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## Building Strong Foundations for Tribal Youth Through Stable Housing

By: Nora Sovo/Comanche Nation Housing Authority

There is a pressing need to address the issues that surround housing stability, particularly among tribal youth in Oklahoma. From 2020 to 2022 Oklahoma experienced a 29 percent surge in youth homelessness, leaving approximately 120,000 without a stable home.

CNHA is addressing these challenges by providing accessible housing solutions through various programs. The housing authority offers lease-to-own and rental programs, support for home repairs, housing for tribal elders and its students and down payment assistance grants. The efforts of CNHA aim to alleviate financial burdens and create a stable environment for all members of the tribe.

Within Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) properties, 57% of homeownership units are occupied by families with children under the age of 18, comprising 41.6% of all occupants. Simultaneously, 42.5% of CNHA's rental units are home to families with children under 18.

"Ensuring stable and secure housing plays a pivotal role in shaping the development of youth," said Russell Sossaman, CNHA's executive director. "It provides a solid foundation for positive adulthood outcomes, allowing young individuals to focus on personal growth and educational pursuit and have more rewarding career opportunities as a result."

The housing authority's resources can also create opportunities and contribute to increasing higher education rates and future earnings, reducing incarceration rates and improving mental health. By helping those in need, CNHA strives to promote Comanche Nation's culture by ensuring that the community's basic needs are met.

According to Housing Matters Urban Institute, teens who live in adequate housing are more likely to attend school regularly and have an environment that is instrumental to their success. Their studies have also shown that adolescents with access to stable housing experience lower stress levels, improved mental health and are less likely to engage in risky behaviors.

CNHA's programs are designed to provide affordable, safe and decent housing while promoting self-sufficiency through employment, education and economic stability for income-eligible Comanche Nation members.

To learn more about CNHA's housing initiatives, visit [www.comanchehousing.com](http://www.comanchehousing.com)

## Comanche Nation Election Board Members Sworn Into Office Sept. 13



Incoming members of the Comanche Nation Election Board place their hands on the Bible and take the Oath of Office administered by Rev. Jay Mule, in Code Talker Room at the Comanche Nation Complex on Sept. 13.



Incoming Comanche Nation Election Board members Adolphus Figueroa, Mike Blackstar, Rosaline Asatamy, Marilyn Tiger, Elizabeth Ware and Elia Ahdosy-Robles ready to take the Oath of Office for the Comanche Nation Election Board.



Rev. Jay Mule, administers the Oath of Office to the incoming Comanche Nation Election Board members on Sept. 13 in the Code Talker Room at the Comanche Nation Complex.

Story and Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

On Sept. 13, six elected members with one alternate were sworn in as Election Board members of the Comanche Nation.

The elected members are:

- Sandra Chesnut - Cache area
- Marilyn Tiger - Anadarko area
- Adolphus Figueroa - Apache area
- Rosaline Asatamy - Walters area

- Elizabeth Ware - Lawton area
- Elia Ahdosy-Robles - Oklahoma City area
- Mike Blackstar - Alternate

The six elected members for each district chose the incoming members.

The sworn members have all passed a background check and drug tests.

The elected members have previously worked on past elections of the Comanche Nation and are familiar with election policies of 2018.

The oath was administered by Rev. Jay Mule of the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery/Re-integration Program.

## Comanche Language Community Classes Scheduled in October

By Paula Karty/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Language Department will be offering in-person Comanche Language classes beginning in October.

The classes will be offered in the following communities:

**Apache-** 6 p.m.- 8 p.m., Oct. 4 and 18, Comanche Community Center, Apache, Okla. Instructors-Tiffany Wright and Lloyd Heminokky Jr.

**Indiahoma-** 6 p.m.- 8 p.m., Oct. 5 and 19, Indiahoma School Auditorium, Indiahoma, Okla. Instructors-Allyson Thrash and Ruth Pahcheka Pickup.

**Walters-** 6 p.m.- 8 p.m., Oct. 10 and 24, Comanche Community Center, Walters, Okla. Instructor-Ed Tahhawah Jr.

**Lawton-** 6 p.m.- 8 p.m., Oct. 10 and 24, Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Auditorium, Lawton, Okla. Instructors- Gabby Maietta and Crystal Rodriguez

**Cache-** 6 p.m.- 8 p.m., Oct. 17, Cache Building, Cache, Okla. Instructors-Billie Kreger and Kathy Cardona.

The classes are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be available at each class.

For more information contact the Comanche Nation Language Department (580) 699-5315 or (580) 919-8610.



## Indigenous Peoples Day Celebration Set for Oct.9

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Indigenous Peoples Day Committee has organized a fun-filled program to celebrate and honor the Indigenous people.

The celebration will kick off at 10 a.m. at the Lawton City Hall, with the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Veterans Organization posting the flags. Keynote speakers will be the Kiowa Chairman, Lawrence Spottedbird, and the Kiowa Vice Chairman, Jacob Tsoitigh.

The activities will continue at 1 p.m., at the MCC Ballroom at Cameron University, 501 SW University Dr., in Lawton, Okla. Jay Mule will perform the Hoop Dance, the Kiowa women will perform the Scalp Dance, and the Hispanic Dance Society will demonstrate traditional Mexican dances. Indigenous music from India will be performed by Carnatic Music and Indian classical music and dance demonstrations will be performed by Lipika Devara.

Other dance demonstrations will include the two-step and round dance.

In addition, there will be poetry, music, and instruments as well as arts & crafts workshops.

Food demonstrations will be provided by the Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery.

The event is free and open to the public.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

**ONAA KAHNI OPENING.** The Comanche Child Care Program's new daycare, called the *Onaa Kahni* (Infant House) will open its doors on October 3. It will care for infants and toddlers 6-weeks-old through four-years-old. A grand opening is planned in the future. TOP: *Onaa Kahni* staff members Janel James, Daisy Sovo, Mari Lavatai, Valeria Williams, and Jayla Sankadota build furniture for the daycare. RIGHT: Cubbies are ready to be filled at the *Onaa Kahni* Daycare. More information, call (580) 699-3991.





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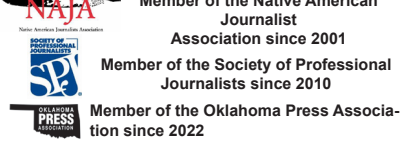
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# Government

## A Total of 12 Resolutions are Presented at the August CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

**Editor's Note:** This is an overview of the September 9, Comanche Business Committee Monthly Meeting, and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, please contact the Office of the Chairman, (580) 492-3251. You can watch the meeting in its entirety online at [comanchenation.com](http://comanchenation.com).

Comanche Nation Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. A roll call was conducted. John Wahnee was hospitalized and not able to attend the meeting. All other CBC members were present. A quorum was established.

**Resolutions**

**Resolution No. 85-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1301 Adults . The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 86-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1302 Minors The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 87-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1303 Relinquishment. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 88-2023-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1304 Does Not Meet Blood Quantum. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 89-2023-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1305 Outside of Parameters. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 90-2023-** Enrollment Resolution List 1306 5-0

**Resolution No. 91-2023-** Enrollment Resolution List 1307 5-0

**Resolution No. 92-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1308-Elders. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 93-2023-** CIP Bank TPO Roof Resolution. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 94-2023-** Tribal Court Renewal BIA Contract. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 95-2023-** Realty Right of Way Resolution. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 96-2023-** Tax Commission Access to View Bank Account Resolution. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 97-2023-** Language Department Teacher Certification Authority Resolution. The resolution passes 4/1/0.

**Resolution No. 98-2023-** CBC Remote Attendance for Official Meetings Resolution. The resolution passes 4/1/0.

**Resolution No. 99-2023-** CBC Discontinuation of Business with Dr. Briner Resolution The resolution passes 3/2/0.

**Resolution No. 100-2023-** Secretarial Election Resolution adopting a 3-Year Term for TA . The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 101-2023-**CBC Resolution to suspend CBC No. 3 Alice Kassanavoid. The resolution passes 3/2/0.

**Resolution No. 102-2023-**CBC Resolution Office. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Old/New Business**

Tribal Elder Ron Red Elk took the floor to say he was not notified he was taken off of the Cow/Calf Program. Tahsequah said she motioned for it because it will give others an opportunity to become familiar with the program. A discussion followed.

Tribal Member Rick Arterberry stated he is a 100% disabled veteran and would like the CBC to consider tribal veterans who are 100% disabled to receive tribal elder benefits beginning at 55 years.

Mark Wauahdooh asked CBC to consider economic ventures in Texas, specifically the Dallas and Austin areas. Kahrarah responded by saying they are looking into the subject.

Lawana Townsley addressed the CBC, asking for them to write a letter of support to the Texas Board of Education. She added that she called and emailed all the CBC about it and drove from Richardson, TX, to attend the meeting and ask them to support her cause in person.

Tanisha Burgess asked the CBC how the CO-OP refinery that the City of Lawton is building will affect the KCA lands where the refinery is being built. She also asked how many committees the CBC has and how much they get paid to sit on them.

Charlotte Niyah asked the CBC to clarify the difference between the election office employees and the elected board members

Tribal elder Rita Coosewoon reminded the crowd to support those trying to keep the Comanche language alive and respect one another.

Dr. Pewewardy presented a resolution to suspend CBC No. 3 due to violations of the Comanche Nation Constitution. A lengthy discussion followed if the resolution was constitutional.

Pewewardy makes a motion to go into Executive Session. Kahrarah seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/0.

*From the Chairman's Desk*



**CRITICISM**

*Don't be distracted by criticism. Remember, the only taste of success some people will have is when they take a bite out of you. - Ten Bears*

Have you ever been criticized? If you haven't, cheer up! You will be someday. Everyone will experience criticism at some point from his or her family, friends, teachers, bosses, fellow employees, or even from strangers.

How do you respond when being criticized? Do you get angry and say, "Same to you buddy!" Do you feel threatened and picked upon like a martyr? Do you just become silent and afraid to respond? Is there any help in dealing with criticism, whether constructive and fair or destructive and unfair?

Don't let people's complaints go to your head, and don't let the criticism go to your heart.

- Don't respond immediately. Take a deep breath, count to ten, and breathe out slowly. Try to smile and begin to listen carefully for both facts and emotions. Listen for intention or motives. Try to understand what their complaints or concerns are. Along the way, ask questions and seek clarification.
- Try and remember James 1:19 (NKJV), which states, "Let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." Stay calm and control your emotions. Try not to become defensive as they pour out their dissatisfactions. Don't interrupt and begin to argue, refute, correct, or attempt to clarify, misunderstanding in the midst of their unloading their complaint.
- Let them get it all out of their system. Before you respond, ask, "Is there anything else? Are there any other issues you want to share with me?" After they share other complaints, ask again, "Is there anything else?" Keep doing this until they say, "That's it. There's nothing else." This would be an excellent time to play back end and respond to the accusations or complaints from the confronter. "Let me see if I've heard you correctly." Then, ask, "Have I accurately understood what you shared with me."

