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Comanche Nation Swears In Newly Elected Officials



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Woommavovah

Former Chairman Woommavovah Takes United Way CEO Position

LAWTON, Okla. (KSWO) Mark Woommavovah, now-former Comanche Nation Chairman, has officially been named as President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Southwest Oklahoma.

Woommavovah is a retired Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army in addition to being native to Southwest Oklahoma.

"I am honored to serve United Way of Southwest Oklahoma," Woommavovah said. "UWSWOK is committed to serving our community and making a difference through small acts of kindness. Our organization believes that expressing gratitude and giving back to our communities creates a positive ripple effect in our lives, leading to a happy and fulfilling existence filled purpose, meaningful relationships, and a strong connection to community."

Natalie Fitch, Chairman of the Board of Directors for United Way of Southwest Oklahoma, is thrilled to welcome the former Comanche Nation Chairman to the organization.

"We are excited about having someone of Mark's caliber on board," Fitch said. "He brings a wealth of experience and skills in relationship building, team building, and project implementation, as well as a great knowledge of the southwest Oklahoma community and strong business acumen. With his leadership, we will continue to expand United Way's impact on quality of life across southwest Oklahoma."

Woommavovah succeeds Lauren Ellis, who took a job as the CEO of the United Way of Norman.

Run-Off Election Set for June 15

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

A run-off election for the Tribal Administrator and tribal attorney positions is set for June 15.

Justin Boos and Lisa Dawsey are on the ballot as the run-off candidates. Boos received 480 votes (38.22%) and Dawsey received 461 votes (36.70%).

Crowe & Dunlevy and Ceiba Legal, PC are on the ballot as run off candidates. Crowe & Dunlevy received a total 596 votes (48.03%) and Ceiba Legal, PC received 348 (28.04%).

In the General Election, Question One pertaining about the Comanche Charter School, passed 675 (54.30%) to 568 (45.07%). Question Two pertaining to removing the BIA authority from the Comanche Constitution failed by a vote of 592 (48.76%) YES votes to 622 (51.24%) NO votes. Question Three pertaining to the adoption amendment passed

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Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Newly elected Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Forrest Tahdoohnippah, takes the Oath of Office given by the outgoing Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woommavovah, to begin his three year term.



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Newly elected Vice Chairman of the Comanche Nation, Diana Doyehi-Sovo takes the Oath of Office given by Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdoohnippah.



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Newly elected Election Board member, Debra Hendrix takes the Oath of Office, given by newly elected Chairman Tahdoohnippah.



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Newly elected Election Board member Eleanor McDaniel, takes the Oath of Office, given by newly elected Chairman Tahdoohnippah.



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Newly elected Election Board member JW Marshall takes the Oath of Office, given by newly elected Chairman Tahdoohnippah.



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Newly elected Election Board member, Sandra Toyekoyah, takes the Oath of Office, given by newly elected Chairman Tahdoohnippah.

Comanche Academy 2024 Annual Meeting Election Notice

Submitted by John Harris/ Comanche Academy Board of Directors

The 2024 Annual Meeting of the Comanche Academy School Board ("Board") shall take place 6:00 p.m. on June 24, at:

Dorothy Lorentino Education Center Auditorium 1608 SW 9th St.
Lawton, Okla.

Elections to fill vacant and expiring Board Director positions will take place at the Annual Meeting. The election shall take place in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Board's Bylaws. The current Board roster is as follows:

Director Position	Currently Filled By	Elected to Board	Term End Date
Director 1	Dr. Kathryn Briner	January 2023	2025 Annual Meeting
Director 2	Micheal Burgess	February 2024	2025 Annual Meeting
Director 3	Cecily Brigoli	June 2023	2026 Annual Meeting
Director 4	Martie Woothtakewahbitty	June 2023	2026 Annual Meeting
Director 5	Yolanda Ramos	June 2023	2026 Annual Meeting
Director 6	Vacant		2024 Annual Meeting
Director 7	John Harris	July 2021	2024 Annual Meeting

Elections will be held to fill two (2) expiring and/or vacant Director positions:

- Director 6 (vacant)
- Director 7 (currently filled by John Harris)

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Pewewardy

Former Vice Chairman Pewewardy Assoc. Professor at the UCO; Addresses Graduation Regalia

Dr. Cornel Pewewardy/ Associate Professor at the University of Central Oklahoma

Displaying of Spiritual and Cultural Symbols on Graduation Regalia for American Indian Students*: SB 429

*This writing is dedicated to Genesis White Bull (Hunkpapa Lakota) who last week was forced to remove her high school graduation cap, adorned with traditional beadwork and plume by Farmington high school administration (Farmington, NM high school graduation ceremonies 2024).

The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution promotes freedom of religion and prohibits the restriction of religious practices; and the American Indian Religious Freedom Act reconfirmed that those protections apply to Native American religious practices. To that end, SB 429 went into effect on July 1, 2023, by the Oklahoma legislature—referred to as the Native student regalia bill. This bill has been decades in the making as an expressing of tribal sovereignty in public school spaces. For me, personally, this is the third attempt to help write and advocate for this statewide bill to succeed.

"47 years ago, I was denied the opportunity to wear an eagle feather on my graduate cap during graduation ceremonies at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla.," explained Pewewardy.

"NSU official told me take the eagle feather off my cap while I stood in line with hundreds of other graduating students. I then tucked the feather inside my gown. As an act of defiance, when my turn came to approach the graduation podium; when my name was called, I immediately took out the feather and placed it on top of my graduation cap. As I crossed the podium after receiving my diploma, all my family clapped




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Government

A Total of Eight Resolutions are Presented at the May CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the May 4, 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. 51-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1328 Minors. The resolution passes 6/0/0.
- **Resolution No. 52-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1329 Adults. The resolution passes 6/0/0.
- **Resolution No. 53-2024-** Tribal Court Resolution to Renew Contract for Prosecutor. The resolution passes 6/0/0.
- **Resolution No. 54-2024-** CBC Resolution to Amend Property & Procurement Policy and Procedure. The resolution passes 6/0/0.
- **Resolution No. 55-2024-** Tax Commission Resolution Approving the Orphaned Well Implementation Grant with CSRS, LLC. The resolution passes 6/0/0.
- **Resolution No. 56-2024-** Tax Commission Resolution Approving the Orphaned Well Planning/Program Development Grant Agreement with CSRS, LLC. The resolution passes 6/0/0.
- **Resolution No. 57-2024-** CBC Resolution Authorizing Appointment of Steve Doyle as CEO of Comanche Nation Entertainment. The resolution passes 4/2/0.
- **Resolution No. 58-2024-** CBC Resolution to amend the Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) to Include Aged-Based Target-Based Investment Option. The resolution is tabled.

Comanche Nation Entertainment Appoints Chief Executive Officer

Steven Doyle selected to oversee six gaming properties



Courtesy Photo

Doyle

LAWTON, Okla., (May 13, 2024) – Comanche Nation Entertainment has named Steven Doyle as its Chief Executive Officer (CEO), previously serving as the company's Chief Financial Officer (CFO).

Doyle now oversees Comanche Nation Entertainment's six gaming properties throughout South-west Oklahoma, in addition to its travel plazas, smoke shops and quick stops. The properties include Comanche Red River Hotel and Casino in Devol, Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Comanche Star Casino in Walters, Comanche Spur Casino in Elgin, Comanche Cache Casino in Cache and Comanche War Pony Casino in Devol.

"As I step into the role of CEO for Comanche Nation Entertainment, I look forward to leading this dynamic organization into its next chapter of growth and innovation," said Doyle. "This is an opportunity to collaborate with our talented team and further enhance our commitment to delivering exceptional gaming ex-

periences. Together, we will continue to advance our position as a leader in the tribal gaming industry."

As CEO, Doyle is responsible for hiring and supervising Comanche Nation Entertainment's management team, developing and implementing policies and procedures, managing budgets, overseeing operations and ensuring compliance with all relevant laws and regulations governing gaming operations.

Having worked with tribal, non-tribal and some of the industry's largest gaming operators, Doyle brings more than three decades of experience to his new position. Prior to assuming the role of CEO, he managed the company's financial operations, including budgeting, forecasting, analysis, investor relations, operational efficiencies, among others.

For more information about Comanche Nation Entertainment and its properties, visit www.comanchenationentertainment.com.

REGALIA

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and lu-lu'ed in the stadium stands. Since that special day four decades ago, I have been an advocate for all Native students to wear their traditional regalia at graduation ceremonies all over the country. SB 429 is now a state law that interrupts many of those public-school administrators and school boards that were historically disallowed from wearing their cultural stoles, eagle feathers, beadwork caps on their tribal regalia at graduation ceremonies like I was 47 years ago."

Now as the former Vice Chair of the Comanche Nation and current Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Central Oklahoma, Pewewardy says he proudly wears a Comanche eagle feather war bonnet during UCO graduation ceremonies.

"The current research suggests that the strength of our people is uniquely tied to our strong spiritual beliefs, cultural traditions, kinship ties and lifeways. In essence we are strengthening Native culture and uplifting Native student self-esteem by expressing our tribal sovereignty in public spaces."

He adds that it is his hope that schools and higher education institutions will continue to support Native students as they earn their degrees, connect with their tribal cultures and continue to heal historical wounds. Young Native people are brave, brilliant, thoughtful, respectful, special and important to the continuation of healing and cultural restoration. They must be support.

From the Chairman's Desk



Maruaweka Numunuu:

It is a great honor to write to you as your Tribal Chairman. As I write this, I have yet to be officially sworn in. But, by the time you read this, I hope that you have started to feel winds of change in our Nation. My foundational goal as your Chairman is to build a Tribal Government that you can be proud of! By the time that you read this, I hope that we will have made strides towards transparency by adopting formal procedures for Comanche Business Committee meetings. In the coming weeks, I hope to begin posting a calendar of CBC events and hosting office hours. Please come by if you have comments or concerns.

We have a long way to go. The difficulties in the 2024 election (e.g., absentee ballot delays) highlight some of the challenges we face—neglect of non-local Tribal members, lack of clear guidance on Tribal law and inadequate communication. We will overcome all of these challenges. We will overcome these challenges through hard work, dedication and, most of all, through adherence to the Comanche Constitution. Our Constitution, however, requires the participation of the Tribal Council. We will need to hold Special Tribal Council Meetings to enact laws and policies to create the institutions that will enable us to thrive. We will need Tribal members with special expertise to use their skills to help us build our Nation. We will need our Tribal Council members to make informed decisions on the important issues that will be put before them.

Please help me move our Nation forward. You are the Tribal Council, our Nation's Supreme Governing Body. Together we can build a Government and Nation to be proud of. We are the Lords of the Plains.

