sheep racing was also held for the children. The races brought in a lot of spectators from all over Indian Country and beyond.

A Parade of Culture at the American Indian Exposition Parade August 2 and August 5 in Downtown Anadarko



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

One of the biggest attractions during the American Indian Exposition Parade are the Ft. Sill Apache Fire Dancers.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo, waves to the crowd while on horseback during the 88th Annual American Indian Exposition Parade held in Anadarko, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

This year's celebrity of the Year was none other than *Reservation Dogs* actor Lane Factor. Factor plays "Cheese," which is one of the main characters of the show. *Reservation Dogs* airs on Hulu. The show is steaming now and in it's final season.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Princess Director, Jessica Tahah, and the Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Vivien Parker, parade on horseback Aug. 2, at the American Indian Exposition.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The staff members of Comanche Nation Early Childhood Development Centers (ECDC) wave to the crowd while participating in the 88th Annual American Indian Exposition Parade held in Anadarko, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Tribal Court toss goodies to the crowd August 2 at the American Indian Exposition Parade.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The KCA Veterans Organization wethers the heat while presenting tribal flags along with the American flag during the 88th Annual American Indian Exposition Parade.



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Comanche Indian Veterans Association Princess, Arlene Schonchin, waves to the crowd during the American Indian Exposition Parade in Anadarko.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Kasey Atavich, the Native American Marine Corps Veterans Association Princess, tosses candy to children Aug. 2 at the American Indian Exposition Parade in downtown Anadarko.



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The Comanche Charter School stays cool under a traditional arbor as they parade in downtown Anadarko Aug. 2.

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65 High School Seniors Participate in TEDNA ACE Project

Submitted by Randi Attocknie/Youth Services

The TEDNA ACE Project is housed under Comanche Nation Youth Services and is partnered with four schools in southwest Oklahoma: Boone-Apache High School, Indianoma High School, Riverside Indian School, and Walters High School. The focus of TEDNA is to guide, advise, and be another resource for tribal students for career exploration and college prep. TEDNA ACE Specialist, Dena Landers, was able to work with 65 seniors who have been participating in the program to meet the educational requirements needed and was able to provide them with a Lenovo laptop. This laptop is for the students to help make their future educational goals and needs easier. The TEDNA ACE Project's goal is to ensure native youth have every opportunity to be successful.

The following pictures are students who received laptops for their participation in the program.

Seniors who Received Laptops from the TEDNA ACE PROGRAM Walters High School 2023 seniors:

- Cyrus Blackstar
- Ryan Kosechata
- Barbara Monoessy
- Nathan Pueblo
- Denna Bussinger
- Hadlee Smith

Riverside Indian School 2023 Seniors:

- Jesse Gomez

- Evaree Owings
- Kalynn Largo
- Aurelius Yesslith
- Isabelle Luis
- Lorena Summers
- Zandria Walerma
- Paulisha Standingbear
- Raniah Beaver
- Emilee Spottedhorse
- Mahle Jim
- Nakai Weldon-Pineda
- Christian Overrein
- Elijah Toles
- Shaun Neconie
- Brendon Runninghorse
- Michael Littleghost
- Amare Susuanyatame
- Jaxon Roden
- Alyscia Lonehill
- Joshua Roden
- Kaya Quam
- Amber Trevino
- Gabriel Thompson
- Cyndi Lopez
- Davian Printiss
- Alexis Parker
- Nanabahzhoni Tom
- Gina Thompson
- Destiny Hunter
- CeAnna Willis
- Mychal Attocknie
- Perry Sadongel
- Angel Elizarraras
- Lori Spottedhorse
- Bailey Bender
- April Olivates

- Melody Roubideaux
- Jaysia Tieyah
- Kameryn Komardley
- Angel Ware
- Elena Tonemah
- Dusti Satepauhoodle
- Malachi Carattini

Indianoma High School

- 2023 Seniors
- Michael O'Brien
 - Trenton Stinson
 - Michael McCarthy
 - Mackayla Chibitty
 - Macie Carter
 - Cy Riggins



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From Riverside Indian School, from left: Nakai Weldon-Pineda, Brendon Runninghorse, Jaden Wahkinney, Kalynn Largo, Bailey Bender, Shaun Nexxonie, Angel Elizarras, Aurelius Yesslith, Nana Tom, April Olivates.



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From Riverside Indian School, from left: Melody Roubideaux, Katelyn Kahrahrhah, Angel Ware, Malachi Carattini, Jaysia Tieyah, Kalestha Pewo, Kameryn Komardley, Aaliyah Sadongai, Nichlas Chasenah, Mangus Surles, Jillian Alexander.



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From Riverside Indian School, from left: Angel Bohay, Evaree Owings, Gabriel Thompson, Joshua Roden, Aurelius Yesslith.



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From Riverside Indian School, from left: Christian Overrein, Davian Printiss, Kaya Quam, Jaxon Roden, Ceanna Willis, Emilee Spottedhorse.



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From Riverside Indian School, from left: Tanil Susanytame, Amari Susanytame, Michael Littleghost, Derry Duchenneaux, Destiny Hunter, Alexis Parker, Alyscia Lonehill, Malachi Sittingghost, Cyndi Lopez.

Tahbonemah Accepts Full Scholarship From OBU



Courtesy Photo

Tahbonemah

The 2023 Oklahoma Coaches Association All-State High School game was played on July 28 at the Crain Family Stadium inside the Hurt Memorial Athletic Complex on the campus of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Okla. Comanche tribal member and a 2023 Lawton MacArthur graduate, Caden Michael Tahbonemah, was one of 37 football players selected, as an offensive line-

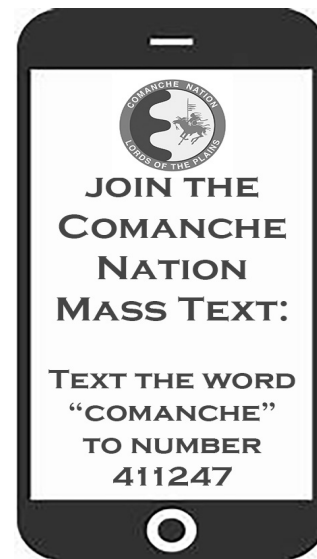
man, for the West squad. He helped lead the West team to a thrilling 15-14 victory as the starting offensive tackle. Earlier in June Tahbonemah played in the Blue-Grey All-American game at AT&T Stadium in Dallas, Texas. He was the starting offensive tackle and Captain of the East squad.

Tahbonemah accepted a full scholarship to Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU) to continue his football dream. They began their two-day practices on August 7 in preparation for their first game, at home, against Arkansas Tech-Monticello on August 31. OBU is a member of the 12-team Great American Conference, which consists of six Division II Universities from Oklahoma and six Universities from Arkansas.

