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2024 Annual General Council Meeting Scheduled for April 20

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The annual General Council Meeting will be 1:30 p.m., April 20 at Watchtaker Hall, Comanche Nation Complex, if a quorum of 150 tribal members, age 18 years and older, is established at that time. (Comanche Nation Constitution Article V, Section 5).

Doors will open at 9 a.m., and a lunch will be served.

The agenda of the meeting includes nominations for the following positions:

- Comanche Nation Chairman
- Comanche Nation Vice Chairman
- Tribal Administrator
- Tribal Attorney

Nominations will also include positions for the Comanche Nation Election Board:

- Lawton (1)
- Anadarko (1)
- Apache (2)
- Walters (2)
- Oklahoma City (1)

Also on the agenda is the proposed FY 2024-2025 budget (See Page 4).

Several tribal programs will be set up to provide information to tribal members.

Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. Annual Meeting Held February 29



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Submitted by Forrest Tahdoahnippah/ Comanche Nation Enterprises

Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. is a federally chartered corporation that is owned by the Comanche Nation. Under the federal charter, the Comanche Business Committee is the sole representative of the Nation as shareholder of the corporation. The federal charter requires the corporation to hold an Annual Meeting with the Comanche Business Committee each year in February. The 2024 Annual Meeting was held in the Code Talker Room on February 29.

The Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. Board of Directors, Chief Executive Officer/President Marlon Stevens, Vice-President in Charge of the Numunu Group George Tahdoahnippah, and staff were in attendance and presented on behalf of the corporation. The Comanche

Business Committee and several tribal members also attended the Annual Meeting.

Stevens has served as CEO since September and presented his work over the preceding six months. Stevens has developed corporate policies and procedures, organizational charts, and several proposals for new businesses. Among these proposals are to work jointly with the Comanche Nation tribal government to apply for a grant to build broadband internet facilities within the KCA Reservation, to work with the tribal government to operate a health care clinic under the Indian Self-Determination Act, and to purchase construction equipment and begin an equipment leasing company.

The State Small Business

The Comanche Nation Enterprises held its annual meeting the morning of February 29 at the Comanche Nation Complex.

TOP: Comanche Nation Enterprises Board Members, from left, Jordan Fox, Steven Lee, Michael Keahbone and Forrest Tahdoahnippah.

LEFT: Comanche Nation Enterprises Chief Executive Officer/President Marlon Stevens, talks about potential new business projects, including a health care initiative, internet company, tire manufacturing, and Bricktown development in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Credit Initiative (SSBCI) was also discussed. The Comanche Nation received funds from the federal government for a capital program to make small business loans and the Comanche Business Committee designated Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. as the implementing entity for this program. The SSBCI program is designed for tribes to partner with private lenders. To date, Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. has been unable to find a lender willing to partner with the Nation on acceptable terms. Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. continues to negotiate with private lenders to implement this program. In the meantime, the capital program funds received are in an interest-bearing account.

Kristy Jackson, the Director of Finance of Numunu Holdings LLC, a subsidiary of Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc., made a financial report. Numunu Holdings LLC is the parent company of Numunu Staffing LLC and Numunu Construction LLC, and these three companies are collectively referred to as the "Numunu Group." The purpose of the Numunu Group is to obtain contracts to provide services to the federal government. Jackson noted that the Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. Fiscal Year 2022 audit is complete. As a result of having a clean audit, the Numunu Group was able to obtain bonding and increase its capacity to obtain new contracts with the federal government. The 2023 audit is underway and will be completed in April.

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month

Story by Heaven Williams/News Staff

National Child Abuse Prevention Month is a time when child wellness and child welfare organizations across the United States elevate the importance of creating systems and programs that put children and families first. Making the whole month of April National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month creates a more compassionate society, one that places a high value on the welfare of children. Ensuring the safety and security of the next generation of children requires the effort of all policy makers and all citizens.

This month is dedicated to raising awareness about child abuse and neglect and encouraging individuals and communities to work together to prevent child maltreatment in all its forms. In 1978, The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) created a law that governs the removal and out-of-home placement of American Indian children and youth. The law was passed after the federal government recognized that children and youth were being removed from their homes and communities.

According to The Federal Health Programs for the American Indians, 772,000 children were victims of child abuse and neglect, a rate of 10.3 per 1,000 children with a rate of 13.9 per 1,000 for Native Americans—the second highest rate of victimization of any ethnic group. The Indian Health Services are working with the communities to provide medical, mental, and social services for abused and neglected children. It is essential that those who work in the field recognize the signs of abuse and neglect and know how and where to report it. Oklahoma is a mandatory reporting state. If you believe a child is being abused or neglected, you have a legal responsibility to report it. Reports can be made at any time to the Oklahoma Child Abuse Hotline at 1(800)522-3511.

The five main types of child abuse are physical maltreatment, emotional maltreatment, neglect, sexual abuse, and violence (particularly within the family).

Some of the signs of abuse and neglect to look out for are apparent signs of physical injury, being in a constant state of fear with specific people or places, inappropriate sexual behaviors for their age, poor hygiene, or evident hostility.

According to the Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families website, here are a few different ways you can help prevent child abuse and neglect:

1. Volunteering your time. Getting involved with other parents in the community can help vulnerable children and families.
2. Discipline your children thoughtfully. Never discipline your child when you are upset. Disciplining your children is a way to teach them right and wrong.
3. Examine your behavior. Abuse is not just physical. Both words and actions can inflict deep and lasting wounds. Use your actions to show children and other adults that conflicts can be settled without hitting or yelling.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

BEAR DANCE. Lloyd Heminokky and Kevin "Bubba" Sovo Sr., participate in a Bear Dance demonstration March 8, at the Comanche Nation Education Center, hosted by the Fort Duchesne Ute Tribe. The Tribe visited the Comanche Charter School to share their dance with the students.

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COMANCHE NATION GENERAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

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Government

A Total of 15 Resolutions are Presented at the March CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the March 2, 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.

Chairman Mark Woommavovah called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 25-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1319 Minors. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 26-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1320 Adults. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 27-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1321 Does Not Meet Blood Quantum. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 28-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1322 No Allottee. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 29-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1323 Outside of Parameters. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 30-2024-** Law Enforcement Resolution for Application for Tribal Access Program (TAP). The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 31-2024-** Law Enforcement Resolution to Apply for Body Camera Grant. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 32-2024-** Law Enforcement Resolution to Apply for DOJ Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 33-2024-** Enterprise Resolution Application for Broadband Connectivity Program. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 34-2024-** CIP Resolution for New TPO Roof at CN Funeral Home. The resolution was tabled.
- Resolution No. 35-2024-** CBC Resolution to Carry Over Funds. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 36-2024-** CBC Resolution Authorizing Appellate Court Codes. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 37-2024-** CBC Resolution to Approve Travel for March. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 38-2024-** CBC Resolution to Censure Chairman Mark Woommavovah. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 39-2024-** EPA Resolution for BIA Grant Application for Tribal Youth Initiative. The resolution passed 6/0/0.
- Resolution No. 40-2024-** EPA Resolution for BIA Grant Application for Natural Resources. The resolution passed 6/0/0.

AWARENESS

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4. Educating yourself and others. Simple support for children and parents can be the best way to prevent child abuse. Getting involved in after-school activities, parent education classes, and mentoring programs.
5. Teaching your children their rights. When children are taught they are unique and have the right to be safe, they are less likely to think abuse is their fault and more likely to report an offender.



Courtesy Photo

OK HOUSE RESOLUTION 1026. A Resolution recognizing and celebrating the Native American Warrior took place March 6, at the State Capital. The Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, was selected as a tribal leader and veteran, to represent all the Native American warriors from across the state of Oklahoma. The Chairman is a retired army officer and veteran. Woommavovah said it was a great honor to represent all of the Native American warriors from across Oklahoma. Representative Josh West and the Chairman of Veterans & Military Affairs introduced the resolution.

From the Chairman's Desk



10 Principles You Should Live By To Get Everything You Want In Life

"Our principles are the springs of our actions; our actions, the springs of our happiness or misery. Too much care, therefore, cannot be taken in forming our principles." -Chief Enoch Kelly Haney

Principle #1: Anything Is Possible If You're Willing To Work For It

Successful people don't believe in limits. They know that anything is possible if they're willing to work for it and fight for it. Therefore, you should adopt the same mind-set. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't achieve something. If you're willing to put in the effort, you can make anything happen.

Principle #2: You're The Only Limit To Your Success

The only thing that can stop you from achieving your goals is yourself. Don't let fear, doubt, or negative thoughts hold you back. Instead, focus on your strengths and work on your weaknesses. You have the power to create the life you want.

Principle #3: Set Clear Goals And Make A Plan To Achieve Them

Successful people don't leave their success to chance. They set clear goals and make a plan to achieve them. Therefore, you should define and break your goals into smaller, achievable steps. By doing so, you'll have a clear road map to success.

Principle #4: Take Massive Action

Success requires action. You can't just think about your goals; you must take massive action to achieve them. Therefore, you should prioritize your goals and take consistent action toward them. Remember that small steps lead to significant results.

Principle #5: Embrace Failure As A Learning Opportunity

Failure is not the opposite of success; it's part of the journey. Successful people embrace failure as a learning opportunity. Therefore, you should adopt the same mind-set. Don't fear failure; see it as a chance to learn and grow.

Principle #6: Surround Yourself With Successful People

You become the average of the five people you spend the most time with. Therefore, you should surround yourself with successful people who inspire and challenge you to grow. By doing so, you'll elevate your mind-set and achieve more.

Principle #7: Learn Continuously

Successful people never stop learning. They read books, attend seminars, and seek mentorship to improve their skills and knowledge. Therefore, you should adopt a learning mind-set and invest in personal growth. Remember that knowledge is power.

