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## Inadequate Home Conditions Hinder Native Americans in a Remote Work Economy

Submitted by Nora Sovo, Comanche Nation Housing Authority

The unemployment rate for Native Americans continues to decrease at a much slower rate compared to the national average, and the ability to work from home may be a leading factor. Those who suffer from substandard, overcrowded or disadvantaged housing conditions potentially lack the adequate resources to sustain a remote job.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) reported in August that the labor market was showing signs of steady growth, yet the unemployment rate for Native Americans was among the highest at 4.9 percent, an entire percentage point higher than the national rate of 3.8 percent.

At the peak of the pandemic, the BLS also found Native Americans worked remotely at a rate of 8 percent lower than that of white workers. Fast forward to 2022, as the nation is working towards its economic comeback, Native American remote workers are still found to be 2 percentage points behind that of white workers.

Earlier this year, our team at Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) surveyed over 100 of our tribal members and noted that over 60 percent are met with overcrowded or substandard conditions.

“One of the biggest problems facing our tribal Nation is overcrowding,” Russell Sossamon, executive director of CNHA said.

“An overcrowded home can have a domino effect on almost every area of one’s life, impacting work, financial stability, health, education and more.”

Remote work requires privacy, space, strong internet connection, reliable phone service and more. Meeting these requirements is

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## Comanche Cares Donates through Toy Drive

LAWTON, Okla. (Nov. 22, 2022) – Comanche Cares, a community giving initiative by Comanche Nation Entertainment, is stepping in as Santa’s helpers to stock his sleigh at its annual Toy Drive. The Toy Drive benefits Southern Oklahoma families and children and is now accepting toy donations at all Comanche Nation Entertainment properties from noon to 10 p.m. on select days throughout the month of December.

Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton and Comanche Red River Hotel Casino in Devol are accepting donations on Wednesdays and Thursdays through Dec. 15, and Comanche Star Casino in Walters, Comanche Spur Casino in Elgin and Comanche War Pony Casino in Devol are accepting donations on Sundays and Mondays through Dec. 12.

“This time of year serves as an opportunity to not only spread joy throughout our community, but it also brings everyone together for a common goal. We all want to provide every child with a gift under the tree,” Mia Tahdoahnippah, CEO of Comanche Nation Entertainment said. “The toy drive has become a tradition for our team. Each year we strive to make the holidays brighter for both children and families in need.”

## Jim Caddo and Donna Pewo honored at the 14th Annual AARP Oklahoma Native Elder Honor Awards



The group picture from left to right includes AARP Oklahoma State President Jim Randall, Honoree, Donna Pewo, Former AARP Oklahoma Executive Council Member Tewanna Edwards, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn, and Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma City Aubrey Elaine Berry.



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AARP celebrates 50 Native American Elders who have positively impacted the Country, State, Communities, and Indian Country.

Since 2009 AARP has recognized more than 650 elders from Oklahoma’s 39 tribal nations. 25 of the 650 are Comanche Nation tribal members.

This includes George Briscoe II, Chairman Wallace Coffey, Kenneth Coosewoon, Rita Coosewoon, Conrad Galey, Barbra Goodin, LaDonna Harris, Leon Hawzipta Jr., Barthell Little Chief, Martha “Adele” Mihesuah, Josephine Myers-Wapp, Juanita Pahdopony, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Cornelia Quotone-Karty, Bill Shoemate, Jack Shoemate, Sherry Smith, Milton Sovo, Anna Wockmetooah Tahmahkera, Thurman Ray Tahsuda, Deloris R. Twohatchet, Dr. Robbie Wahnee, Joe Wahnee Jr., Dr. Linda Sue Warner, Reverend Videll Yackeschi.

AARP Oklahoma State director, Sean Voskuhl said, “These honorees are beacons of hope and inspiration and embody AARP’s mission and vision as they inspire others to serve. The Native American elders we recognized are an extraordinary example of the difference we can make in others’ lives and the vitality of our communities.”

Comanche Nation Tribal Members Jimmy Ray Caddo and Donna Pewo were honored at the 14th Annual AARP Oklahoma Native American Elder Honors on November 9 in Oklahoma City at the First American Museum.

Tribal member Jimmy Ray Caddo attended the Fort Sill Indian Boarding School from age six until graduation. In 1952, he joined the Navy and later retired as a ship serviceman first class. Caddo is one of the only four remaining Comanches who fought in the Korean War. He also served in the Vietnam War.

Caddo was bestowed with many military recognitions, including Navy Commendation, Navy Achievement, Good Conduct, National Defense, Korean Service, United Nations, Vietnam Service, and Vietnam Gallantry Cross W1960 Device honors.

Caddo is a chaplain and a founder of The Prayer Warriors group. Its mission is to visit elders in nursing homes, hospitals and the homebound. Upon request, Caddo performs special services. He considers being a loving husband, father and grandfather his most outstanding achievement.

Tribal member Donna Pewo currently serves as the director of

connectional ministries at the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference. She is also Clinton’s General Board of Global Ministries mission project director. Other work in Clinton includes serving as a local pastor. Rev. Pewo focuses on empowering youth by building bridges through community education. In her free time, Rev. Pewo mentors students by providing kind words, connections, and resources for their personal and spiritual journey advancements. She also organizes and volunteers for mission trips that provide school kits and basic needs items to reservations across North and South Dakota.

Pewo said, “It was an honor and privilege to be one of many recipients of the AARP awards. My joy in ministry is working with children and youth within our churches at the Oklahoma Indian missionary conference. It is exciting to see native young people embrace their culture and traditions within their communities and strive to meet their goals and expectations.”

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Tijerina

## Kathryn Harris Tijerina Named Chair of the Board of Directors at the LANL Foundation

Kathryn Harris Tijerina has been named the Chair of the Board of Directors at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) Foundation. Tijerina previously held the position of Vice-Chair on the Foundation’s Board.

“We are so thrilled that Kathryn is leading our Board at this critical time,” Jenny Parks, President and CEO of the LANL Foundation said. “In the wake of numerous crises, including the COVID-19 pandemic and devastating wildfires, our Foundation is crafting strategies and supporting new programming to best serve our communities and Kathryn’s leadership, expertise, and experience have been invaluable in this process.”

Tijerina brings a vast wealth of experience to her role as Chair. She has served as College President of the Institute of Indian Art, directed the Indian Resource Development (IRD) program for the state of New Mexico’s colleges and universities, has worked for the Chief Justice of the New Mexico Supreme Court, directed natural resources for the State of New Mexico as the Deputy Secretary for the Department, served on the Mayor of Albuquerque’s Cabinet as Director for Cultural and Recreational Services, represented the University of Phoenix and was Executive Director of the Railyard Stewards.

“I’m looking forward to continuing my work with the LANL Foundation,” Tijerina said. “In my collaboration with fellow board members and the staff at the Foundation, I’ve seen how dedicated they are to creating real and meaningful change in communities and systems here in Northern New Mexico.”

Under Tijerina’s tenure, the Board also recently rewrote and approved a new policy for Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging at the Foundation. Tijerina has long been an advocate for Native American and Indigenous communities. She researched and wrote for the Indian Policy Review Commission of the US Congress and was of counsel to the US Senate Indian Affairs Committee, where she drafted the first Indian Religious Freedom Act. She was the keynote speaker at the Women’s Leadership, Encore, a national conference in 2022, where she spoke on the history of the Native American

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# Government

## A Total of 11 Resolutions Pass at the November CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

**Editor's Note: This is an overview of the November 5, 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.**

Chairman Mark Woommavovah called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. The Secretary/Treasurer, John Wahnee conducted Roll Call. All Comanche Business Committee (CBC) were present and a quorum was established. Wahnee provided the invocation.

CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, made a motion to approve the minutes to the October 1 CBC meeting. It is seconded by the Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Executive/General Council

Officer Reports

Woommavovah said he has attended all required meetings and events in addition to meetings on the state and national level.

Pewewardy said in addition to attending all required meetings, he highlighted the Comanche Fair Board and all who helped in making the Comanche Fair a success. He also acknowledged Bonnie Lemon, who was the recipient of the Community Spirit Award by the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee, and Cindy Famera who was named Parent of the Year by the Oklahoma Advocacy for Native Children. He also thanked Jerry Parker for letting him know about a Comanche student's plight with a Texas school board on cutting his hair.

Wahnee reported he followed the Comanche Constitution Article XII- Duties of Officers Sections Three (3) and Four (4).

Tribal Administrator Julia Mantzke - no financial findings. Tax Commission - Harley Pennington no financial findings. Comanche Nation Enterprises - George Tahdoohannah no financial findings. Comanche Nation Housing - Russell Sossamon no financial findings.

American Rescue Plan Report

- General Assistance - 35.3% - \$36,457,843.18. Food Assistance - 4.26% - \$4,399,728.38. School Assistance - .54% - \$557,712.05. Home

Repairs - 33%- \$34,000,000. Rental Assistance - 8.7% - \$9,000,000. Total - 81.33% - \$84,000,000. Approximately 82% of the budget went directly to the Comanche people thus far, with a balance of \$17 million.

Resolutions

**Resolution No. 149-2022-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1260. Wahnee makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 150-2022-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1261- Adults. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by CBC No. 4, Robert Komahcheet. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 151-2022-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1262- Does Not Meet BQ. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Pewewardy. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 152-2022-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1263- No Allottee. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 153-2022-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1264- Outside of Parameters. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Komahcheet. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 154-2022-** CIP CN Food Distribution Roof Resolution. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 155-2022-** CIP New Glass Doors for Administration Resolution. CBC No. 1. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by CBC No. 2, Ross Kahrahrh. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 156-2022-** CIP EIFS Upgrades to CN Court, Watchtaker Hall, Maintenance and Fair Buildings Resolution. Kahrahrh makes

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### TIJERINA

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**Kathryn Harris Tijerina and her family wearing buckskin dresses.**

Civil Rights Movement.