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IN THE MATTER OF THE CHANGE OF NAME OF:
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An enrolled member of the Comanche Nation

Case No.: NC-2024-0004

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: ALL CREDITORS or INTERESTED PARTIES

Take notice that Caleb Chabon Harris has filed in the above Court a Petition to have the name changed as follows, to-wit from: **Caleb Chabon Harris to Caleb Chabon Harris Taunah.**

The petition will be heard on 06/24/2024 at 11:00 AM located at the Comanche Nation Courthouse, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, Oklahoma.
If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Petition for 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 6th day of May, 2024.

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2024 Election Official Voting Results

Election certified May 21 by the CBC

Comanche Nation of Oklahoma – General Election 2024 – UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL		
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	151	128	190	41	36	156	52	35	482	1271		
CHAIRMAN												
FORREST TAHDOOAHNIPPAH	105	52	124	20	19	98	33	14	298	763	60.70%	
MICHAEL BURGESS	46	76	65	20	17	57	19	21	173	494	39.30%	
VICE-CHAIRMAN												
DIANA GAIL DOYEBI-SOVO	92	89	98	27	24	93	23	21	271	738	59.18%	
BALIENTE HERRERA	57	36	91	14	11	62	29	12	197	509	40.82%	
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR												
RODNEY PARKER	21	17	36	6	3	25	6	2	84	200	15.92%	
JUSTIN BOOS	49	75	70	19	13	56	21	19	158	480	38.22%	
LORIANN STROPES	14	7	14	1	4	7	5	4	59	115	9.16%	
LISA DAWSEY	67	27	69	15	16	64	19	10	174	461	36.70%	
TRIBAL ATTORNEY												
CROWE & DUNLEVY	78	66	89	25	18	87	24	13	196	596	48.03%	
ROSETTE, LLP ATTORNEYS AT LAW	25	30	37	9	9	35	14	16	122	297	23.93%	
CEIBA LEGAL, PC (TIMOTHY HARJO)	47	30	60	7	9	27	14	5	149	348	28.04%	
ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS												
DEBORAH HENDRIX	38	22	58	9	9	44	7	16	177	380	15.48%	
ELEANOR MCDANIEL	51	37	60	12	14	54	21	8	195	452	18.42%	
DELORIS WOOSYPITTI	44	38	67	15	11	41	11	14	211	452	18.42%	
JW MARSHALL	57	62	80	14	16	72	16	15	256	588	23.96%	
SANDRA TOYEKOYAH	75	59	92	14	11	68	15	17	231	582	23.72%	
QUESTIONS												
QUESTION 1 - Comanche Academy Charter School	YES	79	63	117	26	15	62	33	17	263	675	54.30%
	NO	70	64	73	15	20	91	17	17	201	568	45.70%
QUESTION 2 - Article XII Duties of Officers	YES	68	50	77	21	12	85	24	18	237	592	48.76%
	NO	76	75	108	20	21	65	25	16	216	622	51.24%
QUESTION 3 - Adoption Amendment	YES	89	70	112	27	19	97	34	22	301	771	63.04%
	NO	59	55	73	14	16	55	14	13	153	452	36.96%

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Budget-Tax Commission Contribution												
Bereavement Assistance	YES	146	117	171	36	33	147	45	30	449	1174	93.92%
	NO	5	9	19	4	3	5	5	4	22	76	6.08%
CBC Salary	YES	97	78	112	22	13	86	34	25	350	817	66.31%
	NO	53	48	76	18	23	65	16	9	107	415	33.69%
Chairman's Salary	YES	115	92	122	26	16	105	35	25	359	895	72.59%
	NO	36	33	67	14	20	42	15	9	102	338	27.41%
Child Support Services	YES	129	106	153	32	25	126	41	30	416	1058	85.60%
	NO	20	20	34	8	10	24	8	4	50	178	14.40%
Comanche Academy - Charter School	YES	82	61	121	25	16	65	32	19	274	695	55.91%
	NO	67	65	69	15	20	87	18	15	192	548	44.09%
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	YES	101	93	123	28	14	107	36	29	384	915	73.55%
	NO	49	34	67	12	22	45	14	5	81	329	26.45%
Comanche Tribal Princess	YES	120	112	151	29	26	118	37	26	378	997	80.14%
	NO	30	14	36	11	10	35	13	8	90	247	19.86%
Comanche JR. Princess	YES	115	111	147	28	23	116	35	25	363	963	77.35%
	NO	35	16	43	12	13	36	14	9	104	282	22.65%
Comanche Language Program	YES	123	102	133	30	27	111	41	27	380	974	78.49%
	NO	26	25	56	10	9	41	8	7	85	267	21.51%
Comanche Little Ponies	YES	78	77	102	20	14	80	22	20	314	727	58.58%
	NO	72	50	86	20	22	73	28	14	149	514	41.42%
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	YES	104	82	129	28	20	100	32	20	361	876	70.70%
	NO	46	45	61	13	16	51	18	13	100	363	29.30%
Comanche Fair (Carnival)	YES	118	97	142	32	20	112	35	20	368	944	77.12%
	NO	31	25	45	8	14	39	15	13	90	280	22.88%
Elder Council	YES	107	92	130	26	22	102	37	22	399	937	76.37%
	NO	42	32	59	14	13	41	12	11	66	290	23.63%
Tombstone Project	YES	137	108	164	35	28	136	42	30	427	1107	89.35%
	NO	14	17	26	5	7	14	8	3	38	132	10.65%
Church Donations	YES	118	92	127	27	24	120	33	32	328	901	73.43%
	NO	33	33	60	12	10	30	17	1	130	326	26.57%

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Shoshone Reunion (hosted by Comanche Nation)	YES	97	79	121	24	24	95	28	20	321	809	65.56%
	NO	54	47	68	14	12	55	22	14	139	425	34.44%
Transportation	YES	130	109	150	32	21	116	39	29	403	1029	83.52%
	NO	20	16	39	8	14	33	11	5	57	203	16.48%
Optometry/Prescription Assistance	YES	145	119	168	35	34	135	46	32	430	1144	92.18%
	NO	6	9	21	5	1	15	4	2	34	97	7.82%
Diabetes/Fitness	YES	141	111	157	34	28	130	43	31	406	1081	87.25%
	NO	9	15	33	6	8	22	7	3	55	158	12.75%
Budget-Revenue Allocation												
Elder Payment	YES	142	115	170	36	33	141	45	31	452	1165	93.72%
	NO	9	13	19	5	3	10	4	3	12	78	6.28%
Per Capita Distribution	YES	144	119	170	38	31	142	43	31	456	1174	94.83%
	NO	6	8	19	3	4	9	6	1	8	64	5.17%
Budget-Tribal Government												
Administration	YES	104	94	121	26	17	103	37	26	378	906	73.36%
	NO	45	33	66	14	18	48	13	7	85	329	26.64%
Elections	YES	105	86	120	26	19	96	39	18	359	868	70.11%
	NO	45	40	67	15	17	56	11	16	103	370	29.89%
Emergency Management Direct Services	YES	133	107	149	33	31	122	41	27	423	1066	86.39%
	NO	18	18	39	7	4	29	8	6	39	168	13.61%
Info Technology - Complex	YES	114	93	131	26	17	109	38	23	390	941	76.32%
	NO	37	33	58	14	18	40	12	10	70	292	23.68%
Law Enforcement	YES	100	89	130	28	20	104	35	25	386	917	73.65%
	NO	51	38	59	12	16	47	15	9	81	328	26.35%
Legal Fees	YES	123	95	142	29	20	111	38	25	395	978	79.51%
	NO	27	31	45	11	16	39	11	9	63	252	20.49%
Missing, Murdered, Indigenous People (MMIP)	YES	106	85	137	30	24	102	37	27	374	922	74.12%
	NO	43	42	52	10	12	50	13	7	93	322	25.88%
Enrollment	YES	133	107	148	28	23	127	38	28	405	1037	83.97%
	NO	18	18	40	12	13	24	11	5	57	198	16.03%

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	NO	15	16	26	7	7	31	8	5	44	159	12.84%
Public Information Office (PIO)	YES	115	99	119	24	21	96	34	18	371	897	72.40%
	NO	36	28	70	16	15	54	16	16	91	342	27.60%
Budget-Economic Development												
New Business	YES	104	83	129	27	22	104	38	21	370	898	73.79%
	NO	44	42	56	12	14	43	11	14	83	319	26.21%
Capital Improvement	YES	117	98	138	27	24	106	36	24	392	962	78.85%
	NO	30	27	48	11	12	42	12	11	65	258	21.15%
Tribal Court	YES	117	93	134	27	16	111	41	21	384	946	77.60%
	NO	31	31	51	11	19	38	8	10	74	273	22.40%
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	YES	118	97	134	24	24	105	38	24	392	956	78.17%
	NO	28	29	53	14	11</						



78th Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration



Comanche Homecoming Princess: Jasmine Poemoceah

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Michelle Nevaquaya Represents Comanche Nation in 2024 Miss Indian World Pageant



Michelle Nevaquaya showcases her talent by singing a Comanche hymn about a woman waiting for her husband to return home from war.



Michelle Nevaquaya is announced before the finale of Miss Indian World. The crowd and other contestants cheered her on as she walked the arena a final time.



Michelle Nevaquaya participates in a public speaking competition on, April 26.

Story and photos by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Former Comanche Nation Princess Michelle Nevaquaya ran for Miss Indian World from April 22 through April 27 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She competed in several categories, including an essay contest, one-on-one interviews, a talent show, public speaking and a dance competition.

Nevaquaya said she's always known about Miss Indian World. She said it took about a month to submit the application, and then she began doing cultural lessons with Sam DeVenney and Lloyd Heminokky Jr. after she was accepted.

"So, every Sunday, they would come over to my home, and we'd always talk about a lot of our Comanche customs and our history," she said. "So, it was very helpful going into the competition just to have a lot more knowledge about our Comanche culture."

Nevaquaya said her days began around 7 a.m. and ended at 11 p.m.

"It was very busy just going through everything," she said. "But I got through it, and it was very great."

On April 25, the talent show was held at Kiva Auditorium in downtown Albuquerque. Nevaquaya presented the Comanche Woman's Journey Song, which she said is a forgotten tradition in Comanche culture.

"The song was about this woman and her man, and she's seeing him off the night before he goes off on a war party. And she doesn't know when he's going to come back from it. So, she's going to stay where she's at without moving until he returns, no matter how long it takes for him to return," she said. "So, that's what I sang about in my talent show. So, it was very great getting to sing that because nobody's

heard this song. So...it was exciting to do. And I hope everybody enjoyed it."

