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COMANCHE LITTLE PONIES RECOGNIZES LOWELL NIBBS FOR 25 YEARS. During the 53rd Annual Comanche Little Ponies Powwow, held May 12 and 13, Lowell Nibbs, Chairman of the Comanche Little Ponies, was recognized as holding the chairmanship position for 25 years. He was presented a plaque and certificate of recognition by the 2023-2024 Comanche Little Ponies Princess, Graison Yellowfish, pictured above, and was given a Pendleton blanket by Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, pictured above right. MIDDLE RIGHT: During the two day celebration, new members were welcomed into the warrior society. BELOW RIGHT: Active Duty Servicemen, Tennyson Kerchee, and Aaron Nevaquaya leads the Grand Entry the evening of May 13. See more photos of the powwow on Page 9.



Realty Department Meets with BIA About Fee-to-Trust Process

Submitted by the Realty Dept.

Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, and Comanche Nation Realty Director, Stephen Lee, recently met with R. Gabriel Morgan, the Deputy Regional Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), to discuss the fee-to-trust application process. The meeting took place at the Comanche Nation Complex and was aimed at speeding up the process.

The fee-to-trust application process is critical for tribes seeking to acquire land and establish sovereignty. However, the process can be lengthy and complicated, often taking years to complete. This can be a significant barrier for tribes seeking to expand their land base and economic opportunities.

During the meeting, Chairman Woommavovah and Director Lee discussed the challenges faced by the Comanche Nation in the fee-to-trust application process. They also shared their ideas for streamlining the process and making it more efficient.

Deputy Regional Director, Morgan listened to their concerns and ideas and provided feedback on how the BIA could help expedite the process. He also shared information about recent changes to the fee-to-trust application process and how they could benefit the Comanche Nation.

The meeting was productive, and all parties agreed to continue working together to find ways to speed up the fee-to-trust application process. Chairman Woommavovah expressed his appreciation for Deputy Regional Director Morgan's willingness to listen and work collaboratively with the Comanche Nation.

The Comanche Nation is committed to expanding its land base and economic opportunities, and the fee-to-trust application process is a critical step in achieving these goals. By working with the BIA, the Comanche Nation is confident that it can overcome the challenges and succeed in the fee-to-trust application process.

Comanche Nation Housing Authority Testifies at House of Representatives Committee Hearing

Executive Director Russell Sossamon provides direct dialogue to Congress on Native American housing issues

Submitted by Comanche Nation Housing Authority

On May 15, Comanche Nation Housing Authority's (CNHA) Executive Director, Russell Sossamon, testified before Congress to address the housing issues that face Native Americans in Southwest Oklahoma. Sossamon provided direct dialogue to Congressman Tom Cole, drawing attention to the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG)'s scoring and funding regulations.

The hearing presented six invited tribal representatives with the opportunity to give testimonies centered on tribal concerns. Sossamon was invited as a non-governmental witness during the committee hearing, which focused on transportation and housing domains. It was the first hearing of its kind by this congressional committee to hear tribal perspectives for these areas.

The hearing, which serves as a component of the budget process for the House of Representatives, allowed for the Comanche Nation Housing Authority to engage in direct and substantive discussions with the members of Congress responsible for funding Native American programs.

"Testifying to a congressional committee is an honor afforded to few Americans. Sossamon's representation of CNHA at the national level solidified our position," said Nora Sovo, Deputy Director of CNHA. "Sossamon's nearly 30 years of knowledge and experience in our industry make him one of our most trusted representatives."

Sossamon dedicated his attention to the formulation of the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) and the IHBG Competitive and their current level of funding and scoring processes. The IHBG Competitive is a highly sought-after program that provides adequate housing and suitable living environments for tribal members.

The funding that supports the program is limited, restricting its ability to service all of those in need. The program's scoring works in favor of construction instead of acquisition. Constructing new properties takes much longer than acquiring existing properties, which delays the ability to provide more homes to tribal members.

Sossamon testified in favor of increasing the funds that are allocated to the IHBG programs and amending the scoring processes for the IHBG Competitive to allow equal preference for acquisitions. More funding and acquiring properties would allow CNHA and other housing authorities to increase its efforts and improve living conditions for more tribal members in a timely matter.

NOTICE OF COMANCHE ACADEMY SCHOOL BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

Director Position	Currently Filled By	Term End Date	Elected by Board or Appointed by CBC
Director 1	Dr. Kathryn Briner	2025 Annual Meeting	Elected
Director 2	Vacant	2025 Annual Meeting	--
Director 3	Vacant	2025 Annual Meeting	--
Director 4	Vacant	2023 Annual Meeting	--
Director 5	Martie Woothtakewahbitty	2023 Annual Meeting	Elected
Director 6	Vacant	2023 Annual Meeting	--
Director 7	Vacant	2023 Annual Meeting	--
Director 8	Ron Redelk	2024 Annual Meeting	Elected
Director 9	John Harris	2024 Annual Meeting	Elected
Director 10	Justin Boos	2024 Annual Meeting	Appointed by CBC
Director 11	Vacant	2024 Annual Meeting	--

The current Comanche Academy School Board roster

The 2023 Annual Meeting of the Comanche Academy School Board ("Board") shall take place on June 22, at 6 p.m. at:

Comanche Academy
1701 N.W. Taft Ave
Lawton, OK 73507

Elections to fill expiring and vacant Board Director positions will take place at the Annual Meeting. The election shall take place in accordance with the Board's Election Policy, adopted on March 24, 2022. Nomination forms are available at the Comanche Academy Administration Office.

Elections will be held to fill possibly four (4) expiring or vacant Director positions:

- Director 4 (vacant)
- Director 5 (currently filled by Martie Woothtakewahbitty)

Director 6 (vacant)
Director 7 (vacant)

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, whose child is enrolled at Comanche Academy, or who is an enrolled Comanche Nation citizen.

All nominations must be on the nomination form attached to this notice and received by the President of the Board, Woothtakewahbitty, via email at mwooth@comancheacademy.com or hand delivered to the School Leader/Superintendent, Dava Fratello, no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 8. Any nominations received after this deadline will only be considered by the Board on a case-by-case basis.

To be eligible for election, a

nominee must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Have a high school degree (or 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 convicted of a felony involving a crime against a child;
- Not be a member of the Comanche Nation Business Committee; and
- Not be disqualified from serving under Section III(B) of the Board's Conflicts of Interest Policy, adopted December 1, 2021.

All Director nominees must be present at the Annual Meeting to be eligible for election to the Board. Nominees will be given an opportunity to speak for no more than three (3) minutes

Run Off Voting Sites June 9 & 10

Voters may cast their ballots for Early/In-house Voting 8 a.m.-5 p.m. June 9, at the polling sites:

- Comanche Nation Dorothy Lorentino Sunrise Education Center Auditorium, located at 1608 SW 9th St., Lawton.
- Comanche Nation Complex New Conference Room, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:

Voters may cast their ballots on Election Day, 8 a.m.-6 p.m., June 10, at the polling sites:

- [Lawton Polling Site](#)
Comanche Nation Complex New 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



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- **TCNN** will print a Comanche organization's annual event flyer once free of charge as a courtesy to our tribal organizations. The guidelines for flyer submission are: Pow-wow flyers have to be from an established Comanche organization. There has to be contact person and number on the organization's annual flyer.
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Government

A Total of 12 Resolutions are Presented at the May CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the May 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. You can watch the meeting in its entirety online at comanchenation.com.

The Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavovah, calls the meeting to order at 10 a.m. John Wahnee conducted a roll call. Comanche Business Committee (CBC) No. 2, Ross Kahrahr, was absent at the roll call, and a quorum was established. Wahnee provided the invocation.

CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, motions to approve the May agenda. CBC No. 4, Robert Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Wahnee takes the floor to talk about the high school graduates being restricted from wearing beaded graduation hats and other Native items during the graduation ceremony due to Oklahoma Governor Stitt vetoing the Oklahoma Senate House Bill SB429. Comanche Nation Vice Chairman, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, reads a resolution to be signed by the CBC and given to Governor Stitt.

Kassanavoid makes a motion to approve the minutes of Meeting April 2023 CBC Meeting. Pewewardy seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Executive/General Council

Officer Reports

Chairman Woommavovah said he honored the passing of Comanche veteran and Comanche Indian Veterans Association member George Red Elk. He was a speaker for the Oklahoma Municipal League List for Public Safety, Criminal Justice Reform, and Tribal Symposiums. He was the keynote speaker at the Lawton Public Schools American Indian Graduation Ceremony. He gave the welcoming address for the Voc Rehab Symposium, attended the Comanche Academy Graduation Ceremony, and he was the Keynote Speaker of the Cameron University Commencement Ceremony.

Vice Chairman Pewewardy said he attended all required meetings. He and the Indigenous Peoples Day Committee hosted a gourd dance powwow in Carnegie, Okla. He spoke at the Sovereign Community School. He sat on a panel for the American Indian Law Review. He spoke at both the University of Kansas Symposium in Lawrence, Kan., and the University of New Mexico in Las Cruces, N.M. He received the Spirit Award from the Cameron University administration. He attended the MMIP at the Oklahoma State Capital.

Secretary/Treasurer Wahnee announced he would propose establishing a Special Committee to plan economic development for the tribe five and ten years ahead. He presented the Capital Expenditures Reports about the Comanche Nation Casinos. He said renovations are needed for the upkeep of the casinos. He added that another report will follow at next month's meeting.

He reported the Tax Commission has a total of \$3,321,464. The oil and gas has a balance of \$333,105.

Committee/Board Reports from CBC

Indian Health Board- CBC #3 Kassanavoid reported that renovations at the Lawton Hospital are ongoing, and a new mammogram machine is being installed. Any complaints can be given to the Patient Advocate at the Indian Hospital.

Cow-Calf Program- CBC #4 Komahcheet reported that the bulls were tested for breeding soundness, the program purchased a drone and added another bull to the herd. Twin calves were born. The program hired an ag manager for cattle management. They created a Facebook Page called Comanche Nation Land and Cattle. The are looking into alternate breed-

ing methods due to the drought. They have a total of 139 head of cattle.

KCAILUC-Chairman – Woommavovah reported that the committee reviews all land leases and maintains the KCA cemeteries. They are looking for a KCA director and currently have an interim director.

CNHA- CBC #3Kassanavoid reported that the Elder Program had made 1,300 contacts in April. They are still waiting on the BIA to begin the new program for out-of-area tribal members. It will be a one-time assistance.

Enterprise- CBC #3 & CBC #4 Kassanavoid reported that their annual meeting was held in February.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 39-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1287 – Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 40-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1288 Adults-Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 41-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1289 Outside of Parameters- Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 42-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1290 No Allottee - Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 43-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1291 Does Not Meet BQ- Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 44-2023- Transit Bus Resolution FY 2023 Amendment - Kahrahr makes the motion to accept the resolution. Wahnee seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 45-2023- CNGC_FY23 Budget Drawdown Modification v2 - Kahrahr makes the motion to accept the resolution. CBC No.1, Hazel Tahsequah, seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 46-2023- CIP DSL Seam Roof Resolution - Wahnee makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 47-2023- THPO MOU City of Boulder CO Resolution - Pewewardy makes the motion to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 48-2023- THPO Heritage Resource Technician Resolution - Tahsequah makes the motion to accept the resolution. Pewewardy seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 49-2023- THPO United States Department of International Exchange Resolution - Pewewardy makes the motion to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 50-2023- Realty Purchase of 1714 W Gore Resolution - Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Wahnee seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 51-2023- CNLE Sac and Fox Juvenile Facility Resolution - Kassanavoid makes the motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds the motion. It carries 6/0/0.

The CBC go into Executive Session around 12:42 p.m.

From the Chairman's Desk



The Power Of Positivity

We all know that one person who immediately makes us feel heavy after a conversation with them. They will find everything that is wrong or could go wrong in a situation and can't bear to see the good in anything. They focus on everything that isn't going right rather than being thankful for the things that are. You probably have someone who immediately jumps into your mind, or you might even be thinking, "yes, this is me."

I am personally someone who is a massive believer in the power of a positive mind-set and have seen miraculous changes in people's lives when they switch their mind sets and thoughts to be more positive.