While at MacArthur, Tahbonemah was a four-year varsity football starter. As a freshman, he also started on the varsity basketball team until he gave up basketball to concentrate on football after his freshman season. He was also the starting first baseman and designated hitter for the varsity baseball team for four years, a heavyweight wrestler on the wres-

ting team for two years, and a high school Student Council and Leadership Class of 2023 member while carrying a 3.75 GPA.

Tahbonemah was born on June 7, 2004, in Lawton to the late Lawton Firefighter Robert Glenn and Ameer Pahcheka Tahbonemah. He is a member of the Comanche Nation and is also of Kiowa, Apache, Cadco, and Eastern Cherokee descent. His grandparents are Glenn and Fran Tahbonemah of Lawton, the late Paul Pahcheka, and Lanny and Shelley Asepermy of Apache. He has an older brother, Cameron David, of Lawton.



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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

Master Sergeant Michael Tieyah Retirement Ceremony, Medicine Park Community Center



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Tieyah

On June 24, CIVA was invited to participate with the Retirement Reception for MSG Michael Tieyah, United States Air Force. Family, friends and members of MSG Tieyah's squadron were in attendance to congratulate and wish him well.

The ceremony began with a welcome by Master of Ceremony, Ky DeFillipo. Colors were brought in by CIVA members followed by MSG Tieyah wearing the CIVA headress. Next in the procession came the squadron, CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, and the CIVA Auxiliary. Kevin Sovo singers provided the drum and presented the Comanche Nation Flag song. Princess Arlene, signed the National Anthem while Sovo provided the singing. The singers sang an appropriate song for retiring the colors. After various members of the squadron presented MSG Tieyah with gifts, CIVA was called upon for their presentation. Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, asked Princess Arlene, and Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Torralba to assist him. Princess Arlene, presented to MSG Tieyah: a Grateful Nation Blanket, Honors Certificate, Gift Bag and Monetary Gift.

MSG Tieyah expressed a very emotional speech thanking his wife and family, as well as friends for their support throughout his military career. He was also very grateful to CIVA in participating to make his ceremony a very memorable one.

CIVA Members Present: Commander Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Secretary Dominic Pawlowski, Sergeant Clifford Red Elk, Roger Tehauno and Clifford Beaver Takawana

Auxiliary Members Present: Princess Arlene Schonchin, Auxiliary Leader Tavia Torralba, Shirley Pohawpatchoko, Nona Gail Mihecoby, Liz Plata, Lisa Pawlowski, Jolene Schonchin and Linda Tehauno

Congratulations to Shelter to Soldier Graduates

After 15 months of training with the Shelter to Soldier program in San Diego, California. Lindsey Huston Griner, the first (and only) known Comanche Female Veteran who served in the U.S. Marines and decorated for Heroism-Gallantry or Valor and earned the title of *Numu Pukutsi*, graduated from the Shelter to Soldiers program.

Griner officially adopting her service dog named (Haru) during the ceremony. The Shelter to Soldier is a nonprofit organization that adopts dogs from local shelters and trains them to become psychiatric service dogs for post-9/11 veterans suffering from Post Traumatic Stress (PTS), Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) and/or Military Sexual Trauma (MST).

The program also places emotional support animals (ESAs) with active-duty military and veterans, and deploys the Shelter to Soldier Canine Ambassadors, a team of certified therapy dogs and their volunteer handlers, to provide no-cost visits of love and comfort to local military, veterans and their families.

CIVA would like to thank Griner and Haru for their remarkable

achievement.



Courtesy Photo

Lindsey Huston Griner and Haru receiving their adoption papers from a Shelter to Soldier Representative.

Kaelan Burgess graduates from Basic Training

Congratulations to PVT Kaelan Burgess! On, August 3, a Graduation Ceremony was conducted for the 1st Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, 193rd Infantry Brigade.

PVT Burgess, graduated from Basic Training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. He will be reporting to Fort Lee in Virginia for Advanced Individual Training (AIT).

CIVA would like to congratulate PVT Burgess and welcome him into the U.S. Army Family.

PVT Burgess, is the son of Kenny and Tanisha (Cable) Burgess.



Courtesy Photo

Tanisha (Cable) Burgess and PVT Kaelan Burgess

Hunter Glenn Earns Air Assault Badge

On August 8, Hunter Glenn, a Junior at the University of Oklahoma and is also a ROTC Cadet, graduated from The Sabalauski Air Assault School, at Fort Campbell, Ky.

The Air Assault Badge is awarded by the U.S. Army for successful completion of the Air Assault School. The course includes three phases of instruction involving U.S. Army rotary wing aircraft: combat air assault operations; rigging and sling loading operations; and rappelling from a helicopter.

Glenn is the son of Mason and Carmen (Niedo) Glenn. CIVA would like to thank Glenn on his accomplishment.



Courtesy Photo

OU ROTC Cadet Hunter Glenn

Operation TEKWANIWAPI (Warrior)

CARE Packages were sent by mail by the CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, to our service men and women.

A CARE package was well received by Tennyson Kerchee who is assigned to the 2nd Platoon, Charlie Battery, 3rd Battalion-16th Field Artillery Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division.

Former Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya started "Operation Tekwaniwapi" sending CARE Packages to our service men and women.

Staff Sergeant Kerchee, is

deployed in the European Theater in the Country of Lithuania.



Courtesy Photo

Staff Sergeant Tennyson Kerchee in his Powwow chair in Lithuania.

CIVA Activities

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association were Co-Host and Color Guards at the 56th Annual Tia-Piah Society Annual Celebration which was held at the Bigbow Dance grounds near Richards Spur on June 24-25.

CIVA also had the honor of raising and lowering the flags of veterans, Clifford Quoyah and Harding Bigbow along with serving as Color Guards. Gourd Dancing, Grand Entry, Social Dancing was enjoyed by all. CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary would like to thank the Bigbow family for their hospitality.

Johanna Tsatoke, the daughter of the late Nelson Bigbow said her father has always told them to respect our Veterans and to treat our people good. CIVA was called upon to serve as Co-Host, Color Guards for next year's 2024 Powwow.

CIVA members present: Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski, Sergeant at Arms, Clifford Red Elk, Assistant Chaplain, Ramonah Davis, Members, Lymon Guy, Clifford Beaver Takawana, Roger Tehauno.

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin.

Ladies Auxiliary present: Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Torralba, Shirley Pohawpatchoko, Nona Gail Mihecoby, Liz Plata, J.J. Schonchin, Lisa Pawlowski, Linda Tehauno.



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CIVA Color Guard followed by the CIVA Princess and Auxiliary.



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CIVA Chaplain, Jimmy Caddo being honored by Monroe Tsatoke.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans lowering the flag 73RD Korean War Remembrance Service, Elmer Thomas Park, Lawton Okla.

Hosted By: The New Light United Methodist Church and the Korean Veterans Association

CIVA personnel arrived at 9:30 a.m. and made arrangements for the festivities. The Drum, Kevin Sovo singers arrived 9:45 a.m. The CIVA Chaplain, Jimmy Caddo was seated with the Special Dignitaries. The Presider, Arron Boone, President Chapter 319, called the festivities to order at 10 a.m. with a good crowd.

