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Annual General Council Meeting Draws Over 400 Tribal Members April 15

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the April 15, Annual General Council Meeting, and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, please contact the Office of the Chairman, (580) 492-3251. You can watch the meeting in its entirety online at comanchenation.com.

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m., with a quorum of 414 tribal members in attendance. Following the invocation given by Rev. Michael Keahbone, the Comanche Indian Veteran's Association (CIVA) presented the colors.

Tribal member Tanisha Burgess makes a motion to amend the agenda to put the resolutions first. An unknown tribal member seconded it. Comanche Business Committee member, Alice Kassanavoid, reads Article V Section 2 of the Comanche Nation Constitution, which states the agenda of the Annual Meeting.

The motion fails by a vote of 184 – yes and 232 no.

The following were nominated for Secretary/Treasurer: Robert Tippeconnie, Michael Keahbone, John Wahnee (incumbent), and Jordan Mackey.

The following were nominated for CBC No. 3: Alice Kassanavoid (incumbent), Tanisha Burgess, Michael Burgess, Leonard Parker and Ron Red Elk.

Being nominated for CBC No. 4: Geneva Hadley, Robert Komahchee Jr. (incumbent), Jordan Fox, Harry Tahsequah, Edward Eschiti, John Parker, and William Owens.

Being nominated for Tribal Administrator: Julia Mantzke (incumbent), Rodney Parker, and Lisa Dawsey.

The following attorneys turned in their proposals for the position of tribal attorney: Dorsey & Whitney, Big Fire Law and Policy, and Crowe & Dunlevy.

The following were nominated for the Election Board:

- Cache/Indianoma: Terry Perryman, John McClung, Charlotte Nieyah, and Sandra Chesnut.
- Walters: Fred Fodder and Cherry Davidson Martinez
- Apache: none
- Anadarko: Charisse Redbone, Kay Smits
- Lawton: Sandra Toyekoyah, Camille Wetselline
- Oklahoma City: Alannah Atavich Callahan, Cheryl Hatfield, and Brandy Komalty Herron.

While reviewing the proposed budget, tribal member Michael Burgess makes a motion to put any remaining funds in the Emergency Management line item in an account to remain until a time when needed for a natural disaster, such as a tornado. Milton Sovo Jr. seconds the motion and adds that the money should come back to the General Council to see what is needed. The motion carries.

Tribal member Eva Ase-nap makes a motion to increase the Comanche Chairman's salary to \$135,000. Ron Burgess reminds the council that Indirect Cost matches the salary of the Chairman. Woommavovah said he is happy with what he gets and does not need an increase. An unknown tribal member seconds it. The motion fails.

Tribal member, Donald Chasenah, asks to put more money in

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McKenzi Sovo Crowned the 2023 Comanche Nation Princess & Vivien Parker Crowned the 2023 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess April 2, at Comanche Nation Complex's Watchtaker Hall



Sovo



Parker

Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff



The outgoing Comanche Nation Princess, Michelle Nevaquaya, places the Comanche Nation Princess Crown on Sovo.



The outgoing Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Bluesky Tosee, places the Jr. Princess shawl on Parker.

Voting Information for 2023 General Election

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The General Election is slated for May 13; and, if needed, a Run-off Election is scheduled for June 10. This year's elections will be for the following Administrative and Business Committee positions of:

- Secretary/Treasurer
- CBC Seat No. 3
- CBC Seat No. 4
- Tribal Administrator
- Tribal Attorney
- Election Board

Voters may cast their ballots for Early/In-house Voting on Friday, May 12, between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the polling site of their choice listed:

- Lawton Polling Sites:
- Comanche Nation Dorothy Lorentino Sunrise Education Center Auditorium, located at 1608 SW 9th St., Lawton, Okla.
 - Comanche Nation Complex New

Conference Room, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, Okla.

VOTING ON ELECTION DAY:

Voters may cast their ballots on Election Day, Saturday, May 13, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the polling site of their choice listed below:

- 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 West-

ern 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, 117 SW 2nd Street, 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
- The Election Office personnel can be reached at (580) 492-3544 or elections@comanchenation.com. The Comanche Nation Election Office encourages you to exercise your right to vote.



USFWS Commits To Relocating Proposed Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Cell Phone Tower Site

Submitted by Forrest Tahdooahnpah/
Comanche Tribal Attorney

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service was considering a proposal for a right-of-way permit to build a 320-foot cell phone tower to be located southeast of the intersection of State Highway 49 and State Highway 115. The proposal for a tower was motivated by a desire to improve communications within the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge for recreation and emergency response. However, the proposed location was the site of a historic battle between Comanche women and the Pawnee. Due to the historical significance of the site, the tower was opposed by the Comanche Elders' Council and Tribal Historic Preservation Office.

The Tribal Attorney, Dorsey & Whitney, arranged for a meeting between the Comanche Nation and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the cell phone tower location. The meeting was held at the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge Visitors' Center on March 10, 2023.

The meeting was well attended and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service listened to the concerns expressed by Comanche Nation representatives. At the conclusion of the meeting, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service committed to denying a right-of-way permit at the historic battle site. Instead, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will propose several alternative sites for consideration by the Comanche Nation, and in consultation with the Comanche Nation will arrive at a site that provides improved communications in the refuge while respecting the Comanche Nation's historical and cultural interests.

Housing Authority Elder Program Wait list Notice

In late 2021, the Comanche Nation Housing Authority recognized a need of support for our Elder's in accessing our Elder Home Repair program and introduced our Elder Outreach Program. Both programs have received a tremendous response from our community, aiding the support of nearly 1,500 Elders.

To ensure the program optimally serves as many Elders as possible, its services will continue, and eligible applicants can apply to the program's wait list. As funds are available, services will be delivered to applicants on the Elder Rehabilitation Program's wait list.

For more information or to join the wait list, visit www.comanchehousing.com to apply. To remain on the list, please update your application on an annual basis, which is done by completing a Statement of Continued Interest form and returning it to their office.



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Flower Month

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Government

Eleven Resolutions are on the April
CBC Meeting Agenda

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the April 1, 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, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. The Secretary/Treasurer, John Wahnee, conducts the roll call of the Comanche Business Committee (CBC). There is a quorum of six CBC members. CBC No. 1, Hazel Tahsequah, arrives after the roll call.

Pastor Michael Keahbone conducts the invocation.

CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, makes a motion to accept the agenda. CBC No. 2, Ross Kahrahr, seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Wahnee makes a motion to accept the minutes of the March 2023 meeting. CBC No. 4, Robert Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 5/0/0.

Executive/General Council

Officer Reports

Woommavovah said he attended all required meetings and was invited to Riverside Indian School. He gave a motivational speech to the Lady Warriors Basketball Team before their first appearance in the State Basketball Tournament. He and his wife sponsored a pizza party at the Comanche Academy Charter School for students who read 100 books or more, which totaled over 1,000 books in less than a month. He was the keynote speaker at the American Indian Chamber of Commerce Oklahoma City Chapter at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. He attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Medicine Park Aquarium and was the keynote speaker at Cameron University for the Native American Nations for Perspectives and Possibilities. He presented Pendleton Blankets to the outgoing Jr. Comanche Nation Princess and the outgoing Comanche Nation Princess at their honor powwows. He attended the Comanche Youth Spring Break STEAM Camp. He conducted walk-throughs of the tribal offices in Lawton, including the Comanche casino. He and his wife volunteered at the Comanche Elder Center and handed out meals. He attended the 2023 National Gaming Convention and was voted in as a delegate and alternate for the Southern Plains district.

Vice Chairman Dr. Cornel Pewewardy said he attended all required meetings and spoke at the American Indian Cultural Studies Conference at Cameron University. He talked to members of the MMIW movement about local initiative actions. He voiced his concern to state legislators about the current bill going through Oklahoma that pertains to Native students wearing their traditional Native regalia during graduation ceremonies. In March, he spoke at the University of Oklahoma, the University of Central Oklahoma, Rose State College, and the University of New Mexico about rebuilding Native Nations in Oklahoma.

Wahnee gave the AARP Report: Home Repairs (35.3%) began with \$36,500,000, has \$959,239 remaining, and has assisted 1,061 families with 44 families remaining, which will get the service requested. The Rental Assistance Program (9.2%) began with \$9,500,000, has a balance of \$457,206, and has assisted 1,661 families. The General Assistance (35.3%) - \$36,457,843; Food Assistance (4.62%) - \$4,399,728; School Assistance (.54%) - \$557,712 expended. A total of 87.45% has been expended on Comanche tribal members. A balance of \$11,493,351 is remaining in the ARP account.

Louie McCarthy, director of the Capital Improvement Program, gave a report of the ARP Construction

Projects: From March 2022 – March 2023 – a total of \$6,773,132.66 in projects which includes work at the Assisted Living Center with a new HVAC system and boiler, the Comanche Nation Community Center in Walters, the Cache Cahoma Building, and the Comanche Community Center in Apache all have new roofs and interiors. The new Property Building was awarded funding in March. A new media room will be located in the Code Talker Conference Room building, work at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home's prep room, and purchased modular for the Comanche Academy for the next school year. A new kitchen is being built at the current school. There will be other upgrades will be added for future projects. The Food Distribution received a roof, there was work done at the tribal building, maintenance building and fair building. A new roof was placed on Watchetaker Hall. A new water tower for part of the rural Cache development, rural water district No. 4, was paid as upgrades to the IT Department's media room and office and upgrades to the tribe's website to help make it easier to attain information.

McCarthy reported that with CIP money, the following had been approved, and a total of \$2,500,592 has been invested in the following: a new record & retention building located on the east side of the administration building, the groundwork for a new CIP building, and renovations on the roof at the tribe's elder nutrition center.

