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Blackjack is Back at Comanche Nation Casino

Comanche Nation Casino reintroduces high-energy gaming and exciting new promotions

Lawton, Okla., — Blackjack is back at Comanche Nation Casino! The popular Lawton gaming destination is expanding its roster of more than 800 entertainment options with table games.

Set to test your luck, seasoned pros and curious newbies can now play one of the world's most popular card games. The casino's Blackjack tables are open Sunday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. and Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4 a.m.

In response to popular demand, Comanche Nation Casino has brought back the highly requested table game. With the return of Blackjack, guests can experience high-energy gaming action across diverse entertainment options.

"We listen to our guests, and they have spoken," said Shandi Tahhahwah, General Manager of Comanche Nation Casino. "The return of Blackjack has been among our most requested new offerings! It is not only a fast paced and thrilling game but also gives guests the chance to go head-to-head and have fun playing with their friends."

Players enjoy Comanche Nation Casino's new Blackjack tables in a special section of the casino, equipped with state-of-the-art playing surfaces and seating. To create an immersive playing experience, the casino has a team of professional dealers who are ready to welcome both experienced players and newcomers.

In celebration of the relaunch, Comanche Nation Casino is running its "No Commission in the Pit" promotion every Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 a.m. The Blackjack promotion will provide guests with a chance to test their skills and strategy without commission.

For more information about the new Blackjack offerings and upcoming promotions, visit www.comanchenationcasino.com or contact Comanche Rewards Club or a Table Games Supervisor.

About Comanche Nation Entertainment

Comanche Nation Entertainment operates Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Comanche Red River Hotel Casino in Devol, Comanche Spur Casino in Elgin, Comanche Star Casino in Walters, Comanche War Pony Casino in Devol and Comanche Cache Casino in Cache. Its Comanche Travel Plazas, Smoke Shops and Quick Stops are located throughout Southwest Oklahoma.

True to its tribal heritage, Comanche Nation Entertainment is committed to family. It treats its team members like family and supports vital community services in the towns where it operates. Its mission at all of its properties is to provide a fun and exciting experience for guests, a safe and rewarding environment for team members and prosperity for the Comanche Nation.

For more information on Comanche Nation Entertainment properties, visit www.comanchenationentertainment.com or follow the company on Facebook.

Comanche Nation Honors Cheyenne Tribe for Buffalo Donation



Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdooahnippah gives a buffalo skull as a gift to Cheyenne Governor, Reggie Wassana July 18 at the Cheyenne Tribal Headquarters. A luncheon was held by the Comanche Nation Historic Preservation Office to honor the Cheyenne and its Buffalo Program. They have donated buffalo to the Comanche Nation for the annual Comanche Nation Fair for several years.

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On July 18, Comanche Nation Tribal Historic Preservation Office held an appreciation luncheon at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes in Concho, Okla.

The event honored the tribes for the buffalo donation during the Comanche Nation Fair.

Tribal Historic Preservation Officer Martina Minthorn said they're thankful for the gifts of the buffalo.

"It's been a while and the planning, but it was good to be able to come together, fellowship, break bread, offer some words of our legacies that we have between us tribes," she said.

Minthorn said sharing history after the Battle of Wolf Creek was important.

"And so just looking at the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty is also the treaty that puts them in western Oklahoma the same as us in southwest Oklahoma," she said. "So, just knowing our connection, our history, our intermarriages, and to be able to go in there and to be able to see what success that they have with their buffalo program and being able to share with us tribes and see where we should be at."

The Comanche Nation is currently in its infancy of being able to care for buffalo, according to Minthorn.

"We did our harvest about two years ago; we had over 350 people come and want to be a part of that," she said. "And so, that's just amazing to see the excitement of our

people that we want to change people's diets for a healthier option. And so, this is something hopefully we can be able to do that soon."

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes received buffalo skulls, cedar and Pendletons at the luncheon.

Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee and Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin helped pass out gifts.

"We were thankful to be able to offer gifts, not only just food but also to their buffalo staff that have also been delivering buffalo to us," Minthorn said.

Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah and Comanche Business Committee members also attended.

Elder's Council Awarded a \$10,000 AARP Grant for Community Garden



Tribal elder Elizabeth Williams talks to the Comanche Nation Elder's Council about the basics of gardening at their July meeting. The Elder's Council received a grant for three community gardens.

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Elder's Council received a \$10,000 2024 AARP Community Challenge Grant to build community gardens in Cache at Rose Nauni's home, Lawton at Comanche Nation Housing Authority and the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex at Prevention and Recovery.

Community gardens

will feature accessibility and raised flowerbeds, which Prevention and Recovery will build, to grow fruits,

herbs and vegetables; the garden will be seasonal.

Gardeners for the community garden will plan, tend and harvest their plots and distribute produce to the community.

They're working on a list of things they'll need for the project. The Elder Council needs volunteers, especially elders, to help with the community garden.

The Elder Council is one of 343 Grantees and was selected out of over 3,300 applicants.

Grantees implement quick-action projects to help communities become more livable by improving public places, transportation, housing and digital connections, emphasizing the needs of adults 50 and older.

Since 2017, AARP Oklahoma has awarded 29 grants and \$387,110 through the program to nonprofit organizations and government entities across the state.

The Elder Council Officers are: Rosalind Asectamy - President, LaNora Parker - Vice Chair, Elizabeth Williams - Treasurer and Verna Burgess - Secretary.



Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. in Final Stage of 1st NTIA Grant Completion with Olsson

Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. nears close out of first NTIA grant with Olsson, completing feasibility for broadband internet access through a infrastructure network on Comanche Nation tribal lands

The National Telecommunications and Information Association (NTIA) is the Executive Branch agency that is principally responsible for advising the President on telecommunications and information policy issues. NTIA's programs and policymaking focus largely on expanding broadband Internet access and adoption in America, expanding the use of spectrum by all users, and ensuring that the Internet remains an engine for continued innovation and economic growth.

Specific NTIA activities include:

- Managing the Federal use of spectrum and identifying additional spectrum for commercial use;
- Administering grant programs that further the deployment and use of broadband and other technologies in America;
- Developing policy on issues related to the Internet economy, including online privacy, copyright protection, cybersecurity and the global free flow of information online;
- Promoting the stability and security of the Internet's domain name system through its participation on behalf of the U.S. government in Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) activities; and
- Performing cutting-edge telecommunications research and engineering with both Federal government and private sector partners.

The purpose of the NTIA broadband planning grant is to improve the quality of life, spur economic development and commercial activity, create opportunities for remote employment and online entrepreneurship, remote learning, and telehealth. The Comanche Nation through Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc., proposes a project to complete preliminary engineering and design of a broadband infrastructure network on Tribal lands that includes middle and last mile fiber, as well as, interconnection and development of a robust backhaul connection to a major hub. The equitable funding will be utilized for design; the Comanche Nation intends to apply for additional funding for construction and deployment in the future, should any additional funding become available.

The Comanche Nation will design a multi-conduit, underground FTTH system of a projected 190 total miles. The intent of the design is to

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A Total of 13 Resolutions Presented at July CBC Meeting

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the July 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.

The Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman, Diana Doyebi Sovo, called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 81-2024- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1333 Minors. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 82-2024- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1334 Adults. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 83-2024- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1335 to Remove Adults. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 84-2024- CHR EMS Resolution to Renew IHS Contract. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 85-2024- Prescription Assistance Money Follows the Person Grant Initiative. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 86-2024- CBC Resolution to Change Signatories on Financial Accounts. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 87-2024- CBC Resolution BIA Signatory Form 4432. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 88-2024- CBC Resolution re Hair Follicle Testing

Resolution No. 89-2024- CBC Resolution re TA Salary. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 90-2024- CBC Resolution re Publication of Possible Amendments to the Constitution. The resolution passes 4/0/1.