Principle #8: Take Care Of Your Health

Your health is your greatest asset. Therefore, you should care for your body and mind by eating well, exercising regularly, getting enough sleep, and practicing self-care. Caring for your health gives you the energy and vitality to pursue your goals.

Principle #9: Practice Gratitude

Gratitude is the key to happiness and success. Focusing on what you're grateful for will attract more positive experiences. Therefore, you should practice gratitude daily by journaling, meditating, or simply expressing appreciation for the people and things in your life.

Principle #10: Develop A Positive Attitude

A positive attitude is essential to success. It helps you stay motivated, overcome obstacles, and attract positive experiences. Therefore, you should develop a positive attitude by focusing on the good in every situation and adopting a growth minds et.

NOTE: Humble leaders are willing to pass on the credit but absorb the criticism, push others higher while making themselves lower, and put the team's desires ahead of their own. A leader's job is to shepherd, not necessarily to always shine. It's about the mission, the team, and the tribe.

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MONTE DEE POTTS JR) Case No.: NC-2024-0002
An enrolled member of the Comanche Nation.)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS or INTERESTED PARTIES

Take notice that Monte Dee Potts Jr has filed in the above Court a Petition to have the name changed as follows, to-wit from: Monte Dee Potts Jr to Monte Tsap Sovo.

The petition will be heard on May 21st at 2:00PM 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 18th day of March, 2024.

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Comanche Nation Releases Proposed FY 2024-2025 Budget

PROPOSED 2025 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE COMANCHE NATION			
Comanche Constitution Article 5, Section 6 (D) and Revenue Allocation Plan 25 U.S.C. Section 2710 (b)(2)(B)(3)			
Tax Commission Contribution		Comanche Nation Gaming Contribution Funds:	
Bereavement Assistance	\$315,000	Community & Education - 25%	
CBC Salary	\$210,000	Burial Assistance	\$805,000
Chairman's Salary	\$75,000	Gravel-Tinhorns for Tribal Driveways	\$485,000
Child Support Services	\$150,690	Caregivers	\$420,000
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	\$40,000	Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	\$242,000
Comanche Tribal Princess	\$3,000	CHR /EMS/FIRE	\$467,000
Comanche JR. Princess	\$3,000	Community Center-Apache	\$24,000
Comanche Language Program	\$563,100	Community Center-Cache	\$24,000
Comanche Little Ponies	\$30,000	Community Center-Walters	\$24,000
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	\$3,000	Education Center	\$565,000
Comanche Fair (Carnival)	\$80,000	Elder Center	\$342,000
Elder Council	\$115,000	Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	\$402,000
Tombstone Project	\$10,000	Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	\$323,000
Church Donations	\$110,000	Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	\$202,000
Shoshone Reunion (hosted by Comanche Nation)	\$50,000	Higher Education	\$3,430,000
Transportation	\$140,000	Home Improvement	\$1,491,000
Optometry/Prescription Assistance	\$1,576,856	FAC-Womens Shelter	\$68,000
Diabetes/Fitness	\$464,844	Injury Prevention	\$179,000
Total Tax Commission Contribution	\$3,939,490	Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	\$141,000
Comanche Nation Gaming Contribution Funds:		New Pathways	\$162,000
Revenue Allocation - 40%		Outreach-Anadarko	\$86,000
Elder Payment	\$2,350,000	Outreach-Dallas	\$85,000
Per Capita Distribution	\$18,850,000	Outreach-OKC	\$98,000
Total Revenue Allocation	\$21,200,000	Reintegration	\$161,000
Tribal Government - 10%		Social Services- Emergency Assistance	\$1,132,000
Administration	\$1,050,000	Student Services (K-12)	\$830,000
Elections	\$390,000	Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	\$275,000
Emergency Management Direct Services	\$224,000	Vocational Rehabilitation	\$90,000
Info Technology - Complex	\$420,000	Youth Program	\$322,000
Law Enforcement	\$1,700,000	Prevention & Recovery	\$375,000
Legal Fees	\$336,000	Total Community & Education	\$13,250,000
Missing, Murdered, Indigenous People (MMIP)	\$100,000		
Enrollment	\$460,000	KCA BUDGET 1/3 OF \$300,000	\$300,000
Adult Education	\$260,000		
Public Information Office (PIO)	\$360,000		
Total Tribal Government	\$5,300,000	2025 PROPOSED BUDGET (RAP)	
		Elder's Payment/Per Capita Distribution 40%	\$21,200,000
		Tribal Government 10%	\$5,300,000
Economic Development - 25%		Economic Development 25%	\$13,250,000
New Business	\$44,000	Community and Education 25%	\$13,250,000
Capital Improvement	\$2,000,000	Comanche Gaming Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) Total	\$53,000,000
Tribal Court	\$560,000		
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	\$405,000	Other Contributions	
CN Fair	\$250,000	Tax Supplement	\$3,939,490
CN Homecoming	\$40,000		
Youth Shelter CRYs	\$574,000		
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA)	\$2,480,000		
Job Placement & Training	\$630,000		
Museum Gift Shop	\$210,000		
Museum	\$546,000		
Natural Resources (Realty)	\$500,000		
Land Acquisitions	\$1,405,000		
Transit	\$915,000		
Assisted Living Facility	\$1,233,000		
Early Childhood Development Center	\$658,000		
Comanche Nation Housing	\$800,000		
Total Economic Development	\$13,250,000	Total 2025 Budget	\$56,939,490

Comanche Business Committee Pass Resolution No. 38-2024 to Censure Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah

Comanche Nation
Resolution No. 38-2024



Comanche Nation Resolution to Censure Chairman Mark Woommavovah for Officially Endorsing the Westwin Elements Cobalt Refinery in Violation of the Comanche Nation Constitution

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with a Constitution approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 9, 1967, to safeguard tribal rights, powers, and privileges to improve the economic, moral, education, and health of its members; and

WHEREAS, the tradition of sovereignty of the Comanche Nation, since time immemorial long predates the existence of the Nation, establishes the inherent sovereign powers and rights of the Comanche self-government; and

WHEREAS, Invoking the guidance of Almighty God, we, the members of the Comanche Nation with faith in the purposes of our Supreme Being, with abounding pride in our ancient racial heritage and with the determination to promote, through united efforts, the general well of our tribe and to secure to ourselves and our descendants the rights, powers and privileges provided by law, do solemnly ordain and establish this resolution and adopt the following actions; and

WHEREAS, Comanche Nation Chairman is entrusted with upholding and safeguarding the Comanche Nation Constitution ("Constitution"), the laws of the Comanche Nation, and swore an oath of office pledging himself to support and defend the Constitution and to carry out faithfully and impartially the duties of the office to the best of their ability and to promote and protect the best interests of the Comanche Nation; and

WHEREAS, the Comanche Nation Business Committee has the inherent right to address Chairman Mark Woommavovah directly and take final action in response to the following:


On August 16, 2023, Chairman Woommavovah officially endorsed the Westwin Elements cobalt refinery and committed the support of the Comanche Nation during a public comment section at the Lawton City Council meeting located at Lawton City Hall, and stated the following:

"First of all, Mayor Council, than you for your leadership and thank you for the invitation to the table. The Comanche Nation appreciates that—what's good for the City of Lawton and Fort Sill is good for the Comanche Nation. I believe in the leadership in Westwin Elements. I've met with them; our gaming CEO has met with them, and we believe in them. And we believe that they are going to add value, not only to our community but to our state. So, City Council, as the leader of a sovereign Nation and as the leader in a community, I support this initiative. Thank you, mayor, and thank you, City Council." (video transcript of Chairman Mark Woommavovah's public comment to Lawton City Council on 08/16/2023); and

WHEREAS, no elected official or committee person possess the sole authority to provide endorsements or support to an outside entity on behalf of the Comanche Nation without either the

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consent of the Tribal Council or an action taken by the CBC in a legal quorum (Article VI, § 4); and

WHEREAS, the Chairman's failure to disclose any prior knowledge, communications, and private meetings concerning the cobalt refinery development with the Westwin Elements company has significantly eroded trust in his ability to act in the best interest of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, based on the evidence presented in the video, the Chairman demonstrated a clear abuse of the powers and authorities which makes it difficult for the public to trust that the Chairman is making decisions based solely on what is best for the Nation rather than personal gain or favoritism towards specific companies; and

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2024, a written request was submitted to the Chairman signed by as many as three (3) members of the Comanche Business Committee for a Special General Council to discuss the Chairman's actions regarding the unauthorized endorsement of Westwin Elements which would have provided Comanche citizens the opportunity to determine if disciplinary actions were warranted; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 2024, Chairman Woommavovah issued a single directive to the administration to issue cancellation notices of the Special General Council meeting for the reason that the request was unconstitutional and that CBC members are only authorized to submit a request to the Tribal Chairman to review and determine if it is duly requested; and

WHEREAS, Chairman Woommavovah disregarded the constitutional provision Article V, § 3 that states the tribal chairman shall be required to call a special meeting in the following cases: (b) When he is requested in writing by as many as three members of the business committee, setting forth the purpose of the meeting; and


WHEREAS, the CBC condemns the actions of Chairman Woommavovah which have been used to advance the cause of a company who may cause detrimental harm to the land, water and community within the KCA land base as well as the blatant violation of the Comanche Nation Constitution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee hereby issues its second formal censure (Resolution No. 46-2022) to Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woommavovah which shall serve as a serious rebuke and indicates disapproval of the Chairman's conduct as well as a reminder of his responsibilities and obligations to the Comanche Nation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Chairman Mark Woommavovah while acting in the capacity of his duties as Chairman is to refrain from engaging with any media outlets, organizations, educational institutions, or companies representing the Comanche Nation unless expressly authorized by the Tribal Council or by legal actions approved by the Comanche Business Committee in a quorum meeting; and

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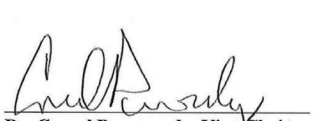
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the CBC reaffirms Article XII, § 1 of the Comanche Nation Constitution, which states that the Chairman shall **only** sign necessary papers and instruments when so authorized by the Comanche Tribal Council; and


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ORDERED, that this resolution shall be published promptly in its entirety on the Nation's website and tribal newspaper, Lawton Constitution and social media outlets for no less than thirty (30) days; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Comanche Business Committee Does Hereby Authorize this Resolution for such intent.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing resolution was adopted a regular meeting of the Comanche Nation Business Committee held on the **2nd** of **March**, 2024, at the Comanche Tribal Complex, Lawton, Oklahoma by a majority vote of **6** for, **0** against, and **0** abstaining, a quorum being present.


Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Vice Chairman


ATTEST:

Robert Tippeconic/Secretary/Treasurer

ENTERPRISE

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George Tahdooahnippah, the Vice President of Comanche Nation Enterprises in Charge of the Numunu Group, discussed the federal contracting business of the Group. Numunu Staffing was accepted into the Small Business Administration 8(a) program. As a result, Numunu Staffing was able to obtain a sole source contract worth \$4.5 million from the federal government to replace water meters in Donaldsonville, Louisiana. Numunu Staffing has several other sole source contracts in the pipeline. These contracts were made possible due to bonding provided by a company called Bold Concepts. Bold Concepts' principals were in attendance. Bold Concepts predicts that, as a result of the Numunu Group's business development, Comanche Nation Enterprises may be able to make dividend payments to the Comanche Nation as early as the third quarter of 2025. Tahdooahnippah was commended for his management of the Numunu Group and his contributions to Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc.

An outside presenter from Equity Bank discussed a proposal for Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. to participate in construction of The Boardwalk at Bricktown, a proposed \$1.5 billion project in downtown Oklahoma City. Finally, the Board of Directors made nominations to fill two vacancies. Steven Riley Mowatt and Noble Paddyaker were nominated. At the CBC meeting on March 2, these nominations were approved, and Messrs. Mowatt and Paddyaker on now on the Board of Directors for a three-year term.



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2024 Election Calendar Dates

April 20	Annual General Council	May 11	Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 P.M.	June 08	Runoff Election
April 30	Last day to request an absentee ballot for the General Election	May 14	Election Certification by 5:00 P.M., Tuesday (3rd calendar day)	June 08	Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 P.M.
May 10	Early In-Person Voting (General Election) Friday	May 24	Last day to request Absentee Ballot for the Runoff Election	June 11	Election certification by 5:00 P.M., Tuesday (3rd calendar day)
May 11	General Election Saturday	June 07	Early In-Person Voting (Runoff Election)		

2024 Comanche Nation Election Office

Programs

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Sexual violence is a serious public health problem that affects millions of women and men. In the United States, one in three women and one in six men have experienced sexual violence involving physical contact at some point in their lives. Statistics underestimate the problem because many victims do not tell the police, family or friends about the violence.

Sexual violence is any activity where consent is not freely given. This includes completed or attempted sex acts that are against the person's will or involve a person who is unable to consent through the use of force or alcohol/drug facilitation.

Other forms of sexual violence are non-physically pressured unwanted sex; unwanted sexual contact or intentional sexual touching; non-contact, unwanted sexual experiences such as verbal sexual harassment.

Sexual violence can be committed by anyone:

- Current or former intimate partner
- Family Member
- Person in a position of power or trust
- Friend or acquaintance
- Stranger or someone known only by sight

If you or someone you know is a victim of sexual violence, you can contact Comanche Nation Family Assistance Center (580) 492-3590 or the National Hotline at 1(800)656- HOPE (4673).

Child Support Services Announces Court Dates

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- **Jerry Tabbytosavit:** CNC-SP-24-01; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support

In the Court of Indian Offense

- **Jordan Birch:** JFD-22-018; 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 hearings will be conducted in person.

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

March Adult Education Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Pewewardy

This is Samantha Pewewardy. The healthcare field has been her main focus since 2016.

Pewewardy is currently employed at the Lawton Indian Hospital, using her knowledge and skills to assist the Native American community. Since October Pewewardy has been taking classes and working towards becoming a registered nurse.

April 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Jake Lannon



Courtesy Photo

Lannon

Jake Lannon is a 4th year communications major at UC San Diego. His future plans are to work in sports media.

Lannon currently writes for his school's newspaper, as well as the school's D1 Athletic department writing feature stories. Lannon has a passion for writing and media production that he wishes to pursue in the future.

Lannon has a desire to eventually end up at a company like ESPN working on television reporting, or the thing he loves the most: basketball.

Lannon's mom's family belongs to the Comanche Nation. His Grandmother is an elder of the Comanche Nation and his sister is also a member. They have supported him throughout his journey at UC San Diego and Lannon wishes to make them all proud.

April 2024 Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Alyssa Massey



Courtesy Photo

Massey

This is Alyssa Massey. She is 36 years old and a full time LPN student at Red River Vo-Tech in Duncan, Oklahoma.

Massey's short-term goals are to graduate in June of 2024 and work as an LPN and then bridge into RN school.

Massey is excited about her nursing journey because she loves helping people and she also enjoys learning new things in healthcare.

Massey is so thankful for the Comanche Nation and the Comanche Nation Higher Education department who have helped her to be able to afford to go back to school and achieve her goals.

April 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Erika Salinas



Courtesy Photo

Salinas

Erika Salinas is a proud member of the Comanche Nation and is also of Kiowa decent. Salinas

is from the Asepermy family and is the daughter of Gail Pilas and Mark Salinas. Salinas' maternal grandmother was Theresa "Dot" Asepermy, daughter of George Asepermy Sr. and Hattie Jones. Salinas' Comanche name is *Naibi Waipu* and was named by Jimmy Caddo.

Salinas' educational background consists of receiving her Bachelor of Social Work with a minor in Native American Studies from California State University, Sacramento, as well as a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis with a concentration on violence and injury prevention. Salinas will graduate with her PhD in Social Work from the University of Southern California in Summer 2024. Her research interests focus on improving compliance with the Indian Child Welfare Act as well as behavioral health outcomes of Tribal youth.

In 2020, she was selected to be a Native American Congressional Intern through the Udall Foundation. For 2 years, she interned with the Indian Health Services' Division of Behavioral Health, Office of Clinical and Preventive Services, to learn about national advocacy, policy development, management, and administration as it pertains to tribal communities. She hopes to continue this type of work by engaging in policy efforts that will aim to improve behavioral health outcomes for tribal youth.

The CNOEP Attends Health and Wellness Fair



Courtesy Photo

Halina Salazar presenting a powerpoint on water quality at the Comanche Nation health fair in Watchtaker Hall on March 13.

The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental (CNOEP) set up a booth with various items to give away and access to fill out applications.

CNOEP also did a presentation on Environmental Health with tips on how to stay healthy and information on what the program has to offer.

CNOEP Hosts Tire Drive

The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Programs Solid Waste and Water Quality division teamed up in Apache on March 12-14 to complete their annual tire drive. There were 300 tires collected!

For everyone who didn't get to make it out to this event, you can always bring your tires up to the EPA office. A 'thank you' to the grasshoppers for lending some helping hands during this event.



Courtesy Photo

Sarah Williams receiving tires and loading them into the EPA trailer.



DATES

- APRIL 3: 9 AM - 1 PM
- APRIL 10: 10 AM - 2 PM
- APRIL 17: 10 AM - 2 PM
- APRIL 23: 1 PM - 3 PM

APRIL 19 WEEKEND WILLS CLINIC 10 AM - 2 PM

(COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COURTHOUSE)

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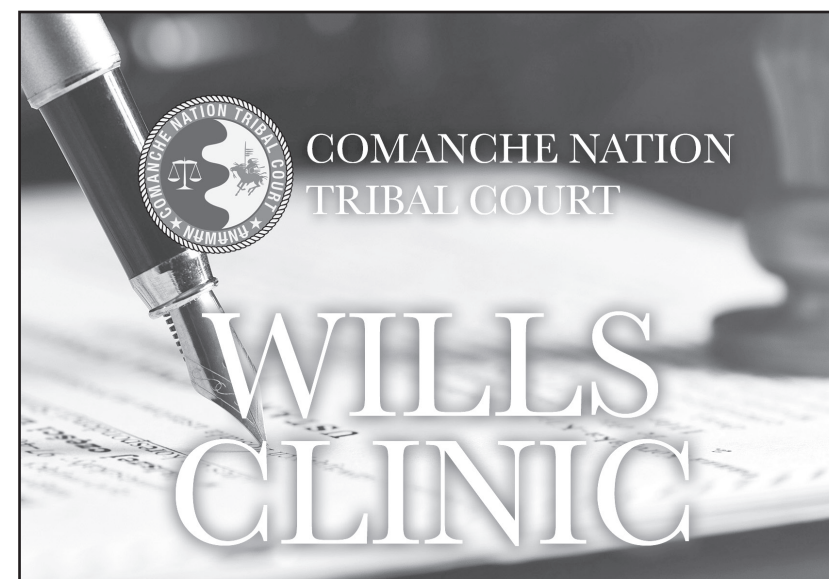
Can you Answer **YES** to all of these questions?



- Are you American Indian and enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe?
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- Do you have a medical, mental, learning or visual diagnosis that makes it difficult to work?
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Voc-rehab@comanchenation.com



Friday, April 19, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.


Comanche Nation Tribal Court Building
Located at Comanche Nation Headquarters
584 NW Bingo Rd.
Lawton, OK

Culinary Corner/ Fun Page



Clothing Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?