Tijerina was born and raised in Comanche country in southwestern Oklahoma. She is a Citizen of the Comanche Nation. Tijerina's mother is LaDonna Crawford Harris, and her mother is Lillie Tabbytite Crawford, and her mother is Kosepeah Paddyaker, and her mother is Mahria. She earned her Bachelor of Arts from Harvard and graduated Magna cum Laude. She earned her Juris Doctorate from Stanford Law School. She is dyslexic and has been an advocate for those with dyslexia.

Since 1997, the LANL Foundation has been investing in

education, learning, and human potential in Northern New Mexico. Through diverse programming and collaboration with key partners, the LANL Foundation works to ensure that all New Mexicans have the skills and confidence they need to be self-sufficient lifelong learners who are engaged in their communities. LANL Foundation is dedicated to the enhancement of students' access to academic and technical opportunities, leading to quality jobs by supporting college and career readiness in schools, districts, communities, Pueblos, Tribes, and Nations.

## From the Chairman's Desk



**Holiday Message**

What a great season to be Comanche. Comanche People there's no better time than the holiday season to give back to our Comanche Nation, our communities and spread some holiday cheer. As we celebrate the season and look forward to the New Year, let's recommit to being Comanche Strong and doing our part to building communities that are a little more generous, loving, and kind. As we celebrate this joyous time of year, our thoughts turn to the brave men and women who serve our country far from home. Their extraordinary and selfless sacrifice is an inspiration to us all, and part of the unbroken line of heroism that has made our freedom and prosperity possible for over two centuries.

In fact, today American Indians in the armed forces serve at a rate five times the national average and they have served with distinction in every major American conflict for over 200 years. That is why this season of giving should also be a time to renew a sense of common purpose and Native Pride for our Comanche Nation. Now, more than ever, we must rededicate ourselves to the notion that we share a common destiny as Comanches - that I am my brother's keeper, I am my sister's keeper. Now, we must all do our part to serve one another; to seek new ideas and new innovation; to start a new chapter for our Comanche Nation, and to leave our future generations a positive legacy. When we all help each other out, we stand together, we go forward together, and we are stronger together. Say it with me "Comanche Strong Stronger Together!"

**Merry Christmas & Happy New Years**  
Chairman W-



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**MEETING WITH STATE OFFICIAL.** Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, met with the Oklahoma Secretary of State and Native American Affairs, Brian Bingman, at the State Capital on October 24. They discussed ways of building partnerships with the Comanche Nation to establish long-term relationships and state programs to assist the Comanche Nation and its members economically with education and healthcare, and state assistance with tribal mutual programs. They both agreed that relationships are the key to developing trust. They understand where there is trust, people work together more easily and effectively. Investing effort in identifying and building relationships will increase confidence across southwest Oklahoma and speed up problem solving and decision-making. Comanche Nation leaders are make positive connections with communities and state.

### HOUSING

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directly dependent on an adequate and sustainable home. "Work from home requires a home for work," said Sossamon. "Without access to the resources, support and affordable inventory to combat overcrowding, our Nation will continue to get left behind."

If remote work becomes more accessible to Native Americans, it could serve as a solution for those tribal Nations striving to preserve and strengthen their culture and communities. Many tribal members leave their communities to access career opportunities. The work-from-home model can offer tribal members an opportunity to stay within their communities to strengthen culture between generations, while still furthering their careers.

"The solution for accessibility starts with the home," Sossamon said. "Which is why our team is striving to serve as many of our tribal members as possible, with the limited funding we are allotted, across our six housing programs."

They have six housing initiatives to help enrolled Comanche

Nation members improve their living conditions in effort to promote improvement in other areas of life. Our affordable housing initiatives have supported tribal members in becoming homeowners, overcoming homelessness and achieving stability to pursue education and career opportunities while staying within their communities.

Comanche Nation Housing programs include the rental program, student housing program, homeownership lease purchase program, home improvement program, elder home rehabilitation program and down payment and closing cost grant program. They currently serve seven counties, including Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Kiowa, Tillman for federal grant programs and in Stephens and Grady for the elder and home improvement programs.

To learn more about CNHA's housing initiatives, call (580) 357-4956 or visit [www.comanchehousing.com](http://www.comanchehousing.com).

# Programs

## Child Support Services Announces Court Dates

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Nicole Asepermy: CNC-SP-18-70; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Czariciussus Flowers: CNC-SP-22-22; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support
- Joshua Imotichey: CNC-SP-20-17; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Darlene Johnson: CNC-SP-15-141; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Lonnie Komahcheet: CNC-SP-21-48; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Ashley Mowatt: CNCSP-21-37; Application for Indirect Contempt
- Rocinda Nibbs: CNCSP-15-23; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Lisa Pewenokit: CNCSP-19-15; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Josey Sommers: CNCSP-22-23; Petition to Accept Transfer of Jurisdiction
- Michael Zunk: CNCSP-19-12; Motion to Determine Support Arrears and Reduce to Judgment

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 HEARINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT ALL COURT OF INDIAN OFFENSES CHILD SUPPORT HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON.

## December 2022 Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Brittany Sullivan



Courtesy Photo

Sullivan

Brittany Sullivan is a full-time student, a supportive military spouse, and a mother to daughter

Presley. Her maternal great grandfather was Rafey Youniacutt, Sr., and her maternal grandfather was Rafey Youniacutt, Jr.

She currently works as a full-time Licensed Practical Nurse. Previously, she has worked with veterans in a long-term care setting for two years. Her passion is nursing.

Sullivan will graduate this December with an associate degree in Multidisciplinary Science and Arts. She will transfer to Washburn University to pursue her bachelor's degree in nursing. She aims to become a Nurse Practitioner to give back to the community and plans to obtain the teaching credentials to teach the next generation of nurses.

*"As a nurse, we have the opportunity to heal the mind, soul, heart, and body of our patients, their families, and ourselves. They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel"* - Maya Angelou.

## December 2022 Higher Education Student of the Month David Crummitt



Courtesy Photo

Crummitt

David Crummitt is currently taking graduate classes at Utah State University in Electrical Engineering with a focus in Space System Engineering. Crummitt hopes to graduate in May 2024. He would like to do research in space systems or controls and maybe work for NASA. Crummitt hopes to start a trend of giving spacecraft Comanche names.

## December 2022 Higher Education Student of the Month Shailah Ramos



Courtesy Photo

Ramos

Shailah Red Elk-Ramos is a student through Comanche Nation Higher Education since 2006. She started her higher education through concurrent enrollment in high school

and haven't stopped since.

The nation has assisted with her tuition and other various fees throughout her Bachelor's in psychology and again through her Master's in Behavioral Science and she is currently pursuing her license to become a Professional Counselor through Cameron University.

Most of her colleagues are drowning in financial aid loans and she is debt free. She will never say that she is "owed" this gift, rather, she is so incredibly blessed that her bloodline runs Comanche.

She was asked to submit a short biography, but she feels like using this opportunity as a platform to say that the Comanche Nation has set tribal members up for success. Whether it be shelter, food, physical health, mental health, resources upon resources, and the list goes on and on. However, the most significant is that of an education. If you utilize the resources offered by the Comanche Nation, you have no option BUT to succeed. It is a beautiful circle she has been a part of. She was given a great education through the assistance of the Comanche Nation and in turn, she will one day offer services to her fellow tribal members as a therapist with the education she was given.

Comanche, Kiowa, Cherokee  
First generation college graduate  
Comanche Nation Employee  
Artist  
Wife  
Proud mother

## Courthouse will Have Legal Clinics

The Comanche Nation Tribal Court will have a Legal Aid Clinic at the following dates from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Comanche Nation Tribal Courthouse, Comanche Nation complex.

- Dec. 1
- Dec. 8
- Dec. 15
- Dec. 22

Legal council will be on site to assist tribal members with legal advice and understanding filings within the tribal court.

There will be a Walk-In Clinic, 10 a.m.- 2 p.m., Dec. 10 at the Comanche Nation Tribal Courthouse.

For more information, call the Comanche Nation Tribal Court at (580) 492-3822.

## Workforce Offers Two Financial Workshops in December

The Comanche Nation Workforce will have a Personal Finance for Young Adults Workshop 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Dec. 13 at the Dorothy Lorentino Sunrise Education Center, 1608 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Okla.

The Comanche Nation Workforce will also have a "Stress Free Holiday Season on a Budget," 1 p.m.- 3 p.m., Dec. 13 at the Dorothy Lorentino Sunrise Education Center, 1608 SW 9th Street, Lawton, Okla.

RSVP by December 8 for either event. For more information, contact Larissa Wetselline, (580) 492-3257 or by email: Larissa.Wetselline@comanchenation.com

## Dallas Outreach Gets a Sneak Peek of the New Exhibit at the Forth Worth Museum



Courtesy Photo

On Nov. 3, the Dallas Outreach Office was invited to a VIP Preview of a brand new exhibit at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History. In honor of Native American History Month, Cynthia Ann Parker's Bison Robe was unveiled as the centerpiece of the new exhibit.

This area was specifically designed to honor the Indigenous People of the Great Plains. Cynthia Ann Parker's robe is set in a custom-built enclosure surrounded by many other Native American artifacts and art. The robe has been well preserved and will remain a permanent display at the museum.