Resolution No. 91-2024- CBC Resolution Board Appointments to CNHA. The resolution passes 4/0/1

Resolution No. 92-2024- CBC Resolution for Travel to OIGA. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 93-2024- Social Services Resolution for Carry-Over Funds for Burial Assistance. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution 94-2024 - CIP Tabled. Adjusted Resolution 69-2024. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

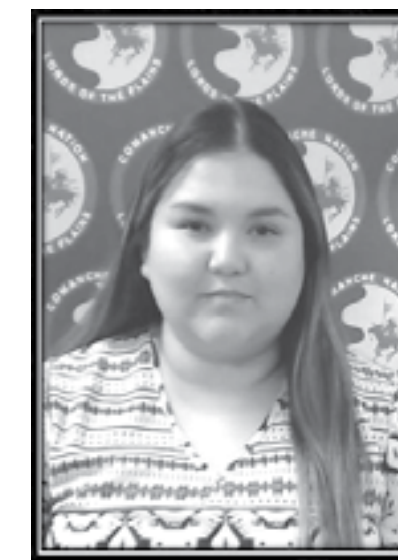
Comanche Nation Hires New Staff in Various Departments and Programs

Submitted by the Comanche Nation Human Resources Department

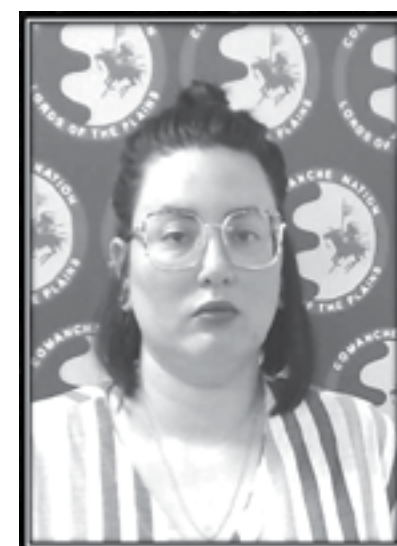
The following individuals were hired during the month of July. Please join us in welcoming them in their new career endeavor with the Comanche Nation!



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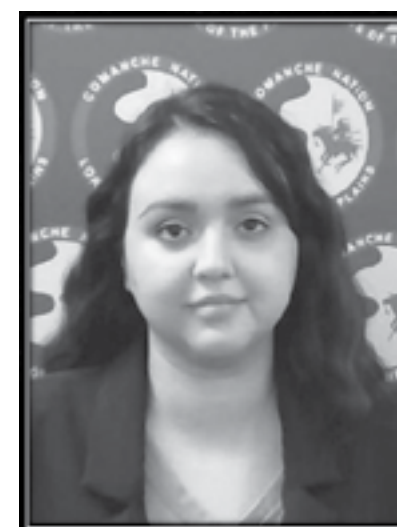
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Child Care



Jessica Battle
Certified Nurses Assistant
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Elvis Keel
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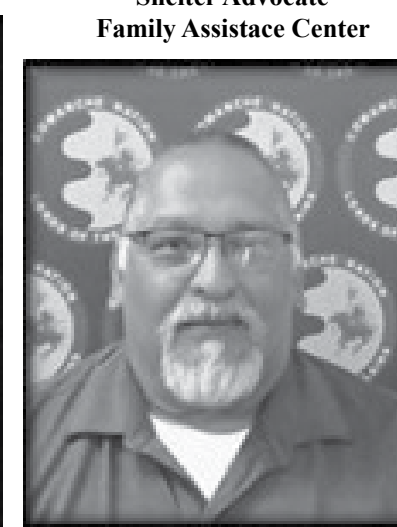
Rodney Parker
Compliance Officer
Administration



Lorraine Tafoya
Shelter Advocate
Family Assistace Center



Walter Payne
Bus Operator
Transit



Donnie Ramos
Executive Director
Prevention and REcovery

From the Chairman's Desk



Maruaweke Numunuu:

I write this as we approach the Homecoming Pow-wow and Chief's Day. Once upon a time, Comanche Chiefs were held in a very high esteem. They earned their titles with demonstrated acts of bravery and wisdom. On account of their status as Chiefs, the people of our Nation protected them from retaliation by the United States when the reservation-era began. Even though, as a technical and constitutional matter, we no longer have a Chief, I draw great inspiration from these great men of our past that earned the title of Chief. Today, many of our people still refer to the Chairman as the *paraibo*, and it comes with a sense of great honor to be addressed as such.

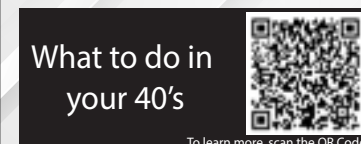
However, once the reservation-era began, our way of life changed forever. With the reservation-era came the corruption of the Indian agents, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and eventually even our own Tribal government. These colonial institutions eroded the respect that we once had as a people for our leadership because too often leaders misused their positions of authority for personal gain. Now, the injured spirit of people taken advantage of by a corrupt system has led to skepticism of, or even outright hostility towards, political leadership. This phenomenon is not unique to Tribal politics—in fact, it is even worse in the politics of the dominant American society. This society is so spiritually bankrupt that just the other day a young man attempted to take the life of former President Trump and in the process killed an innocent bystander and injured others.

To pull ourselves out of the cycle of despair created by this history of corruption, we must address our spiritual health. We must nurture the compassion and humility within ourselves, and treat each other with love and respect. This concerns both how Tribal leaders treat the membership, and how the membership treats the leaders. We must rekindle our connection with *Taa Ahpu* and with each other. I am grateful for events such as the Homecoming Pow-wow that enable us to do just that, and urge all Tribal members to unite in prayer for the benefit of our Nation, the United States and the world.

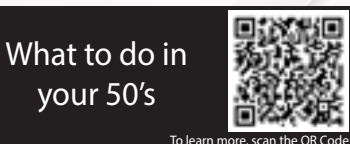
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Retirement

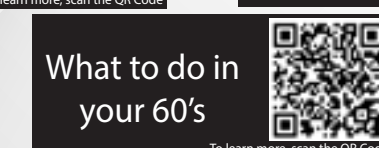
We all look forward to being able to retire. But what can you do today in order to plan for retirement? Here are some ideas:



What to do in your 40's



What to do in your 50's



What to do in your 60's

Remember it is never too early to start saving for Retirement!

Programs

Child Support Services Announces Court Dates

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- **Travis Chasenah:** CNC-SP-15-71; Petition to Determine Support Arrears
- **Parrawahsamen Deer:** CNCSP-24-13; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support
- **Jennifer Bull:** CNC-SP-19-45; Petition to Determine Support Arrears

Section 609 (c) Rule 3 of the Comanche Nation Court Codes 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. CNCSP is needing the above name(s) to be placed in our upcoming Comanche Nation Newspaper.

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

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

Transit Saturday Service

Comanche Nation Transit is excited to announce Saturday Service from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., every Saturday.

Service will start on August 3.

Clients may call in on Friday to book for Saturday service. All other clients may still book on Saturday using transit Ecolane Mobile app.

Dispatch will Not be in the office to book on Saturdays.

To get an account started call dispatch at (580) 492-3389 to set up your profile and have the freedom to book, cancel or keep track of your rides.

