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Clark Inducted into the Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame



Edward "Eddie" Clark plays drums at Cameron University (CU) in the CU Jazz Ensemble on April 23. Edward will be inducted into the Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame on May 25.

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche tribal member and musician Eddie Clark will be inducted into the Oklahoma Blues Hall of Fame on May 25, in Rentiesville, Okla.

He has been playing the drums since he was 16 years old. A friend recommended him and asked him to send a promo package.

Clark was in the William Clarke Band and toured the nation and Europe.

"The highlight of all that work with William Clark recording, hours and hours in the studio with him; we landed on Alligator Records in Chicago, Illinois," he said. "It's the largest blues label that I know of in Los Angeles. They have the great Chris Stone Kingfish, who won a Grammy, and they also have Bobby Rush, who also won a Grammy. So, Alligator is known for Grammy award-winning music."

After Clarke's death, the band received several WC Handy Awards for albums that appeared on Alligator Records.

Clark said he grew up listening to blues and jazz music.

"We had music playing all the time. I'm the youngest out of 11, so we had all kinds of music happening from all my older brothers and sisters, even my parents," he said. "We had great radio stations here. We had KOMA from Oklahoma City. And late at night, back in the 60s, we were able to get up radio stations all the way from Chicago, WLS in Chicago. And they played a lot of blues and a lot of rhythm and blues. And I just remember hearing the music from so far away, and it just, it sounded spooky and kind of scary, but I liked it."

Clark said he hopes younger Native Americans will get into music.

"Starting at a young age, and getting the instruments, and taking lessons and getting involved in the music scene," he said. "And the one thing that I can say to any parent that has a child or anybody in their family that wants to play music, get them their instrument, because as long as they're practicing and you can hear them practicing, you'll always know where they are."

Clark is a music performance major at Cameron University in Lawton, Okla.

Annual General Council Meeting Nominates for CBC Positions and Passes Resolutions



Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

Members of the General Council vote on numerous motions and resolutions during the Annual General Council Meeting, held April 20, at the Comanche Nation Complex's Watchtaker Hall. Over 300 tribal members registered by 1:30 p.m., to make a quorum to begin the meeting.

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the April 20, Annual General Council Meeting, and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, please contact the Office of the Chairman, (580) 492-3251.

The Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. Comanche Nation elder, Rita Coosewoon, provided the invocation, and the Comanche Indian Veterans Association with the 2024 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin, presented the flags.

Comanche tribal member, Brittany Atavich, made a motion to amend the agenda, Article V, Section 2 of the Comanche Nation Constitution, which provides the agenda for the annual meeting. It was seconded and the motion was carried by a majority vote of the general council.

Nominations

Being nominated for Chairman was Forrest Tahdooahnippah by Nolan Tahdooahnippah, Michael Burgess by William Pekah, and Ryland Rivas by Beth Giles. A motion was made and seconded to cease

nominations. The motion carries.

Being nominated for Vice Chairman was Diana Gayle Sovo Doyebi by Christopher Sovo and Baliente Herrera by Jerry Parker. A motion was made and seconded to cease nominations. The motion carries.

Being nominated for Tribal Administrator was Rodney Parker by Cindy Famerio, Justin Boos by Julia Mantzke, Loriann Strokes by Timothy Nelson, Lisa Dawsey by Donny Ramos, and Jimmy Atterbury by Rita Coosewoon.

Being nominated for the Election Board were Debbie Hendrix by Tanisha Burgess, Tanisha Burgess by Debbie Hendrix, Eleanor McDaniel by Cindy Famerio, Tiffany Wright by Nolan Tahdooahnippah, Delores Woospitty by JW Marshall, JW Marshall by Delores Woospitty, Sandra Toyekoyah by Gwen Nauni Brinkman, Michael Blackstar by Susan Parker, and LaNora Parker by Jerry Tahsequah.

The attorneys that were nominated were Crowe and Dunlevy by Tina Emhoolah, Rosette Law

Firm by Julia Mantzke, and Ceiva Law Firm by Michael Burgess. Each law firm addressed the general council.

FY 2024-2025 Budget

The Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Tippeconnie, explained how the next year's projection of income is lower than previous years, so the CBC cut budgets in almost all of the line items. Tribal members asked to see last year's budget so they could compare it and see which programs are going to have less money to service the tribal members.

Comanche elder, Eleanor McDaniel, makes a motion to divide the Chairman's salary, to take \$1 million from the line item Land Acquisitions and \$1 million from Economic Development (\$2 million total) and give \$500 to each Comanche student who is in grades kindergarten through 12th grade for school clothes and supplies. She wants it to include the out-of-area Comanche students. The motion is seconded and fails by the majority vote of the general council.

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CBC Certifies Qualified Candidates for 2024 Comanche Nation Election

COMANCHE CONSTITUTION
ARTICLE VI – BUSINESS
COMMITTEE SECTION 7

The duties, responsibilities, and authorities of the business committee shall include the following: (b) To determine qualifications of candidates nominated for office and to conduct an election of tribal officers and business committee members pursuant to the provisions of Section 2, Article VII, of this Constitution.

CHAIRMAN CANDIDATES:

1. Forrest Tahdooahnippah
2. Michael Burgess

VICE CHAIRMAN CANDIDATES:

1. Diana Gail Doyebi Sovo
2. Baliente Herrera

TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR CANDIDATES:

1. Justin Boos
2. Lori Ann Stropes
3. Lisa Dawsey

ATTORNEY CANDIDATES:

1. Crowe & Dunlevy
2. Rosette LLP
3. Ceiba Legal, PC (Timothy Harjo)

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS:

- Deborah Hendrix
- Eleanor McDaniel
- Deloris Woospitty
- JW Marshall
- Sandra Toyekoyah

Native American Mental Health: Adding Culture to the Conversation

Story by Margaret Rose from the Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion/ August 9, 2022

There are 574 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native nations in the United States. As of 2019, 5.7 million people in the U.S. identified as American Indian or Alaska Native (AI/AN). The relatively low number of AI/AN individuals in the U.S. compared to other racial/ethnic groups is generally attributed to contact with Europeans beginning in the mid-1500s. The subsequent population decline and loss of native culture is a direct result of colonization and discriminatory practices, the consequences of which continue to be seen today in areas such as health.

AI/AN people have higher rates of premature mortality and experience worse health outcomes compared to other Americans in categories such as chronic liver disease, diabetes, and mental health. American Indian and Alaska Native is an encompassing term to describe individuals native to North and South America, but the cultures, traditions, and languages of individual tribes are diverse. The historical and intergenerational trauma experienced by AI/AN communities is reflected in physical and mental health disparities. Historical trauma

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Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

2024 COMANCHE NATION PRINCESS AND JUNIOR PRINCESS. Making their first round as newly elected princesses are from left: 2024 Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee and 2024 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin. The two girls will serve as the Goodwill Ambassadors for the Comanche Nation for the next year.

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Government

A Total of 10 Resolutions are Presented at the April CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the April 6, 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.

Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Roll call was conducted and Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, is absent due to a medical issue. A quorum was established.

Comanche elder, Ruth Pickup, conducted the invocation.

Comanche Business Committee (CBC) No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, made a motion to accept the meeting minutes for the months of February and March. CBC No. 2, Ross Kahrahrhah, seconded the motion. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 41-2024- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1324 Minors. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 42-2024- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1325 Adults. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 43-2024- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1326 Does Not Meet Blood Quantum. The motion carries 5/0/0.

ANNUAL MEETING

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Rita Coosewoon made a motion to rescind the resolution that states CBC needs to have a college degree to run for a position. It is seconded. The motion failed by a majority vote of the general council.

Melvin Kerchee made a motion to increase the line item budgets of the Comanche Nation Princess, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess and the Comanche Nation Princess Director from \$3,000 to \$6,000, to move the Transportation line item to the Economic Development section, and to replace the Transportation line item with the Comanche Academy in the amount of \$131,000. The motion fails by the majority vote of the general council.

The stenographer asks for a break at 3:10 p.m.

The meeting resumes at 3:30 p.m.

Asa Attocknie makes a motion to move \$300,000 from Administration to Law Enforcement. It is seconded and the motion carries by the majority vote of the general council.

Ron Burgess makes a motion to increase the Grasshopper Program by \$300,000 to make it a year-long program. The motion is seconded and is carried by the majority vote of the general council.

Ron Burgess makes a motion to accept the remainder of the budget as it is due to time constraints and losing a quorum. It is seconded and the motion carries.

MENTAL HEALTH

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has been directly linked to heightened rates of depression, anxiety, and substance use in AI/AN communities.