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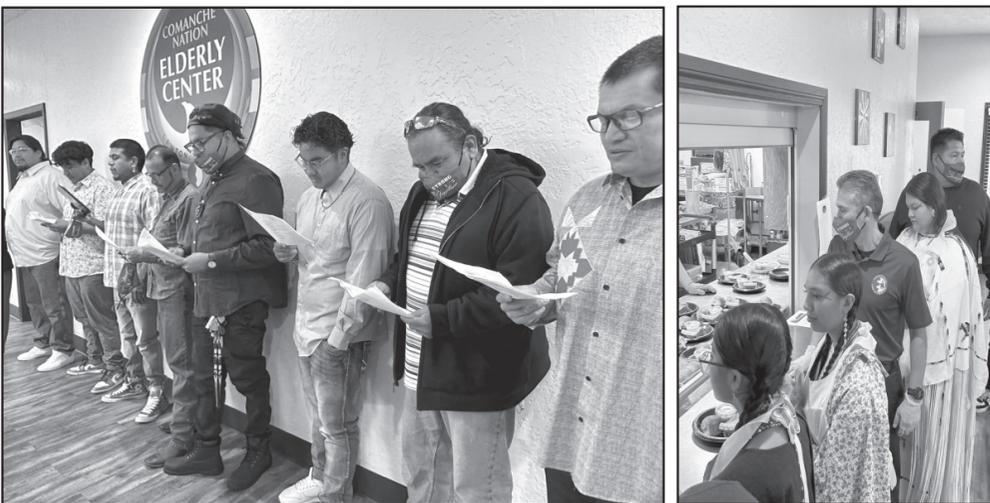
<p><b>December Activities</b></p> <p>12-1 Wellness Education 12-2 **BINGO**</p> <p>12-5 Language Program Info 12-6 Bible Study 12-7 Shape Shifters Fitness 12-8 Wellness Education 12-9 CX Elders Day</p> <p>12-12 Caregivers Education 12-13 Arts &amp; Crafts 12-14 Shape Shifters Fitness 12-15 Wellness Education 12-16 Mall Group Walk</p> <p>12-19 Housing Program Info 12-20 Bible Study 12-21 Shape Shifters Fitness 12-22 Wellness Education 12-23 Closed for Christmas</p> <p>12-26 Closed for Christmas 12-27 Arts &amp; Crafts 12-28 Shape Shifters Fitness 12-29 Wellness Education 12-30 Day Trip Planning</p>	<p><b>AM Daily Activities</b></p> <p>Doors open at 10 AM Coffee Connections, Reading Room, and Table Games 10:00 AM - 11:45 PM</p> <p>11:45 AM - 12:45 PM Lunch is Served</p>
<p><b>PM Daily Activities</b></p> <p>All afternoon activities start at 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM See calendar for schedule</p> <p>CNEC doors close for cleaning at 2:00 PM Daily</p>	<p><b>Tribal Events</b></p> <p>12-9 Elders Day 12-10 Arts and Crafts Extravaganza 12-23 Closed Christmas Holiday 12-26 Closed Christmas Holiday</p>

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# Programs



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**THANKSGIVING AT THE ELDER CENTER.** The Comanche Nation Elder Center held their Thanksgiving celebration Nov. 23 at their facility in Lawton. The elder center re-opened for indoor dining and activities on Nov. 2, after being limited to meal delivery for three years due to the COVID-19 pandemic. **TOP:** Several elders enjoy a Thanksgiving meal and visiting with each other. **CENTER:** Prevention and Recovery men entertained the elders by singing Christmas songs in the Comanche Language. **TOPRIGHT:** From Left, 2022-2023 CIVA Princess Arlene Schonchin, 2022-2023 Comanche Nation Princess Michelle Nevaquaya, Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woommavovah, 2022-2023 Jr. Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee and Devin Toahy of Prevention and Recovery serve tribal elders their Thanksgiving meals at the Comanche Nation Elder Center. **BOTTOM LEFT:** From Left, Tosee, Schonchin and Nevaquaya perform the Lord's Prayer in sign language to begin the Thanksgiving Day feast Nov. 23 at the Comanche Nation Elder Center.



**Elder's Day**  
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## CBC MEETING

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a motion to amend the resolution to exclude Watchetaker Hall. It is seconded by Pewewardy. The motion carries 6/0/0. Kahrahh makes a motion to accept the new resolution with amendments. It is seconded by CBC No. 1, Hazel Tahsequah. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 157-2022-** CIP Building and Safety Code Updates. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Kahrahh. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 158-2022-** Diabetes Program Grant Application DHHS, IHS, SDPI. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It is seconded by Tahsequah. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**Resolution No. 159-2022-** CNGC Gaming Ordinance Amendment. Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. It was not seconded. The motion fails. Tahsequah makes a motion to table the resolution. It is seconded by Kahrahh. The motion carries 5/1/0.

### Old Business/News Business

Mark Wauahdoohah makes a complaint about the CBC not answering emails and phone calls. He asked about taxing individual oil and gas trust land. A discussion followed.

Cindy Famero talks about the event at the Quanah Parker Celebration that took place over the summer in Quanah, Texas and Comanche Academy, and the CBC censuring Vice Chairman Pewewardy. A discussion followed.

Ronald Red Elk emphasizes the importance of the Comanche language and read an excerpt from an article by Indian Country today that stated Guy Narcomey wrote the Comanche language dictionary. He said he did not write it but inside the dictionary is a list of fluent speakers of the Comanche language that developed the dictionary. He said that is an insult to the Comanche Language Department. He asked the CBC to get in contact with that newspaper and speak out against the misinformation that was in the article.

**Resolution 160-2022** Pewewardy presented a resolution to endorse Oklahoma Governor candidate Joy Hoffmeister. Pewewardy makes a motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. The motion carries 3/2/1.

Comanche Charter School representative stated the academy soccer team are volunteer basis. Kahrahh makes a motion each board or entity provide a report

each month: Indian Health Board, Comanche Nation Housing Board, KCA Board, Comanche Nation Enterprise Board, Cow Calf Board, Comanche Nation Entertainment, and Tax Commission. The motion is seconded by Wahnee. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Tahsequah makes a motion to rescind the censorship resolution of Vice Chairman Pewewardy. It is seconded by Pewewardy. The motion carries 4/2/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to go into executive session. It is seconded by Tahsequah. It passes 6/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to come out of Executive Session. It is seconded by Tahsequah. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion for the Comanche Nation attorney to draft a letter to the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for the Chairman to sign. It is seconded by Tahsequah. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Pewewardy makes a motion to have the Comanche Nation attorney draft a resolution consisting of the framework of analogizing and providing consequences of acts against the Tolerance Policy. It is seconded by Kassanavoid. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Wahnee makes a motion to have the CBC who are appointed to boards or committees provide a report every month at the CBC Meetings including Indian Health Board, Comanche Nation Enterprise Board, Cow Calf Board, Comanche Nation Entertainment, Tax Commission and the Conservation. It is seconded by Kahrahh. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Komahcheet makes a motion for Woommavovah to travel to Washington D.C. to attend the White House Tribal Nations Summit Nov. 30 – Dec. 1. It is seconded by Kahrahh. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Kahrahh makes a motion to distribute a community needs assessment through the TA. It is seconded by Pewewardy. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to adjourn. It is seconded by Pewewardy. The motion carries 6/0/0.

**To request to be on the CBC monthly meeting agenda, contact the Office of the Chairman/CBC no later than the Friday two weeks prior to the monthly CBC meeting.**

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MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>DECEMBER</b>				
<i>Merry Christmas</i>				
<b>MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE</b>				
5 Cheeseburger Mac Green Beans Sliced Bread Dessert	6 Pinto Beans Roasted Potatoes & Squash Jalapeño Cheddar Cornbread Dessert	7 Chicken Wings Mac N Cheese Baked Beans Dinner Roll/ Dessert	8 Grilled Chicken Chef Salad Cottage Cheese Bread Stick/Diced Fruit	9 <b>Closed Elders Day</b>
12 Pigs in a Blanket Pork & Beans Mac N Cheese Dessert	13 Hamburger Stew Cucumber Salad French Bread Dessert	14 <b>Elder Center Christmas Meal</b>	15 Chicken Alfredo Bake Spinach Garlic Bread Dessert	16 Grilled Cheese Tomato Soup Celery and Carrots Dessert
19 Tamales Cheesy Rice Black Beans/Salsa Dessert	20 Chicken Salad Croissant Sandwich Celery/Carrots/Pickle Chips Dessert	21 <b>Indian Taco Day</b>	22 Hot Dogs Chili/Cheese/Onions Tater Tots Dessert	23 <b>Closed Christmas Holiday</b>
26 <b>Closed Christmas Holiday</b>	27 Fish Sticks Coleslaw French Fries/Hush Puppies Dessert	28 Pork Roast Scalloped Potatoes Mixed Veggies Dessert	29 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Side Salad Corn/ Garlic Toast Dessert	30 <b>Breakfast Day</b> Burritos w/ Salsa Hashbrown Fresh Fruit

# Culinary Corner/ Fun Page



## Pick-Up Schedule for the Comanche Nation Food Distribution

### DECEMBER 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				Frederick 1st Day	Frederick 2nd Day	
	Walters 1st Day	Walters 2nd Day	Cache 1st Day	Cache 2nd Day	TRUCK DAY	
	Cache 3rd Day	Cache 4th Day	Lawton 1st Day	Lawton 2nd Day	Lawton 3rd Day	
	Lawton 4th Day	Lawton 5th Day	Make-Up Day	Make-Up Day	CLOSED	
	CLOSED	Make-Up Day	Inventory	Inventory	Inventory	

### Prosciutto wrapped pork loin with apple and rice stuffing

- Ingredients**
- 1 whole boneless pork loin roast
  - Kosher salt and black pepper
  - 1 packet Minute Rice Multi-Grain Medley
  - 3 granny smith apples
  - 1 bulb fennel
  - 1 large head of garlic
  - 12 sage leaves
  - 2 sprigs of rosemary
  - 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
  - 8-10 slices prosciutto
  - 1 large white onion
  - 2 stalks of celery
  - 2 tablespoons oil

**Directions**

1. Butterfly the pork loin
2. Score the meat by making shallow slices in the top of the pork in a criss-cross pattern
3. Combine the cooked Minute Rice; 1 peeled, cored, and chopped apple; 1/3 cup of chopped fennel; 3 minced cloves of garlic; 4 leaves of chopped sage; 1 sprig of chopped rosemary; the balsamic vinegar; and salt and pepper mixed
4. On a piece of parchment paper, layer the 8-10 slices of prosciutto so that

they slightly overlap and form an area big enough to cover the pork loin. Top with the remaining sage. Place the pork loin, scored-side up, on top of the prosciutto. Season the pork with salt and pepper.