H	U	A	S	?	I	K	S	O	A	?	E	T	?	
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KWASU (SHIRT/DRESS)

PITSOKO (PANTS)

NAPU (SHOES)

YU?AKOROKO (SCARF)

PUITSAP?NIKA (EYEGLASSES)

WANANAPU (SOCKS)

PIAKWASU (JACKET/COAT)

TSONIKA (HAT)

PIHIBOA (SKIRT)

MO?ONAR?SO (GLOVES)

Stuffed Pepper Soup

Ingredients

- 2 Pounds of ground beef
- 2 Diced green onion
- 1 Diced onion
- 4 16 Ounces cans of diced tomatoes or 6 cups of fresh tomatoes diced
- 1 Large can of tomato juice
- 1 1/2 Cups of cooked rice
- 2 Teaspoons of tomato, basil, and garlic seasoning
- 2 Teaspoons of black pepper
- 2 Teaspoons of Italian seasoning or basil and/or oregano
- 1 1/2 Teaspoons of dry parsley flakes or fresh parsley
- 1 1/4 Teaspoons of garlic salt
- Salt to taste

Directions

1. Brown the meat and add peppers and onions.
2. Add tomatoes, tomato juice, and all the seasonings and stir
3. Add the cooked rice
4. Simmer on low for 3 hours



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.

Blue Cornmeal Bread


Ingredients

- 1 Cup of blue cornmeal
- 1 Cups of all-purpose flour
- 5 Teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/4 Cups of white sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 2 Eggs beaten
- 1 Cup of milk
- 1/2 Cups of butter

Directions


1. Preheat the oven to 350 degrees
2. Grease a 9x9 inch baking dish
3. Mix cornmeal, flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt in a bowl.
4. Sift 3 times and stir in the eggs and milk into the cornmeal mixture.
5. Place the butter in the prepared baking dish and melt in the preheating oven
6. Mix hot, melted butter into the cornmeal mixture. Transfer the cornmeal mixture to the prepared baking dish.
7. Bake on the center rack of the preheated oven for 30-35 minutes or until the edges of the cornmeal pull away from the sides of the dish or until the toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean.
8. Let cool for 10 minutes and enjoy.

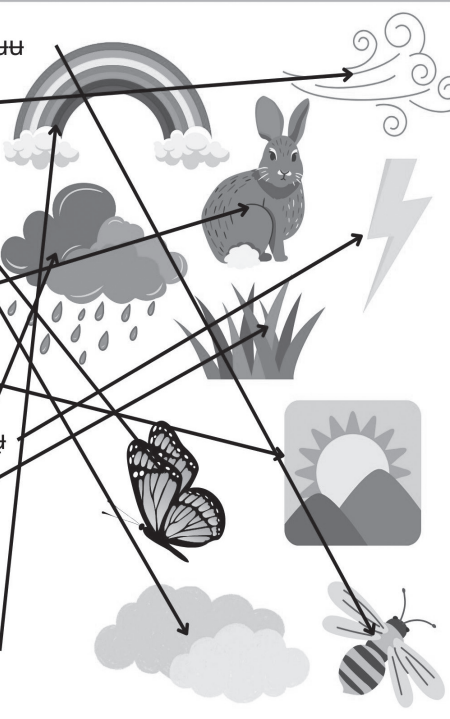
Last Month's Answer Key



Spring Season Word Match

Match the Comanche words and their pictures.





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tabukina

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pisi matokoo

Happy Earth Day!

April 22

Help protect our earth by:



Save the bees



Clean up trash



Plant a tree



Conserve water

Spring Lemon Cake

Ingredients

- 2 1/2 Cups of all-purpose flour
- 1 3/4 Teaspoons of baking powder
- 1/2 Teaspoons of baking soda
- 1/4 Teaspoons of kosher salt
- 1 Stick of unsalted butter, 1/2 cup melted and cooled to room temperature
- 1/2 Cup of olive oil
- 1 3/4 Cups of granulated sugar
- 3 Large eggs at room temperature
- 2 Teaspoons of vanilla extract
- 1 Cup of buttermilk at room temperature
- 2 Tablespoons of lemon zest from 2 lemons
- 1/3 Cups of fresh lemon juice from 2 to 3 lemons
- Nonstick baking spray with flour

Directions

1. For the cake: Preheat the oven to 350
2. Whisk together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, and salt in a medium bowl.
3. Whisk together the butter, olive oil, and sugar in a large bowl until combined. Add the eggs and whisk for 1 to 2 minutes, until lightened in color. Add the vanilla, buttermilk, lemon zest, and juice, and whisk to combine. Add the flour mixture and whisk to combine.
4. Spray two 8 inch round cake pans with baking spray with flour. Divide the batter evenly between the prepared pans. Tap the pans a few times each on a kitchen towel on your countertop to level the surface and remove air bubbles from within the batter.
5. Bake for 28 to 32 minutes or until toothpick inserted into the center comes out with only a few crumbs. Transfer to a cooling rack. Let cool in the pans for 10 minutes, then turn out onto a cooling rack to cool completely, about 1 1/2 hours.
6. For the frosting: Add the butter, cream cheese, and lemon zest to the bowl of an electric stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat on medium speed until creamy, about 2 minutes. Add the powdered sugar. Beat on low speed until combined. Increase the speed to medium and beat until smooth, about 1 minute. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl. Add the lemon juice and yellow food coloring if using. Beat until light and smooth, about 2 minutes.
7. To assemble: Trim the cake layers to make the tops flat and even, as needed. Place 1 cake on a cake plate. Spread 1 cup of butter cream over top. Top with the second cake layer and spread butter cream all over the top and sides of the cake.
8. Garnish with white chocolate curls. Lemon slices, and/or edible flowers, if you like.

Comanche Nation Food Distribution Pick-Up Schedule

APRIL 2024						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Inventory	2 Frederick 1st Day	3 Frederick 2nd Day	4 Walters 1st Day	5 Walters 2nd Day	6
7	8 Cache 1st Day	9 Cache 2nd Day	10 Cache 3rd Day	11 Cache 4th Day	12 TRUCK DAY	13
14	15 Lawton 1st Day	16 Lawton 2nd Day	17 Lawton 3rd Day	18 Lawton 4th Day	19 Lawton 5th Day	20
21	22 Make-Up Day	23 Make-Up Day	24 Make-Up Day	25 Make-Up Day	26 Inventory	27
28	29 Inventory	30 Inventory				

Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

CIVA Activities Sweetheart Dance

On February 16, the CIVA France Delegation held a Benefit Sweetheart Dance at the Lawton Farmers Market in Lawton, Oklahoma. Jared Kopaddy served as the DJ as guest who attended danced the night away. The Sweetheart Dance was a success as money raised to help off set the cost to attend the 80 D-DAY Anniversary and to honor our Comanche Code Talkers on Omaha Beach. Future Bingos and Indian Taco Sales will be advertised. So, plan accordingly.



Courtesy Photo

Bingo players waiting for their number to be called.

Benefit Taco Sale

On February 24, the CIVA France Delegation held a Benefit Indian Taco Sale at the St. Ann's Catholic Church in Elgin, Okla. The Indian Taco Sale was a success as money raised help off set the cost to attend the 80 D-DAY Anniversary and to honor our Comanche Code Talkers on Omaha Beach.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Auxiliary members, Nona Gail Mihecohy, Suzanne Patterson and Elizabeth Plata getting TO-GO orders ready.

CIVA Monthly Meeting

On February 1, CIVA held its monthly meeting in the Patriot Room. A call to order was conducted by CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno. A prayer was given by CIVA Co-Chaplain Lyman Guy followed by a Pledge of Allegiance lead by the CIVA Commander, Roger Tehauno.

Before the serving of the meal, a birthday recognition was given to Elizabeth Plata, Fran Sapcutt followed by an Eagle Feather presentation given by Lanny Asepermy to U.S. Marine Veteran, Benny Tahmahkera. Asepermy provided the history of the Eagle Feather being presented.

The evening meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary members Elizabeth Plata and Lisa Pawlowski. CIVA conducted their monthly meeting as old and new business was presented and discussed.



Courtesy Photo

March Birthday Recognitions giving to Elizabeth Plata and Fran Sapcutt by CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno.



Courtesy Photo

Lanny Asepermy reading the military biography of U.S. Marine Veteran, Benny Tahmahkera.



Courtesy Photo

U.S. Marine Veteran, Benny Tahmahkera being presented his Eagle Feather, pictured with him is CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno.

Benefit Bingo

On March 8, the CIVA France Delegation held a Benefit Bingo at the Lawton's Farmers Market. The weather and power outages did not stop the CIVA France Delegation as we began preparing in setting up the tables and chairs. Once the power was restored work began and the concession stand was ready to go. The crowd was a little smaller than expected but this event was a great success. All the prizes, cake walks were won and everyone in attendance had a great time. The CIVA France Delegation would like to thank everyone who came out and we thank you for your support.

Comanche Nation Princess Honor Powwow

On March 9, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary had the Honor and Privilege to serve as Co-Host for our Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo Powwow which was held at the Comanche County Fairgrounds Expo Building. CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary would like to thank McKenzie for her hard work and dedication while serving as our Comanche Nation Princess.



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo being honored

Congratulations for Re-enlisting

CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary would like to congratulate U.S. Army SPC Alexander Akoneto on his re-enlistment in the U.S. Army. Your CIVA Family is very proud of you!



Courtesy Photo

PFC Akoneto taking the Oath of Office.

Welcome Home from Deployment

CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary would like to officially WELCOME HOME U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyle Chibitty home from deployment!