According to a study from 2019, AI/AN individuals are 2.5 times more likely to have experienced severe psychological distress at some point in the last month compared to U.S. Whites. A reported 19% of AI/AN individuals experienced some form of mental illness in 2019, such as depression, anxiety, or bipolar disorder. The suicide rate for the AI/AN population is 1.7 times higher than the general U.S. population. AI/AN communities are less likely to receive mental health services due to various limitations on access and social and cultural influences that limit the use of available services. This brief will highlight the influence of colonialism on AI/AN mental health, the delivery of mental health services among AI/AN communities, and the

Resolution No. 44-2024- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1327 Outside of Parameters. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 45-2024- CNOEP Resolution to Purchase Excavator for Solid Waste Program. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 46-2024- CIP Resolution for New Standing Seam Roof at CN Funeral Home. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 47-2024- Tax Commission Resolution to Change Authorized Names on Accounts. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 48-2024- Tribal Court Resolution for Chief Appellate Judge. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 49-2024- Realty Resolution to Move Cow Calf Program to CN Enterprise. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 50-2024- CBC Resolution to Direct CN Gaming Commission to Revise Gaming Ordinance to Reestablish Three Gaming Commissioners. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Resolutions

Marti Woothtakewahbitty makes a motion to reopen the budget for changes. It is seconded and the motion carries.

CBC No. 1 Hazel Tahsequah, makes a motion to accept Resolution TC-01-2024, which places the Comanche Charter School on the budget annually for \$100,000. The motion is seconded and carried by the majority vote of the general council.

Tippeconnie makes a motion to accept Resolution TC 02-2024 which proposes a Comanche Constitutional change to remove Article XII Duties of Officers Section 4, which will go to a Secretarial Vote. It is amended to add Article V Section 6. It is seconded and carried by a majority vote.

Tippeconnie makes a motion to accept Resolution TC 03-2024 which proposes a Comanche Constitutional change to Article XIII Section 1. The amendment will read, "This constitution shall be amended by ratification of a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Comanche Nation voting population in an election called by the general council, provided that by at least thirty (30) percent of the eligible voter cast ballots," which will go to a Secretarial Election. It is seconded and the motion carries.

A quorum as lost at 5:34 p.m.

From the Chairman's Desk



Comanche Nation,

It has been the honor of my life and great privilege to serve you over the past three years. The trials and challenges have molded me into a stronger leader and tested the depths of my mental strength. With my faith in God and resilience of our Comanche People, I am confident we will continue to endure and persevere TOGETHER. I will be right there with you, as a tribal member, for all of my remaining days. However, before I transition, whether you are an elder, a youth, or simply young at heart, I have one final plea as your Chairman- echoing the same call I made three years ago when you granted me this responsibility. I'm asking you to believe. Not just in my capacity to effect change, but in your own. I am asking you to hold fast to the faith written into our Comanche constitution; the wisdom passed down through generations; the spirit sung at the drums; the creed upheld by the brave Comanche veterans who sacrificed for our country. This creed lies at the core of every Comanche whose story is not yet written: Alone we can do so little; TOGETHER we can do so much.

"Comanche Strong- Stronger Together!"

-Chairman W.

Comanche Nation ELECTION OFFICE	
ELECTION TIMELINE DATES 2024	
Annual General Council	April 20, 2024
Last day to request an absentee ballot for the General Election	April 30, 2024
Early In-Person Voting (General Election) Friday	May 10, 2024
General Election Saturday	May 11, 2024
Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 pm	May 11, 2024
Election Certification by 5:00 pm Tuesday (3 rd calendar day if no run-off needed)	May 14, 2024
Last day to request an absentee ballot for the Runoff Election	May 24, 2024
Early In-Person Voting (Runoff Election)	June 07, 2024
Runoff Election	June 08, 2024
Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 pm	June 08, 2024
Election certification by 5:00 pm Tuesday (3 rd calendar day)	June 11, 2024



Courtesy Photo

WINNER AT SPUR. To end of the month of luck, one lucky guest at Comanche Spur Casino rode away in style on March 31, with a brand new 2024 Polaris Sportsman 570 Premium, valued over \$10,000. The grand prize was part of the casino's Reelin' and Wheelin' Polaris Giveaway, which began Feb. 1, and allowed guests to earn e-drawing entries for every 5 points earned on their Comanche Rewards Cards. The grand prize drawing was held on March 31, where Harold from Lawton was selected as the grand prize winner and new owner of the 2024 Polaris.



VOTE!

COMANCHE NATION CHAIRMAN

MICHAEL BURGESS

HAA! MARUAWE NUMUNU! I SEEK YOUR VOTE SO I MAY HELP BRING OPPORTUNITIES FOR DEVELOPMENT TO OUR NATION. I AM A CANDIDATE WITH A DEEP ROOTED COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY AND A VISIONS FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE. I DESIRE FOR OUR NATION TO SEIZE OPPORTUNITIES FOR LONG-TERM ECONOMIC GAIN FOR ALL COMANCHE TRIBAL MEMBERS. I POSSESS OVER 25-YEARS' EXPERIENCE WORKING WITH FEDERAL AND STATE AGENCY, GRANTS, AND CONTRACTS OF THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES;



- -BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
- -U. S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
- -DEPARTMENT OF LABOR
- -DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
- -DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
- EDUCATION
- 1971. ASSOCIATE DEGREE, GRAPHIC DESIGN, HASKELL INDIAN JUNIOR COLLEGE.
- 1986. BACHELOR OF SCIENCE BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, MINORED IN ECONOMICS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.
- 2014. MASTER OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION FROM GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

I'VE SERVED ON THE CBC FROM 2001 TO 2003, TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR 2004 - 2006, CHAIRMAN 2009 TO 2001. ELECTED BY TRIBAL COUNCIL IN THE FIRST ELECTION BOARD

AS A CBC MEMBER I DESIRE TO ACCOMPLISH THE FOLLOWING:

- TO DEVELOP A TEAM FOR OUR NATIONS' LEADERSHIP!
- TO PROTECT OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE WITH QUALITY ECONOMIC VENTURES!
- TO PLAN FOR THE FUTURE OF OUR NATIONS' ECONOMY BY ASSISTING WITH THE FOLLOWING:
 - ESTABLISH A COMANCHE NATION STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION(S),
 - ESTABLISH A TRIBAL PLANNING DEPARTMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT,
 - INITIATING A TRIBAL WIDE EDUCATION SUMMIT FOR REVIEW, EVALUATION, AND RECOMMENDATION FROM EDUCATIONAL LEADERS,
 - REQUESTING THE PEOPLE TO PROVIDE INPUT ON A CONSTITUTION THAT PROTECTS THE FUTURE OF THE NATION AND OUR CITIZENS.

"MY GOAL IS TO HAVE THE CBC DEVELOP NEW LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES FOR FUTURE LEADERS, TO BRING MORE FUNDING TO THE NATION, AND TO ACCESS AS MANY PROGRAM DOLLARS THE NATION CAN ATTAIN FOR SERVICING OUR CITIZENS".

Programs

Gravel Tinhorn Announce 2024 Schedule and App. Deadlines

Please note when your area falls on the schedule each month, and submit your application 30 days before the deadline. The office will notify you within 24 hours before coming to your residence. The month at the end that are in parenthesis is when the Gravel/Tinhorn will be working in that area. Please make sure to update the application yearly.

- January 1- January 31 Applications for the Cache and Indianoma areas "February"
- February 1- February 29 Applications for Chattanooga, Faxon, Grandfield "March"
- March 1- March 30 Applications for Geronimo, Temple, Walters "April"
- April 1- April 30 Applications for the Lawton area "May"
- May 1- May 31 Applications for Sterling and Duncan Area "June"
- June 1 - June 30 Applications for Cyril and Fletcher area "July"
- July 1 - July 31 Applications for the Apache area "August"
- August 1 - August 31 Applications for the Elgin area "October"
- October 1 - October 31 Applications for the Anadarko - Ft. Cobb area "November"

QUALIFICATIONS INCLUDE:

If there are any changes in the contact number please call and update it.

- Must provide Proof of Comanche Nation Tribal C.D.I.B
- Must provide proof of residency and a utility bill in your name.
- Must not benefit a business or Non-Comanche Tribal Member (No rental homes)
- Must reside in the Comanche Nation Jurisdiction
- Driveways must have 15ft of clearance of all vehicles, or debris working or not.
- Not responsible for trash truck damaging tin horns.
- Gravel Tinhorn Program will not put gravel under carports.

If you have any questions/concerns please call the office at (580) 492-3308 Monday - Thursday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. You can now submit applications to Email: GravelTinhorn@comanchenation.com

Transit Recognizes Employees for Great Customer Service

Calls come through every day at Comanche Nation Transit. Some days upwards of 100 to 150 calls which results in roughly 175 rides a day for the drivers. Every call and every ride is unique and requires time and attention. Every schedule requires monitoring to ensure smooth service. None of this is possible without the people who are taking the calls, driving the routes, and monitoring the system.

The people who do these things have to be caring and attentive. Comanche Nation Transit has that kind of people. The best calls that come through are the ones that report to us that they feel valued, they feel heard, and their needs were met. Transit received a call from a passenger who stated this exact case. She wanted to highlight two people who have made her feel welcomed, listened to, that no matter their own issues they never once made her feel like she was not important on the phone.