It began with the CIVA providing the Color Guard. Sargent at Arms, Clifford Red Elk led the procession with the American Flag, followed by Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski carrying the Korean Flag with Roger Tehauno carrying the Unit Flag.

The Ladies Auxiliary followed the Color Guard to the song provided by the Sovo singers. The Presider then introduced the Rev. Sean Cho who provided the Invocation.

The New Light United Methodist Childrens Choir then sang the National Anthem. When they completed, the Sovo Singers sang another song while the Color Guard retired the Colors. The Presider then called on the Mayor of Lawton, Mayor, Stan Booker read and declared the proclamation for this event. Then Special Music by Bruce Lee and the New Light Methodist Church Ladies Trio sang several songs and Lee played a harmonica. The Presider then introduced the Guest Speaker, Rev. James Kim who spoke of his father, a Veteran of the Korean War in a moving speech.

To close out the event, the Presider called on Korean War Veteran and CIVA Chaplain, Jimmy Caddo to give the Benediction. This concluded the festivities.

Dinner was provided by the ladies of the New Light United Methodist Church at their church on west Lee Boulevard.

CIVA Members present: Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski, Sargent At Arms, Clifford Red Elk, CIVA Chaplain, Jimmy Caddo and Roger Tehauno.

Ladies Auxiliary present: Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Torralba, Liz Plata, Nona Mihecoby and Linda Tehauno.

Mascot: Bob Plata present.



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Bubba Sovo and the Sovo Singers provided the Drum during the ceremony.



Courtesy Photo

Korean War Veterans Commander Aaron Boone going over last minute details with CIVA Chaplain, Jimmy Caddo.

Comanche Indian Veterans Association American Indian Exposition Anadarko, Oklahoma



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L to R Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Clifford Red Elk, John McClung, Tavia Torralba, Ramonah Davis, Nona Gail Mihecoby, Markie Davis, Clifford (Beaver) Takawana, Stefone Ruis, Lymon Guy, Roger Tehauno.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, waving to the crowd during the Expo Parade.

Comanche Indian Veterans Association Falls Creek Honoring Veterans Color Guard

All personnel arrived at the predestined cabin at Falls Creek Baptist Church grounds. Supper served at 5 p.m.

Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko met with Leroy who was filling in for Marvin Delaware. Leroy filled him in on the planned evening activities. Supper served. The Indian Tacos were superb as was the dessert. The CIVA completed the supper and then headed to the Tabernacle, Set up the flags and proceeded to the point on entry in the tabernacle.

There were some songs and the MC made comments. The Drum then started a song and the Flag Detail started towards the stage. The CIVA followed the Vice Commander, John McClung, as he was carrying the U.S. Flag. The large crowd in attendance gave the CIVA a horrendous applause with numerous Lu Lus and war cries.

The CIVA went down the central aisle to the stage then turned right to the stairs, then up the stairs and onto the stage. Kevin Sovo sang the National Anthem, and later the Pledge of Allegiance was said by all the tabernacle. Then a memorial Song, and then another song in which the flag detail then departed the stage to another round of applause, Lu Lus and more war cries.

A large number of veterans were standing below the stage in the aisle. When Detail ended and the CIVA acknowledged each other, all the veterans came through and acknowledged the CIVA. This was an event to remember.

70th Annual Comanche Homecoming

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association kicked off the 70th Annual Comanche Homecoming by serving as Co-Host and raised and lowering the flags of Comanche Nation Veterans during the 3-day event held at Sultan Park in Walters Oklahoma.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, leading the CIVA Veterans during grand entry.

Funeral Details/Military Honors



Courtesy Photo

Bernard Kahrahrh

On June 22, a funeral detail was requested by the Kahrahrh Family as the services was conducted at Watchetaker Hall with burial at the Deyo Mission Cemetery located west of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Former Comanche Nation Chairman and USAF Veteran, Bernard Kahrahrh was born on November, 4, 1938, and made his journey home on June 19.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from July 8, 1958, to July 6, 1962, earning the rank of Airman First Class. He served during the Cold War Era as an Aircraft Control and Warning Systems Specialist. He took his basic training at Lackland AFB, San Antonio, Texas, Kessler AFB, Biloxi, Mississippi for Technical School as an Aircraft Control and Warning Systems Specialist, 648th Radar Squadron, Mount Lemmon Air Force Station, Tucson Arizona, overseas service for nine months and 29 days with the 912th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron at Ramore Air Station, Ontario Canada, 746th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, Oklahoma City Air Station, Oklahoma and was Honorably discharged at Tinker AFB, Oklahoma.

Airman First Class, Kahrahrh was awarded the Air Force Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, it is noted he a former Chairman of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. The Comanche Nation, Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to thank Airman First Class, Bernard Kahrahrh for his service to God and Country.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Air Force, and the CIVA flags were displayed in the auditorium. The CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, sang a Comanche Hymn to the Family, and Roger Tehauno an USAF Veteran read the military bio. A roll call was conducted as well as a final salute. At the Deyo Mission, honors were conducted by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard along with the CIVA and Auxiliary.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess with the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and CIVA Veterans.

Jolene Weryavah Tahah



Courtesy Photo

Tahah

A Funeral Detail was provided to the Tahah Family for Jolene Weryavah Tahah who was a member of the CIVA Auxiliary.

The proceedings were opened by Rosalyn Nauni Asetamy with a prayer and then comments about the deceased. She then called for a Comanche Hymn. One was sung. She then called on Lance Codopony to read the Obit, which he did and then he also made comments about his grandmother. Another Comanche hymn was sung, after which, a video was shown. When the video was completed two Comanche hymn was sung.

Asetamy then introduced the speaker Edwin Rivera. After his sermon, more Comanche hymns and viewing of the deceased took place. CIVA in attendance was dismissed by the Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko. Ladies Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Torralba, went to the cemetery

and took the food that the Auxiliary brought.

July Monthly Meeting

On June 13, CIVA held its 7th meeting for the 2023 calendar year. CIVA Chaplain, Jimmy Ray Caddo, opened with a prayer as the CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening remarks were made by CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko.

Comanche Veteran, Stefano Ruiz was welcomed as he attended his 1st meeting with CIVA.

Birthday recognitions were made to CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, and CIVA Veteran, Lyman Guy. A meal was served, after the meal a roll call was conducted by CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski as a quorum was established.

The June Monthly Minutes, Treasure Report and the Veterans and Auxiliary reports were presented and approved. Old Business and New Business were discussed.

August Monthly Meeting

On August 3, CIVA held its 8th meeting for the 2023 calendar year. CIVA Co-Chaplain, Ramonah Davis, opened with a prayer as future CIVA Auxiliary member Danelle Tomah led the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening remarks were made by CIVA Commander, Kevin.