A well-stated issue is a problem half-solved.

- Be open and evaluate if there's a grain of truth to what they say. Don't try to make excuses. If there are legitimate issues where you were wrong, admit it and apologize for your part. The sooner you do that, the sooner you can get on with life.
- Start by saying, "Thank you for honestly sharing your thoughts and how the situation has affected you." Then, begin to clarify misunderstandings or answer questions they may have. Remember, there are always two sides to every issue. If possible, the goal is to save or reconcile the relationship, not to become defensive, and win an argument.
- Remember, not all criticism against you will be accurate or fair. Some people have an ax to grind and never be satisfied. In those cases, when you get kicked by a donkey, consider the source. Remember, the dogs bark, and the wagons roll on. Just learn to "ROLL ON." We all have more important issues to deal with.

In conclusion, I have carried this quote with me throughout my career, and it has sustained my LEADERSHIP philosophy about striving valiantly and daring greatly.

"It is not the critic who counts: not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man/woman who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself/herself in a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he/she fails, at least he/she fails while daring greatly, so that his/her place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat."

TOGETHER, our Comanche People are definitely "COMANCHE STRONG!"

**URA,  
Chairman W.**

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# Chairman's Trip Report: Department of Health and Human Services Secretary's Tribal Advisory Committee (STAC)

Story and Photos submitted by Mark Woommavovah/Chairman of the Comanche Nation

The National Indian Health Board in Rapid City, S.D., September 12-14, sponsored the Tribal Advisory Committee. Tribal leaders from across the United States represented Indian Country. Chairman Woommavovah was appointed Board Member and voting delegate for Oklahoma. Other tribal leaders and delegates from Oklahoma, Cherokee Principal Chief Chuck Haskins, JR., Wichita and Affiliated Tribes President Terri Parton, Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor Reggie Wassana, and Chickasaw Lt. Governor Chris Anotubby. We met with the Secretaries from DC, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Institute of Health, Indian Healthcare Services, the Health Resources and Service Administration, the Administration for Children and Families, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid

Services, Administration for Community Living, Office of Inspector General, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Director of Indian Health Services. During the Tribal Caucus, we could discuss our concerns as leaders and share those concerns with Departments and Secretaries from DC.

The delegation collectively toured the Thunder Valley housing initiative on the upper side of Pine Ridge Indian Reservation and Kyle Youth Center (STEAM PROGRAM). We also toured the Wounded Knee District School. Chairman Woommavovah honored the kindergarten class with a book donation and a book reading of "The Little Indian Runner." They attended a memorial ceremony at the Wounded Knee Cemetery. They toured the Pine Ridge Reservation, Oglala Sioux Headquar-

ters, Indian Health Services, Community Living, Substance Abuse Mental Health Services, and Tribal Communities Centers. They toured the Oyate Health Center in Rapid City on the final day. The conference concluded with an after-action review (AAR) with the Tribal Caucus to address our future plans to work together (Government-to-Government) and share our concerns to move Indian Country forward for a better and healthier future for all Tribal Nations.

"When Government-to-Government have defined expectations and understanding of each other's strengths, they develop a mutual respect for each other. As a partner meets or exceeds their goals for their People, the feelings of respect for that partner only increase." - Chairman Woommavovah



Chairman Woommavovah with Leslie Ann Dauphin, PhD, who is the Director of the National Center for State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Infrastructure and Workforce at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).



Chairman Woommavovah was appointed a Board Member and voting delegate for Oklahoma at the National Indian Health Board in Rapid City, SD, September 12-14th sponsored the Tribal Advisory Committee.



Chairman Woommavovah with the Physical Education Teachers and Cultural Youth Program Director at Wounded Knee Public's School at Pine Ridge Reservation.



From Left: Chief Hoskins Jr., Chairman Woommavovah, Reggie C&A's, Oglala Sioux Tribal, Dan Peters, Treasurer/Secretary and President Frank Star.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF  
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ADOLPHUS WAYNE FIGUEROA )  
An enrolled member of the Comanche )  
Nation. )

Case No.: NC-2023-0002

**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

**TO: ALL CREDITORS or INTERESTED PARTIES**


Take notice that Adolphus Wayne Figueroa has filed in the above Court a Petition to have the name changed as follows, to-wit from: Adolphus Wayne Figueroa to Adolphus Wayne JW Marshall.

The petition will be heard on 10/19/2023 at 10:00 AM located at the Comanche Nation Courthouse, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, Oklahoma.

If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Petition for Change of Name should not be granted by the Court you should file a written protest in the case prior to the date set for hearing or appear and present the same at the above time and place.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 28th day of August, 2023.

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An enrolled member of the Comanche )  
Nation. )

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**NOTICE BY PUBLICATION**

**To: Julius Sheridan**


Take notice that Nicole Reyna has filed in the above to have the name changed as follows, to-wit from: Avery Sheridan to Avery Reyna


The petition will be heard on 12/05/2023 at 11:00 AM located at the Comanche Nation Courthouse, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, Oklahoma.

If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Petition for Name Change should not be granted by the Court you should file with the court a written answer in the case prior to the date set for hearing or appear and present the same at the above time and place.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 21st day of September, 2023.

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## NUMUNI POWWOW 101

Join us in a youth led demonstration on learning powwow etiquette for both male and female dance categories and the opportunity to learn about singing around the drum.

**WHEN**  
Saturday  
October 21, 2023  
10 A.M. - 3 P.M.  
@Comanche Nation Complex  
in Watchetaker Hall

**Co-host Demonstrators**  
Comanche Princess Sorority  
Comanche Youth Dancers  
Comanche Academy  
Comanche Language Department

~Light Breakfast & Lunch will be provided~

Hosted By: Comanche Nation Historic Preservation Office





Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



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**SHARING STORIES.** The Historic Preservation Office hosted a series of community outreaches in September to share stories and historic information from those who grew up and lives in the areas. Each community outreach had moderators who shared stories about their community. The purpose was to gain information about the areas to help protect area sacred sites and to help bring communities together. The gatherings were documented by the Historic Preservation for future reference. Martina Minthorn, the director, said the outreaches were a success and she was glad community members were able learn about the history of where they live, and to preserve the history of the communities through elders. **TOP:** Moderators from the Richard Spur area. **BOTTOM:** Moderators from the Apache area.

# Programs

## October 2023 Adult Education Student of the Month Penny Salinas



Courtesy Photo

Penny Salinas is originally from Dallas Texas, but Oklahoma is her second home. She earned my Associates Degree in Criminal Justice, yet she decided to explore the health care field. She has her certifications as a Certified Nursing Assistant, Certified Medical Assistant, Advanced Certified Medication Administrator, and Certified Phlebotomy Technician. She currently works for the "Best Hospice Team" in Lawton-CompleteOK. Her education does not stop here. There's always something to learn. She is looking forward to starting RN school.

Everything she does is motivated by her children (Jaydalin, Nellie, and Eli).

She is a member of Dayspring Community Church, and attend various community groups.

She would like to acknowledge her parents Hector Yackeschi (Comanche) and Brenda Gayle Beartrack (Kiowa).

## October 2023 Higher Education Student of the Month Ethan Barhydt



Courtesy Photo

### Barhydt

Ethan Barhydt is pursuing a BS in Civil Engineering at the University of Notre Dame, and is also a part of the Army ROTC program, where a lot of extracurricular time is spent training and preparing for commissioning.

Almost all of his mom's family reside in Lawton, where my great-grandfather Nelson BigBow used to live.

Simultaneous with his graduation this May, he will also commission into the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant. Within the Army, he plans to either branch Aviation or Engineers, which will merit 4-12 years of service depending on his job.

Barhydt is very excited to complete his degree and begin his service in the Army this next year, and he couldn't have done it without all of his family's support.

## October 2023 Higher Education Student of the Month Mindy Brock



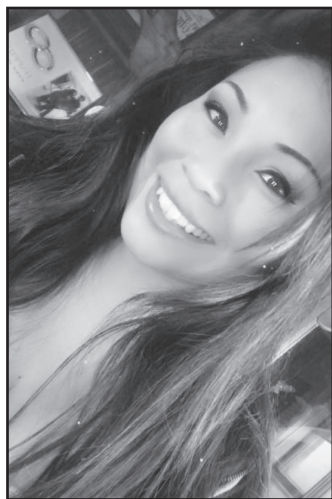
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### Mindy (Dietrich)

Brock is a graduate of Carnegie High School. She obtained a Bachelor's degree in Family Relations and Child Development from Oklahoma State University. Brock just started her 11th year of teaching Kindergarten at Mountain View-Gotebo Elementary. Currently, she is pursuing a Master's degree in Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Brock will graduate in May of 2024. Her interests lie in Behavior Intervention Strategies. She hopes to utilize her graduate degree to support students in their psychological, academic, and social development. The Comanche Nation Higher Education Scholarship Program has allowed her to continue her education so that she may better serve students and become an advocate for them as they grow and develop.

Brock is a descendant of Tomasa Chandler Conover. Historically, education has been important to her ancestors. As an adult, Tomasa was the first student at the Ft. Sill Indian School which opened in 1870. She served as an interpreter for the other students. Brock is the granddaughter of Edward A. and Wini Dietrich and the daughter of Van and Sherry Dietrich. Brock and her husband Will have 14-year-old sons, Cale and Luke. They reside in Mountain View, Oklahoma.

## October 2023 Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Sonya Moore



Courtesy Photo

### Moore

Sonya Moore is currently in the process of obtaining an Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Computer Aided Design (CAD) Drafting Technology at Minnesota State College Southeast.

Moore is a stay-at-home mom/student. She aspires to be a house designer, where she will be drawing up the blueprints that you need to build a house.

Moore's hobbies are woodshop and telling tiny humans what to do to remain alive.

Moore says, "I love

my family and I love God and Jesus. I love my tribe and I think the best thing in life is not knowing what can happen."

## Museum Receives Special Recognition for 2022 Exhibit



Courtesy Photo

Comanche National Museum Collections Manager, Nikki Carlstrom was presented the Honorable Mention award on behalf of the Comanche National Museum.