5. Top the pork loin with the rice stuffing and gently press down to pack the rice onto the pork and fold the prosciutto at the bottom of the pork loin upward so that it's folded over the pork. Roll the pork upward to fully encase the rice.
6. Tie the pork loin securely with butcher's twine. Tuck the remaining rosemary sprig into the twine, on top of the pork loin
7. Roughly chop the remaining apples, fennel bulb, onion, and celery and place them in a baking dish. Add in the remaining whole garlic cloves and toss with the oil. Place the pork loin on top of the apple and vegetable mixture.
8. Roast the pork loin until cooked through to 140°F at 400 degrees

Find each word and circle them

## Christmas Reindeer Word Search

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**Words to find:**

BLITZEN	CHRISTMAS	COMET	CUPID	DANCER
DASHER	DONNER	NORTHPOLE	FRANCER	PRESENTS
REINDEER	RUDOLPH	SANTA	SLEIGH	VIXEN



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# SOBER 49

## The Historic Preservation Office and the Prevention and Recovery Program team up to host an evening of songs and activities Nov. 25 at Watchetaker Hall

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

An evening of songs and contests brought around 200 people together Thanksgiving weekend to attend the Sober 49, sponsored by the Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery and the Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

The contests included a four-person 49 Contest, solo and group Hand Drum Contests and best overall.

There was also a Lulu and War Cry contest during the event. Each one had several participants and all received a Historical Preservation T-Shirt for taking part.

Door prizes were given throughout the night ranging from T-Shirts to gift cards from local businesses.

The Special Guest was Millard Clark, who produced many 49 tapes and CDs throughout the decades. Clark spoke about how he learned the songs and how it is important to keep the songs alive.

Edmond Nevaquaya, the Master of Ceremonies, also spoke about the history of the 49.

As each drum group took the floor to sing, several women and men circled the drum to help sing the songs.

The evening ended with a session of 49 songs led by Clark.

Listed are the winners from the Sober 49 event:

Solo

Youth 17 & Under: Anthony Monoessy Jr., Comanche

Adult 18-61: Nicholas Wahoban, Cree & Sioux

Elder 62 & Up: Parker Emhoolah, Kiowa

3 Person

Youth 17 & Under: Red Hawk Emanuel Tahhahwah, Comanche  
Jude Ketchum  
Corbyn Swift, Comanche & Wichita

Adult 18-61: The Ruggets  
Nicholas Wahobin, Cree & Sioux.

Tevin Meetoos, Cree  
Coleman American  
Horse, Sioux.

49 Contest

3rd Place: 4 Skins  
James Redbird  
Julien Watan  
Soldier Bear Watan  
Ruben Watan

2nd Place: West Side  
Jeremy Whitebuffalo  
Terrill Medicinebird  
Cletus Gayton  
Lucky Lucero

1st Place: Southern Crew  
Russ Cozad, Kiowa  
Devon Wermey, Comanche.

Bubba Sovo, Comanche  
Ha-Tee Delgado, Comanche.

Overall:

3rd Place: Nicholas Wahoban, Cree & Sioux.

2nd Place: The Ruggets  
Nicholas Wahobin, Cree & Sioux.

Tevin Meetoos, Cree  
Coleman American  
Horse, Sioux.

1st Place: Anthony Monoessy Jr., Comanche.



The Southern Crew drum group, consisting of singers Russ Cozad, Devon Wermey, Kevin "Bubba" Sovo, and Ha-Tee Delgado, wins the 49 contest Nov. 25 at Watchetaker Hall at the Sober 49.



Ladies sing and dance to the 49 songs at the Sober 49, Nov. 25 at the Comanche Nation Complex.



Special Guest, Millard Clark, pictured with a medallion, leads a session of 49 songs to end the nights festivities at the Sober 49.



Anthony Monoessy Jr. wins the Youth Solo Hand Drum Contest and the Overall Contest at the Sober 49 held Nov. 25 at the Comanche Complex.



The Red Hawk Singers, consisting of Emanuel Tahhahwah, Jude Ketchum and Corbyn Swift, wins the Youth Division Three-Person Hand Drum Contest at the Nov. 25 Sober 49.



Ladies line up for the Lulu Contest during the Sober 49 on Nov. 25 at the Comanche Nation Complex. Winning the contest was Carla White-man.



Men line up at the Sober 49 to participate in the War Cry Contest at Watchetaker Hall.

Parker Emhoolah wins the 62 years and older division Solo Hand Drum contest at the Sober 49, held Nov. 25 at the Comanche Nation Complex.

# Military News

## History of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA)

CIVA would like to acknowledge the late Zona *Atewuthakewa* and Lanny Asepermy who have contributed and documented the following information and photographs while serving as Historian for CIVA.

### During World War I:

American Indian Veterans Organizations date back to World War I. The first known club and organization was called, American Indian Veterans Association.

The first known gathering was to honor World War I veterans was held in Cotton County on the farm of Herbert Homovich who was a World War I veteran. This event was passed down by Merrick Youngman who was affiliated with a group of World War I veterans. The Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribal Veterans were invited to the celebration to honor the World War veterans.

In 1946, the American Indian Veterans Association became active again as an Inter-Tribal Veterans Organization. Lee Motah, Comanche Nation veteran became the organization Commander.

In 1976, area veterans and Comanche veterans felt it was in the best interest that each Tribal Veterans Organization should represent their own tribe as the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) was formed. Only Comanche veterans were allowed to join the organization. Any tribal member who was honorably discharged veteran was automatically a member.

### Chartered Veterans' Organization

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) is a Chartered veterans organization and an Oklahoma domestic Not-For-Profit Corporation which filed on Aug. 18, 1976. The Company filing status is listed in Existence and its File Number is 210029712. The Registered Agent on file for this company is Clifford E. Ototivo and is located at 1813 Taylor Street in Lawton Oklahoma.

The Company has three principals in record. The principals are Clifford E. Ototivo, Edgar Monetatchi and James Chasenah.

The first annual gathering (powwow) was held on Oct. 23-25, 1976, according to an invitation letter from the CIVA to the Native American Church who was asked to co-host the event. Lanny Asepermy received this historical original letter from Thomas Blackstar who was the Chairman of the Native American Church. The letter shown had the CIVA logo as a watermark.

The CIVA Officer's on the letterhead were: Commander, Edgar Monetatchi; Vice Commander, Clifford Ototivo; Service Officer, Morris Sunrise; Secretary, James Chasenah; Chaplain, Horace "Taylor" Noyobad; Color Guards; Carl Tahah and Howard Whitewolf.



CIVA Commander  
Edgar Monetatchi



CIVA Vice-Commander  
Clifford Ototivo Sr.



CIVA Secretary, Jerome  
Edward Tahhahwah



CIVA Treasure  
James Chasenah



CIVA Service Officer  
Morris Sunrise Tabbyetchy



CIVA Color Guard  
Carl Tahah

No photograph available  
CIVA Chaplain  
Taylor Noyobad



Courtesy Photo



Courtesy Photo

The Original emblem of the CIVA is used on the Veterans head wear, Vest, Service Blankets and Shawls of the Auxiliary along with the CIVA Princess Crown. CIVA logo used on letterheads as well as stickers.



Courtesy Photo



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess Crown made by Comanche Nation Tribal member, Mary A. Wade.

## CIVA Activities

### Color Guard Detail

On Oct. 20, CIVA was asked by the Cache Public School Johnson O'Malley Program to provide a Color Guard Detail for the Native American Pride Night in accordance with the Native American Heritage Month

The Color Guard Detail was provided before the Cache and John Marshall football game which was held at the Ulrich Football Stadium, in Cache Oklahoma.



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CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary parading the colors.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary with newly crowned Cache JOM Princess.

On Nov. 1, CIVA provided a Color Guard Detail to kick off the basketball game between Indianoma vs. Navajo basketball game. As the National Anthem was being sung by Bubba Sovo, CIVA

Princess Arlene Schonchin, signed the National Anthem.

On Nov. 5, CIVA served as the Color Guards for the 2nd Annual Honoring of Veterans Powwow for the American Indian Center of Springfield and Missouri State University, Springfield, Missouri. CIVA would like to thank Dr. William Meadows for having CIVA serve as their Color Guards.