Birthday recognitions were made to CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Roger Tehauno and Danelle Tomah. A meal was served, after the meal a roll call was conducted by CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski as a quorum was established.

The July Monthly Minutes, Treasure Report and the Veterans and Auxiliary reports were presented and approved. Old Business and New Business were discussed.

Comanche Nation Flag returned from deployment



Courtesy Photo

The Comanche Nation Flag was returned by the father of Thomas Harris who was deployed in support of Operation Inherent Resolve during the August monthly meeting. The Comanche Nation Flag and Certificate will be placed the in the Patriot Room as a Historical item.

Headstone and Marker Placement

Installation of Military Markers

July 24, -Marker Detail arrived at Post Oak Cemetery 10 a.m.

Found Gravesite for Bob Tenequer without any problems but had to look all through the cemetery for Mr. Chappabitty.

The CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, called CIVA Vice Commander, John McClure and he indicated that the grave site was located in the SW corner of the cemetery. Found the Gravesite, then continued to install the marker for Tenequer.

Cleared for a Concrete Base for a Grey Flat Granite marker. All dug for the base and the base was set. It was leveled all around and set.



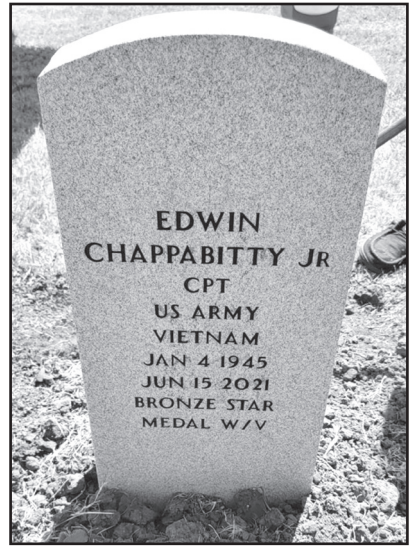
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Completion of Bob Tenequer marker.

10:45 a.m. Marker Detail started on Dr. Chappabitty's Marker. This process took longer as the detail had to dig deeper and the soil was very hard to dig.

The detail accomplished the mission and the upright marker was set. It was leveled all around and then it was tamped and completed.

The detail then departed for the Cache KCA cemetery west of Cache.

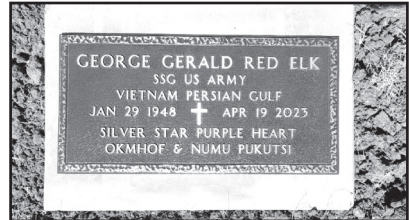


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Completion of Edwin Chappabitty headstone

Set Military Markers Deyo Cemetery

George Gerald Red Elk: All arrived at 9:30 a.m. and found this resting place. Crew started Measuring and digging. This marker was set at the foot of the burial site as requested by the widow.



Courtesy Photo

Marker of former CIVA Commander George Red Elk

11 a.m. Marker Detail started on Richard Moore. His gravesite was easily found. The soil was easier to dig and the Flat Bronze marker was placed, leveled all around and was backfilled. This completed our mission for the day.



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From Left: Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Gabriel Tehauno, Roger Tehauno, Raiden Tehauno, John McClung Richard Moore's Marker.

Lester Kosechata: After the Marker for George Red Elk was set, the crew moved to the resting site of Lester Kosechata. Crew started Measuring and digging. This marker was set at the head of the burial site.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA crew-from Left: Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Raiden-Tehauno, John McClung, Gabriel Tehauno, Clifford Red Elk & Capps Tehauno.

The weather was rather cool and cloudy. Even though the digging for these markers were hard, it was not hot. The Cemetery Foreman had located the grave sites which made it easier for the detail as they did not have to go looking for them.

All markers were placed even with the ground level as required. This makes it easier for them

to mow. The only marker that gave the detail trouble was Ralph Pewewardy as the marker is an old Army marker and the attachment bolts did not match the holes in the concrete base.

Beaver had to go and get four bolts and washers. However through their ingenuity they got it to work.

The next work day will be August 16, at the West Cache Creek Cemetery, four miles west of Apache to the Hatchetville Road, then south one mile, then east one quarter mile, then north to cemetery. Work will start at 9 a.m.

Bobby Nauni: All arrived at 8:45 a.m. and found his resting place. The Cemetery Foreman located his gravesite. Crew started measuring and digging.

This marker was set at the foot of the burial site as a Headstone in place.

This Cemetery is known for its hard soil, the digging was hard. The Cemetery Officials require that this type of marker be at Ground Level, it was set at ground level.



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Carroll Morris: After the marker for Bobby Nauni was set, the crew moved to the resting site of Carroll Morris. This site was also hard digging.

The marker was set in the middle. Crew started measuring and digging. This marker was set between the head and the foot. Other markers nearby were set in this fashion as the space was very short.



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Ralph Pewewardy: After the marker for Carroll Morris was set, the crew moved to the resting site of Ralph Pewewardy. This site was also hard digging.

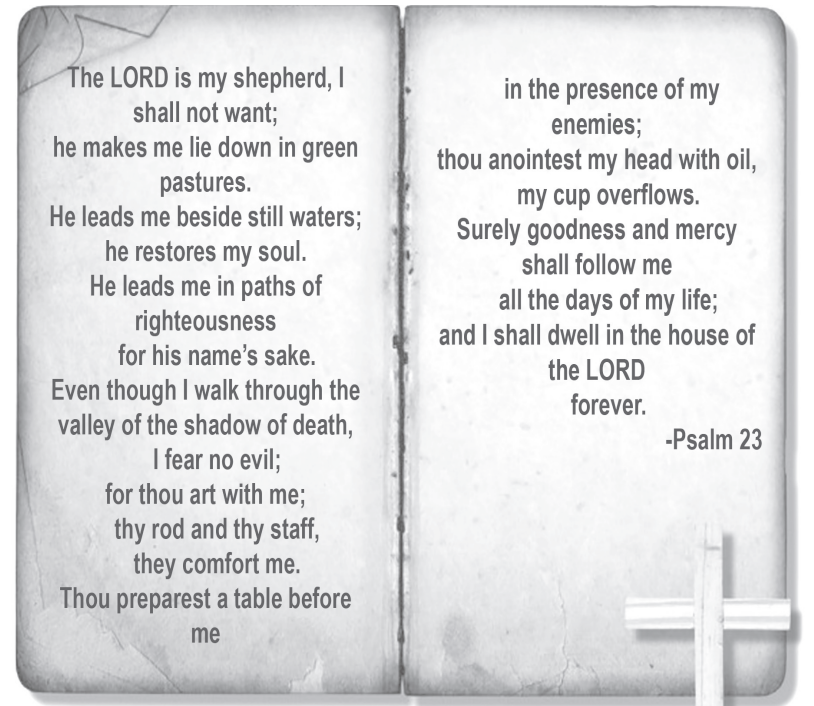
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Comanche Nation Veteran Information is Needed.