Courtesy Photo

Fire Controlman (Surface Warfare) Petty Officer 2nd Class Kyle Chibitty

Comanche Nation Veteran Information Needed

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

Your military service history, documents, records, photographs and your DD-214 will be forwarded to Dr. Bill Meadows, Missouri State

University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology/Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize your military documents and update our Comanche Veterans Master List. Our Comanche Veterans military history and documents received will also help in the event of a Veterans passing. In closing, this is voluntary for the Comanche Nation Veterans and their families. Thank you!

CIVA France Delegation

A GO FUND ME account has been setup to help deter the cost. Please help and support the GoFundMe, <https://gofund.me/780f5af8>.

Even a small donation could help reaching our goal. And if you can't donate, it would be great if you could share the fundraiser to help spread the word.

Mark your calendar for upcoming CIVA France Delegation

Fund Raisers:

All of the CIVA France Delegation Fund raisers will be posted in all media outlets. The CIVA France Delegation will be having Indian Taco Sales, Bingos so keep checking the media outlets.

Next confirmed event- May 3, 2024 – Cinco De Mayo Festival, Farmers Market, Lawton Oklahoma. Flyers on these event will be posted.

CIVA Donates Comanche Nation and Comanche Code Talker Flags



Victor Ulloa III, Charlotte McClung Lee, Lena Chibitty McClung and Lennetta McClung Davenport.

In February, CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno presented the Comanche Nation and Comanche Code Talker Flag to Lena Chibitty McClung. Both flags are to be displayed in the Charles Chibitty Hall at Fort Eisenhower, which was dedicated in August 2023.

The 707th Military Intelligence Battalion, 706 Military Intelligence Group reached out to former CIVA Vice-Commander John McClung to honor the late Comanche Code Talker Charles Chibitty and the Comanche Code Talkers.

Fort Eisenhower, formerly known as Fort Gordon and Camp Gordon, is a United States Army installation established southwest of Augusta, Georgia in October 1941. It is the current home of the United States Army Signal Corps, United States Army Cyber Command, and the Cyber Center of Excellence. It was once the home of The Provost Marshal General School and Civil Affairs School.



Courtesy Photos

The Comanche Nation and Comanche Code Talker Flags on the side of the Chibitty display



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno, Linda Tehauno, Shirley Pohawpatchoko and Walter Tooralba getting ready for the dance.



Courtesy Photo

Guests on the dance floor getting their GROOVE on!



Courtesy Photo

Sweetheart Dance King and Queen, Paul and Val Tate

Co-Host Carl Atavich Memorial Powwow

On February 17, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary had the Honor to serve as Co-Host for Carl Atavich Memorial Powwow which was held in the Watchtaker Hall. The afternoon Gourd Dance session and evening sessions were enjoyed by all.

Carl Atavich served in U.S. Navy and was stationed onboard the U.S. Navy Aircraft Carrier, USS Midway (CV-41).



Courtesy Photo

The flag and photograph of the late Carl Atavich paraded inside Watchtaker Hall.

Benefit Bingo

On February 23, the CIVA France Delegation held a Benefit Bingo at the Lawton's Farmers Market. There was a good crowd as this event was a great success. All the prizes, cake walks were won and everyone in attendance had a great time.

The CIVA France Delegation would like to thank everyone who came out and we thank you for your support.

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www.oklahomaveteransregistry.com

Submissions for processing with OTC can be made via mail, electronically on OKTip, or in-person at the Taxpayer Resource Center.

Mail to: Oklahoma Tax Commission, Attn: Registration, Oklahoma City, OK 73104

OKTip: <https://oktax.com.gov/oktip/Web/> Taxpayer Resource Center, 300 N Broadway Ave, Oklahoma City, OK 73102

No Further Action If:

- Veteran and/or surviving spouse submitted registry verification letters to the Oklahoma Tax Commission (OTC), but were denied new Exemption cards because they missed the registration deadline of July 1, 2023.
- Veteran and/or surviving spouse filed a protest or requested a hearing in response to the denial letter for the new Exemption Cards.



J. Bluesky Tosee
for
2024 Comanche Nation Princess






Wu-mutsia-kot- nahuu (Sharp Knife) is...
16 years old
Sophomore at Elgin High School
Daughter of Donald Tosee & Tarah Nelson.
Granddaughter of "The Late" Donald Bud Tosee and Lynn & Curtis Munoz. Great granddaughter of "The Late" Andrew & Eunice (Sovo) Tosee and Thomascina Tsoodle Leader & Leslie Gachot.
Descendant of Big Lookingglass, Silver Broach, Ten Bears and Tenevuakah. She comes from the Penatuka & Yamparika bands.

"If I am elected, I want to take every opportunity to share my Comanche knowledge with the children and also want to do things that will make our elders proud. My family and I would appreciate your vote April 12th & 13th at Watchetaker Hall." Udah, Bluesky Tosee

- Former Comanche Nation Jr. Princess
- Comanche Horse Skills
- Comanche Crafting Skills
- Comanche butcher & cooking skills
- Former N8V Generation Princess
- Toys for Tots Youth Ambassador
- Future Farmer of America
- Athletic Trainer
- Princess Bootcamp Graduate
- Volunteer at Southwest Veterinary



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Candidate 2024 Comanche Nation
JR. PRINCESS

- * From the Wockmetooah, Tomahsah - Pratt Families
- * From the Kwaharu & Yaparuhka Bands
- * Descendant of Chiefs Wildhorse & Whitewolf
- * Raised in the Powwow Arena
- * Can Sign The Lord's Prayer, National Anthem, and other songs, and loves to sing Comanche Hymns
- * A Member of the National Jr. Honor Society and a Straight 'A' Student
- * A Varsity Soccer Player for Elgin High School

*"I would love the opportunity to serve the Comanche Nation as the 2024 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess. I appreciate your vote and support
April 12-13, 2024. URA"*

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VIVIEN PARKER

Candidate for Comanche Nation Princess 2024-2025

Quanah Parker Descendant
Mow-way Descendant
Whitewolf Descendant
Iron Jacket Descendant

Quahada and Noconi bands

I appreciate your support!
uraako



What does it mean to be a Comanche Woman?

As a young Comanche woman, I want to follow the legacy of my ancestors, preserve my cultural practices, stories and ceremonies. Comanche women have always been strong and with high self confidence and I strive to achieve this.

How important is culture?

To me learning and understanding one's culture is very important. I believe to really understand who you are you must know where you come from. Being culturally aware allows us to acknowledge our worldviews and heritage. We get a better understanding of the differences in the customs and beliefs of others.

Do you feel that representation is needed among young native women?

Yes, it is very important for young native women to have positive role models, show support, and respect each other. Being able to encourage each other to be proud of who we are and where we come from.

How important is it that your grandparents are involved in your life?

Within the Comanche culture, grandparents were the ones who taught the grandchildren family traditions. My Grandparents are the ones I look up to. They are the ones who have been by my side and shown unconditional love.



Comanche Little Ponies 54th Annual Celebration

MAY 10TH & 11TH, 2024

Comanche County Fairgrounds- Expo Center 920 S. Sheridan Rd., Lawton, OK

2024-25 Comanche Little Ponies Princess Graison Yellowfish



*Special Invitation to 2024-25' Comanche Nation Princess-& Comanche Nation Jr Princess
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MC- MARTIN FLORES
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HEAD LADY DANCER- MADISON FIXICO
HEAD WAR DANCER- ASA ACE SAMUELS
ARENA DIRECTORS- TRAVIS CODYNAH
CHARLES TAHAH

**FRIDAY
MAY 10TH**

4:00PM- CEDAR CEREMONY (OPEN TO ALL)
5:00PM- GOURD DANCE
7:00PM- SONG FOR CLP PRINCESS
7:30PM- GOURD DANCE RESUMES
10:30PM- END OF PROGRAM

**SATURDAY
MAY 11TH**

12 NOON- GOURD DANCE
2:00PM- NEW MEMBER INITIATION
5:00PM- SUPPER BREAK
6:00PM- GRAND ENTRY
11:00PM- HOST ORGANIZATION SPECIAL
& ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONTEST WINNERS

Celebration of Life

Honoring Joyce Nevaquaya Nattib

Comanche Little Ponies Powwow
May 11, 2024

18 AND OVER WOMEN'S CLOTH SPECIAL
1ST PLACE- CASH, JACKET, STAR QUILT
2ND PLACE- CASH, JACKET, STAR QUILT
3RD PLACE- CASH, JACKET, STAR QUILT

MORE TO BE ANNOUNCED...

BOYS & GIRLS TINY TOTS (COMBINED, 0-6 YRS)

JR. BOYS (COMBINED, 7-15 YRS) > 1ST- \$125, 2ND- \$100, 3RD- \$75, 4TH- \$50
JR. GIRLS (COMBINED, 7-15YRS) > (PER CATAGORY)

WOMEN'S CLOTH, BUCKSKIN, JINGLE, APPLIQUE (16 YRS+)
1st- \$500, 2nd- \$300, 3rd- \$200, 4th- \$100

MEN'S GRASS, STRAIGHT, TRADITIONAL (16 YRS+)
1st- \$500, 2nd- \$300, 3rd- \$200, 4th- \$100

MEN'S FANCY (16 YRS +)
1st- \$600, 2nd- \$400, 3rd- \$200, 4th- \$100

Contest Rules: All Contestants must register and be in Saturday Grand Entry (contests #'s will be taken). Grand Entry will start on time. Registration will Close at start of grand entry. All decisions of the Powwow Committee are FINAL

All Singers, Dancers, Princesses, Clubs & Organizations are Cordially Invited. Arts & Craft Vendors, 4 Concession Stands, Raffles & Giveaway

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For General Powwow Information: Lowell Nibbs @ lowellnibbs@yahoo.com or (580)583-5279.