All rides are booked on a first call first book basis. Regular operations are still Monday through Friday 5 a.m. to 7 p.m., clients are still welcome to call for work and medical the day before.

Transit Announces Free Rides to Employees

Comanche Nation Transit will now be offering free rides for Comanche Nation Employees coming to and from work.

Services will be offered by booking with the dispatch team at (580) 492-3389. Rides are on a first-call, first-serve basis.

You must have your Comanche Nation employee badge at loading to ride for free!

If you do not have your badge, you will have to pay by ticket or cash. So please always have your badge when you enter the vehicle.

Free rides for Comanche Nation Employees begins August 1!

Tribal Education Departments National Assembly-ACE Summer Camp 2024



Courtesy Photo

On June 17 and June 18, the Tribal Education Departments National Assembly (TEDNA) ACE Grant Program, housed under the Comanche Nation Youth Services (CNYS), hosted a summer camp at Riverside Indian School. The camp had a total of 13 Native high school students from various schools in SW Oklahoma. The camp provided educational and cultural learning activities that included learning how to put up a tipi, motivational speakers in the areas of education and military, and an AISES financial literacy game. The students also participated in enrichment activities that included setting college and career goals in preparation for their life after high school.

TEDNA ACE Project provides Native high school students with individualized support for college, career tech, workforce and military pathways. Comanche Nation is one of four Oklahoma tribes that is partnered with TEDNA. Currently, through the TEDNA ACE Grant Program under CNYS, three local high schools opted into this program which includes Walters High School, Indianola High School and Apache High School.

Family Assistance Center Offers Tips Identifying Abuse and What To Do as a Friend

It can feel frustrating to learn a friend is being abused only to have them turn around and minimize it. A survivor may even become hostile toward a support person who's trying to convince them to leave. You may feel like your care and concern aren't appreciated and step away from this friend.

A survivor may not be ready for help because she's not yet ready to come to terms with the fact that she's being abused. Most of us believe we could see an abuser's tricks from a mile away, but the truth is, abusers can manipulate anyone. And it's difficult to see the abuse when you're in the middle of it.

For other survivors, they may realize they're being abused, but feel too trapped to leave. They may be holding out hope for change, they could be financially or physically dependent on the abuser, or they may fear their life or their children's lives will be in danger if they try to end the relationship. That's why it's important to remember that only a survivor knows when it's the right time to leave.

In the meantime, here are five ways you can continue to provide support. It's important to remember

that helping a survivor doesn't mean telling them what to do, especially since that's the type of control the abuser has been utilizing all along:

1. Educate. Help the survivor recognize they are being abused and that this behavior isn't part of a healthy relationship. You may want to encourage them to call a domestic violence hotline where a trained advocate can better help them understand the signs of abuse. They do not have to be ready to leave to call a shelter hotline.
2. Listen & Support. You can be most supportive by simply listening to what the survivor has to say and believing them. Remember that abuse is not an easy subject to discuss, so recognize the strength involved in telling their story. Here are 10 phrases you can say to validate a survivor who discloses abuse. Remind them that you will be there for them when they're ready, even if that time is not now.
3. Reassure. Let the survivor know that in no way did they cause the abuse; it's not their fault and they never deserve to feel unsafe with a partner.
4. Remind. It may help to remind survivors that they are not alone. Four in 10 people experience at least one form

of coercive control by their lifetime. An estimated 1.3 million women endure a physical assault by an intimate partner every year, and these numbers reflect just those who got up the courage to report. Abusers can target anyone of any gender, age range, location or socioeconomic background.


5. Create Healthy Boundaries. If your friend's trauma is starting to feel like your own, this could be a sign of vicarious trauma, which can lead to something called compassion fatigue. It can cause you, the support person, to feel run down, depressed, on edge, irritable or hopeless. If you need to step away from helping your friend, communicate this with sensitivity. Let them know you've done all you can do at this moment, but it's hard to see them in harm's way and you need to take a temporary break. Seek help and then check in with your friend after a period of time.

If you or someone you know is being abused, resources are available. Contact the Family Assistance at (580) 492-3590. They are open 24 hours a day seven days a week including holidays and weekends.

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Sept. 9
October 7

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August 2024 Adult Education Student of the Month Marissa Clemons



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Clemons
Marissa Clemons is married with two children. Her son is 13 and her daughter is one. Clemons graduated from Coweta High School. Clemons then attended Tulsa Community College but was unable to finish her degree due to being a single mom and focusing on work.

Clemons' husband came to her three years ago and decided he wanted to start his own business. While helping get that off the ground and running, she found out she was pregnant with her daughter. Clemons knew after having her she did not want to return back to her old job and miss out on her growing up. Clemons' husband inspired her to find something that she could have the best of both worlds! With less than a week left until her daughters arrival, Clemons finished her pre-licensing course for her real estate license. That led her to today: Clemons has now completed her post-licensing course required to become an official Real Estate Agent.

Clemons is thankful for the Comanche Nation for helping her embark on this journey. Without the financial assistance, none of this would have been possible.

Clemons plan to use her real estate license to not only help people find their perfect home, but also to give back knowledge to the community on how they can start their journey on purchasing a home. Clemons is working on developing a free educational class to present to employees of companies that will encompass that knowledge.

Clemons doesn't intend to stop here! As she grows her real estate business and raise her children, Clemons plan to open up a modern wedding venue as her next business venture.

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August 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Christian Mitchell



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Mitchell
Christian Mitchell, is 29 years old, is currently attending Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, Texas, to receive his Master's Degree in Biology. Mitchell

graduated with his Bachelor's in Organismal Biology from Cameron University in 2019. Mitchell loves anything animal and dinosaur related, which is what lead him to being an Evolutionary Biology in-training.

Currently, Mitchell is an environmental scientist for the State of Oklahoma in Oklahoma City and a part-time college professor teaching biology.

When Mitchell receives his Master's Degree, his goal is to work as a Wildlife Conservationist for private companies or for the federal government to keep the environment healthy, and to keep endangered species from going extinct.

Another goal that Mitchell has is to go to OU and receive his Doctorate in Vertebrate Paleontology, but that will be later down the line once he has his dream career started.

August 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Madison Downs



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Downs
Madison Downs is a biology major, following a pre-medicine route. Downs is currently attending Cameron University and will be transferring to the University of Oklahoma for the Fall 2024 semester.

Downs a member of the Parker and Downs family. She is a Quannah Parker descendant. She was raised by her great aunt, Sandra Chestnut, to whom Downs owe a great deal of her academic success.

With her biology degree, she hopes to attend medical school and eventually become a Pediatric Rheumatologist.

August 2024 Job Placement and Training Student of the Month Martavion Austin



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Austin
Martavion Austin is the son of Mary and Marcel Austin. He is a graduate of Cache High School.

Austin is currently in the long-term vocational training program for his barbering certification. He is currently attending JB's Hair Design Barber College in Oklahoma City.

Austin plans to find employment in a barbershop industry after completing his long-term vocational program. In the future, he wants to save up enough money to open his own barbershop.



SUMMER FEST!
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Set up as early as 8:00am
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Lawton, OK
Phone: 580-593-4941



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HELPING HAND. The Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Program delivered 61 boxes of Narcan to local law enforcement agencies in their service area in July, including the Grandfield Police Department, above. Narcan, also known as naloxone, is a medication used to reverse opioid overdoses by blocking the effects of opiates on the brain and by restoring breathing.

