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## Comanche Tribal Members Must Register to Vote by November 19 for Secretarial Election

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Business Committee submitted Resolution No. 135-2024, to propose a Constitution Amendments (“Amendments”) and request the Secretary of the Interior to authorize an election to allow tribal members the opportunity to vote on the proposed Amendments as in accordance to Article XI - Amendments of the Constitution of the Comanche Nation (“Nation”). The election will be conducted by the Southern Plains Regional Office for the Nation in accordance with Article XI - Amendments of the Constitution and Part 81 of Title 25 of the Code of Federal Regulations (“25 CFR Part 81”).

On October 3, the Authorizing Official (Regional Director, Southern Plains Region) approved and authorized a Secretarial Election. Subsequently, Sherry Lovin, the Tribal Government Officer, Southern Plains Region, was appointed as the Chairperson of the Secretarial Election Board. The Chairperson’s responsibility is to see that the Secretarial Election is conducted pursuant to regulations in 25 CFR Part 81.

Tribal members of the Nation are hereby advised an election will be held on December 18, for the purpose of voting on the proposed Amendments. This election is not a tribal election and will not be conducted under tribal election procedures.

Tribal members of the Nation now have the opportunity to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed Amendments. Enclosed is a copy of the side by side comparison of the proposed Amendments for your review. Only adult tribal members who are 18 years of age or older on the date of the Secretarial Election and who have registered to vote in this election will be entitled to vote on the ratification or rejection of the proposed Amendments.

A Secretarial Election Notice is being mailed to all members 18 years of age and older at the address listed on the current tribal membership roll with a Voter Registration Form. Any tribal member who does not receive a Secretarial Election Notice Packet by mail or it has become lost you may pick up a Secretarial Election Notice Packet in person at:

Comanche Nation Complex, Elgin, Oklahoma; Comanche Nation Anadarko Outreach Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Comanche Nation OKC Outreach Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Comanche Nation Dallas Outreach Office, Dallas, Texas; Comanche Nation Outreach Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anadarko Agency, Anadarko, Oklahoma; and Southern Plains Regional Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

The Voter Registration Form is enclosed to complete and return. A pre-addressed stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience. The Voter Registration Form must be

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## Geneva Navarro and the Late Rance Hood Declared National Treasures of the Comanche Nation



Andrea Hood accepts the Posthumous Comanche National Treasure Award on behalf of her father, the late Rance Hood, September 28, during the Comanche Nation Fair. Comanche elder, Geneva Woomavoyah Navarro, was presented the Comanche Nation Living National Treasurer Award on October 12, at her home in Albuquerque, NM, with her family in attendance.

Story and Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The CBC inducted the inaugural recipients of the National Treasure of the Comanche Nation awards to the late Rance Hood and Geneva Woomavoyah Navarro, of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

“The CBC wanted to do something to uplift our Nation, encourage them, especially our young ones, and highlight some of our tribal members that has contributed so much. This National Treasure Designation is for people who did a lifetime of achievements,” said Tahdoahnippah. “The CBC decided the inaugural posthumous National Treasurer will be Rance Hood and our inaugural Living National Treasure will be Geneva Navarro.”

Hood was proclaimed a National Treasurer of the Comanche Nation at the 2024 Comanche Nation Fair. Accepting the plaque and a Comanche blanket on his behalf was his daughter, Andrea Hood. The Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman, Diana Doyebi Sovo, conducted his induc-

tion.

“We gather here today to honor the legacy of Rance Hood, Comanche Nation Inaugural National Treasure Recipient, Rance Hood. Though we mourn the loss of a remarkable individual, we also celebrate the profound impact he made during his lifetime,” said Doyebi-Sovo.

“As we present this award in his memory, let us reflect on Rance’s extraordinary contributions. Today, we honor Rance Hood not just as a recipient of this award, but as a true national treasure whose legacy will inspire future generations. Thank you for joining us in celebrating his remarkable life and enduring impact.”

Hood, *Au Tup Ta*, (Yellow Hair) was a proud member of the Comanche Nation and a world-renowned award winning, self-taught Comanche Indian artist, designer, sculptor, medicine man, and Native American icon.



