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Sketch by Renee Lawrence

Asepermy

Asepermy to be Inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame

Sergeant Major Lanny G. Asepermy will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame (OKMHF) on October 26, at the Embassy Suites, 2501 Conference Drive, Norman, Oklahoma. Asepermy is being inducted and awarded the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award for his dedication to honoring military Veterans and numerous Native American Veterans of various tribes.

Asepermy was born in 1946 and raised west of Apache, Oklahoma, by his grandparents. His grandfather was a full-Comanche Indian, and his grandmother was a full-blood Kiowa Indian. He retired from the Army, as a Sergeant Major, after serving from 1966-1990. His service included a tour in Vietnam where he was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge. He was a member of the Comanche War Scouts from 1992-1995 and the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) from 1995-2022. During those thirty years he established the Comanche War Scout Circle of Honor Memorial; upgraded the CIVA Court of Honor and Comanche Code Talker Memorial; assisted with the establishment of the Apache, Oklahoma Veterans Memorial Park; established Tahlequah Memorial Garden and the Comanche Veterans Patriot Room and Gallery.

From 2003-2008 he made five trips to Washington, D.C. and lobbied for passage of the Code Talker Recognition Act that passed in 2008, awarding 33 Tribes with 256 individual Native Code Talkers the Congressional Gold Medal. In addition, he established the protocol and assisted with 300 military funerals and placement of 300 military markers for the families of Comanche soldiers. See ASEPERMY, Page 3

Bringing the Past to the Present

Fort Sill Indian School and Indian Hospital Stone Arch Recovered



Photo from the May edition of *The Comanche Nation News*, showing the original arch lying in the creek behind Fort Sill Indian School.

Story and Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

Featured in the May 2024 edition of *The Comanche Nation News* was a photo showing the remains of the stone arch that was once over the entrance of the Indian Hospital and Fort Sill Indian School. The photo showed the arch as it was, lying in East Cache Creek located behind Fort Sill Indian School.

The Kiowa, Comanche, Apache Land Use Committee decided to retrieve the arch from the creek, bringing back some of the Fort Sill Indian School history.

The stone arch was constructed in 1933 by Work Progress Administration (WPA) workers. The 30 plus foot long arch is estimated to weigh over 20,000 pounds.

The arch stood at the entrance of the Indian Hospital and the Fort Sill Indian School for 25 years. In 1958, a massive delivery truck that was too high for clearance struck the arch. The arch fell on top of the cab of the truck, instantly killing the driver. The arch was removed after the incident, however, nobody knows who was responsible for removing the arch or why it was disposed of in the creek.

For being in a creek bed for the past 66 years, while lying in the mud, water and all other elements, people can still read what was etched on the arch, which said, "Kiowa Indian Hospital Fort Sill Indian School," which goes to show how well the arch was made.

According to the *Lawton Constitution*, the arch appeared to be solid and in reasonably good shape.

With chains attaching the arch to a bulldozer, a piece of history began to be pulled out of the creek bed. Inch by inch, along a dirt and dusty path, through many trees and across the old Fort Sill Indian School campus, the arch once again was brought to its original placement site.

Comanche tribal member No-

lan Tahdoonippah, has been given the task of restoring the arch, said Kiowa, Comanche, Apache Land Use Committee Executive Director Yolonda Ramos.

Tahdoonippah has worked in the masonry field for most of his life. Tahdoonippah helped restore buildings on Fort Sill's old post.

Tahdoonippah said, finding the right mixture to fix any flaws that may have occurred will be the most difficult task.

"You don't know what mixture was used back in those days, you might use two or three, maybe even 20 different mixtures, you just don't know," Tahdoonippah said.

Fort Sill Indian School, as well as other Indian schools, hold a lot of memories, whether the memories are good or bad. Those are memories of the ones who first attended the school back in 1871, when the school first opened, to the very last students back in 1980 when the school closed.

It is believed that many spirits (ghosts) linger at Fort Sill Indian School, there are many stories that can be heard and told about strange happenings or strange sightings or maybe even strange noises that occurred and still occur to this day.

Before the arch was retrieved from the creek bed, there was a ceding of the arch. As in many Native American cultures, the ceding was for a blessing and for good things to come, the ceding was also to rid any bad spirits.

Once the arch is restored it will be placed on concrete pillars along the roadside at the entrance of the Fort Sill Indian School.

For the past 66 years, a piece of Fort Sill Indian School and the Indian Hospital history lay in East Cache Creek. One could only wonder or speculate how much more of Fort Sill Indian School's history is lying around and yet to be discovered.

NMSU Alumnus to be Inducted into Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame



Courtesy Photo

Pewewardy

For nearly half a century, Cornel Pewewardy, D.Ed. '80, has been significantly influential in education nationwide. That influence earned him the honor of being one of three inductees into the Oklahoma Educators Hall of Fame in November 2024.

Hall of fame officials recognized Pewewardy for his more than 50 years of distinguished research and scholarship, which have had a deep impact on public and higher education, especially for Native American students, educators and administrators.

Pewewardy, who is Comanche and Kiowa, is the former vice chair of the Comanche Nation and is an associate professor at the University of Central Oklahoma, a professor-of-practice at Kansas State University, and an adjunct faculty member at several colleges and universities. He is an author and speaker on Indigenous education issues, and is known for establishing mentoring relationships with students and early career faculty.

He began his career in education as a recreation assistant for what was then known as Sequoyia Indian High School in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, in 1975. He went on to serve in education roles throughout the United States through positions with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute in Albuquerque, the University of Oklahoma, Portland State University in Oregon and several other schools and universities. He also founded Comanche Academy Charter School in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Pewewardy earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Northeastern State University, a master's degree in educational management and development from New Mexico State University's College of Education, a post-graduate certificate from the University of New Mexico

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Comanche tribal member, Chance Bara, the Oil and Gas Technician at Tax Commission, designed the new Comanche Nation car tags.

Tax Commission Announces Price Increases; Reveal New Tag Designs

Submitted by Comanche Nation Tax Commission Staff

Effective October 1, vehicle tag and other associated vehicle record transactions will increase in price as a result of the increased pricing of paper and aluminum rising over the past five years. The cost of producing paper has risen to over 6% over the past five years, and the cost of producing aluminum has risen to over 26% over the past five years as well. Our taxation act has remained the same for many years with no price changes reflected to offset the increase in paper and aluminum. With the inflation rates, cost of living and Covid-19 escalating, the costs of many necessary commodity items, with paper and aluminum being just two of those commodities, have affected these increases. On Aug. 3, 2024, the Comanche Nation Business Committee adopted Resolution No. 108-2024 that increased the vehicle tag and other vehicle record transactions.

With the price increases, it will increase the revenue for such departments that have had difficulties in the past just trying to survive through budget cuts and other expense situations that have prevented them from operating effectively and efficiently.

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Comanche Nation Casino Recognized at Community Choice Awards

Submitted by Comanche Nation Entertainment Public Relations

Comanche Nation Casino has been recognized as the No. 1 Casino in the state at the Oklahoman's annual Community Choice Awards. The popular awards program recognizes destinations throughout Oklahoma that provide exceptional service and experiences to the community and their guests.

Award finalists were invited to an exclusive awards gala at the Embassy Suites in Oklahoma City. In attendance to accept the award on behalf of Comanche Nation Casino was General Manager Shandi Tahhahwah and Marketing Manager Megan Norberto.

"We are incredibly honored to have received this recognition from our community," Tahhahwah said. "We are grateful for our team

members' hard work to give all our guests a fun and exciting experience, including our newest addition of Blackjack tables. This recognition reflects our dedicated family, friends and fans and their continued support."

Comanche Nation Casino, one of six Comanche Nation Entertainment properties, is located in Lawton and features over 800 games, including its newest addition of Blackjack tables.

The casino and its team members also spearhead a community giving initiative known as the Comanche Cares Foundation. Through the initiative, team members organize charitable events year-round, with drives for school supplies, food and toys. Regularly donating to local organizations throughout the



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community, Comanche Cares serves youth, students, hospitals and local community members, to name a few.

To see Comanche Nation Casino's recognition in the

Community Choice Awards, visit <https://oklahoman.gannettcontests.com/2024-Oklahoman-Community-Choice-Awards-Winners/gallery/452023540>. To learn more about Comanche Nation Entertainment, visit <https://comanchenationentertainment.com>.

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.