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!



The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me

in the presence of my enemies; thou anointest my head with oil, my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever. -Psalm 23

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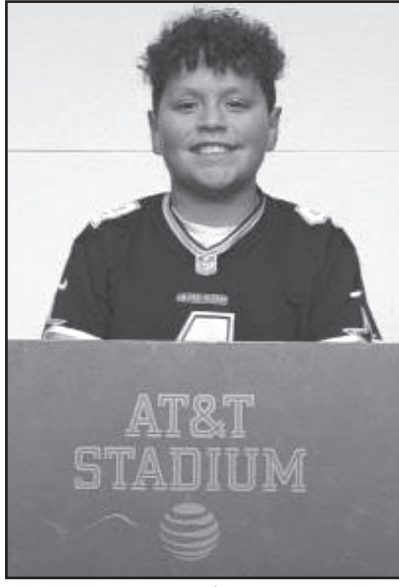
August 26 -Michael Portillo

Happy Birthday!



**Happy 2nd Birthday
Dash Toyekoyah
September 24**

~ Happy 2nd Birthday, son! We love you so much! Love, mom, dad, and bubba (Jett) "



Happy Birthday

"Happy Birthday to our future football star! Love you lots from Kakoo, Ariane and Rachel!"



**Happy Belated Birthday
Michael Portillo
August 26**

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- September 8 - Aaron Allen**
"Happy 15th Birthday."
- September 12 - Ayla Rose Knox**
"Happy 17th Birthday. Grandpa loves you."
- September 17 - Gwenetta Pouchon**
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- September 20 - Julia Ann**
"Love, your family."
- September 24 - Dash Toyekoyah**
- September 28 - Mattie Akoneto**
"Have a Blessed Birthday."

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Obituaries

Georgia Ann Gibson



Courtesy Photo

Gibson

Georgia Ann Gibson, went to her heavenly home on July 17, in Lawton.

Gibson was born on July 13, 1949, in Lawton to George Gibson and Opal Pohocsucut. Gibson graduated from Lawton High School in 1968. She received her BS degree in Adult Education at the University of Oklahoma. Gibson was currently the Director of the Caregiver Program at Comanche Nation. She was a former Classroom Training Coordinator at the Comanche Nation and also a

former employee at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Gibson also worked Department of Labor and American University in Washington D.C. she was instrumental in starting JTPA.

Gibson enjoyed watching movies, reading, spending time with her family and friends. A lot of her friends and family came to her house on July 14, to celebrate her 74th birthday. All Gibson wanted was to see everyone for one last time before her passing. She will miss by everyone that knew and loved her.

Gibson is survived by: daughter Sarah Magpie-Bennally and son Shane Blaze Gibson both of Lawton; longtime friend Claudia Narrow; siblings Albert Pohocsucut of Pawnee, Henry and wife Terry Pohocsucut of Walters, Juan Pohocsucut of Walters, Juan Pohocsucut of Lawton, Mary Pohocsucut of Claremore and Daniel and wife LaJoy of Midwest City; aunt Iola Hayden of Norman.

She is preceded in death by parents Opal Jerre Pohocsucut and George Gibson; siblings Monroe Pohocsucut and Kay Pohocsucut.

Geraldine Poahway Hawkins



Courtesy Photo

Hawkins

Geraldine Poahway Hawkins, went to her heavenly home on August 1, at her home in Cache with her loving family by her side.

Hawkins was born in Lawton on April 2, 1939, to Nestler Poahway and Jennie Geimausaddle. She

graduated from Ft. Sill Indian School and was a proud F.S.I.S Alumni. Hawkins married Claude Hawkins in Wichita Falls, Texas. She was a proud and respected member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and of Kiowa decent. She was a member of Birch Church and she was always spreading the word of God. She was an ordained minister and a prayer warrior serving the Lord thru scripture and song. Her and her sister Madeline were always having camp meetings. She loved spending her time with her family especially her grandchildren. She worked for the Comanche Tribe, Haggars, Holiday Inn and finished at Cache Public Schools. She was the biggest OKC Thunder fan and enjoyed cheering and prayer for each team.

Survivors include: daughters: Darla Ramirez and Genevieve McIntyre; nieces and nephews: Cheryl Duran, Jackie Mahsetky, Donna Mahsetky Crane, Summer Mahsetky, Mack Mike Mahsetky Jr. and Michael Wolfe; grandchildren: Michelle, Christy, Marcus, Dakota, great-grandchildren: Kaylyn, Christopher, Cole, Treyten, Izayah, Ahmya; many friends, relatives and her church family.

Hawkins was preceded in death by: father, Nestler Poahway; her mother, Jennie Geimausaddle; sister Madeline Poahway Spicer; three brothers: Rayfield, Sullivan and Mathew Poahway; nieces and nephews: Marilyn Mahsetky-Figueroa, Vickie Mahsetky-Moffett, Michaela Mahsetky-Gutierrez and Patrick Mahsetky, grandson William J. McIntyre Jr.

Dean Robert McLanahan Payne



Courtesy Photo

Payne

Dean Robert McLanahan Payne, entered into eternal rest on July 29, in Springfield, Mo.

He was born on August 1, 1958, in Borger, Texas to Marvin Walter Payne and Willadine Myers Payne.

Community Gathering

Join us as we gather to visit and share stories of the local community, people, and places in regards to the culture and traditions from the past to the present.

AUGUST 31, 2023 ELGIN/RICHARD SPUR COMMUNITIES @WATCHETAKER HALL @6-8 P.M.	SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 CACHE/INDIAHOMA COMMUNITIES @ COMANCHE NATION CAHOMA CENTER @6-8 pm
SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 ANADARKO COMMUNITY @COMANCHE NATION OUTREACH - ANADARKO @6-8 P.M.	SEPTEMBER 14, 2023 LAWTON/GERONMO COMMUNITIES @DOROTHY LORENTINO EDUCATION CENTER @6-8 pm
SEPTEMBER 7, 2023 APACHE/CYRIL/FLETCHER COMMUNITIES @ COMANCHE NATION COMMUNITY CENTER - APACHE @6-8 P.M.	SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 WALTERS/FAXON COMMUNITIES @ COMANCHE NATION COMMUNITY CENTER - WALTERS @6-8 pm

~Light refreshments will be provided~
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 Hosted By: Comanche Nation Historic Preservation Office

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SEPTEMBER 14: 10 AM - 2 PM
SEPTEMBER 20: 10 AM - 2 PM
SEPTEMBER 26: 10 AM - 2 PM

SEPTEMBER 23
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 10 AM - 2 PM
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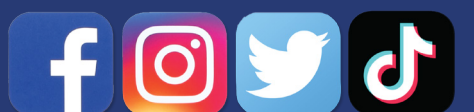
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“Spirit of the Buffalo - Rising Again” Event Schedule (Times Subject to Change)

Saturday, September 23rd

Buffalo Harvest - Comanche Nation Historical Preservation
8:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation EPA