People often settle for things in their lives that don't make them happy. This could be their careers, their families and relationships, or their lifestyles and health. Rather than focusing on the good in these areas and identifying specific changes that could be made to further improve, they would rather complain about how awful it all is. As a result, these people may find themselves downgrading their aspirations to match their realities.

Consider this for a second: Rather than downgrading your aspirations and feeling negative every day, imagine if you could upgrade your self-belief and enhance your positive thoughts to meet your vision and goals instead? The fact is, you can. It is a choice you can make and the outcome will be a direct reflection of that.

Our minds are always full of thoughts, even if we don't realize it, and they influence every decision and action that we take. You may have noticed that your thoughts were very positive from a young age, before being shaped by the belief systems and behaviors of others around you.

So, how can you live and see things in a more positive way if it's not something that comes naturally to you?

Replace negative thoughts with positive thoughts

Every time you become consciously aware of a negative thought, try to replace it with a more positive thought. One way to do this is to add "but" on the end of the thought, i.e., "I have just lost my best paying client, but this enables me to have the capacity to assist new clients."

Always choose to see the positive in a situation.

This is often a challenge, but the good news is that once you do anything a certain number of times, it becomes a habit and will feel more natural. Say you find yourself unemployed. Rather than thinking "why is this happening to me?" ask yourself, "what is this teaching me?" See that it brings opportunity into your life to explore and try something you really enjoy.

Take time out of each day to be grateful

This is so simple but it's something many people are guilty of rarely doing. At the same time every day, think of five things you have for which to be grateful. This can be anything, big or small.

Be aware of the mental images you allow yourself to focus on

If you are a worst-case scenario type of person, take the time to ask yourself if the things you are worrying about are 1) true and 2) likely to happen. Chances are they aren't, and the worst-case scenario is often not as big of a deal as you think it is. Our imaginations can run away with us, leaving us in a state of panic over scenarios that may never actually materialize.

Always remember that you are what you think you are and you are the decision-maker. If life isn't how you wish it to be, first take the time to think about what's wrong and how you could change it — but then take the time to give gratitude for what makes you happy and STRONG. We are definitely "Comanche Strong-Stronger Together!"

Happy are the people whose God is the LORD. -Psalm 144:15

URA, Chairman Woommavovah



Courtesy Photo

CHAIRMAN RECOGNITION. At the Lawton Public School's (LPS) American Indian Education Senior Celebration, April 19, Chairman Woommavovah was the guest speaker for the event. At the conclusion he was presented with a special recognition for his outstanding support and commitment to LPS Indian Education.

Official Voting Results from the May 13 General Election

All Ballot Questions and Line Items Pass; Run Off Election June 10

Comanche Nation of Oklahoma – General Election 2023 – OFFICIAL RESULTS

	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Ceche	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL	
BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL	183	104	231	41	44	143	50	59	438	1293	
SECRETARY/TREASURER											
ROBERT TIPPECONNIE	31	16	49	10	8	42	8	7	98	269	21.20%
MIKE KEAHBONE	86	48	118	11	18	52	23	21	131	508	40.03%
JOHN D. WAHNEE	61	38	61	19	17	49	17	30	200	492	38.77%
COMMITTEEPERSON NO. 3											
ALICE KASSANAVOID	60	30	63	11	11	62	25	12	134	408	32.03%
TANISHA BURGESS	43	21	74	4	4	48	6	6	58	264	20.72%
MICHAEL F. BURGESS	24	24	39	10	18	6	6	2	83	212	16.64%
LEONARD PARKER	28	10	31	6	7	11	8	4	40	145	11.38%
RON RED ELK	28	15	22	8	4	15	5	35	113	245	19.23%
COMMITTEEPERSON NO. 4											
GENEVA HADLEY	55	26	66	6	7	15	8	16	83	282	22.31%
ROBERT KOMACHEET JR.	77	50	79	18	19	75	28	24	243	613	48.50%
JORDAN FOX	47	26	83	14	17	53	13	19	97	369	29.19%
TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR											
JULIA MANTZKE	89	67	93	27	19	66	24	31	291	707	55.36%
RODNEY PARKER	29	11	52	3	12	31	8	14	72	232	18.17%
LISA DAWSEY	64	26	86	10	12	46	17	13	64	338	26.47%
ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS											
TERRY PERRYMAN	22	8	20	0	2	36	5	2	59	154	13.28%
CHARLOTTE NIYAH	34	15	31	3	8	46	11	3	42	193	16.64%
CHERRY MARTINEZ	25	10	12	1	2	5	3	33	50	141	12.16%
KAY SMITS	10	9	25	10	9	8	4	2	63	140	12.07%
CAMEILLE WETSELLINE	58	27	91	2	18	23	7	9	106	341	29.40%
ALANNAH ATAUVICH-CALLAHAN	21	19	33	8	2	14	14	6	74	191	16.47%
TRIBAL ATTORNEY											
DORSEY & WHITNEY, LLC	72	34	92	16	17	55	13	24	183	506	40.97%
BIG FIRE LAW & POLICY GROUP, LLC	47	22	59	10	10	32	18	16	99	313	25.34%
CROWE & DUNLEVY	59	42	72	5	14	53	18	17	136	416	33.68%

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QUESTION 1 - Comanche Academy Charter School	94	51	143	18	15	61	27	39	236	684	53.82%
QUESTION 1 - Comanche Academy Charter School	89	50	87	19	26	82	22	20	192	587	46.18%
QUESTION 2 - Comanche Little Ponies	76	57	120	20	19	64	23	28	252	659	51.85%
QUESTION 2 - Comanche Little Ponies	106	43	108	16	23	79	26	31	180	612	48.15%
QUESTION 3 - Missing Murdered Indigenous People	115	54	159	21	22	78	30	44	279	802	63.05%
QUESTION 3 - Missing Murdered Indigenous People	68	47	71	12	20	65	19	15	153	470	36.95%
QUESTION 4 - Tribal Administrator Term Length	112	81	148	25	27	90	26	40	316	865	67.95%
QUESTION 4 - Tribal Administrator Term Length	69	21	81	11	16	53	22	19	116	408	32.05%
Bereavement Assistance	169	93	205	34	37	132	48	54	415	1187	93.24%
Bereavement Assistance	13	9	21	2	7	10	1	5	18	86	6.76%
CBC Salary	130	81	162	30	30	102	41	47	357	980	77.96%
CBC Salary	50	20	61	10	11	40	8	12	65	277	22.04%
Chairman's Salary	135	84	158	27	23	98	37	37	357	956	75.33%
Chairman's Salary	47	15	69	10	19	43	12	21	77	313	24.67%
Child Support Services	150	88	186	35	29	119	43	51	386	1087	86.00%
Child Support Services	29	13	38	5	11	22	6	7	46	177	14.00%
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	134	79	165	28	29	106	37	45	375	998	78.27%
Comanche Indian Veterans Association	47	21	62	11	15	35	12	13	61	277	21.73%
Comanche Tribal Princess	144	87	189	36	29	106	36	49	358	1034	81.42%
Comanche Tribal Princess	36	14	38	4	12	34	13	10	75	236	18.58%
Comanche JR. Princess	139	85	185	32	27	100	36	46	346	996	78.30%
Comanche JR. Princess	40	17	43	6	16	42	13	12	87	276	21.70%
Comanche Language Program	137	86	178	32	32	105	41	54	373	1038	81.73%
Comanche Language Program	43	16	51	8	8	35	8	4	59	232	18.27%
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	126	73	155	30	27	95	34	37	347	924	73.04%
Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo.)	54	26	71	6	16	47	15	22	84	341	26.96%
Elder Council	108	68	162	31	33	97	37	45	355	936	73.58%
Elder Council	72	34	63	8	9	45	12	14	79	336	26.42%
Tombstone Project	156	88	199	35	37	124	44	56	398	1137	89.25%
Tombstone Project	25	13	28	5	6	17	5	3	35	137	10.75%

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Church Donations	141	83	175	34	34	118	38	52	336	1011	80.05%
Church Donations	40	17	49	5	8	24	11	7	91	252	19.95%
Shoshone Reunion (hosted by Comanche Nation)	107	74	148	33	24	89	33	38	320	866	68.46%
Shoshone Reunion (hosted by Comanche Nation)	73	25	77	7	19	53	16	21	108	399	31.54%
Transportation	158	91	199	37	31	120	43	55	397	1131	89.13%
Transportation	21	12	27	4	11	20	6	4	33	138	10.87%
Optometry/Prescription Assistance	177	100	207	39	42	132	48	57	418	1220	95.31%
Optometry/Prescription Assistance	5	3	22	2	1	9	2	2	14	60	4.69%
Diabetes/Fitness	161	90	200	36	36	126	45	53	406	1153	90.72%
Diabetes/Fitness	19	10	29	3	6	15	3	6	27	118	9.28%
Elder Payment	169	97	206	38	40	128	47	53	433	1211	94.54%
Elder Payment	13	5	22	1	3	12	3	6	5	70	5.46%
Per Capita Distribution	176	100	216	37	41	135	48	54	427	1234	96.78%
Per Capita Distribution	5	1	13	1	2	6	2	3	8	41	3.22%
Administration	137	80	157	28	29	105	37	47	374	994	80.16%
Administration	37	20	64	10	13	31	11	10	50	246	19.84%
Elections	124	78	156	31	29	98	37	42	365	960	77.36%
Elections	49	22	64	8	14	38	12	15	59	281	22.64%
Emergency Management Direct Services	144	83	190	32	38	121	39	50	381	1078	86.94%
Emergency Management Direct Services	30	17	30	5	4	15	10	7	44	162	13.06%
Info Technology - Complex	131	80	171	31	24	100	37	45	349	968	78.25%
Info Technology - Complex	42	20	50	7	18	36	12	12	72	269	21.75%
Law Enforcement	120	74	151	34	25	105	37	48	368	962	77.46%
Law Enforcement	54	25	70	4	18	31	12	9	57	280	22.54%
Legal Fees	138	80	169	32	29	112	36	46	364	1006	81.26%
Legal Fees	35	19	53	6	13	25	12	10	59	232	18.74%
Enrollment	146	89	184	32	32	114	40	52	382	1071	86.72%
Enrollment	26	11	37	6	10	20	8	4	42	164	13.28%
Adult Education	156	93	201	36	39	125	46	52	382	1130	90.91%
Adult Education	16	8	20	2	4	12	3	5	43	113	9.09%

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Public Information Office (PIO)	127	77	154	30	24	95	29	36	340	912	73.97%
Public Information Office (PIO)	45	21	67	8	18	40	17	20	85	321	26.03%
New Business	119	76	139	30	30	89	31	42	336	892	72.94%
New Business	49	23	84	8	12	45	16	14	80	331	27.06%
Capital Improvement	134	83	174	32	29	97	39	49	383	1000	81.43%
Capital Improvement	39	17	47	6	13	36	11	6	53	228	18.57%
Tribal Court	132	80	171	34	31	103	43	46	363	1003	81.88%
Tribal Court	39	20	51	4	10	30	6	8	54	222	18.12%
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	151	84	180	33	31	101	40	43	369	1032	83.77%
Grasshoppers (Elders Lawn Mowing)	21	16	44	4	11	32	9	13	50	200	16.23%
CN Fair	151	87	186	33	35	118	39	47	368	1064	86.15%
CN Fair	22	12	38								