The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center (CNMCC) received special recognition at the Oklahoma Museum Association (OMA) awards ceremony held September 14, in Broken Arrow, Okla. An Honorable Mention Award was presented to Collections Manager, Nikki Carlstrom, on behalf of CNMCC, for the museum's 2022 exhibit, *Missing: Little Sister; What Happened To you?*

The exhibit, created to bring awareness to the growing epidemic of murdered and missing indigenous women (MMIW) in North America, was held in conjunction with the 2022 Comanche Nation Fair's MMIW Remembrance Walk.

"The MMIW exhibit was challenging because its one that hits close to home. Nearly two dozen Comanche women are among thousands of indigenous women in North America and Canada that either have been murdered or simply disappeared without a trace. Our goal was to bring the MMIW information to light while remaining respectful to the Comanche families among us that are still grieving for their murdered or missing loved ones," said CNMCC Director, Candy Taylor. The MMIW Southwest Oklahoma Chapter, under the leadership of Comanche tribal members Geneva Hadley, Natalie Wallace, and Brenda Soliz, helped curate the exhibit. "The local MMIW chapter was extremely supportive. They provided pertinent local information for our exhibit panels," Taylor said. "They also loaned the museum MMIW items and memorabilia for display. The collaboration was a wonderful example of Comanche strong, stronger together."

Presented annually, the OMA Awards recognize outstanding achievement by museums and individuals throughout the state during the past year. Award categories include exhibitions, promotional piece, publication, website, newsletters, conservation projects and education programs. With more than 500 members, the Oklahoma Museums Association supports Oklahoma museums in their efforts to educate, inform and entertain. OMA is headquartered in Oklahoma City.

To date, CNMCC is the recipient of 39 local, state, regional, and national awards since opening in 2007. It continues to be the most award-winning tribal museum in the State of Oklahoma.

## Comanche Nation Higher Education College Day/Career Expo



Vendors at the Comanche Nation Higher Educational 2023 College Day/Career Expo visit with students at the Great Plains Coliseum for possible careers after they finish high school.

Story and Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Higher Education held it's annual Career Day on Sept. 20, at the Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton, Okla.

Career Day is focused on high school Juniors and Seniors. It gives the young adults an idea of what is available after they finish high school.

The event was moved to the Great Plains Coliseum which provided more room for vendors, students and guest speakers.

185 students from Cache, Indianahoma, Carnegie, Elgin, Walters, Geronimo, Ft. Cobb-Broxtton, Apache,

Anadarko and Riverside Indian School were in attendance.

Due to the power outage which affected a lot of area high schools, the attendance was below expectations, originally 385 students were registered to attend.

A total of 57 vendors attended the event which was a record number, despite the power outage. Every vendor that registered showed up.

Christian Boos, Director of the Comanche Nation Higher Education, would personally like to thank the following: Comanche Nation Youth Services, Comanche Nation Workforce, Comanche

Nation Grasshopper Program, Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woomavovah, Comanche Nation Tribal Administrator, Julia Mantzke, Comanche County Fairgrounds Staff, all the vendors, all the students and chaperones.

Boos, would also like to give a huge thank you to Dr. Robin Zape-tah-hol-ah Mint-horn.

Minthorn was the keynote speaker for this year's event. Minthorn is Professor and Department Chair for the Educational Leadership and Policy Studies for the University of Oklahoma.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Vendor and tribal member, Eric Guy along with co-worker Calib Crist prepare to visit with students about a possible career.

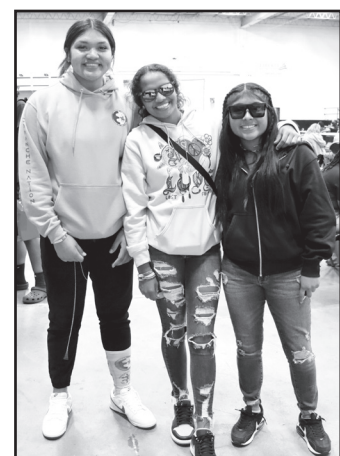


Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Students Rayna Mendez, Ms. Choctaw, Karliey Parker, Comanche and Terayna Tapija, Havasupai/Hualapai attend the 2023 College Day/Career Expo.



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Keynote speaker, Dr. Robin Zape-tah-hol-ah Minthorn speaks to the students during the 2023 College Day/Career Expo.

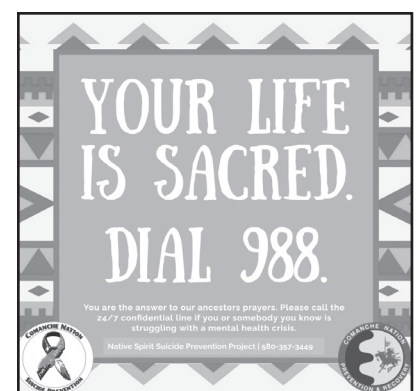
## Fort Sill Apache Outdoor Classroom

The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental (CNOEP) set up an educational booth at the Fort Sill Apache Tribe event. The event was an outdoor classroom for the Apache Elementry where 126 students were hosted and were rotated through stations learning about what the different agencies and programs do to protect the environment. The CNOEP did a butterfly craft and talked about the importance of butterflies and the role they play in sustaining the eco system.



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Students participating in the Comanche Nation Environmental outdoor classroom event show off their butterfly craft.



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# Programs

**Child Support Services  
Announces Court Dates**

**In the Comanche Nation  
Tribal Court**

- **Mead Elam-Wauqua:** CNC-SP-23-24; Petition for Establishment of Child Support
- **Geronimo Esquivel:** CNC-SP-23-25; Petition for Establishment of Child Support
- **Airk Goodin:** CNCSP-22-01; Application for Indirect Contempt
- **Rebecca Jackson:** CNCSP-18-03; Application for Indirect Contempt
- **Mitchell Mantzke:** CNCSP-16-44; Application for Indirect Contempt
- **Brian Palmer:** CNCSP-21-28; Petition to Register Foreign Order
- **Frank Poafpybitty:** CNCSP-15-02; Application for Indirect Contempt

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

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

Please take note that all court of Indian Offenses Child Support hearing will be conducted in person.

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## Youth Powwow (*uku?numunuu numi muhnemiaru nuhkana*) Takes Watchetaker Hall by Storm



Courtesy Photo

The Comanche Youth Dancers, one of the co-hosts of the Comanche Nation's Prevention & Recovery Youth Powwow, has a special song in their honor on August 26, at the Comanche Complex's Watchetaker Hall.



Courtesy Photo/ Dakota Wahkinney

Special guest, Mahiyah Ramirez Southern Plains UNITY Representative, visited the IAMNDN Youth Council members at the powwow and took pictures with the group.

Submitted by Brittany Turner\ Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Staff

The month of August saw one of the most highly attended powwows hosted by the Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery department and Comanche Academy Charter School, with an estimate of over 300 people in attendance. Providing safe and sober environments for communities to connect and offer positive family engagement is a mainstay of Prevention & Recovery, and this sentiment guides much of the events the department hosts. Moreover, this youth-led powwow's overarching goal was to highlight the talents of our youth and involve them in traditions and culture as a prevention tool against drugs, alcohol, suicide, and high school drop out. The Head Staff was complete with youth from

all ages and IAMNDN's Youth Council were MC's for the event. Specials were held for outgoing IAMNDN princess, LeAnn Tahsequah, and co-host Comanche Nation Youth Dancers.

Prevention & Recovery stays busy with community events. October events include the "Nightmare on Bingo Street," which is a family-friendly event with the Monster Run to follow. Their Annual New Year's Eve Bash will start at 7 p.m. on December 31, at the Comanche County Fairgrounds and will be a Glow in the Dark theme. Flyers can be found on social media pages, Comanche Nation P&R, Native Spirit Project, and *The Comanche Nation News*.

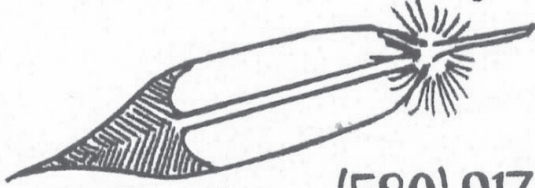


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Three drums fill the center of the arena at the Youth Powwow on August 26.

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# Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

## OCTOBER 2023

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### Indian Corn Soup Ingredients

- 1 Tbsp of Olive oil
- 1 ¼ Pounds of Pork Loin cut into 1-inch cubes
- 6 Cups of water
- 3 Cubes of beef bouillon
- 3 Cups of cubed rutabaga
- 2 Cups of chopped carrots
- 2 Cups of chopped celery
- 2 Cans of canned, drained hominy
- 1 Can of kidney beans rinsed and drained
- Salt and ground pepper to taste

### Directions

1. Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Cook and stir pork in hot oil until browned on all sides, about 5 to 10 minutes
2. Stir water in beef bouillon and chicken bouillon together in a large pot over medium-high heat until the bouillon dissolves. Add the pork, rutabaga, carrots, and celery and bring to a boil. Reduce heat to medium-low and simmer until vegetables are tender for about 40 minutes.
3. Stir in hominy and kidney beans into pork vegetable mixture and simmer until hominy and meat are tender for about 30 minutes more. Season with salt and black pepper.

### Baked Gnocchi Ingredients

- 1 Pound Italian sausage
- 2 Pound package of gnocchi
- 8 Oz ricotta
- 1 Tsp salt
- 1 Tbsp fennel seeds
- 1 Large jar of marinara sauce
- 8 Ounces of grated mozzarella
- 2 Tbsp fresh parsley

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 400 degrees
2. In a large ovenproof skillet, brown the Italian sausage over medium/high heat until it's cooked through, about 5 minutes. Remove the pan from the heat.
3. Add the marinara sauce, ricotta, uncooked gnocchi, fennel seed, and salt to the pan with the cooked sausage, and stir gently until the gnocchi is coated with the sauce and the sausage is well-distributed. Top with mozzarella and bake on the center rack for 30 minutes or until the gnocchi is tender.
4. Top finished baked gnocchi with a sprinkle of fresh parsley and serve warm.

### Butterscotch Bread Pudding

### Ingredients

- 1 Loaf of day-old bread torn into small pieces
- 4 Cups of milk
- 2 Cups of brown sugar
- ½ Cups of melted butter
- 3 Beaten eggs
- 2 Teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1 Cup of butterscotch chips

### Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees and butter a 9x13 inch baking dish
2. Combine bread, milk, sugar, butter, eggs, vanilla, and butterscotch chips in a large bowl. The mixture should be the consistency of oatmeal. Pour into prepared pan.
3. Bake in preheated oven for 1 hour until nearly set. Serve warm or cold.