She is speaking of Scheduler Shelby Luna and Dispatcher Mariah Muniz. She said she wanted to highlight them and let them know that they make her feel like she is not a burden. They have wonderful customer service and listen when she calls.

For this Transit is proud of their team and said, "Way to go ladies!! Keep up the good in our community. Keep using those qualities that make you excellent customer service representatives. The more effort we put into our community of clients the better we can be as a transit system."

Transit Dept. Highlights Employee

Comanche Nation Transit is excited to highlight their bus operator that has hit a milestone in vehicle revenue mileage. Bus operator Paul Hernandez has broken the record finishing up the quarter with 10,396. No other driver has broken the 10,000-mile mark in our history.

Paul has been with Comanche Nation Transit for 17 years and is the longest running employee as



Courtesy Photo

Hernandez

well. Hernandez has been an exemplary Bus Operator over the years. It's rare he ever misses a day and comes in ready to work and greets his clients every day. He has been kind and caring to all clients and uses his gift of gab when providing service.

"Congratulations bus operator Paul Hernandez on your milestone!! Keep up the great work that you do every day. We are happy to have you represent our system and serving our community," said Comanche Nation Transit.

Child Support Services Announces Court Dates

- **Brooke Paz:** CNC-SP-24-07; Petition for Establishment of Child Support

- **Skyla Renegar:** CNC-SP-24-06; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support

- **Marcus Yackeschi:** CNC-SP-24-06; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support

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

Please 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.



Comanche Academy

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NOTICE OF COMANCHE ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

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

Dorothy Lorentino Education Center Auditorium
1608 SW 9th St
Lawton, OK 73501

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 Woothakewahbitty	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)

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 11:59pm on June 10, 2024.** 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.

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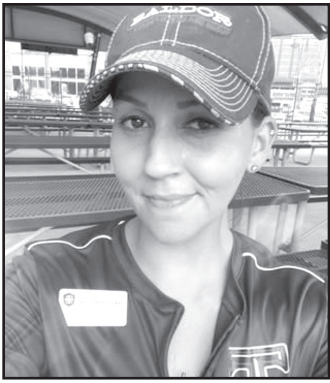
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May 2024 Adult Education Student of the Month Sarah Morgan



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Morgan

Sarah Morgan is a well-known expert in the field of Environmental Health and Safety Compliance. She is a Board-Certified Safety Professional currently working as an independent EHS Consultant and Arkansas Territory Manager for Premier Safety Resources. Morgan was born and raised in Cache, Okla., otherwise known as the "Gateway to the Wichitas!"

Morgan graduated from Northeastern State University in Broken Arrow with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, focusing on Safety Management. Morgan has many accomplishments within the Safety community such as serving as current President of the American Society of Safety Professionals in Tulsa for Region III of the National ASSP. Morgan served as Secretary for this non-profit organization for over five years before being elected as President. She also holds a chair on the Arkansas Department of Labor's Executive Advisory Board.

When Morgan is not "Boots on the Ground" at work, she enjoys fishing, hunting, and spending time with her kiddos. Morgan is also very enthusiastic about Traditional Archery and shoots her recurve bow in the Arkansas 3D Archery competitions. Morgan is a driven and tenacious Safety Professional who works diligently to ensure that all workers go home in the same state that they arrived to work in.

May 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Brianna Striplin



Courtesy Photo

Striplin

Brianna Striplin, is a senior at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, majoring in Aeronautics of Science with a minor in Meteorology. As a member of the Comanche Nation, Striplin is driven by her heritage and aims to make significant contributions to the aviation industry.

Upon graduation, Striplin plans to continue her career in the United States Air Force as a Loadmaster on C-130 aircraft. Simultaneously, she intends to pursue a

Master of Science in Aviation Safety. After the military, she plans to work for Lockheed Martin to apply her expertise in ensuring the highest standards of safety and security in aviation operations.

Striplin's journey is supported by her loving husband, Benny, and her faithful canine companion, Domino. She draws strength and inspiration from her close-knit family, including her parents, Jewell and Zach, and her five brothers and three sisters, as she works towards her goals in both academia and the military.

May 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Evan LeBarre



Courtesy Photo

LeBarre

Evan LeBarre is a PhD candidate at the University of Texas at Austin in the Department of Religious Studies. He is pursuing interests in ancient South Asian religious history and literature, and he expects to graduate this summer.

He grew up in Colorado, where he went to college at the Colorado College, before going on to get a Master's of Theological Studies at Harvard Divinity School. For the entirety of his higher education, the Comanche Nation has so generously provided needed financial assistance.

He feels honored to be featured in the newsletter, grateful for the continuing support, and proud to be part of the Comanche Nation.

May 2024 Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Cresencia Two-Hatchett



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Two-Hatchett

Cresencia Two-Hatchett is 19 years old and is a full-time student at Ponca City Beauty College where she is in the cosmetology program. Two-Hatchett will graduate May 2024 where she will start at the Hair Bar salon in Ponca city.

Two-Hatchett has a long-term goal of owning her own home-based salon where she will be able to have her own

creative space and provide services close to home.

Cosmetology has allowed Two-Hatchett to tap into her creative mind and also allowed her to help others be confident and feel their best self.

Two-Hatchett loves to bead and go to powwows all along the powwow trail.

Finally, Two-Hatchett would like express deep gratitude for the Comanche Nation Higher Education Program in helping her achieve her goals.

Environmental Programs Gives Presentation About Westwin Elements



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Tito Lindsey from the CNEOP gives a presentation about Westwin Elements at the Osage Casino and Hotel on April 17.

On April 17, in a collaborative effort aimed at addressing environmental concerns, the Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Programs (CNEOP) delivered an informational presentation at the Osage Casino and Hotel to the Region 6 Regional Tribal Operations Committee (RTOC) over Westwin Elements. The RTOC is made up of Region 6 tribes as well as EPA Region 6 staff. The presentation was delivered by CNEOP staff Christina Cooper and Tito Lindsey alongside Apache Tribe Vice Chairman, Matt Tselec and Kiowa Tribe Environmental Director, Ephraim Kelley. The presentation highlighted various challenges and considerations surrounding Westwin's extraction and utilization of cobalt, nickel and other minerals. Shedding a light on critical issues affecting both the environment and public health. Key topics covered during the local community, insufficient consultation process, Deyo Mission, transportation challenges related to material transport, permitting procedures for the pilot plant, and concerns regarding severe weather.

One of the central themes of the presentation was the need for enhanced consultation and collaboration with local tribes. They emphasized the importance of meaningful engagement in the decision-making process. Lack of consultation has been a long-standing issue for many tribes. This often leads to negative impacts on the well-being of tribal lands. In response to these challenges RTOC proposed leveraging grants and monitoring resources to support our efforts in addressing environmental concerns associated with Westwin Elements. Access to robust monitoring mechanisms can enhance environmental stewardship and ensure sustainable resource management practices.

Overall, the collaborative presentation by CNEOP, Apache Tribe and Kiowa Environmental highlights tribal nations proactively coming together in addressing environmental challenges. By working together and engaging in meaningful dialogue, the tribes aim to safeguard tribal lands and protect public health for future generations to come.



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2024 Fort Sill Indian School Reunion

Remembering the History of the Boarding School



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A few members of the Fort Sill Indian School Alumni come together for a group picture during the 2024 Fort Sill Indian School Reunion held at the Fort Sill Indian School campus on April 5 and 6.

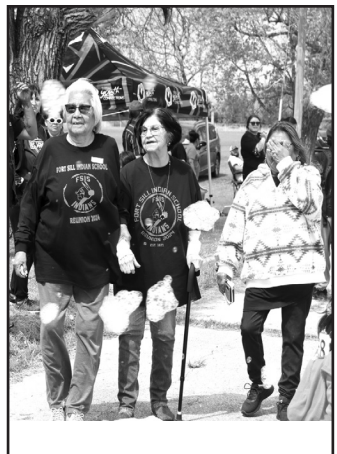


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Tribal elders and Fort Sill Indian Alumni complete the walk at the Fort Sill Indian School Reunion.



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Children playing and enjoying the bubbles during the Bubble Run held April 6, at the Fort Sill Indian School campus.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Modesto Schonchin, the first runner to finish the April 6 Bubble Run, runs into a heap of bubbles, during the 2024 Fort Sill Indian School Reunion.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Glenda Cable Goseyun talks about her school days at Ft. Sill Indian School and the trauma many students went through in the early years of the school's establishment.