The public speaking contest occurred on, April 26, at Stage 49, while the parade was at Expo New Mexico.

The dance competition, held after the Gathering of Nations' grand entry, occurred on, April 26, at Tingley Coliseum at Expo New Mexico.

"During the dance competition, it was very exciting because the atmosphere was great in the arena and there were so many people watching us," Nevaquaya said. "So, it felt good to dance in front of everybody and showcase a buckskin dance for everyone. So, I definitely enjoyed it a lot."

She said she enjoyed the competition.

"I thought the entire thing was great. Every day I took one competition, you

know, just one by one, just focused on what was happening that day," Nevaquaya said. "Like the personal interviews, I just focused on the interviews. And the next day, I focused on the talent show. So, I just took everything in one by one as we went on throughout the entire week."

She said it's been years since Oklahoma was represented in Miss Indian World.

"The last time we've had a Miss Indian World representing Oklahoma was in 1996 by Crystal Pewo-Lightfoot. And she represents the Apache tribe. And then the only Comanche Miss Indian World was Janet Saupitty, and she represented in 1991," Nevaquaya said. "So, I wanted to run and bring back that title, this positive prestigious title, back to southwest of Oklahoma and regenerate our pride and our culture and our

communities. And the support that, you know, the Comanches, our community, that they've shown me throughout everything, I wanted to show that for all indigenous nations across the United States and Canada."

She said she's still unsure if she'll run again.

"I have a lot of time to think about running again," Nevaquaya said. "Right now, I think I'm going to settle and just relax. And maybe I may run again in the future."

She wanted to thank the community for its support throughout her Miss Indian World Competition.

"They gave me so many loving, encouraging words. And many of the Comanches, they followed me out there to Albuquerque. So, it was very special to see them out there. And it felt like I was back at home seeing them there," Nevaquaya said. "So, I

just want to thank a lot of our Comanches for coming out to Albuquerque and supporting me. And a lot of our non-locals Comanches, I'm very happy I got to meet them because they came up to me and they introduced themselves to me. So, it was great to see them come far away just to come watch the Miss Indian World pageant."

And her overall thoughts on the Miss Indian World title...

"It was really exciting to know that if I did win, I would represent all nations," Nevaquaya said. "It's definitely a huge deal, and it's a big responsibility to take on, too. And I was ready to do that as well."

Miss Indian World was announced on April 27, at Tingley Coliseum.

*"To dance is to pray,
to pray is to heal,
to heal is to give,
to give is to live,
to live is to dance."*

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Runoff Voting Dates: June 14-15



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2024 Comanche Nation Election Official Results

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Comanche Nation of Oklahoma – General Election 2024 – UNOFFICIAL RESULTS

	YES	NO	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL	
Transit	122	26	101	24	135	29	14	35	10	8	80	961	78.84%
												258	21.16%
Assisted Living Facility	116	32	101	25	149	32	9	34	7	24	393	1000	81.77%
												223	18.23%
Early Childhood Development Center	123	25	99	26	151	29	8	35	7	31	408	1025	84.29%
												191	15.71%
Comanche Nation Housing	129	20	105	21	155	32	6	24	7	29	415	1062	86.62%
												164	13.38%
Budget-Community Education													
Burial Assistance	143	5	120	6	170	33	4	143	46	32	449	1170	94.97%
												62	5.03%
Gravel-Tin horns for Tribal Driveways	125	23	99	27	136	29	10	31	13	28	368	964	79.08%
												255	20.92%
Caregivers	131	17	99	26	151	31	7	27	5	29	422	1056	86.20%
												169	13.80%
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	121	27	91	34	142	29	13	37	10	22	389	965	79.62%
												247	20.38%
CHR/EMS/FIRE	126	22	95	31	147	29	11	30	8	26	408	1015	83.26%
												204	16.74%
Community Center-Apache	124	23	96	30	145	33	5	33	7	29	394	1010	82.45%
												215	17.55%
Community Center-Cache	125	23	98	28	148	29	9	30	8	30	403	1030	84.08%
												195	15.92%
Community Center-Walters	125	23	99	27	145	30	8	31	8	31	394	1011	82.33%
												217	17.67%
Education Center	132	15	103	22	147	29	9	30	9	29	408	1033	84.26%
												193	15.74%
Elder Center	132	16	108	18	153	32	6	29	6	28	417	1069	87.19%
												157	12.81%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	124	23	103	21	138	28	10	32	11	30	392	995	81.76%
												222	18.24%

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	YES	NO	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL	
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	135	13	105	20	153	30	8	23	6	27	420	1067	86.96%
												160	13.04%
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	126	22	101	24	151	30	8	10	31	27	399	1020	83.27%
												205	16.73%
Higher Education	136	12	114	12	160	31	7	17	42	29	429	1101	89.66%
												127	10.34%
Home Improvement	132	15	114	12	154	31	7	13	41	31	421	1092	89.00%
												135	11.00%
FAC-Womens Shelter	134	14	104	19	156	28	10	26	42	27	431	1073	87.59%
												152	12.41%
Injury Prevention	123	25	90	34	132	26	12	11	42	25	368	930	76.54%
												285	23.46%
Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	119	29	101	24	139	28	11	6	21	27	411	1023	83.92%
												196	16.08%
New Pathways	125	22	90	34	129	30	8	13	40	35	360	923	76.72%
												280	23.28%
Outreach-Anadarko	117	30	89	37	130	30	8	13	45	37	366	919	75.08%
												305	24.92%
Outreach-Dallas	119	28	86	39	133	27	11	13	44	38	353	908	74.43%
												312	25.57%
Outreach-OKC	118	29	93	32	138	29	9	11	46	26	373	946	77.48%
												275	22.52%
Reintegration	113	34	83	41	131	28	9	16	50	37	328	861	71.51%
												343	28.49%
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	142	6	114	11	164	33	5	3	9	43	424	1123	91.90%
												99	8.10%
Student Services (K-12)	141	7	118	8	164	31	7	5	15	44	422	1113	91.15%
												108	8.85%
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	119	27	92	33	135	27	11	13	36	37	406	975	80.12%
												242	19.88%

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	YES	NO	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL	
Vocational Rehabilitation	131	17	96	29	144	30	7	34	11	27	395	1004	82.30%
												216	17.70%
Youth Program	130	18	106	19	156	31	11	26	8	27	420	1059	86.38%
												167	13.62%
Prevention & Recovery	124	24	95	30	143	28	8	30	10	26	391	992	81.18%
												230	18.82%
Budget-KCA Budget													
KCA BUDGET 1/3 OF \$300,000	107	40	79	47	133	27	16	107	38	26	357	894	73.70%
												319	26.30%

We, the undersigned election officials of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the General Election held on Saturday, May 18, 2024. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Comanche Nation.

Independent Tabulator

Election Official

Election Official

Election Official

ACADEMY

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Nominations to fill open Director positions may be made by any person whose legal residence is within the Comanche Nation's former reservation area or treaty area boundaries, or who is the legal guardian of a child enrolled at Comanche Academy.

All nominations must be on the nomination form attached to this notice and received by the President of the Board, Martie Woothakewahbitty, via email at mwooth@comancheacademy.com or received by the School Leader, Dava Fratello, via hand delivery or email at dfratello@comancheacademy.com no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 10. Any nominations received after this deadline will not be considered by the Board.

Nomination forms and criminal disclosure forms can be downloaded from the school website or will be available in the school office.

To be eligible to serve as a Director, a Director Nominee must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Have a high school degree (equivalent);
- Have complied with any continuing education requirements imposed by the Board during the Director Nominee's prior term on the Board, if applicable;
- Not be a current Comanche Academy school faculty/staff member;
- Not be a member of the Comanche Business Committee ("CBC");
- Not be disqualified from serving under Section III(B) of the Board's Conflicts of Interest Policy, adopted December 1, 2021; and
- Not have been convicted, pled guilty, or nolo contendere, or named in an outstanding warrant for arrest, to a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or of any tribal nation.

All Director nominees must be present at the Annual Meeting to be eligible for election to the Board. Failure to attend the Annual Meeting will result in the automatic disqualification of the absent Director Nominee. Prior to a vote to fill any open Director position, the Board shall provide each Director Nominee with an opportunity to speak for no more than three (3) minutes.

Qualifications and Requirements for Board of Directors Nominees

To be eligible to serve as a Director, a Director Nominee must:

- Not be a current Comanche Academy school faculty/staff member;
- Not be a member of the Comanche Nation Business Committee ("CBC");
- Not be disqualified from serving under Section III(B) of the Board's Conflicts of Interest Policy, adopted December 1, 2021;
- Not have been convicted, pled guilty, or nolo contendere, or named in an outstanding warrant for arrest, to a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or of any tribal nation.
- Agree and pledge in writing to complete twelve (12) hours of instruction within fifteen (15) months of election to the Board pursuant to 70 O.S. Section 5-110;
- Agree and pledge in writing to attend continuing education pursuant to 70 O.S. Section 5-110.1

RUN-OFF

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by a vote of 771 (63.04%) to 452 (36.96%).

All program budgets passed.

Early voting will take place 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 14 at the Comanche Nation Complex's Comanche Code Talker Room and the Comanche Nation Education Center in Lawton, Okla. Regular voting will take place 8 a.m.- 6 p.m. June 15 at the following voting sites:

Lawton Polling Site

Comanche Nation Complex Comanche Code Talker Conference Room, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton

Oklahoma City Polling Site

Comanche Nation Outreach Office – OKC Office, 8014 N Western Ave. Suite D, OKC

Apache Polling Site

Comanche Nation – Apache Community Center, 309 Julia Mahseet Road, Apache

Anadarko Polling Site

Comanche Nation Outreach Office – Anadarko Office, 602 W. Virginia, Anadarko

Cache Polling Site

Comanche Nation – Cahoma Community Center, 752 NW Quannah Rd., Cache

Walters Polling Site

Comanche Nation Community Center – Walters, 905 E. Missouri St., Walters

2024 Election Calendar Dates

May 31 Last day to request Absentee Ballot for the Runoff Election

June 14 Early In-Person Voting (Runoff Election)

June 15 Runoff Election

June 15 Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 P.M.

June 18 Election certification by 5:00 P.M., Tuesday (3rd calendar day)

Programs

Adult Education Student of the Month Debreona B. Wehmeyer-Gibson



Courtesy Photo

Wehmeyer-Gibson

Debreona B. Wehmeyer-Gibson was born in Lawton, Okla., on August 21, 1994. Her parents are LaQuinta and Eric Wehmeyer. She grew up in Elgin, Okla., and graduated from Elgin High School in 2013.