Courtesy Photo

On Nov. 8, CIVA was asked by the East Elementary School in Anadarko, Okla., to bring in and retire the Colors for their Veterans Day event.

This event was to teach the 1st thru 3rd grade students the significance of Veterans Day. The students in attendance had an opportunity to talk to CIVA Veterans and explain the meaning of Veterans Day to them.

CIVA would like to thank Thersa Plata for organizing this joyful event.



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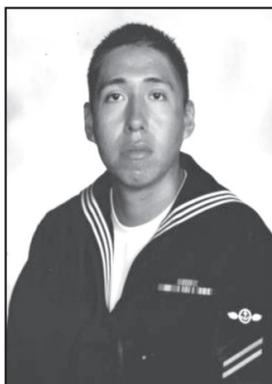
CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary presenting the Colors



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CIVA Veterans & Auxiliary group photograph in front of Anadarko East Elementary

## Funeral Detail



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Airman, John "J.R." Ray Hunter

A funeral detail was requested by the Hunter Family as the services was conducted at the Swearingen Funeral Home and Chapel in Seminole, Okla., on Oct. 21, with burial at the Little Cemetery which is also located in Seminole, Okla.

John "JR" Ray Hunt-

er, was born on May 4, 1980, in Lawrence, Kan. He served in the U.S. Navy from 2000 to 2004 and earned the rank of Airman E-3. Hunter completed his Boot Training at the Naval Technical Training Center Great Lakes, Ill., and graduated from the U.S. Navy Airman Apprentice School prior to arriving to USS Abraham Lincoln CVN-72. He served onboard the USS Abraham Lincoln CVN-72 for 12 months and completed a Western Pacific Deployment in support on the War of Terror.

Hunter was awarded Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

The detail consisted of veterans and auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Okla., U.S. Navy and the CIVA flags were displayed. His military bio was read, and a roll call was conducted as well as a final salute.

At the Little Cemetery, full military honors were conducted by CIVA and the Auxiliary and assisted by the Seminole Nation Color/Honor Guard Detail.

## Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Banquet & Induction

CIVA Officer's, veterans, Princess and the auxiliary were invited to attend the 23rd Annual Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction which was held at the Embassy Suites Banquet Room in Norman, Okla.

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, had the honor of signing the National Anthem to kick off the banquet. A job well done by the CIVA Princess.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, signing the National Anthem



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary enjoying the evening meal



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veteran George Red Elk, Silver Star recipient and former OKMHF Inductee in the background Roger and Linda Tehauno



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess Honored by the Comanche Nation Chairman

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, was presented a Coin of Excellence by Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, for her outstanding performance at the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame opening ceremonies.

## CIVA Monthly Meeting

On Nov. 3, CIVA held its monthly meeting in the CIVA Patriot Room. A call to order was conducted by CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpat-choko. A prayer was given by CIVA Chaplain, Jimmy Ray Caddo, followed by a Pledge of Allegiance by the CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin.

Before the serving of the meal, a birthday recognition was given to prospective Auxiliary member, Bonnie Flores.

A Thanksgiving meal was provided by the CIVA auxiliary. After the evening meal, CIVA veterans conducted their monthly meeting as Old and New Business was conducted. Final preparations for the 45th Annual Veterans Day Celebration and Powwow was discussed and finalized.

## Veterans Day Celebration and Powwow - Honoring the Elite Veterans of the Comanche Nation

On Nov. 11, 30 known Comanche veterans who have been decorated for gallantry, heroism, valor or have fought and killed the enemy in hand-to-hand Combat were honored by CIVA.

This event was a success thanks to a lot of hard work by the Officer's, veterans, Princess, and auxiliary. CIVA would like thank Hah-Tee-Delgado, Robert Tehauno, Freddie Banderas, Lonnie Haun-Gooah, for all of their hard work and a job well done. CIVA would like to thank Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya and Comanche Nation Jr., Princess, Jaylene Bluesky Tosee for attending CIVA's 45th Annual Veterans Day Celebration and Powwow.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA parading the Colors

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Numu Pukutsi-Lucien LookingGlass and Michael Waddle being presented a plaque.



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Honored Veterans- Charles Eatmon and Gregory Cole.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA veterans parade the Colors during Grand Entry.



Courtesy Photo

Arlene Schonchin performs the National Anthem in sign language at the Indianola Basketball game on Nov. 1.



Courtesy Photo

Happy Holidays from the CIVA Officer's, Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary

Comanche Nation Veteran information is needed.

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association are updating the Comanche Veterans Master List. If you are a Honorably Discharged Veteran and you would like your military service updated and documented, please email Kevin Pohawpatchoko at k\_pohawpatchoko@yahoo.com . Your military service history, documents, records, photographs and your DD-214 will be forwarded to Dr. Bill Meadows, Missouri State

University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology/Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize your military documents and update our Comanche Veterans Master List. Our Comanche Veterans military history and documents received will also help in the event of a Veterans passing.

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

Comanche Nation Offices will be closed December 23 & December 26 for Christmas. Offices will open for regular business on Dec. 27

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!

# Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

We have the authority in our constitution, to direct the CBC to do the following: List of proposed Council resolutions 10/15/22 (summarized):

1. An accounting system. Sole sourced, no bid contract since 2007.
2. A credit union. Deposit gambling machine money and do per caps.
3. Criminal Misappropriation Budget Laws. Restitution and laws with teeth.
4. Economic Staff. No one at the complex to do business plans.
5. Grants (Planning - Research & Development) Department Staff
6. Tribal General Welfare Income Exclusion Act Program. Elder & SS income
7. 638 HIS Planning Grant to compact Comanche Health Services. This project is not overnight. Takes years, we have no accounting system.
8. Agribusiness federal proposal. Idle land. Crops, stock, orchards, irrigation
9. 100% owned and operated Comanche Construction Company to do CIP
10. Utility, Railroad and Oil and Gas Severance Taxes an oil co. Need Revenue
11. Comprehensive Enrollment

Audit Budget. Council approved Audit. Prevent Election Fraud.

12. Home Health Care and Hospice federal proposal. Other nations have this federally funded programs for 30 years.

The above should be placed on the next Council Agenda and should be first on the agenda, before we lose a Quorum. What if we did all of the above?

We all need to work together in positive projects. All Comanches have the right to vote. If we all have the same goals, then we can accomplish positive projects. There are Comanches with the appropriate training and education degrees, experience, work accomplishments and dedication who are willing to help and work.

We do not advise or recommend. We direct the CBC to serve all Comanches. We represent ourselves. The above council resolutions mean nothing because they are proposed. We have to get them on the council agenda and vote on them. No CBC or anybody at the complex is working on any of the above projects. Why? We have had \$3.5 million budgets each year for new business for FY 2022 and for previous years and zero development and no reports. Each

positive resolution has an estimated value, savings or beneficial result or profit and most have increased employment.

NOTE: While working on a business plan to develop our bingo as a 100% owned & operated bingo, the former Browning Pipestem, Indian Law expert, asked me about the plan. He said, you know Indians cannot run their own bingos, finished the plan on Sept. 30, 1982, and the bingo started on July 1983. Our bingo operated until 2012 and was shut down because gambling machines were more profitable per square foot of floor space. Bingo was our only or main revenue for our annual budgets until 2001, when our Lawton casino started. Before 1983, our only source of revenue was the interest from our 20% Judgement Fund. We managed our own bingo for about 30 years and not one penny to an outside manager.

Thomas Narcomey

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# Milestones

## Happy Belated Birthday!

November 15 - Rick Wahnee Rose  
 November 21 - Civa Hill  
 November 25 - Melvin Kerchee Jr.



Happy 5th Birthday  
 Sophia Nahmee  
 December 8



Happy 63rd Birthday  
 Micky Weryackwe  
 December 8



Happy 16th Birthday  
 Ian Mikal Guerrero  
 December 15  
 ~ We love you very much! Mommy and Dalyiah



Happy 40th Birthday  
 Latrice Rocha  
 December 17  
 ~ Today, I just want to thank God for adding another year to my life. I gracefully completed yet another decade. Happy 40th Birthday to me!

## Happy Birthday!



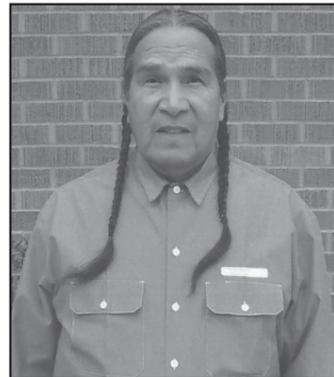
December - Gracelyn Sue Pedro  
 December 8 - Sophia Nahmee  
 December 8 - Micky Weryackwe  
 December 15 - Ian Mikal Guerrero  
 December 17 - Richard Thomas Hernasy  
 December 17 - Latrice Rocha  
 December 20 - Kaleb Plata  
 December 21 - Mary Crystal Nauni  
 December 24 - Jordan Prairie Chief "Happy 19th Birthday Baby! Love, your family!"



Happy 16th Birthday  
 Kaleb Plata  
 December 20  
 ~ Happy Sweet 16! Love, Your Family.



Happy Sweet 16 Birthday  
 Gracelyn Sue Pedro  
 December  
 ~ Wishing you a very Happy and Blessed Birthday. Love Daddy, Mom, Grandma, Alex and Sage.



Happy Belated Birthday  
 Melvin Kerchee Jr.  
 November 25

**In Loving Memory**  
**Ricardo Flores Jr. (Tubba Hulk)**  
 December 5th, 2019 - December 12th, 2021



  
 ~ Our baby. Forever in our hearts.