Wahnee ended his report by saying the tribe has been moved to 'low risk' and has had three consecutive years with clean audit reports. He added that the position was at a 'high risk' status when he began as the tribe's secretary/treasurer.

Committee/Board Reports from CBC
Indian Health Board- CBC No. 3 – Kassanavoid reported ongoing renovations at the Lawton IHS pharmacy. Renovations are about to begin in the emergency room. All complaints can be turned in to the Patient Advocate at the hospital.

Cow-Calf Program- CBC No. 4- Komahcheet reported in February that he and CBC members Tahsequah, Kassanavoid, and Woommavovah attended the Native America Farmers Coalition to educate US policy makers about the tribal agricultural needs for the 2023 farming bills. A Comanche Nation cattle brand and branding iron have been created. The process has started to donate two steers for the food rations during the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair. The program has the following inventory: 72 cows, 23 bulls, 25 heifers, 15 steers, and one bull, totaling 136 head of cattle.

Tax Commission- Secretary/Treasurer – Wahnee introduced the new Tax Administrator and Finance Officer – Harley Pennington. He reported as of Feb. 28; the Tax Commission has a total net position of +\$2,987,535 and \$2,259,994 in assets, a total of \$3,014,038 in cash, and a revenue of \$365,662.

The amount generated from various operations, including vehicle tags, tobacco, sales, and oil & gas taxes, is \$42,885, \$247,253, \$348,945, and \$19,749, respectively. Tax commissions is \$627,185.

In March, the Finance Office was relocated to the Business Center and integrated with the Tax Commission. The finance office is fully functional. The Tax Commission will be upgrading its policies and procedures. The Tax Commission does not have a policy regarding the waiver of late penalties. The Tag & Licensing Supervisor or the Tax Administrator determines it on a case-by-case basis. Research is being done, and a penalty waiver policy may be implemented if needed.

From the Chairman's Desk



The Golden Rule is based on common sense.

-Chief Enoch Kelly Haney

There's harmony and inner peace to be found in following a moral compass points in the same direction, regardless of cultural or nationality. -Chief Ten Bears

How Do You Want To Be Treated?

I believe that all people, at the core, are very much alike. Talk to individuals of any age, gender, race, or nationality, and they have certain things in common. And once you identify those common characteristics, recognize them first in yourself, and then in others, you hold the key that unlocks the Golden Rule. Here is a short list of things that I believe all human beings have in common when it comes to how they want to be treated:

1. I Want to Be Valued: encouragement is oxygen for the soul. All people want to feel they matter simply for who they are.
2. I Want to Be Appreciated: always help people increase their self-esteem. Develop your skill in making others feel important. There is hardly a higher compliment.
3. I Want to Be Trusted: trust is the foundation of all good relationships. Good marriages, good business relationships, good friendships all require trust.
4. I Want to Be Respected: a man/woman who does not respect his/her own life, and that of others, rob themselves of their dignity as a human being. The respect of those you respect is worth more than the applause of the multitude.
5. I Want to Be Understood: sometimes peoples problems are caused by individuals, callousness or indifference. But more often the difficulty comes from lack of understanding, when dealing with others seek first to understand, then to be understood. That requires an attitude of flexibility and teachability.

Comanche People, when you manage your life and all the little decisions by one guideline - the GOLDEN RULE - you create an ethical predictability in your life. People will have the confidence in you, knowing that you consistently do the right thing.

Through the GOLDEN RULE, we are Comanche Stronger Together!

If we had only rule in the Comanche Nation, it would be The Golden Rule. If we've got that one right now, no other rules are necessary.

- Chairman Mark Woommavovah



The Comanche Nation Offices will be closed May 29 for Memorial Day. Offices will re-open May 30 for regular business

KCAILUC-Chairman – Woommavovah reported the committee is reviewing all leases and maintaining all KCA cemeteries. They are still looking for a KCA Director. The interim director is running the KCA business at this time. They have placed job announcements on various social media platforms and newspapers.

Tribal member Milton Sovo Jr. asked about a 320-acre KCA land lease that is in supposed violation and his concern about the cobalt refinery that the Lawton City Council approved. A conversation followed.

CNHA- CBC No. 3 – Kassanavoid reported that the Elders Outreach Assistance had reached 1,200 contacts in March. The Housing Authority is waiting on BIA funding for out-of-area tribal members for one-time home repair assistance.

Enterprise- CBC No. 3 & CBC No. 4 – Kassanavoid reported

that per the charter, they are only required to give an update at their annual meeting, which was held on Feb. 25.

Tribal attorney, Forrest Tahdooahnippah, said he, along with the tribe's historic preservation office, the CBC, and Chairman Woommavovah, met with the US Fish and Wildlife Service in March to talk about a proposed cell phone tower. They agreed not to issue the permit for the location that was being considered.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 28-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1280 – Wahnee makes a motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 29-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1281 Adults – Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0.

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Programs

Higher Education Student of the Month Angelena Ortiz



Courtesy Photo

Ortiz

Angelena L. Ortiz, a descendant of Chief Quanah Parker and a descendant of Chief White Wolf. Her paternal grandparents are Russell Wahkinney and Dorothy Whitewolf, and her maternal great-grandparents are Owen Woothtakewahbitty and Velma Mihecobey.

She is graduating May 2023 with my Masters of Science in Organizational Leadership.

Her plans include continuing her career with Comanche Nation of Oklahoma to provide exceptional service to the Comanche people, and enhance programs when required.

She believes the Comanche people and other tribal relatives deserve the best of us and I will continue to strive for improvement.

Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Shannon Mowatt



Courtesy Photo

Mowatt

Shannon is a Lawton native, proud Comanche tribal member, and loving mother and wife.

Mowatt is currently working on her AAS degree in Cannabis Studies from Little Priest College. She is currently the Manager/Lead Grower at a medicinal farm in Southwest Oklahoma.

Mowatt will use her degree to assist patients with getting the right medicine needed for certain symptoms through her knowledge and techniques of growing medicinal cannabis. In addition to working and going to school, she has obtained numerous certificates from Cannabis Training University.

Mowatt loves anything Texas Longhorns, making frybread, and watching her son play sports.

Adult Education Student of the Month Duskie Reyes-Fike



Courtesy Photo

Reyes-Fike

Duskie Reyes-Fike completed a 4-month CNA Program at

Voyager Home Health Care in Colorado Springs, Col. She passed all the required written and skills exams and is now certified.

“One of the hardest things I achieved was completing this program with a one year old. Thankfully, the Short-term assistance paid the majority of the expenses to achieve this goal,” said Reyes-Fike.

Child Support Services Announces Court Dates

CNCSP is requesting Notice of Publication in the May 2023 Edition of the Comanche Nation Newspaper for:

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Rebecca Jackson: CNC-SP-18-02; Motion to Determine Support Arrears
- Billie Kihega: CNCSP-18-02; Motion to Determine Support Arrears
- Tommy Silverhorn: CNC-SP-23-05; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support

In the Court of Indian Offenses

- Darin Cable: FD-94-A09; Application for Indirect Contempt

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTE THAT ALL COMANCHE NATION TRIBAL COURT CHILD HEARINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON.

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

Diabetes Awareness Program Announces New Office Hours

The Comanche Nation Diabetes Awareness Program’s new business hours are 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For more information, call the office at (580) 280-4674.

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 6:00 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 Ms. 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 for-

mer 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, Martie Woothtakewahbitty, via email at mwooth@comancheacademy.com or hand delivered to the School Leader/Superintendent, Dava Fratello, no later than 11:59pm 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

Elder Council Reviews Meetings and Ponca City Trip



Courtesy Photo

The Comanche Nation Elders Council visits with fellow elders during their trip to Ponca City in April.

At their monthly meeting, the Elders Council had 80 elders in attendance. During this time, Jared Kopaddy was helpful in finding a film regarding World War II Veterans, Code Talkers. They recognized many Veteran elders who have passed. The information each one shared was very interesting and enjoyable. Also, they drew names for the monitors that will be stationed at each polling site as an observer. And during the month of April, the Council traveled to Ponca Country with 30 Comanche tribal elders to enjoy a day of exchanging stories, food, gifts, and just enjoyable fun.

Thank you to the Seniors Program Director, Bridgett Pfluger, and her staff, Albert Littlevoice, and Rachel Primeaux for inviting the Comanche Tribal Elders to visit the Ponca Tribe and share a meal. Also, they appreciate and respect the cultural history of the tribes. Again, thank you to all departments that helped, Regan Dunn, Dr. Louis Headman, Anthony Burris, Dr. Clark, Vivian Howe, Dede Decorah, Sharon Lee, including the Ponca Business Committee, Oliver Littlecook, Robert Collins, Carla Carney, Matilda De la Garza, Leota White, Debbie Margerum, and Earl Howe III.



COMANCHE NATION WORKFORCE CAREER FAIR

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AQUARIUM EXHIBIT DEBUT. On April 17, the Comanche Nation Workforce Department sponsored its third exhibit at the Medicine Park Aquarium. Rainette Rowland, the Executive Director of the Aquarium, said they were excited about the new exhibit called the Medicine Wagon. Rowland said, the aquarium was very grateful that the Comanche Nation Workforce sponsored not only the Medicine Wagon but the Weather Cam and the Excavation Station as well. The Wagon was donated to the Aquarium by the town of Medicine Park and will be used to showcase the different plants in that area and it will also be used as a teaching tool showing how the Comanches used it as medicine. The hours of operation for the Medicine Park Aquarium are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., Monday - Sunday.