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Government

A Total of 18 Resolutions Presented at the August CBC Meeting: Special CBC Meeting Presents Two Resolutions

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the August 3, 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.

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdoahnippah, called the August CBC Meeting to order at 10 a.m. CBC No. 2 Ross Kahrahrah was not present.

Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 95-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1336 Minors. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 96-2024-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1337 Adults. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 97-2024-** Transit Resolution for Federal Grant Vehicle Revenue Miles. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 98-2024-** CNOEP Resolution MOU Mobile Air Station. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 99-2024-** Food Distribution Resolution to Purchase Software Services from Sygnal. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 100-2024-** Realty Resolution Authorizing the BIA to Lease 2 Tracts of Land. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 101-2024-** CNLE Resolution to Utilize Walters Community Center as Substation. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 102-2024-** Enterprise Resolution to Approve Olsson Invoice for Payment. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 103-2024-** CNGC Resolution to Approve FY25 Budget. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 104-2024-** CNGC Resolution to Approve TICS. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 105-2024-** CNGC Resolution to Amend Gaming Ordinance. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 106-2024-** CNTC Resolution to Approve TERO Tax Increase. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 107-2024-** CNTC Resolution for Tax Administrator to Obtain Credit Card. The resolution passes 3/1/1.
- Resolution No. 108-2024-** CNTC Resolution to Approve Tag Increase. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 109-2024-** CBC Resolution Adopting Standard Terms and Conditions for Construction Projects. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 110-2024-** CBC Resolution Delegating Admin Duties to Officers. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 111-2024-** CBC Resolution to Approve Travel to Shoshone Language Reunion. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution No. 112-2024-** CBC Resolution to Call for a Secretarial Election for Amendments to the Constitution. TABLED.

A Special CBC Meeting was held August 20. Chairman Tahdoahnippah called the meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 113-2024-** CBC Resolution to Rescind Resolution 21-2024 Separating Smoke Shops and Retail/Wholesale from Comanche Nation Entertainment. The resolution passes 4/3 (Chairman tie breaker).
- Resolution No. 114-2024-** CBC Resolution Allocating ARP Funds. The resolution passes 6/0/0.

TAX COMMISSION

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The following table shows the breakdown of each line item of what the old price was compared with the new prices that will go into effect October 1, 2024:

Vehicle Year	Old Price	New Price
2025	\$462.00	\$500.00
2024	\$162.00	\$204.00
2023	\$141.00	\$178.00
2022	\$122.00	\$154.00
2021	\$105.00	\$132.00
2020	\$89.00	\$112.00
2019	\$75.00	\$95.00
2018	\$63.00	\$79.00
2017	\$53.00	\$67.00
2016	\$41.00	\$52.00
2015	\$32.00	\$40.00
2014	\$25.00	\$32.00
2013	\$25.00	\$32.00
2012	\$25.00	\$32.00
Personalized Tag	\$55.00	\$65.00
Princess Tag	\$32.75	\$35.00
Title	\$10.00	\$15.00
Lien Entry	\$21.00	\$25.00
Lost Tag by the Member	\$30.00	\$45.00
Stolen Tag (Police Report \$0.00)	\$30.00	\$45.00
Lost Decal	\$15.00	\$30.00
Veteran Tag 100% Disabled	\$10.00	\$0.00

Sincerely,
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Comanche Nation Tax Administrator

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The end result is to increase our revenue stream of the present revenue resources we have, and to find new revenue streams that will make Comanche Nation better off financially in the future. I apologize for the inconvenience of charging you more, however, in the long run we will survive financially as we anticipate riding out the economic situation with the rises in the tag and other vehicle record transaction prices.

Handicapped tribal members will pay only half price of what a regular tag would cost for the year of their vehicle. If you are a 100% disabled veteran Tribal member, you may be exempt from paying any tag taxes as long as you provide the VA letter stating your 100% disability rating. Any tribal members who are recently retired or recently discharged veterans shall provide a copy of your DD-214 indicating an honorable or general discharge in order to be entitled to a Comanche Nation tag. If you received a dishonorable discharge, you will not be entitled a Comanche Nation tag.

Only two veteran tags will be allowed per tribal member. The tribal member veteran is the individual who has earned the right to a veteran tag because of their servitude to their country and not all other members of the family. Any additional family members listed on the title will not justify receiving more than two veteran tags. The previous excise tax charged for a new vehicle (brown title) was 1%. It will be 2.5% effective October 1, 2024. There will be no excise tax charged on older year vehicles (green title).

In addition, Comanche tribal members can purchase new plates from the Tax Commission. They were designed by Chance Bara, the Oil and Gas Technician at Tax Commission. Tribal members can customize them as well.



Maruaweka Numunuu:

Puhihwi. *Puhihwi* was a word that my grandmother made a point to teach me, although I am not exactly sure why. It might have been so that I could clandestinely ask her for money. Whatever the reason, in contemporary society, as they say: cash is king. I raise the topic of money because I have recently come to learn that our methods for spending our money and saving our money could be improved.

Every year the Tribal Council votes on a budget for the use of our net gaming revenue and our tax revenue. However, the Tribal Council is often left in the dark about other sources of revenue, such as federal funding, state and local funding and program income (some programs sell goods or services, or lease real estate, and thereby generate income of their own). The Tribal Council is also left in the dark about which programs overspend their budget and which programs under spend their budget. The Tribal Council is also often left in the dark about what happens if net gaming revenue is higher than anticipated, and about how many carryover funds are available for the next year.

That the Tribal Council is left in the dark is curious for a Tribe that has a Bill of Rights that includes an extremely expansive right to request records. Yet, there are members of both the Tribal Council and Business Committee that will fiercely defend the omission of financial information from public disclosure. These individuals believe that disclosing financial information will cause harm to our Nation, generally in the form of vendors, business partners or others that will demand a higher price for their goods or services if the Nation's finances are disclosed.

While these concerns have some merit—disclosures of financial information can and will make their way into the hands of vendors and others (even if disclosed just to Tribal members, information will make its way to social media)—the absence of disclosures creates a proverbial stalemate. When programs generate income or otherwise have unspent money, the Business Committee or Tribal Council, as the case may be, must vote on how to allocate that money. However, because of the reluctance to disclose financial information, and because the sole means of passing a Business Committee or Tribal Council resolution is to convene a meeting open to all Tribal members, nothing happens—no resolutions are passed, no meetings are convened. As a result, the money simply sits in the bank.

We are not *tahkapu*, but it often feels that we are because the Business Committee lacks the political will to take the necessary action to convene meetings to adjust budgets, re-allocate funds or otherwise turn the wheels of the government machinery. This lack of will is motivated by fear of harm. Fear, however, is an emotion that I refuse to allow to govern the Lords of the Plains. We currently have carryover money that can assist us in making needed investments in our businesses, our children and our elders. A Tribal Council meeting should be convened to allow the people to decide how to spend and save that carryover. In making that decision, the Tribal Council should be provided information on the federal, state, and local funding of programs, and program income. Transparency can be painful, and requires disclosure, but we can be of no help to ourselves if we allow fear of disclosure to impede our progress as a Nation.

ASEPERMY

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vice members and other tribal and non-native veterans. Asepermy established military-style uniforms for the CIVA and established the protocol for their color guard. They participated in 3,000 commitments at parades, powwows, banquets, homecomings, flag raising and lowering ceremonies, dedications, etc. About five-hundred Comanche veterans were honored during his tenure. He also filed VA disability claims and widow pensions for about 150 veterans and widows with a 100% success rate. Asepermy also coordinated a one-of-a-kind Color Guard complemented by drummers, singers, and Native sign-language princesses for the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Banquet and Induction Ceremony on two occasions. He truly exhibits the OKMHF ethos of Spirit of a Warrior, Heart of a Patriot.

The Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame, which is celebrating its silver anniversary, honoring Veterans in Oklahoma for 25 years. For those wishing to attend the celebration honoring Sergeant Major Asepermy, and others, go to WWW.OKMHF.ORG. For further information, call (405) 424-5313.

PEWEWARDY

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and a doctorate from Pennsylvania State University. Pewewardy says his education at NMSU gave him a springboard to pursue other advanced degrees. He attended NMSU as part of a cohort from the American Indian Higher Education Consortium, which was funded at the time by the Rockefeller Foundation.

"The master's degree I earned was really the foundation my professional career, and led me to get my doctorate from Penn State," Pewewardy says. "NMSU was the first research university that I went to that gave me the empowerment to pursue my advanced degrees."