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APRIL 4-25
10AM-11PM

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

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JOHN WAYNE THE PERFECT SEAR

MONDAYS
APRIL 8-29 • 10AM-11PM

Get Your John Wayne Cast Iron Cookware
Earn 200 points on Mondays to receive a gift beginning April 8-29.

While supplies last. See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

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EVERY SUNDAY!

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

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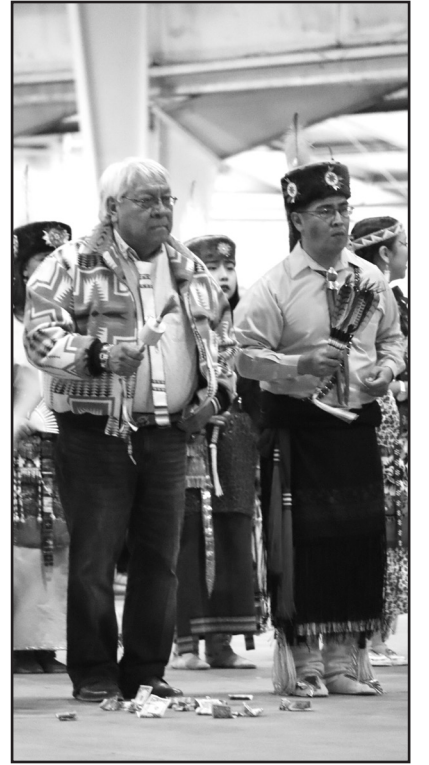
2024 Comanche Nation Princess McKenzi Sovo Honor Pow-wow



Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo, participating in the Scalp Dance during her honor



2024 Comanche Nation Princess McKenzie Sovo dances with her head staff during her special at her outgoing honor dance held at the Great Plains Coliseum.



Tribal elder, Lloyd Heminokeky, being honored by tribal member Tennyson Kerchee at the Comanche Nation Princess Honor Dance.

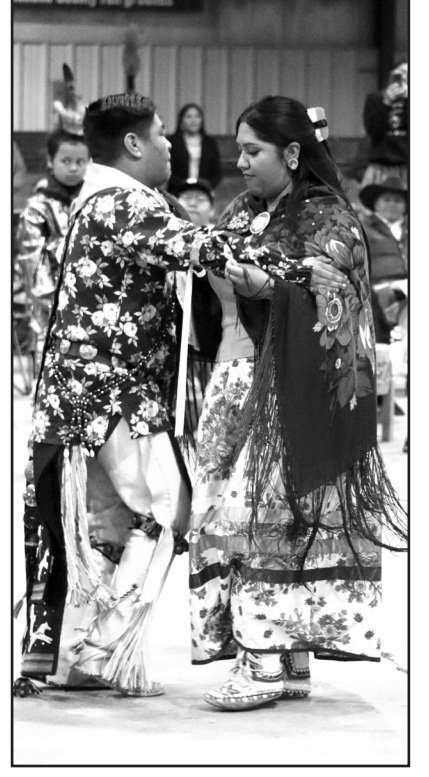
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Ladies dressed in their traditional "Battle Dresses," participate in the Scalp Dance during the 2024 Comanche Nation Princess Honor Dance for McKenzie Sovo.



Participants of the Men's Lulu contest and the Women's War Hoop contest straining to give out their best Lulu and War Hoop for a cash prize.



Tribal members pair up while participating in the Bear Dance at the McKenzie Sovo Honor Pow-wow.



Raffel Kanip along with his group of singers from Ft. Duchesne, Utah prepare to provide traditional music for the Bear Dance, which was demonstrated and performed at the McKenzie Sovo Honor Dance, held at the Great Plains Coliseum.



Former Comanche Nation Princesses, Darci Codynah Kerchee (2003), Jame Tosee Hamilton (1998) and Ashleigh Mithlo (2016) dance together during McKenzie Sovo special at the Great Plains Coliseum.



Children participating in a game called "Chiefs," during supper break introduced by IAMNDN.



Incorporating her Cheyenne tradition, McKenzie Sovo provided traditional table settings, along with grocery baskets, to tribal elders during the gift giving portion of her special.

2023 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker, Honor Powwow

Parker's family hosted powwow March 16, for the outgoing Comanche Nation Jr. Princess.



Members of the Walters Service Club and other ladies enjoy a session of Gourd Dance at Vivien Parker's Honor Powwow.



The outgoing Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker, dances around the drum during her special.



Kyleigh Davidson, Walters Service Club Princess, participates in the Gourd Dance at Vivien Parker's Honor Powwow.



Larry Monoessy is honored at Vivien Parker's powwow March 16, at Watchtaker Hall.



The 2023 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker and the 2023 Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo, leads the Grand Entry March 16 at Watchtaker Hall.

Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Melvin Kerchee speaks on behalf of the Parker family during Vivien's giveaway, March 16 at Watchtaker Hall.



Vivien Parker is flanked by the Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, and the Comanche Little Ponies Princess, Graison Yellowfish, during her special.



Vivien Parker dances with a tiny tot during their contest March 16, at her honor powwow.



Richard and Nicole Parker, the grandparents of Vivien Parker, are honored March 16 at Watchtaker Hall.



Nicole Parker and other family members dance with Vivien Parker during her special March 16 at Watchtaker Hall.



The Walters Service Club Princess, Kyleigh Davidson and the Walter Service Club Jr. Princess, Tatum Burgess, dance in the Grand Entry March 16 at Watchtaker Hall.



LEFT: The CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, Cache JOM Princess, Jasmine Poemoceah, and Scrub Dancer, Rebecca Burgess, dance in the Grand Entry March 16.



LEFT: Terry Poemoceah and other dancers enjoy the gourd dance March 16 at Vivien Parker's Honor Powwow.

People, Places, & Things Happening

Tribal Member Stands Out as an Artist at Cameron University

By Hannah Owens/News Editor/Cameron Collegian

In the bustling halls of Cameron University's art department, Jayden Pebeahsy stands out as a beacon of creativity and talent. A dedicated advanced art student with a concentration in painting, Pebeahsy's journey into the world of art is as colorful and dynamic as her canvases.

Initially guided by the recommendations of her ACT exam results toward a career in radiologic technology, Pebeahsy found herself at a crossroads after a biology class. Realizing that her passion lay elsewhere, she made the bold decision to follow her heart in the realm of art.

Pebeahsy's affinity for art had always been evident. "My whole life I've been drawing," Pebeahsy said. "I've always been like the family member that gets tasked with the more artistic things."

She said she spent her entire life drawing from a young age and always held an interest in it. Embracing this calling, she dove headfirst into her studies, eventually realizing her love for painting over drawing. She further honed her preference towards the medium of oil paint.

Recently, Jayden's decision and talent shone through as she secured first place I the Cameron University Fifth Annual Student Art Competition and Exhibition.

Art professor and memoir Jack Crouch spoke highly of Pebeahsy and her dedication. "She's been doing really strong work lately and working very hard," Crouch said.

Born the oldest sibling, Pebeahsy draws much of her artistic inspiration from the tapestry of her own family experiences and relationships. Whether it's the deeper emotions of familial bonds or the beauty of everyday moments, her paintings reflect a personal connection to her subject matter.

Pebeahsy said finding her focus has helped strengthen her skills as an artist. "I feel like I have more passion in it with my family being involved and I feel like my work has been stronger because of that," Pebeahsy said.

Crouch played a large role in helping Pebeahsy sort out her style and continues to play a large role in her improvement.

She mentioned multiple different pieces of advice from Crouch that stuck with her like how to keep a painting planner, ways to best prepare for work after graduation and "nothing is as good as time at the easel."

Pebeahsy also offered her own advice for aspiring artists. "Definitely sketch every day," Pebeahsy said. "Draw every day. Observe everything."

With graduation on the horizon, she sets her sights on the next chapter of her artistic journey; pursuing a graduate program. She said it is difficult to find a master's program with a focus in painting, but is excited to further her education nonetheless.

Pebeahsy's story is far from over, and she is thankful to Cameron's art department for their continued and endless support.

Native Helpline Celebrates Seven Years of Advocacy

Seven years of culturally appropriate support and advocacy have been reached at StrongHearts Native Helpline, where advocates were brought to fruition through the hard work and sacrifice of survivors and grassroots advocates.

"March 6, 2024, marks the seventh anniversary of StrongHearts advocacy," said CEO Lori Jump, StrongHearts Native Helpline. "It is not our way to boast or brag, but our way to teach what we have learned. As an organization steeped in Native American and Alaska Native culture and tradition, we use seven principles as a guide and seven generations to measure how far we have come and how far we have yet to go."

Stronghearts advocates have helped more than 50,000 contacts and tallied more than half a million visitors to its website. The primary need being met by advocates is peer support, which requires the lived experience of being Native American.

"Native people need to trust the advocate who assists them," explained Jump. "Our advocates are Native and provide a service that no other agency can simply due to the historical distrust of non-Natives."

As a testament to the unique challenge of being Native, three StrongHearts advocates shared their stories about the importance of culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

Addressing Colonization

Advocate 1: "When assessing cultural abuse and using traditional methods for self-care, I connect what colonization did and how it ties into abuse and the mistreatment of Native women throughout history.

Reclaiming and reinforcing our indigenous culture can make us stronger as a community."

Addressing a Form of Cultural Abuse

Advocate 2: "I spoke to someone on the phone who was from my Tribe. She was white presenting, and all her life was told that she was white and she should not be allowed to access Tribal resources or even refer to herself as a Native woman. We talked a lot about colonization and blood quantum, and I offered her a lot of validation and a little bit of information about our Tribe and available domestic violence resources. We also talked about how she could begin to reconnect with heritage and reclaim her language and how that could be validating and healing for her as well. When she called in she felt hopeless, crying or on the verge of tears. By the end of our call she was laughing and excited to grow her knowledge about our culture. She felt a sense of community and knew that she was not alone on her healing journey and she had not only a resource, but relatives, that she could rely on."