An Eggs-traordinary Easter Egg Hunt at the April 8 Comanche Nation Easter Celebration



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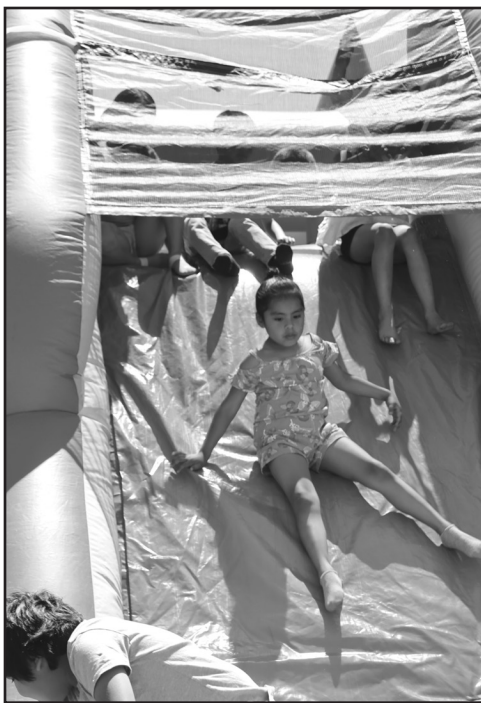


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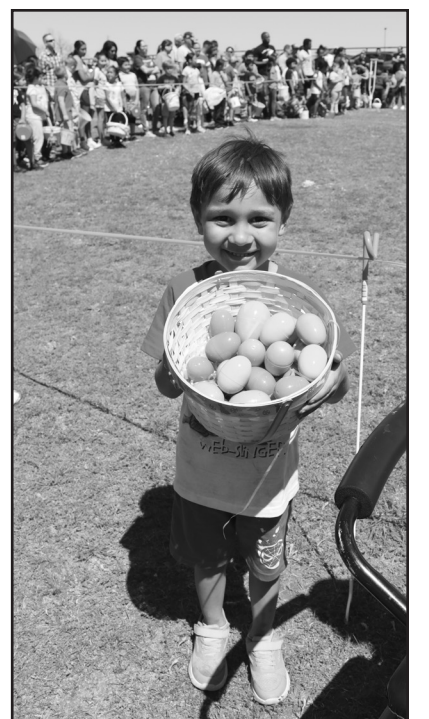


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ASSISTED LIVING CENTERS ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT On April 6, the Assisted Living Center hosted its Annual Egg Hunt. Comanche Academy grades Pre-K through second, and Apache ECDC all enjoyed the festivities. The Assisted Living Center residents and staff have enjoyed watching the children grow throughout this school year. The students hunted Easter eggs, won prizes, and got a visit from the Easter bunny and their favorite peep. The first graders performed brown bear and a Comanche hymn for the residents. The Director of Edith Kassanovoid Gordon Assisted Living Center, Jennifer Williams, said that the kids all sang so beautifully, and the residents were even singing along. She added that all the residents truly enjoyed their performances and looks forward to this event all year.

Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

MAY 2023

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Carrot Cake Shortbread Cookies

Ingredients

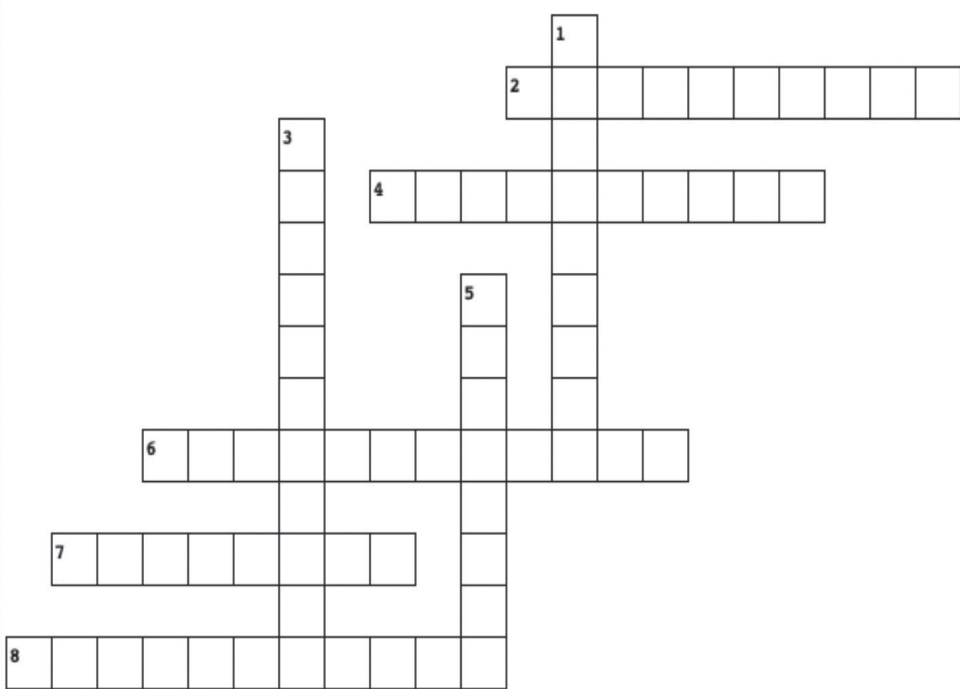
- 1 cup unsalted Butter
- ½ cup Powdered Sugar
- 1 tsp Vanilla Extract
- 2 ¼ cups All Purpose Flour
- 1 tsp Ground Cinnamon
- 1/3 finely chopped Walnuts
- 1/3 grated Carrots
- 2 oz melted White Chocolate

Directions

1. Cream the butter and sugar together using a stand mixer or hand mixer on medium speed until light and fluffy, about 2 minutes.
2. Add vanilla and beat on medium until incorporated. Gradually add the flour and cinnamon and beat on low speed until combined. Add walnuts and carrots and beat until incorporated. Turn the mixer to high speed and beat for 2 minutes until the dough becomes more bread crumb-like and less dry.
3. Using your hands, form the dough into a ball, then flatten it into a disc. Wrap the disc tightly with plastic cling wrap and refrigerate for 2 hours, up to overnight.
4. Preheat oven to 350 F. Line two half-sheet baking pans with a silicone baking mat or parchment paper. If you are using dough that has been chilled overnight, you will need to let the dough sit at room temperature for 10-20 minutes to soften slightly and become more workable.
5. Lightly dust a clean surface with flour, and place the dough on top. Use a rolling pin to roll out the dough until it is ¼-inch thick. Use a cookie cutter to cut out the cookies. Re-roll the scraps and repeat.
6. Place the cookies half-inch apart on the lined baking sheet, and chill in the refrigerator for another 10 minutes while the oven is pre-heating.
7. Bake the cookies for 12-14 minutes, or until the edges turn light brown (or 10-12 minutes for a softer cookie). Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 5 minutes, then transfer them onto a wire cooling rack to cool completely to room temperature.
8. Enjoy the cookies as is, or drizzle white chocolate over them.

Comanche Crossword

TAA TOTSIYA?IN#: DECORATION DAY/MEMORIAL DAY



Across:

2. Bring together
4. An enlisted man or woman
6. A showing of merited respect
7. A burial ground
8. The handing down of information, beliefs, and customs from one generation to another

Down:

1. A strip of cloth of distinctive design that is used as a symbol
3. A person having or showing courage
5. A public procession usually to mark a holiday or event

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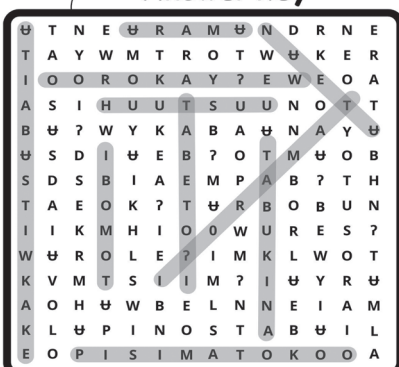
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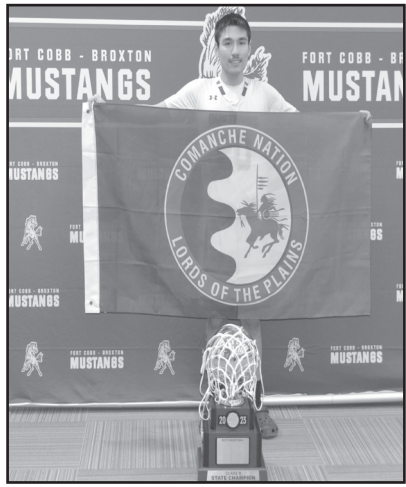
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People, Places, & Things Happening

Ayden Lewis wins State Championship



Courtesy Photo

Lewis

Tribal member Ayden Lewis is the nephew of Charles and the late Lawrence Pahcody. Lewis is a Senior at Ft. Cobb-Broxton Public School and represented the Comanche Nation of Okla. After winning the 2022-23 Class B state Championship.



Courtesy Photo

The family would like to congratulate Erin Singleton (Sissy) on her recent accomplishment.

Singleton graduated from Cameron University on May 5 with a Bachelor of Science and a degree in Agriculture and a minor in Animal Science. Singleton's family said they are so proud of her and they love her.