## CHRISTMAS IN HEAVEN

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,  
 With tiny lights, like Heaven's Stars, reflecting on the snow.  
 The sight is so spectacular; please wipe away the tear, For I am spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.  
 I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,  
 But the sounds of music can't compare with the Christmas choir up here.  
 I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,  
 For it is beyond description to hear the angels sing.  
 I know how much you miss me;  
 I see the pain in your heart,  
 But I am not so far away we really aren't apart.  
 So be happy for me, dear ones, you know I hold you dear,  
 And be glad I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.  
 I sent you each a special gift from my heavenly home above,  
 I sent you each a memory of my undying love.  
 After all, love is a gift, more precious than pure gold,  
 It was always most important, in the stories Jesus told.  
 Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do, For I can't count the blessings or love He has for each of you.  
 So have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away that tear,  
 Remember, I am spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

In Memory of those who have lost a loved one.

**Birth Announcement**  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**



**Deyo Dow Nanisuwakai Paddyaker**  
 November 17, 2022  
 Weight: 7 lbs. 11oz.  
 Height: 18.5 inches  
 Parents: Noble & Cassidy Paddyaker

*hello my name is Deyo*

*Baby Boy!*

*Welcome to the World*

And it came to pass that in those days there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that the whole world should be enrolled. This enrolling was first made by Cyrinus, the governor of Syria. And all went to be enrolled, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: because he was of the house and family of David. To be enrolled with Mary his espoused wife, who was with child. And it came to pass that when they were there, her days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son and wrapped him up in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger: because there was no room for them in the inn. And there were in the same country shepherds watching and keeping the night watches over their flock. And behold an angel of the Lord stood by them and the brightness of God shone round about them: and they feared with a great fear. And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy that shall be to all the people: For, this day is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David. And this shall be a sign unto you. You shall find the infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly army, praising God and saying: Glory to God in the highest: and on earth peace to men of good will. And it came to pass, after the angels departed from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us go over to Bethlehem and let us see this word that is come to pass, which the Lord hath shewed to us. And they came with haste: and they found Mary and Joseph, and the infant lying in the manger. And seeing, they understood of the word that had been spoken to them concerning this child. And all that heard wondered: and at those things that were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these words, pondering them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them

Luke 2:1-20

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# Obituaries

## Peggy Jean Paddyaker

Peggy Jean Paddyaker, 79, of Oklahoma City, went to her heavenly home on Nov. 4.

Funeral service was Nov. 9, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Rest Haven Cemetery in Duncan under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Paddyaker was born in Lawton to Deyo and Faye (Woolwine) Paddyaker Sr. She attended and graduated Empire School in Duncan. Paddyaker received her associates degree from Rose State College in Oklahoma City. Paddyaker worked as investigator for the Consumer Fraud Division for the Attorney General for the State of Oklahoma for 27 years.

She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma where she served on the Gaming Commission and the Constitution Committee for the Comanche Nation. Her and her grandchildren went to the Comanche Fair, Walters Homecoming, Comanche Language Classes in Norman and holding to her native traditions. Paddyaker loved to travel all over the world learning the cultures of those she met.

Paddyaker loved spending time with her family especially her grand babies and great grand babies. They could do no wrong in her eyes.

She is survived by her son Jerry Cockrell and wife Wrenda; grandchildren: Brandon Fowler and wife Carolyn; James Deyo Cockrell and Olivia; Shawn Cockrell and wife Tessa; nine great grand babies: Gracelyn, Rylan, Easton, Caitlyn, Harper, Bryantlee, Jaxyn, Emmaleigh, Duke; sister Chiquita Paddyaker, uncle Carl Paddyaker and wife Bonita; and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, other family members and friends.

Paddyaker is preceded in death by: parents Deyo and Faye Paddyaker; son Johnny Cockrell; brother Deyo Paddyaker Jr.; aunt Wekeah Hoahwah.

## Beatrice (Sue) Winifred (Roach) Arterberry

Beatrice "Sue" Winifred Roach Arterberry, went to her heavenly home on Oct. 27, at home with her loving family by her side.

The funeral was held at Post Oak Mennonite Brethren Church, Indianola, Okla. on Nov. 1, with Pastor (s) John Webb and Dean Edwards officiating. Burial followed at Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Arterberry is survived by her daughter, Kathy D. Daniel of the home, sons; Jimmy W. Arterberry Jr. of Medicine Park, and Ricky D. Arterberry Sr. of Indianola; brother Harley H. Roach of Indianola; sisters Arlene J. Wilson and Linda A. Roach of Indianola; sister-in-laws Virgie M. Kassanavoid and Susannah Roach both of Cache; six grandchildren; Vanessa K. Huff and husband Matt of Madison, Al.; Ricky D. Arterberry Jr. of Perry, Okla.; Steven G. Arterberry of Midland, Texas; Joshua G. Arterberry of Ninnekah, Okla.; Brooke L-N. and husband Marcus Robello of Norman, Okla.; Zachary T. Daniel and wife Taylor of Weatherford, Okla.; fourteen great-grandchildren; Jackson, Lincoln, Kameron, Aspynn, Kendall, Faith, Zoey, Hinley, Caleb, Savannah, Kixx, Ella Grace, Phoenix, Ella Ann; nieces, Marilyn, Jennifer/Elizabeth, Suzanne, Felicia, nephews, Dennis, Edward, James; a host of Numunu special nieces, nephews, grandchildren, great-grandchildren that called her Grandma Sue or Aunt Sue, as well as numerous other people including Elder *Numunu* and her church family who called her "Sister Sue" (name assigned by James "Two-Dogs" Pedany).

She was preceded in death by her mother and father, Flora (Niyah) and Melvin "Poker" G. Roach Sr.; Husband, Jimmy "NSUJB" W. Arterberry Sr.; Son, Terry "Talks a Lot" D. Arterberry; brothers, Stacy

Kassanavoid; Howard "Toy" M. Roach; Milburn "Boot" Roach; brother-in-law, James F. Wilson; sister-in-law, Alice Roach; special cousin, Phillip "Roddy" Yernipcut; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Arterberry was born on March 6, 1940, at Lawton Indian Hospital to Flora (Niyah) and Melvin G. Roach Sr., and a member of the Comanche Tribe. She was a direct descendant of Emerson Niyah, Habbayworkee, Kiowa Yoko, Nappeywat, Nah Wick Ah, and Sauty Poco.

She was a member of the Post Oak M.B. Church, baptized at the site of the original Post Oak Mission, which is now part of the Fort Sill Military Reservation.

Arterberry was one of the first students to attend the Post Oak Mission School when it was established in 1948, and later graduated from the 8th grade in 1954. She then attended Indianola Public School graduating in 1958. Arterberry also attended Cameron University studying Accounting.

Arterberry married the love of her life, Jimmy W. Arterberry Sr. on Nov. 29, 1957, in Cache, Okla. They were married until his passing in February 2016, for 59 years.

## Monique Poafpybitty Nevaquaya



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Monique Poafpybitty Nevaquaya, went to her heavenly reward on October 23, in Lawton, Okla.

The funeral Service was October 27, at the Sherwood Tsoitigh Memorial UMC in Cache with Rhonda Hejny officiating. Burial followed at Post Oak Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Nevaquaya was born July 9, 1975, in Dallas, Texas to Malcolm and Verwyn (Poafpybitty) Nevaquaya. Nevaquaya was a full Blood member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. She attended and graduated from Education Magnet School in Dallas in 1992. She then received her associate degree in sociology from Richland College and was also a teacher's assistant at Dan Rogers Elementary School in Dallas. Nevaquaya also worked for the Census Bureau in multiple cities around the U.S. She was a caretaker for her parents in their later years. She was a loving and caring woman taking care of the ones that depended on her.

She is survived by: daughter Cassie Starla Littlehawk of Lawton; brother Aaron Nevaquaya of Norman; sister Anna Sankey of Lawton; nephews Moses, Demetrius, Kenai, Aaron Jr.; Todd and Sage; nieces Athena, Emma, Camille, Courtney and Carman.

She is preceded in death by: parents Malcolm and Verwyn Nevaquaya; grandparents Malcolm Tate Nevaquaya Sr. and Velma Komah, Frank and Irene (Chapabitty) Poafpybitty.

## Judy Thompson



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### Thompson

The beautiful Judy Thompson, went on to be with her Heavenly Father, husband and son on the morning of Nov. 9, due to multiple health conditions.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Charles Thompson and her wonderful son William Bud Thompson.

She is survived by and deeply missed by her grandson Charles Thompson II, who she raised as her own son; his wife Angela Thompson and their children Aubrey and William Reed Thompson.

Thompson was an amazing lady with an amazing personality. She lit up a room and could strike up a conversation with anyone as if they were old friends. Don't think she ever met a stranger.

She kept a meticulously clean house and took amazing care of her family. She wasn't a stranger to hard work. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation. She loved helping her husband tend to their yard and help with livestock. She was a loved Wife, Mother and Granny. She will be tremendously missed for ever.

## Chris Gonzalez Reed



Courtesy Photo

### Reed

Chris Gonzalez Reed, 47, Walters, Okla.

The funeral service was at Calvary Baptist Church, Walters, Okla., Nov. 21, with Ed Eschiti officiating with burial in the Walters Cemetery. A Prayer Service was held at Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel.

Reed was born to Judy Lynn Gonzalez and Larry Earl White on April 8, 1975, in Lawton, Okla. and departed this life in Walters, Okla. on Nov. 15, at the age of 47 years, 7 months and 7 days.