Wehmeyer-Gibson began her career as a CNA in 2017 until July of 2022. She took time off to take care of my special needs baby.

Wehmeyer-Gibson decided that with a strong support system in place, that it is time to return to her career path and enrolled into LTCNA at Great Plains Technology Center to reinstate her CNA licensing.

Wehmeyer-Gibson's future plans include returning to the workplace and continue her education to become an LPN in the future.

Higher Education Student of the Month Elias Proctor



Courtesy Photo

Proctor

Elias Proctor is a direct descendant of Comanche Principle Chief Ten Bears through his great-grandmother Patricia Ticeahkie-Murrow and mother Lena Proctor.

Proctor has a bachelor's degree in computer science, and is currently pursuing his master's degree in software engineering at Penn State University.

Proctor is currently work as a web applications programmer in Harrisburg, Pa., but his future plan is to someday be a supervisor for software development.

Proctor is incredibly grateful for the support and guidance provided by mom, Lena Proctor, and his wife, Si-jalu Paude.

Child Support Services Announces Court Dates

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- **Brayden Halberg:** CNCSP-22-35; Application for Indirect Contempt

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

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

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

Higher Education Student of the Month Jennifer Williams



Courtesy Photo

Williams

Jennifer Williams, a proud member of the Comanche Nation and of Delaware and Caddo descent. Williams' mother is Sharon Conneywerdy Logsdon and her grandfather is Tyler Wahnee.

Williams is a Registered Nurse and is currently working to complete a Master's in Business with a concentration in Healthcare Information Systems at Southeastern Oklahoma State University.

Williams is currently working as a travel nurse, but she plans to work in Nursing Informatics to build software that will improve patient safety, outcomes, and care.

Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Ariana Mihesuah



Courtesy Photo

Mihesuah

Ariana Mihesuah is currently in the process of getting her second degree in Graphic Design. Her first degree is a Bachelors in Business Administration with a focus in Marketing.

Mihesuah has her own Marketing Freelancing business and is excited to be expanding her knowledge and offerings with Graphic Design.

These degrees wouldn't be possible without her family and the Comanche Nation for all their support through both of her degree programs!



Courtesy photo

COMANCHE ACADEMY MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION. On May 10, the Comanche Academy Charter School held a "Muffin with a Loved One" in honor of Mother's Day. The Comanche Academy Charter School hosted this event to thank and celebrate the families of the children and while it was to celebrate Mother's Day they also wanted to be inclusive to the community for all their learners.



Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma's community specialists are headed to the Lawton Indian Hospital, ready to help take the confusion out of health insurance.

Join us for Insurance 101 or Medicare 101 and prepare to have all your questions answered. No registration necessary.

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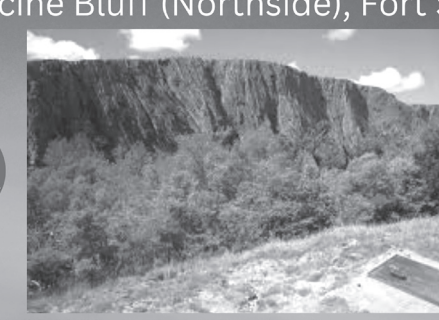
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The Comanche Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) & The Comanche Nation Elders Council is hosting A Prayer Vigil in Observation of the

National Day of Prayer for Sacred Site Protection

Thursday, June 20, 2024 at Sunrise at the Medicine Bluff (Northside), Fort Sill, OK



Inviting all Christian & Native American Church Chapters to join in prayer on the First Day of Summer. Breakfast will be provided inside Watchtaker Hall following the Prayer Vigil. Please, bring your own chairs to Medicine Bluff.

For More Information Contact: Tribal Historic Preservation Office at (580) 492-1153




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Comanche Little Ponies Annual Mother's Day Celebration



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Comanche Little Ponies princess Garrison Yellowfish retains her title for another term as the Comanche Little Ponies princess.



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New members were inducted into the Comanche Little Ponies Society during their Annual Mother's Day pow-wow held at the Great Plains Coliseum Annex Building. This year's new members are as follows: Anthony Frazier, Bruner Cable, Ashley Kerchee, Brantley Kerchee, Joshua DeBartolo, JW Marshall and Kaleb Roberts; also Jolene Schonchin, Rochelle Redbone Arebalo and Julie Rivas.



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Tribal elder Gaylon Motah was honored during the Gourd Dance portion of the Comanche Little Ponies Mother's Day Celebration. Motah composed the Mother's Day song, which he gave to the Comanche Little Ponies organization.



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Graduates from Elgin High School were honored after their Commencement Ceremony during the Comanche Little Ponies Annual Mother's Day pow-wow.



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Members of the Tahmakera Family and long time members of the Comanche Little Ponies Organization during the gourd dance portion of the Comanche Little Ponies Mother's Day Celebration.



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A special Women's Cloth contest in honor of Joyce Nevaquaya Harris put on by her family, was held at the Comanche Little Ponies Mother's Day Celebration.



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Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, dancing with her grandmother and great-grandmother during the Mother's Day song honoring all mothers at the Comanche Little Ponies Mother's Day Celebration.



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While attending the Comanche Little Ponies Annual Mother's Day Celebration the family of JoNeda Sage dance with their mother during the Mother's Day song.



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U.S. Navy woman Kaylene Nevaquaya home on leave being honored for her service in the United States Navy.



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Members from the Monetachi Family during the Mother's Day honor song at the Comanche Little Ponies Annual Mother's Day Celebration.

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Tuscan Chicken Skillet

Ingredients

- Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 12 Ounces of fettuccine
- 4 Slices of chopped bacon
- 1 Pound of chicken tenders cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 Garlic cloves, minced
- 4 Plum tomatoes, chopped
- 1 Cup of heavy cream
- 5 Ounces of baby spinach
- ¾ Cup of grated Parmesan
- 3 Tablespoons of chopped fresh basil

Directions

1. Bring a large pot of salted water to boil
2. Meanwhile, put the bacon in a large, cold skillet, then cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until crispy, about 8 minutes; transfer to a plate with a slotted spoon.
3. Sprinkle the chicken lightly with salt and pepper and add to the skillet in a single layer. Let cook, undisturbed, until golden brown on the underside, 2 to 3 minutes. Continue to cook, stirring occasionally, until cooked through, about 4 minutes more. Transfer to the plate with the bacon.
4. Reduce the heat to medium and add the garlic, stirring, until fragrant, about 30 seconds. Add the spinach and stir until just wilted. Add the bacon, chicken, fettuccine, and Parmesan and toss with tongs until well coated; season to taste with salt and pepper. Sprinkle with basil and serve.


Lemon Lasagna

Ingredients

- For crust**
- 1 Package of lemon Oreos or Golden Oreos
 - 6 Tbsp. of unsalted butter melted
- Filling**
- 1 Cup of powdered sugar
 - 1 Package of cream cheese softened
 - ½ Cup of unsalted softened butter
 - 1 Tub of whipped topping
 - 2 Boxes of lemon instant pudding
 - 3 Cups of milk
 - Lemon slices for garnish


Directions

1. Crush Oreos in a food processor to a very fine texture. Place crushed Oreos in a large resealable plastic bag and add melted butter. Shake to mix until well combined.
2. Press buttered crumbs into the bottom of a 9x13-inch baking dish, making sure to cover the entire bottom.
3. Mix powdered sugar, cream cheese, butter and half of the whipped topping in a medium bowl with a hand mixer. Blend well and pour over the crust.
4. In another bowl, combine instant pudding and milk. Whisk tighter until the pudding thickens, then pour over the cream cheese layer. Refrigerate for at least 5 minutes.
5. Top off with the remaining whipped topping and refrigerate for at least 1 hour before serving. Add lemon slices for garnish.



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5. red
6. green
9. black
10. grey
11. white

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3. yellow
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7. brown
8. pink

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#5 MAŪAR
ŪMAARŪ

#6 OHBAIPO
PAHOOBI

#7 IKSTBWATŪYAK
EKAKWŪTŪSŪBAITŪ

#8 Ū?TSŪTŪ
ŪTSŪ?ITŪ

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WORD BANK

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Ntmtu Taretuu Early Childhood Development Center Building Blessing

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On April 26, the Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) held a blessing for its child-care classrooms and offices. Depending on licensing, they will open by June or sooner.

ECDC Director, Desiree DeVine said the day began with a prayer. Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee and Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin signed the Lord's Prayer, and the Comanche Academy Brave and Princess sang songs.

"It was great," she said. "The project is a multi-year project that was funded by the CCDF grant, which is the Child Development Fund Grant, that we get from the government. And so, it was a multi-year project. And it was just finally; it was like a breath of fresh air the day that we had the blessing because it was like, everyone's going to get to see what's been going...on in this building, how the teachers have prepared the classrooms."

DeVine said the blessing was important to honor the cultural ways, and anyone who wanted to be cedared or blessed could do so by Gene Sovo.

She said the licensing process with the Department of Human Services began in the second week of May and is underway for a grand opening. DeVine said the process can take up to 30 days.

"It doesn't mean it's going to take 30 days, but it takes up to 30 days for them to process our application and give us a permit," DeVine said. "We will initially open under a permit. And then once our time-frames are over with our permit, then we'll get an official license from the state to be a facility."

She said they aim to be a 5-star, the top star they can receive, mainly because the kids will be learning while they are at the childcare.

For those who need more information can call (580) 699-8808.



Children from the *Onaa Kahni* Daycare sing Comanche Hymns at the April 26 Early Childhood Development Center Blessing Ceremony in Lawton, Okla.



Early Childhood Development Director, Carolyn Codopony, speaks about the history of the Early Childhood Development Center and the journey to have the new building built.



Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, and Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin, signs "The Lord's Prayer," April 26 at the Comanche Early Childhood Development Center Blessing Ceremony in Lawton, Okla.



Comanche Academy Brave, Tomi Hawk Portillo and Princess, Daphne Tanequodde, sing a Comanche Hymn at the Daycare Blessing.

Songs and Prayers

The May 2 National Day of Prayer brings Churches and youth together

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office and Medical Center coordinated the National Day of Prayer on May 2, at Watchtaker Hall.

This is the first year the Comanche Nation has gathered for National Day of Prayer, which, according to Comanche Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Martina Minthorn, Congress approved the first Thursday in May to be recognized for National Day of Prayer.

"We are going to be gathering just to be able to come together, pray and meditate, and just pray for our country, pray for one another, pray for our leaders, pray for our environment," she said. "Our people were always praying people. We knew about the *Ahpw* before we had Christianity, and so we were always thankful and we prayed. Prayed for our food, prayed for one another, looked out for one another, we're good to one another."