Maddux Foster Wins Region Championships



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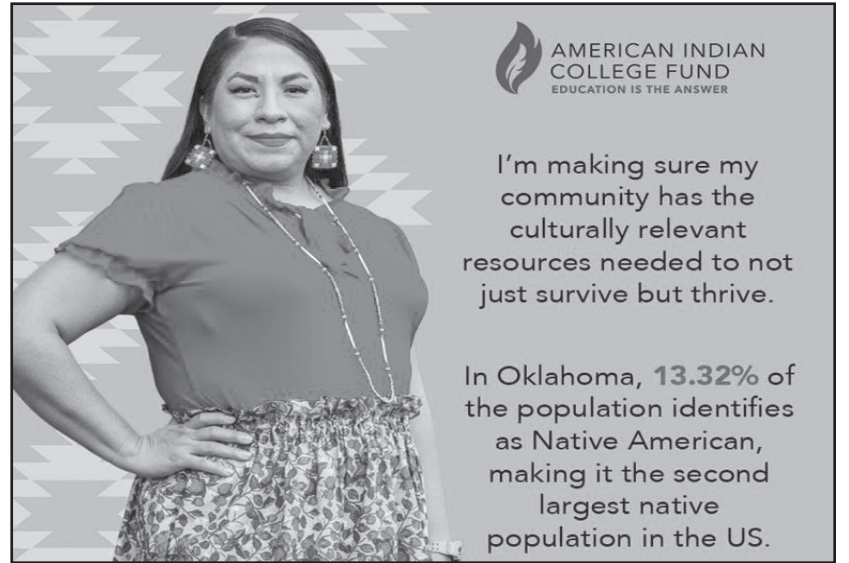
Foster

Tribal member Maddux Foster is a junior at Andrews High School in Andrews, TX. His parents are Masumi and Seth Pritchard, Father is William Foster. Grandparents Lance and Renee Parker. Great Grandparents Wesley and Imogene Mihecoby are also members of the Comanche Nation.

Foster is the 1-4 District and Regional Tennis champion, and on April 12, Foster completed his domination play with an easy 6-4, 6-3 win over Caden Coker and crowned the region champion, and advanced to the state finals in San Antonio held on April 25 and 26.

Foster played four matches and lost a total of 17 games while totaling 47. He is the only one on the team to advance to the state finals.

Chantel Lee Pewewardy Making a Difference Through Social Work



Courtesy Photo

Pewewardy

In the past ten years, the number of Native Americans with a Bachelor's degree has increased from less than 11% to over 15%. Over half of our scholars are female, and these women are putting in the work to increase that number even more. Chantel Lee Pewewardy is the College Fund Ambassador and is an Indigenous woman from the Comanche Tribe who is making a difference.

Failure is inevitable, and it happens to everyone, but it takes a resilient individual to get back up and grow from it. College Fund ambassador, Pewewardy, is no stranger to the hardships of alcoholism, mental health, and financial struggle, but she is also familiar with the support and love ingrained in her native identity. Knowing her community will catch her if she falls, she isn't afraid to fly with her ambition of establishing the first urban Native American social services organization in Oklahoma City.

Despite having one of the highest percentages of urban Natives, Pewewardy has realized that many in her community haven't had the same opportunities to connect with their culture. She has taken it upon herself to be a leader and an auntie for all those in her community who need a reminder that when connected to their Native identity and support system, they can accomplish anything.

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In Oklahoma, 13.32% of the population identifies as Native American, making it the second largest native population in the US.

Layla Kowena Honored at State Capitol



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Kowena

Tribal Member Layla Kowena is a fourth grader at Cache Public School. Kowena recently entered the Oklahoma Department of Transportation art contest and won third place in the 3-5 grade division. The ODOT received over 5,000 entries, and she was 1 of 14 winners and the only one from Comanche County. Kowena was honored on April 14 at the state Capitol.

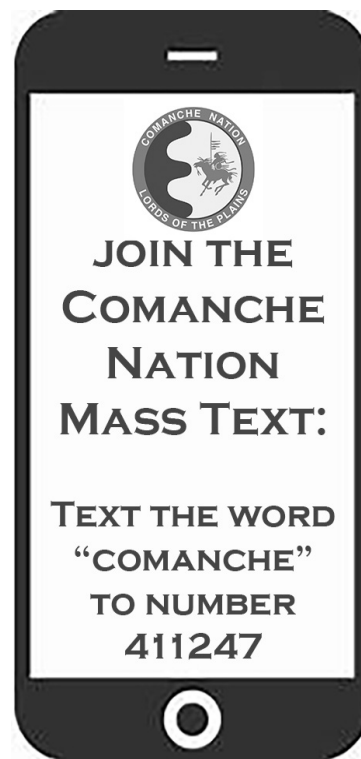
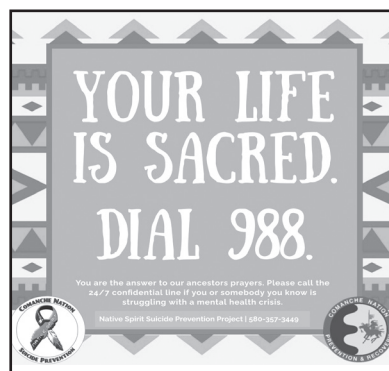
Cailyn Whiteeagle Commits to Haskell Indian Nations University



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Whiteeagle

Tribal Member Cailyn Whiteeagle is a senior at MacArthur High School, and on April 13, Whiteeagle signed her letter of intent to play Volleyball for Haskell Indian Nations University.



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In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:14-16

Native American Art and Heritage Conference Held March 23-25



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Eleanor McDaniel, conference coordinator, talks about her Comanche lineage at the March 23 conference.



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Golden Eagle, *Yapaitsoni*, was the star the morning of March 24 when Bill Volker conducted a presentation about the SIA Program.



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Comanche flutist, Tim Nevaquaya, demonstrates a variety of flutes March 23 at the conference.



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Native girls and women of all ages participate in a fashion show during the March 24 arts and culture conference held at Cameron University.



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Eleanor McDaniel was honored during the Gourd Dance on March 24 at the arts and culture conference.

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

A one-of-a-kind conference was held on March 23, 24, and 25 at Cameron University, which combined Comanche history and heritage along with the recognition of Native artists.

Eleanor McDaniel, the coordinator of the event, said she was happy to organize the event because it is something she holds dear to her heart.

"I have always promoted Native American Arts & Crafts for many years. I have done art classes all over, art shows, demonstrations, and taught in the school system. I am very compassionate about our Native American artists. I feel they need help putting their work out there so everybody can see it. I want to promote our local artists. We have Santa Fe, where the big artists go, but there is mountains of talent right here, probably in a 50-mile radius, that needs to be seen" she said.

"I really love our history. We have a beautiful culture, and we have a lot of heritage. I want to be able to give awareness and promote appreciation of who we are as Native Americans, not only Comanches but Native Americans. Since Oklahoma is considered Native American, I think this would be the biggest place they would promote Native American art. I have done shows at the casinos to promote our artists. I want to promote fine art because we have amazing artists that have

beautiful works. My whole life's work is to promote our culture, history, and the arts," said McDaniel.

"I set this up because Cameron is an educational institution, and I think this is the best place to hold this; to teach people about who we are, where we come from, and our traditional ways. I would like to see the tribes do more in promoting and supporting our local tribal artists. I would like to see more programming toward that. We need to have those people who are very knowledgeable about us and who we are in our ways. That is why I brought together the people here today who are full-blood Comanche. Sam has been doing this for years; his grandparents have taught him, and so many elders have shared their knowledge and photographs with him. If he had not maintained those, many of us would not have photographs of our ancestors and families," she said.

"Tim Nevaquaya, his dad Doc, revived the flute, and it is wonderful to have him here to speak to us about his father and the significance of the flute to our people. Cindy is going to be talking about the sweat lodge. I think our spirituality sets us apart from everybody else, every other culture, and every other person because that helps us survive. Those who did survive were the strongest. We come from them. We came from the strongest, most powerful people be-

cause they survived so much. Because of them, we are the cream of the crop. I think we need to learn to appreciate ourselves, where we came from, and who we came from. We need to carry ourselves in that way; walk with dignity and pride. Our children need to learn that. There is so much about our culture that they do not know. Unfortunately, a lot of it is gone forever. I hope to get the support to continue to do this, at least on an annual basis. I hope we gain more interest and more participation."

Nevaquaya told of how the flute came to the people. He said there are different variations of the story.

"An old man lost his family through a mysterious sickness. He was grief-stricken, and people noticed it. One day he drifted off from his people and went on a journey. He lost his direction. He went to sleep under a cedar tree. During the night, he had a vision, and the spirit of God came down and visited him. He told him he had an instrument for him that would help him become whole. He told the man to take it to his people and tell them about it, and he would be blessed with a family again. When he played it, it brought him peace."

Nevaquaya played different flutes for the audience and explained the difference between them, including how it was made.

Sam DeVenney presented the history of the Co-

manche people beginning back when the Comanche and Shoshone were one Nation. He spoke of the different stories about why Comanches broke away from the Shoshones, among other topics.

"At one time, there were 17 different groups that left the Shoshone. Utes are somewhat related to us, though not as close as the Bannocks, Paiutes, and Shoshones. Our language consists of Bannock, Piute, and Shoshone. The Comanche language has a combination of the three. The *Yapaitukas* were the last to break away from the Northern Shoshones, and they stayed with the Utes and helped them protect their area from intruders. Then for some reason, we started fighting. The Northern Utes and Southern Utes have a different interpretation of what 'Comanche' means. The Southern Utes say it means, 'ones who like to fight all the time,' and the Northern Utes say it means, 'someone like us but different'."

He also had an array of photographs for everyone to look at and trace their Comanche lineage through photographs.

Bill Volker of the SIA Program talked about the significance of the Golden Eagle to the Comanche people and how they take care of and breed the eagles.

"With the *Numunu* going way back to our days of freedom, the Golden Eagle was strictly our Comanche ea-

gle of choice. The bald eagle did not gain prominence with us until after we were forced into captivity after our men started going to battle for the red, white, and blue. With the Bald Eagle being the national bird, that is when we started calling upon that bird. Historically, our Golden Eagle, like the one we are bringing in today, called *Yapaitsoni*, is our historic eagle of choice. We Comanche have led the way in conserving this species through Troy and my work; as for our captive breeding of Eagles like *Yapaitsoni*, she is the third-generation captive produced, and we are in the process of producing a fourth generation through her this year. To meet *Yapaitsoni*, you meet Comanche history when it comes to the Golden Eagle." He explained how *Yapaitsoni* received her name.