Women's Resource Fair
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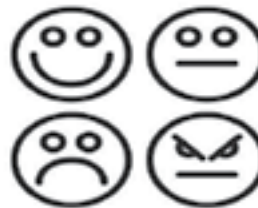
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Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

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AUGUST 2024

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4	Walters 1st Day	Walters 2nd Day	Cache 1st Day	Cache 2nd Day	TRUCK DAY	10
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18	Lawton 4th Day	Lawton 5th Day	Make-Up Day	Make-Up Day	Make-Up Day	24
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Moods and Emotions Word Search

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?



Word search grid containing words related to moods and emotions.

- TSAAŦŦ - GOOD
- AITŦ - BAD
- MABISO?ÁITŦ - ANGRY
- KWEYAI - EXHAUSTED
- TABUIITŦ - SAD
- TSIHASUATŦ - HUNGRY
- ŦPŦSUWAINŦ - SLEEPY
- KUYA?AKATŦ - AFRAID
- TSAAUATŦ - PROUD
- TAKŦSUAITŦ - THIRSTY

Peanut Chicken Protein Bowl

Ingredients

- 1 Large Sweet potato cut into 1/2 cubes
- 1 Large finely chopped red onion
- 3 Tbsp Olive oil
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1 Lb. of boneless, skinless chicken breast
- 1/2 Tsp of garlic powder
- 1/2 Tsp of ground ginger
- 1 Small clove garlic, finely chopped
- The juice of 1 lime
- 2 Tbsp of creamy peanut butter
- 1 Tbsp of honey
- 1 Tbsp reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1 Tbsp toasted sesame oil
- 4 Cups of cooked brown rice
- 1 Avocado thinly sliced
- 2 Cups of baby spinach
- 1 Tbsp chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 Tsp toasted sesame seeds

Directions

1. Preheat the oven to 425. On a large baking sheet, toss potatoes and onion with 1 tablespoon olive oil; season with salt and pepper. Bake until tender about 20 to 25 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat 1 tablespoon of olive oil. Season chicken with garlic powder, ginger, salt, and pepper. Cook chicken, turning occasionally, until golden and no longer pink, about 8 minutes per side. Transfer to a cutting board and let rest for 10 minutes and then thinly slice.
3. In a small bowl, whisk garlic, lime juice, peanut butter, honey, and soy sauce until combined. Whisk in sesame oil and remaining 1 tablespoon olive oil until smooth.
4. Divide rice among bowls. Top with potato mixture, chicken, avocado, and spinach. Sprinkle with cilantro and sesame seeds. Drizzle with dressing.

Easy Berry Ice cake

Ingredients

- 3 Cups cold heavy whipping cream
- 1/3 Cup of confectioners' sugar
- 2 Tsp pure vanilla extract
- 1/2 Tsp almond extract
- 20-21 sheets of graham crackers
- 2 Cups of freshly sliced strawberries
- 1 Cup of blueberries

Directions

1. Preliminary notes: There are 3 layers of graham crackers, 3 layers of whipped cream, and 2 layers of berries. Each layer of graham cracker is about 7 crackers. This recipe yields 6 cups of whipped cream and you will use 2 cups per layer.
2. Using a hand mixer or stand mixer fitted with a whisk attachment, beat the heavy cream, confectioners' sugar, vanilla, and almond extract together on medium-high speed until medium peaks form, about 4 minutes.
3. Spread a couple of tablespoons into a very thin layer on the bottom of an ungreased 9x13-inch pan. This will help the bottom layer of graham crackers stick. Layer crackers on top, breaking them apart as needed to make one even layer.
4. Spread about 2 cups of whipped cream on top of the graham crackers. Then layer the sliced strawberries on top. Follow with another layer of graham crackers, 2 more cups of whipped cream, then the blueberries.
5. Cover with foil or plastic wrap and let it sit in the refrigerator for at least 3 hours.

We want to see what you are cooking! Send a picture of any of the recipes you try on the "culinary corner" page, and it will be in an issue of TCNN, and TCNN will mail you a gift of thanks. Email your name, picture, and which recipe you used to Heaven.Williams@Comanchenation.com.

A Successful 2024 Comanche Summer in Palo Duro Canyon State Park

Dancers Participate June 28 at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum's exhibit commemorating the 150th anniversary of Adobe Walls

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Battle of Adobe Walls took place on June 26, 1874. To commemorate the historic event, an exhibit titled "Remembering 150 Years Adobe Walls" debuted at the Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum in Canyon, Texas, on June 28.

Comanche dancers and singers were at the exhibit to give dance demonstrations, while former Comanche Nation Chairman Wallace Coffey gave a brief history of Adobe Walls.

The annual "Comanche Summer" took place on June 29 at the Palo Duro Canyon State Park Pioneer Amphitheater. "Comanche Summer" displays the Comanche culture through songs and dance performances by tribal members.

Coordinator Benny Tahmahkera said the "Comanche Summer" is a very special event this year.

"It's pretty special, you know, especially this time, the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Adobe Walls, that our leadership of the Comanche Nations out here," he said. "And we got to bring some of our finest dancers and singers out here to help celebrate and help remember our footsteps, the Comanche footsteps, that's out here in this canyon. A very sacred place to us, you know, and we hold it in high regard."

Tahmahkera said, the Palo Duro Canyon is a big part of Comanche history.

"A lot of the stories that have been passed down is we used this canyon as a winter campground, you know, for hundreds of years and...they say this is the natural terrain, provide a cover, concealment from the elements in the winter, we provide a game down here in the bottom, give them to the winters, and it's well hidden," he said. "When you come out here, everything is flat, then all of a sudden, out here's this big beautiful canyon that opens up."

Marla Nauni, who also coordinated the event, said the site holds cultural importance.

"Being that Benny is the great-great-grandson of Quanah Parker, it's important that, you know, pieces of our history are told in whatever, whoever you come from, whether it be a chief, whether it be a leader, whether it be anything like that," she said. "I think it's very important for our people to rise up and start to tell our story."

Nauni said the event started in 2012.

"I'm just thankful that we get to do that every year and showcase our vibrant Comanche culture, and just looking forward to the years to come," she said.



Members of the Comanche Nation and other tribes come together the weekend of June 28-29 to showcase various dances at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum's commemorating the 150th anniversary of Adobe Walls on June 28, followed by performing at the pre-show event, titled Comanche Summer at the Texas Outdoor Musical at the Palo Duro State Park on July 29.



Comanche elder Larry Liles and son, JT Liles demonstrate the Straight Dance on June 28 at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum.



The Master of Ceremonies for the Comanche Summer, Wallace Coffey, introduces Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdooh-nippah, Vice Chairwoman, Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi and Comanche Business Committeewoman Hazel Tahsequah, who attended the events.



The Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, and the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin, sign the Lord's Prayer June 28 at the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum. They also signed the Lord's Prayer at the Comanche Summer event.

Nauni said she hopes future generations will continue their education in Comanche history and culture. Comanche Nation Princess Blue Sky Tosee and Comanche Nation Junior Princess Arlene Schonchin performed the Lord's Prayer.

Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooh-nippah, Vice Chairwoman Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi and Comanche Business Committee Woman Hazel Tahsequah also participated in the event.



A series of intertribal dances during the Comanche Summer is well received by the audience.



Comanche singers Gaylon Schrock, Joel Motah, Gaylon Motah, Gene Sovo and Ahtakee Sovo sing the Comanche Flag Song on June 29, while the former Comanche Nation Princess, Shannon Wilmeth, sings behind the drum.



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Match the Comanche words and their pictures.

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 PiaNohitabeni
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 nohi?nuraa

OF JULY

It's time to meet old school friends and learn new things!