Historic Preservation usually hosts the National Prayer for Sacred Site Protection.

"That's kind of why we were invited to help participate this year because of our participation in prayer and with our hymn-singing events that we have," Minthorn said. "And so, we're just thankful to be able to bring everybody together and unite on this specific day. Across the country, churches, different places are having vigils for this event today."

She said they're thankful the youth joined the event.

Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee and Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin signed the Lord's Prayer. Schonchin also signed "Amazing Grace."



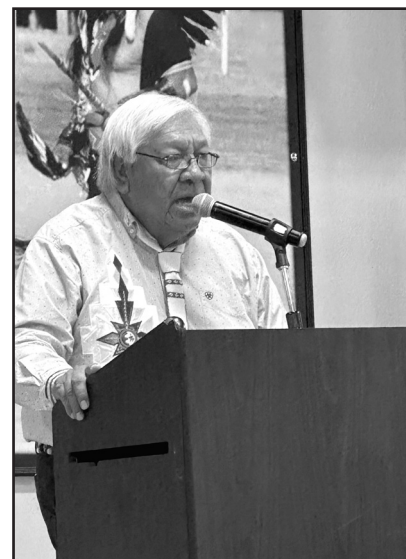
Youth from the IAMNDN, along with the Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, Right, and the Jr. Comanche Nation Princess, Arlene Schonchin, left, sing a set of Comanche Hymns May 2 at the Comanche Nation National Day of Prayer, which took place at Watchtaker Hall, Comanche Nation Complex.



The Comanche Charter School students Cayden Travis, Tomi Hawk Portillo, Daphne Tanequodde, and Eli Laurenzana sing Comanche hymns May 2, at the Comanche Nation Day of Prayer.



Tina Baker offers a word from scripture at the May 2, National Day of Prayer at Watchtaker Hall.



Lloyd Heminokky Jr. talks about the importance of prayer in everyday life at the National Day of Prayer.

2024 Comanche Nation Graduates

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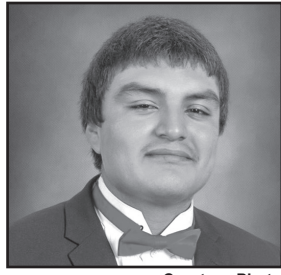
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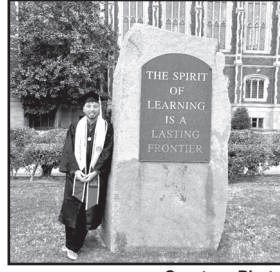
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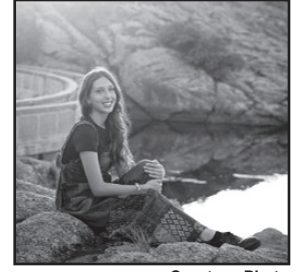
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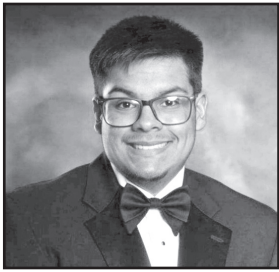
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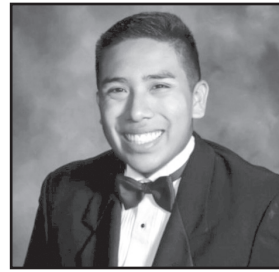
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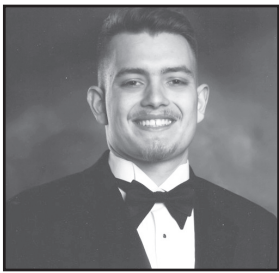
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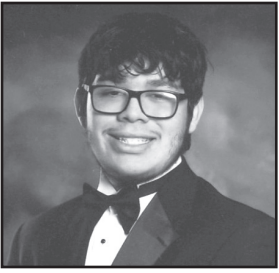
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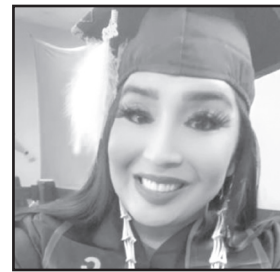
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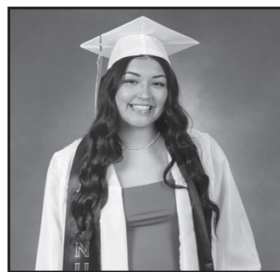
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The Sovereignty Symposium is an international event held for the past 36 years in Oklahoma to provide a forum in which ideas concerning common legal issues among those in the legal professions, federal and state officials, and the state's Native American tribes can be exchanged in a scholarly, non-adversarial environment. It was originally established by the Oklahoma Supreme Court and is now transferred fully to Oklahoma City University (OCU) and our School of Law.

The move to OCU came about because of the institution's long history within its School of Law of teaching and working in Oklahoma's Native American tribal community. OCU law houses the American Indian Law and Sovereignty Center as well as the American Indian Wills Clinic. They are also currently working with many tribes on a new sovereignty institute as well as language revitalization efforts and technology in schools, both in conjunction with Apple.

This year's symposium will take place June 11-12, at the Skirvin Hilton Hotel in downtown Oklahoma City. Titled "A New Beginning," the keynote speaker will be Geoffrey Standing Bear, principal chief of the Osage Nation. We also are looking forward to Southern Nation and their featured guest, the Osage Tribal Singers, who performed at the Oscars, playing at this year's Opening Ceremony on June 11 at 1:15 p.m.

For more information or to register to attend, please go to thesovereignsymposium.com.

Nurses Week at the Lawton Indian Hospital



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The Lawton Indian Hospital celebrated National Nurses Week from May 6 through the 12. The week-long celebration was full of coffee, donuts, and Redbone Tacos. They held different activities for the nurses that included a duck hunt, ribbon skirt day, round dance, and a corn hole tournament. The nurses would like to thank Martin Flores and Crystal Rodriguez for setting up the teepee to recognize Nurses Week and also thank you to the Indian Hospital for celebrating the nurses for their hard work and dedication.

Head Little Boy Dancer



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Hernandez

On April 27, Indianoma School had a Pow Wow for the Native American Club where they asked Felix (Bird) Hernandez to be the head little boy dancer of the Pow Wow. Hernandez was extremely grateful and honored for the opportunity to represent his family and his culture.

Wilson Receives Grant to Further Singing Career



Photo by Tyler Schmitt at the Mill Photography Studio

Wilson

Nevaeha Wilson is a Comanche Nation Tribal Member and is currently a ninth-grader from Keene Texas.

Wilson was recently awarded a prestigious distinction from the state of Texas in April. The Texas Commission on the Arts Commissioners partnered with the Texas Cultural Trust and announced Nevaeha Wilson as a member of the 2024-2025 class of Texas young masters.

Young Masters is a highly competitive grant program that provides exemplary art students in grades 8 through 11 with the financial help they need to pursue advanced study in their chosen art form before college.

The 2024-2025 class of 15 Young Masters will be awarded grants of \$5,000 per year for two years, to further their studies in their chosen arts disciplines.

On April 16, the Texas Young Masters gathered at the state capitol in Austin for an orientation followed

that evening by an eloquent awards ceremony to recognize these individual artists and this accomplishment. The emcee for the event was Ray Benson from Asleep at the Wheel, and the audience enjoyed spoken, dance, and beautiful instrumental entertainment throughout the evening.

Wilson was truly honored to have participated in this ceremony and to receive this recognition to advance her talents as a vocalist. She has been singing since she could speak, and performing since she was 3 years old. She's performed at local, national, and televised events as a soloist and musical theatre performer and is passionate about all things music, singing a wide range of musical styles, playing numerous instruments, and is currently studying vocal performance under Tabitha Ibarra.

Wilson has been privileged to share the stage as a soloist amongst gospel, opera, and Broadway professionals. Most recently, she was a featured soloist at SWAU's music festival at the Morton Meyerson Symphony Center in Dallas and has had the honor to sing our nation's anthem at numerous events and venues, including the American Airline Center.

Wilson plans to attend the iTheatrics Summer Academy in New York as well as the TUTS All-State Musical program in Houston this summer. Also, Wilson is at the top of her grade level in academics, serves as the class president, and participates as a member of the volleyball and basketball teams. She is incredibly humbled and grateful to be representing the Comanche Tribe as a 2024-2025 Texas Young Master.



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COMANCHE NATION PROVIDES SCHOOL WITH BRAND NEW PARKING LOT. Cyril Elementary School shares a big 'thank you,' to the Comanche Nation for donating their new parking lot. They said it has made their chalk competitions a lot safer, they can keep an eye on everyone, no one runs into the road, and they can all have fun as a huge group.

Blue Cross Blue Shield Event at the IHS

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Oklahoma's community specialists are headed to the Lawton Indian Hospital, ready to help take the confusion out of health insurance.

Join Blue Cross and Blue Shield for Insurance 101 or Medicare 101 and prepare to have all your questions answered. No registration is necessary.

Health Insurance 101 will be on Tuesday, July 9 from 10 to 11 a.m. and Medicare 101 will be on Tuesday, July 23 from 10 to 11 a.m.

One-on-one assistance will be available after each event until 3 p.m. BlueNearYouOK.com

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Location: Lawton Indian Hospital in the Main Conference Room

Comanche Indian Veterans Association Honors Veterans on Armed Forces Day; Crowns New Princess

Storyny Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On May 18, the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) held an Armed Forces Day banquet at Watchetaker Hall for veterans.

Three veterans were recognized at the banquet, including Specialist 4th class Michelle Bobelu and Earnest Tate Jr. and Mineman Senior Chief Petty Officer Donald Peterson.

Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, and former CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin also crowned the new CIVA Princess Clara Tee-Ohms Yazzie.

Comanche Nation Chairman Mark Woommavovah was the keynote speaker and was also honored for his work in the military.

CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno said Armed Forces Day is important for active duty members and to remember them.

"My dad was a veteran, and he was, you know, active duty, heard a lot of things about what he did," he said. "But you look at today, you know, and remember what my dad said about these soldiers are the ones that keep us free. You know, they go over there, they don't fight in our country, they fight in other countries to keep all that, you know, tyranny and evil out of our country."

Tehauno said the day also recognizes those currently overseas.

"We have a member whose name is Kent, or he's a Major Kent Tomah. He's on duty overseas in the war zone over there, and we can, we worried about him, you know, and think about him," he said. "And that's



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Being honored at the 2024 CIVA Armed Forces Day Banquet were Don Patterson - U.S. Navy Veteran, Earnest Tate Jr. - U.S. Army Veteran and Michelle Bobelu - US Army Veteran. The banquet took place May 18, at the Comanche Nation Complex's Watchetaker Hall.

one of the main reasons of doing, you know, the Armed Forces Day."