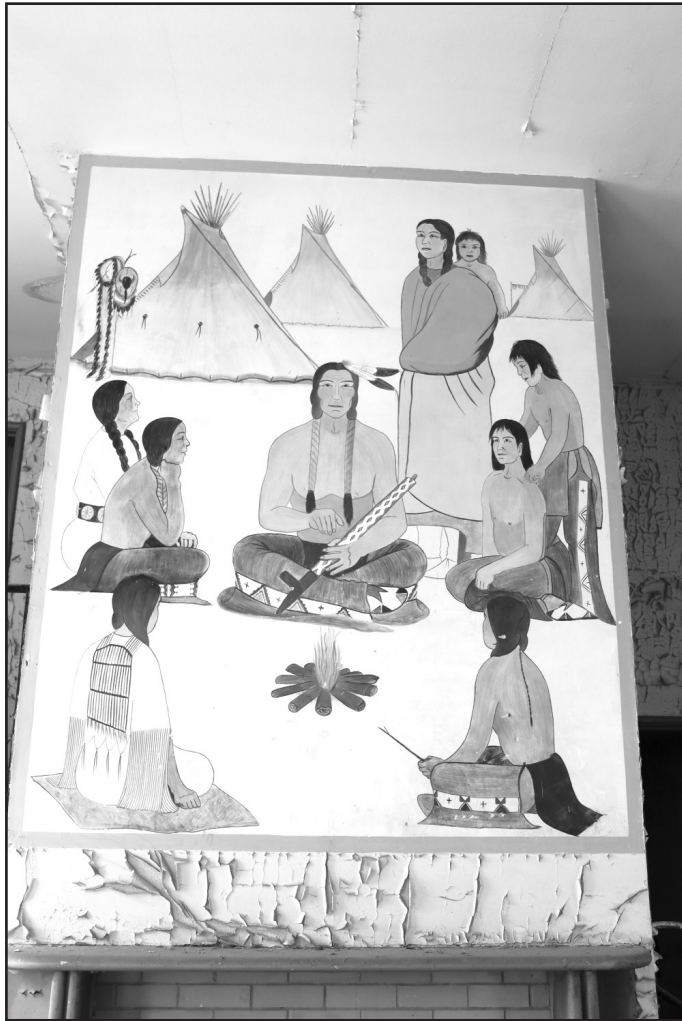


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A painting is still intact on the wall of one of the old dorms at Fort Sill Indian School. Artist unknown.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Comanche elder, Jimmy Ray Caddo, points to buildings and reminisces of his years going to school there with Cliff and Cheryl Takawana.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The very first original sign identifying the Lawton Indian Hospital and Fort Sill Indian School. The sign is now laying in the creek behind the Fort Sill Indian School campus.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The IAM NDN youth group sang Comanche Hymns to the Ft. Sill Indian School alumni while they enjoyed lunch April 5, inside the Ft. Sill Indian School gymnasium.



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Edward Tahhahwah shares the history of the Ft. Sill Indian School with alumni and other guests April 5, at the Fort Sill Indian School campus.

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2024 Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee

2024 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin



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Making her final round as Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker's reign comes to an end.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Performing her very last duty as Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo places the crown on the newly elected Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Outgoing Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker places the crown on the newly elected Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

McKenzi Sovo dances her last round as the Comanche Nation Princess. As the crowd stands out of respect, Sovo tries to fight away the tears as her reign comes to an end.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Newly inducted into the Comanche Nation Princess Sorority, McKenzie Sovo and Michelle Nevaquaya all smiles and ready to dance.



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Outgoing Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo, pins the banner on the newly elected Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee.



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Receiving her banner is the newly elected Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin, while the outgoing Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker, helps pin the banner in place.



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Founder of the Comanche Nation Princess Sorority, Gaylon Motah, is honored during the gourd dance portion of the Comanche Nation Princess election pow-wow.

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Maruawe! My name is Justin M. Boos and I would like to formally announce my decision to run for the elected position of Tribal Administrator during the 2024 Comanche Nation General Election. I am a proud member of the Codopony and Tahdooahnippah families. My mother was the late Darlene Joyce Codopony-Mathews of Cache, OK, and my father is Michael L. Boos of Chicago, IL. I have a 12 year old daughter, Kinzee Nokona Boos, who attends Cache Middle School and is enrolled in the 7th grade.

I have a Bachelors Degree in Government and Native American Studies from Dartmouth College and a Masters Degree in Educational Policy from the University of Colorado at Boulder. I also currently attend the University of Oklahoma where I am enrolled as a part-time Doctoral student in the Educational Studies program.

I currently serve as the Comanche Nation's Compliance Officer and am responsible for ensuring tribal departments abide by federal, state, and tribal grant stipulations. From 2014-2018, I served as the Comanche Nation Workforce Director and was accountable for overseeing an annual budget of \$2.5 million and supervised approximately 9 administrative staff and 20 seasonal employees per year.

I have 12+ years of professional experience helping to provide educational, occupational, and cultural services to tribal members who participated in the Comanche Nation Housing, Higher Education, and Workforce programs. As a result of my extensive work experience, I am very knowledgeable of current tribal administrative processes.

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People, Places, & Things Happening

Child Care Class Takes Third Singing Comanche Songs



Courtesy Photo

LEFT TO RIGHT: Jerome Tahhahwah, Lyla Strickland, Valle Peterson, Cheever 'CJ' Delgado.

On April 1, at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Okla. the second and third age class at the *Onaa Kahni* Child Care performed at the 21 Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. The class took third place for modern song, singing: The number song and *Mary had a Little Lamb*.

Tselee Wins Slow Pitch Championship



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Tselee

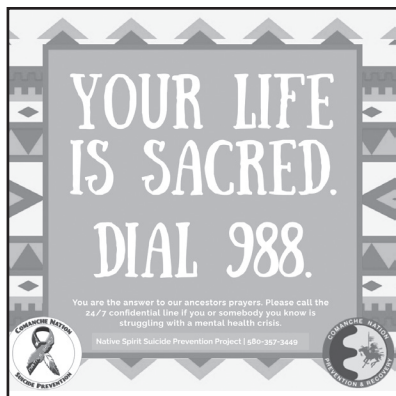
Tribal member Lanai Tselee helped her team, The Lady Mustangs, win the class A District Slow Pitch Championship.

Tselee is a sophomore at Fort Cobb-Broxton Public School and is the Great Granddaughter of the late Zelma Tahsequah Tselee.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

CROWNED ROYALTY. Schools and organizations announced new princesses and braves to represent them for the 2024 year. From left: Mikalyn Hoahwah, 10th Grade, and Joel Cable, 8th Grade, are the 2024 Cache JOM Princess and Brave. The announcement was made April 7, during the annual Cache JOM Powwow. Jasmine Poemoceah was declared the Comanche Homecoming Princess for a two-year term, 2024-2026, April 14, at Watchetaker Hall, during the Comanche Charter School Powwow. Daphne Tanequodle and Tomi Hawk Portillo were named the 2024 Comanche Charter School Princess and Brave April 14 at their spring powwow held at Watchetaker Hall.



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Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

This past March, the Comanche people were invited to a Texas town called Paint Rock. Just north of this small town is a small cliff that held paintings thought to be of Comanche descent. Bill Campbell, the caretaker of Paint Rock and the great-grandson of Dee Simms, the person who first came across the painted rocks, gave me a history lesson about the property. While researching Native Americans in the southern plains, Dee Sims, originally from Missouri, ran into what is now known as Paint Rock. After discovering these paintings, he purchased the land in 1870 so he could preserve it for future generations. Since Sims ran across this treasure, there have been 1,500 Pictographs and artifacts discovered. In 1996, the solar markers were noticed. They were present during the winter and spring solstices and equinoxes, and some solar markers are present throughout times of the year.

Some of the paintings date back to as late as 2,000 years ago. Today, the Texas Archeological Society was allowed to excavate the land to possibly come across more treasured artifacts to learn more about the tribal ancestors who passed by this area.

When I asked Lead archeologist Eric Schroeder (PhD. in anthropology) about the excavations I was told, In the Far East supervised by Kelton Sheridan (who is studying in a PhD program) and later with Carol Jameson (master's degree in anthropology) Was placed there because we saw a cluster of burned rock eroding out of the bank. In addition to a few burned rock clusters, the more notable artifacts recovered from the excavations here included the tip of a chert arrow point and a strange pebble with what appears to be red pigment on it.

The next excavation area is to the west supervised by Phillip Darcie (avocational archeologist). They uncovered a few small burned rock clusters with a mussel shell. Notable artifacts include four fragments of prehistoric pottery and a chert arrow

point.

Continuing West is the excavation block supervised by Brian Jameson (avocational archeologist). Excavation in this block uncovered a large burned rock scatter with a mussel shell and several charcoal stains. This is where Mary Motah suggested that this feature might be the remains of the sweat lodge, so we are digging here to examine this hypothesis.

Moving further west, there are two excavation areas. The one closest to the river supervised by Drew and Pat (avocational archeologists) is where there is a zone of soil mixed with charcoal, burned rock, and mussel shell. Other than a few chert flakes, there have been no real notable artifacts found here as yet, but we have only just gotten into the soil zone and hope to get more into it next year.

To the north of this is the excavation area led by Steven Schooler (archaeologist for Big Bend National Park). There was one small burned rock cluster found with mussel shell and a few chert flakes; otherwise, nothing really notable.