Wishing you a wonderful new school year!

Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

CIVA Activities

74th Korean War Memorial Service

On June 25, the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary received an extended invitation to attend the 74th Korean War Memorial Service at the Korean Memorial located at Elmer Thomas Park in Lawton, Okla. The Korean War Association, Chapter 319 and the Korean New Light United Methodist Church were the organizers of this event. After the ceremony, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary and the Sova Singers were invited to have a meal at the New Light United Methodist Church. CIVA would like to thank Bubba Sova and the Sova Singers for providing the drum.



Courtesy Photo
Lawton City Mayor Stan Booker with CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie.

Co-Host Annual Tia-Piah Society of Oklahoma Powwow

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) were invited to be the Co-Host at the 57th Annual Tia-Piah Powwow and Celebration which was held at the Bigbow Dance grounds near Richards Spur. CIVA also had the honor of raising and lowering the flags of veterans, John Tsatoke and Leonard Cozad Sr. Gourd Dancing and the Celebration was enjoyed by all.

CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary would like to thank the Bigbow family for their hospitality. Johanna Tsatoke, the daughter of the late Nelson Bigbow said her father has always told us to love and respect our Veterans and to treat our people good.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary parading the colors.



Courtesy Photo

Korean representative and CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie in front of the Korean Memorial.



Courtesy Photo

Group photograph with the Korean War Association, Chapter 319 and the Korean New Light United Methodist Church.

2024 Lawton / Fort Sill Freedom Festival

Comanche Indian Veterans Princess Clara Yazzie was a special guest at this year's 4th of July Celebration for the 2024 Lawton/Fort Sill Freedom Festival which was held on June 29. CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie signed the National Anthem as Fort Sill's 77th Army Band provided the music. CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary are very thrilled that our CIVA Princess did an outstanding job representing our Veterans.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie with the 77th Army Band.

CIVA Monthly Meeting

On July 11, CIVA held its monthly meeting in the Patriot Room. A call to order was conducted by CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno. A prayer was given by CIVA Co-Chaplin Monah Davis followed by a Pledge of Allegiance lead by the CIVA Princess, Clara Yazzie.

Before the serving of the meal, a birthday recognition was given to Arlene Schonchin as well as an Anniversary recognition to Frankie and Suzanne Patterson. The evening meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary members Suzanne Patterson and Christine.

CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary were honored to have our Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdoohrippah and Committeeperson #3 Alice Kassanvoid at the monthly meeting. During the monthly meeting old and new business was presented and discussed as well as our CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie Campaign.

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie Blue Star Mother's Campaign



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie has organized an event and campaign and is requesting your assistance in locating mother's of all Active Duty tribal members. If you know of any mother's who son's or daughter are serving our Armed Forces, please contact the CIVA Commander at roger-tehauno@yahoo.com and or the CIVA Secretary Dominic Pawlowski at mymantees@gmail.com. The information will be forwarded to our CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie.



Courtesy Photo

The flag of Leonard Cozad Sr. was raised by the CIVA Veterans. Pictured are the CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary members with the Cozad Family.



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The flag of John Tsatoke raised by the CIVA Veterans.



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Afternoon Gourd Dancing session at Tia-Pia Park.

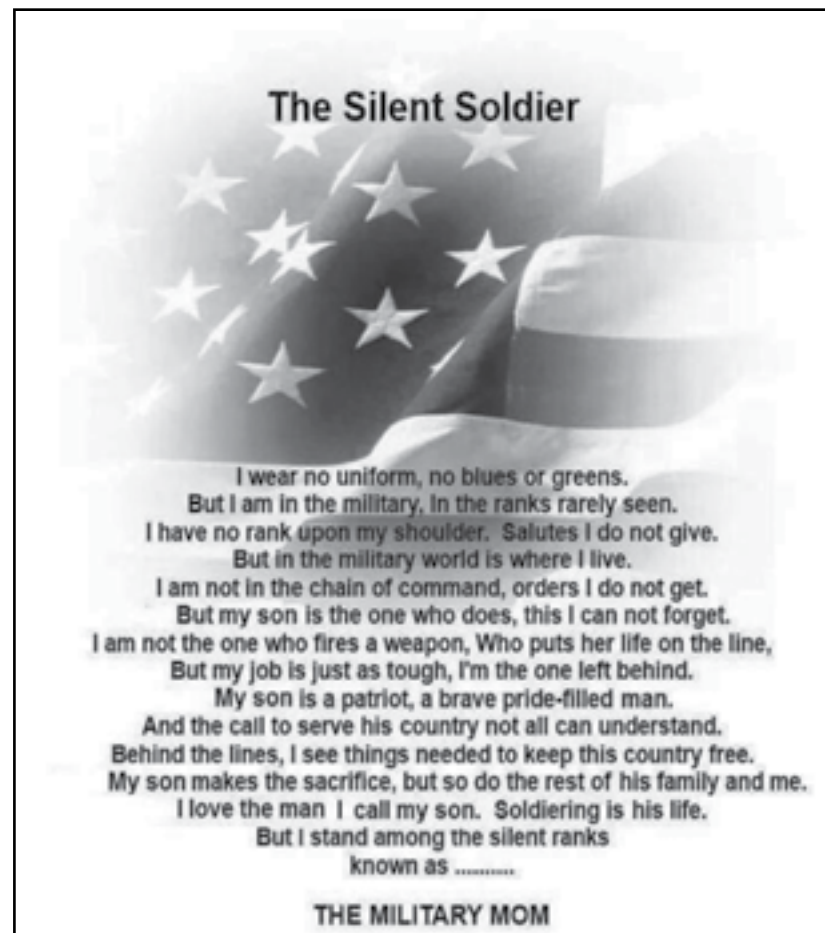


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Evening Gourd Dancing at Tia-Pia Park.

Comanche Nation Veteran Information is Needed

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association are updating the Comanche Veterans Master List. If you are a Honorably Discharged Veteran and you would like your military service updated and documented, please email Kevin Pohawpatchoko at k_pohawpatchoko@yahoo.com. Your military service history, documents, records, photographs and your DD-214 will be forwarded to Dr. Bill Meadows, Missouri State University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology/Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize your military documents and update our Comanche Veterans Master List. Our Comanche Veterans military history and documents received will also help in the event of a Veterans passing. In closing, this is voluntary for the Comanche Nation Veterans and their families. Thank you!



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People, Places, & Things Happening

Flores Helps His Team Win Championship Game



Courtesy Photo

Flores

Cayde Flores and his team the EE Nationals out of Moore, Okla., helped his team win the Youth World Series at the Lake of the Ozarks which was held at the Ballpark Nationals in Missouri. The team took it all with a walk-off win of 14-2 for the 11u championship game.

Flores has played USSSA baseball for two years and this is his second World Series championship win under his belt. Flores is a utility player which means he plays all of the positions.

Flores will be turning 12 on August 3 and will be in the 6 grade.

Scholarship Highlight



Courtesy Photo

Molina

Comanche tribal member Jamie Molina is studying Sports Management at Cowley College.

During her first year of school, she was on the President's Honor Roll and made the All-KJCCC (Kansas Jayhawk Community College Conference) Division two team for the season. She stated in an interview that she was very appreciative of what the Lindy Waters III Foundation has done for the student-athletes who want to pursue higher education.

Molina is a 2023 Scholarship recipient and is from the Chibitty Family.

OSU Scholarship Available

An endowed scholarship has been established at Oklahoma State University (OSU) as the Oscar and Genevieve Castillo Memorial Endowed Scholarship.