He has been named the Big XII Outstanding American Indian Faculty of the Year five times, and has received the Crystal Eagle Award for Outstanding Leadership at the University of Kansas. The National Indian Education Association, the University of Kansas Endowment Association, Portland State University, the Oregon Indian Education Association and the Oklahoma Council for Indian Education also have recognized him for teaching excellence.

"Dr. Pewewardy's illustrious career is testimony to his profound impact on the state educational community and his unwavering dedication to enhancing Indigenous education," Belinda Biscoe, senior associate vice president for outreach and the College of Continuing Education at the University of Oklahoma, said. "His efforts have enriched the educational landscape and fostered a greater understanding and appreciation of Indigenous cultures and perspectives."

Programs

Comanche Child Support Services Announce Court Dates

CNCSP is requesting Notice of Publication in the September 2024 Edition of the Comanche Nation Newspaper for:

In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Darin Cable: CNC-SP-15-43; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Joan Ramirez: CNC-SP-15-43; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Robert Jones: FD-18-10; Motion to Determine Support Arrears
- Marcus Yackeschi: CNC-SP-24-06; Petition to Determine Paternity and Establishment of Child Support

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 HEARING WILL BE CONDUCTED IN PERSON.

Back 2 School Outreach Tour



Photos by Heaven Williams/News Staff

On August 8-10, Comanche Nation Youth Services held an Outreach Tour in Anadarko, Oklahoma City, and Dallas. The event was held for those tribal members who could not make it to the Back 2 School Bash on August 3. Youth Services Director, Dena Landers and her staff gave out notebooks, binders, writing utensils, backpacks and sent the students off with a sno-cone as a special treat to help start their upcoming school year off right. The Youth Services would like to thank everyone who came out to help make this event a success. Pictured above left: Christian Boos, Director of Higher Education, handed out mouse pads, pens, coffee mugs, and great educational information to all the students that were in attendance.

This month's financial tip brought to you by *City* NATIONAL BANK & TRUST

Estate Planning

An Estate plan is something each of us can have. Estate planning is easier than you think! Here are some assets you may have that can be listed as beneficiary and contingent beneficiary now:

- Bank accounts by naming a POD (Payable on Death)
- Defined Benefits Plan (ex. 401(k) 403(b), etc.)
- Life Insurance Policy

To begin your own estate plan, you can start with these small steps

- Contact your Financial Institution to do an update your POD
- Contact your plan administrator to add or update your beneficiary
- Review your life insurance policy and contact the insurance provider

This is not legal advise.

Programs

Museum Prepares for the 2024 Comanche Nation Fair Renovations slated for September 3-24

The Comanche National Museum's gallery will be closed to the public September 3-23, in preparation of the 2024 Comanche Nation Fair.

The Museum staff will use the time to repaint the front gallery and install the upcoming exhibit: Honoring Comanche Royalty, opening September 24. The Museum business offices and gift shop will be open during the renovations.

The public is invited to attend the exhibit opening at 10 a.m., on September 24. A short program is planned on the Museum's back patio. Continental breakfast items will be offered and free exhibit t-shirts will be available, while supplies last.

The Museum will be open for special hours during the fair. Special hours of operation are as follows: 8-5 p.m., on September 27, 10-5 p.m., on September 28, and 1-5 p.m., on September 29.

Honoring Comanche Royalty is an exhibition celebrating the Comanche Nation Princesses. The exhibit will be on display through December 30.

For more information, call (580) 353-0404.

September 2024 Adult Education Student of the Month Macy Pagan-Stavinoha



Courtesy Photo

Macy Pagan-Stavinoha graduated from Hobart High School in May 2024. Shortly after graduation, she attended a Certified Nursing Assistant Program and have since then received her CNA license.

Pagan-Stavinoha is currently enrolled at WOSC in Altus, where she will be completing prerequisites in order to apply for the Registered Nurse Program for then Fall 2025 semester.

After graduation, Pagan-Stavinoha has a strong desire to work with pediatric patients as they have a special place in her heart.

September 2024 Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Christopher Earl



Courtesy Photo

Christopher Earl takes great pride in his heritage, descending from Comanche chiefs Quannah Parker and Ten Bears. As a father of three and soon-to-be grandfather, Earl is dedicated to securing a brighter future for his family. This commitment inspired Earl to return to school, where he is currently pursuing an AAS in Cyber security. Earl's objective is to illustrate that success is not limited by age

but can be achieved through determination and education.

Additionally, Earl would love to give back to the tribe, particularly by supporting tribal elders, who are often more vulnerable to cyber crimes.

"It would be a profound honor to assist in protecting them from scammers and to educate them on safeguarding their personal information," he said.

Earl is also engaged in discussions with his institution about enrolling into their new Bachelor of Applied Technology degree program upon completion of his associate degree.

Earl would like to end with, "I am deeply thankful to Tamara, Ekayah, and the entire Higher Education department for their exceptional support and funding, which have been crucial in helping me pursue my educational and professional goals."

September 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Elvis Keel



Courtesy Photo

Keel

Elvis Keel was raised in Fletcher, Okla., and graduated from Fletcher High School. He is from the Pawnee, Otoe-Missouria, and Comanche Nations. Keel is a proud descendant of the Comanche leader, Chief Wildhorse.

Keel is currently attending the University of Central Oklahoma in pursuit of his Bachelor of Science degree in Funeral Service.

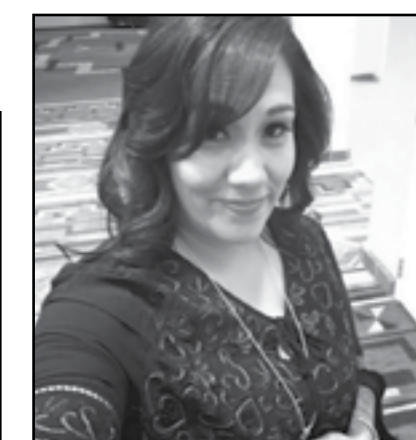
In 2003, Keel began employment with the Comanche Nation Funeral Home. During these years, Keel learned many of the supporting duties of a funeral home. He has served the needs of the community with pride and humility. His heart holds the understanding that the funeral business is about comforting families in their time of grief, ensuring the last time they see their loved one will be a cherished memory. Keel has always made himself available for families in need with the loss of a loved one or even to talk.

In November 2022, he started his employment with Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Service, along with other entities such as Oklahoma Mortuary service, Smith Funeral home.

In his 21-plus years in the Funeral Home industry, Keel served with empathy, integrity, and compassion. Upon completion of his Bachelor's Degree in Funeral Service he will continue to exemplify these qualities.

With his associate's degree in Criminal Justice, Keel has the opportunity to go into forensic investigations, criminal justice, funeral director and embalmer. After graduation, he plans to continue graduate school working towards a masters in anthropology.

September 2024 Higher Education Student of the Month Keesa King



Courtesy Photo

King

Keesa King (Tahdooh-nippah) is the daughter of Patterson Tahdooh-nippah and Sonya Hunting Horse. King has two adult children, Reno Tahdooh-nippah, 26, and Katelynn Church, 25. King has lived in New Mexico for about 19 years and is employed at a preschool in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

King is a veteran of the Army, having served in Operation Iraqi Freedom from 2003 to 2004. King was honorably discharged and returned to New Mexico. King attended Central New Mexico Community College and received her Associate in Criminal Justice Law Enforcement. King worked in the jail in Albuquerque for a few years, but did not think it was for her. King entered the New Mexico National Guard and worked as an administrative secretary for three years. Upon leaving the guard, King worked at a summer program with children ages five to 15. King loved it and decided to return to school to attain her degree in Early Childhood Education.

King loves teaching! King has had so much fun interacting

with the children she teaches. King always laughs and enjoys the honesty of a child. King is now at New Mexico Highlands University, attaining her Master's in Instruction and Curriculum. Her minor is Early Childhood Education, with a certificate in Reading and Writing. King plans to spend a few more years in the classroom, then teach at Central New Mexico Community College or The University of New Mexico, as an Early Childhood Professor.

King hopes to graduate in the Summer of 2025.



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SELF DEFENCE CLASS. A Women's Resource Fair, sponsored by the Family Assistance Center, was held August 13 at Watchetaker Hall. Women learned basic Self Defense techniques to help keep themselves and others safe in day to day situations. The fair offered numerous classes which included self care and fitness/nutrition.



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Comanche Attire

Unscramble these Comanche Jumbles to form words related to the theme above.