"*Yapaitsoni* is our Comanche word for cricket. When she was just a baby, she developed a relationship with a cricket who would sing to her, and she tried to sing back."

Jamey Myers Hunter of J Hunter Co. LLC presented the debut fashion show of her Native ribbon skirts. She said she began making ribbon skirts for her uncle's funeral, and it grew from there.

"I love what I do. It is a wonderful passion that I fell into. You can dress them up or down, or wear tennis shoes, heels, or boots. It is an all-occasion skirt."

She added the Native ribbon skirts are historical and traditional clothing that honors the first nations' heritage. It helps represents causes like Missing Murdered Indigenous Women. They are considered an expression of history, resilience, and character but are not necessarily only for ceremonies like powwow events and funerals. The dresses and skirts originally once worn to show the remembrance of women have become symbols of strength.

"This is what we are all about. This is our heritage, which you can pass down to each generation. I am a member of the Comanche Nation. I am also Kiowa and Caddo of German descent."

Native ladies of all ages modeled both Myers' skirts and other traditional regalia. A gourd dance followed the in the afternoon.

In addition, McDaniel has two books for sale. One book was composed of Comanche Church hymns, and the other of conversational sentences in the Comanche Language. She said that DeVenney was instrumental in the translation of Comanche Hymns along with McDaniel and her sisters. The books are available for \$20 each by calling (580) 483-6864.

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VOTE MAY 13, 2023

Maruaweka! My name is Alice Kassanavoid. I am asking for your support in the upcoming May 13, 2023 election for Comanche Business Committee #3. It has been a great honor to serve as a CBC member because I love working for and with my people, it is my way of giving back for the help I received in paying for my education. If re-elected, I will continue to work for all Comanches-local and non-local, I am here for you.

My commitment is to continue to provide assistance to all Comanche citizens to ensure their success in life. I am happy to be part of an administration that facilitated ARP funding that went to the Comanche people to assist with direct payments, food assistance, and even home repairs for tribal citizens.



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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

CIVA Color Guard Detail

On March 18, The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) was asked to provide a Color Guard Detail for the Opening of the 580 Rollergirls roller derby at the Great Plains Coliseum. CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, was asked to sign the National Anthem during the opening ceremonies. The 580 Rollergirls is Lawton's first women's flat roller track roller derby league.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Color Guard, Princess and Auxiliary preparing for opening ceremonies. Bubba Sovo and Berky Monnoessy provided the drum.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Color Guard, Princess and Auxiliary presenting Colors during the Comanche Flag Song

Flag Replacement

On March 23. The flags were replaced at the Circle of Honor and the Court of Honor were replaced by CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, and CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski. The memorials are to honor our Comanche Nation Warriors. The flags are replaced four times a year due to normal wear and tear and adverse weather conditions.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Secretary Dominic Pawlowski replacing the U.S. Army flag.



Courtesy Photo

Flags flying at the Circle of Honor



Courtesy Photo

Flags replaced and on display at the Court of Honor and Code Talker Monument

Hospital Visit

On April 6, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary traveled to Tulsa, Oklahoma and visited Comanche Veteran, George RedElk, who was admitted at the Hillcrest Medical Center. During the hospital visit, Comanche Hymns were sung and prayers for healing was conducted.

A bear named, "Sam" was presented by Linda and Roger Te-

hauno to George RedElk.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary offering a Word of Prayer.



Courtesy Photo

"The Three Amigos" CIVA Veterans golfing buddies, Jimmy Ray Caddo, George RedElk and Clifford Takawana. Also pictured are "Bob Plata," "Sam RedElk."

CIVA Color Guard Detail

On April 7-8, CIVA provided a Color Guard Detail for the Kiowa Tribe Liaison Office for Veterans Affairs Art Festival and Powwow. Several Tribal Veterans Originations throughout Oklahoma was in attendance and participated in the Grand Entry.

CIVA Proudly displayed the Comanche Nation, CIVA and the Code Talker Flag during the Grand Entry.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Treasure, Frankie Patterson and CIVA Veteran, Lyman Guy parading the Comanche Nation and the Comanche Code Talker Flag.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess Arlene Schonchin



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin, leading the CIVA Auxiliary

April CIVA Monthly Meeting

On March 13, CIVA held its 4th 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, as the newly elected Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Denese Sovo, was in attendance and was officially introduced to the CIVA Veterans and

Auxiliary by CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin. Also in attendance was Dee Ann and Thomas Le Beau, Kevin "Bubba" Sovo and Londa Herrera.

The Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Denese Sovo and her family shared a meal with the CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary.

Birthday recognitions were made to CIVA Auxiliary in waiting, MiMi Geimausaddle and Wedding Anniversary recognition to Kevin & Shirley Pohawpatchoko. The monthly meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary in waiting, MiMi Geimausaddle and Lisa Pawlowski. After the meal, a roll call was conducted by CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski, and a quorum was established.

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



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Princess McKenzie Denese Sovo



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, proudly displaying the Comanche Code Talker Flag

CIVA Color Guard Detail

During the 2023 Comanche Nation Annual meeting, CIVA provided a Color Guard Detail to open the General Council Meeting.

CIVA Commander, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, narrated the event and provided the statistics on Comanche Veterans contributions to our Armed Services.

The U.S., Comanche Nation, CIVA and the Comanche Code Talker flags were paraded in followed by Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Denese Sovo, Comanche Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker and CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin and the CIVA Auxiliary.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans parading in the colors



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Denese Sovo, Comanche Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker and CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin.



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Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Denese Sovo, Comanche Jr. Princess, Vivien Parker and CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin along with CIVA Auxiliary



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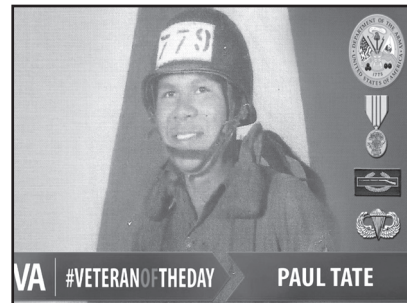
CIVA Veterans presenting the U.S., Comanche, CIVA and Comanche Code Talker flags.

Funeral and Honor Guard Details

No Funeral and Honor Guard Details were provided during the month of March 2023.

Veterans Spotlight

The following was published by the Veterans Administration (VA) News as it spotlighted one of the Comanche Nation Veterans.



Courtesy Photo

Today's #VeteranOfTheDay is Army Veteran Paul Anderson Tate Sr. Tate served from 1966 to 1968 during the Vietnam War.

After completing basic airborne school at Fort Benning, Georgia, Tate was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was deployed to Vietnam with the 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division. Tate was stationed near the city of Phan Thiet where he participated in the Battle of Phan Thiet and the Tet Offensive in 1968. During his service, Tate made approximately 25 qualifying parachute jumps.

Tate served in the Texas Army National Guard with the 36th Infantry Brigade from 1975 to 1979. He received many medals for his service including the Presidential Unit Citation for Gallantry and the Valorous Unit Award. Tate is a member of the Comanche Nation and received recognition for his service by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association. Thank you for your service, Paul!

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

We salute known Comanches that are currently serving on active duty, in the Army and Air National Guard or in the Reserves.



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Garvin Cato
Marine Corps



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Anita Chebahtah Newman
Navy



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Shayne Chebahtah
Navy



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Kyle Chibitty
Navy



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Thomas Harris
Air Force Reserve



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Lisa Pocowatchit
Air Force



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Robert Ruth
Air Force



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Karli Wahkahquah
Army National Guard



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William Lundy
Army Reserve



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Glendal and Seth Yackeschi
Army National Guard



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Darlene Tate
Air Force Reserve



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Kent Tomah III
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Jennifer Newbauer
Navy Reserve



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Erin Heminokeky
Coast Guard



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Lawrence Yazzie
Army National Guard



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Evashawn Poemoceah
Navy



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Alexander Akoneto
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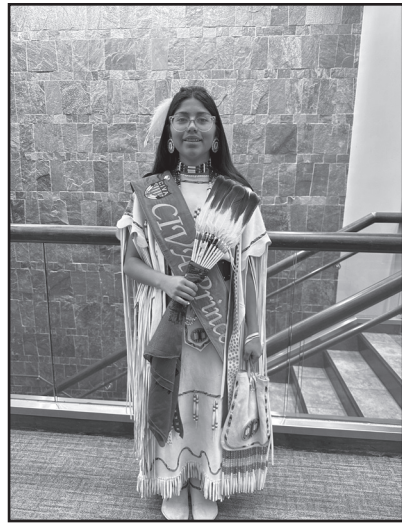
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Joseph Tahsequah
Navy



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Paul Tate Jr.
Army National Guard

Photos not available:
Dravin Johnson (Air Force)
Harley Yackeschi (Army)
Manuel Zavla (Army)

Activities of the CIVA Princess Arlene Schonchin



Courtesy Photo
CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin posing for a quick picture before the Native American Apparel Fashion held at Cameron University.



Courtesy Photo
CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin signs the National Anthem March 18, at the 580 Roller Girls Match.



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CIVA Princess, Arlene Schonchin participates in the Native American Apparel Fashion Show March 24, during Native American Cultural Studies Conference at Cameron University.