Comanche Nation Fair Golf Tournament
9:00 am - Location: Twin Oaks Golf Club - Duncan, OK

Sunday, September 24th

Spirit Ride – Comanche Nation Youth Services
7:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Watchetaker Hall

Tuesday, September 26th

Lunch and Learn with Mary Motah – Comanche Nation Historical Preservation
11:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Watchetaker Hall

A Walk to Remember - MMIW
6:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

Wednesday, September 27th

Peyote Meeting Begins at Dusk, Concludes Thursday
7:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - South of Arena

Thursday, September 28th

Camping Sites Open
TBA - Location: Comanche Nation Complex

Warrior Run begins from Walters
8:00 am - Location: Walter Community Center

Warrior Run begins from Cache
10:00 am - Location: Cache Cahoma Building

Warrior Run begins from Apache
1:00 pm - Location: Apache Community Center

Warrior Run concludes at the Dance Arena Flag Poles
3:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

Princesses' Sorority Powwow
6:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

Hymn Singing - Comanche Nation Historical Preservation
7:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Watchetaker Hall

Friday, September 29th

Flag Raising in Honor of Ron Parker
8:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

Carnival Wristband Stand Opens
8:00 am - Location: South Outside of Watchetaker Hall

Carnival Opens
12:00 pm - Location: North End of Comanche Nation Fairgrounds

Comanche Nation Fair Powwow
4:00 pm Gourd Dance
5:00 pm Registration Opens
7:00 pm Hat & Boot Special in Honor of Jim Myers
(Sponsored by Jhane Myers, Family, & Friends)
Tiny Tot Contest, Junior & Senior Adult Exhibition and Excused
Junior Categories (6-12), Junior Girls Traditional (6-12) in Honor of
Emmariah
Teen Categories (13-17), Women's Golden Age (55+), Men's Golden
Age (55+)
Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

Saturday, September 30th

Fun Run / 5K - Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery
7:30 am - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Janice Tottie
Pewewardy Field

Flag Raising in Honor of Lewis Chasenah
8:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

Carnival Wristband Stand Opens

8:00 am - Location: South Outside of Watchetaker Hall

Comanche Nation Fair Art Show Contest
8:00 am - Location: Code Talker Room

Comanche Nation Fair Parade Starts
10:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds

Children's Hot Dog Feed
Begins After Parade Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds -
Arena

Family Portrait Booth - Historical Preservation
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - IT Media
Center

Kids Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest - Comanche Academy
2:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Administration
Building

Comanche Nation Fair Powwow
2:00 pm Gourd Dance

5:00 pm Registration Opens
Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

5:00 pm Royalty Reception - Deann Nibbs
- Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Patriot Room

Cornhole Tournament - Comanche Nation Language Department
6:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Courthouse Parking
Lot

Comanche Nation Fair Powwow
6:00 pm Gourd Dance Resumes
6:45 pm Registration Closes
7:00 pm Grand Entry
Senior Adult Categories
Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena
Oldies' Dance - Comanche Nation Enrollment Department
7:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Watchetaker Hall

Sunday, October 1st

Spirit Walk - New Pathways
7:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Complex

Flag Raising in Honor of George RedElk
8:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

Carnival Wristband Stand Opens
8:00 am - Location: South Outside of Watchetaker Hall

Sunday Church Services - Meal to Follow Services
10:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Complex

Horseshoe Tournament
10:00 am - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Janice Tottie
Pewewardy Field

Handgame Tournament
1:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - Watchetaker Hall

Family Portrait Booth
2:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Location: Comanche Nation Complex - IT Media
Center

Comanche Nation Fair Powwow
2:00 pm Hat & Boot Special in Honor of Jim Myers
(Sponsored by Jhane Myers, Family, & Friends)
Gourd Dance
5:00 pm Supper Break
6:00 pm Hat & Boot Dance Finals
Tribal Members Only Contest
Junior Adult Categories
Location: Comanche Nation Fairgrounds - Arena

2023 Comanche Nation Fair Flyer of Events

**Tribal Historic Preservation Office
2nd Annual Buffalo Butchering**
Tashwo?a Atsabi - Tuasu Yetsuru?i
"Spirit of the Buffalo Rising Again"



Join us for the 2nd Annual Butchering of a traditional buffalo in honor of: Fall Solstice

September 23, 2023
8 a.m. @ EPA
(located behind Law enforcement)

- ★ Please bring your own chair ★
- ★ Refreshments will be provided ★
- ★ Personal butchering knives encouraged ★

★ Buffalo meat will be given out at Comanche Nation Fair rations ★

For more information, please contact THPO @580-492-1153

2nd Annual Buffalo Harvest
8 a.m., Sept. 23, Office of Environmental Programs

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Two Person Scramble
SEPTEMBER 23, 2023

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AT 7:00AM



The Comanche Nation Spirit Ride sponsored by the Comanche Nation Youth Services for more info call 580-492-3288


Spirit Ride
7 a.m., Sept. 24 - Watchetaker Hall - Comanche Complex

A Walk to Remember

Join us at this year's A Walk to Remember as we honor our **Missing and Murdered** relatives and our loved ones we have lost to **suicide**.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COMPLEX
6:00 P.M.

MC: Carla Whiteman
There will be an open mic for those who want to share their stories.




Check out the FB event page!

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Memorial Walk
6 p.m., Sept. 26, Comanche Complex

Thursday September 28th, 2023
COMANCHE WARRIOR RUN



2023

8:00 A.M. TO 5:00 P.M.
8 AM/8:30 AM - WALTERS COMMUNITY CENTER
10 AM/10:30 AM - CACHE CAHOMA BUILDING
1 PM/2 PM - APACHE COMMUNITY CENTER
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Comanche Nation Fair through 30 years of Photos
2 p.m., Sept. 28, Comanche National Museum

comanche nation princess sorority
INDUCTION POWWOW

WHEN:
SEPTEMBER 28, 2023

WHERE:
Comanche Nation Dance Grounds

HEADSTAFF
TBA

Comanche Princess Sorority Induction Powwow
6 p.m., Sept. 28, Comanche Complex

COMANCHE NATION LORDS OF THE PLAINS
Comanche Nation Fair Hymn Singing
Numunuu
Hubiyanuu

Sumu?oyetu tanu God-ha suahtu mia
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Sumu?oyetu tanu God-ha kahniku nara?ururu?inuu
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Pu kahni u tai tsahwikukatu u.

Translation: Let's all go through God's way of thinking. Let's all go through God's way of thinking. We will meet in God's house/Heaven. We will meet in God's house/Heaven. He's going to bless us. He's going to bless all of us. He's going to save us. His house is open to all of us. His house is open to all of us.