- #1 ASI
- #2 IPEKNE
- #3 EHUYAKAK
- #4 PUSIHAKK
- #5 EWHUNATSU
- #6 TPHSIIPII
- #7 PIKPAUSTIKOOP
- #8 EWASABYAUT
- #9 KUSUUMON

Comanche JUMBLE

It's great to rock these for Comanche Fair



Arrange the circled letters to form the mystery answer, as suggested by the caption in the cartoon.

MYSTERY ANSWER

- WORD BANK**
- NUHUSAWA (FAN)
 - SIA (FEATHER)
 - NEE?KI (BELT)
 - PIHITSIIPU (PLUME)
 - EKAKUYAH (ROACH)
 - NUMUKUSU (BUCKSKIN DRESS)
 - PIKAPU PITSOKO (LEATHER PANTS)
 - PIKAKUSU (LEATHER SKIN SHIRT)
 - WUTSABEYAA (GOURD DANCE RATTLE)

Tahka?miitsa (Cucumber) Salad

Ingredients:
 1 large sweet onion, peeled and sliced
 3 medium cucumbers sliced thinly
 1 cup water
 1/2 cup sugar
 1/2 cup white vinegar
 1/2 teaspoon celery, mustard seed
 Salt and pepper to taste

Directions:
 Place onions, cucumber in a bowl. In a sauce pan, combine salt and water, vinegar and sugar heating only til sugar is dissolved. Add spice seeds, pour over the onions and cucumbers. Chill 2 hours and then serve.

Tip: May use artificial sweetener instead of sugar to reduce calories.

Walking Taco Bake

Ingredients:
 1 lb. ground beef
 1 package taco seasoning
 2/3 cup water
 chili cheese Fritos
 1/2 can cheddar cheese soup
 1/4 cup milk
 1 cup mozzarella cheese, shredded

Directions:
 Brown ground beef over medium high heat until no longer pink. Drain fat and add in the taco seasoning and water.
 Simmer on low heat for about 5 minutes, or until liquid is absorbed and meat is thoroughly coated in seasoning.
 Layer chili cheese Fritos on the bottom of a 8 x 8 backing dish. Place seasoned meat on top of Fritos.
 In a saucepan, heat cheddar cheese soup and milk over low heat. Once warm, pour cheese mixture on top of meat.
 Sprinkle mozzarella evenly over cheese and place pan in preheated oven, 350, for about 12 - 14 minutes. Remove pan from oven and scoop desired amount onto plate.

Commodity Fruit Punch

Ingredients:
 1 can apple juice
 1 can grapefruit juice
 1 can pineapple juice
 1 to 2 cups sugar

Directions:
 Heat about 2 cups grapefruit juice and sugar until dissolved. Cool. Add to other juices.
 Chill

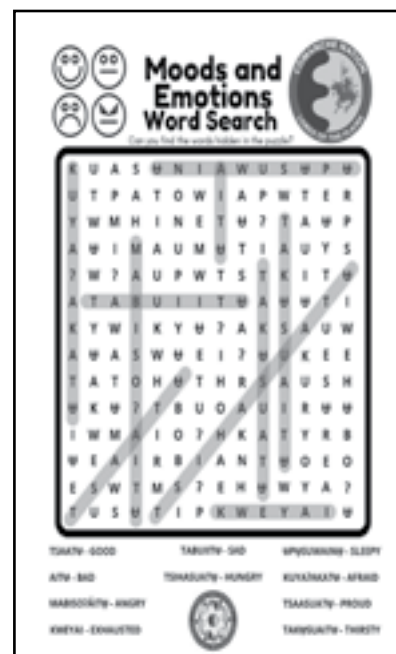
Tip: To lower sugar, use sugar substitute.

Wakaree (Turtle) Pie

Ingredients:
 4 cups chocolate, no-sugar added, low fat ice cream, softened
 1/2 cup fat free caramel topping, divided
 1 (6-ounce) reduced fat-free graham cracker crust
 2/3 cup frozen fat-free whipped topping thawed
 2 tablespoons chopped pecans, toasted

Directions:
 Place an extra large bowl in freezer for at least 5 minutes.
 Spoon ice cream into chilled bowl
 Stir in 1/4 cup caramel topping.
 Spoon ice cream mixture into pie crust
 Cover and freeze at 2 1/2 hours.
 Place pie in refrigerator to soften 10 to 15 minutes before serving.
 Heating remaining 1/4 cup caramel topping according to label directions. Cut pie into 10 wedges.
 Top evenly with whipped topping.
 Drizzle evenly with warm caramel topping and sprinkle with pecans.

Answer to last month's Word Search



Cops *N* Kids Community Gathers for the Annual Cops and Kids Event on August 3



Photo by Heaven Williams/News Staff



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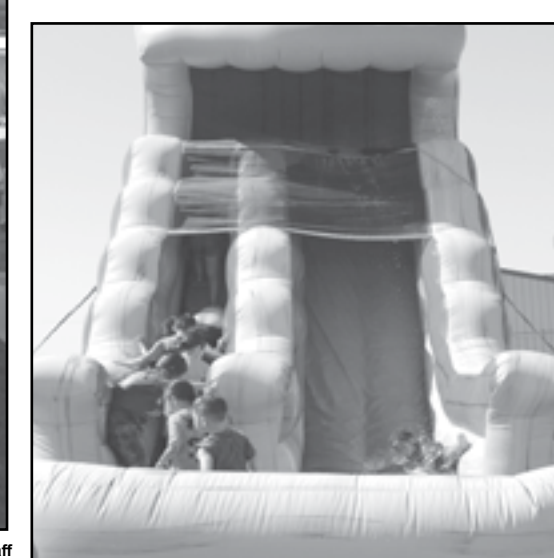


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Story by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On Saturday, August 3, Comanche Nation Police Department held Cops and Kids at the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex.

Comanche Nation Police Department Lt. Robert Chavez said the event helps prepare kids for the school year and youth to become comfortable around police officers.

"Cops are real people, too. We're not scary. We're real people. We have real lives," he said. "It's better to interact with the kids now. That way, they understand that it's okay to speak to a cop, to go to a cop, to report something that they see if it's wrong."

There were slides, snow cones, lunches and a powwow at

Cops and Kids.

"Let the community know that, 'Hey, look, you do have a culture; if you don't know a lot about it, this is what this is for,'" Chavez said. "We have some soldiers that volunteer from Fort Sill that never seen a teepee, let alone they did go over there and help put it up. Same thing with the drummers. They've never heard the drummers, the singers. They've never seen princesses for the tribes. So, seeing that stuff is good for the community, especially people who are not familiar with the Native American community. So, reaching out to everybody, not only tribal members."

He said he was surprised by

the amount of work it took to put on the event.

"I didn't realize how much work it was until I was put in this position," Chavez said. "It usually starts about three months out. I had a month to deal with it. So, I'll at least know what I'm looking forward to next year for this event. I really enjoyed it. Last-minute stuff, working late hours, and everybody running around pretty crazy is making this event happen. So, it looks like it's turning out good so far."

Nikolas Craig, a patrol officer for the Comanche Nation Police Department, had multiple jobs throughout the day.

"I was kind of back and

forth, I guess, in a sense," he said. "I was over at the grill for some time, helping grill the hot dogs, over to help and wrap them up, and put them in the bags for the kids and the parents."

Craig said it was great to see all of the support for the event.

"First and foremost, I like to, you know, give back to the community as much as I can. You know, we're out here. Sometimes, all people see is the bad side of us," he said. "So, I would like for them to see the good side, you know, and show that we give back to the community, you know, whether it's through food, entertainment, you know, the powwow grounds."

Several outlets, such as the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Lawton Police Department, Muscogee (Creek) Tribal Police and others, participated in Cops and Kids.

There were also giveaways for children of various ages.

Comanche Nation Princess Bluesky Tosee and Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Arlene Schonchin signed the Lord's Prayer sung by Bubba Sovo.

Comanche Nation Indian Veterans Association opened the day with the presentation of colors.

BACK 2 SCHOOL BASH

Students Prepare for Upcoming School Year



Photo by Heaven Williams/News Staff



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Story by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Nation Youth Services held a Back to School Bash on Saturday, August 3, in Watchetaker Hall.

Tribal students in Pre-K through 12 grades could stop by and pick up school supplies before the start of the school year.

Comanche Nation Youth Services Director Dena Landers said they gave out notebooks, binders, writing utensils, backpacks and other supplies.