Comanche Nation Higher Education GRADUATION *Banquet*

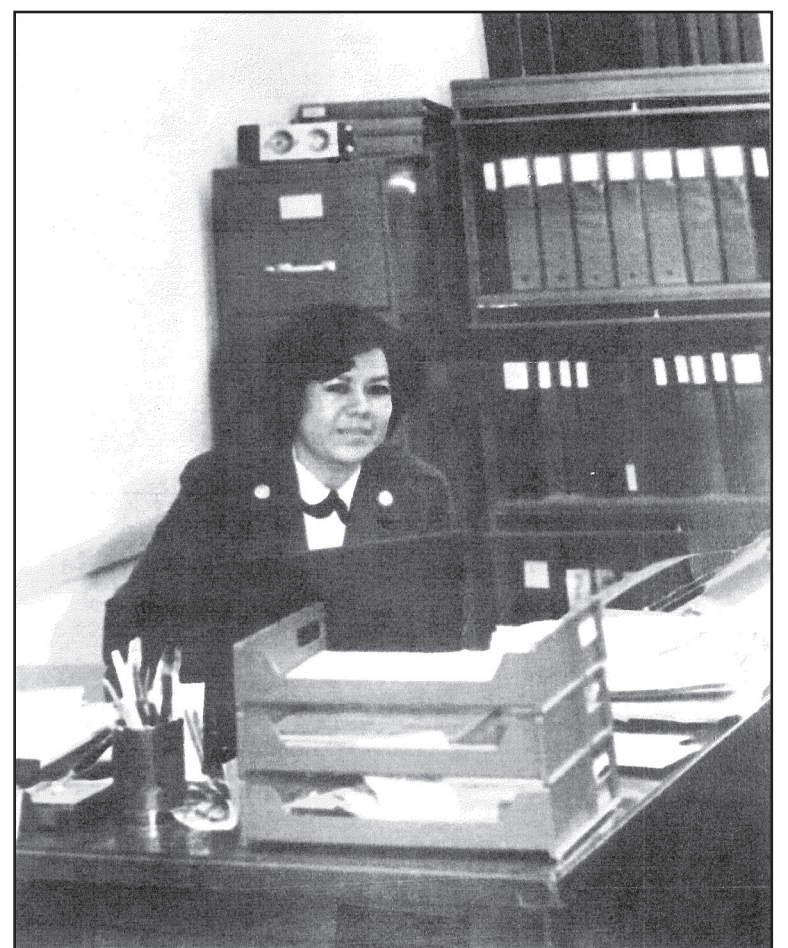
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MEETING

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the Grasshoppers line item budget. Under the New Business line item in the amount of \$1,828,419, several suggestions were made how the money should be used, which included the Cache Casino, the tribal land in Elgin, Okla. to make a hotel or an Air B&B, and the Comanche Academy Charter School. Tribal Elder Robert Tippeconnie makes a motion to put \$30,000 towards the Comanche Little Ponies organization. An unknown tribal member seconds it. The motion carries by a vote of Yes – 127 and No – 97. Marty Woothtakewahbitty made a motion to put \$400,000 on the budget for Comanche Academy Charter School. Keahbone amends the motion to add that the money comes from the New Business line item. Martina Minthorn amends the motion to increase the amount to \$800,000. Tina Emhoolah seconds the motion with amendments. The

motion carries. Tribal elder, Marilyn Tiger, makes a motion to raise the budget for the Grandparents Raising Grandchildren line item to \$250,000. An unknown tribal member seconds it. The motion carries. Geneva Hadley presents a resolution to create a Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Program with a budget of \$200,000, with a staff of three. She added that to date, 24 Comanche women and 16 Comanche men are missing or murdered. The resolution passed with a total of 135 – Yes votes and 36 No votes. Michael Burgess presents a resolution to make the Tribal Administrator (TA) a three-year term to go to a secretarial election. The resolution passes 133 Yes votes and 40 No votes. A quorum was lost at 6:04 p.m.

APRIL CBC

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Resolution No. 30-2023- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1282 Does Not Meet BQ - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. Pewewardy seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 31-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1283 No Allottee - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 32-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1284 Outside of Parameters - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 33-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1285 - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. CBC No. 1, Hazel Tahsequah, seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 34-2023-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1286 - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 35-2023-** Food Distribution Resolution for New Box Truck - Pewewardy makes a motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 36-2023-** Transit Resolution for Bus Purchase - Pewewardy makes a motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 37-2023-** Transportation Resolution to Add Route to TIP - Kassanavoid makes a motion

to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **Resolution No. 38-2023-** CBC Resolution for FY 22 Carry-Over Funds - Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. **New and Old Business** Price Mortgage (New Business) – Not present Tribal member, Lanora Parker of the Elders Council, asks the CBC for assistance and guidance pertaining to the officers of the Elders Council. She reported that the bylaws of the Elders Council were not being followed, and the officers made three to four amendments to the bylaws without informing the members of the Elders Council. The elders want to know if the CBC approved those amendments. She added that the officers had given themselves raises and had not been taking minutes to the meetings all year, and it states in the bylaws that minutes of meetings have to be done. She said one financial report was given at one meeting, and the bylaws state there should be a financial report at every meeting. She said there was an election of officers, where a total of 75 elders voted. The officers wrote an amendment to remove the newly elected president without a bill of particulars. She does not know if the CBC approved the amendment. She said there are 15 members of the Elders Council present at the meeting that can attest to the report she gave the CBC. A discussion followed.

**VOTE MICHAEL BURGESS
CBC # 3**



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- U.S. Department of Agriculture
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Chairman Woommavovah said the CBC would look into the bylaws and the issues presented. Tribal member Cornel Pewewardy stated he is concerned about the Comanche Nation naming buildings after Comanche people without knowing that person's history. He said a protocol and process need to be set up for the name selection process. A discussion followed. Tribal member Debra Hendrix said she had previously asked the CBC about the tribe having its own dental and AM/PM clinic and asked if the CBC considered her suggestion. She also asked if the CBC decided if the Missing Murdered Indigenous People was going to be put on the tribe's billboards. She also talked about the KCA land lease to Lawton and the CBC communicating with tribal members about the issue. Woommavovah said he would bring the issues up to the KCA Land Use

Committee. Tribal elder Rita Coosewoon took the floor to talk about the KCA land in Lawton and its usage and to ensure the candidates for the upcoming election can be screened to fulfill their responsibilities if elected. Wahnee makes a motion not to move forward with the KCA land use for a sports complex until the general council votes on it. Kahrahhah seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0. Tanisha Burgess asks the CBC why doesn't the tribe build a sports complex for the youth. She also asked if the KCA is going to file an application for the land to be given back to the tribes that the unused railroad is on. A discussion followed. Topics were discussed that included the Comanche Code Talkers, the railroads on tribal lands, the ICW Act, the Comanche Language Program, wages of the Casino workers, an

MMIW office being created, and the gaming's contingency revenue. Kassanavoid makes a motion to go into Executive Session. Wahnee seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0. Kassanavoid makes a motion to come out of the executive session. Pewewardy seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0. Pewewardy makes a motion to approve the Comanche Little Ponies' request for their proposal. Kahrahhah seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0. Pewewardy makes a motion to adjourn. Komahcheet seconds it. The motion carries 6/0/0.

VOTE

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VOTE

TAA APU TUA URAAKO!

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday!

April 9 - Tim Monetathchi
 April 15 - Joseph Soliz
 April 17 - Kent Pohawpat-choko
 April 29 - Nadine May Tonips
 April 30 - Melinda Geimausaddle



Happy Birthday
 Trinity Pewewardy
 May 2



Happy 17th Birthday
 Jordan Akoneto-Allen
 May 5



Happy 85th Birthday
 Beverly (Bea) Tonips Hedge
 May 11



Happy 50th Birthday
 Wil "Moopey" Niedo
 May 18
 ~The BIG 50! May you have many more, Love Claudia.

~We love you. Joe, Amber, Natalie, Dee, Gwen, Margaret, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandson.

Happy Birthday!

May - Arianna Manley
 May 2 - Trinity Pewewardy
 May 4 - Jamie Carpitdeu
 May 5 - Emily Spear White-wolf "Happy birthday from Mom and Dad!"
 May 5 - Jordan Akoneto-Allen
 May 11 - Beverly (Bea) Tonips Hedge
 May 12 - Sandra Kay Gallegos
 May 16 - Dwayne Ototivo
 May 17 - Modesto Schonchin
 May 18 - Wil "Moopey" Niedo
 May 18 - Edward Tahhahwah III
 May 18 - John E. Soliz Sr.
 May 19 - Shana Tahhahwah-Hall
 May 20 - Carletta Tahchaw-wickah
 May 23 - Vicki Kosechata
 May 25 - Cledath Ann Renegar
 May 27 - Alex Frickie
 May 30 - Mike Frickie
 May 31 - Thomasine Boyd



Happy Birthday
 Edward Tahhahwah III
 May 18



Happy Birthday
 Shana Tahhahwah-Hall
 May 19



Happy Birthday
 Cledath Ann Renegar
 May 25

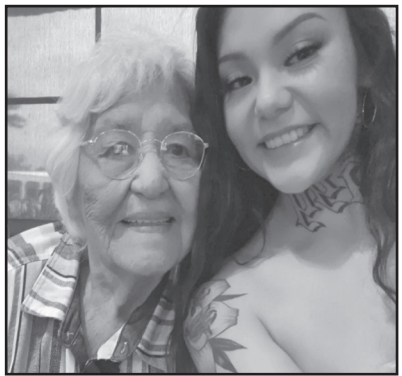
~Happy birthday from your family. We love you!