Some general impressions that I have about the site so far is that I'm intrigued by the overall lack of what I would term as living debris such as animal bone as well as a lack of stone tool-making debris. The burned rock clusters are also a bit peculiar as these, as well as the low numbers of artifacts, suggest that some sort of specialized activity took place at the site, maybe ritual in nature which would be consistent with the rock art at the site. However, to demonstrate this scientifically, we would need to do some special testing of the burned rock clusters to



Courtesy Photos



rule out the possibility that they are not just the remains of fire hearths that have been eroded by river floods. Lead archeologist Eric Schroeder (PhD. in anthropology) sent out the invite to the Comanche nation, Lipan, Navajo, and Coahuilteco tribes to share in this experience.

Below is a website to an interview with the site caretaker Bill Campbell and Archeologist Eric Schroeder.

Jeremy Elliott, PhD (Culp Professor of English) spoke about one of the paintings.

"It's about giving back to the sun. I think that's why the interaction is on Equinox; it's all about balance."

For the Aztec (and I'm not saying that this painting is Aztec, but it seems like there's a lot of shared philosophy in the Uto-Aztecan world), there is only energy that takes different shapes (shaped like sunlight, grass, deer, water, etc). Honestly, they get to pretty much the same idea as quantum physics. One form energy can take is heat (both physical and spiritual). The word for heat energy in Nahuatl is tonali, and in people/animals, it's concentrated in scalp, heart, liver, and blood.

On the far left of the image is what we're reading as the snake with wings. In Nahuatl, his name

is Quetzalcoatl (which translates as bird snake), Kukulkan for the Maya, and Billie Krieger taught us that his name is Kwasinabooa Kasakatu in Comanche.

For the Aztec, he's the deity of wisdom and wind. Then, across the bottom, we see a heart, liver (remember where heat energy is concentrated) and axe. Past those, we see a hummingbird. For the Aztec, the sun is a deity named Huitzilopochtli, or Hummingbird of the South. Notice that this one is coming out of the south. And then top right, there's the guy walking. His shape is like a tecpatl (flint knife) in an Aztec codex, and a lot of time they'll be personified in the codices, walking towards sacrifice. In the Aztec cosmology, the best version of the afterlife is serving the sun, and the people who get to do that are people who die for others: men who die in battle, women who die in childbirth, and people who are sacrificed.

This guy is walking up into the sun, shaped like someone who's walking to sacrifice, with a heart and liver on the ground behind him (where they would be in a sacrifice). I don't think that anyone as far north as Paint Rock was practicing human sacrifice, and I do think that the Spanish made it out to be far more common than it really was further south, but I also think people were familiar with the idea (if you want to read more about Nahuatl ideas on sacrifice, read Codex Chimalpopoca. There's a section where Snake With Wings becomes human, and teaches people that if they want to sacrifice people, they need to start with themselves. They can't understand, so he dresses in his regalia and sacrifices himself). And just like people might put crosses on their churches to remember the idea of sacrifice, I think this painting is about remembering sacrificing for each other, and thanking the sun for the good energy that it gives us.

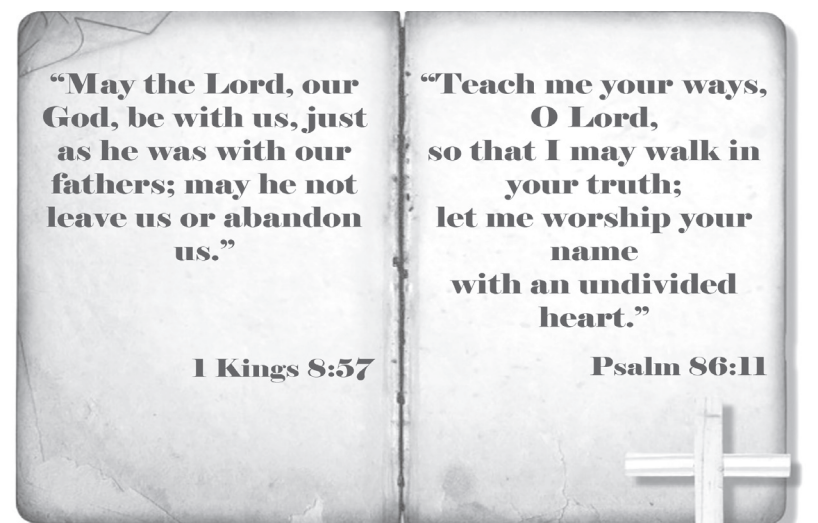
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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

CIVA Activities

Benefit Taco Sale

On March 16, the CIVA France Delegation held a Benefit Indian Taco Sale at the First Indian Baptist Church in Moore, Oklahoma. The Indian Taco Sale was a success as money raised help offset the cost to attend the 80 D-DAY Anniversary to honor Comanche Code Talkers on Omaha Beach and WWII Veterans.



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CIVA Auxiliary members Suzanne Patterson, Tavia Torralba, Linda Tehauno with the help from Jared Kopaddy taken in orders.



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CIVA Auxiliary members, Elizabeth Plata, Linda Tehauno, Fran Sapcutt, Suzanne Patterson in the background with CIVA Veteran Ramonah Davis.

Funeral Details



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Jason "Leigh" Red Elk

A funeral detail was requested by the Red Elk Family as the services were conducted at the Comanche Community Center in Walters, Oklahoma on March 19, with burial at the Walters Cemetery.

Jason "Leigh" Red Elk, enlisted in the U.S. Navy and completed his Boot Training and "A" School as a Machinist Mate at the Naval Technical Training Center, Great, Illinois. He served onboard the USS Richmond K. Turner (CG-20), a guided missile cruiser and destroyer in the Persian Gulf in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm from January to June, 1991, and was awarded the U.S. Navy Combat Action Ribbon. He completed 21 cruises in the Caribbean Sea with home port Charleston, South Carolina.

Petty Officer Red Elk served two years, 11 months and 12 days of Sea Service in the U.S. Navy. His awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, Joint Meritorious Unit Award, Navy Unit Commendation, National Defense Service Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Kuwait Liberation Medal, Sea Service Deployment with Bronze Star and Navy Battle Efficiency "E" Ribbon.

The Comanche Nation, Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to thank Petty Officer 2nd Class Jason "Leigh" Red Elk for his service to God and Country.



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Gene Red Elk

A funeral detail was requested by the Red Elk Family as the memorial was conducted at the First United Methodist Church in Walters, Oklahoma on March 20.

Gene Red Elk served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 during the Vietnam War. He was assigned to the 5th Battalion, 16th Field Artillery, 4th Infantry Division based at Camp Holloway outside of Pleiku, South Vietnam. He was a crew member on 155mm self-propelled howitzer.

After his tour in Vietnam, Specialist 4 Red Elk served at Ft. Lewis, Washington as he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with /1960 Device.

The Funeral and Honor Guard Details consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, CIVA, U.S. Navy and U.S. Army flags were displayed in the Comanche Community Center and the First United Methodist Church.

CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno offered a word of prayer as Gene and Jason Red Elk military biography was read. A final roll call was conducted as well as a final salute. At the Walters Cemetery, the U.S., Comanche Nation, and the U.S. Navy flags were displayed. Honors were conducted by the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy Honor Guards as well as the CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary. Taps was played as both Gene and Jason Red Elk flag was displayed and folded by the U.S. Navy and U.S. Army Honor Guard and presented to the Red Elk family.

CIVA Monthly Meeting

On April 4, CIVA held its monthly meeting in the Patriot Room. A call to order was conducted by CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno. A prayer was given by CIVA Co-Chaplain Lyman Guy followed by a Pledge of Allegiance lead by the CIVA Commander, Roger Tehauno. The evening meal was provided by CIVA Princess and CIVA Auxiliary member Arlene and Jolene Schonchin. CIVA conducted their monthly meeting as old and new business was presented and discussed.

CIVA Veterans elect 2024-2025 CIVA Princess



Courtesy Photo

Clara Yazzie

Congratulations to Clara Yazzie who will be the incoming

2024-25 Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Princess. She will be officially crowned at the Armed Forces Day Banquet on May 18, at Watchtaker Hall.

Yazzie comes from a long line of distinguished Veterans which include her father, Darrel Yazzie, Uncle, SSG Tennyson Kerchee, Army Active Duty, Marshall Kerchee, Marine Corps, and the late William B. Kerchee, Navy; maternal grandfathers, Melvin Kerchee Jr., Army, Vietnam and Lewis Hurt, Marine Corps, Vietnam; paternal grandfathers, Lavon Yazzie, Army, and the late Harry Yazzie, Army, Vietnam; maternal great-grandfathers Melvin Kerchee Sr., Army WWII and Korea and Billy Lyles, Army, Korea; and maternal great-great grandfathers, Tennyson Berry Saupitty, Army WWII and Eli "Hovarithka" Coffey, Army Troop L 7th Cavalry.