Comanche Nation Prescription Services and Optometry, as well

as the Indian Hospital Dental Clinic, also participated.

Students were also able to receive free haircuts.

"Haircuts are important because, you know...it can be rough for our tribal families, our parents, grandparents, aunts, you know, who is taking care of our youth, that it's hard for them, you know, to get off and go take care of that stuff," Landers said. "And so, it's just another, something that we can help to take that stress off of them."

Some students were able to register to vote for the November election.

"A lot of our youth are turning 18...or they just turned 18, and they're eligible to register," she said. "So, we just want to give them the option and make it easier for them to learn...how to register for that election so they can vote in November."

Landers said the staff was a big help in putting on the event.

"We also had our youth workers from this summer who

helped us set up...We collaborated with other departments who wanted to engage with us, so we reached out to them," she said. "We had volunteers reach out to us with the cops and kids that they wanted to collaborate, so they brought some people up to help us set up, and then same thing, if they need our assistance, we'll go down there and help them. So, it was just...a group effort. Everybody was willing to help, and a lot of people reached out to set up or ask if we needed anything."

Landers said the program plans to offer after-school tutoring and is still working on the schedule and coordinating with the schools.

For those who could not make it to the Back to School Bash, there will be school supplies at the upcoming outreaches from Thursday, August 8, through Saturday, August 10.

There are also gift cards for school clothes available through Youth Services.

The Comanche Nation Language Programs Hosts a Workshop at the Shoshone Language Reunion ; Participates in the Parade



Comanche Language Instructor, Tiffany Wright, teaches the crowd to say 'I am Sleepy' in the Comanche language Aug. 7, at the Shoshone Language Reunion in Ft. Hall, Idaho.



Comanche Language Instructor, Allyson Thrash, asks a participant how to say the word 'Shirt' in the Shoshone language Aug. 7, at the Comanche Language Workshop in Ft. Hall, Idaho.



Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, CJ Tosee, and the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin participate in the Shoshone Bannock Festival Parade Aug. 8.



Comanche Elder, Mary Wade, walks in the Shoshone Bannock Festival Parade August 8, with the Comanche Language float.



Comanche Language Instructor, Allyson Thrash asks the crowd to repeat a sentence in the Comanche language Aug. 7, at the Comanche language Workshop at the Shoshone Language Reunion held in Ft. Hall, Idaho.



Morgan Tosee, Kendra Tosee, Vickie Wiedeman, Mary Wade and Phyllis Narcomey lead the way for the Comanche float during the Aug. 8 Shoshone Bannock Festival Parade in Ft. Hall, Idaho.



Comanche youths Malichi Lee Large and Modesto Schonchin hold the Comanche flag and staff on top of the Comanche Language float Aug. 8, during the Aug. 8 Shoshone Bannock Festival Parade in Ft. Hall, Idaho.

Shoshone Elder, Frank Auck, Shares the History of the Comanche and Shoshone Tribes

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Shoshone Bannock elder, Frank Auck, held a special gathering the early morning of Aug. 7 with members of the Comanche Nation.

He explained the location of the gathering, Ferry Butte, was where the Comanche people was located and the reason why the Comanches separated from the Shoshone.

"When the military came and started gathering the Shoshones to place on reservations, they didn't include the Comanches and the Comanches decided to leave because they didn't want to be caged in like animals. We was not brought up that way," said Auck.

He added the Comanches were known to ride on the hilltops.

Auck also spoke about the four whistles of the Native American Church and their meaning.

"They are made of bamboo and wrapped in sinew," he explained. "Codynah received one. One went north, and one went south, and one stayed here."

As the elder spoke in the Shoshone language about the history of the Comanche and Shoshone people, many of the Comanches who attended understood him, and talked to him in the Comanche language, which he understood.

"We are all related," said Auck.

The morning ended with a traditional meal of choke cherry water, corn, fruit and *thot-aw*.



Shoshone Bannock elder, Frank Auck, shows a gift that was given to him by the late Ray Niedo the morning of August 7 at Ferry Butte, on the Ft. Hall reservation. Auck asks the members of the Comanche Tribe to visit with him and he shared stories and the history of the Comanche and Shoshone tribes.



Members of the Comanche Nation and Shoshone Bannock Elder, Frank Auck and his family take a picture at Ferry Butte on the Ft. Hall, Idaho reservation. He explained the area is where the Comanches lived long ago. A traditional breakfast followed.



Shoshone Bannock elder, Frank Auck, lights a tobacco and corn husk cigarette that was rolled long ago in honor of the Comanches visiting their original homelands the morning of Aug.7.



Comanche elder, Lloyd Heminokeky, blows a sacred whistle of the Native American Church the morning of Aug. 7. Shoshone Bannock elder, Fred Auck, explained the history of the whistles and their meaning to the Native American Church, as he was told by his elders.



The Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, and the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin, give Shoshone Bannock elder, Frank Auck, a Comanche Nation blanket and towel as a 'thank you' for sharing the history and stories of the Comanche and Shoshone tribes.



The Comanche Nation Princess, Bluesky Tosee, and the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin, gives a gift to Shoshone Bannock elder, Velda Racehorse, as a 'thank you' for helping organize the gathering and prepare the traditional breakfast for the Comanche members.

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People, Places, & Things Happening

Comanche Red River Hotel Casino Hosts Inaugural Red River Art & Music Festival

Comanche Red River Hotel Casino is painting the town on Saturday, Sept. 7 at its inaugural Red River Art and Music Festival.

The festival is being held from 3 p.m. to midnight at Comanche Red River Hotel Casino in Devol, located at 196747 Highway 36. The event is free and open to the public. It will feature an arts and crafts showcase, including beadwork, from 3 p.m. to 10 p.m., with live music performances starting at 4 p.m. and continuing until midnight. Guests can also enjoy complimentary hot dogs and hamburgers beginning at 5 p.m., available while supplies last.

As the largest Comanche Nation Entertainment property, Comanche Red River Hotel Casino displays local and renowned artwork by Comanche artists throughout each of its suite rooms. The festival will feature some of these artists, allowing them to express their creativity in person.

Headlining the musical part of the festival is Gannon Frémoin & CCREV, a four-piece Rock band from Walters, Oklahoma. Best known for incorporating its Southwestern Oklahoma roots into its lyrics and sound, the band will take stage at 10:30 p.m.

"This will be the first event of its kind at Comanche Red River, showcasing the creativity, talent and rhythm of our community," Jay Martinez, general manager of Comanche Red River Hotel Casino, said. "We welcome and encourage everyone to join us for captivating art displays, live music performances and the warm embrace of our vibrant culture."

Coinciding with the festival, guests will have a chance to win a series of prizes from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through the casino's "Spin the Wheel" promotion. Players can earn 100 points on their rewards card for the chance to win \$25 to \$100 in Comanche Credit, a one-night suite

stay at Comanche Red River Hotel Casino, TALN products or Bamboo products.

The event is still seeking more artists and the deadline to secure a spot is Aug. 27. Vendors must be licensed to be able to participate in the event. Unlicensed vendors will not be permitted to set up on the day of the event.

For more information about the festival, contact Shelby Mata at 580-574-5011 or shelbym@comanchemail.com. To learn more about Comanche Nation Entertainment, visit www.comanchenationentertainment.com.

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PERFORMANCE IN GALLUP, NM. On August 8-10, the Comanche Dance Troupe from Lawton, Oklahoma completed their 8th year participating in the 102nd Annual Gallup Inter-Tribal Indian Ceremonial located in Gallup, NM. A total of 12 Comanche citizens comprised the dance troupe of singers and dancers, lead by Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, former Vice-Chair of the Comanche Nation. He said they were honored to represent the Comanche people sharing the rich heritage of song and dance with hundreds of spectators across the country. He added the Comanche Dance Troupe is proud to share with the finest Native American artisans across the southwest to meet and trade with other tribes and tourists around the world. The Comanche Dance Troupe continues to represent an authentic plains tribal experience through Comanche song and dance. The dance troupe couldn't participate without the beloved performers who gave it their all in the scorching heat of the daytime parade, winds and rains of the night performances.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

AN EVENING OF CELEBRATION. Natuv Inc. pauses its raffle giveaway on Aug. 13 to take a photo at its reception in Oklahoma City for Comanche tribal member, Joyce Nevaquaya, who overcame a recent illness. The company, which specializes in cyber security and defense, serves markets including healthcare, defense, law enforcement, military, government agencies, casinos and tribal governments. Natuv Inc. is Comanche owned and operated.