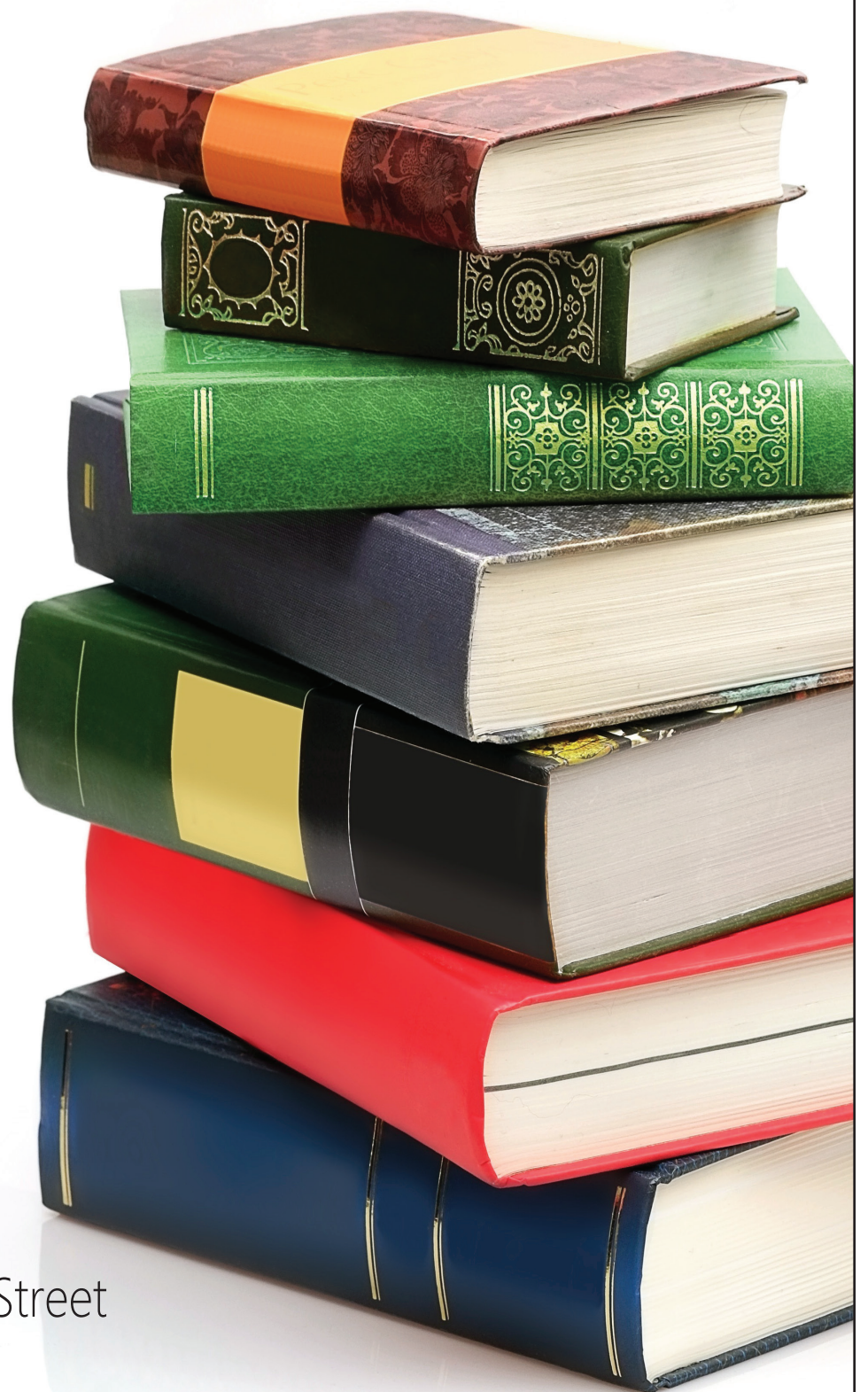


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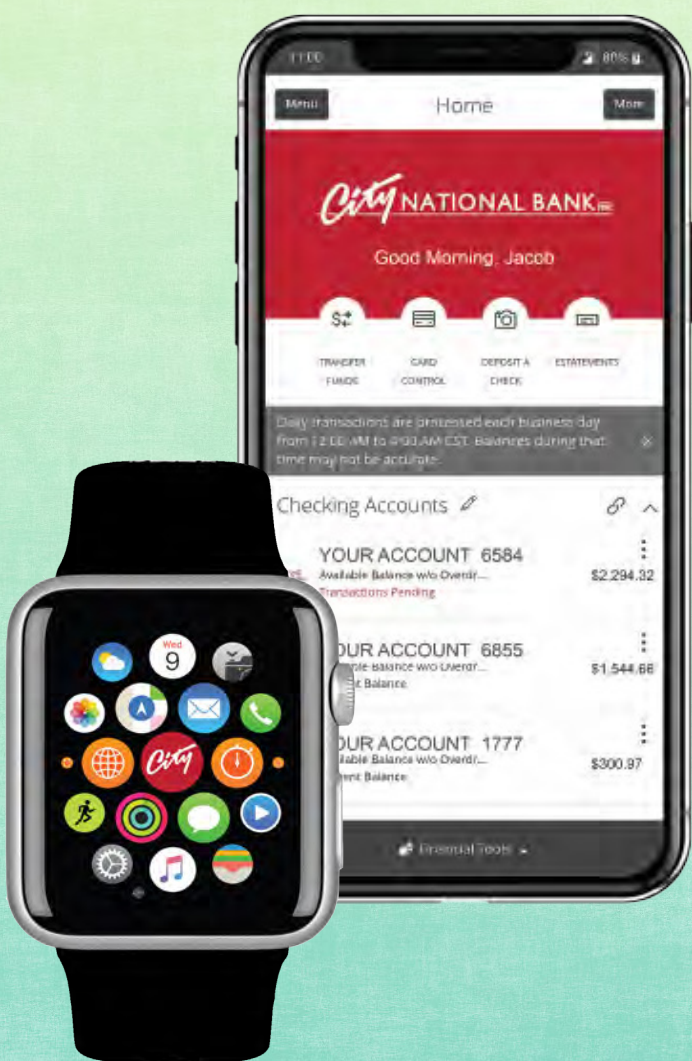
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LUCK OF THE DROP

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
JUNE 2-30 • 7PM-11PM

Drop In To Win!

It's time for you to win up to \$1,000 Comanche Credit every Friday & Saturday night! Drop the ball to see what you've won with drawings every 30 minutes. Earn E-drawing entries for every 5 points on your Comanche Rewards Card from 8AM-11PM, June 1-30.

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T-SHIRT THURSDAYS

THURSDAYS
JUNE 1-JULY 27
NOON-10PM

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

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



FORGED IN FLAVOR

MONDAYS
JUNE 5-26 • 10AM-11PM

Come Get Your Exclusive John Wayne Cast Iron Cookware
Earn 200 points on Mondays to receive a gift beginning June 5-26.

While supplies last. See Comanche Rewards Club for details.



Comanche Elder's Day

EVERY SUNDAY • 6AM-10PM

Comanche Rewards Club members who are Comanche Tribal Elders receive \$20 Comanche Credit every Sunday! You will also receive a delicious, complimentary breakfast at Numunu Grill from 6AM-11AM.

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

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You can win up to \$500 in Comanche Credit every weekend and you're automatically a finalist for the July 29, 11PM manual drawing - you might drive away with a brand new 2023 Ford Bronco 4x4 Outer Banks!

Earn 5 points for an entry for our virtual drawing every 30 minutes, June 1-July 28 on your Comanche Rewards Card.

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.



TABLE GAMES FUN IN THE SUN POLARIS giveaway

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5
5PM-11PM
GRAND PRIZE 11:30PM

Come Inside To Play, Then Get Outside For Fun!
Play Blackjack, Poker, Craps or Roulette at the River and earn drawing entries today on Saturday, August 5 from 5PM-11:30PM - the grand prize is a Polaris RZR and a Polaris Sportsman 850 Ultimate Trail Edition with drawings every 30 minutes. Start earning entries from 11AM-closing June 1-August 4 playing your favorite table games!

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.



Comanche Elder's Day

EVERY SUNDAY • 11AM - 8PM

Comanche Rewards Club Members who are Comanche Tribal Elders receive \$20 Comanche Credit on your Comanche Rewards Card every Sunday. Tribal Elders will also receive a delicious, complimentary meal on us from 11AM-8PM.

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

CAMPING WITH John Wayne

MONDAYS • JUNE 5-26 • 10AM-11PM

Come Get Your Exclusive John Wayne Cast Iron Cookware
Earn 200 points on Mondays to receive a gift beginning June 5-26. While supplies last. See Comanche Rewards Club for details.

\$100,000 COLLECT & GO!

MONDAY-THURSDAY
JUNE 5-JULY 27 • 4AM-3:59AM
WIN UP TO \$100,000 CASH & MORE!

Play Today for \$100K!

That's right - when you play and earn 25 points, you can swipe our promotional kiosks to get a sticker for your gameboard. Collect the letters to form the winning words to win big - up to \$100,000 in Cash and Comanche Credit and you can even win instant prizes!

Start playing at 4AM-3:59AM, June 5-July 27. Come in to collect them all and win BIG at the River!

See Comanche Rewards Club for details.



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2023 ELECTION

VOTE



VOTE JUNE 10TH, 2023

Maruaweka! My name is Alice Kassanavoid. I am currently seated as CBC #3. On Saturday, June 10th, I am in a run-off election and would kindly appreciate your vote. For the last 6 years I have dedicated my heart, time, and energy to the Comanche Nation and would love the opportunity to continue that work for all Comanches.

I am committed to working with the CBC and to serve the great Comanche Nation. During my term, the Nation has opened the Anadarko Outreach office, War Pony Casino, Cache Casino (phase 1) & gas station, and will soon be opening the Day Care facility in Lawton. We also started the Cow & Calf operation through the Realty department.

Just recently, we have expedited the Higher Education program's scholarship program to send out award letters electronically, next we are trying to see if we can send scholarship awards to schools electronically. For Housing, we are working to serve all tribal members, not just the local 5-7 county jurisdictions.

Through my work with CN Enterprises, we have a new board of directors that have seen to it that audits are complete.

The Enterprise board will be seeking to hire a CEO for Economic Development to bring new business opportunities to the Comanche Nation. Most recently, we started Numunu Construction, which was awarded the new Records Retention building that is being constructed at the complex now.

Prior to the current administration, I have attended tribal consultations with several governmental agencies, so the Comanche Nation has representation and a seat at the table.

With the assistance of the ARP, we were able to assist tribal members in Home Repairs, direct payments, rental and food assistance, and most recently, home closing costs. The CBC authorized that 87% of ARP funding went to tribal members.

My promise to the Comanche people is to continue doing my best to serve you! I would appreciate your vote, Ura!



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Comanche Little Ponies Celebrates It's 53rd Annual Powwow May 12 & 13



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Women's Applique Special Contest

- From Left:
- #296 Anhinga Delgado, Lawton, Okla. - Consolation - \$50, gift bag
 - #297 Kendell Green, Oklahoma City, Okla. - Consolation - \$50, gift bag
 - #295 Memphis Cleveland, Black River Falls, Wis. - 1st Place - \$750, applique dress, star quilt
 - #821 Tylynn Thurman, Shawnee, Okla. - 2nd Place, \$500, Waje, star quilt
 - #92 Janae Grass, Tulsa, Okla. - 3rd Place, \$350, Waje, star quilt
 - #241 Lyndee McClellan, Saint Cloud, Minn. - 4th Place - \$200, ribbon skirt
 - #812 Kaira Wolfe, Winnebago, Neb. - 5th Place - \$150, ribbon skirt
 - #277 Isa PoorBuffalo, Apache, Okla. - Consolation - \$50, gift bag
 - #818 Krystle Logan, Harrah, Okla. - Consolation - \$50, gift bag
 - Not shown:
 - #275 Minnie Jo Tahah, Apache, Okla. - Tiny tot winner - gift bag
 - #816 Mila Decerah, Winnebago, Neb. - Jr. winner - gift bag
 - #283 Tatum Burgess, Cache, Okla. - Consolation - \$50, gift bag



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Numerous mothers were honored with a special Mother's Day song at the Comanche Little Ponies Powwow May 13.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The 2023 Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, two-steps with her father, Kevin, May 13 at the Comanche Little Ponies Powwow.



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Billie Kreger, Susan Johnson, Amber Komahcheet, Georgetta Pocowachit and Ruth Factor gourd dance at the Comanche Little Ponies Powwow.