Thursday, September 28, 2023
7:00 to 8:30 PM in Watchetaker Hall
Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM

For More Information Contact
Comanche Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (580) 492-1153

Comanche Hymn Singing
6 p.m., Sept. 28, Watchetaker Hall- Comanche Complex

COMANCHE NATION FAIR
CORNHOLE Tournament
2023
Tashwo?a Atsabi - Tuasu Yetsuru?i
"Spirit of the Buffalo - Rising Again"

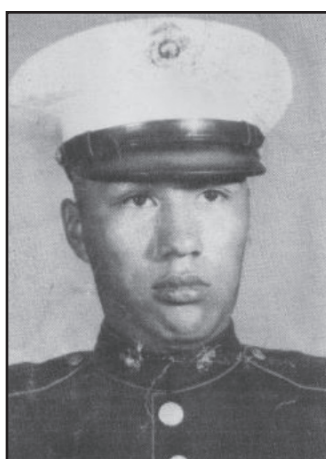
REGISTRATION SEPT. 29TH 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM AT WATCHETAKER HALL	TOURNAMENT PLAY FRIDAY SEPT. 29TH @ 6:00PM COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT
AGE 55+ / Doubles Only (First 8 teams to sign up)	ANY AGE / Doubles Only (First 16 teams to sign up)
1st: \$300 (Two \$150 Gift Cards) 2nd: \$150 (Two \$75 Gift Cards) 3rd: \$100 (Two \$50 Gift Cards)	1st: \$300 (Two \$150 Gift Cards) 2nd: \$150 (Two \$75 Gift Cards) 3rd: \$100 (Two \$50 Gift Cards)
AGE 12 - 54 / Doubles Only (First 16 teams to sign up)	AGE 6 - 11 / Doubles Only (First 8 teams to sign up)
1st: \$300 (Two \$150 Gift Cards) 2nd: \$200 (Two \$100 Gift Cards) 3rd: \$100 (Two \$50 Gift Cards)	1st: \$150 (Two \$75 Gift Cards) 2nd: \$100 (Two \$50 Gift Cards) 3rd: \$50 (Two \$25 Gift Cards)

TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR - KATHY CARDONA
PHONE: 580-919-8610
EMAIL: LANGUAGE@COMANCHEATION.COM

Cornhole Tournament
6 p.m., Sept. 29, Comanche Courthouse Parking lot



The flag of Ron Parker will be flown Sept. 29 of the Comanche Nation Fair. The Flag Raising Ceremony will be 8 a.m., by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) at the Comanche Nation Complex Powwow arena.



The flag of Lewis Chasenah will be flown Sept. 30 of the Comanche Nation Fair. The Flag Raising Ceremony will be 8 a.m., by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) at the Comanche Nation Complex Powwow arena.



The flag of George Red Elk will be flown Oct. 1 of the Comanche Nation Fair. The Flag Raising Ceremony will be 8 a.m., by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) at the Comanche Nation Complex Powwow arena.

5k/1mile FUNRUN
SATURDAY, SEPT. 30
 Comanche Nation Softball Fields
 584 NW Bingo Rd Lawton, OK 73507
 REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 7AM
 RUN BEGINS AT 7:30AM
 Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery

Fun Run
 7 a.m., Sept. 30, Comanche Nation Softball Fields

ART
COMANCHE NATION FAIR ART SHOW 2023
 Code Talker Rm
SEPT 30TH 2023
 Registration begins at 8am to 12pm
 Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media category
 Kids (K-6), (7th-12th) Adult Division Non Comanche division

Art Show and Competition
 Noon, Sept. 30, Code Talker Room, Comanche Complex

30th Annual COMANCHE NATION FAIR
PARADE
 SPIRIT OF THE BUFFALO - RISING AGAIN
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30
 COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COMPLEX
PARADE LINEUP 7:00 AM **PARADE START 10:00 AM**
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE - SEPTEMBER 15
 FLOAT PRIZES AWARDED
BEST DEPARTMENTAL FLOAT
BEST NON-DEPARTMENTAL FLOAT
 CONTACT INFORMATION
 BJ ANDERSON 580-215-8053
 BJ.ANDERSON@COMANCHENATION.COM
 JANET TAHAH 580-591-0203
 JANET.TAHAH@COMANCHENATION.COM

Parade
 10 a.m., Sept. 30, Comanche Complex

Comanche Nation Fair
Hot Dog Feed
Saturday, September 30th.
Powwow Grounds After the Parade

Free Hot Dogs
 Following the parade, Sept. 30, Complex Powwow

COMANCHE NATION FAIR 2023
KIDS SIDEWALK CHALK ART CONTEST
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2023
 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.
 REGISTRATION @ 1:30 P.M.
 (MEET @ FLAG POLES WEST OF ADMIN. BUILDING)
 ~JUDGING STARTS @ 5 P.M.~
Categories: Pre K - 2nd Grade, 3rd Grade - 5th Grade, 6th Grade - 8th Grade, 9th Grade - 12th Grade
Prizes: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25, 4th \$20, + 3 Consolation Prizes
 Invited Special Guest Judges: Comanche Nation Sr. Princess, McKenz Song, Comanche Artist, Noodle (Wahmi-uh-Pieh) Hatfield, Comanche Academy Charter School Princess, Yesenia Nive, Christine Atison, Comanche Academy Charter School Brave, Isaac Lenewolf, Cooswoon.
 Chalk will be provided
 Art must relate to 2023 Fair theme
 One individual per square
 Hosted By: Comanche Nation Historic Preservation Office & Comanche Academy Charter School

Children's Sidewalk Chalk Art Contest
 2 p.m., Sept. 30, Flag Poles of Administration Building

Family & Individual Portraits for the Comanche Tribal Archives
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
 2:00 PM TO 7:00 PM
 MEDIA CENTER INSIDE THE YEE MUKA KAHNI BUILDING
 APPOINTMENTS FOR FAMILIES & WALK INS AVAILABLE
 COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

Family & Individual Portraits
 Sept. 30 & Oct. 1, Media Room, Comanche Complex

COMANCHE NATION FAIR PRESENTS
ELDER'S DANCE
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30TH.
7:00PM
 PLEASE JOIN US IN WATCHETAKER HALL FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!
 DANCING, FOOD, & DOOR PRIZES!
 MUST BE 62 OR OLDER
 SPONSORED BY THE COMANCHE FAIR, ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT, & THE LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT.