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Grand Opening of Tribal Owned Wild Spirit Salon & Boutique Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Held by Lawton Ft. Sill Chamber of Commerce



Wild Spirit Salon & Boutique held its Grand Opening on August 12. The business is located at 1808 NW Ft. Sill Blvd., in Lawton, Okla.

Story and Photos by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff



Martha Negron, owner of Wild Spirit Salon & Boutique, gives out door prizes at the grand opening Aug. 14 at the grand opening.

On Aug. 12, Comanche-owned business Wild Spirit Salon and Boutique held a ribbon-cutting in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Lawton Fort Sill Chamber of Commerce, friends and family gathered for the grand opening of the full-service family salon.

Owner Martha Negron said it felt good to finish the project.

"It's awesome, wonderful... working out all the kinks before we're officially open. It feels really good," she said.

Negron said it took a lot to open the salon.

"We're just really blessed that God actually provided this for us," she said. "As soon as we seen the space available, I called; I knew because we took a couple months trying to find a location that would be in

our budget, that was going to be big enough, that was worth it. And when we got this, we just knew it was right here."

Negron said she had a lot of support from her family and church members. The murals outside of the building were donated by the Wichita and Affiliated Tribe's 988 program.

"I had a soft opening for my friends and family a few months back just to try to, you know, get it going," she said. "And my friends and family and church members, they brought all kinds of plants. All the plants that are in the store are what they brought. They named, everybody that bought their plant, they named their own plant. So, if you see the plants and they have names on them, that was from the person that gifted me the plant. I had several people help me

move in, clients, my brothers, you know, because we don't have a truck, so just moving in here."

Negron said Comanche Nation partnered with the Kiowa and Wichita Affiliated Tribes for an entrepreneurial program.

"And it was like three days that they did it. One day was at the tribe; one day was in Carnegie; another day was in Anadarko," she said. "And all those three days, we partnered up with a lot of local native entrepreneurs that were either wanting to start businesses in the process, or they were just thinking about that's something they would like to do in the future. And so, just doing that program helped me get around other people and pick their brains, pretty much. And just kind of went from there and got inspired by some of

those other businesses there as well." Two vendor spaces are available for rent, and two open seats for hairdressers.

"I really support all the other small businesses here in Lawton-Fort Sill. So, there's other places, but the spots are bigger, and they cost a lot more," Negron said. "So, I have little spots available that are here that are more price efficient for them. That way, they can display a lot of their stuff and still get it out there. The owners were here in case people had questions of their stuff today, you know, to help put their face with their products as well."

Negron said she's glad the salon is open and hopes to have business coming in and keep growing.

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Comanche Nation Youth Dancers Annual Powwow Honoring Their Singers

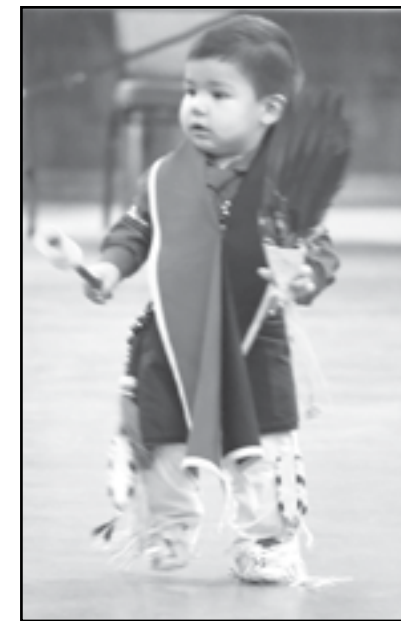


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Baby Richard Banderas dancing in full regalia during the gourd dance portion of the Comanche Nation Youth Dancer Powwow held at the Comanche Nation Complex in Watchtaker Hall.



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Youth Dancers pose for a quick picture with the winner of the \$1,000 Drum Contest, Full Metal Jacket, at the Comanche Nation Complex on Aug. 17.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Dressed and ready to go, this young lady is enjoying the Comanche Nation Youth Dancer Powwow held in Watchtaker Hall on Aug. 17 at the Comanche Nation Complex.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Nation Youth Dancer participate in a Special for the Head Little Girl Dancer, Gina Niedo during their Powwow held in Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex on Aug. 17.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Trying to concentrate on keeping the potato balanced between their foreheads is the name of the game in a special Potato Dance contest held during the Comanche Nation Youth Powwow.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Children participate in the Two Step during the Comanche Nation Youth Dancer Powwow at the Comanche Nation Complex on Aug. 17.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The drum group Thunder Boy was named the Best Dressed group at the Comanche Nation Youth Dancer Powwow.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

The drum group Full Metal Jacket was the winner of the \$1,000 Winner Take All special drum contest, during the Comanche Nation Youth Powwow on Aug. 17 at the Comanche Nation Complex.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Young men dressed in their best Indian clothes participate in the gourd dance during the Comanche Nation Youth Dancer Powwow held in Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex.



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One of the Honored Singer, Victor Tahchawickah dances at the drum while being honored at the Comanche Nation Youth Dancer Powwow on Aug. 17.

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Milestones

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday
Susan Winkler
September 1

~ Love you bunches from all your kids and grandkids!



Happy Birthday
Betty LittleCalf
September 2

~ Love your family & co-workers.



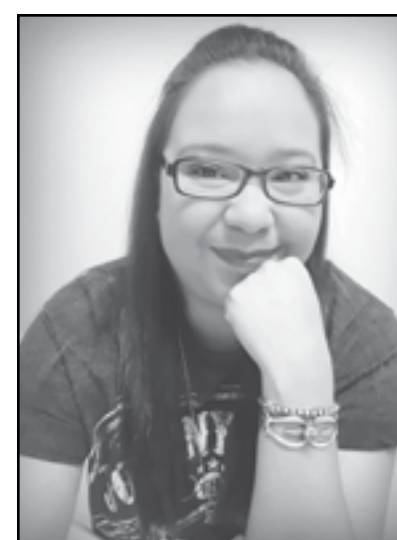
Happy Birthday
Scout Martin
September 8



Happy 16th Birthday
Joe Zavala
September 9

~ From your family. We love you!

September 1 - Susan Winkler
September 2 - Betty Little-Calf
September 8 - Aaron Allen
"Happy 16th Birthday!"
September 8 - Scout Martin
September 9 - Joe Zavala
September 10 - Darci Kerchee
September 11 - Razia Poahway
September 11 - Alex Michael Yellowfish
September 12 - Ayla Rose Knox
"Happy 18th Birthday. Grandpa Loves You!"
September 12 - Kimora Komahchee
September 15 - Sugar Tahdoahnippah
"We all love you SISTER!! ~Sister, Rose."
September 17 - Beverly Bigbow Quoyah
September 18 - Sam Tiddark
September 18 - Bryson Gilliam
September 19 - Kenneth James
September 21 - Alice Parker
September 23 - Brantley Kerchee
September 24 - Ezekiel James Cooley
September 24 - Olivia Komahchee
September 28 - Layne Garcia
September 28 - Travis Komahchee
September 28 - Mattie Akone
"Have a Blessed Birthday!"
September 29 - Bryson "Catfish" Kerchee



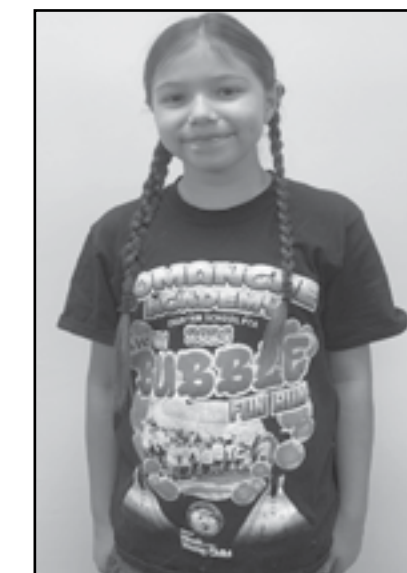
Happy Birthday
Darci Kerchee
September 10



Happy 13th Birthday
Razia Poahway
September 11



Happy 21st Birthday
Alex Michael Yellowfish
September 11



Happy 9th Birthday
Kimora Komahchee
September 12



Happy 18th Birthday
Ayla Rose Knox
September 12

~ We love you! Auntie & Uncle.