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Garrison Tahmahkera, Kent Tomah and Benny Cable gourd dance at the Comanche Little Ponies Powwow May 13, in Lawton, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Winners of the Special Golden Age Special in honor of Ed Yellowfish

- 1st - RG Harris
- 2nd - Terry Tsothigh
- 3rd - George Tahdoohnippah
- Consolation - Donald Chasenah

ADULT CONTEST WINNERS

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| <u>Womens Jingle</u> | 2nd Dustin BigMountain |
| 3rd Alicia Scholfield | 1st Siksika ScabbyRobe |
| 2nd Rebekah Tate Nevaquaya | <u>Men's Traditional</u> |
| 1st T'ata Begay | 3rd Angelo Begaye |
| <u>Womens Buckskin</u> | 2nd Donovan Haury |
| 3rd Ashley Baker | 1st Louie Sage |
| 2nd Tosha Goodwill | <u>Mens Straight</u> |
| 1st Crystal Lightfoot | 3rd Terry Tsothigh |
| <u>Women's Cloth</u> | 2nd Donald Chasenah |
| 4th Amanda Moore | 1st Jason Lightfoot |
| 3rd Kaylene Chasenah | <u>Men's Fancy</u> |
| 2nd Lynn Thurman | 4th Sly Isaacs |
| 1st Chay Toehay-Tartsah | 3rd Billy Pewo |
| <u>Mens Grass</u> | 2nd Cheyenne Pocowachit |
| 3rd DJ Yarholer | 1st Michael Roberts |



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Head Lady Dancer, Melanie Motah, performs the Scalp Dance, which only for the women to dance.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Men of the Comanche Little Pony Society perform the Membership Ceremony, retrieving new members to join their organization. This ceremony is performed once a year at their Annual Mother's Day pow-wow.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The Victory Dance is performed after the women Scalp Dance. This dance was performed at the Comanche Little Pony Annual Mother's Day Pow-wow.



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Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Vivian Parker and Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo pin the new banner on the Comanche Little Pony Princess, Graison Yellowfish.

May 13 Election Official Voting Results

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	YES	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL	
Assisted Living Facility	YES	142	88	179	34	34	111	41	46	364	1039	84.33%
Assisted Living Facility	NO	31	11	40	4	7	25	7	8	60	193	15.67%
Early Childhood Development Center	YES	142	91	191	31	37	114	42	51	376	1075	87.04%
Early Childhood Development Center	NO	31	8	30	6	5	22	6	4	48	160	12.96%
Comanche Nation Housing	YES	152	89	195	33	37	115	42	49	381	1093	88.22%
Comanche Nation Housing	NO	24	9	27	4	5	20	7	6	44	146	11.78%
Burial Assistance	YES	170	97	209	36	41	131	46	56	418	1204	96.94%
Burial Assistance	NO	5	2	13	1	2	4	2	1	8	38	3.06%
Gravel-Tin horns for Tribal Driveways	YES	140	78	167	34	33	112	39	49	340	992	80.13%
Gravel-Tin horns for Tribal Driveways	NO	34	21	55	2	9	24	10	8	83	246	19.87%
Caregivers	YES	150	86	177	34	35	120	42	55	392	1091	88.48%
Caregivers	NO	22	13	44	3	5	15	6	2	32	142	11.52%
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	YES	140	81	169	30	35	105	39	48	355	1002	81.13%
Family Enrichment (formerly Child Care Subsidies)	NO	33	18	50	6	7	31	11	8	69	233	18.87%
CHR /EMS/FIRE	YES	140	82	178	34	35	114	42	53	386	1064	86.01%
CHR /EMS/FIRE	NO	33	17	43	2	7	22	6	4	39	173	13.99%
Community Center-Apache	YES	134	81	171	35	36	109	42	46	357	1011	82.26%
Community Center-Apache	NO	39	17	49	2	7	26	7	11	60	218	17.74%
Community Center-Cache	YES	136	81	176	32	29	121	43	48	359	1025	83.88%
Community Center-Cache	NO	37	17	45	4	12	12	6	9	55	197	16.12%
Community Center-Walters	YES	136	82	172	34	32	110	41	52	359	1018	82.90%
Community Center-Walters	NO	37	16	48	3	10	24	8	5	59	210	17.10%
Education Center	YES	147	83	185	35	37	116	43	48	367	1061	86.19%
Education Center	NO	26	16	35	1	5	19	5	9	54	170	13.81%
Elder Center	YES	154	88	192	36	39	120	44	51	387	1111	89.60%
Elder Center	NO	20	11	28	1	3	16	5	5	40	129	10.40%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	YES	139	79	171	32	33	105	38	46	353	996	81.37%
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	NO	32	19	50	5	9	29	10	10	64	228	18.63%
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	YES	151	89	193	33	38	120	44	51	387	1106	89.48%
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	NO	21	9	29	4	3	16	5	5	38	130	10.52%

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Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	YES	148	80	179	35	34	108	43	45	371	1043	84.18%
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	NO	25	19	42	4	9	28	6	9	54	196	15.82%
Higher Education	YES	161	91	203	33	40	129	48	52	400	1157	93.46%
Higher Education	NO	12	8	19	2	3	6	2	4	25	81	6.54%
Home Improvement	YES	161	92	195	35	40	125	43	53	384	1128	91.04%
Home Improvement	NO	13	8	27	2	3	10	7	3	38	111	8.96%
FAC-Womens Shelter	YES	158	89	185	34	39	117	44	53	383	1102	89.45%
FAC-Womens Shelter	NO	15	9	36	4	3	18	5	3	37	130	10.55%
Injury Prevention	YES	132	80	160	32	28	102	37	43	326	940	76.80%
Injury Prevention	NO	40	19	59	5	15	32	11	12	91	284	23.20%
Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	YES	143	88	181	36	34	114	40	51	389	1076	87.27%
Native American Graves Protection/Repatriation	NO	29	11	39	1	9	20	9	5	34	157	12.73%
New Pathways	YES	140	84	166	32	30	104	39	43	325	963	79.00%
New Pathways	NO	33	14	51	4	13	31	10	11	89	256	21.00%
Outreach-Anadarko	YES	130	78	160	34	27	105	38	47	346	965	78.78%
Outreach-Anadarko	NO	41	19	58	3	15	28	11	8	77	260	21.22%
Outreach-Dallas	YES	130	76	157	33	29	102	37	45	318	927	75.67%
Outreach-Dallas	NO	42	22	62	4	14	32	10	9	103	298	24.33%
Outreach-OKC	YES	139	80	168	30	27	104	42	49	342	981	79.56%
Outreach-OKC	NO	33	19	53	7	16	30	7	6	81	252	20.44%
Reintegration	YES	128	83	157	31	23	95	36	43	325	921	75.12%
Reintegration	NO	44	17	60	5	19	40	13	11	96	305	24.88%
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	YES	164	94	205	36	41	130	45	53	390	1158	93.24%
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	NO	10	6	16	2	2	6	4	3	35	84	6.76%
Student Services (K-12)	YES	162	98	205	35	41	127	45	53	398	1164	93.87%
Student Services (K-12)	NO	12	3	15	2	2	9	4	3	26	76	6.13%
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	YES	131	82	170	33	32	103	42	49	375	1017	81.75%
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	NO	43	18	51	4	11	33	7	7	53	227	18.25%
Vocational Rehabilitation	YES	144	86	185	35	34	110	43	50	368	1055	85.56%
Vocational Rehabilitation	NO	29	13	36	2	8	22	6	6	56	178	14.44%

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Comanche Nation of Oklahoma – General Election 2023 – OFFICIAL RESULTS

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Youth Program	YES	155	88	184	33	34	121	44	54	378	1091	88.05%
Youth Program	NO	19	12	35	3	8	14	5	2	50	148	11.95%
Prevention & Recovery	YES	148	86	175	35	31	112	43	45	349	1024	82.91%
Prevention & Recovery	NO	27	12	46	3	12	22	6	10	73	211	17.09%
KCA BUDGET 1/3 OF \$300,000	YES	123	81	157	28	31	93	37	39	350	939	77.41%
KCA BUDGET 1/3 OF \$300,000	NO	50	16	60	7	12	40	12	13	64	274	22.59%

We, the undersigned election officials of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the General Election held on Saturday, May 13, 2023. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Comanche Nation.

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Certification of Candidates from General Election



To: Mark Woommavovah, Comanche Nation Chairman, and Comanche Nation Business Committee

Date: May 19, 2023

From: Comanche Nation Election Board

Re: Certification of Candidates from General Election

This is to certify the results of the General Election held on May 12 & May 13, 2023 for the offices of Secretary/Treasurer, Committee Person #3, Committee Person #4, Tribal Administrator, Election Board Members and Tribal Attorney. Ballots cast for this election are 1293 total votes.

Secretary/Treasurer	Michael Keahbone	40.03%	508 total votes	Run-off
	John David Wahnee	38.77%	492 total votes	Run-off
Committeeperson No. 3	Tanisha Burgess	20.72%	264 total votes	Run-off
	Alice Kassanavoid	32.03%	408 total votes	Run-off
Committeeperson No. 4	Jordan Fox	29.19%	369 total votes	Run-off
	Robert Komahcheet, Jr.	48.50%	613 total votes	Run-off
Tribal Administrator	Julia Mantzke	55.36%	707 total votes	No run-off
Election Board	Alannah Atauvich-Callahan	16.47%	191 total votes	No run-off
	Cherry Martinez	12.16%	141 total votes	No run-off
	Charlotte Niyah	16.64%	193 total votes	No run-off
	Terry Perryman	13.28%	154 total votes	No run-off
	Kay Smits	12.07%	140 total votes	No run-off
	Cameille Wetselline	29.40%	341 total votes	No run-off
Tribal Attorney	Crowe & Dunlevy	33.68%	416 total votes	Run-off
	Dorsey & Whitney, LLC	40.97%	506 total votes	Run-off

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By my signature I certify the Election Results.

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Michael Blackstar, Sr.
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HOUSING

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On May 15, Comanche Nation Housing Authority's (CNHA) Executive Director Russell Sossamon testified before Congress to address the housing issues that face Native Americans in Southwest Oklahoma.

"Since the grant favors construction, CNHA often must operate on Fee Simple Land as Trust Land is often in rural areas far from amenities, jobs and resources," said Sovo. "This is more costly and time consuming. If the grant showed equal preference to acquisitions, tribal members could select an existing home in the area of their choosing, increasing our ability to place tribal members in safe housing."

During his address, Sossamon also highlighted the cultural norms of Native American families that demonstrate the grant's impact. "It is customary for Native families to reside with their extended families, including parents or grandparents. This practice reduces the burden on nursing care, and consequently, on the need for federal subsidies. It is crucial to view this grant as an investment, which will yield significant returns in the long run."

For more information about Comanche Nation Housing Authority, visit www.comanche-housing.com.

Programs

Comanche Language Class in Walters

Comanche Language Classes will be held on Thursdays at the Comanche Nation Community Center in Walters, Okla., at 6 p.m.

Instructor is Ronald Red Elk and Apprentice is Ed Tahhahwah Jr.

For more information call: (580) 699-5315 or e-mail: language@comanchenation.com.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Higher Education Student of the Month Mark Geffre



Courtesy Photo

Geffre

Mark Geffre is a descendant of Poemoceah. His parents are Larry and Rebecca Geffre, and his maternal grandparents are Michael Harrison and Stephanie Harrison.

Geffre is a Junior at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, working toward a Bachelor of Science in Parks and Wildlife Law Enforcement and an Associate of Science in Wildland Fire fighting.

His goal is to become a game warden or park ranger.

Higher Education Student of the Month Alannah Ataavich-Callahan



Courtesy Photo

Callahan

Alannah is the daughter of Gene Ataavich and the granddaughter of the late DeRoy Ataavich Sr. She is also the granddaughter of Mary Ataavich Birdtail and she was raised in the greater Kansas City area. Callahan's great-grandparents are the late Pearl Yokesuite Ataavich and the late Lewellyn Ataavich.

Callahan is a Doctoral student at Abilene Christian University, with an emphasis in Higher Education Administration & Leadership.

She is currently in the final phases of the Doctorate program as she is halfway through writing her dissertation, pending additional confirmation of research and data collection.

She possesses a Bachelors and Masters degree from the University of Oklahoma and throughout her educational career, has been a Gates Millennium Scholar, American Indian Graduate Center and Native Forward Scholarship recipient.

She has been asked to speak at many public events and was selected to be a mentor for Native students. She was also selected to be a State Coordinator for American Pageants, Inc., where she as-

sists in recruiting and mentoring women to compete for the crown using their leadership, academia, and volunteer work as a basis for competition.

She is employed by The University of Oklahoma as a Payroll Specialist and has worked in various departments at the University since 2018 and served in many volunteer positions for OU.

Her background in pageants and modeling has contributed to the activities in her spare time. She is a promo model, brand ambassador, and background actress. You can see her in many projects including: *Reservation Dogs* (Season 1), *American Underdog*, *Joey & Ella*, *For The Love of Money*, *13 Minutes*, and various other films. She was cast for her first speaking role as a supporting actress in a short film playing, "Rebecca" in a film called *At What Cost*, produced for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes that was released in 2022.