Happy 17th Birthday
 Alex Frickie
 May 27



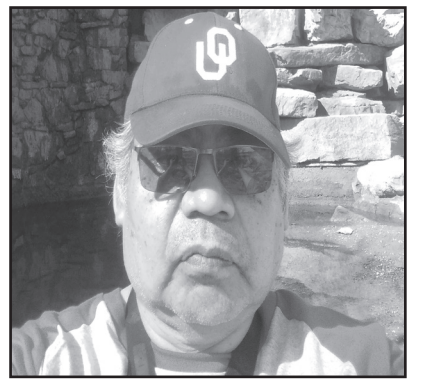
Happy 65th Birthday
 Mike Frickie
 May 30



Happy Birthday
 Thomasine Boyd
 May 31



Happy 19th Birthday
 Arianna Manley
 May



Happy 63rd Birthday
 Tim Monetathchi
 April 9

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In Loving Memory
 Debra Lynn Knox
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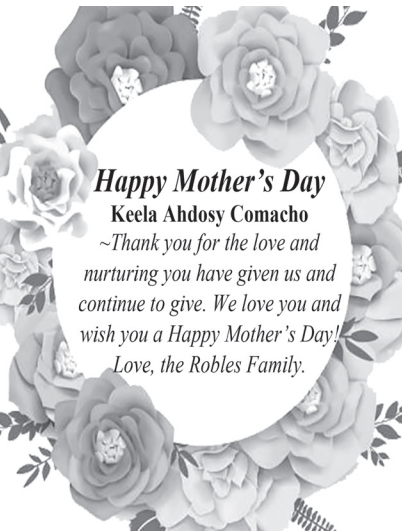
Happy Birthday and Mother's Day!
 Sandra Gallegos
 May 12

~Happy Blessed Birthday & Mother's Day! From your loving family, husband, children, grandchildren & great grandchildren. We LOVE you!



Happy Mother's Day!
 Imogene Tahah Moss

~Ni Pia, Ukamakutu nu, You're the best! U-petu, Kathy Cardona.



Happy Mother's Day
 Keela Ahdosy Comacho
 ~Thank you for the love and nurturing you have given us and continue to give. We love you and wish you a Happy Mother's Day! Love, the Robles Family.



Happy Mother's Day
 Cledath Ann Moore
 ~From Dennis, Chuckie, Shelley, Teri, Brittany, Skyla, Marcus, Jordan, Blazey, Haalie, and Great Grandkids.

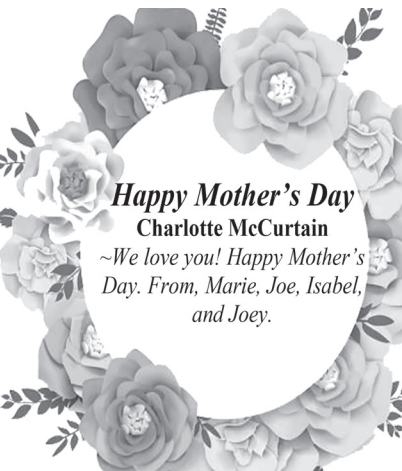
In Loving Memory
 Jaide Cloud Miller
 April 20, 2014 - 2014



Happy Mother's Day
 Ruth Toahy
 ~Happy Mother's Day Kakuu! We love you to infinity and beyond. From Fiona & Tasi!



Happy Mother's Day
 Shelley Simmons
 ~Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for all that you do! We love you! From your kids & grand-kids



Happy Mother's Day
 Charlotte McCurtain
 ~We love you! Happy Mother's Day. From, Marie, Joe, Isabel, and Joey.



Happy Mother's Day
 Ruth Pickup
 ~Ukamakutu nu, Kaku! From, Allyson Thrash.

In Loving Memory
 Anthony Wayne Paker- "Butch"
 June 10, 1961 - May 28, 2015



Happy Mother's Day
 Terri Nahno-Kerchee
 ~Happy Mother's Day SIL! Love, Sallie

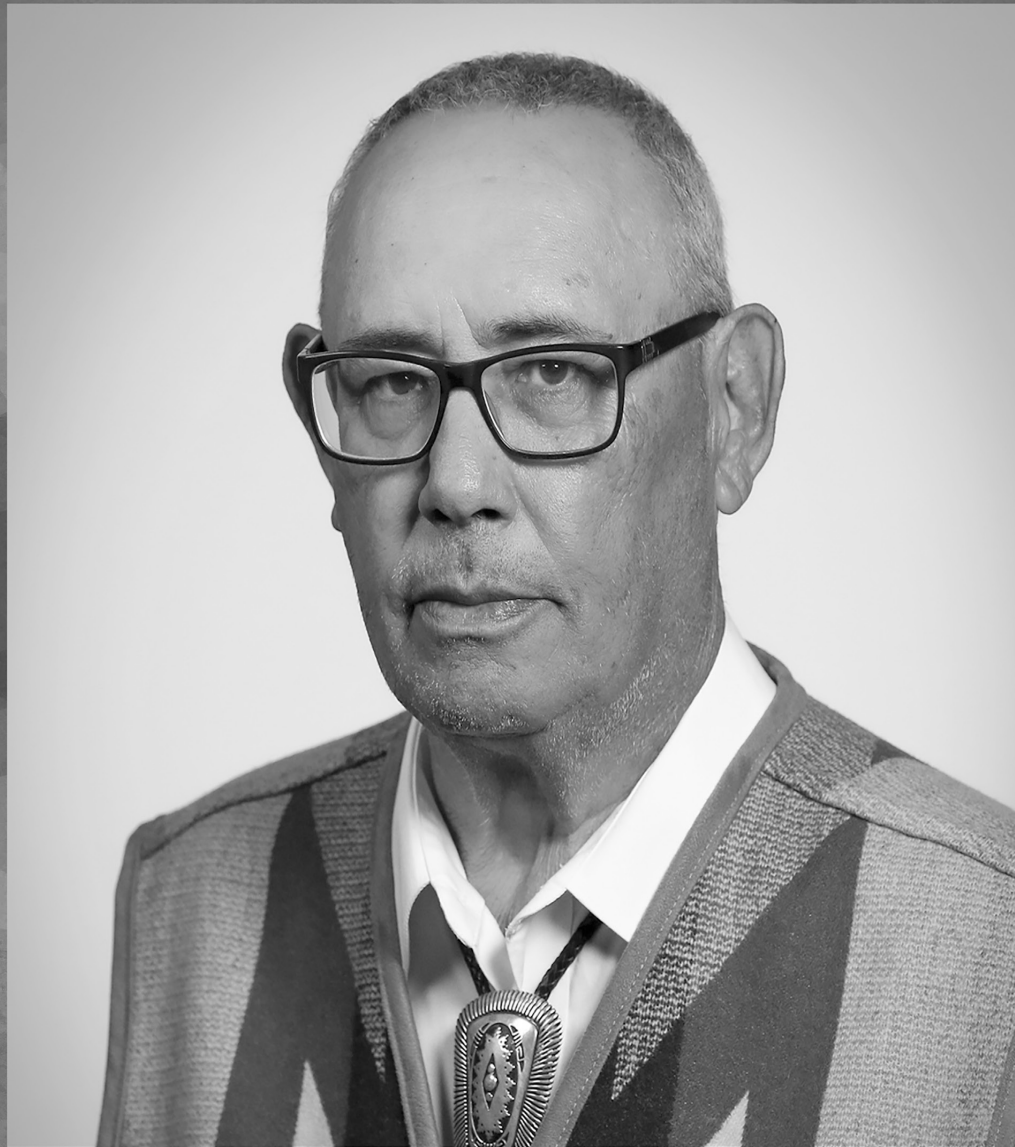


Happy Mother's Day
 Amy Wermey
 ~Thank you for all that you do for us! From, husband and kids.

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



VOTE



**JOHN DAVID
WAHNEE
FOR
SECRETARY TREASURER**

- ✓ 3 Years of Clean Audits
- ✓ Fiscally Responsible
- ✓ Eliminated Waterpark saving the Comanche Nation 900k a year
- ✓ Assisted in administering American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funding for Home Repairs and Rental Assistance for tribal members

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Obituaries

Edward Russell Wahkinney



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Wahkinney

I, Edward Russell Wahkinney, was born to Russell Wahkinney and Dorothy Whitewolf Wahkinney on November 9, 1948. Wahkinney walked into the gates of heaven on March 16.

Wahkinney married Peggy Laurenzana on February 24, 1995. They have had a wonderful marriage, a lot of love between them, ups and downs of course, but Wahkinney wouldn't change it. Wahkinney is the father of Russell Clark and Katherine Wahkinney, the step-father of Amber and Brandon Laurenzana. His grandchildren are Faith, Jaden, Madison and Bailey Wahkinney.

Wahkinney made his profession of faith and accepted the Lord as his Savior and was baptized by his brother, Darrell. Therefore, Wahkinney knew he was heaven bound before he took my last breath. Know that he is happy and healthy in his heavenly home.

Wahkinney leaves behind to cherish his memory, his siblings, Karen Sue, Dennis Edwina, Darrell, Eileen, Christine, David, Kenneth, Dorothea, Lyndon, Dean, and Jamie. Those who were awaiting him in heaven are his parents, his son, Russell Clark, his brothers, Randall, Kevin and Kenton. Also, his nephew, Abraham Wahkinney.

A Viewing was held on March 20, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Services was March 21, at Mt. Scott Comanche United Methodist Church on Four Mile Road, under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Chiquita Ann Paddyaker



Courtesy Photo

Paddyaker

Chiquita Ann Paddyaker, 85, of Oklahoma City went to her heavenly home on March 17.

Funeral service was March 27, at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Duncan Municipal Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Paddyaker was born in Lawton to Deyo and Faye (Woolwine) Paddyaker Sr. She attended Empire School in Duncan and received her GED from Francis Tuttle in OKC.

She loved to go to Pow wows, fairs, antiques, reading and shopping. She worked in sales selling shoes and jewelry. At one point she had almost 400 pairs of shoes but loved working at Inter-tribal designs the most making jewelry, native crafts and talking to people from all over discussing the various Indian

tribes and their history.

She is survived by her sons Randy Brown, Jamie Brown and Johnny Mayner of Oklahoma City, Daughter Marjeanna Burge of Fort Worth, Texas, nine grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, Uncle Carl Paddyaker and wife Bonita, nephews, cousins and a host of other family members and friends.