### Last months answer key

**Comanche Words Matching: Nuhkaru (Dance, Powwow)**  
Match the Comanche words and their pictures.

Nasukia  
Sabahpaki  
Nekasokoobi  
Mamasutsaa  
Kusa  
Nuhutsawe  
Suuma?aitu  
Hubiya  
Nema napu  
Yuhu nohkope

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### Pumpkin Bars

### Ingredients

- 1 ½ Cups of unsweetened pumpkin puree
- ¼ Cups of vegetable oil
- 2/3 Cup of packed light brown sugar
- 2/3 Cups of granulated sugar
- 2 Large eggs
- 1 ½ Tsp of vanilla extract
- 1 ½ Cups of all-purpose flour
- 2 Tsp of pumpkin pie spice
- 1 Tsp of baking powder
- ¾ Tsp of kosher salt

### For the spiced cream cheese frosting

- 1 Block of softened cream cheese
- ½ Cups of melted unsalted butter
- 1 ½ Tsp of vanilla extract
- 1 Tsp of pumpkin pie spice
- 5 Cups of confectioner's sugar

### Directions

1. For the bars, preheat the oven to 350 degrees
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the pumpkin, oil, light brown sugar, granulated sugar, eggs, and vanilla until well combined. Add the flour, pumpkin pie spice, baking

- powder, baking soda, and salt, stirring until just combined.
3. Spray a 9x13 baking pan with baking spray and coat with flour. Pour the batter into the pan; smooth out with a spatula.
4. Bake for 40 to 45 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into the center comes out clean. Let cool completely in the pan.
5. For the spiced cream cheese frosting: In a bowl of a stand mixer fitted with a paddle attachment, beat the cream cheese over medium speed until smooth. Add the butter, vanilla, and pumpkin pie spice and beat until well combined and creamy. Reduce the speed to low and gradually add the confectioner's sugar. Increase the speed to medium-high and beat until fluffy for about 1 minute.
6. To assemble: Spread the spiced cream cheese frosting on top of the cake. Cut into squares and serve. Keep in fridge as the frosting will get soft if left out.

## Halloween Word Scramble

Unscramble the Halloween themed Comanche words and join them to the picture on the right.

hənəib kaoap \_\_\_\_\_

pəteəiya \_\_\_\_\_

iopopk \_\_\_\_\_

təstəpah \_\_\_\_\_

awnkəis \_\_\_\_\_

stniupə \_\_\_\_\_

pəhəetirs \_\_\_\_\_

htuuyaku \_\_\_\_\_

beko satʔanik \_\_\_\_\_

isutimp \_\_\_\_\_

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"Do not speak against one another, brothers and sisters. The one who speaks against a brother or sister, or judges his brother or sister, speaks against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge of it. There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the One who is able to save and to destroy; but who are you, judging your neighbor?"

- James 4:11-12

# Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

## CIVA Activities

On September 9, The Comanche Indian Veterans Association were requested by the Comanche Nation Police Department to serve as the Color Guards for the opening ceremonies for the Cops & Kids event which was held at Dance Grounds at the Comanche Nation Complex. CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary would like to thank the Comanche Nation Police Department and especially thanking our Comanche Nation Youth in attending this great event.



Courtesy Photo

**CIVA Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Torralba, CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, CIVA Auxiliary members, Linda Tehauno and Jolene Schonchin.**



Courtesy Photo

**CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin signing the Pledge of Allegiance with the CIVA Color Guard and Auxiliary in the background.**



Courtesy Photo

**CIVA Mascot CSM "BoB" Plata enjoying the Cops & Kids event.**

## September Monthly Meeting

On September 14, CIVA held its ninth meeting for the 2023 calendar year. CIVA Co-Chaplain, Lyman Guy opened with a prayer as CIVA Auxiliary member in waiting, Danelle Tomah led the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening remarks were made by CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko as a Special Guest was introduced by CIVA Vice-Commander, John McClung.

Chaplain (Col.) Robert Glazener, Senior Chaplain, Fires Center of Excellence at Fort Sill introduced himself to the Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary.

Birthday recognitions were made to Urella Craig and to Richard Sapcut and Jimmy Ray Caddo who were not present as a birthday prayer was provided by CIVA Co-Chaplain, Ramonah Davis.

A meal was served and after the meal a roll call was conducted by CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski as a quorum was established.

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

The meeting was adjourned as a closing prayer was conducted by Chaplain (Col.) Robert Glazener.

## Headstone and Marker Installation

On September 7, Military Markers were installed at the Deyo Mission Cemetery for U.S. Air Force Veteran, Bernard Kahrahrh. CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary and volunteers arrived at 9:30 a.m. and found his final resting place. Family members requested the military marker to be placed at the foot of the gravesite as a headstone was on order. The volunteer crew began digging and measuring the area before the marker was set.



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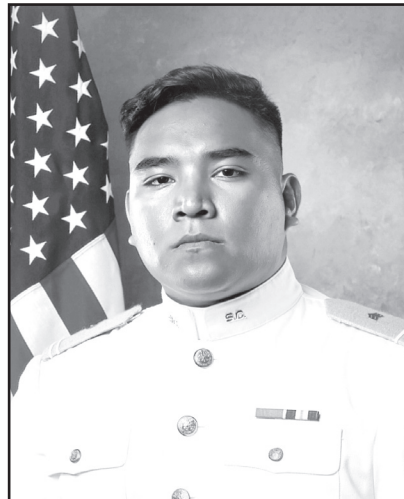
After the marker for Bernard Kahrahrh was set, the crew moved to the resting site of U.S. Navy Veteran, Carl Atavich. Daughter's Carlene Atavich and Tonielle and Gary Unah arrived as the volunteer crew began digging and measuring the area before the marker was set. The marker was set at the foot of the burial site.



Courtesy Photo

**From left - Carlene Atavich, Roger-Tehauno, Tonielle and Gary Unah.**

## Cadet Seth Allen Wesaw



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**Wesaw**  
**Cadet Seth Allen Wesaw**, is the son of Thompson L. Wesaw and Shelly Tongkeamha of Lawton, Okla., Grandson of Charlene (Wesaw) and Pat Tahdooahnippah, Cache, Okla., Great-Grandson of Delmar Wesaw, Sr., Fort Washakie, Wy., and Gloria Wermey-Cable, Cache, Okla., and Great-Great Grandson of Tom Alessandro Wesaw and Helen (Hill) Wesaw of Fort Washakie, Wy. He is an enrolled Eastern Shoshone tribal member and is also Comanche, Kiowa and Philipino.

He graduated from Cache High School in May 2019. Attended Southern Nazarene University, one full semester in fall of 2019/2020. Trnasferred to The Citadel Military College, fall semester 2020. He is now a Senior and will graduate May 4, 2024, with a Bachelor's Degree in Intelligence and Security. Wesaw has been awarded Gold Stars for the Spring Semester 2023, with his earned grade point average of 3.7 or higher. He was presented his Gold Star Sept. 15, in an awards parade. He can wear the Gold Star on his uniform throughout the semester following his academic achievement.

Wesaw has lived in Charleston, South Carolina for the past three years so he can pursue his education at the Citadel Military College. His

goal is to become a Special Agent with the FBI working with Native American communities on reservations.

## Honored Veterans Flags to be flown for the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association are honored to provide the names and biographies of the Honored Veterans who's flag will be flown during the Comanche Nation Fair.

### CPL Lewis M Chasenah USMC 1967-70



Courtesy Photo

#### Chasenah

**CPL Lewis M Chasenah**, served in the Vietnam War with/ Alpha Battery, 1st Battalion, 11th Marine Division as an Artillery Gun Crewman, unit conducted missions at Quang Tri, Dong Ha, Cam Lo, Con Thein, Khe Sanh, Hue City, Hill 81 and Da Nang.

Chasenah was awarded the Navy/USMC Achievement w/Valor Device for Heroic Achievement in disregard for his own safety ans while in combat and under hostile fire from enemy forces.

His awards include, Vietnam Service w/3 Campaign Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm and Vietnam Campaign w/1960 Device medals and Combat Action Ribbon, earned the honorary title of *Numu Pukutsi* for Heroism-Gallantry-Valor by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association.

### Captain Ronald Parker U.S. Army 1965-71



Courtesy Photo

#### Parker

Captain Ronald Parker, entered the U.S. Army on Nov. 21,

1967, and was released from active duty on Feb. 17, 1971, earning the rank of Captain. He completed Basic Combat Training at Fort Polk, La., and Advanced Individual Training as a Field Artilleryman, completed Officer Candidate School at Fort Sill and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant on Nov. 21 1967.

Captain Parker, served at Fort Carson, Colo., with the 5th Infantry Division, and volunteered for the Vietnam War. He served in Vietnam from June 1968 to January 1970 as a Artillery Forward Observer with the 1st Battalion, 28th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division.

Captain Parker, earned six Campaign Stars, awarded the Bronze Star with/Valor Device for heroism, also awarded the Bronze Star twice for meritorious service, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with/6 Campaign Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm and Vietnam Campaign with/1960 Device and three Overseas Bars, discharged at Fort Sill while serving with the 2nd Battalion, 31st Field Artillery, 4th Army Division.

Captain Parker, earned honorary title of *Numu Pukutsi* for Heroism-Gallantry-Valor by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association.

### George "Gerald" Red Elk



Courtesy Photo

#### Red Elk

**George "Gerald" Red Elk**, served in the U.S. Army in 1967-1973, and in the Oklahoma Army National Guard from 1982-1991, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served during the Vietnam War w/11TH Armored Cavalry Regiment (as a Tank Commander) & Persian Gulf War (as a Field Artillery Surveyor) w/45th Infantry Division, awarded Silver Star, the third highest award for Gallantry.

His citation reads in part: *"Red Elk, George, Sergeant, United States Army, Company D, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force on 18 March, 1969 while serving as a Tank Commander in the Republic of Vietnam. On this date, Company D was conducting a sweep through the Michelin Rubber Plantation when fierce contact was made with an estimated battalion-size force of North Vietnamese Regulars in well-concealed, bunker fortifications. In the ensuing battle, Sergeant Red Elk's tank began receiving rocket-propelled grenade fire from the left flank. Reacting instant-*

*ly, Sergeant Red Elk aggressively maneuvered his vehicle toward the enemy position, engaging them with his main gun. His highly accurate fire completely routed the enemy force, killing two. As he moved back on line, an enemy rocket-propelled grenade round exploded overhead, severely wounding his right hand. Ignoring the pain, Sergeant Red Elk was successful in knocking out a second rocket-propelled grenade team. He courageously remained with his tank for 45 minutes after being wounded, until he passed out from the pain and loss of blood. His heroic example greatly inspired the entire unit to press on and completely overpower the hostile force. Sergeant Red Elk's outstanding personal courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."* Signed by B.E. Huffman Jr., Brigadier General, GS, Chief of Staff on July 13, 1969.