But the day is also to honor the ones who have served.

"They've already been through it, you know, they know what it means and what it feels like, you know, being away from home,

loneliness, you know, protecting our country," Tehauno said.



The former CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, crowns the incoming CIVA Princess, Clara Yazzie, and places her banner during the May 18 CIVA Armed Forces Day Banquet.

Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

CIVA Activities Funeral Detail



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CIVA Auxiliary member Frannie "Fran" Red Elk

A Funeral and Honor Detail was requested by the Red Elk Family for Frannie "Fran" Red Elk. A Memorial Service was conducted at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home in Lawton, Oklahoma on April 16.

Red Elk was the wife of the late George Red Elk as she was a member of the CIVA Auxiliary. She dedicated herself by making wreaths for our Comanche Veterans for their funeral services.

The Funeral and Honor Guard Details consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. CIVA Auxiliary member Linda Tehauno offered a word of prayer and shared Red Elk's dedication to the CIVA Auxiliary.

Color Guard Detail

On April 27, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary served as Color Guards during grand entry at the Indianoma Native American Club Powwow held at the Indianoma High School Gym.



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CIVA Veterans Stefano Ruiz, John McClung, Frankie Patterson, Dominic Pawlowski and Roger Tehauno presenting the colors.

CIVA Monthly Meeting

On May 2, 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 Ramonah Davis followed by a Pledge of Allegiance lead by the CIVA Princess in Waiting, Clara Tee-Ohms Yazzie. The evening meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary members, Linda Tehauno and Betty Tippeconnie. CIVA Officer's and Veterans conducted their monthly meeting as old and new business was presented and discussed.



Courtesy Photo

Birthday recognitions to John McClung, Linda Tehauno, Ramonah Davis and Betty Tippeconnie.

Benefit Bingo

On May 3, 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 for your support. Money that was raised is for helping with the offset of the cost to attend the 80 D-DAY Anniversary to honor Comanche Code Talkers on Omaha Beach and WWII Veterans.



Courtesy Photo

Young and old enjoyed their evening while playing bingo.

CIVA Veteran Honored

The Kiowa War Mother's Chapter 18 held their Mother's Day Annual Dance on May 12, at the Kiowa Community Building in Carnegie, Oklahoma.

CIVA Veteran, Ramonah Davis served as the Honored Veteran during their annual event.



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Pictured are Mark Davis wishing his mother Ramonah Davis, "Happy Mother's Day."

CIVA France Delegation

CIVA France Delegation have been having fund raising events to help with airfare, lodging, and transportation expenses for it's delegation to attend the 80th WWII D-Day Anniversary on June 6, in Normandy France.

The CIVA France Delegation will be representing and honoring WWII Comanche Code Talkers who landed on Utah Beach during the Normandy Invasion on June 6, 1944.

The Comanche Code Talkers transmitted coded messages in the Comanche language while under hostile enemy fire. In 2013, the Comanche Code Talkers received the Congressional Gold Medal from the President of the United States at the U.S. State Capital. The Comanche Code Talkers were credited in saving the lives of thousands of U.S. and Allied military personnel.

Your support and contributions mean so much, to help honor and represent the Comanche Code Talkers and the contributions they made during the WWII Normandy Invasion.

CIVA 48th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony



Courtesy Photo

The Comanche Indian Veterans hosted their 48th Memorial Day Ceremonies at 11 a.m., on May 27, at Watchetaker Hall, Circle of Honor and the CIVA Court of Honor. They remembered our Fallen Warriors during this sacred Ceremony.

Memorial Day (originally known as **Decoration Day**) is a federal holiday in the United States for honoring and mourning the U.S. military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. From 1868 to 1970, it was observed on May 30 Since 1971, it is observed on the last Monday of May.

Many people visit cemeter-

ies and memorials on Memorial Day to honor and mourn those who died while serving in the U.S. military. Many volunteers place American flags on the graves of military personnel in national cemeteries. Memorial Day is also considered the unofficial beginning of summer.

The first national observance of Memorial Day occurred on May 30, 1868. Then known as Decoration Day, the holiday was proclaimed by Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War. This national observance was preceded by many local ones between the end of the Civil War and Logan's declaration. Many cities and people have claimed to be the first to observe it. However, the National Cemetery Administration, a division of the Department of Veterans Affairs, credits Mary Ann Williams with originating the "idea of strewing the graves of Civil War soldiers—Union and Confederate" with flowers.

Official recognition as a holiday spread among the states, beginning with New York in 1873. By 1890, every Union state had adopted it. The world wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. military who fought and died in service. In 1971, Congress standardized the holiday as "Memorial Day" and changed its observance to the last Monday in May.

Two other days celebrate those who have served or are serving in the U.S. military: Armed Forces Day (which is earlier in May), an unofficial U.S. holiday for honoring those currently serving in the armed forces, and Veterans Day (on November 11), which honors all those who have served in the United States Armed Forces.

In Honor of the 13 Fallen Warriors of the Comanche Nation



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PFC Johnnie Rivas
Killed in Action
June 6, 1944



Courtesy Photo

SGT Melvin Myers
Killed in Action
June 14, 1944



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PVT Eli Hosetosavit
Killed in Action
August 1, 1944



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PVT Ben Trevino
Killed in Action
August 3, 1944



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PFC Thomas Chockpoyah
Killed in Action
August 7, 1944



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PFC Ben Trevino
Killed in Action
September 16, 1944



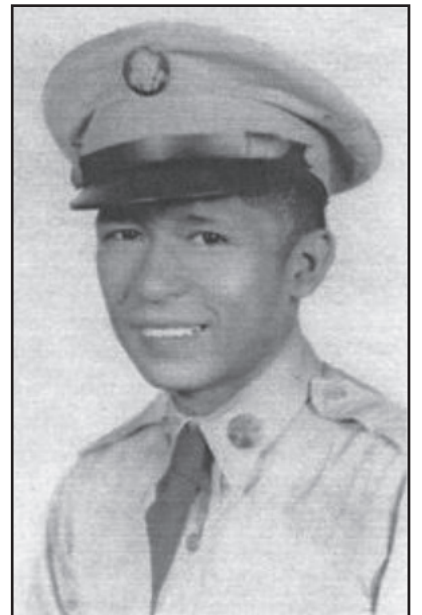
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PVT Henry Kosechata
Died of Wounds
May 1, 1945



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PFC Henry Conwoop
Died of Wounds
May 3, 1945



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Dennis Karty
Died in Captivity
March 30, 1952



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Lt Col Meech Tahsequah
Killed in Action
Body not Recovered
February 28, 1954



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PFC Russell Pesewonit
Killed in Action
July 22, 1966

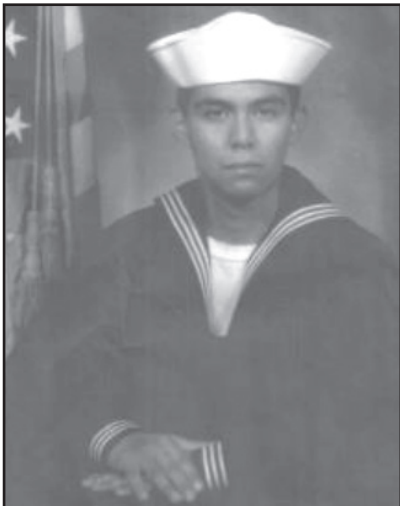
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Wendall Weryackewe
June 7, 1954

Elbert Vidana
September 9, 1955



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Anthony Tahsequh
November 23, 1983



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Richard Wichita
August 3, 2003



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William Kerchee
January 20, 2007

Comanche Veterans Lost Since Memorial Day 2023



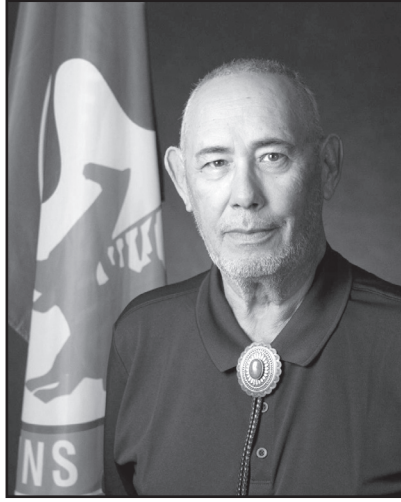
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Bernard Kahrahrh
June 19, 2023



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Gary Dean Tahmahkera
August 30, 2023



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John David Wahnee
November 8, 2023



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George Laurenzana
February 11, 2024



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Jason Red Elk
March 14, 2024



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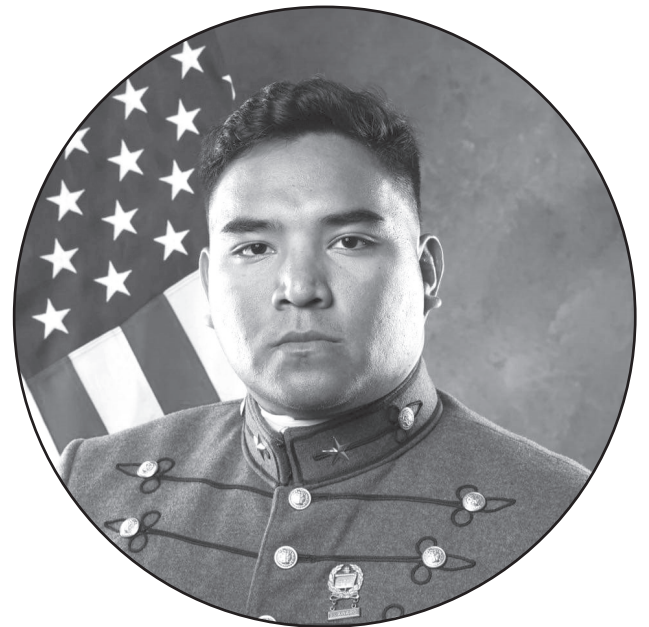
Gene Red Elk
March 16, 2024



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Roderick "Peach" Holden
Takewahpoor
March 25, 2024

Congratulations



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The CIVA would like to congratulate Seth Allen Wesaw on his graduation from the Citadel Senior Military College in Charleston, SC. The college is noted for its educational reputation and rich history.

Bennett Recognized for Military Service in the United States Navy



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Proud Parents. Proud Grandparents. Proud Family. The onset of covid squelched alot of plan and events for many people, but in May 2021, Lanny Asepermy was able to coordinate recognition and celebration of tribal member Terry D. Bennett, in the veteran room of the tribal complex.