Elder's Dance
 7 p.m., Sept. 30, Watchetaker Hall, Comanche Complex

30th ANNUAL COMANCHE NATION FAIR
SPIRIT WALK
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023
 COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COMPLEX
CEDAR SMOKING 7:00 AM **WALK BEGINS 7:45 AM**
 FREE T-SHIRTS *WHILE SUPPLIES LAST*
 CEDAR SMOKING BY MELVIN MITHLO
 CO-SPONSORS NEW PATHWAYS & VERA BURGESS
 CALL NEW PATHWAYS (580) 492-3743 FOR MORE INFORMATION

Spirit Walk
 7 a.m., Oct. 1, Comanche Complex Powwow Grounds

OCTOBER 1ST, 2023
 WATCHETAKER HALL
 LAWTON, OK
Comanche Nation HANDGAME TOURNAMENT
 NO ENTRY FEE • NO AGE LIMIT
 REGISTRATION: 1:00PM - 1:45PM • DRAWING: 1:45PM • GAMETIME 2:00PM
 1ST PLACE \$2000 • OTHER PLACES TBD
 BEST GUESSER & BEST HIDER
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: FIONA KERCHEE 580.956.4453

Handgame Tournament
 2 p.m., Oct. 1, Watchetaker Hall, Comanche Complex

30TH ANNUAL COMANCHE NATION FAIR
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT
FREE ENTRY **DOUBLES ONLY**
1ST PLACE - \$900
2ND PLACE - \$400
3RD PLACE - \$200
 20 TEAMS MAX
 CN COMPLEX (SOFTBALL FIELD)
 SUNDAY OCTOBER 1ST.
 SIGN UP - 10:00AM
 START - 11:00AM
 580-492-3240

Horseshoe Tournament
 10 a.m., Oct. 1, Comanche Complex Softball Field

Other Events and Activities:

- Tues., Sept. 26 - Lunch & Learn with Mary Motah - Comanche Nation Complex
- Wed., Sept. 27 - Native American Church Meeting - Dusk- Comanche Nation Powwow Grounds
- Fri., Sept. 29 - Carnival Opens - Noon

COMANCHE NATION COMPLEX GROUNDS, 8 MILES NORTH OF LAWTON, OK

COMANCHE NATION FAIR

POW WOW



SEPTEMBER 29, 30, OCTOBER 1
2023

HOST NORTHERN DRUM

BULLHORN
KAINAI (BLACKFOOT CONFEDERACY)
PROVINCE OF ALBERTA, CANADA

HEAD STAFF

EMCEE'S
EDMOND NEVAQUAYA
HOWIE THOMPSON
MARTIN FLORES
HEAD GOURD DANCE SINGER
TIMOTHY MONOESSY
HEAD MAN GOURD DANCER
GLEN GUTIERREZ
HEAD WARDANCE SINGER
OJ LITTLECOOK
HEAD MAN & LADY (EVENING SESSION)
SELECTED DAILY
ARENA DIRECTORS
TRAVIS CODYNAH
JR ROSS
RANDY FOYE

HEAD STAFF

COMANCHE NATION PRINCESS
MCKENZI SOVO
COMANCHE NATION JR PRINCESS
VIVIEN MICHELLE PARKER
COLOR GUARDS
CIVA
HONORARY FLAGS
FRIDAY - RON PARKER
SATURDAY - LEWIS CHASENAH
SUNDAY - GEORGE REDELK
CO HOST
CIVA
COMANCHE LITTLE PONIES

Spirit of the Buffalo Rising Again

Categories

TINY TOTS, JR & TEEN

TINY TOTS (5YR AND UNDER)
JR GIRLS (6-12)
FANCY & JINGLE (COMBINED)/NS CLOTH/NS BUCKSKIN
\$200, \$175, \$125, \$75
JR BOYS (6-12)
GRASS & CHICKEN (COMBINED)/NORTHERN
TRADITIONAL/SOUTHERN STRAIGHT/FANCY
\$200, \$175, \$125, \$75
TEEN GIRLS (13-17)
FANCY/JINGLE/NS CLOTH/NS BUCKSKIN
\$400, \$300, \$200, \$100
TEEN BOYS (13-17)
GRASS & CHICKEN (COMBINED)/NORTHERN
TRADITIONAL/SOUTHERN STRAIGHT/FANCY
\$400, \$300, \$200, \$100

*NS: NORTHERN/SOUTHERN

JUNIOR & SENIOR ADULTS

SR ADULT WOMEN (35-54)
FANCY/JINGLE/NORTHERN
TRADITIONAL/SOUTHERN CLOTH & BUCKSKIN
\$1000, \$700, \$500, \$300
SR ADULT MEN (35-54)
GRASS/CHICKEN/NORTHERN TRADITIONAL
SOUTHERN STRAIGHT/FANCY
\$1000, \$700, \$500, \$300
JR ADULT WOMEN (18-34)
FANCY/JINGLE/NORTHERN TRADITIONAL
SOUTHERN CLOTH & BUCKSKIN
\$1000, \$700, \$500, \$300
JR ADULT MEN (18-34)
GRASS/CHICKEN/NORTHERN TRADITIONAL
SOUTHERN STRAIGHT/FANCY
\$1000, \$700, \$500, \$300

GOLDEN AGE

GOLDEN AGE WOMEN (55+)
(NORTHERN COMBINED/SOUTHERN COMBINED)
\$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300
GOLDEN AGE MEN (55+)
(NORTHERN COMBINED/SOUTHERN COMBINED)
\$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$300
TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY CONTEST
GOLDEN AGE MEN COMBINED (60 AND OVER)
GOLDEN AGE WOMEN COMBINED (60 AND OVER)
ADULT MEN (18 - 59)
ADULT WOMEN (18 - 59)

Special Events & Contests

FRIDAY SPECIAL, SEPTEMBER 29

FIRST ROUND - HAT AND BOOT SPECIAL IN HONOR OF JIM MYERS SPONSORED BY JHANE MYERS, FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

JR. GIRLS TRADITIONAL - AGES 6-12 IN HONOR OF EMMARIAH WARE. SPONSORED BY RUTH WETSELLINE & FAMILY

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

GOURD DANCE 4:00 PM
REGISTRATION OPENS AT 5:00 PM
HAT AND BOOT SPECIAL AT 7:00 PM
TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY GOLDEN AGE
TINY TOT CONTEST (5 AND UNDER)
JR & SR ADULT EXHIBITION AND EXCUSED
JR CATEGORIES (6-12)
TEEN CATEGORIES (13-17)
WOMEN'S GOLDEN AGE (55+)
MEN'S GOLDEN AGE (55+)

SATURDAY SPECIALS, SEPTEMBER 30

BLACKFOOT STYLE CHICKEN DANCE SPECIAL
ALL AGES IN HONOR OF CAMDON AND BABY BRAD EAGLESPEAKER-WARE
THREE PLACE STANDINGS WITH TWO CONSOLATIONS
PRIZE MONEY TBA

TINY TOTS SPECIAL
SPONSORED BY AMANDA WILSON AND FAMILY

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY SPECIAL, OCTOBER 1

FINAL ROUND - HAT AND BOOT SPECIAL IN HONOR OF JIM MYERS

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

COMANCHE DANCES 1:00 PM
(SPONSORED BY COMANCHE LANGUAGE PROGRAM)
TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY 18 - 59 MEN AND WOMEN
GOURD DANCE 2:00 PM-5:00 PM
SUPPER BREAK 5:00 PM-6:00 PM
HAT AND BOOT DANCE FINALS
JR ADULT CATEGORIES

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