Sergeant Red Elk, was also awarded the Army Commendation (2) & Army Reserve Achievement Medals and is the son of Comanche Code Talker, Roderick Red Elk - also stationed Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Riley, Kan., Lawton, Okla., Fort Carson, Colo., Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, other awards include Purple Heart, Vietnam Service medal w/4 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Vietnam Campaign medal w/1960 Device, Southwest Asia Service medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Saudi Arabian Liberation of Kuwait medal, Kuwait Liberation of Kuwait medal, Good Conduct medal w/2 Bronze Loops, National Defense Service medal w/ Bronze Star, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon 2/Numeral 2, Overseas Ribbon, Expert and Marksman Qualification Badges w/Rifle and Pistol Bars, selected as 2/64th Armor NCO of the Quarter, selected as "Top Gun" for 5/32nd Armor Tank Gunnery Qualification Test and graduate of the NCO Candidate School, inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on November 11, 2011. He was honored by the Military Times- Hall of Valor and the Oklahoma Historical Society for his actions during the Vietnam War.

George Red Elk served as the Treasure, Vice-Commander and Commander of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association and earned the honorary title of *Numu Putuski* for Heroism-Gallantry-Valor.



Courtesy Photos

**On Sept. 7, Ft. Sill Post Chaplain Colonel Glazner, held his unit ministry team training at the Post Oak Church in Indianhoma, Okla. There were 48 total soliders from Ft. Sill consisting of chaplains and chaplain's assistants. They were there to learn the history of the Mennonite brethren missionaries who started the Post Oak Church for the Comanche people in the Indianhoma and Cache area. Arlene Wilson gave a history lesson to the soliders. Virgie Kassinavoid sang Comanche hymns and translated the songs for the soliders. After the training the church served a meal for the soliders. Attendees asked questions and got to know each other.**



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# Cops and Kids 2023



Burning off some energy, children enjoy the foam party at the Comanche Nation Cops and Kids event located at the Comanche Nation Headquarters.

Story and Photos by Heaven Williams/News Staff

On September 9, the Comanche Nation Police Department held its annual Cops n Kids event at the Comanche Tribal Complex Pow Wow Grounds. Jennifer Caddo, who is the Supervisor of Dispatch, said that the Prevention and Recovery so kindly donated their time and effort to work the registration booth, and they had 484 people sign in, but more attended.

The Police Department gave away 22 bikes, some event tickets, a laptop, a TV, and two game con-

soles.

They also had lots of games for the kids to enjoy to cool off as temperatures rose throughout the day. They had a bubble fight and a slip-and-slide for the kids to enjoy cool fun. They had other games such as pony hops, hungry-hungry hippos, axe throwing, an obstacle course, laser tag, face painting, and a kitty striker.

Programs within the Comanche Nation, along with a few local businesses, set up informational

booths around the dance arena as well as inside the gym.

“The purpose of this event was for us to do community outreach to show people that we support our community and shed a positive light for the kids to see that we can engage with them in a good way that’s not negative like how people see on social media or TV. We are all human beings who have hearts and people who care very deeply about their community. We want to give back as much as we can,” said Caddo.



Comanche Youth Dancers from all different age groups follow Modesto Schonchin and Rebecca Burgess in the snake dance during the Youth Expo at the Cops and Kids event.



Kids and even some adults enjoy the Slip and Slide as the temperatures rise.

Of course, with such a big annual event, people get excited to attend. It was asked how they managed to keep everyone safe as it got hotter throughout the day, and Caddo said there was food and water that was available at all times for everyone to take so everyone could stay hydrated.

Caddo added, “We love doing it. The officers love engaging with the kids. They love this opportunity to have fun. The officers like to let loose and let the kids see a side of

them that they don’t get to see all the time.”

Caddo added, “The turn-out was great, the weather was hot, but everyone who helped did an excellent job, and we can’t wait to do this again next year.”

She also encourages, if you didn’t come out this year, to make sure to come out next year and join the fun.

## Albuquerque Outreach, Held Aug. 25 & 26, Event Brings Over One Hundred Tribal Members to Sandia Casino for Services and Information



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Kathy Cardona gives a language package to a tribal member during the Albuquerque outreach event August 25-26, at the Sandia Casino.



Tribal member Tessa Robledo receives a Coin of Excellence from Chairman Woomavovah for her work with the Native communities in the Albuquerque and Santa Fe area.



Comanche Nation Secretary/Treasurer, John Wahnee, visits with tribal members at the Albuquerque outreach.



Jackie Wahnee of the Comanche Housing Authority hands out information to Albuquerque tribal members



Yvonne Rodriguez, of the Prescription Assistance Program, receives a Pendleton blanket and Coin of Excellence from Chairman Woomavovah, for going above her work duties to coordinate the Albuquerque outreach event.



Comanche Business Committee Member No. 3, Alice Kassanovoid, talks to a tribal member from the Albuquerque area during an outreach event at the Sandia Casino.

# COME PLAY WITH US!

## GETAWAY IN STYLE



**FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS**  
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Win up to \$1,000 in Comanche Credit every weekend and our 10PM, 10:30PM and 11PM winners, all winners on Sept. 30 and all winners from the Grand Slam Zoom Ball are automatically finalist for the October 6, 11:30PM Grand Prize Finale. Three grand prize finalist choose a confetti box and if you pick the right one, you drive away a winner!

Earn E-drawing entries for every 25 points on your Comanche Rewards Card August 1-September 30. Drawing every 30 minutes.

Earn double entries on Tuesdays & Thursdays. See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

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**THURSDAYS**  
OCTOBER 5-26  
NOON-10PM

Every Thursday, earn 25 points to receive your T-shirt.



Limit 1 shirt per week per member. While Supplies Last. See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

## \$250,000 Grand Slam Zoom Ball

**FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS**  
OCTOBER 6-28 • 7PM-11PM  
**WIN UP TO \$250,000 CASH & MORE!**  
**Play Ball Today for \$250K!**

Play the Grand Slam Zoom Ball game by earning 5 points on your Comanche Rewards Card for drawing entries every Friday & Saturday. If your name is drawn, hit the button to see how many baseballs are suspended in the tube. There's up to \$250,000 in Cash and up to \$500 in Comanche Credit so start earning points from 8AM-11PM October 1-28.

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

## Comanche Elder's Day



### EVERY SUNDAY!

Comanche Rewards Club Members who are Comanche Tribal Elders receive \$20 Comanche Credit on your Comanche Rewards Card every Sunday.

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

## There's Pumpkin About Stoneware

**MONDAYS**  
OCTOBER 2-23  
10AM-11PM

### You'll Fall Hard For These Gifts!

Earn 200 points on Mondays to receive a gift beginning October 2-23.



While supplies last. See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

## GET 3¢ OFF EVERY GALLON!

### MEMBERSHIP HAS IT'S BENEFITS!

Sign up for your Comanche Rewards Club Card and stop by the Comanche Red River Travel Plaza and Casino or Comanche Spur Quik Stop and use your Comanche Rewards Card to earn up to 3¢ off each gallon of gas. Be sure to grab a hot, delicious treat and a cold beverage as well! Use your card, get a gas discount and win with us!

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.



# SPOOKY WINS

**FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS**  
OCTOBER 6-28  
7PM-11PM

### It's Time To Pop & Win!

Don't be afraid to win \$350 Cash or up to \$100 in Comanche Credit! Pick and pop a balloon when your name is drawn - drawings every 30 minutes. Earn E-drawing entries for every 5 points on your Comanche Rewards Card from 10AM-11PM, October 1-28. Have a scary good time!

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.



## HEROES DAY

**COMANCHE NATION CASINO TUESDAYS**  
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## SENIOR DAY

**COMANCHE NATION CASINO MONDAYS**  
**COMANCHE SPUR CASINO TUESDAYS**

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

# October is Breast Cancer and Liver Cancer Awareness Month

Breast Cancer is the most common cancer in the world; Liver cancer has risen 63% over the last decade

## Indigenous Pink

▶▶▶▶▶ Breast Health

**Increased Risks**

- GENETICS**: Inherited DNA changes in genes
- GENDER**: Being female
- BREAST DENSITY**: High density breasts
- AGE**: Getting older
- FAMILY HISTORY**: Mother, sister, daughter has had breast cancer
- 40**: AGE Getting older

**What can I do?**

- BREASTFEED**: Breastfeeding reduces estrogen exposure that helps prevent breast cancer
- REGULAR MAMMOGRAMS**: Women 40+ should have the option to have a mammogram once a year
- REGULAR BREAST EXAMS**: Speak to your health care provider for options
- WEIGHT CONTROL**: Overweight or obese women are at a higher risk
- EXERCISE**: Exercising 3 days/week may lower your risk
- LIMIT ALCOHOL USE**: Alcohol can increase estrogen which can increase risk

**Screening Guidelines/Recommendations**

Age	40-44	45-54	55+
Option to begin annual screening	Annual screening	Screening every 2yrs	Option to screen yearly


**Breast cancer usually has no symptoms when the tumor is small and most treatable.**

Talk to your health care provider about when screening is best for you.

**1 in 8** women will get breast cancer in their lifetime

Breast cancer is the 2nd leading cause of cancer death for American Indian women. A mammogram may save your life.

American Indian Cancer Foundation.



## Liver Cancer Awareness Month

October

Story by Heaven Williams/News Staff

October is Cancer Awareness Month, and these are just the few types of cancer that the American Cancer Society and the National Breast Cancer Foundation wants to bring to light.

Liver Cancer is cancer that begins in the cells of your liver. Your liver is a football-sized organ that sits in the upper right portion of your abdomen, beneath your diaphragm and above your stomach.

Several types of cancer can form in the liver. The most common type of liver cancer is hepatocellular carcinoma, which begins in the main type of liver cell.

**Facts about Liver Cancer**

Liver cancer can affect people of any age but is most common in people over the age of 55. These alarming statistics only worsen for American Indian populations.

The National Cancer Institute estimates that over 42,000 people will be diagnosed with liver cancer this year.

Liver cancer death rates for American Indian people (11.9 per 100,000) are more than double those of non-Hispanic whites (5.5 per 100,000).

About 25,000 men and 11,000 women get liver cancer, and about 19,000 men and 9,000 women die from the disease.