Reed grew up at Walters. She finished high school at Big Pasture in Randlett, graduating from BPHS in 1993. Reed helped open the first Red River Casino at Randlett and then went on to receive her pharmacy tech degree from Platt College. She worked at several pharmacies in Lawton. Reed married Brandon Douglas Reed on Jan. 3, 2003, in Wichita Falls, making their home in Walters, Okla. To this union a son, Gavin, was born and she has enjoyed being a stay home mom now for many years.

Reed enjoyed her plants and did both flower and vegetable gardening. She loved time with her son, as well as her nephews and nieces. She was an avid Facebooker, loved Michael Jordan and Thunder basketball. She enjoyed time in the pool, being helpful to her mom and traveling with Brandon and Gavin.

She was preceded in death

by her grandparents, Thelma "Troubles" Gonzalez and Samuel Kosechequetah.

She is survived by her husband, Brandon and son, Gavin Douglas Reed, both of the home; her mother, Judy Padgett of Walters; her father, Larry White; two brothers and their wives, Sam and Tori Gonzalez, Joe and Jordan Padgett all of Walters; nephews and nieces, Keaston and Kaizer Gonzalez, Hendrix, Crue, Halen and Hinder Padgett, Trenity and Trevin Reed, Addi, Ambry and Aspyn Johnson; her aunt and uncle, Robin and Tony Goodwin; her cousin, Kasey Goodwin and girls, Kyleigh and Chrissie; her mother-in-law, Julie Hathaway; her brother-in-law, Anthony Reed; and her sister-in-law, Ashley Palmer and Austin Johnson; many other relatives and a

## Chuckie Renegar



Courtesy Photo

### Renegar

Chuckie Renegar, 47, Walters, Okla.

Funeral services were at Hart-Wyatt Funeral Home Chapel, Walters, Nov. 26, Rev. Roger Noland officiating with burial in the Walters Cemetery.

Renegar was born Dec. 20, 1974, in Sayre, Okla. to Cledath Ann (Moore) and Charles Edward Renegar, Jr. and departed this life in Lawton, Okla. on Nov. 21, at that age of 47 years, 11 months and one day.

Renegar grew up in Walters

and made it his home. Through the years he worked in the oilfield for Teakell Drilling, did framing for Elliot's and farm labor for the Scherlers. He was an avid OSU football fan and enjoyed eating and going to the races. He was a people person and loved his time with friends and family, especially his nieces and nephews. He will be missed by so many.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Eddie Renegar; his grandparents, Leatrice Moore, Charles and Pearl Renegar; a brother-in-law, Darrell Keith Simmons, Jr.; and a great niece, Jaide Cloud Miller.

Survivors include his mother, Ann Renegar of Walters; his daughter, Haalee Lavon Parrish of Lawton; his grandson, Kyree Johnson of Lawton; his sisters, Shelley Simmons of Lawton and Teri Renegar of Walters; his brother, Dennis Moore of Walters; his companion, Theresa Yackeschi of Walters; several aunts, uncles and many nieces, nephews and cousins.



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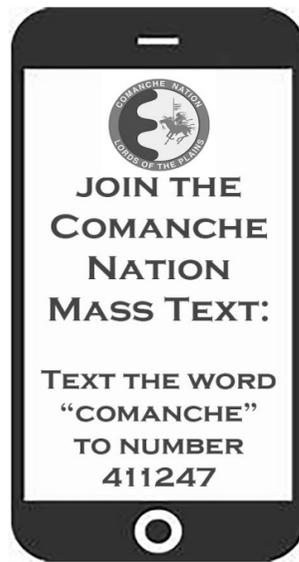


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# People, Places, & Things Happening

## Safety Tips for Domestic Violence Victims/Survivors

According to the Family Assistance Center, domestic violence tends to spike during the holidays for a number of factors, including increased financial pressures, alcohol and drug consumption, family pressures and conflict and contact with the abuser who may be on vacation for the holiday season.

Given that domestic violence does not just affect the immediate victim but also their friends and extended family during this time of the year, the Family Assistance Center would like to offer tips for victims and survivors of abuse. These tips are offered by a Women Resource Center in Pennsylvania.

For victims/survivors of domestic violence:

Put the right numbers on speed-dial. If you have a mobile phone, make sure to put the following numbers on speed-dial in your address book:

The national domestic violence helpline: 1(800)799-7233, TTY 1(800)787-3224.

The local domestic violence shelter helpline wherever you will be spending holidays. If you are in Lawton, (580) 492-3590.

The number of a close friend, co-worker or family member who can be on standby to get you out of the situation or act as witness

For those who fear that their phone may be taken away from them, memorize or write all important numbers down so, if need be, you can call from another phone.

Have a "safe" word/phrase. In violent or emergency situations, you may not be able to text or say much. Have an agreed "safe" word or phrase with your close friend/co-worker or family member who agrees to have their phone on standby to receive any emergency calls/texts. Keep it short and simple.

Download a safety app. If you have a smart phone, consider downloading a safety app for women, many of which have been designed to automatically alert your support network if you are in danger.

Keep your phone (and some money) on you at all times. Remember to keep your cell phone fully charged at all times. You will never know when a situation will erupt, so it is crucial to have it on hand, especially if you know you might be alone with your abuser. Also, have cash in hand in case you need to make a run for your life.

Arrange for an ally in advance. If you are going to spend the holiday season with extended family and you know who would believe and support you, call that person in advance to ask him or her for support and intervention should a situation turn violent. This option may not be available for all victims/survivors but it would be a feasible one for many, especially if visiting their own parents, siblings, cousins, etc.

Always have an audience. Use holiday visits to extended family and friends as a chance to minimize being alone with your abuser. At best, being in company will keep the violence in check. At worst, if violence does happen, it will happen publicly and you may have others stepping in to intervene or at least a few witnesses.

Defuse it. According to one police lieutenant, walking away from a potentially explosive situation may help temporarily alleviate the abuse and avoid fatalities

Have an escape plan. When you are away in a household that is not your own, quietly check out all possible escape routes in the house itself. Better yet, take time to set up a plan of escape including the numbers of people willing to help you get away. If there is a good chance that your abuser will be in a drunken or drug-induced sleep or stupor over the holidays, it may be your chance to escape with your kids and pets.

## Sierra Totsiyaa Zamorano Exceeds Academically



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### Sierra Totsiyaa Zamorano

Comanche tribal member Sierra Totsiyaa Zamorano is 2023 National Merit Scholar Semi-Finalist: top 1% Nationally College Board National Recognition Program: National Indigenous award for scoring in the top 10% for the PSAT, with qualifying AP exam scores and a GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Zamorano is also an AP Scholar with distinction: Having scored three or higher on five or more AP exams with an average score over 3.5 and honored member of Anchor Club International Service Organization National Honor Society member. She earned Varsity letters in soccer, wrestling, and tennis, and also an athletic trainer.

Zamorano plans to graduate this spring with an Academic Honors Diploma as well as an associates degree from Ivy Tech Community College. Zamorano has not chosen a four-year University but plans to study Dietetics and continue wrestling.

## Mowatt Representing the Comanche Nation in Texas



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### Damian Mowatt

Comanche Nation Member, Damian Mowatt, son of Riley and Shannon Mowatt is 13 years old in 8th grade, and has been playing football since he was six years old. He will be representing the Comanche Nation and the State of Oklahoma at the D1 Spectra All-American Bowl in De Soto, Texas.

The Oklahoma team will play against 29 other states to determine the All-American team in the United States.

## Four Tribal Members Earn Associates Degrees



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Congratulations to tribal members Mia Fisher, Vanessa Sapcut, Chelsea Sapcut, and Emily Parton for getting their Child Care Development Associates Degrees. They are also all employed with the Wichita Child Development center in Anadarko, Okla.

## Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States, Nominated for 2023 Nobel Peace Prize

- Kamala Harris, Vice president of the United States, has been officially nominated for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize by three Central American parliamentarians. This nomination comes in recognition of her work on behalf of Central America and in particular for her coordination and leadership of the White House initiative called "The Biden Plan to Build Security and Prosperity in Partnership with the People of Central America" also known in the region as "Plan Central America" or "Plan Kamala". The official nomination has already been submitted to the Nobel Peace Prize Committee in Oslo, Kingdom of Norway, on Oct. 31, within the deadline for nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize 2023. Only qualified individuals (parliamentarians of national states, members of international courts of justice, etc.) can submit nominations for the Nobel Peace Prize.

Kamala Harris, Vice president of the United States, is joined in this joint nomination on behalf of Central America by Laura Zúñiga Cáceres, Honduran environmental activist and daughter of Berta Cáceres - the environmental leader assassinated in 2016 while fighting against the construction of a hydroelectric dam that would wipe out several peasant villages in the interior of Honduras. Laura Zúñiga Cáceres has taken over from her mother in the "Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations" as well as leading the "Youth Front Let's make the impossible". The official nomination letters of the Central American parliamentarians in the joint nomination for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize highlight Laura Zúñiga's activism in defence of indigenous peoples, particularly women, human rights and the environment in her country and in Central America in general. Kamala Harris, Vice president of the United States, and Laura Zúñiga Cáceres, Honduran environmental activist, are also accompanied in this joint candidacy by the Spanish David Balsa Guldreis, Special Envoy of the Central American Court of Justice for the United Nations. In the official letters of nomination from the Central American parliamentarians in the joint nomination for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize, David Balsa's "work in favour of a peaceful resolution of differences between nations in the region and his strong protection of human rights" are highlighted. David Balsa is Special Envoy of the Presidency of the Central American Court of Justice as of Oct. 17. Previously, he was the Special Envoy of the Presidency of the Central American Parliament to the United Nations ( Sept. 1, 2021 - Aug. 23, 2022). He has carried out prominent diplomatic and cooperation tasks over the last two decades in Central America and previously in the Caribbean, the Balkans, the Caucasus, East Africa, the Middle and Far East.