Genevieve and her late husband stressed the importance of education to their children, who all attended/graduated from an OSU program. Castillo is an enrolled member of the Comanche tribe. The scholarship is available annually to students from western Oklahoma who are enrolled members of a federally recognized Native American tribe. The first scholarship will be awarded to students this upcoming fall 2024 semester.

The student would apply to Oklahoma State University to enroll. They would then be considered for the scholarship. There is not a separate/direct application for just this one scholarship. The student's application for enrollment at the university puts them in line for the scholarship and any others for which they are qualified and they need to indicate their enrollment in a federally recognized tribe.

Logan Crawford 2024 All-State Boys Wrestling Champion



Courtesy Photo

Crawford



Courtesy Photo

Crawford and his wrestling coach, James "Jimbo" Smith

Congratulations to Comanche tribal member, Logan Crawford. On July 24 at Broken Arrow Event Center in Broken Arrow, Okla., the Oklahoma Coaches Association held the 2024 All-State Boys Wrestling Small School East and Small School West. He defeated his opponent, Kyler Tabor of Berryhill, Okla., who represented the Small School East in their 138 lb. weight class.

All who were selected for the Oklahoma Coaches Association received a jacket and a ring. Athletes are nominated by their high school coach, and the Association selects those to be honored.

Petarsy Church
Free Men's Breakfast & Fellowship
8 a.m.
the 2nd Saturday of the Month
266 Little Bear Loop,
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Everyone is welcome



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



CHEERING FOR JANEЕ. The Comanche community gathered on June 21 and June 23 to cheer and support Janee Kassanvoid, a Comanche tribal member and two-time medalist, who participated in the Women's Hammer Throw qualifying round for the 2024 Olympics. The Watch Parties were sponsored by Natuv inc. TOP: The June 21 Watch Party Group show their support for Janee Kassanvoid. TOP RIGHT: The Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee and the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin, root for Janee Kassanvoid June 21 at the first round of the Women's Hammer Throw Olympic Qualifying Round. BOTTOM: Watchtaker Hall is filled for the Janee Kassanvoid Watch Party. CENTER RIGHT: The Comanche Charter School Princess, Daphne Tanequodde says the Lord's Prayer while the Walters Service Club Princess Kylei Davidson, the incoming Walters Service Club Jr. Princess Tiana McClung and the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin, sign the Lord's Prayer, to begin the June 23 Watch Party. BOTTOM RIGHT: Everyone holds their breath as Janee Kassanvoid prepares to throw the 8.8 lb metal ball in the Women's Hammer Throw.



ENTERPRISES

Continued from Page 1

include one run of fiber, as well as establish capacity to future-proof, to the extent feasible, the system and allow for additional carriers to provide redundancy and competitive, affordable options for users. The Comanche Nation has formed a partnership with the Olsson Engineering firm, a consultant who will explore utilizing underground conduit for the entire system will aid reliability and connects areas where aerial or wireless access is not feasible due to topography or overloaded existing utility aerial easements. The outcome is to complete the planning and design of the broadband infrastructure while securing additional funds of \$46.6 million to construct the broadband infrastructure.

Rodney Martin, Design Technical Manager for Olsson, first began working with CNE on the broadband initiative for the Comanche Nation in 2022 and continues to work closely with CNE CEO Marlon Stevens.

"It's incredibly exciting to be one step closer to securing broadband for The Comanche Nation," Martin said. "I'm honored to partner with passionate stakeholders who are committed to supporting the tribe's vision for enhanced connectivity, economic development and improved quality of life. I look forward to continuing this important work that will positively impact many communities far into the future."

Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc.'s plan of action includes closing out and submitting reports for the initial NTIA grant to be eligible for the next stage of grant funding. CNE will continue to work with Olsson in the design of the infrastructure on tribal lands with the goal of establishing a broadband internet company owned by the Comanche Nation, which will provide internet access and job opportunities for the tribal members, and an eventual revenue stream for the Nation.

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday!

June 26 - Lisa Collins
July 16 - Christian Gilliam



Happy Birthday
Ariane Alvarado
August 1

~ Much love from Mom and Sissy!



Happy Birthday
Dee
August 1

~ Love, from your fam.



Happy 10th Birthday
Blakeyboy
August 7

~ We love you Mom, Dad and family!



Happy 13th Birthday
Nocona Caddo
August 17



Happy Birthday!

August 1 - Dee
August 1 - Ariane Alvarado
August 6 - Khylic Heminokky-Gayton "Happy Birthday!! Love, your family!"
August 7 - Blakeyboy
August 17 - Nocona Caddo
August 20 - Thomasina Little Chief-Kaywaykla
August 20 - LaRue Kaywaykla-Parker "Lots of love from your family!"
August 21 - Avery Reyna
August 25 - Leroy Esadooah "Happy 102nd Birthday!"
August 25 - Riley Dalby
August 26 - Robert Charles Knox "Happy Blessed 45th Birthday Saygee"
August 30 - Remington Harlow



Happy Birthday
Thomasina Little Chief-Kaywaykla
August 20

~ Love you bunches from Hunter, Rory, Zariah & family!



Happy Birthday
LaRue Kaywaykla-Parker
August 20

~ Lots of love from your family!



Happy 7th Birthday
Avery Reyna
August 21

~ Happy Birthday son. Love, mom & dad.



Happy Birthday
Riley Dalby
August 25



Happy Birthday
Leroy Esadooah
August 25

~ HAPPY 102nd BIRTHDAY!



Happy Birthday
Remington Harlow
August 30



Happy Belated Birthday
Lisa Collins
June 26
Happy Birthday
Christian Gilliam
July 16

~ Much love from your family!

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Obituaries

Jerrod Don Foote



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Jerrod Don Foote went into eternal rest on July 3, 2024 surrounded by his family and friends at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. An honor walk was given to Jerrod with his family, friends and Hospital Staff lining the walls from his room to surgery in order to donate his organs so others could live. This was a blessed event, to know that our son and brother gave precious life to others. Jerrod will live on...
Foote was born to Nov. 26,

1980 in Oklahoma City to Don and Natalie (Woommavovah) Foote.

J.D. grew up in Oklahoma City. Early in life he developed a passion for riding bikes- both mountain and road, music, motocross and cars. All of these were endeavors that continued into his adult life.

Foote is survived by his mother Natalie Foote and step father Tim Tarralbo; sister Sara Kennedy and husband Nik; nephews: Jackson and Porter Coburn and niece Ellie Kennedy; sons: Braxton Foote and Tyco Shuman; stepdaughters: Kylie and Bella Love; aunts and uncles: Ramona Wilson, Dennis and Jennifer Woommavovah, Joe and Rose Mary Brady and Janet Kruger.

He is preceded in death by his father Don Foote; grandparents Nat and Vida Woommavovah, David and Agnes Foote; aunt Brenda Roach, Patricia Davis, Jacqueline Woommavovah and uncles Jackie and Gerald Woommavovah.