**Risk factors for primary liver Cancer**

- If you have Cirrhosis
- Having a fatty liver
- If you have hepatitis B
- Heavy alcohol use
- Obesity
- Tobacco use
- Diabetes
- Your age
- If you are male (men are at a higher risk than women)

To help guide treatment and define the outlook of liver cancer, healthcare professionals divide its progression into stages

**Stage 1:** The tumor remains in the liver and has not spread to another organ or location.

**Stage 2:** Either there are several small tumors that all remain in the liver or one tumor that has reached a blood vessel.

**Stage 3:** There are various large tumors or one tumor that has reached a main, large blood vessel.

**Stage 4:** The cancer has metastasized, meaning it has spread to other parts of the body.

Once the doctor has identified what stage a person is in, then they will usually start to receive treatment.

**Liver cancer MAY cause the following**

- Unintentional weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Nausea and vomiting
- Easy bruising or bleeding
- Yellowing of the skin and eyes
- Abdominal pain
- Lump on the right side of the abdomen
- Itchy skin

Most liver cancers are asymptomatic, but if you have Cirrhosis, chronic hepatitis B, or Hepatitis C, or if you have family history of liver cancer, then you should be screened for early detection.

October is also Breast Cancer Awareness Month, an annual cam-

paign to increase awareness of the disease. The goal is to get as many people as possible involved in raising awareness and funds to help support lifesaving research and life-changing support.

Breast cancer is defined as a disease in which cells in the breast grow out of control. There are different types of breast cancer, depending on which cells in the breast turn into cancer.

Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in Native Women. Nationally, the incidence rates for breast cancer among American Indian Native females from 2014 to 2019 were 110.5 per 100,000 compared to 126.9 per 100,000 for all races combined.

**What are the risks?**

- Your genes (if your mother, sister, daughter, or another close relative had breast cancer, it might run in your family)
- Your age (more likely if you're over the age of 50)
- Your breast density (breasts are made from fat and connective tissue. Having a dense breast means your breast contains more tissue than fat. This not only increases your risk for breast cancer, but it also makes the cancer harder to see on a mammogram)
- Your weight (over half of native women are overweight, and nearly 1/3 are obese. When you have extra fat tissue, your body makes more hormones, insulin, and estrogen.
- How much you drink
- Whether you breast feed (women who breast feed experience hormonal changes during lactation that delay their menstrual periods. This reduces a woman's lifetime exposure to hormones like estrogen, which can promote breast cancer cell growth)

**Breast cancer MAY cause the following**

- A breast lump or thickening that feels different from the surrounding tissue.
- Changes in the size or appearance of a breast.
- Changes to the skin over the breast, such as dimpling.
- A newly inverted nipple.
- Peeling, scaling, crusting, or flaking of the pigmented area of the skin surrounding the nipple.
- Redness or pitting of the skin over your breast, like the skin of an orange.

There are things that you can do to help prevent getting breast cancer, such as keeping your weight in a healthy range, limiting the alcohol to one drink a day or less, or, if you have a baby, breast feeding for at least one year if you can. Doing a self-exam once a month will also help early detection of breast cancer.

Raise awareness for Breast cancer in Indian country by acknowledging Indigenous Pink Day! Join the American Indian Cancer Foundation every third Thursday in October to encourage loved ones to get screened.

For more information about Breast cancer and early detection, visit Nationalbreastcancer.org

For more information about Liver Cancer and early detection, visit the American Cancer Society at Cancer.org

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# People, Places, & Things Happening

## Native Healing Coalition Releases Map of Indian Boarding Schools

In efforts toward uncovering the truth about the historical impact of Indian boarding schools in the United States, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) has released a digital map containing a total of 523 Indian boarding schools across the United States. This is the most extensive known list of schools to date and encompasses both federally operated boarding schools and institutions run by various religious entities.

The 523 schools are shown alongside known Indian residential schools in Canada, demonstrating an international scope and context geographically for the first time. Users will be able to find the locations and general information about all 523 schools, including known dates, operators, and historical notes.

"NABS is honored to release our latest findings and digital map, which will be an important resource for any future research conducted around Indian boarding schools," said Deidre Whiteman (Spirit Lake Dakota, Hidatsa), Director of Research and Education for NABS. "Researchers, educators, and policy makers now have a place to start to inform understanding and future change."

In May 2022, the U.S. Department of the Interior released volume one of its Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative Investigative Report, identifying 408 Indian boarding schools that were operated, funded, or supported by the United States government. In NABS's latest research, it identified an additional 115 schools, with the majority being operated without federal support by church institutions who had authority to establish schools to carry out U.S. policies meant to assimilate Native children.

"I believe this tool is going to greatly help our relatives who are seeking answers and who are on their own healing journeys," said Dr. Samuel Torres, Deputy CEO for NABS. "Every Indigenous person in this country has been impacted by the deliberate attempt to destroy Native families and cultures through boarding schools. For us to visually see the scope of what was done to our communities and Nations at this scale is overwhelming, but this work is necessary to uncover the truth about this dark chapter in American history."

NABS is already beginning to utilize its latest findings to inform future research, curriculum, and archival digitization efforts. In November, the organization will be releasing a first-of-its-kind archival database—the National Indian Boarding School Digital Archive. After its launch, the organization plans to update the digital map with links directly to available archival records.

"We believe our latest findings will open up new dialogues and bring new insights, allowing us to dig even deeper in examining the truth in this history, as well as continued calls for accountability," Dr. Torres said.

The digital map was created in partnership with the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation, which educates Canadians on the injustices inflicted on First Nations, Inuit, and the Métis Nation by the forced removal of children to attend residential schools and the widespread abuse suffered in those schools.

"NCTR is honored to partner with NABS to expand the international research of these assimilative institutions," said Jessie Boiteau, Senior Archivist for the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation. "Through this digital map, we are not just capturing history. We have created a tool that can be used today to impact what happens in the future."

## Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project

The Project will study the history, experiences of Catholic Indian boarding schools in Oklahoma.

The Archdiocese of Oklahoma City, the Diocese of Tulsa and St. Gregory's Abbey launched a new project to better understand the history and experiences of Native students in Oklahoma Catholic boarding schools from 1880 to 1965.

The Oklahoma Catholic Native Schools Project seeks to understand the history of Catholic Indian boarding schools in Oklahoma by gathering oral histories from former students and their descendants, studying documentation on Catholic Indian boarding schools from parishes, religious orders, tribes, the U.S. Department of the Interior and other reputable sources.

The information collected through documents and oral histories will be compiled into a report. "It is important we learn and understand the experiences of American Indian children and their families at Catholic boarding schools in Oklahoma so we can make better and more informed decisions moving forward," Archbishop Coakley said. "We will continue to build a culture of inclusion, healing and understanding related to Native Americans in our state."

The dioceses are working with Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wis., which holds the archives for the Bureau of Catholic Indian Missions, with specific collaboration with Marquette professor Bryan Rindfleisch, who specializes in American Indian history and studies. Oral histories and research will be coordinated locally by independent oral history contractors.

"It is by understanding the past that we are able to improve and build on good ideas in the present and, where necessary, make amends for failures in the past," said Bishop David A. Konderla, Bishop of Tulsa.

A total of 14 Catholic Indian boarding schools existed in Oklahoma between 1880 and 1965. The first one opened in Konawa in 1880 and closed in 1926. The last Catholic Indian boarding school, Saint Patrick's in Anadarko, closed in 1965. They were all overseen by various religious orders.

To learn more about the project, go online to [archokc.org/oknativeschoolsproject](http://archokc.org/oknativeschoolsproject). To contribute documents and/or photographs to the project or to share an experience from a Catholic Indian boarding school in Oklahoma, e-mail [info@oknativeschoolsproject.org](mailto:info@oknativeschoolsproject.org).



Courtesy Photo

Tselee and Youngman

**TWO TRIBAL MEMBERS TAKE ANOTHER WIN.** Comanche Tribal Members Lamiah Tselee and Kaia Youngman are the great-granddaughters of the late Zelma Tahsequah Tselee and the late Frances Youngman. They both helped their team; the Mustangs win the Fort Cobb Broxton JH tournament.

## Canadian Drama 'Little Bird' Comes to PBS

The Six-part Limited Series Starring Darla Contois and Lisa Edelstein. Premieres October 12, on all PBS Platforms

PBS announced that the celebrated Canadian drama *Little Bird* will premiere October 12, at 9 p.m. ET on PBS and across all PBS platforms in the US from Rezolution Pictures and OP Little Bird, and Canadian broadcasters Crave and APTN, in partnership with Fremantle, the six-part, one-hour limited series explores universal themes of resilience in the face of trauma and loss. It follows Bezbig Little Bird as she embarks on a path to find her birth family and uncover the hidden truth of her family history.

PBS will also broadcast and stream *Coming Home*, a 90-minute companion documentary providing historical context about the Sixties Scoop on October 12, at 10 p.m. ET. Directed by Erica Daniels, *Coming Home* explores the connections between the ground-breaking movement for Indigenous narrative sovereignty and the impact of the child welfare system as experienced through the *Little Bird* series' Indigenous creative, crew, and Sixties Scoop advisors. *Coming Home* provides a structuring through-line, interwoven with interviews with cast, crew, and community members revealing personal connections to the Sixties Scoop.

*Little Bird* and *Coming Home* will stream on all station-branded PBS platforms including PBS.org, and the PBS app, available on iOS, Android, Roku streaming devices, Apple TV, Android TV, Amazon Fire TV, Samsung Smart TV, Chromecast, and VIZIO. Both programs will also be available to stream on PBS Passport and the PBS Masterpiece Prime Video Channel.

Removed from her home in Long Pine Reserve in Saskatchewan, Bezbig Little Bird is adopted into a Montréal Jewish family at age five, becoming Esther Rosenblum. Now

in her 20s, Bezbig longs for the family she lost and is willing to sacrifice everything to find them. Her search lands her in the Canadian Prairies, worlds apart from everything she knows. As she begins to track down her siblings, she unravels the mystery behind her adoption and discovers that her apprehension was connected to a racist government policy, now known as the Sixties Scoop. Bezbig's sense of identity shatters, and she is forced to reckon with who she is and who she wants to become.

Led by Contois, the character-driven drama features a talented cast of Indigenous actors, including: Ellyn Jade; Osawa Muskwa; Joshua Odjick; Imajyn Cardinal; Braeden Clarke; Eric Schweig; and Michelle Thrush. Rounding out the cast is Lisa Edelstein who plays Esther's adoptive mother, Golda Rosenblum.