Addressing Lived Experience

Advocate 3: "I draw from my upbringing. Of course, there is the training, but if a contact inquires about where I'm from or what I know about being Native, I tell them. Nine times out of ten, they are seeing if I "get it," and it takes nothing for me to simply speak to them in a way they are used to or share with them as their relatives do."

Guiding Principles


Not only does StrongHearts as an organization see through the lens of seven generations, it also uses seven guiding principles to navigate culturally appropriate support and

advocacy. In brief, those guiding principles include:

1. Culture is the heart of our existence, connecting and honoring diversity.
2. Balance is rooted in traditional lifeways and the equality of mind, body, and spirit.
3. Interrelatedness to honor each other, our ancestors, and the earth.
4. Humility to learn from all lessons with empathy - even those that are difficult and non-traditional.
5. Bravery to face unique challenges and prejudices with mental and moral strength and courage.
6. Resilience enough to adapt in the face of adversity in our work as Indigenous peoples.
7. Trust is the duty to our ancestors and to future generations to honor our commitments.

"Our ancestors have taught us these principles and so we shall continue in that tradition," concluded Jump. "We've known all along that our relatives need: to trust, to speak and to heal. It's a reciprocal exchange between our advocates and their contacts where we feel a sense of hope and find a mutual path toward healing."

Serving all individuals who reach out for help regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, age, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, disability, or any other factor protected by local, state, or federal law, StrongHearts advocates are available 24/7 to provide support and advocacy, make referrals to Native centered service providers and connect our relatives to regionally available resources. Call or text 1(844)762-8483 or chat online at strongheartshelpline.org.



Response & Investigation

- DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
- SEXUAL ASSAULT
- STALKING

April 22nd & 23rd, 2024
8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.


Watchetaker Hall
584 NW Bingo Rd.
Lawton, OK

This two-day multidisciplinary training is a crash course in the response and investigation of domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. This training will cover relative legislation and updates, resources, officer safety, report writing, and interviewing, as well as specific tools and techniques for responding to and investigating domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking.

A total of 16 CLEET hours are available, including two (2) CLEET Mental Health hours. Additional CEUs available upon request, if time allows.

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EARTH DAY

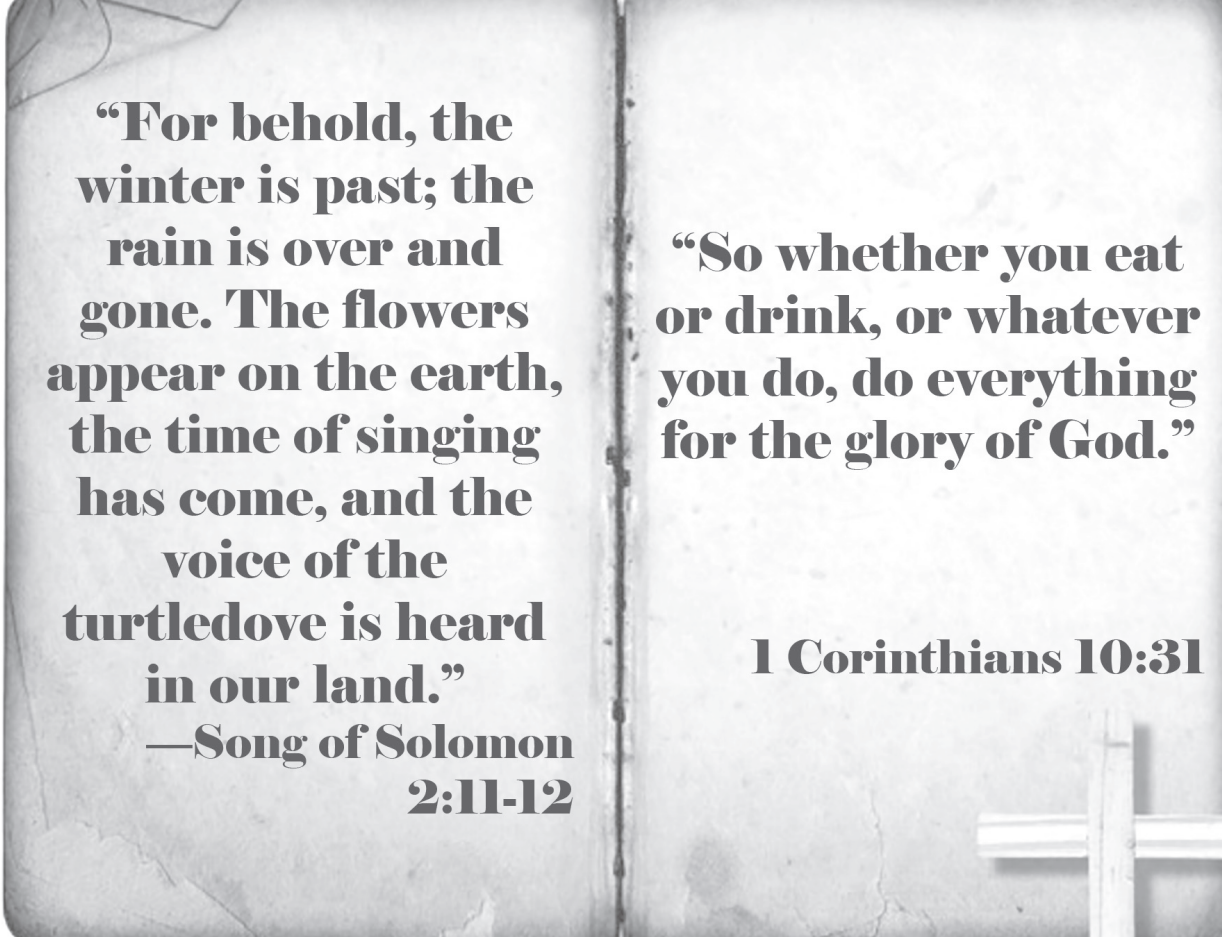
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"For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land."

—Song of Solomon 2:11-12

"So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God."

1 Corinthians 10:31



COMANCHE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
2nd Annual
TAMARO?I NUHKAN
Youth Led
Sunday, April 14, 2024
Watchetaker Hall
NW Bingo Rd, Lawton, OK 73507

MC- Nēmōnēh Ruvalcaba & Martin Flores

Head Singer-Emanuel Tahhahwah & Ed Tahhahwah Jr.

Head Man - Modesto Schonchin

Head Lady- LeAnn Tahsequah

Head Little Boy- Amaras Karty

Head Little Girl- Nahmi Poafpybitty

Contest Coordinator-TBD

Arena Directors- Michael Foye, Alex Wright, Cayden Travis

Co-Hosts: Comanche Homecoming, Walters Service Club

12-3 Gourd Dance
3 pm Intermission / Supper break
3:30 Calling Song
Crowning Princess & Brave Contest & Social Dancing
8 pm Closing Prayer

CONTEST CATEGORIES WILL BE COMBINED BY AGE GROUP

- *Tiny Tot 0-6 yrs
- *Jr. Boys 7-12
- *Jr. Girls 7-12
- *Teen Boys 13-17
- *Teen Girls 13-17
- *Lulu & War Cry (School Age)
- *Potato Dance
- *Specials at this event are reserved for Head Staff only.

Special Invitation
Comanche Nation Youth Dancers

VENDOR SPACE AVAILABLE \$25 + RAFFLE ITEM
For vendor information please contact Tiffany Wright Via Email- CACC@comancheacademy.com
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Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday!

March 23 - Betty Sue Hughes
March 28 - Kaydrian Aitson

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday
Andrew J. Casaus
April 2

~ Happy Birthday, AJ. You are so loved by us all. From your family.



Happy 36th Birthday
Daphne Wang
April 2



Happy 31st Birthday
Dylan Cole Tahchawwickah
April 6
Happy 10th Birthday
Michael Dean Tahchawwickah
April 2



Happy Birthday
Ludociel Redbird
April 3

April 2 - Andrew J. Casaus
April 2 - Michael Dean Tahchawwickah
April 2 - Daphne Wang
April 3 - Ludociel Redbird
April 6 - Dylan Cole Tahchawwickah
April 8 - Vanessa Ruiz
April 10 - Nicholas Tahchawwickah
April 13 - Stardust Ruiz
April 14 - Payton Lynn Parker-Homs
April 15 - Miranda Dawn Hughes
April 17 - Rylei Suina
April 18 - Rayna Noelle Thompson
April 18 - Tru Niave Duy
April 20 - Rylen Furr
April 22 - Dakota Alan Frazier
April 28 - Phillip Duy
April 29 - Andi Harrison
April 29 - Niklaus Hencha



Happy Birthday
Vanessa Ruiz
April 8



Happy 40th Birthday
Nicholas Tahchawwickah
April 10



Happy Birthday
Stardust Ruiz
April 13



Happy Birthday
Payton Lynn Parker-Homs
April 14
~With Love. From, your family.