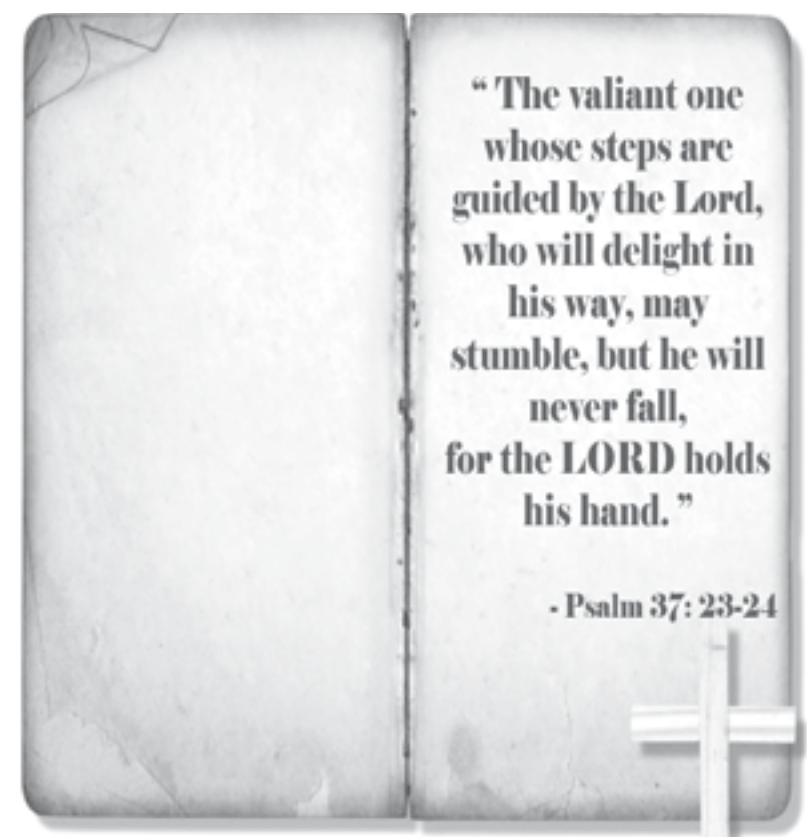
Ava (Fawbush) Doty

Ava (Fawbush) Doty, age 96, of Talihina, Okla., passed away from this life on July 1. Doty was born on November 28, 1927, in Walters, Okla., to Sally (Hovah) and Jeriah Fawbush. Doty was a school teacher in Apheatone School in Walters, Okla., and Fort Sill Indian School in Lawton, Okla. She dearly loved her students and loved teaching. Her goal was to write a book about her Comanche family which sadly she never got to finish. She was very proud of her Comanche heritage. She will be greatly missed by friends and loved ones.

Doty is survived by her sister Wanda Maxey and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Doty is preceded in death by her husband Duane Doty; son, Michael Doty; mother, Sallie Hovah Fawbush; father, Rie Fawbush; sister, Geneva Tappito; brothers, Rie Fawbush Jr. and Ernest Fawbush.

Graveside services was July 12, at Walters Cemetery in Walters, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to McCarn Funeral Service.



"The valiant one whose steps are guided by the Lord, who will delight in his way, may stumble, but he will never fall, for the LORD holds his hand."

- Psalm 37: 23-24

Walters Service Club Annual Pow-wow Held July 18 in Walters, Okla.

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

The Walters Service Club held its annual pow-wow on July 18, at the Walters Community Building in Walters, Okla.

According to Walters Service Club President Mari Lavatai, the powwow featured a crowning of new royalty, a veteran honoring and beginning the Walters Homecoming events.

Newly crowned royalty for Walters Service Club were Jr. Princess Tiana McClung and Little Miss Nahmi Poafpybitty.

"We're here to just get together within the community and enjoy ourselves and that's something I look forward to every year," Lavatai said.

Her mother would later pass the responsibility of being a part of the organization to her, but Lavatai's grandmother was an original member.

"Something that she wanted was to keep the Walters Service Club going, so along with my sister Eva Asenap, my daughter Cecily Brigoli is our Secretary, Eva Asenap is our Treasurer and Ruth Factor is our Vice President," Lavatai said. "So, that's something that we want to continue to carry on as long as we can, and then hopefully my daughters will step in and carry on the Walters Service Club."

They honored Walters Service Club member Larry McCurtain at the pow-wow.

"It's something that I've wanted to do to always remember to honor a veteran here at the pow-wow," she said. "It's not just not necessarily about contests, something that I wanted to honor our veterans here. A lot of our veterans organizations are here at our pow-wow, and I'm very proud to see that a lot of people have showed up for our powwow today."

Royalty in attendance included Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin, Wal-



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Walters Service Club President Mari Lavatai along with Walters Service Club Sr. Princess Kyleigh Davidson, Walters Service Club Jr. Princess Tiana McClung and Walters Service Club Little Miss Nahmi Poafpybitty.

ters Service Club Princess Kyleigh Davidson and Marine Corps Princess Kasey Atauvich.



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

Serving as Head singer, Anthony Nauni, is honored by Marc Wilson at the Walters Service Club Pow-wow on July 18.



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Walters Service Club Pow-wow's Grand Entry took place at the Walters Community Center on July 18. Dancers from all over Oklahoma and even from the Texas area came to spend the weekend in Walters, Okla., for the Walters Service Club Pow-wow and for Walters Homecoming Pow-wow held July 18 through July 21.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Enjoying the Two-step during the Walters Service Club Annual July Pow-wow are Little Miss Nahmi Poafpybitty and Byrson Kerchee.



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

Walters Homecoming Princess, Jasmine Pomoceah dances with head man dancer, Danny Niedo as everyone honors her at the Walters Service Club Pow-wow.



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Walters Service Club Sr. Princess Kyleigh Davidson dances with the new Walters Service Club Jr. Princess Tiana McClung and Walters Service Club Little Ms Nahmi Poafpybitty, during the Service Club Annual Pow-wow on July 18 at Walters Okla.

71st Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration Reconizing All Military Service Men and Women

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanches from across America gathered from July 19, through July 21, in Walters, Okla., at Sultan Park for the 71st Walters Homecoming Celebration.

Three veterans, Rhonda Williams, DeAnn Nibbs LeBeau and Eleanor Ataovich McDaniel, were honored over the weekend.

According to Fred Fodder, who helped coordinate the dance, the event was created in 1952 by the families of veterans to honor Comanches who fought in Korea.

"If you look around, there's a lot of camps. A lot of the families camp in the same area all these years," he said. "So, all the people that are involved with the dance are all descended from the original people that were part of this."

Fodder said the environment is unique to all others.

"No feeling like it anywhere than here. We call it a good spirit," he said. "God brings that good spirit to you to be around when you dance and it's arena. And he's done that. We were expecting rain today. We didn't get rain here. It got rain in Lawton. So, and that's the second year."

Fodder said they're always looking forward to the future.

"We hope that the future will bring nothing but good things for our people and that they will continue to support the Comanche celebration because we're unique, we're one of a kind, we have come to find out we are noted from coast to coast," he said. "We've gotten all kinds of messages, all kinds of Facebook messages. We've got all kinds of publicity and we hope that will continue way after this."

Royalty in attendance was Comanche Homecoming Princess Jasmine Poemoceah, Comanche Indian Veterans Association Princess Clara Tee-Ohms Yazzie, Walters Service Club Princess Kyleigh Davidson, Comanche Marine Corps Princess Kasey Ataovich, Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee and Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin.

Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoahnippah was also in attendance.



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Honored veterans Rhonda Williams, DeAnn Nibbs LeBeau and Eleanor Ataovich McDaniel salute the American flag while the Comanche flag song is being sung during grand entry at the 71st Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration, at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla. This was the first year that women veterans were asked to be the Honored Veterans.



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Comanche elder, Adria Suina, participates in the Scalp Dance the afternoon of July 20 at the Comanche Homecoming Pow-wow.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Cheyenne Pocowatchit serving as Head Man Dancer dances with his father Charles Pocowatchit during the Comanche Homecoming Celebration.