"PBS is proud to bring American viewers the premiere of *Little Bird*," says Maria Bruno Ruiz, Vice President, Program Content Strategy and Scheduling at PBS. "We aspire to bring authentic programs rich in culture and diversity to our audience and we're thrilled to add the powerful *Little Bird* story to our platforms."

"It is a powerful narrative that not only engages and pulls on your heartstrings, but also educates on a profoundly disturbing time in North American history that is rarely portrayed," said Germaine Sweet, Managing Director, Content Acquisitions at PBS Distribution. "In addition to the creative brilliance of Jennifer Podemski and Hannah Moscovitch, this series was delivered by a wealth of Indigenous talent both in front of and behind the camera."

"*Little Bird* is a crucial story that requires sensitivity and boldness to shed light on a piece of history that is not widely known. We are proud to collaborate with PBS to ensure that this story reaches audiences in the United States and receives the recognition it deserves," said Lisa Ho-

nig, Senior EVP Distribution North America, Fremantle.

*Little Bird* and *Coming Home* join the slate of Indigenous programming PBS will broadcast this fall honoring Native American Heritage.



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**2023 WALTERS SERVICE CLUB PRINCESSES.** On August 19, the Walters Service Club crowned two young Comanche women to represent their organization at the Princess and Jr. Princess. TOP: Kyleigh Davidson is the 2023-2024 Walters Service Club Princess and Tatum Burgess is the 2023-2024 Walters Service Club Jr. Princess. TOP RIGHT: The Walters Service Club Officers and the princesses. From Left: Eva Asenap, Kyleigh Davidson, Tatum Burgess, Mari Lavatai, and Ruth Factor. CENTER: Davidson with her family, Toni and Robin Goodwin, Kasey Goodwin and Chrissie Lonelodge. BOTTOM RIGHT: Tatum Burgess with her parents Tanisha and Kenneth Burgess.



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OF THE YEAR  
LAWRENCE SPOTTEDBIRD  
&  
JACOB TSOTIGH  
OF KIOWA TRIBE**

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KCA Flag Bearers**

**INDIGENOUS WOMAN OF  
THE YEAR**

**DAVA FRATELLO  
SCHOOL LEADER  
OF COMANCHE ACADEMY** 10 am to 12  
City Hall

**MCC Ballroom  
501 SW University Dr.  
1 pm to 8 pm  
Culture preservation  
Community Awareness  
Awards Ceremony**

1:00 pm to 8 pm MCC Ballroom Cameron University  
501 Sw University Dr. Lawton, Ok  
Exhibition dancing

Hoop Dancing performed by Jay Mule  
Scalp Dance performed by Kiowa Women  
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# Milestones

## Happy Belated Birthday!

September 8 - Rusty W. Coffey  
 September 17 - Beverley A. Quoyah  
 September 18 - Bryson Gilliam  
 September 20 - Lillianna Suina



**Happy Birthday**  
**Ariyah Harjo**  
 ~ We love you! Love, the Jo's, Dad, Steph, and Derek.  
**October 1**

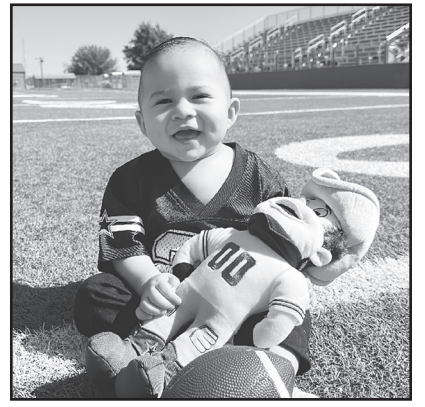


**Happy Birthday**  
**Austyn Jolie**  
**October 4**  
 ~ Love, your family!



**Happy 3rd Birthday**  
**Sterling Chasenah**  
**October 7**

~ From, your grandparents Ronald and Mari Chasenah from Meets.



**Happy 1st Birthday**  
**Rogelio Turner**  
**October 8**

## Happy Birthday!



October 1 - Ariyah Harjo  
 October 4 - Austyn Jolie  
 October 5 - Kilah Parker  
 October 6 - Llori Heminokeky-Goombi  
 October 6 - Harry Anthony Nauni  
 October 7 - Sterling Chasenah  
 October 8 - Devry Mahseet  
 October 8 - Rogelio Turner  
 October 9 - Lyla Strickland  
 October 10 - Leila Turner  
 October 17 - Stephanie Johnson  
 October 18 - Kiyou Kerchee  
 October 18 - Virginia Wilson  
 October 19 - Charley Daukei  
 October 21 - Raynee Mahseet  
 October 21 - Joel Cable  
 October 23 - Vivien Parker  
 October 25 - Tiffany Akoneto Allen  
 October 25 - Philip Gilliam  
 October 27 - Jordan Muncy  
 October 29 - Aleesia Wahhahrockah  
 October 29 - Kelly A. Banderas  
 October 30 - Savannah Howell  
 October 31 - Darrell & Natalie Nieto  
 October - Jay Martinez



**Happy 3rd Birthday**  
**Lyla Joy Strickland**  
**October 9**  
 "You bring us joy!"

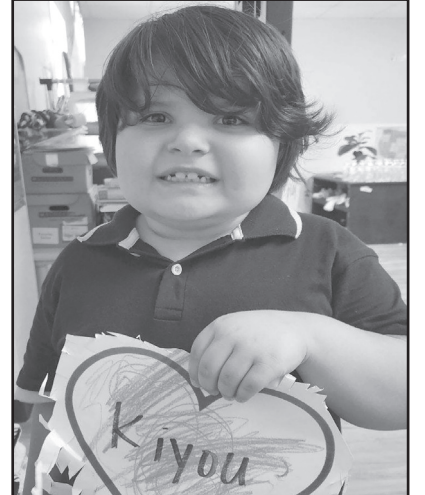


**Happy 17th Birthday**  
**Leila Turner**  
**October 10**



**Happy Birthday**  
**Stephanie Layla Johnson**  
**October 17**

~ Love, from your Johnson family!



**Happy Birthday**  
**Kiyou Kerchee**  
**October 18**



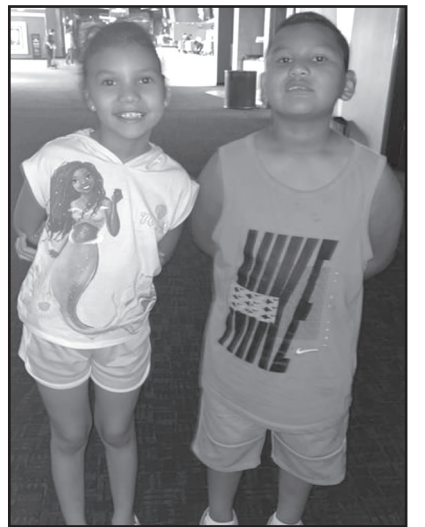
**Happy Birthday**  
**Virginia Wilson**  
**October 18**



**Happy 8th Birthday**  
**Charley Daukei**  
**October 19**



**Happy Birthday**  
**Joel Cable**  
**October 21**



**Happy Birthday**  
**Raynee Mahseet - October 21**  
**Devry Mahseet - October 8**



**Happy 17th Birthday**  
**Vivien Michelle Parker**  
**October 23**

~ Happy 17th Birthday to our Princess and yours! We love you.



**Happy Birthday**  
**Bryson Gilliam - September 18**  
**Philip Gilliam - October 25**  
 ~ Happy Birthday to the best son, dad, uncle, coach, and husband. Love, mom, and family.



**Happy 20th Birthday**  
**Jordan Muncy**  
**October 27**  
 ~ Happy 20th Jordan. We love you, Nana, Papa, and Paco.



**Happy 4th Birthday**  
**Savannah Howell**  
**October 30**

~ Happy 4th Birthday Peanut! Love, Mom, Dad and big sis.



**Happy Birthday**  
**Darrell and Natalie Nieto**  
**October 31**

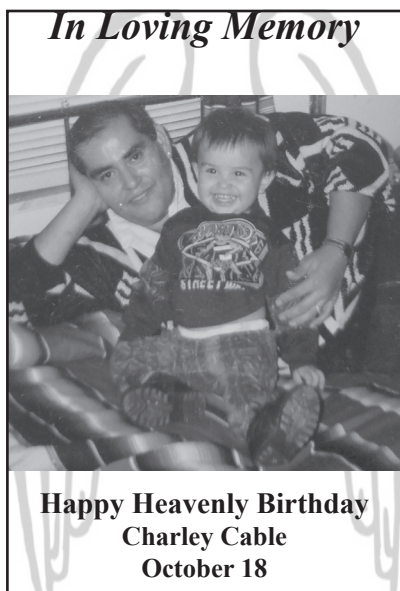


**Happy Birthday**  
**Jay Martinez**  
**October**

~ Love, Kristen, Kaleb, and Kenzi.



**Happy 17th Birthday**  
**Tomoyake**



### In Loving Memory

**Happy Heavenly Birthday**  
**Charley Cable**  
**October 18**



**Happy Anniversary**  
**Richard and Nicole Parker Sr.**  
**Celebrating 37 years of Marriage!**



**Happy Anniversary**  
**Joshua and Stormie Daukei**  
**Celebrating 6 years of Marriage!**



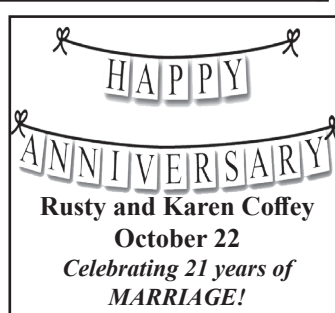
### Birth Announcement CONGRATULATIONS!

**Ryker Dykstra**  
 February 3, 2023  
 Weight: 7 lbs 8oz  
 Height: 21 inches  
 Parents: Kirstin & Joel Dykstra  
 Grandma: Lesley Allen

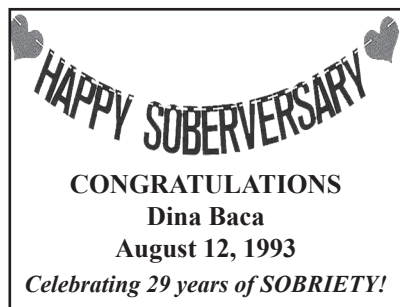


### Birth Announcement CONGRATULATIONS!

**Samara Nichole Jones**  
 April 9, 2023  
 Weight: 7 lbs 15oz  
 Height: 20 inches  
 Parents: Madyson & Nick Jones



**Happy Anniversary**  
**Rusty and Karen Coffey**  
**October 22**  
**Celebrating 21 years of MARRIAGE!**



**Happy Soberversary**  
**CONGRATULATIONS**  
**Dina Baca**  
 August 12, 1993  
**Celebrating 29 years of SOBRIETY!**

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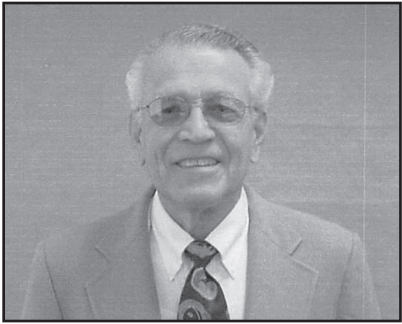


### Birth Announcement CONGRATULATIONS!

**Knox Tafoya**  
 May 6, 2023  
 Weight: 6 lbs 8oz  
 Height: 19.25 inches  
 Parents: Kallie & Frank Tafoya

# Obituaries

## Rod Elby Wauqua Radney



Courtesy Photo

### Radney

Rod passed away peacefully on Aug. 11, surrounded by loving family in San Francisco, Calif., just 11 days shy of his 91st birthday.