Happy 18th Birthday
Rylei Suina
April 17



Happy 2nd Birthday
Rayna Noelle Thompson
April 18



Happy 20th Birthday
Tru Niave Duy
April 18

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Happy 30th Birthday
Miranda Dawn Hughes
April 15



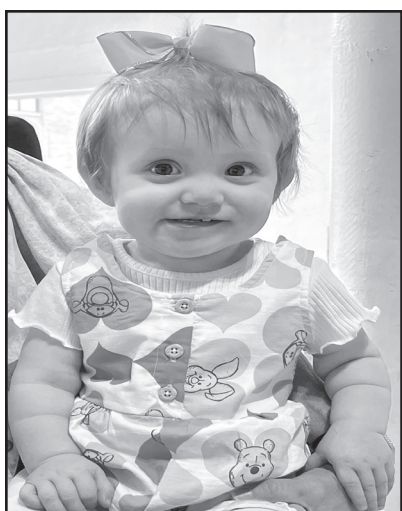
Happy 45th Birthday
Phillip Duy
April 28



Happy 4th Birthday
Niklaus Hencha
April 29



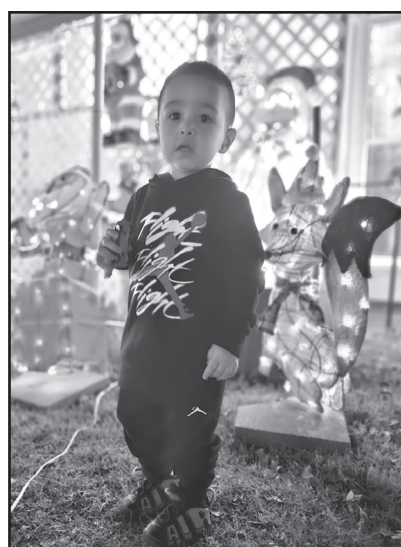
Happy Birthday
Andi Harrison
April 29



Happy 1st Birthday
Betty Sue Hughes
March 23



Happy 29th Birthday
Dakota Alan Frazier
April 22



Happy 2nd Birthday
Kaydrian Aitson
March 28



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

GAME ON!! At the beginning of the 10-and-under basketball season Comanche Nation Chairman presented a Comanche Strong flag to team Nahmi Nu which is a team consisting of all Comanche Girls. Pictured are: Coach Tasha Tahchawwickah, Coach Jared Kopaddy, Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woommavovah, Coach Lanette Chibitty, Coach Jeff Chibitty, Camilla Chibitty, Mesa Tahchawwickah, Samyia Portillo, Cathaleya Heminokeky, Scarlett Codynah, Aleecia Howe, Chrissie Lonelodge, Niya Passah, Kierera Large, Madison Bucktrot, Sierra Large and Doniella Kawaykla-Sherman.



Spring Fling!

COMANCHE VENDORS EVENT!

Saturday April 13, 2024

CALLING ALL COMANCHE & OTHER TRIBAL MEMBERS TO SET UP AT THE MUSEUM TO SELL THEIR WARES.

WE'RE OPEN 10AM-2PM, BUT YOU CAN SET UP AS EARLY AS 8AM (Bring your own tables, chairs, shelters, and power source.)

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Obituaries

Monte Dee Potts Sr.



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Potts

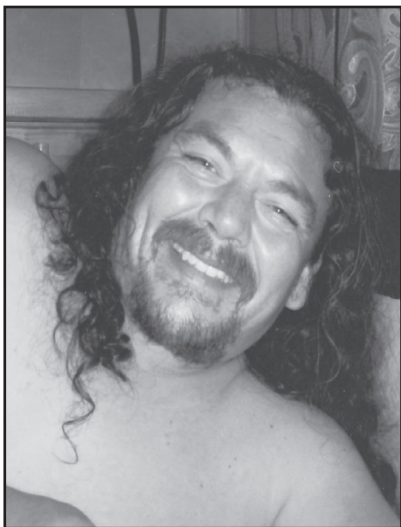
Monte Dee Potts Sr., an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation, was born Dec. 12, 1958, in Fort Worth, Texas, and departed this life on Monday, March 4, in Elgin, at the age of 65 years. Potts was the middle child of Elva (Permansu) and Fred Potts.

Potts lived in Fort Worth, Texas, until moving to Walters, where he grew up. Potts attended Walters High School, was a quarterback for their football team and graduated in 1977. After graduating high school, Potts worked for the City of Walters for a year and then started with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. He worked at ODOT for 43 years until retiring on Aug. 31, 2021. Potts loved to southern straight dance, he served as a Chairman for the Walters Homecoming, he was a true Dallas Cowboys fan, showed love for the Oklahoma Sooners, made the best Christmas snacks and loved taking care of and mowing his yard. He was a member of First Baptist Church Walters.

Potts was preceded in death by his parents: Elva Jean "Elvina" (Permansu) and Fred Potts; his grandparents: Benjamin and Clara Tooahnippah Permansu and Dillard Potts and Mae (Potts) Parks; his uncles: Cecil, Herbert, Willington, and Delbert Permansu; an aunt, Martha Weryavah; an infant brother, Larry Potts; his sister Kimberlea Patterson.

Potts is survived by his wife, Ronna and their dogs, Coco Renee and Yaya of the home; his two sons: Monte (Tsap) Potts Jr. and Ahtahkee Sovo and his grandchildren Laylah and Levi Sovo of Sterling; a daughter, Ashley Naudi, of Lawton, and grandchildren Justin, Levi and Hazley Negron; his brother, Kenny Potts of Walters; his Aunt Sue Morris and husband Tom of Tulsa; his Uncle Elton Permansu of Walters; his Aunt Alesia Permansu of Virginia; and his Aunt Bonitta and Uncle Carl Padyaker of Cache.

Randy Lyn Gembacz



Courtesy Photo

Gembacz

Randy Lyn Gembacz, passed away at his residence with his loving family by his side on March 10. He was born on June 29, 1961, to Louis and Alene Werquayah Gembacz. He lived his whole life as a resident of Cache. And graduated Cache High School, class of 1979. Gembacz was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

He owned and operated Randy's Remodeling and Construction for many years. He was well known as one of the best framers around. He loved life, spending time with family, riding motorcycles, and making everyone laugh. Gembacz was generous and humble, he had a way of making everyone feel welcomed. He would lend a hand to help anyone.

He is survived by one son Caleb Gembacz and girlfriend Blake of Blanchard; wife Sherry Jackson of the home; five sons: Mark, Ryan, Nathaniel, Ben and Heath; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He is preceded in death by parents Louis and Alene Werquayah Gembacz; two brothers Burnell (Frog) Pueblo and Danny Pueblo; and one sister.

Jason Red Elk



Courtesy Photo

Red Elk

Jason Red Elk, 53, Walters, Okla.

Funeral Service at the Walters Comanche Nation Community Center, March 19, Rev. Brantley Tillery officiating with burial in the Walters Cemetery under the direction of Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home.

Jason Leigh Red Elk was born to Gene Elliott and Marilyn Jo (Thompson) Red Elk on June 3, 1970, in Lawton, Okla., and departed this life in Lawton on March 14, at the age of 53 years, eight months and 11 days.

Red Elk grew up in Walters, Okla., graduating from WHS in 1989. He then joined the U.S. Navy, serving his country honorably in Desert Storm. Following his service, he returned home but soon began traveling for a time. He returned to Walters and went to work for Cotton Electric in September of 2010 in the meter shop.

Red Elk married Jodi Dawn Bartling on March 16, 2019, in Walters. He enjoyed golfing, visiting with friends and loved OU sports.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Marilyn Red Elk and his grandma, Marjean Colbert. He was joined in death by his father, Gene Red Elk who passed two days later.

Survivors include his wife, Jodi, of the home; three brothers, Lance Red Elk of Walters, Adam Red Elk of Medicine Park, Okla., and Blake Red Elk and Tyler of Dallas, Texas; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Lola and Jerry Bartling; many beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

until its closing in the early 1980's. He worked security for a time and then worked for tribe Bingo. From 1986 to 2006 he worked for the Fort Sill Fire Department, retiring as a Captain. All through the years he was also working part-time for the casino, ultimately retiring for good in 2015.

He married the love of his life, Marilyn Jo (Thompson) Red Elk on December 21, 1967, in Wichita Falls. They made Walters their home where they raised four sons, Lance, Jason, Adam and Blake. Gene enjoyed coaching and watching his kids and grandkids play sports. He also enjoyed golfing, watching OU and sports in general, umpiring ball-games and taking cruises with Marilyn once the boys were raised. He loved spending time with family and friends, going to the casino and playing cards.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Maud Red Elk; his wife Marilyn Red Elk on July 17, 2021; his son Jason Red Elk on March 14, 2024; two sisters, Zona Suminski and Francis Marie Nelson; and a brother, Roderick Red Elk.

Survivors include three sons, Lance Elliott Red Elk and Adam Red Elk both of Walters, Blake Red Elk and Tyler of Dallas; his daughter-in-law, Jodi Red Elk of Walters; a sister, Carmelita Red Elk Thomas and George of Logan, UT; a brother, Ronald Red Elk and Thresa of Walters; 6 grandchildren, Marissa Clemons and Cardell of Broken Arrow, Okla., Kennedy Williams and Stuart of Haskell, Okla., Cy Red Elk and Carlie of Walters, Kaylie Steinbeck, Zack Steinbeck and Diamyn Red Elk all of Henrietta, Texas; six great grandchildren, Jaiden, Camilla, Mila, Konner Bob, Anna andylie; countless nieces, nephews, cousins, bonus grandkids and a host of friends.

Gene Red Elk



Courtesy Photo

Red Elk

Gene Red Elk, 78, Walters, Okla.

Memorial Service at First United Methodist Church March 20, Rev. Brantley Tillery Officiating under the direction of Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home in Walters.

Gene Elliott Red Elk was born to Frank and Maud (Homovich) Red Elk on September 26, 1945, in Lawton, Okla., and departed this life in Walters, Okla., on March 16, at the age of 78 years, five months and 19 days.

Red Elk grew up at Walters, graduating from WHS in 1963. He then attended Bacone College until he was drafted in December of 1965, serving his country and the U.S. Army honorably. Upon his discharge in September of 1967, he went to work at Fort Sill Indian School as a home living counselor for the boys



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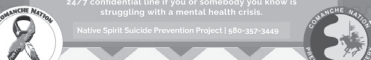
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