Happy Birthday
Beverly Bigbow Quoyah
September 17

~ We would like to Wish a Very Happy Birthday to our Mom, Beverly. We love you! Love, Kelly, Ricky, Pamela, Edmund, Ashley, Josh, and Michael.



Happy Birthday
Sam Tiddark
September 18

~ We love you brother, your 3 sisters!

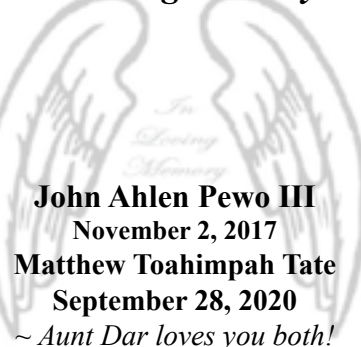


Happy Birthday
Bryson Gilliam
September 18

~ From Kakoo and all the family!

CORRECTION:
In the August 2024 edition of The Comanche Nation News, the Comanche Nation Elder Council's Secretary, Adele Mihesuah, was incorrectly identified as Elizabeth Williams. TCNN apologizes for the error.

In Loving Memory



John Ahlen Pewo III
November 2, 2017
Matthew Toahimpah Tate
September 28, 2020
~ Aunt Dar loves you both!



Happy 5th Birthday
Kenneth James
September 19

~ Loves, your Sapcut & Loves Him Family.



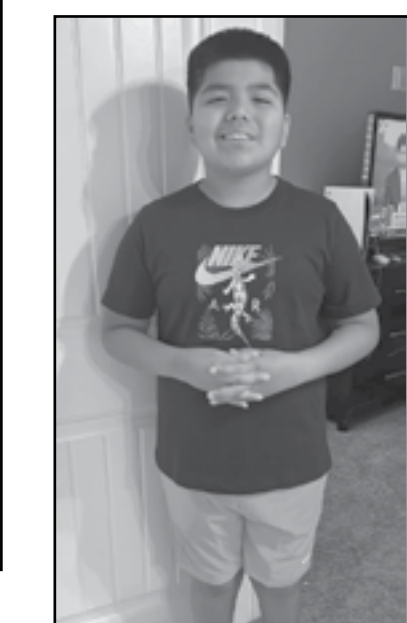
Happy 1st Birthday
Alice Parker
September 21

~ With lots of love and hugs from your family.



Happy Birthday
Brantley Kerchee
September 23

Happy Birthday
Bryson "Catfish" Kerchee
September 29



Happy 12th Birthday
Ezekiel James Cooley
September 24

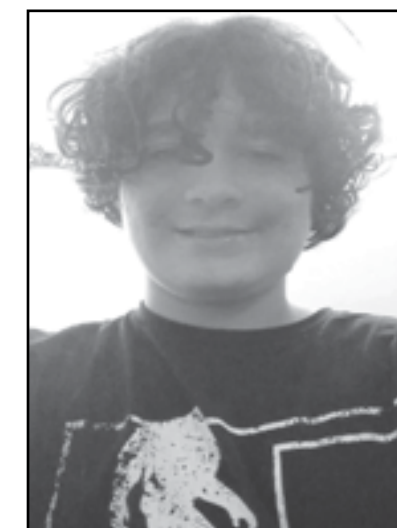
~ I love you, Mom.



Happy 27th Birthday
Olivia Komahchee
September 24



Happy 51st Birthday
Travis Komahchee
September 28



Happy 13th Birthday
Layne Garcia
September 28

~ We love you, Grandma & Grandpa.



Happy Anniversary
Bianca and Billy Daukei
September 10, 2004
Celebrating 20 years of Marriage!



In Loving Memory
Mark Hotella
11/07/1966 - 09/22/2023
~ He was a proud Comanche man and he loved all his family. From, Jean Garza.

Obituaries

Clifford Elgin Red Elk Sr.



Red Elk

Courtesy Photo

Iola Pohocsucut Hayden



Hayden

Courtesy Photo

Clifford Elgin Red Elk Sr., affectionately called "Big Daddy," also known as "Big Glasses" in Indian country departed from the great Comanche plains to the eternal plane of the higher hunting ground on July 18, surrounded by members of his family. Red Elk was born to Elgin Red Elk and Roberta Atchavit, on July 4, 1949, in Walters, Oklahoma, where he grew up with his brothers and sisters.

Red Elk was a proud full-blood Comanche Indian, who loved to do things with his father, he had an immense love of horses and got to help his father with caring and training of the horses when he was a young boy. He developed a love for football and played for the Walters Blue Devils. He was coached by Ronald Red Elk, at one point his brother Robert, Ozzie and himself all played at the same time.

In 1967, Red Elk met a fell in love with Merlene Sue Lambert, from Comanche they married in November of 1967. They welcomed a daughter named Misty, a son named Lindy, and a son named Clifford Elgin Red Elk Jr. Red Elk supported the small family by hauling hay for his father-in-law Merle Lambert and also for Earnest Ledford, until the family moved to Fort Worth where he was a jack of all trades. He got accepted into a trade school and moved to Oklahoma City, where he worked at QV Johnson Oil Company. The family then moved to Drumright where he was a heavy machine operator. Shortly thereafter he became a maintenance man and fell in love with painting and from that point on was a commercial painter. He was very successful as a painter.

In 1984, he moved to Amarillo, Texas and married Cathy Lynn Bridges, they had a son named Jacob Elgin Red Elk and moved to Pensacola, Florida. He resided there and started his own company, Elk Painting and was very successful. He divorced and moved back to Oklahoma in 1999.

Red Elk is survived by his first wife, Sue Sue, daughter, Misty Dawn, his sons Lindy Eugene, Clifford Elgin Jr., and Jacob Elgin. Grandsons, Dylan, Alex, Tyler, Blake, Christian and Boston. Granddaughters, Jade, Raven, Evy, Jenika, Chiana, and Riley. Great Grandsons, Kenneth, Vinny, Taa'mi, Jace, Tyson, Evan, Henley, Easton, Waylon, Elgin, Korte, Zayden, Hosea, and Elias. Great Granddaughters, Tot'siya, Sioux, Kaylani, Kalaya, River, Remy, Frayah, and Parker. Brother, Robert Red Elk, brother, Danny Selby, Sister Florene and husband, Paul Dorcas, and sister, Tina Red Elk. Countless uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. Honorary daughter Little Tina and honorary granddaughters, Selena, Rylan, and Rylee. Last but not least, his favorite daughter, his beloved Boutsie.

Preceded by Father, Elgin Red Elk, brother, Lindy Red Elk, mother Roberta Rebecca-Jean Atchavit Red Elk Selby, brother Ozzie Red Elk, brother Elgin Red Elk Jr., Granddaughter Trinity Red Elk, and former wife Cathy Red Elk.

Henry Wallace Gooday Jr.



Gooday Jr.

Courtesy Photo
Henry Wallace Gooday Jr., 74, known for his passion for the

great outdoors, passed away peacefully on July 29, at his home in Houston, Texas. Gooday was born to Henry Wallace Gooday Sr. and Vera (Tahah) Gooday on Nov. 30, 1950.

He attended grade school in Boone, Oklahoma, and graduated from Washington High School in Joliet, Illinois. Soon after high school he enlisted into the Marines where he deployed to Vietnam. Upon completion of his enlistment, he began working as a guard at the Statesville Prison in Joliet, Illinois.

Gooday spent much of his free time with family and friends enjoying such pleasures as fishing and hunting. He generously shared his skills with those around him. Always ready to laugh.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Henry Wallace Gooday Sr. and Vera Gooday. As well as his sister Janice Pahdocony and brother Robert Gooday III.

He will be dearly missed by his sisters: Patricia Swift of Yukon, Oklahoma, Delores Padilla of Cache, Oklahoma, Dorcas Bergquist of Lawton, Oklahoma, Ramona Literski of Rockdale, Illinois, Pamela Campos of Joliet, Illinois, Jacquetta Christodolos of Custer Park, Illinois.; children: Ryan Nakamura of Eva Beach, Hawaii and Tonya Gooday-Minor of Houston, Texas; grandchildren: Jazz Keene of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, and LeAndrea Minor of Houston, Texas; a great-grandchild, Mazion Jones; and loved by many nephews and nieces.

Throughout her career, Hayden worked ceaselessly to create jobs, empower tribal communities, and continue to show the world the contributions of Native culture and peoples.