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

On July 20 at the Walters Homecoming Pow-wow in Sultan Park Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoahnippah was honored during the gourd dance portion. Tribal members all around the arena came to shake his hand and dance with him.



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

Head Gourd Dancer, Andrew Toyebo, honors Comanche Nation Sr. Princess Bluesky Tosee and Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin and everyone gathered around the arena came to support and honor the Princesses on July 21 at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Shelby Mata, the Head Lady Dancer for the 2024 Comanche Homecoming Pow-wow, is honored the afternoon of July 19. She is a former Comanche Nation Jr. Princess and Comanche Nation Princess, among other titles.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Dressed in their traditional Red and Blue Battle Dresses women young and old participate in the Scalp Dance which is one of the Comanche Nation's oldest ceremonial dances performed by the women of the tribe. This dance was performed July 20 during the Comanche Homecoming Celebration at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) retire the colors during the grand entry of the 71st Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

Jaxon Poemoceah dances with his dad, Terry Poemoceah at the Walters Homecoming Celebration on July 19.



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

There was a total of 22 singers and five drums just before supper break during the gourd dance session at the Walters Homecoming Celebration on July 19.



Photo by Heaven Williams/ News Staff

Gourd dancer Koda Stumbling-bear, makes his way over to the drum to dance behind the singers with the other dancers at the Walters Homecoming Celebration.



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On July 21, during the Sunday hymn singing, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin starts a Comanche Hymn as Anthony Nauni and Martin Flores follows her lead.



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Winners of the Comanche Homecoming Turtle Race, from left: First place Melani and Arie Shrock, Second Place Gaylen Schrock, Third Place Arlene Schonchin, Fourth Place Nahmi Poafpybitty and Fifth Place Emaul Tahhahwah.



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Arena directors, Larney Silverhorn, Glen Heminokky Jr. and Travis Codynah being honored at the Walters Homecoming Celebration while the MC's acknowledge the AD's their hard work throughout the weekend.



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Dancers stop on time during the special Cheyenne Pocowatchit Men's Fancy Dance competition at the 71st Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla. Dancers danced to a total of seven songs before a winner was declared.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie is honored during the gourd dance portion of the Comanche Homecoming Celebration in Walters, Okla.



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The flag of the late Tony Komah being attached to the flag pole by members of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association to start a weekend activities for the Comanche Homecoming.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Members of the CIVA raise the flag of the late George Red Elk on the morning of July 21 to begin the last day of the Comanche Homecoming Pow-wow.



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Comanche Homecoming Princess Jasmine Poemoceah, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin, Head Lady Dancer Shelby Mata, Barbara Monoesy and Sukie Monoessy participates in the Brush Dance the afternoon of July 19, to officially begin the Comanche Homecoming Pow-wow.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The winning turtle, named Speedy, has an amusing Play-Doh decorated shell, which caught everyone's attention as it raced across the pow-wow grounds.



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Head Man Dancer Andrew Toyebo and Comanche elder Bill Volker, lead the men into the arena during the Brush Dance the afternoon of July 19 to begin the 2024 Comanche Homecoming Celebration.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Women Victory Dance the afternoon of July 20 at the Comanche Homecoming Pow-wow. From left: Suzanne Patterson, CIVA Princess Clara Yazee, Darci Kerchee, Nahmi Kerchee, Sally Kerchee Strye and Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee.

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Walters Rodeo Parade Kicks Off a Full Weekend of Activities

Tribal officials and tribal members participates in annual event



Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoohnipah prepares to throw a handful of candy to the crowd while participating in the Annual Walters Rodeo Parade in downtown Walters, Okla.



Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee and Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin wave to the crowd and throw out candy at the Walters Rodeo Parade held in downtown Walters, Okla.



Comanche Homecoming Princess Jasmine Poemecah throws candy to the crowd while participating in the Walters Rodeo Parade in Walters, Okla.

















Comanche Nation EMS/Fire participates in the Annual Walters Rodeo Parade held July 18 in downtown Walters, Okla.




Employees from the Comanche Star Casino endures the heat during the Annual Walters Rodeo Parade.

Comanche Homecoming Winners

Golf Tournament

 Closest to the Pin Popcorn Gwoompi	 Closest to the Pin Ken Laurenzana	 Womens Longest Drive Shandi Tahhahwah	 Longest Drive Robert Komahcheet	 Mens Longest Drive Gerald Walker	 A Flight 1st Place Natuv Inc. I Robert & Shawn Komahcheet	 A Flight 2nd Place Blue Ray Disc Raymond Wahkinney and Damien Disco
 A Flight 3rd Place Transit Dino Gonzalez and Brian Stillwell	 B Flight 1st Place Casino I Ricky Komahcheet and Bradley Wahnee	 B Flight 2nd Place TL Ken Laurenzana	 B Flight 3rd Place Bruce Abbe and Hunter Moore	 C Flight 1st Place The Ann-Tees Melanie McClung and Shandi Tahhahwah	 C Flight 2nd Place Natuv Inc. 2 Robert Komahcheet Jr. and Derrick Komahcheet	 C Flight 3rd Place Deep Strokes Joel Motah and Steven Mowatt

Horse Shoe and Corn Hole Winners

 Horseshoe 1st Place Adam Red Elk and Wes	 Horseshoe 2nd Place Brian and Mike	 Horseshoe 3rd Place Mike and Dale	 Corn Hole 1st Place Mickey Howell and Airk Goodin	 Corn Hole 2nd Place Adam Red Elk and Monty	 Corn Hole 3rd Place Saul and JD
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Powwow Winners

1st Place Abigail Uttleman	Youngman	1st Place Sophie Tiger	4th Place Julia Spottedbird	3rd Place Arthur Schrock
2nd Place La'Miyah Gray	1st Place Ronald Monoessy	2nd Place Makayla Sage	3rd Place Men's Golden Age	4th Place BJ Tapedo
3rd Place Nova Rose	Jr.	3rd Place Janet Saupitty	1st Place Billy Komahcheet	1st Place Men's Fancy
4th Place Melani Schrock	2nd Place Tylon Echhawk	4th Place Laura Sage	2nd Place RG Harris	2nd Place Michael Roberts
Jr. Boys	3rd Place Leland Hamilton	Women's Buckskin	3rd Place Terry Tsotigh	3rd Place Dason Schofield
1st Place Touch Cloud Water	Youngbird	1st Place Crystal Lightfoot	4th Place Gary Unah	2nd Place Jeremy Keahbone
2nd Place Dominic Guterriz	4th Place Lakota Lewis	2nd Place Catherine Howell	Men's Straight	3rd Place Billy Pewo Jr.
3rd Place Eli Yazzie	1st Place Amber Komahcheet	3rd Place Isa Bell Poorbuf-falo	1st Place Jason Lightfoot	4th Place 49 Contest
4th Place Lerris Cable	Golden Age Women	4th Place McKenzie Sovo	2nd Place Cory Chasenah	1st place Big Bone Whistle
Teen Girls	1st Place cheet	Women's Jingle	3rd Place Talon Satepau-hoodle	2nd Place Two Cans
1st Place Vivien Parker	2nd Place Melanie Motah	1st Place Catherine Sage	4th Place JT Liles	
2nd Place Kilah Neconie	3rd Place Sharon Parton	2nd Place Rebekah Nevaqua-ya	Men's Traditional/Grass	
3rd Place Mercedes Banderas	4th Place Jo Neta Sage	3rd Place Rebecca Roberts	1st Place Louie Sage	
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