Yazzie is honored and is looking forward to represent all of the Comanche Veterans to the absolute best of her ability.

Color Guard Detail

On April 5, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary attended the Kiowa Tribe Liaison Office for Veterans Affairs Art Festival and Powwow. Several Tribal Veterans Originations throughout Oklahoma were in attendance and participated in the Flag Raising and Grand Entry.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Auxiliary member Elizabeth Plata and Nona Gail Mihecoy with CIVA Veteran Clifford Red Elk & CIVA mascot "Bob Plata."

Prayer Breakfast

CIVA Veterans were invited to attend a Prayer Breakfast at the Post Oak Church. The Prayer Breakfast helped to facilitate the creation of genuine Christian friendships to discover ways to bless the lives of others.

Vietnam Veterans Day March 29



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CIVA would like to Honor our Vietnam War Veterans and Officially welcome them HOME!

Vietnam War was highly controversial, with widespread anti-war protests and demonstrations. Many Americans questioned the rationale for the war, the heavy casualties suffered by U.S. troops.

Veterans were treated poorly with no welcome home parades or honors. Our society during that time did not care for them as they were verbally abused and spit on. It is estimated 64 Comanches served and this year marks 48 years of the ending of the Vietnam War.

Known living Vietnam War Veterans (58 - Estimated)



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CIVA Vietnam Veteran Clifford Red Elk with CIVA Auxiliary, CIVA Princess Arlene Schonchin and "Bob" at VFW Post 5263.

Congratulations to Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin

2024 Armed Forces Day Banquet Honorees

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association will be hosting their 19 Annual Armed Forces Banquet Honoring our Comanche Veterans Past to Present, May 18, starting at noon at Watchtaker Hall, Comanche Nation Complex.

Honorees are:

Michelle Bobelu Sweet - U.S. Army Veteran

Ernest Tate Jr. - U.S. Army Veteran

Don Patterson - U.S. Navy Veteran

Armed Forces Day is celebrated on the third Saturday in May. It was first observed on May 20, 1950 - the day was created on August 31, 1949, to honor Americans serving in the five (now six) U.S. military branches, Army; Marine Corps; Navy; Air Force; Coast Guard; and Space Force.

The CIVA conducted their first now annual Armed Forces Day Banquet on Saturday, May 15, 2004, at the Comanche Community Center in Apache, Okla.

Branches of United States Armed Forces with dates of establishment, Army (June 14, 1776); Marine Corps (November 10, 1776); Navy (October 13, 1776); Air Force (September 18, 1947); Coast Guard (January 28, 1915); Space Force (December 20, 2019).

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association salute known Comanches that are currently serving on active duty, in the Army and Air National Guard or in the Reserves.



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Garvin Cato Marine Corps



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Anita Chebahtah Newman Navy



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Shayne Chebahtah Navy



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Thomas Harris Air Force Reserve



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Jennifer Newbauer Navy Reserve



Lathan Palmer
Army



Kent Tomah III
Army



Karli Wahkahquah
Army



Stefan Wahkinney
Army

Mark your calendar for upcoming CIVA France Delegation Fund Raisers:

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

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

Comanche Nation Veteran Information Needed

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

Your military service history, documents, records, photographs and your DD-214 will be forwarded to Dr. Bill Meadows, Missouri State University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology/Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize your military documents and update our Comanche Veterans Master List. Our Comanche Veterans military history and documents received will also help in the event of a Veterans passing.

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

CIVA France Delegation

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

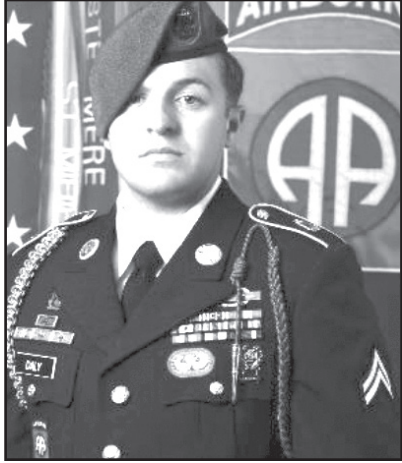
Even a small donation could help reaching our goal. And if you can't donate, it would be great if you could share the fund raiser to help spread the word.



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Coast Guard



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Army



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48th Annual Memorial Day Ceremony

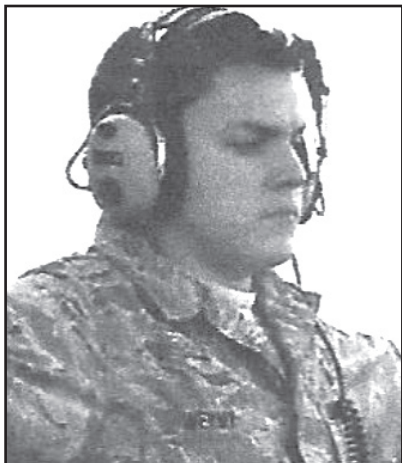
The Comanche Indian Veterans will be hosting their 48th Memorial Day Ceremonies on May 27, starting at 11 a.m., at Watchetaker Hall, Circle of Honor and the CIVA Court of Honor. We will be remembering our Fallen Warriors during this sacred Ceremony.



Joseph Tahsequah
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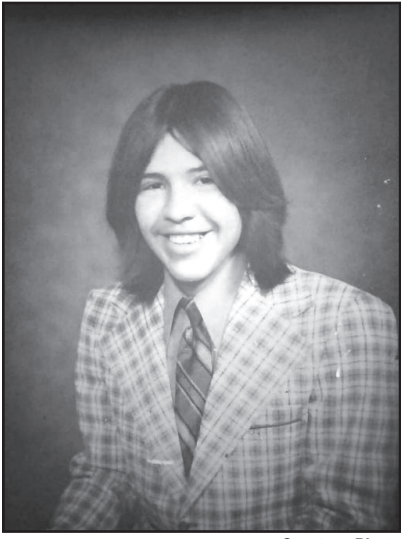
VETERAN SEND OFF. On April 18, at the Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Center, the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) had a Send-Off Ceremony for Jazmyne Karty as she will be joining the Marine Corps. The Bubba Sovo Drum Group sang the Comanche Marine Song, War Journey Song, and War Mother Song. Karty left for San Diego California on April 21 for basic training. CIVA gave Karty some encouraging words and sent her off with a Pendleton and a gift before serving some light refreshments. From Left: Native American Marine Corps Veteran Princess, Kasey Atauvich, Stefano Ruiz, Jazmyne Karty, Clifford Red Elk, Quanah Karty, and Kevin Pohawpatchoko.



VIETNAM VETERANS HONORED. The Kiowa Comanche and Apache (KCA) Veterans Association recognized National Vietnam Veterans Day March 29, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 5263 in Lawton, Okla. Several veteran organizations and veteran princesses were invited to the honoring. A proclamation was made by the City of Lawton, and guest speaker was LTC (r) Mike Stoniker. TOP: Marine Corporal Leland Parker set up a display of photos and commemorations from his tour of Vietnam. LEFT: The 2023 Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo, shook hands with dozens of Vietnam veterans who attended the event. RIGHT: The 2023 Comanche Nation Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Princess, Arlene Schonchin and the Comanche Tribal Veterans Association (CTVA) Princess, Shiann Famero, were among several veteran organization princesses who greeted the Vietnam Veterans during the honoring.

Obituaries

Gary Wayne Toahty



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Toahty

Gary Wayne Toahty “Ol Man,” went on his journey March 13, in Lawton, Okla. He was born on November 19, 1957, to Benny Loy Toahty and Ladora Fay Yackeschi.

Toahty obtained his education through Cyril Schools and graduated from Cyril High School, class of 1976. Toahty was gifted in athleticism. He played football, basketball, baseball, and ran track throughout his high school years. He carried his love for sports into coaching. He proudly led an all-native little league team to the regional championships. In his later years he loved spending time with his family and his grandchildren. Toahty was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. And was of Kiowa descent.

He is survived by sons Devin Toahty and wife Alisha Pewewardy, Max Niedo, and Mathew Niedo all of Cyril, Okla.; daughters Melinda Toahty and Melissa Toahty; sisters Debra Herrera of Apache, Okla. and Ulinda Toahty of Cyril, Okla.; brothers Gerald Toahty of Walters, Okla., Warren Anquoc of Norman, Okla.; Grandchildren Kenslee Niedo, Aubree Cooper, River Niedo, Marques Karty, Darius Karty, Kasha Niedo, Tyson Niedo, Jacob Lansdown, Breanna Lansdown, Taya Thomas, and Lila Toahty.

He is preceded in death by parents Benny Loy Toahty and Lado-

ra Fay Yackeschi; brothers Jeff Sr, Joseph Ralph, and Vincent (Snorkey); sister Margrette (Betta); grandmothers Faye Martinez and Ada Weryackewe.