Callahan was nominated for "Election Board Member-OKC Area" on the 2023 Election Ballot for the Comanche Nation. Her future endeavors include serving the Comanche Nation, continuing her professional journey at OU, and taking a certification program with Harvard Business School.

She hopes to make an impact in higher education, paving the way for other like-minded Native women who have a desire to serve, lead, and mentor others.

Job Placement and Training Student of the Month Brittany Tyler



Courtesy Photo

Tyler

Brittany Tyler recently completed a six-month course at Elite Academy for the Esthetician Program. She completed a month earlier than planned and she takes her final written and practical exam on July 6.

She does not yet have an established salon space just yet, but you can follow her Instagram @Asthetically_B.

Adult Education Student of the Month Clayton Cerday



Courtesy Photo

Cerday

Clayton Cerday is the son of Eddie and Susan Cerday, a descendant of David (Sotero) and Herlinda Cerday.

While at Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas, he started a career in Biomedical Research with notable areas of work in Cancer Therapeutics (Multi-Drug Re-

sistant Protein-4), Historical staining, imaging and description of an Environmentally protected salamander endemic to the Central Texas region.

After college, he earned a Oakridge Institute of Science and Education Microbiology Fellowship with the Department of Energy and the Department of Defense at JBSA Fort Sam Houston.

After his fellowship, he went to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services in Pennsylvania and then the USDA in California.

Cerday is now a Department of Defense Microbiologist training for Safety and Occupational Health Management through the U.S. Army's CP-12 Program.

Injury Prevention Taking Applications

Comanche Nation Injury Prevention Director, Laura Trusty and Injury Prevention Technician, Fiona Kerchee, are taking applications for tribal members that need Smoke Alarms, Fire Extinguishers, or Carbon Monoxide Detectors.

Requirements: Need physical address; Contact phone number; CDIB.

Smoke alarms will be installed in the home by a team of installers, at a time of convenience for you.

For more information contact the Injury Prevention at (580) 492-3600.

Roundrobin Tire Drive

The Office of Environmental Program will be conducting a Roundrobin Tire Drive, 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., June 13 - 15 at the Cache Community Center. The event is open to the public.

Tires up to 24 inches will be accepted. Only 25 tires per vehicle (please do not bring tractor tires.)

Also being accepted: Aluminum, plastic, cardboard and E-waste (TVs of any kind will not be taken)

A Roll-off will be available accepting Household Appliances and trash, Bulk items, Paint and Batteries.

For more information contact The Office of Environmental at (580) 492-3754.

Environmental Programs 2023 Earth Day



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Residents and staff of the Edith Gordon Retirement attend the 2023 Earth Day event held at Watchetaker Hall on April 21.

The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Program hosted it's Annual Earth Day Celebration on April 21 at Watchetaker Hall.

The first Earth Day was held April 22, 1970, because there was not any regulatory mechanisms in place such as The Clean Air Act or The Clean Water Act in place to protect the environment. Earth Day has been celebrated April 22, it is an annual event to demonstrate the support the environmental protection. To-

day Earth Day is recognized by over 190 countries and have had participation from over one billion people worldwide.

This year the Comanche Nation Office of Environmental Program's Earth Day had participants from other Environmental Programs from around the surrounding area.

The participants attending the event show cased their program and services which they provide.

Approximately 15

vendors from other tribes as well as those from the Comanche Nation set up booths, providing information hand-outs and promotional gifts.

Special "Thank You," to The Comanche Nation Social Services provided the meal.

135 adults along with 20 children attended the event.

Free t-shirts were provided. The Comanche Nation Diabetes Program gave out free N7 Nike shoes while supplies lasted.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Member of the Wichita Environmental Program discuss information with tribal member attending 2023 Earth Day.



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Members of The Office of Environmental Program staff: Tito Lindsay, Christina Cooper, Director and Sara Williams.

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TANISHA BURGESS - CBC #3

JUNE 9 & 10, 2023



My name is Tanisha Cable Burgess and I have been nominated for the CBC Seat #3. I am a mother of four children and have been married to Kenny Burgess for 19 years. We reside in Cache, OK. My parents are the late Norma Cable Adame and Richard Adame of Mayetta, KS and I am the granddaughter of the late Vernon & Gloria Cable of Cache, OK.

I am currently enrolled online at Little Priest Tribal College. I am taking classes for an Associates of Arts in Native American Studies focusing on Federal Indian Policy. I have been an online student at Little Priest since January 2022.

What Qualifies me for CBC #3?

I have over 15 years of experience working in both, Comanche Nation Tribal Government and Tribal Gaming. I was instrumental in revising the current Gaming Ordinance along with former Committee Members. While working as the Assistant Manager at the Comanche Nation Waterpark, I helped bring in new revenue for the both the Waterpark & Indoor Playground. I worked in the Realty & Land Management Department as the Administrative Assistant. As the Administrative Assistant, I helped and worked with the US Forest Service that established the first Paraprofessional Program and budget. I have advocated and dedicated time with and for Tribal Members on issues from employment termination to the current issues going on within our nation.

In the last year I helped the Apache Gaming Commission bring their Licensing Department to compliance.

I am currently working with the Kiowa Tribe to establish a Native Boys & Girls Club.

Community Engagement:

- I am currently a volunteer Soccer Coach for the Comanche Academy.**
- I was recently asked to help create the first Native American Club for Indian Public Schools.**
- I formerly sat on the Cache J.O.M. Indian Parent Committee for Cache Public Schools.**
- I coached youth Volleyball at the Y.M.C.A. and the local Lawton league.**

I respectfully ask for your Vote on Saturday, June 10, 2023. Make your vote count!

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People, Places, & Things Happening

Chaddlesone Takes First in the OKSE



Courtesy Photo

Chaddleson

Tribal Member Julianne Chaddlesone was part of a two-man Mario Kart team who won first place in the Oklahoma Scholastic Esports Little Eleagues division on April 29.

Chaddleson is one of the esports players at Lincoln Elementary and the only Comanche member on the team.

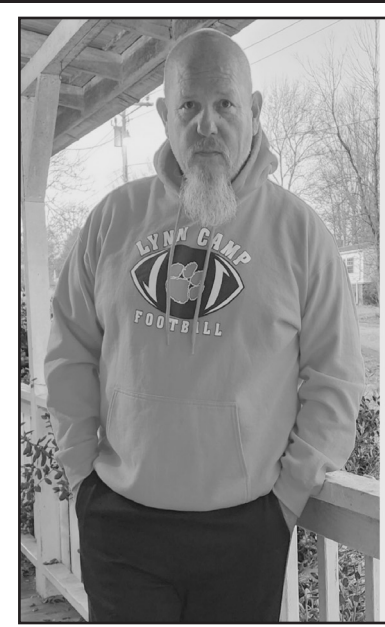
Numunu Basketball Team Places First in Battle of Nations



Courtesy Photo

From left, Back row: Alison Tahahwah, Danquez Dawsey, Cody Mahsetky, Ronnie Battle, Joseph Tahah, Mike Decker, Jared Kopaddy. Front row: Jaylen Swift, Craig Foster, Dylan Parker

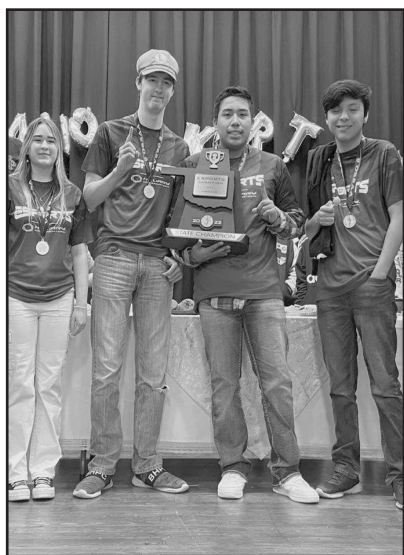
On April 27 through 29, Numunu basketball team competed in the Spokane, Washington Battle of Nations, an all-Native American basketball tournament, and placed first, beating their score last year and taking second. Among the accomplishments of winning the tournament, Numunu basketball had the tournament MVP, Alison Tahahwah.



Courtesy Photo

SAPCUT ACCEPTS NEW POSITION AT A HIGH SCHOOL IN KENTUCKY. Tribal member, Richard Sapcut, is a coach living in Kentucky and has accepted a new position as the new head strength and conditioning coach at Lynn Camp High School in Corbin, Kentucky. Sapcut has been coaching in Kentucky for over 20 years and will continue at Lynn Camp High School as not only a weight room coach; he will also coach football as the special teams coordinator, receivers, and running back coach. Sapcut will start the first high school wrestling team in Lynn Camp High School history.

Goombi and His Team Take Home State Championship Trophy



Courtesy Photo

From Left, Skyler Bowerman, Matt Sylvester, Hayden Goombi, Henry Lonewolf



Courtesy Photo

Goombi

Hayden Goombi is the son of John and Llori Goombi of Cyril, Okla. His maternal grandparents are Lloyd Heminokeky Jr. and the late Karen (Redbone) Heminokeky of Cyril. His paternal grandparent is Carla Owings-Worcester of Fort Cobb, Okla. Goombi is the Great-great-great-grandson of Big Chief Lookingglass and an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation.

Goombi is a Junior honor student at Cyril High School. He is active in the student council, FCLA, and the Esports team. On December 12, 2022, Goombi and his teammates Henry Lonewolf, Matt Sylvester, and Skylar Bowerman won their first OSSAA Mario Kart 4v4 State Championship.

On April 15, Goombi and teammate Matt Sylvester traveled to Southwestern Oklahoma State University located in Weatherford, Okla., to compete in the OSSAA 2v2 Mario Kart State Championship and won in the final round against Davis High School. On April 21, Cyril became Back-2-Back 4v4 Mario Kart State Champions in the OSSAA's Championship game.

Cyril's E-sports program has only been active for the past two years. Out of 120 Oklahoma High Schools of all sizes, Cyril has dominated three of the 12 games offered. Cyril has been ranked No. 1 and has been the favorite to win the OKSE State Championship in Mario Kart. Goombi plans to return his senior year next season to help defend their titles.



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Comanche Road Warriors Win Their Division at the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff



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Hart was the first leg of the race, which was 6.2 miles.

"I went out and ran every day to prepare for this."

Teammates agreed they ran for their health and enjoyment, but Cleveland had one extra reason.

"I've always been an avid runner because I have a little brother who is severely disabled, can't walk, can talk and take advantage of the gift God's given me when others don't have it."

Ahtone ran 3.1 miles for the second leg of the race. He said he enjoyed the marathon.

"It felt really good this morning to get up and participate with the team members," he said. "You know we all came together...our own little tribe, as you would say, and it was fun

[to] get out there and compete and... represent Comanche Nation as good as we can."

Parker ran a little over 7 miles as the third leg; he lives in Arizona and visited Oklahoma to run the marathon.

"I'm in the service, so anytime I get to run back home is a beautiful feeling for me," he said. "And to run it with the tribe in Oklahoma City, my fourth time running here, felt beautiful, so it's a great day."

Parker said he wasn't personally affected by the Oklahoma City Bombing; however, he knew people who responded to the bombing.

"I'm a former Comanche Nation CHR, and at the time of the bombing, I wasn't working as a CHR, but I do remember there were CHRs...and other members of the tribe who responded as first responders to the Oklahoma City Memorial bombing," he said. "And so, because of that, and I was around those people as an employee, I held them in high regard...so in that way, it's affected my respect for the men and women

who were first responders on that horrible day and that tragic day."

Woommavovah ran the final 6.2 miles of the marathon.

"I feel great because we're able to share this with our Comanche runners right here. Not only that, but we showed our Comanche pride," he said. "We will always run with our colors, and we let our community know we're here and we're doing big things in Southwest Oklahoma at the Comanche Nation."