Bennett is the son of Terrence Lee Bennett and Elzena Renee Bennett and the grandson of Mary (Pahcody) Bennett and Josepine (Pahcody) Poncy, which Bennett

considered to be his third grandmother, but was actually his great aunt.

Bennett was recognized for his military service in the United States Navy and his retirement after more than 20 years of faithful service.

Bennett acclaimed his pride in being a Comanche tribal member and serving his country. Bennett stated that he wished his dad, uncles and grandparents could have been there and been a part of this, I know they would have been proud.

Comanche Youth Dances
YOUTH LED POWWOW

Saturday June 8, 2024 Location: Watchtaker Hall



SCHEDULE

- 2PM GOURD DANCE
- 5PM LIGHT SUPPER
- 6PM RESUME
- 7 PM SOCIAL DANCE
- 10PM CLOSING PRAYER
- TWO STEP
- SNAKE DANCE
- POTATOE DANCE
- LULU CONTEST
- 50/50
- RAFFLES
- CAKE WALK

HEAD STAFF

- MC: MARTIN FLORES
- HEAD SINGER: RAYMOND LEWIS
- HEAD JR BOY: NASHOBA PORTILLO
- HEAD JR GIRL: HANNAH OWENS
- HEAD TINY TOT BOY: RICHARD BANDERAS
- HEAD TINY TOT GIRL: KALYSCIA MOLINA
- CO-HOST: IAMNDN & WALTER'S SERVICE CLUB
- AD: MODESTO SCHONCHIN

CONTESTS

- **TinyTots 0-6** (Sponsored by Malie Cooper & Kat Alvarez-Churchill)
- **Orange Special 5-12** in honor of Genocide of Boarding School Children (Sponsored by Comanche Nation MMIP) 1ST, 2ND & 3RD Place (Orange article Required)
- **Teen Girl's Cloth 13-17** (Sponsored by Hannah Owens Family & Arlene Schonchin Family) 1ST-5TH Place & Winner Take All
- **Teen Grass 13-17** (Sponsored by Nashoba Youngman Portillo Family) 1ST, 2ND & 3RD Place
- **Old Style Men's Fancy 18+** In honor of the late Woogie W., Mead C., Charles C., & Steve C (Sponsored by Lanette & Jeff Chibitty Family) Winner Take All
- **Women's Cloth 18+** (Sponsored by Jessica Pohawatchoko Family & Shelly Myers Family) 1ST, 2ND & 3RD Place
- **Old Style Jingle 18+** In Honor of Bobbie Lewis (Sponsored by Mercedes Banderas Family) Winner Take All

Special Invitation

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COMANCHE NATION JR. PRINCESS, ARLENE SCHONCHIN
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Teddy Tahsuda
February 3, 1943

Not pictured
Forrest Sunrise
January 1, 1944



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Chester Teyyah
July 9, 1950

SNAPSHOTS OF THE INAUGURAL ELGIN JOM POW WOW HELD MAY 4



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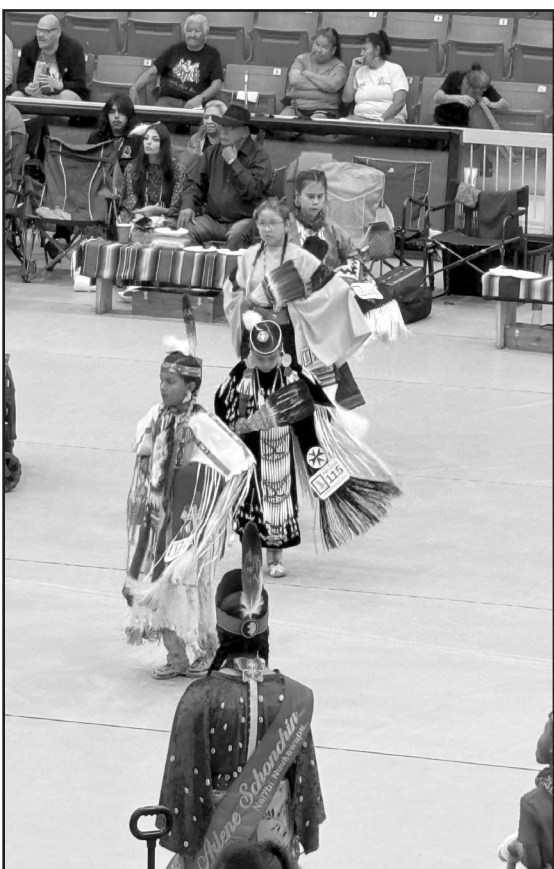


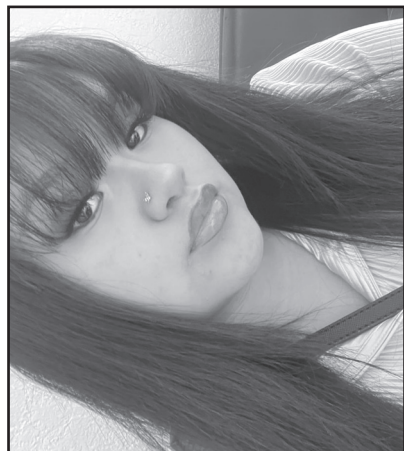
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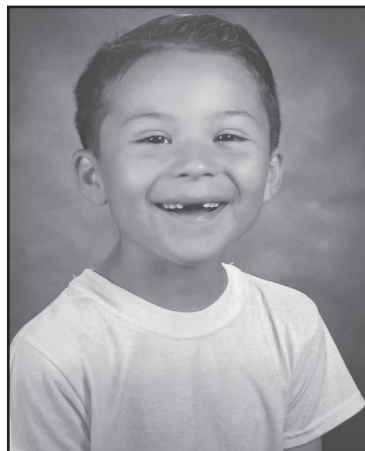
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Milestones

Happy Birthday!



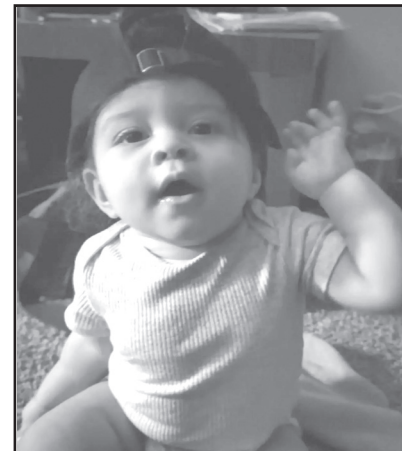
Happy 18th Birthday
Ruby Rose Atavich
June 2
~ We love you.



Happy 9th Birthday
Declan Tynan
June 6
~ Love, Mom, Dad Indy and Turbo.



Happy Birthday
Claudia Harrison
June 11

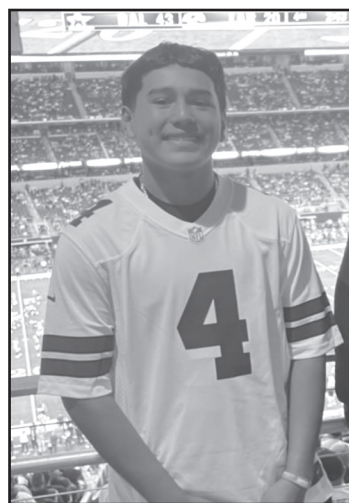


Happy 1st Birthday
Alistir Willard
June 18
~ You've stolen our hearts, beautiful boy.

June - Olivia Zavala
June 2 - Ruby Rose Atavich
June 3 - Jamie Prairie Chief
"Happy Birthday!! Love, your family!"
June 6 - Tracey McClung-Pack
June 6 - Declan Tynan
June 11 - Claudia Harrison
June 18 - Alistir Willard
June 23 - Vivian KaLeigh Hall
June 23 - Qynn Plata
June 28 - Elizabeth (Liz) Chrismon
June 28 - Loretta Ann-Totsiyaa Burgess
June 28 - Cobb Laurenzana



Happy Birthday
Vivian KaLeigh Hall
June 23



Happy Birthday
Qynn Plata
June 23
~ Happy Birthday, Q! We love you! Your family.



Happy Birthday
Cobb Laurenzana
June 28
~ From Sweet and Diana



Happy 1st Birthday
Loretta Ann-Totsiyaa Burgess
June 28
~ We love you babygirl, love your family!

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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Leonard & Rosemary Chibitty
June 17
Celebrating 64 years of Marriage!



Happy 11th Birthday
Olivia Zavala
June

HAPPY Father's DAY
Tsaa Ahpwa' a Tabeeni
From
The Comanche Nation News/PIO
Staff:
Jolene, Paula, Heaven, Natascha & Stacey!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Larry McCurtain
Happy Father's Day. You're the best. Love you, Marie!

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Richard Parker Sr.
~Happy Father's Day Grandpa. Thank you for all the wonderful memories and how you make us all feel so special. We love you!! Vivien, Kyle, Scarlett, Brandon, Payton, Stella, Jaliana, Alice and Logan.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Andy Simmons
~Happy Father's Day Andy Simmons! Love, your family.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
Matthew Burgess
~Happy Father's Day Matthew Burgess. We love you! From, your family.

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6 p.m. - 8 p.m. July 9
201 NW Mission Blvd., Lawton
Everyone is welcome



GRAND OPENING. The Comanche Youth Dancers were a part of the Grand Opening of the newly remodeled Neighborhood Walmart Store May 9, in Lawton, Okla.

"Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned."
John 15:4-6

Obituaries

Annette Francisca Vasquez



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Vasquez

Annette Francisca Vasquez, 44, of Ft. Cobb Okla., was born on April 4, 1980, in Colorado Springs, Colo., to Frank and Pearl Marie (Pocowatchit) Vasquez. Vasquez went to her heavenly home on April 20, in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Vasquez enjoyed cooking and spending time with her children. Vasquez received her GED and continued her education at OCCC in Oklahoma City, Okla. She also attended Caddo-Kiowa VO-Tech for Culinary Arts. She enjoyed fishing with the family and friends. She was a caring and loving mother, wife, sister, auntie, and grandma.

Vasquez was a strong believer of our dear Lord and read her daily bible.

Vasquez loved watching her children, nieces, and nephews sporting events. She was an avid Dallas Cowboys and OU Fan. Vasquez loved going to the lake and being outdoors. Her favorite show was "Price is Right," "Family Fued" and Sci-Fi Movies.