Everyone that knew Radney was aware of his boundless happiness and enthusiasm for life. As a lifelong salesman Radney could spark up any conversation with just about everyone and leave them feeling happier and blessed for the experience. He loved his family, spending time with his pugs, DJ and Sari, listening to his Christian devotionals, collecting stamps, coins, and other memorabilia, and as a proud member of the Comanche Nation, he especially loved connecting with his local Native American community in each and every place he lived.

Radney is preceded by his wife Patsy Ann Radney, father Claude Joseph Radney, mother Happy Wastana Wauqua, sister Eleanor "Corky" Radney Castro, and granddaughter Victoria Radney.

He is survived by his four children: Karen Radney Buller of Santa Fe, N.M.; Rosemarie Radney Petmecky and husband David of Ker-ville Texas; Tab Anthony Radney of Lawton; Ruth Wauqua Bol and husband Jared Palmer of San Francisco Calif., grandchildren: Josh, Emily, Patricia, Matthew, Mason, and Tab Jr.

Radney was laid to rest next to his parents and wife at Walters Cemetery.

## Brad Allen French



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### French

Brad Allen French, went peacefully to his heavenly home on Aug. 24, in Lawton with his loving family by his side. French was born to Rex Wilson Bryan Shirley and Virginia Wilson on June 23, 1979, at the Lawton Indian Hospital.

French had a childhood best friend Marta Renea Hatten, they became husband and wife on July 12, 2012. And they spent the last 12 years together as companions in friendship and love.

French worked as a maintenance tech at Bar S last year. He was previously employed at AA-CS Computer Services as an IT Tech with Joe Diaz.

He enjoyed spending time with his loving family. He also loved racing, building race cars, and working in his shop. French also enjoyed playing video games (apex legends) and playing with his dogs.

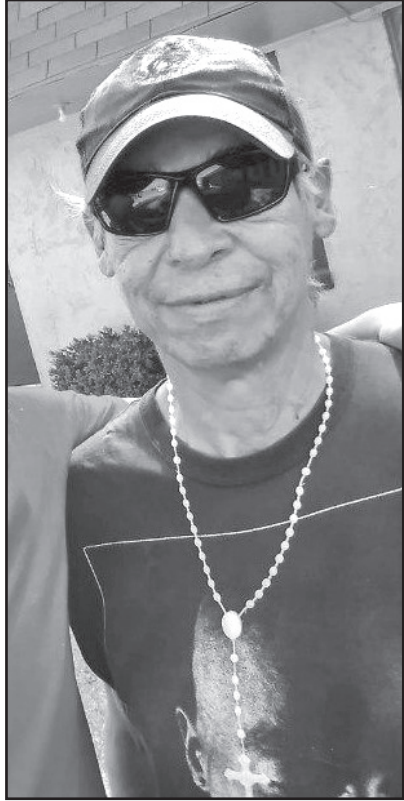
He was a member of Bad Boy Racing and a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

He is preceded in death by grandparents Franklin Sr., and Leatrice Cable; uncles: Franklin Cable Jr., Samuel Cable, Charles Cable and Cousin Franklin Lynn Cable, and beloved dogs: Gus, Dallas, and Nikita.

He is survived by his children: Allisyn French, and Isabella Davis both of Edmond; Haley Skiles,

Taylor Hatten, Cesar Mariscal all of Lawton; sister, Leanna Banse of Shawnee, mother, Virginia Wilson of Lawton; stepdad, Rex Wilson of Lawton; nephews: Joshua Daukei, Jarod Daukei, and Ryan Banse; nieces: Olivia Skeen and Casey Daukei; and his beloved dogs: Austin French and Bowser French.

## William Ronald Karty Jr.



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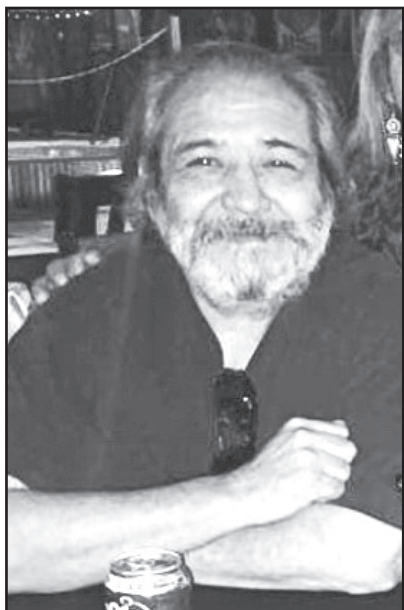
### Karty

William Ronald Karty Jr., was born July 7, 1959, to Billy and Billie June Karty. Karty went to his heavenly home on Aug. 26. He was born and raised in Lawton. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation and was the great great-grandson of Chief Quanah Parker. He was an Artist known for his drawings. He loved his family and was always in the mood for jokes and laughter.

Survivors include six children: William Blu Karty, Billy Joe Karty, William T Karty, Sonya Moore, Brandon Karty, and Tawnya Karty; two sisters: Rhonda Karty, Jana Ana Karty; one brother, Dennis Karty; grandchildren: Sunny, Sydney, Nadia, Aidan, Billy Joe, Ramses, Deneah, Peter, Ileia, Joseph, Josiah, William, Liam, Jaden, Rowan, Marcello, and Raylan; four great-grandchildren: Nathan, Wayne, Nadia, and Sergio.

He was preceded in death by his parents: Billy Karty and Billie June Karty; two sisters: Mona Karty, and Donna Karty; his daughter, Nadia Karty; three grandchildren: Issac Karty, Daemon Karty, and Mamaneta Karty.

## David Louise Craig



Courtesy Photo

### Craig

David Louise Craig, left this earth in the early hours of Aug. 29, while surrounded by loved ones.

Craig was born Oct. 6, 1957, in Los Angeles, Calif., to Charles Daniel Craig and Edith Marlene Johnson. Craig was a proud member of the Comanche Nation. He was a direct descendant of Chief Esa Rosa Whitewolf.

Craig grew up in west Dallas area, he attended school in Texas and Oklahoma, and graduated in 1976 from Fort Sill Indian School.

There wasn't a place he couldn't go that he didn't make friends or know someone. Craig loved life and lived it on his terms and to the fullest.

Craig is survived by brother Charles Craig Jr., Grand Prairie, Texas; sisters: Brenda Soliz, Lawton, JoAnn Bingham, Billings, Mont., Patricia Rodriguez, Garland, Texas, and Dianna Reyes Dallas, Texas; aunts: Johanna Lambert, Irene Johnson and Anita Johnson, all of Lawton and many cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Craig is preceded in death by his parents; Sister Mary Soliz; great-grandmother Maude Chaat Blevins; maternal grandmother Bernice Whitewolf; aunts: Naomi Lyles and Betty Elrod; uncles: James M. Johnson, Harold Johnson Jr. and Arthur Tommy Johnson.

## John Thomas Davis



Courtesy Photo

### Davis

John Thomas Davis, skilled handyman, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather, passed away September 3, in his home at the age of 85.

Davis is survived by his wife Maurine, his children Jacque-

line, Johnny and Cynthia Davis, Karen, Gretchen, Mark, Paul, Laura, and Todd Faulk, and by his 37 grandchildren and countless honorary grandchildren.

Davis was born in Lawton, Oklahoma, April 21, 1938, to Emmett and Clara Davis. He was the oldest of four boys, Jerry, Jack, and Emmett (Buddy) Davis, and was proud of his Comanche and Caddo heritage. He graduated from Saint Patrick's Indian Mission and joined the Air Force from 1957 to 1961. He had four children with Gloria Jean: Michael, Monica, Jacqueline and John Jr., and a daughter Cynthia with Judith Speegle. He inherited six children with his wife Maurine: Karen, Gretchen, Mark, Paul, Laura, and Todd Faulk. He was preceded in death by his mother Clara, his father Emmett, and his two children, Monica and Michael and his brother Jerry.

With his uniquely stylish fashion and endless, almost unbelievable but always entertaining stories, John (aka Tommy) was the center of attention whenever he walked into a room. He lived, in his own words, "a long and interesting life," loved art and golf, and was a master craftsman and an amazing cook. He was a genuine person who cared for and stood up for those he loved, and he always had something to teach because a grandfather's work is never done. Everyone was like family to him, he always knew how to make people laugh, and was always there with his tools, a great meal, or words of encouragement when needed. Tommy lived a rich life full of adventure and accomplishments, and was absolutely the best husband, father and grandfather he could be. Davis was an amazing man who was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

## Gilbert Leon Crow-Mihecoby



Courtesy Photo

### Mihecoby

Gilbert Leon Crow-Mihecoby, entered into eternal rest on September 9, in Fletcher, Oklahoma. He was born on November 12, 1984, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to David Mihecoby and Kirsten Crow.

He attended Fletcher Schools until obtaining his GED. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He was an outstanding artist and avid collector. He enjoyed fishing, playing darts, 4 wheeling, going to the casino, and skydiving. He loved and lived life to the fullest and completely on his own terms. He loved his family and friends, and was always there to help. He had a beautiful smile that could light up a room with a personality to match. He was also a loving dad to his dog Brutus.

Mihecoby is survived by his father David Mihecoby; Mother Kirsten Crow. Step-sons, Christian Koehler and Daylon Davidson. Finance, Brandy Ingram and his beloved dog Brutus. And numerous Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Friends.

Mihecoby is preceded in death by Grandparents, Virgil and Katherine Mihecoby; Grandparents, Frankie and Ardath Crow. Brother Kyle Mihecoby. Uncles, Charles Mihecoby and Joe Mihecoby.



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