The Office of the Special Envoy of the Presidency of the Central American Court of Justice to the United Nations wishes to convey its congratulations and appreciation to Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States on her official nomination by three Central American parliamentarians for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize.

"This official nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize 2023 for a great friend of Central America, Kamala Harris, Vice President of the United States, is an important international recognition of her determined leadership in favour of the reconstruction of Central America, the recovery of prosperity and security in the region as well as the friendship and collaboration between the peoples of the United States and Central America", said David Balsa, Special Envoy of the Presidency of the Central American Court of Justice for the United

Nations, also nominated in the joint nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize 2023, in a press conference today.

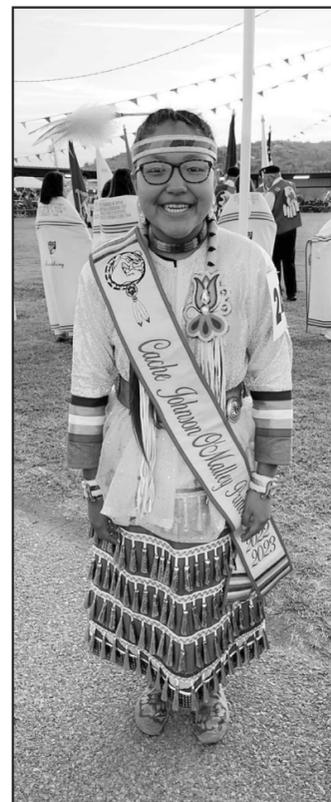
The three Central American parliamentarians proposing this joint nomination for the 2023 Nobel Peace Prize in favour of Central America are Dairi Javier Ávila and Rafael Leonardo Sarmiento, both from Honduras and members of the ruling Freedom and Refoundation (Libre) party in Honduras, and Marleni Lineth Matías from Guatemala, member of the National Unity of Hope (Une) party, the opposition party with the largest number of deputies in Guatemala.

Kamala Harris, Vice president of the United States, made official visits in June 2021 to the Republic of Guatemala and in January 2022 to the Republic of Honduras as part of her promotion of US cooperation and support for economic and infrastructure reconstruction, support for human rights, the recovery of security and support for judges and prosecutors, and the strengthening of democratic institutions in Central America.

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## Meet the 2022-2023 Cache JOM Princess



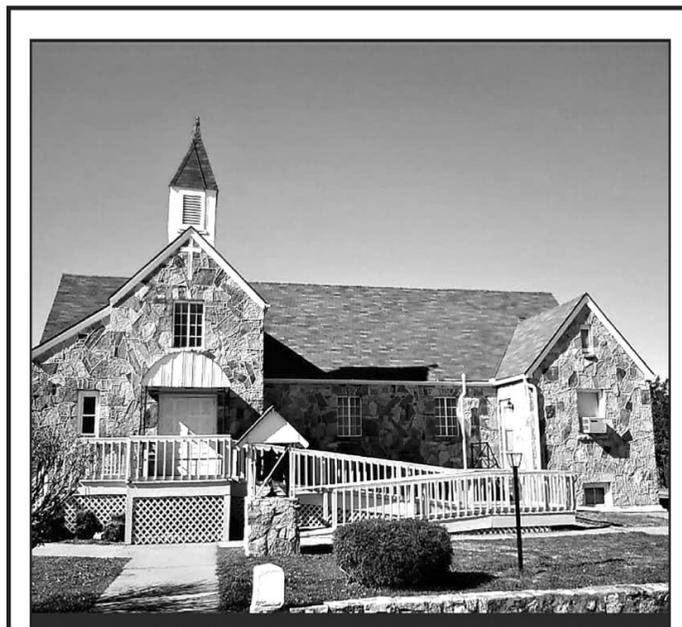
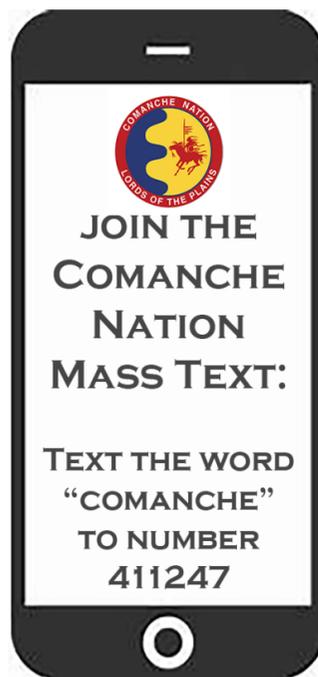
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### WhiteHorse-Wermly

MaryElla WhiteHorse-Wermly is 13 years old and in the 8th grade at Cache Middle School. She is the daughter of Devon Wermly and MaeganMary WhiteHorse, the granddaughter of Donna Wermly and the Late Del Wermly. Maternal grandmother is Chereesa Watan, grandfather Merlin Whitehorse.

Wermly said she loves school and has a lot of extra curricular activities. Her favorites are playing softball and has a lot of fun with her teammates. WhiteHorse-Wermly also loves going to powwows and learning her traditional ways. She has danced in jingle and cloth since she could walk. She is a singer and loves to sing behind the drum and at handgames. She's been playing handgame since she was a baby.

WhiteHorse-Wermly is from Comanche and Cheyenne & Arapaho traditional heritage. Her parents are active in powwows, handgames, and singing and has brought her up to learn their traditional and ceremonial ways and how to be respectful when dancing in her regalia in the arena as well as out of the arena.



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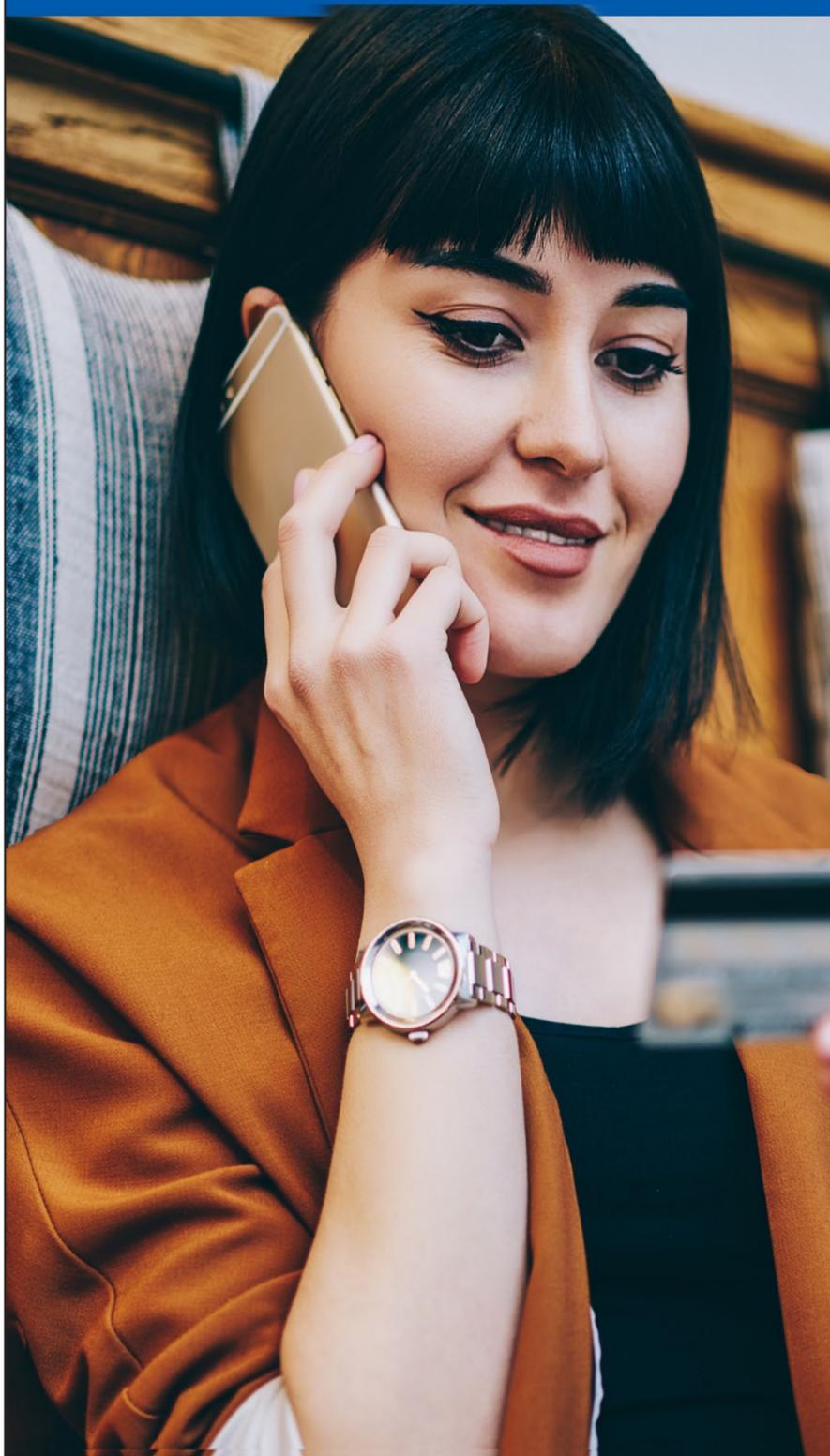
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