Vasquez is survived by her husband of the home Shatti Tseele; children Dustin Lorenzo Niedo Cisco, Texas and La Rena Niedo Las Vegas, Nev.; LaNai and LaMiah Tseele of Ft. Cobb, Okla.; sister LaCretia and husband Jose of Anadarko, Okla.; brother Christopher Vasquez of Bridge Creek, Okla.; brother Andrew Vasquez and wife Jennifer of Apache, Okla.; Sister Victoria Vasquez of Las Vegas, Nev.; great aunts Gloria Pocowatchit of Fletcher Okla.; Carol George of Derby, Kan., Dorothy Vigil of Denver, Colo., Vicki Valliere of Anadarko, Okla., Bessie Robbins of Lawton Okla.; great uncles Gerald and Vincent Pocowatchit of Lawton Okla.; family from Cache Okla.; family from Colorado Springs Colo.; as well as numerous cousins, friends, nieces, and nephews.

Vasquez is preceded in death by parents; grandmother Lydia Tarsip-Valliere; Aunt Leana and LaDena Farris; great great grandfather James Pocowatchit; great great grandmother Mary Monoetatchi; great grandfathers Harold J. Pocowatchit, Cletis Pocowatchit, Roderick Pocowatchit, Dennis Pocowatchit; great aunts Cleta Pocowatchit, Mildred Pocowatchit, Martha Jackson, Betsy Wermey, and Zelma Tahsequah.

Jessica Diane Codynah



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Codynah

Jessica Diane Codynah, went to her heavenly home on March 17, 2024 in Los Angeles, Cali. She was born on August 26, 1989, at

Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Okla., to Herbert F. Tabbytosavit and Kara "Bitsy Boo" Codynah-Rios.

Codynah attended school in Oklahoma City, in her high school years she was active in ROTC and Art Club. She graduated from Capitol Hill High School. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. She was the great-granddaughter of Comanche Code Talker Samuel Tabbytosavit.

Codynah was a loving mother and devoted her life to her children. She took great pride in watching her daughter dance at pow wows. Codynah carried a passion for art throughout her whole life and she passed that down to her children. She spent time teaching them how to express themselves through paper mache and painting. Codynah was also a wonderful sister, she loved spending time with her siblings. Codynah was kind and genuine. She had the ability to love others with her whole entire heart. She cherished her family and the time she got to spend with them.

She is survived by father Herbert F. Tabbytosavit; mother Kara "Bitsy Boo" Codynah-Rios; step father Carlos Rios of Oklahoma City Okla.; children Racheal Codynah of Anadarko, Adriel Codynah and Jessica Codynah Jr. "JJ" both of Los Angeles Cali.; brother Andrew Codynah of Oklahoma City, N. Allison Codynah of Cherokee N.C., Lyndy Hoosier of Lawton, Christopher Rios, Alyssa Rios, and Ernesto Rios all of Anadarko; god mothers Sherri Segar, Kathy Bulcoming, Mindy Porter and Lela Brown. And special brother Randy Rowe and Justin Delaware.

She is preceded in death by maternal grandparents Jack Codynah and Karen Kaniatobe; paternal grandparents Jimmy Tabbytosavit Sr. and Helen Mihesueh; Maternal great grandmother Beatrice Tahmahkera-Smith.

Dack Weston Bennett



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Bennett

Dack Weston Bennett, passed away on May 3, at his home in Tulsa, Okla., at the age of 52.

He was born in Lawton, Okla. on March 13, 1972, to Paul Alford Bennett and Bobbie Jane Jones. Bennett grew up in Lawton and Louisiana with his two brothers Dirk and Wray Bennett. He graduated from Lawton High School in 1990. Art was Bennett's passion and gift. He received his BA from Cameron University in 1994. A lasting example of his talent is in the buffalo piece of art, north of the Cameron University Library, in which he participated with the original designer to weld this beautiful piece. He furthered his education in Fine Arts with an emphasis in sculpture at OCU. In 1993 he married the love of his life, Kimberly Jo Sterling, daughter of John and JoAnn Sterling of Lawton. The couple lived in Tulsa, Okla., and Miami, Fl., before making Tulsa their home for the last 21 years and starting their family.

Bennett is survived by his wife, Dr. Kimberly Bennett of Tulsa, Okla., and his two daughters Salem Bennett and Scarlett Bennett; his mother Bobbie Jane Jones of Pineville, La., and stepmother Margot Bennett of Fort Meade, Fl.; brothers Dustin Wray Bennett and his wife Tracie of Lawton, Okla., James Greer of Oakland, Cali., and Robert Greer of Albany, Cali.; sister Stephanie Greer of DFW Metroplex; father and

mother-in-law John and JoAnn Sterling of Lawton, Okla.; brother-in-law David Sterling of Ormand Beach, Fl.; and by numerous special family members and loving friends.

He was preceded in death by his father Paul Alford Bennett and a brother, Dirk Waylon Bennett.

Nina Alice Burgess



Courtesy Photo

Burgess

Nina Alice Burgess *Mah-Piya To Win* (Blue Sky Woman) went to her heavenly home on May 6, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born to Earl Burgess Jr. and Leslie Youngman on April 23, 1990, at the Lawton Indian Hospital. Burgess was resilient and battled health complications since infancy. Her true passion was dancing and singing at pow wows. She proudly held the title of princess for numerous organizations: Youngman Family Princess, Oklahoma Gourd Dance Society Princess, and Comanche Homecoming Princess. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, and served as the 2010 Comanche Nation Tribal Princess. She was also of Cheyenne,

Arapaho, Otoe-Missouria, and Sioux descent.

Burgess enjoyed spending time with her family, and everyone knew she was her grandpa's girl and they were inseparable. She loved to travel and easily made friends wherever she went. If you were her friend, she considered you her family. She loved being an auntie momma to her nieces and nephews. She had a nurturing spirit and her babies would often go to her for comfort, before going to their parents.

The Family would like to thank the Chattanooga Fire Department and the Chattanooga Fire Chief Hayden Crow. As well as the Comanche County Memorial Hospital ICU North for the care given to Burgess.

She is survived by mother Leslie Youngman; Dad Donnie "Skeeter" Reed; Sisters Martha Burgess, Sarah Burgess, and Erin Plumley Gibbs; Brothers Mickey Chasenah, Jason Tonips, and Billy Burgess; Hunka Father Robert Tiger, Joe Bointy, and Morgan Tosee; Aunts Kay Cable, Theresa Youngman, Martha Irving, Betty Luna, and Leora Ramos; Uncles Ben Youngman, Merrick Youngman, Donnie Burgess, Ronnie Burgess, and numerous friends and relatives.

She is preceded in death by Father Earl Burgess Jr.; Maternal Grandparents Roderick and Nina Youngman; Paternal Grandparents Earl Sr. and Daisy Burgess; Brother Marvin Chasenah; Sister Daisy Burgess; Aunt and Uncle Mary and Tommy Reed; Niece Lena Burgess Adams; and Uncle Darrell Cable Sr.

Barry Asenap



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Asenap

Barry was born September 2, 1968, to Mike and Margala Asenap in Lawton, Okla. He grew up in the Indian area and attended Snyder Public Schools where he graduated in 1989.

He was employed by Snyder Public School; Reed and Asenap Custodial Services, where he was chosen SPS Custodian of the year in 2007-2008. He also was an avid Texas Longhorn and WWE Wrestling Fan. He enjoyed playing video games, watching T.V., and playing with his fur babies Gadet, Gizmo and Molly. Asenap became a christian on September 20, 2018, and was ordained a Deacon of the Gospel of Jesus Christ at FBC, Indian area on July 21, 2019.

He was a proud member of the Comanche Tribe.

Asenap is survived by his mother, Margala Asenap, Indian area; Aunt and Uncle Judy and Larry Gordon, Cache; Cousins, Melissa and Terry Quisenberry; Christopher Gordon, Riley Jones, and numerous other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Mike Asenap; Grandparents, Walter and Beth Glazbrook; Granfather, Marvin Carter; and Great Aunt Rhoda Tate.

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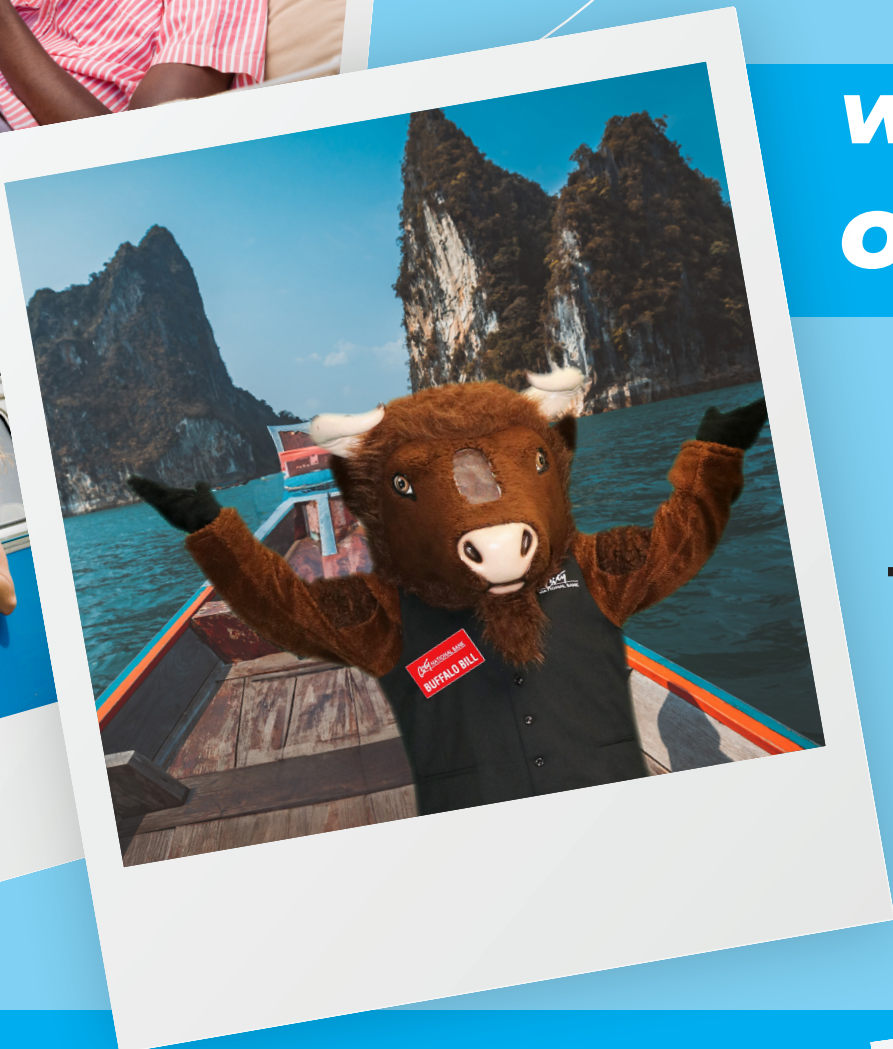
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