For many years she and her late husband William traveled throughout the U.S. and its territorial possessions, teaching Native groups, not only American Indians but Inuit and Pacific Islanders, the art of grant writing. From these trips they brought back Native art of high quality. Their collection rivaled that of many museums. She also maintained a gallery of superb Indian art adjacent to the OIO offices.

Many of her students and proteges now run their own organizations and businesses. Dreams were realized and actualized through successful programs implemented throughout her more than 65-year career. This is a testament to her honor, strength, and persistence in the belief of progressive ideals.

In a world which is beginning to recognize the contribution of strong woman leaders her name shines. Iola Hayden was a trailblazer leading the way for fire generations to shine.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William G. Hayden.

She is survived by her children: Marcia Hayden of Lawrence, Kansas, John Hayden of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Sarah Morris and husband Crews of Norman, Oklahoma. Her grandchildren: Bonny Greenlee and Zach of Lawrence, Kansas, Abel Martens of Lawrence, Kansas, Billy Hayden of Paris, Texas, Amanda Hayden of Lawton, Oklahoma, Ishie Hayden of Tulsa, Oklahoma, Daniel Hayden of Madison, Wisconsin, and Marissa Morris of Stillwater, Oklahoma. Iola had six great-grandchildren and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and family and friends.

Henry Wallace Gooday Jr. was preceded in death by his mother, Brenda Martinez; her children: Alivia Jo Marie Hardin, Aiden Lynn Vance Wauqua, Audrey Kay Marie Wauqua; uncles Able, George, Harold, Curtis, Victor, Kenneth, and Terry; aunts Donna, Leanna, Carol; along with several family and friends.

Hardin was preceded in death by her father, Reuben Hardin Jr.; maternal grandfather, Harold Dean Martinez Sr.; maternal grandparents, Barbara and Buddy Yackeschi; paternal grandparents: Rose

Nahquaddy and Reuben Hardin Sr.; aunts and uncles: Barbara, Lanna, Ronnie, Carol, Pamela, Georgia, and Carla; cousin Ceanna; and stepfather Vance Hall (Moose).

Valorie Jo Newton



Newton

Courtesy Photo

Valorie Jo Newton, went to her heavenly home on Aug. 7.

She was born to Archie and Shirley Goodin on Dec. 15, 1958. She attended Elgin Schools, and graduated from Elgin High School. She married Jack Newton on Oct. 17, 1994. Newton was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. Newton was creative and enjoyed crafting. She also enjoyed traveling to new places. Newton was a proud Nana/Poe.

Newton is survived by her husband, Jack Newton, of the home; son, Steven Adams and wife Jenny of Lawton, Okla.; son, Shane Adams of Norman, Okla.; stepdaughter Amber Taylor-Lotton of Tulsa, Okla.; brother, Barton Goodin and wife Jennifer of Cache, Okla.; one namesake, Lori Willmon of Oklahoma City, Okla.; nine grandchildren and a great-grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

Newton was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Shirley Goodin.

Irene Pahcaddy Permansu Lane



Lane

Courtesy Photo

Irene Pahcaddy Permansu Lane, 95 of Anadarko, Oklahoma, went to her heavenly home Aug. 13. A prayer service was held on August 16, at J J Methvin United Methodist Church, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Funeral services was August 17, at J J Methvin United Methodist Church, and burial followed at Little

Hardin was smart, and would watch spelling bees on television, perfectly reciting all the difficult words. Hardin graduated from Walters High School Class of 2003. In her senior year she made the highest chair in the All-State High School Choir. Hardin was blessed with the gift of music, and utilized her voice to worship in the West Side Baptists Church Choir. Hardin was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. She recently took Comanche language lessons and used that knowledge to perfect her pronunciation while singing tribal hymns.

Hardin was loved to cook, and worked as a food truck cook. At home she enjoyed making frybread and meatpies. Hardin was a devoted mother and enjoyed singing to her kids at night. Each member of her family had a special bond with Hardin and her absence leaves a profound void.

Washita Cemetery, Fletcher, Okla., under the direction of Smith Funeral Home.

Lane was born on February 2, 1929, in Fletcher Okla., to Celso and May Cheet-Wah Pahcaddy. She grew up in Fletcher, and graduated from Fletcher High School. After high school Lane attended Haskell Institute which is now Haskell Indian Nations University, and embarked on a career that took her to Washington D.C., Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Albuquerque, New Mexico, for a short period, and eventually the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Anadarko Agency, as Tribal Government Services Officer. She made many friends and colleagues and was a mentor to many young native women during her time in tribal government, of which she retired from in September of 1989.

Lane had married Melvin Permansu, who was recognized as one of the 17 Comanche Code Talkers, during World War II, and with whom she traveled the world, during their time overseas.

After Melvins' passing she met and married JoJo Lane. She and JoJo loved traveling across the United States for pow-wows and different functions throughout the years.

Lane sponsored her two beloved brothers' softball team The Squaretop Wranglers, and traveled the state every weekend to watch them play. She also loved watching her nephews and nieces and grand nieces and nephews excel in all sports and had such great pride in all of their accomplishments. Irene was a member of the Comanche tribe and could speak the Comanche language fluently.

She was a loving Wife, Sister, Auntie, Aunt, Grandma, Big Sis, and friend to many and she will be truly missed.

Lane is survived by her sister Tish Pahcaddy Bridges of Sterling, Stepdaughter Mary and husband Biff Olsen of Bethany, Nephew Jim and wife Jenny Pahcaddy of Anadarko, Ludy and wife Freda Pahcaddy of Ft. Cobb, Niece Juhree Pahcaddy of Fletcher, Niece Marda and husband Mike Manaois of Colorado Springs, Late Nephew Glenns' wife Jeannie Pahcaddy of Apache, Granddaughters, Bonnie and husband LaVerne Aitson Jr, of Apache and Bobbie and husband Larry Aitson of Elgin, and numerous other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Celso and May Cheet-Wah Pahcaddy, sisters Agnes Lewis Mahseet, Evelyn Teyyah, Rosalie and husband Victor Bennett, brothers Larry and wife Carol Pahcaddy and Wilford Pahcaddy. Nephews, Gerald Mahseet, Roderick Parrish Mahseet, Glenn Reed Pahcaddy and L.L. Pahcaddy and niece Geraldine Mahseet.

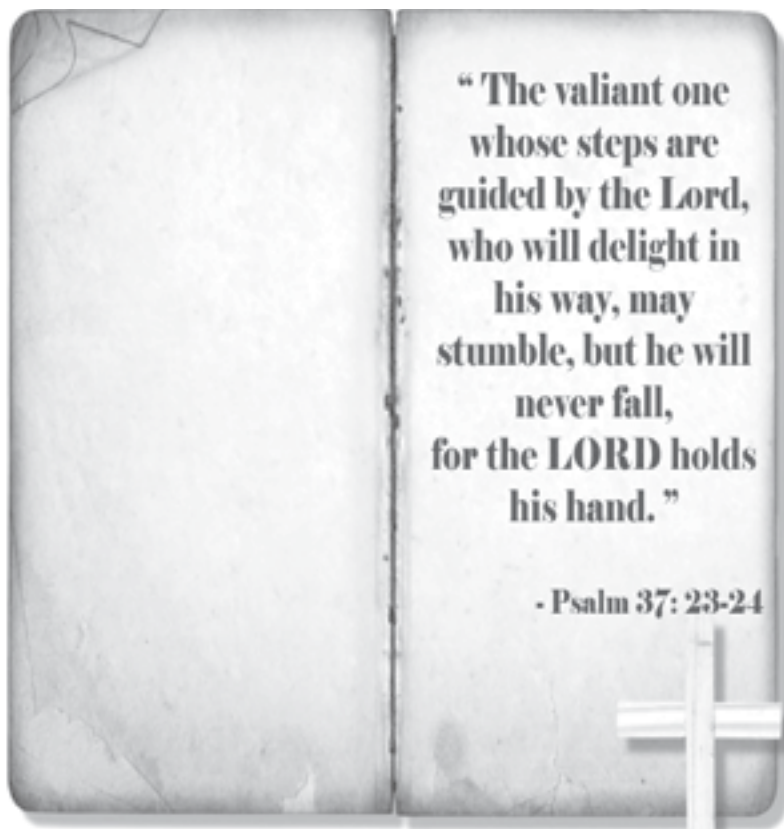
Special thanks to her friends Edna Bointy and Sarah Silverhorn, and the nurses at Carnegie Tri-County Municipal Hospital.

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