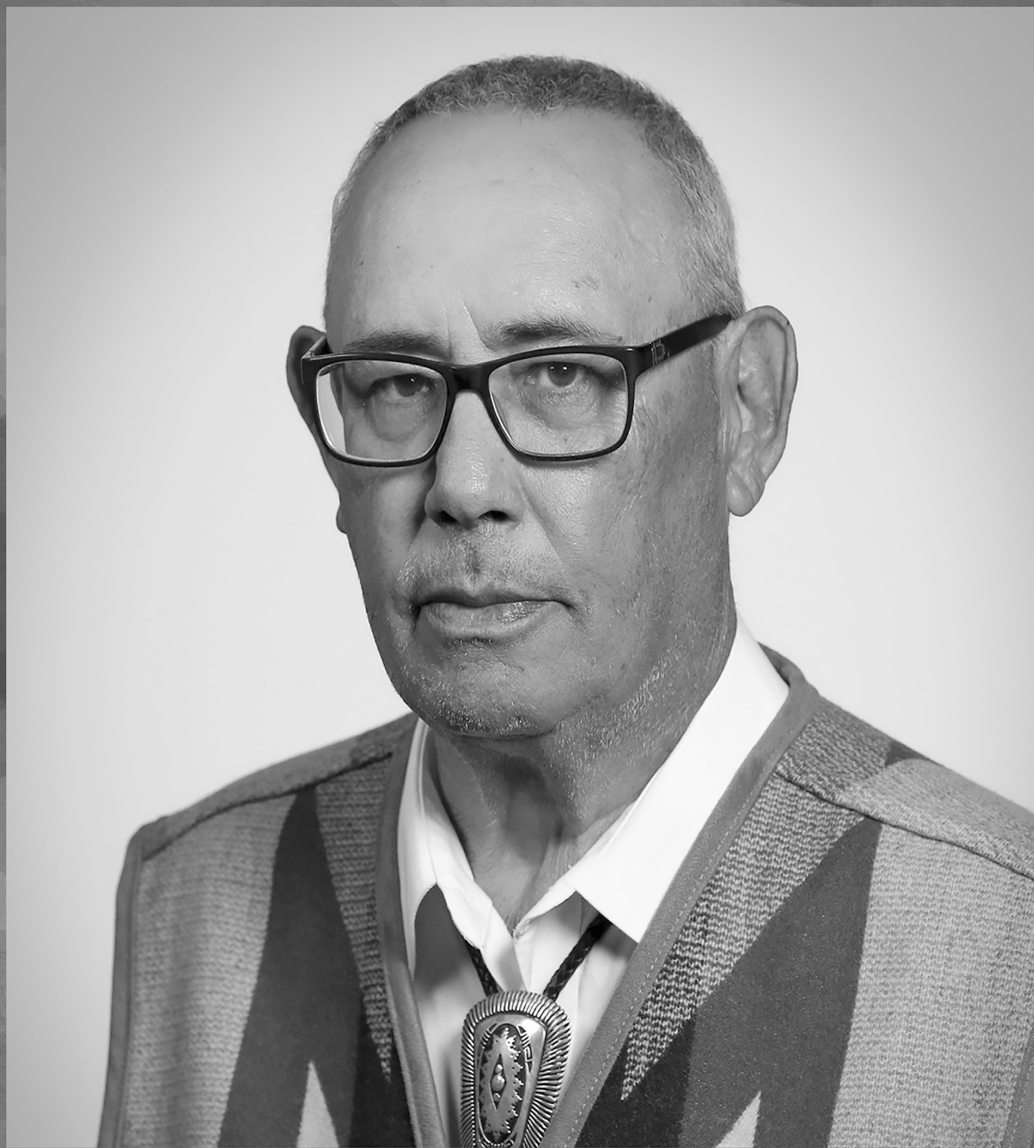
Cleveland said crossing the finish line was a great feeling.

"...Proud of my people; it was amazing crossing the finish line together, and I encourage you all to get out, especially on pretty days like this," she said. "I know I'm guilty myself not going out every day, and I think we need to make it a priority to take care of ourselves and also represent our people at events like this."

Woommavovah said he appreciated the support from the Comanche Nation and Lawton Ft. Sill Area.



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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

June News Release

In Honor and Memory of
US Army Sergeant

George "Gerald" Red Elk

Sunrise January 29, 1948 – Sunset
April 19, 2023

Interment at Deyo Indian Mission
Cemetery, Lawton Okla.
On April 25, 2023



Courtesy Photo

George "Gerald" Red Elk

George "Gerald" Red Elk, served in the U.S. Army in 1967-1973, and in the Oklahoma Army National Guard from 1982-1991, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He served during the Vietnam War w/11TH Armored Cavalry Regiment (as a Tank Commander) & Persian Gulf War (as a Field Artillery Surveyor) w/45th Infantry Division, awarded Silver Star, the third highest award for Gallantry.

His citation reads in part: *"Red Elk, George, Sergeant, United States Army, Company D, 1st Squadron, 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment distinguished himself by gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving conflict with an armed hostile force on March 18, 1969, while serving as a Tank Commander in the Republic of Vietnam. On this date, Company D was conducting a sweep through the Michelin Rubber Plantation when fierce contact was made with an estimated battalion-size force of North Vietnamese Regulars in well-concealed, bunker fortifications. In the ensuing battle, Sergeant Red Elk's tank began receiving rocket-propelled grenade fire from the left flank. Reacting instantly, Sergeant Red Elk aggressively maneuvered his vehicle toward the enemy position, engaging them with his main gun. His highly accurate fire completely routed the enemy force, killing two. As he moved back on line, an enemy rocket-propelled grenade round exploded overhead, severely wounding his right hand. Ignoring the pain, Sergeant Red Elk was successful in knocking out a second rocket-propelled grenade team. He courageously remained with his tank for 45 minutes after being wounded, until he passed out from the pain and loss of blood. His heroic example greatly inspired the entire unit to press on and completely overpower the hostile force. Sergeant Red Elk's outstanding personal courage and unwavering devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit and the United States Army."* Signed by B.E. Huffman Jr., Brigadier General, GS, Chief of Staff on July 13, 1969.

Sergeant Red Elk was also awarded the Army Commendation (2) & Army Reserve Achievement Medals and is the son of Comanche Code Talker Roderick Red Elk – also stationed Fort Knox, Ky., Fort Riley, Kan., Lawton, Okla., Fort Carson, Colo., Dugway Proving Grounds, Utah, Saudi Arabia and Iraq, other awards include Purple Heart, Vietnam Service medal w/4 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, Vietnam Campaign medal w/1960 Device, Southwest Asia Service medal w/2 Bronze Service Stars, Saudi Arabian Liberation of Kuwait medal, Kuwait Liberation of Kuwait medal, Good Conduct medal w/2 Bronze Loops, National Defense Service medal w/Bronze Star, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon 2/Numeral 2, Overseas Ribbon, Expert and Marksman Qualification Badges w/Rifle

and Pistol Bars, selected as 2/64th Armor NCO of the Quarter, selected as "Top Gun" for 5/32nd Armor Tank Gunnery Qualification Test and graduate of the NCO Candidate School, inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on November 11, 2011. He was honored by the Military Times- Hall of Valor and the Oklahoma Historical Society for his actions during the Vietnam War. George Red Elk earned the honorary title of *Numu Putuski*. for Heroism-Gallantry-Valor.

Funeral and Honor Guard Details



Courtesy Photo

SSG George Red Elk

A funeral detail was requested by the Red Elk Family as the services were conducted at the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex, Watchtaker Hall on April 25, with burial at the Deyo Mission Cemetery.

George Red Elk was born on January 29, 1948, in Lawton Oklahoma to Roderick and Helen Red Elk. His father was a Comanche Code Talker during WWII as he served in the U.S. Army from 1967-1973 and in the Oklahoma Army National Guard from 1982-1991. He earned the rank of Staff Sergeant. During his time in service, he was awarded the Silver Star, Purple Heart medals and was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. During Color Guard Details, George was designated to carry the Comanche Code Talker Flag in Honor of his father.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Army, CIVA and Comanche Code Talkers flags were displayed. His military bio was read, a roll call was conducted as well as a final salute.

Over 75 Veterans in attendance provided a final salute. At the Deyo Mission Little Cemetery, full military honors were conducted by CIVA and the Auxiliary with the assistance of the Patriot Guard. The Comanche Nation Police Department provided a Firing Squad Detail.



Courtesy Photo

Curtiss Alan Pewo

A funeral detail was requested by the Pewo Family as the services were conducted at the Apache United Methodist Church in Apache on May 11, with burial at the West Cache Creek Cemetery west of Apache.

Curtis Alan Pewo enlisted into the United States Marine Corps on November 17, 1971, and earned the rank of Private First Class (E-2). He completed his Boot Training at the Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot, Parris Island, S.C., and Marine Aviation Training Support Group (MATSG) for Basic Aviation Electronic Maintenance at Naval Air Technical Training Center (NATTC), Jacksonville, Fla.

PFC Pewo was Honorably Discharged as his awards include the

USMC Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal.

The detail consisted of Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Marine Corps flags were displayed.

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Flag Replacement, and Installation of Grave Markers

On May 13, Veterans and Auxiliary held a planned workday to replace all the flags at the Circle of Honor and the Court of Honor along with setting up 13 cross in Honor and Memory of our Fallen Warrior of the Comanche Nation. Another work detail placed three bronze flat headstone /markers at the Otipoby Cemetery for the late Richard Henson, Eldridge Tahdoonippah and Gardner Pewewardy.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Vice Commander John McClung replacing flags.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary preparing to setup the crosses.



Courtesy Photo

Pictured are Edward Tahhawahah III, Clifford Takawana, Phylis Narcomey and Clifford Red Elk.

May CIVA Monthly Meeting

On May 4, CIVA held its fifth meeting for the 2023 calendar year.

CIVA Co-Chaplain, Monah Davis, opened with a prayer as the CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Opening remarks were made by CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko. Birthday recognitions were made to CIVA Vice Commander, John McClung, CIVA Treasure, Frankie Patterson, CIVA Co-Chaplain, Monah Davis and Auxiliary member Linda Tehauno.

The monthly meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary members Nona Gail Mihecoby and Cheryl Takawana. After the meal, a roll call was conducted by CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski and a quorum was established.

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

Former Comanche Nation, CIVA Princess Earns Doctorate Degree

The Officer's, Princess and Auxiliary would like to congratulate Ms. Krista Hubbard on earning her Doctorate Degree (PHD) in Literary and Cultural Studies from the University of Oklahoma. "Way to go Krista we are proud of you."



Courtesy Photo

Armed Forces Day

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 May 15, 2004, at the Comanche Community Center in Apache Okla. There are currently 33 Comanches on active duty.

The First to Serve



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Chebahtah First Soldier - 1883



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Edward Clark First Marine - 1933



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Norton Tahquechi First Sailor - 1918



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Teddy Tahsuda First Airman - 1941



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Nathan Hernasy Sr. First Coast Guardsman - 1946

In Honor and Memory of Fallen Warriors of the Comanche Nation



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PFC Johnnie Rivas Killed in Action June 6, 1944



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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 Russell Pesewonit
Killed in Action
July 22, 1966



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Elbert Vidana
September 9, 1955



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PFC Ben Trevino
Killed in Action
September 16, 1944



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Cpl Robert Pahcheka
Killed in Action
October 22, 1968



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Ernest Lee Brewer
June 21, 2022



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George Gerald Red Elk
Numu Pukutsi
April 19, 2022



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PVT Henry Kosechata
Died of Wounds
May 1, 1945



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Cpl Joshua Ware
Killed in Action
November 16, 2005



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Richard Wichita
August 3, 2003



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Patricia Ann Sutton-Tahdooahnippah
June 24, 2022



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Curtiss Alan Pewo
May 2, 2022



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PFC Henry Conwoop
Died of Wounds
May 3, 1945



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William Kerchee
January 20, 2007

Comanche Veterans who died while on Active Duty

Comanche Veterans that Passed Since Memorial Day 2022



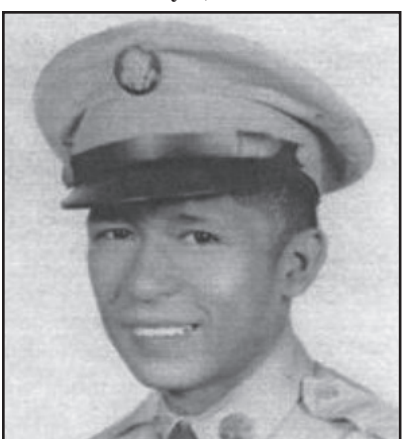
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Gary Poafpybitty
June 24, 2022

CIVA Princess Activities
Arlene Schonchin

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, performed Native American Sign Language at the 100 Anniversary of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas Conference May 5 and May 7 in Oklahoma City, Okla. and paraded in the Armed Forces Day Parade May 20. in Lawton, Okla.