Darius Daniel Asepermy



Courtesy Photo

Asepermy

Darius Daniel Asepermy “Booger,” went to his heavenly home on March 16, in Apache, Okla. He was born to Darren Asepermy and Marta Asepermy on January 24, 1995. He met his fiancé Yesenia Davila on December 9, 2022.

Asepermy was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. He was also of Kiowa and Cherokee descent. Asepermy attended school throughout Carnegie and Apache. He graduated from Riverside Indian School. Asepermy enjoyed playing X-Box and hanging out with friends. He enjoyed being an uncle, he loved spending time with his nieces and nephews. He also enjoyed visiting with his Kiowa Grandpa.

Asepermy was an artist and enjoyed expressing his art through tattoos. He was also gifted in music and loved sharing his music and musical interest with his friends and family. Asepermy was also an avid life-long Dallas Cowboys Fan.

Asepermy was kind, caring, and passionate about helping people. He worked at the Comanche Nation Casino as a security guard. He also worked at the Hinton Federal Correctional Facility as a correctional officer. He recently decided to change his career path. And was newly starting his employment for the Wichita Tribe as a Suicide Prevention Counselor. Asepermy recently rededicated

his life to the LORD. He loved to share his testimony and talk about the bible. He was a devout member of the Oak Street Baptist Church.

He is survived by his parents Darren and Marta Asepermy; siblings Nickolas Grass, Jarred Grass, Candice Brown and Nicole Asepermy; fiancé Yesenia Davila; Grandfather Dennis Cannon Sr; Aunt Happie Karty; Uncle Thomas Cannon.

He is preceded in death by paternal great grandparents George and Hattie Asepermy; maternal great grandparents George and Katie Karty; paternal grandparents Roy Asepermy and Faye Davis; maternal grandmother Katy Howlingcrane-Karty; Uncle Eric Asepermy; Aunt Jeanette Howlingcrane; uncle Dennis Cannon Jr. and cousin, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Tommy Frazier



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Frazier

Tommy Frazier, passed away on March 28, at the age of 74 years and three days with his family by his side. Frazier was born on March 25, 1950, to Henry and Winnie (Tucker) Frazier. Frazier was a life long resident of Cache. He attended Cache Schools where he met his wife Nancy (Werqueyah) Frazier. Together they had one son Tommy Joe Frazier (TJ) whom passed on July 25, 2017. Frazier started his employment at Herbs #1 and Herbs #3 where he was a store manager. Frazier and

Nancy owned and operated Woodward’s Grocery.

Then Frazier got into truck driving he worked for Wonder Bread and Farm Fresh Bakery. Frazier and Nancy then owned their own truck TNT Trucking, he delivered for Wal Mart. Frazier’s last job was at Cameron University then his health forced him into retirement.

Survivors include his wife of 54 years Nancy Frazier; Grandsons Dakota Frazier and Tyler Tahchawwickah; Great Grandsons Toby Frazier(Brianna Romaka) and Damon Frazier(Keely Hale); Sister in laws Joy Ann Hamilton and Joyce Mannion; Brother in laws Dan Mathews and Willie Timm; and Tom’s horse Minnie Mouse.

Preceded in death by son T.J. Frazier; Parents; Sisters Henrietta Mathews, Marie Cork, Eva Whitmire; Sister in law Jeanette Timm; Brother in law Ronnie Hamilton, Mike Mannion, Bob Whitmire and Bert Werqueyah Jr.

Audrey Evelyn Tosee Mithlo



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Mithlo

Audrey Evelyn Tosee Mithlo, 76, of Sterling was born Aug. 19, 1947, to Eunice Sovo Tosee and Andrew Tosee. She was the eldest of eight children. She went to her heav-

only reward on March 15, 2024 in Oklahoma City.

Mithlo was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church of Apache. She attended school at Sterling Public School where she played basketball and graduated in 1965. She graduated Haskell Institute in 1967 Lawrence Kansas from 1965-1967, where she met the love of her life Eugene Mithlo Sr. and were married April 6th, 1968, until his passing on January 25th, 2009.

From this union, there were five children. She enjoyed attending all activities for her children and grandchildren. She baked numerous birthday, graduation and wedding cakes, as well as made numerous flower arrangements. She also enjoyed making fry bread at the Apache Rattlesnake Festival, the Lawton International Festival, and the annual Mithlo Feast for many years.

She is survived by her children: Eugene and Sandra Mithlo of Cache, Rickie and Carol Mithlo of Cache, Russel Mithlo Sr. of Sterling, Andrew Mithlo of Sterling and Loretta and Francis Mithlo-Dolan of Mescalero, and Kitty Francis; grandchildren: Aubrey, Taylor, Kendall, Charliandra, Evelyn, Brandon, Lauren, Jay, Derian, Karissa, Sydney, Dakota, Ashleigh, Candice, Tennille, Russell, Ethan, Aydan, Ayanna, Danny, Talia, Deangelo, and Diego; siblings: Deborah Sue Oldham, Janet Tosee, Teresa Komahcheet, William Morgan Tosee Sr., and Frank Tosee. She has numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews and special brothers and sisters.

She is preceded in death by her husband Eugene Mithlo Sr.; parents: Andrew and Eunice (Sovo) Tosee; grandparents; siblings Donald J Tosee Sr., Clarissa N Hernandez, Thomas Sovo Sr., and Ernest Stan Sovo, and nephews: William B. Kerchee and Donald Sovo.



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Happy Belated Birthday!

April 15 - Joseph Soliz

Happy Birthday!

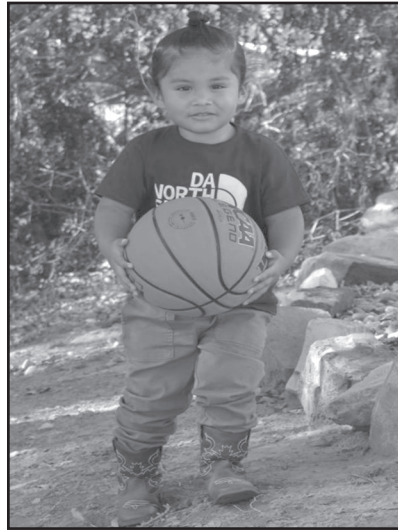


- May 2 - Trinity Pewewardy
- May 4 - Jamie Carpitheer
- May 10 - Joshua Woods
- May 10 - Uriah Lee
- May 14 - Maddische Thompson
- May 15 - Amy Rowlings
- May 17 - Modesto Schonchin
- May 18 - John Soliz Sr.
- May 20 - Tiffany Wright
- May 21 - Valle Peterson
- May 29 - Joshua Redbird
- May 31 - Parker Marie



**Happy Birthday
Joshua Woods
May 10**

~ Happy Birthday, and congratulations on your graduation from Fort Jackson. From, your family!

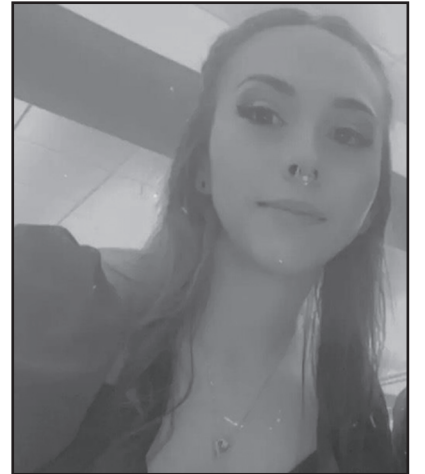


**Happy 3rd Birthday
Uriah "Little Bear" Lee
May 10**

~ From Mommy and Daddy, We love you!



**Happy 3rd Birthday
Valle Peterson
May 21**



**Happy Birthday
Maddische "Maddie" Thompson
May 14**

~ We love you, sweet girl!



**Happy Birthday
Modesto "Mojo" Schonchin
May 17**

~ We love you! Mom, Dad & Nono



**Happy Birthday
Tiffany Wright
May 20**

~ Nupihikatu tnu, Tubitsi Tui!



**Happy 1st Birthday
Parker Marie
May 31**

~ We love you! Your family.



**Happy Birthday
Joshua Redbird
May 29**

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**Happy Mother's Day!
Thomasina Akoneto-Quetone**
~ From, your family!



**Happy Mother's Day!
Thomasina Kaywaykla**
~ Lots of love from, your Great-Grandkids!

Obituaries

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Roderick George Holden Takewahpoor



Courtesy Photo

Takewahpoor

Roderick George Holden Takewahpoor "Peach," was born on October 17, 1944, to Muriel Redbird Holden. He went to the Lord on March 25, while visiting family in Arizona.

Takewahpoor was a life-long resident of Lawton, Okla. He attended Lawton Public Schools in his early years and then attended Fort Sill Indian School. He graduated from Chilocco Indian School, class of 1967. After graduating he served in the United States Army 1967-1968 in Vietnam.