Paddyaker is preceded in death by parents Deyo and Faye Paddyaker, daughter Pamela Ann Mihsuah-Bense, brother Deyo Paddyaker Jr., sister Peggy Jean Paddyaker.

D'Ann Ortega



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Ortega

D'Ann Ortega, 58, of Cache, was called home unexpectedly on March 23. She was born on August 12, 1964, to Bob Miller and Barbara Ann Chasenah in Lawton, Okla.

Ortega loved shopping and couldn't resist anything that was bright, shiny, and had a lot of bling. She loved planting flowers, but only if her husband was the one planting them. She said he was the one with the green thumb, not her. She loved to cook, she could cook just about anything, but frybread and Mexican dishes were her specialty. She loved to spend time with the Lord and spent many hours praying for everyone. And if it was advice you needed, you can almost guarantee that it was going to come with the word of God. She was a Chaplain out of Southwest Behavior Center. She loved her church family, and if the church door was open, she was there. She absolutely loved her grandbabies. She enjoyed going to powwows. She always made sure her husband had the powwow chairs loaded and ready to go. She was a Certified Travel Agent, a Montessori Teacher, and a Safety Officer for Bar-S but her favorite job was being a Postal Carrier for Cache. She loved her OU football.

She is survived by her husband of the home, Ramon Ortega; daughters, Reina Ortega and Kristin Ortega-Arche; son-in-law, Steven Arche; four grandchildren, Preston Ortega, Praisley Ortega, Elijah Arche, Christian Arche; sister, Cheryl Knight; brother, Richard Miller; sisters-in-law, Vivian Florez and Sylvia Florez; brother-in-law, David Ortega; and many families and friends that will greatly miss the love and laughter she brought into this world.

She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Gregory Weryavah; sisters, Linda Sue Lorentz and Shelly Sanchez; mother-in-law, Mary Alba; and father-in-law, Frank Ortega Sr.

A Funeral Service was March 28, at The Christian Center located at 2405 SW Lee Blvd. Lawton, Okla. Burial followed at Cache KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home.



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Yellowfish

James "Jim" Yellowfish, was born to Irene Hunter Yellowfish and Lyman Yellowfish Sr. in Lawton. Yellowfish was surrounded by close family members when he took his last breath in Dallas, Texas on March 23.

He was married to Andrea Faith Yellowfish. He was father to Vance Wylie Yellowfish, and two daughters Monica Darlene Diaz, and Jacqueline Irene Yellowfish Hernandez. He is a grandfather to six grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Yellowfish was the 2nd oldest of seven brothers. He was also a proud direct descendant of *Pa-Que-O-Haw-Pith* and a proud Comanche Nation member, as well, proud of his Caddo & Delaware roots on his mother's side.

Yellowfish moved from Oklahoma to Dallas, Texas, on the B.I.A. Relocation Program in 1958 with his parents and brothers. He attended Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas. He later attended Eastfield Community College and graduated with an Associate's Degree in Digital Electronics. He retired from the City of Dallas Water Utilities Department as a water purification supervisor in 2015, serving the City of Dallas for 26 years.

In his early years in Dallas, he attempted bowling, but was never any good at it. However, he was glad he tried it because that's where he met his wife, Andrea. Later he played softball with his brothers and other native community members, of which he grew long lasting friendships with. His passion was coaching. He coached softball and later coached youth basketball. Yellowfish coached many teams in the annual Dallas Indian Education Program that was started by the late Larry Larney & Peggy Larney. He always loved coaching many of those groups of girls and watched them grow with families. After coaching, he grew closer to the powwow circle where he and Darrell Blackbear formed the local drum group "Bear Claw" that was started in 2002.

After retiring from the city, Yellowfish spent many weekends with his son traveling to various cities to watch their Hustlers basketball teams compete in tournaments. He loved watching his son and Jimmy Enriquez create and grow their Hus-

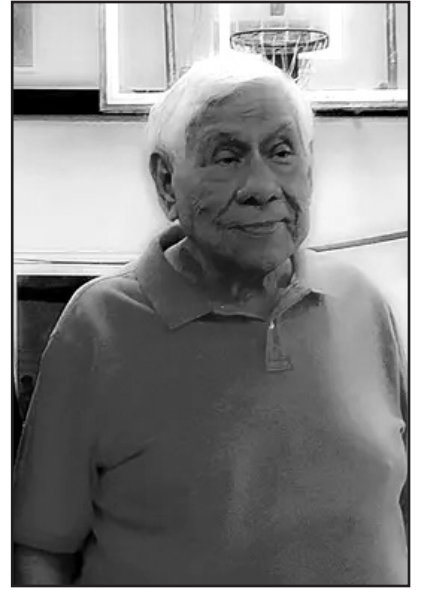
tlers Basketball organization, where he always encouraged them to "keep going". He also spent many hours on the weekends with his grandkids watching them compete in competitive soccer. He loved to travel with the twins' team out of state and cheer the entire team on from the sideline. He enjoyed getting to know and become apart of their soccer family in between games. Most of the parents came to call him "grandpa". He also kept himself busy by attending various community events, traveling to Comanche Nation Fair, Comanche Nation Homecoming Powwow or being present for the many family birthday parties at "Casa Villanueva." Yellowfish lived his life the way he wanted, always devoted to his family. He loved being with his brothers, his grandkids, nieces and nephews and extended family in Texas and Oklahoma while always finding ways to offer words of encouragement. Yellowfish made sure to be home in time to watch his Dallas Cowboys with his son or go visit his daughter to watch the game with his favorite son-in-law, Fito.

James "Jim" Yellowfish was preceded in death by: parents, Irene & Lyman Yellowfish Sr., brothers Lyman Yellowfish Jr., Lawrence Yellowfish, Bruce Yellowfish Sr., and grandson Adrian James Hernandez.

He is survived by: wife, Andrea Yellowfish of Durant, Oklahoma, his children, Vance Wylie Yellowfish and wife Raquel Rios of Dallas, daughter Jacqueline Irene Yellowfish Hernandez and husband Fidel Hernandez of Mesquite, Texas, and step-daughter Monica Diaz of Dallas, little brothers Timothy Yellowfish and sister-in-law Sally Yellowfish of Mesquite, Texas, Ricky Yellowfish Sr. and sister-in-law Vicki Battise-Yellowfish of El Reno, Terry Yellowfish and companion Maria Moreno, and sister-in-law Abby Rodriguez, grandchildren, Alexandria Diaz, Lucinda Diaz Gomez, Adrina Hernandez, Julian Hernandez, Jianna Hernandez and five great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews.

Funeral Service was at the Comanche Community Center in Apache March 28, with Pastor J.B. Jackson officiating. Burial followed at West Cache Creek KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. The Prayer service was at Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Roderick William Whitewolf



Courtesy Photo

Whitewolf

Roderick William Whitewolf, went to his heavenly home on April 1, in Lawton Oklahoma. He went to Elgin Public School & graduated in 1955. He later went on to Oklahoma State University School of Technical Training in Okmulgee Oklahoma, where she studied Structural Steel and Architectural Design for two years.

He married his wife Patricia Sapcut in 1957 & had their daughter Cheryl a year later in 1958. He later worked at Burcamp Steel in Wichita Falls, Texas, and work with the Comanche Nation for a short term. He then worked at Lawrence Steel in Lawton, Oklahoma, until he retired in 1999. He then spent his time with his grandkids & taking care of all his great grandkids cherishing all the precious memories he created with each one of them. Also loved to cheer on his favorite team Oklahoma Sooners.

Survived by his daughter Cheryl Monoessy of the home, grandchildren Scott Kaulaity and spouse Tiffany of the home, Elrod Monoessy III and spouse Jayla of the home, Patricia Ontiveros of Lawton. Great grandchildren Kayla Lyn, Brooklyn, Alannah, Shane, Kimberly, Adelita, Oscar, Rhys, Kal, Jaxson, Valencia & Xean.

Proceeded in death by his parents Edward and Mary Whitewolf, His lovely wife Patricia Whitewolf, his brothers Edwin, Howard, Gordon, his sisters Dorothy, Bernice and Peggy. His nephew's Frank, Sonny, Kevin, Kenton and RD. Niece's Naomia, Betty, Edith and Barbara Ann.

One Memory Away

I would have loved to stayed here on earth just one more day.

For it broke my heart to leave you here alone.

But God whispered softly in my ear and said "my child it time."

Then he took my hand in his and led me home.

We journeyed up above the stars just beyond the moon.

Where very soon we came to Heaven's gate.

I was welcomed by all who'd gone before with open arms.

As the angels sang Amazing Grace.

But God couldn't help but notice I kept looking back towards earth.

Wondering if you were okay.

Then he laid his hand upon my shoulder and said, "Remember child, you'll just be a Memory Away."

So if today the pain seems overwhelming, Please look into your heart for there you'll find, my love for you will always be there.

For when I left, I left my love behind.

The good times that we shared, the laughter and the tears, every second of every single day will all be there.

Held safely in your heart, until we meet again at Heaven's gate.

And until then, I will just be One Memory Away.



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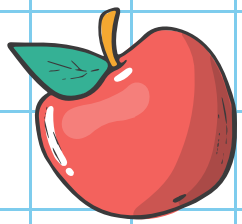
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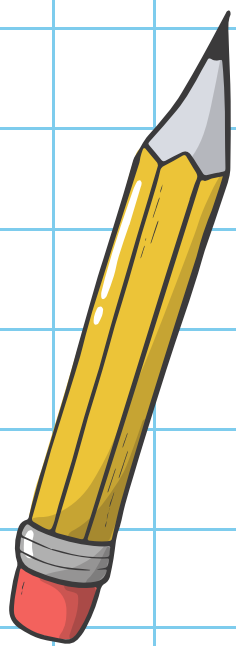


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