Courtesy Photo
CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, performing the Lord's Prayer on May 5, in Oklahoma City for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas' annual conference.



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Dennis Karty
Died in Captivity
March 30, 1952

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Teddy Tahsuda
February 3, 1943



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Forrest Sunrise
January 1, 1944



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Clifford "Keith" Red Elk
May 17, 2022



Courtesy Photo
John Ray Hunter
October 8, 2022



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CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, performing the Hail Mary Prayer on May 7, in Oklahoma City for the Catholic Daughters of the Americas' annual conference.



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



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Chester Tieyah
July 9, 1950



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Bob Tenequer
June 2, 2022



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Ronald Parker
Numu Pukutsi
December 12, 2022



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CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin at the Armed Forces Day Parade.



Courtesy Photo
Daniel Elam Jr.
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CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin at the Armed Forces Day Parade with Comanche Nation Princesses.



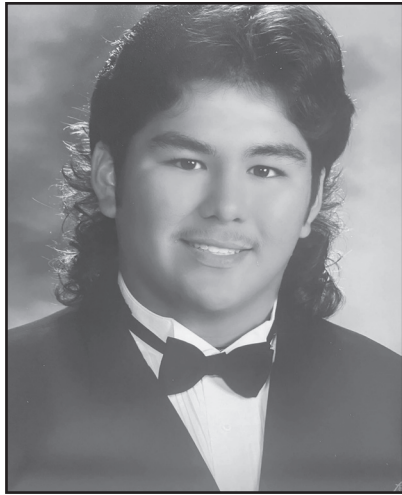
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Wendall Weryackewe
June 7, 1954

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday!

May 13 - Karissa Komahcheet
May 27 - Alene Nicole Stumblingbear

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday
Caden Tahbonemah
June 7



Happy Birthday
Terry Brinkman, Jr.
June 11



Happy Birthday
Franklin Akoneto
June 17



Happy 14th Birthday
Quintessa Andonian
June 18

~Happy Birthday from your family.
We love you lots!

June 1 - Cody Joe Mahsetky
AKA Codeezy, Deezy. "Wishing you a very special birthday and many more Blessed years. Love, momma, JRO, Kerry, Cambree, family and friends!"
June 3 - Jamie PrairieChief
"Happy Birthday Jamie! May GOD Bless you with many many more! Love, your family!"



Happy Birthday
Lisa Collins
June 26

~Happy birthday from your family!
All 100 of us!

June 4 - Marion Simmons
June 6 - Tracey McClung-Pack
June 6 - Riggins Heminokky-Gayton
"Happy Birthday Baby Riggs!"
June 7 - Caden Tahbonemah
June 7 - Isaiah Whitewolf
"Happy 9th Birthday from Mom, Dad, grandma, and siblings."



Happy 15th Birthday
Qynn
June 23
~Love, Mom



Happy Belated Birthday
Karissa Komahcheet
May 13

~We love you so much! Always,
Papa, Grammies, Mom, and Lil' Sis!

June 9 - Michael Miller
June 11 - Michelle Anderson-Howen
June 11 - Terry Brinkman, Jr
June 15 - Kenneth Looking-glass
June 17 - Franklin Akoneto
June 18 - Loki Passi
June 18 - Quintessa Andonian
June 20 - Claudia Coosewoon
June 21 - Staci Rench (Anderson)
June 22 - Monica McClung
June 23 - Qynn
June 23 - Vivian Hall
June 24 - Dak Miller
June 26 - Lisa Collins

Happily Married
April 30, 2023
at Rock Spring Indian Baptist Church located in Anadarko, OK.

Congratulations!
Rev. John JC Smith and Michelle J. Timbo-Smith

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Kenneth and Billie Kreger
June 3rd
Celebrating 50 years of marriage!

In Loving Memory
Frank Whitewolf
05/10/1941 - 06/19/2020

~Happy Heavenly Father's Day to our Dad and Grandpa. From your kids and grandkids. We miss you.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Keith Wetselline
~Happy Father's Day, Dad! We love you so much! From: Fiona & Tasi.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Dwayne Ototivo
~Thank you for all you do! We love you so much! From: Desirae & Kaidence

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Michael Miller
~Happy Father's Day. We love you! From: Dak & Mila Miller.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Royal Nahno-Kerchee
~Happy Father's Day little brother! Love, Sallie Kerchee-Tonips.



Courtesy Photo

Red Elk
January 29, 1948-April 19,2023

"I saw an eagle fly...
...lookin' south
Toward Mount Scott
'bout six in the morning
Mid April day
Clear, no clouds
I saw an eagle fly...
...effortlessly
Riding the currents
Soaring above all
Majestic
Supreme
I saw an eagle fly...
...and that eagle
Looked a lot like
Numuna Teknawap
George Gerald Red Elk
Fly long, fly high, Brave Warrior
April 19,2023"
Composed by Lonnie Henderson

"The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. So they will put My name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."

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CORRECTION:
The Comanche Nation News regrets the error of identifying May 29 as Labor Day in the May edition of TCNN.

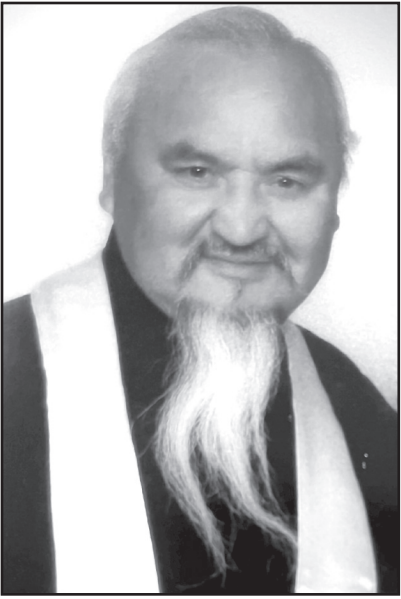
HAPPY Father's DAY

From
The Comanche Nation News/PIO
Staff: Jolene, Paula, Heaven, Natascha, & Stacey!

There was a man
"George was, first and foremost, a good Christian man and my friend.
Combat veteran of Vietnam and Iraq, George was awarded the Silver Star-America's third-highest award for Valor in combat. He is also a Purple Heart recipient.
George was a quiet man. Quiet but profoundly influential to others. He was one of the first I met in the Comanche Indian Veteran's Association and showed me the "Comanche way." I learned a lot from him. He will be missed. Missed by a loving wife, children, grand and great-grandchildren, other family members, and a host of friends.
I will miss your quiet smile, your soft voice. I will remember George Gerald Red Elk, and I will proclaim", said Lonnie Henderson.
There was a man.
-Submitted by Lonnie Henderson

Obituaries

Fred Charles Ticeahkie



Courtesy Photo

Ticeahkie

Nov. 26, 1947 - Apr. 1, 2023

Rev. Fred Ticeahkie, went to be with the Lord on April 1. He lived a long, blessed life to age 75. Rev. Ticeahkie, was the proud son of the late Charles (Lindy) Lindberg Ticeahkie and Dorothy Maxine Johnson Ticeahkie of Lawton, Okla. He has three sisters Daphne Ticeahkie, Diane Ticeahkie and the late Susan Ticeahkie. He was the only son.

Rev. Ticeahkie, attended school at Chilocco Indian School in Kay County, Oklahoma. During his late teens he met his future wife, Rev. Janice (Haury) Ticeahkie.

Rev. Ticeahkie attended UCLA. Rev. Ticeahkie attended a driving school and obtained his CDL. Rev. Ticeahkie was blessed with a gift from Ethaline Tofpi and John Haury which financed his first truck and his second truck. Rev. Ticeahkie and Jan owned 'Ticeahkie Trucking' for 14 years. The couple started a family in California and attended Indian Revival Center in Bell Gardens, California. The couple have been married for 53 years. Rev. Ticeahkie and his wife both attended Global University in California. When relocating back to Lawton, Okla. Rev. Ticeahkie and his wife both became Ordained Assemblies of God Ministers.

Rev. Ticeahkie was a proud Lakers fan and OU fan. He loved watching movies and his favorite movie was 'Cool Hand Luke'. He loved spending time with his grandkids and teaching them how to find those 'rare finds'. Rev. Ticeahkie was always smiling and ready for a conversation. Rev. Ticeahkie and his wife attended his home church - Comanche Reformed Church. As a family tradition he loved camping out for the yearly Comanche Nation Fair.

Rev. Ticeahkie is survived by his mother Dorothy Maxine Ticeahkie, his two sisters Daphne of Oklahoma City and Diane Ticeahkie of Lawton, Okla., his beloved wife, Rev. Janice Ticeahkie; children, Sandra Kay Ticeahkie, Toqua-Hanai Ticeahkie (Sharon) and three grandchildren; Tomafa-Tosiya Ticeahkie, Ahkeah Kaheeka Ticeahkie and Suta Mia Ticeahkie of Farmington, N.M., four nephews, four nieces and other. Preceded in death by; father Charles (Lindy) Ticeahkie, sister Susan Dextra Ticeahkie and niece Renee Zuk.

Beliefs are powerful. Powerful people have powerful beliefs. Rev. Fred Charles Ticeahkie was a powerful person with powerful beliefs. He leaves behind a legacy of being a strong, noble, and honorable 'Man of God'. He is loved and will be greatly missed.



Vickie Lynn Moffett



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Moffett

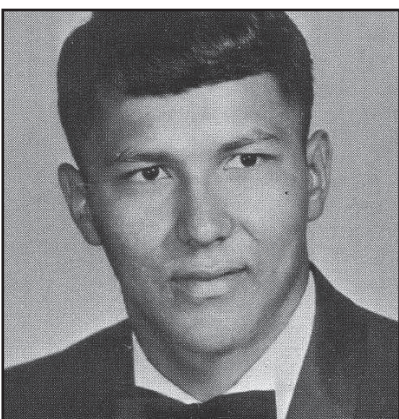
Vickie Lynn Moffett, went to her heavenly home on April 17, in Oklahoma City.

Moffett was born in Lawton on October 18, 1961, to Mack and Madeline (Poahway) Mahsetky. She loved her family and was a proud member of the Comanche Nation and was also of Kiowa decent. Moffett was a very good cook and she was very protective of her family. Moffett was an avid softball player in Lawton and abroad while stationed in Germany. She was a cashier at Country Mart Grocery Store for many years.

Moffett was preceded in death by: her grandparents Nestler Poahway and Jenny Geimausaddle, parents: Mack Mahsetky Sr. and Madeline Poahway-Spicer, uncles: Rayfield Poahway, Sullivan Poahway; and Mathew Poahway, sisters: Libby Ann Stockton, Marilyn Denise Figueroa, Michaela Mahsetky-Gutierrez, brothers: Patrick, Michael, Larry and Gary Mahsetky,

Survivors include: aunt, Geraldine Poahway; daughter, Melissa O'Guinn; grandsons: Jordan Moffett, Michael Moffett, Dustin Moffett and Welsey Vann; sisters Lana Brannum, Cheryl Duran, Jackie Mahsetky, Genevieve Poahway McIntyre, Donna Mahsetky Crane and Summer Mahsetky; brothers: Mack Mike Mahsetky Jr. and Michael Wolfe.

SGT George Gerald Red Elk



Courtesy Photo

Red Elk

Funeral service for SGT George Gerald Red Elk, 75, of Lawton, Okla., was held on April 25, at Watchtaker Hall with Pastor Edward Jackson officiating. Red Elk passed away on April 19, in Lawton, Okla.

Burial was at Deyo Mission Cemetery under the direction of the Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Prayer service for family and friends was held April 24, at Watchtaker Hall.

Red Elk, was born on January 29, 1948, in Lawton to Roderick and Helen (Jackson) Red Elk. He graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1966.

He served in the United States Army from 1967-1973 and the Oklahoma Army National Guard from 1982-1991. During his time of service, he was awarded the Silver Star and Purple Heart medals. He was also inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame.