Takewahpoor had a wandering and curious spirit which led him to hitch hike all over the United States and England. He met his wife

Rozanne Thompson in 1981 and they were married in August of 1985. Together they attended Cameron University and graduated in 1986. They even enjoyed a trip to Russia and received college credit together.

Takewahpoor had a passion for bikes, he participated in the hot n hell 50-mile route with his wife. They also ran the Comanche Nations first woman's shelter called the Hope House. For seven years they maintained the program on the Fort Sill Indian School campus. Takewahpoor began his career with New Pathways and Hope House as a van driver. He worked his way up and became the director of the New Pathways Half-way House.

In his free-time he enjoyed going to pow wows. He also enjoyed looking at old year books and reminiscing on his Indian school days. He adored his pups Betta, Pahse, and Tahme. Takewahpoor was also a published author, he enjoyed writing about tribal chiefs.

He is preceded in death by his mother Muriel Redbird Holden; brothers Courtney Wayne "Buck" Holden and Donny Ray Holden; Uncle Thomas Wahnee and wife Gladys; grandfather Roderick Takewahpoor; grandmother Edith Cheevers; and father in law Roland Thompson.

He is survived by his wife Rozanne of the home; mother in law Beverly Thompson of Ariz.; brother in law Howard Thompson of Ariz.; niece Cathy Lorentz; great niece (granddaughters) and spouses Alyssa and Thomas Plata(Celeste), Cailyn and Bethany Whiteagle; Roberto and Victor Plata; Cassie and Kyle Williams(Jessica, Dyer, Ethan), Kristy Pratts, Trinity and Jessie Akers(Audrey, Hayden, Jaxon); Sabra and Nicholas Child (Jade); great nephew (grandson) Angelo Pratts.

Takewahpoor was dearly loved and had family and friends near and far whom will miss him tremendously.

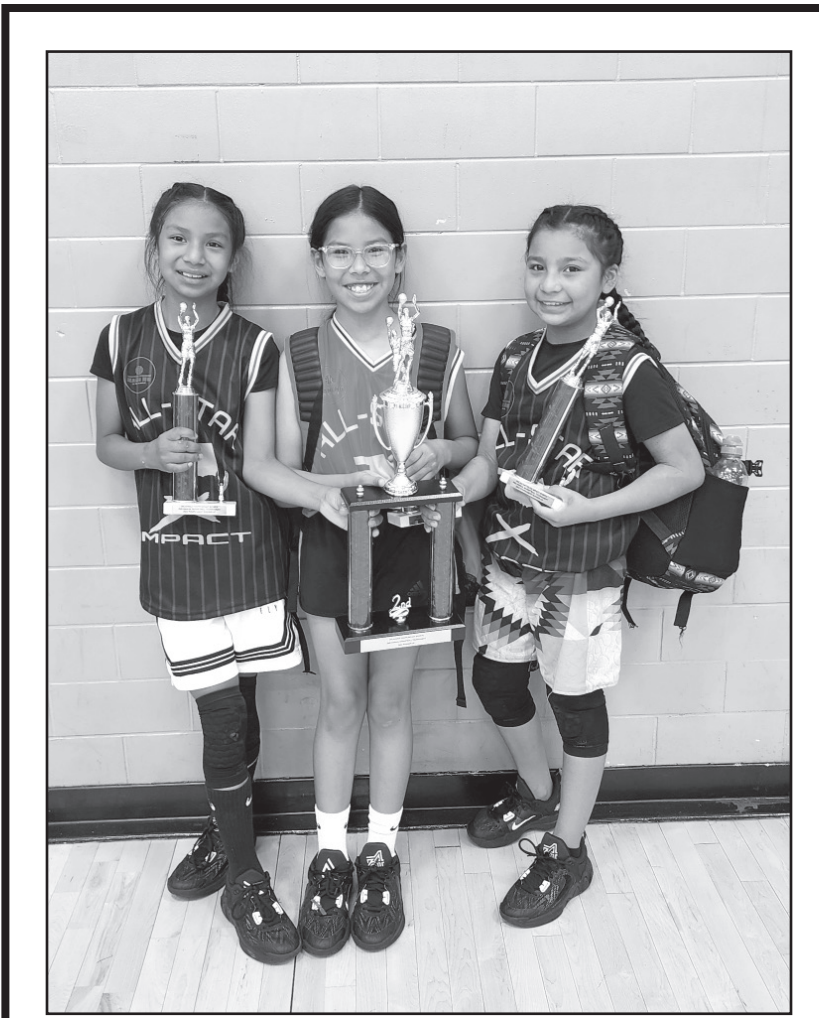
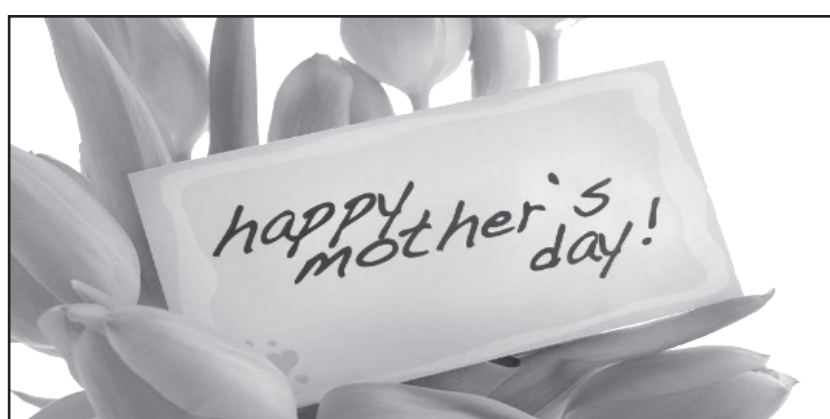


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GO NAHMI NU!!! No. 32 Madison Bucktrot, No. 5 Mesa Tahchawwickah, and No. 13 Scarlett Codynah, members of team Nahmi Nu played in the Impact All Star game on April 13, at Eisenhower High School gym. Although their team fell short and placed second, the girls gave it their all and each received an individual trophy.

An "Eggs-cellent" Easter Egg Hunt at the Comanche Nation

Eager Egg Hunters Lined Up March 23 to Find the Prize Egg



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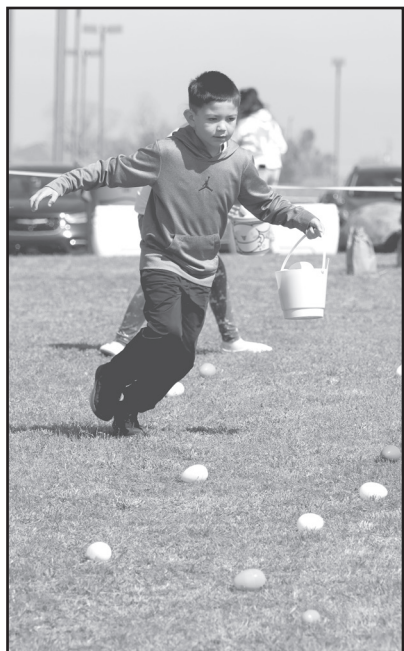


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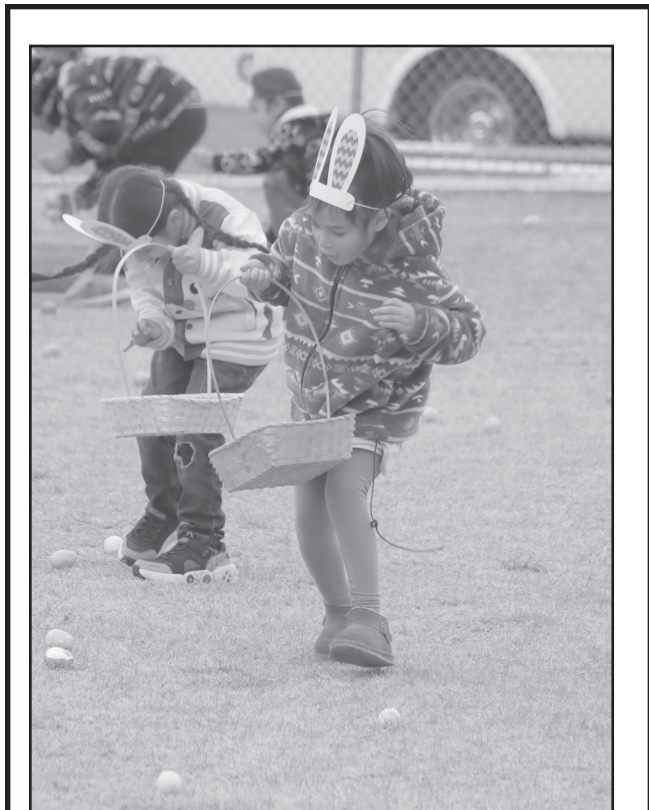
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ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT. On March 27-29, The Assisted Living Center hosted their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Comanche Academy, the Apache Day-care, and at the Complex Daycare. The children hunted Easter eggs and won prizes. The employees from the day cares and the charter school enjoyed watching the children hunt for eggs and win prizes.

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