Red Elk, enjoyed spending time with his family, serving as a member of the CIVA, and working on his golf game. He was a devoted Christian and volunteered as a Sunday school teacher and church clerk for many years. Red Elk, was a proud member of the member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Red Elk, is survived by his wife of 53 years, Frannie Red Elk;

sons, Gerald Red Elk and Christopher Red Elk, daughter and son in law Jennifer and Julio Nunez. Red Elk is also survived by his grandchildren, Blaine Red Elk, Rylee Red Elk, Ryan Martin and her husband David, Reese Red Elk, Sophia Nunez, and Landon Nunez; one great grandchild, Langston Ashley; brother Dennis Red Elk, sister Rose Red Elk, his CIVA family, and many friends.

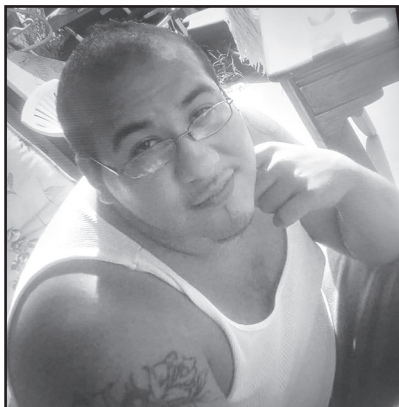
He is preceded in death by his parents Roderick & Helen Red Elk, and a brother Dixon Red Elk.

It's hard to forget someone who gave us so much to remember

Ashley, Liana, Rey, Tiffany Caez, all of Rochester, N.Y. Jeremiah Teeters, Joseph Coosewoon, Melissa Castillo, Mariana Moore, Lisa Marie Rosado, Gary Chasenah Jr., Jonathan Hoahwah, Ryan Cintron, Samantha Littles, Jorge Garcia, Jalyn Santiago, Jalecia Santiago, and Juliana Santiago. And many other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by sister, Mari Lynn Medina; Grandfather Felix Medina Sr. and Grandparents Roderick Sr. and Charlene Hoahwah; Great-Grandmother Mercedes Valdez.

Marcus Medina



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Medina

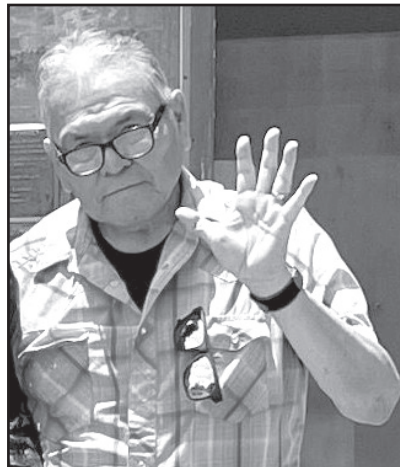
Marcus Medina, went to his heavenly home on April 27, in Lawton.

Funeral Service was May 5, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home with Eduardo Santiago officiating.

He was born to Myra and Felix Medina in Rochester, N.Y. He attended Eisenhower High School and received his GED. He enjoyed staying home and watching movies. He also enjoyed art, drawing, and listening to music. Most of all he loved spending time with his family.

He is survived by his mother, Myra Liz Medina; Step-Father, Herman Nesbitt; special mom, Debra Baker, all of Lawton. Father, Felix Medina Sr. of Winter Park, Fla.; two brothers, Roberto Medina of Lawton and Jeremiah Medina of Winter Park, Fla. Grandmother Felicita Medina, Aunt Marisol Medina, Uncle and Aunt Rey and Luzet Caez all of Rochester, N.Y. Aunts and Uncles Rolanda and Eduardo Santiago, Lalecia and Robert Wells, Melissa Renee Castillo, Miranda Hoahwah, Patricia Nesbitt, Roderick Hoahwah Jr., Terence Hoahwah, Otis Brown. Nephew, Zion Bell and niece, Zahleah Bell; cousins, Luis and Jessica Lazu, Marisol Melendez, Abdiel Valentin,

Curtiss Alan Pewo



Courtesy Photo

Pewo

Our Heavenly Father called Curtiss Alan Pewo, home on May 2. Pewo was born in Lawton, Oklahoma on May 11, 1953, to Wilbur "Braids" Pewo Jr. and Ruth Pewo. He led a beautiful adventurous life through his love and faith.

Pewo is survived by his youngest sibling, Carrie Ann Desamais; daughters, Andrea, Crystal, and Heather; sons, Corbin, Curtiss Jr., and Robert; grandchildren, Nut-homi Adam, Angelica, Brandon, Christine, Raymond, Azalea, Hazel, Lilian, Isaiah, Paul, Myesha, Cecilia, Aliah, Kayla, Seth, and Marissa; and six great grandchildren.

Pewo is preceded in death by his wife, Barbara Jean Pewo; parents, Ruth and Wilber Pewo Jr.; siblings, Sandra Washington and Wilber Pewo III; and daughter, Norma Christine.

Viewing services was May 10, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home in Lawton, Oklahoma. Church services was held at Apache United Methodist Church in Apache on May 11. Burial followed under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home at West Cache Creek Cemetery west of Apache.

Carolyn June (Wermey) Marquez



Courtesy Photo

Marquez

Carolyn June (Wermey) Marquez, went to her heavenly home on May 4.

Marquez, was born on October 8, 1946, to John and Lena Mae (Werqueyah) Wermey-Pekah in Lawton. Marquez enjoyed also loved watching her black and white TV shows, spending time with her family, friends especially the grandkids. She married Michael Marquez on February 8, 1983, and they made their home in Cache.

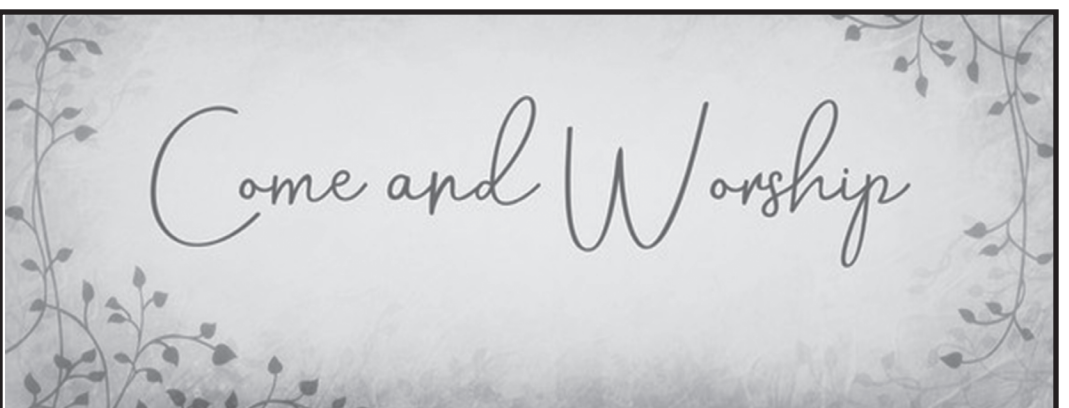
Marquez was a member of Cache River of Life Fellowship in Cache, Okla., she was also full blood member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Marquez is survived by: husband Michael of the home; her children: Jose Marquez, Sylvia Marquez and Johnny Poco, grandkids: Charles, Avery, Landon, Lucas, great grandchildren: Jacob, Kobi, C.J., Conner; and a host of many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her brothers, Jerry Wermey, John Wermey, and Merlin Wermey of Cache; sisters: Selma Trice, Glenda and husband Carl Mullins, Cathy and husband Mike Ward, Lasandra Wermey of Lawton, Sandra Canup of Lawton.

Marquez is preceded in death by: her daughter Dora Lynn Howell; parents John Marvin and Lena Mae Wermey Pekah and many other family members.

Grave side service was held at Deyo Cemetery on May 9, with Carl Mullins officiating. Service and burial are under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.



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Comanche Indian Veteran's Association May 20 Armed Forces Day Banquet



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Captain Lamoni Poweshiek Yazzie was honored at the CIVA Armed Forces Banquet May 20, receives a blanket and framed photo, listing his military service.



Private First Class, Robert Tippeconnie, was honored at the CIVA Armed Forces Banquet May 20, receives a blanket and framed photo, listing his military service.

Veterans, special guests, honorees CIVA Princess, and auxiliary gather for a photo at the end of the CIVA Armed Forces Day Banquet, which took place May 20, in Lawton, Okla.



Paul Anderson Tate Sr. was the guest speaker at the May 20, CIVA Armed Forces Day Banquet. He is the Commander of the VFW Post 1015 in Anadarko, Okla. He received a personalized Pendleton blanket and other gifts.



Comanche artist, Edmond Tate Nevequaya, plays soothing flute music during the CIVA Armed Forces Day Banquet in Lawton.



The Auxiliary of Post 1015 in Anadarko attended the CIVA Armed Forces Day Banquet and gave veterans gifts.

Arlene Schonchin is given a new banner by CIVA Auxiliary member, Shirley Pohawpatchoko, as she continues her reign as the CIVA Princess for a second year.

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The deadline to file a claim in the bankruptcy is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

The deadline to object to Endo's sale is July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).

WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

On August 16, 2022, Endo International plc and certain of its affiliates filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. Certain Endo affiliates manufactured and/or sold, among other things, branded opioid medications (including but not limited to OPANA® (oxymorphone hydrochloride), OPANA® ER (oxymorphone hydrochloride extended release), and PERCOCET® (oxycodone and acetaminophen tablets)), generic opioid medications, generic ranitidine medications, and transvaginal mesh. **This notice is intended to inform you of your rights in this bankruptcy regarding the bar date and proof of claim process and Endo's proposed sale of substantially all of its assets.**

WHAT IS A CLAIM?

A "claim" means a right to seek payment or other compensation. If you, a child in your care, or another loved one were harmed by Endo or a related company, including Par or American Medical Systems (AMS), or their products, including opioids, ranitidine, or transvaginal mesh, you may have a claim against one or more of these entities. To make a claim, you will need to submit a proof of claim in the bankruptcy case. You may file a claim on behalf of yourself, a child in your care (including a child exposed to opioids in the womb), or a deceased or disabled relative. Examples of claims that may be filed in the Endo bankruptcy include but are not limited to:

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- > **Ranitidine claims:** Claims for cancer, including bladder, esophageal, pancreatic, stomach, and liver cancer, among others.
- > **Transvaginal mesh claims:** Claims for pelvic pain, infection, bleeding, among others.

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE BAR DATE AND PROOF OF CLAIM PROCESS?

The deadline to submit your proof of claim is called a bar date. The bar date, or the deadline to submit your proof of claim, is July 7, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time). If you do not submit a proof of claim by the deadline, you will lose any rights you may have had to seek payment or compensation. You must file a proof of claim form so that it is **actually received** by the bar date. A proof of claim form can be filed by you, a legal guardian, survivors, or relatives of people who have died or are disabled. You do not need an attorney to file a proof of claim for you.

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Endo intends to sell substantially all of its assets in an auction and sale process in the bankruptcy case and subject to approval by the bankruptcy court. **Endo is seeking relief that the sale will be free and clear of all claims, liens, and encumbrances.**

If you disagree with the proposed sale, you must object to the sale in writing, so that your objection is received on or before **July 7, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. (prevailing Eastern Time).** **Any party in interest who fails to properly file and serve its objection by the objection deadline may lose its claim against Endo's assets if the sale is approved.** Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the bankruptcy court.

Complete details about the proposed sale, including any auction for Endo's assets, the date of the hearing to consider the sale, and instructions on how to file an objection, are available at EndoClaims.com or by calling 877.542.1878 (Toll-Free) or 929.284.1688 (International).

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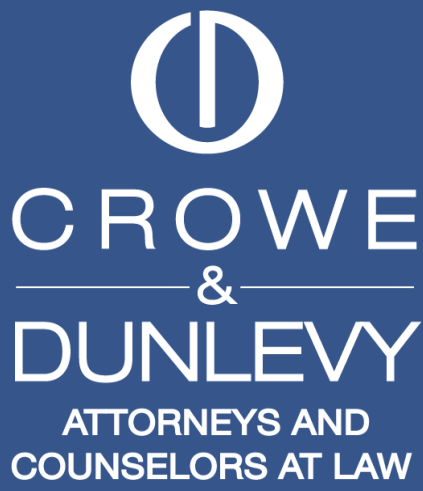
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