Hood was born February 9, 1941, in Cache. An Oklahoma native, Hood was raised by his maternal full-blooded Comanche grandparents, where he learned the Comanche language, customs, and values. Hood attended Cache High School, worked as a mill worker, oil field worker, print shop designer, and rodeo circuit bull-rider before becoming an iconic self-taught Comanche artist. As an artist, he worked with and mastered acrylic, watercolor, tempera, mixed-media, stone, bronze, and screen prints. He combined color, expression, composition, and the freedom of flow, life, seasons, and spirit, creating prolific and authentic Native American paintings. Hood’s paintings are presented in meaningful, mystical, and ancestral landscapes. Although, Hood introduced some abstract motifs into his backgrounds, he remained true to the traditional style of art practiced by his Comanche ancestors. An ex-

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## Lanny Asepermy Inducted into the Military Hall of Fame

Receives the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Story by Jolene Schonchin and Natasha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Tribal Member and former Comanche Indians Veterans Association (CIVA) Commander U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Lanny Asepermy was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame and received the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award on, October 26, at Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma.

Asepermy served in the Vietnam War in four campaigns with tank and scout units and earned the Combat Infantry Badge. Since retirement, he has established the Tahsequah Garden, Apache OK Veterans Memorial Park and has worked with the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation.

Asepermy said being inducted was a reward after 30 years of hard work.

“In the military, I served from 1966 to 1990. I retired as a Sergeant Major, which is the highest enlisted grade that you can make,” he said.

Asepermy said he had several good memories.

“Well, surviving the Vietnam War was a good thing. A lot of the positions I held were very prestigious positions, and I enjoyed them,” he said. “The thing I enjoyed the most was the soldiers. They were from every race, every color, creed. I met so many soldiers from every state in the Union of all different backgrounds, and it’s amazing that they formed a good team.”

Asepermy said he’s proud of his heritage.

“I enjoyed my time with the Comanche Indian Veterans Association and also with the Comanche War Scouts and thank you,” he said.

During the award ceremony, William Meadows, historian of the CIVA, spoke on Asepermy’s behalf.

“It is my honor and utmost pleasure to have nominated and to introduce SGM Lanny G. Asepermy for the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Service Award,” Meadows said.

“I have known SGM since 1992 and more closely since 2004 when he began teaching me about Native Americans in the U.S. Military and Comanche veteran’s traditions.”

With 24 years in the U.S. Army – combat service in a tank unit and a scout platoon in Vietnam, five years in the Comanche War Scouts Color Guard, and 26 years in the Comanche Indian Veterans Association, SGM Asepermy have over half a century of service to veterans and civil-

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# Government

## A Total of 18 Resolutions Presented at the October CBC Meeting

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the October 5, 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 Tahdoohippah, called the October CBC Meeting to order at 10 a.m. The Comanche Nation Secretary/Treasurer, Robert Tippeconnie, conducts roll call. The Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman, Diana Sovo Doyebi, was not present.

### Resolutions:

**Resolution No. 138-2024-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 340 Minors. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 139-2024-** Enrollment Resolution List 1341 to Relinquish. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 140-2024-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1342. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 141-2024-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1343 No Allottee. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 142-2024-** CBC Resolution to Amend Eligibility Criteria for Headstone Project. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 143-2024-** CBC Resolution Denouncing the Book Empire of the Summer Moon. The Resolution passes 4/0/1.

**Resolution No. 144-2024-** CBC Resolution Authorizing Settlement with WW Builders. TABLED.

**Resolution No. 145-2024-** Law Enforcement Resolution MOA with Caddo County Sheriff's Office. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 146-2024-** Law Enforcement Resolution Cross Deputation Agreement. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Law Enforcement Resource Officer Comanche Academy Motion for MOU

**Resolution No. 147-2024-** Tax Commission Resolution Senior Citizen Discount. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 148-2024-** CBC Resolution for Travel. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 149-2024-** Compliance Resolution for Tourism Grant Program Application with Dept. of Interior. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 150-2024-** Resolution to Request No Cost Extension. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 151-2024-** Resolution to Request No Cost Extension. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 152-2024-** Resolution to Request No Cost Extension. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 153-2024-** Resolution to Request No Cost Extension. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 154-2024-** CBC Resolution to Amend Gaming Ordinance. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 155-2024-** CBC Resolution to NCAI to Eliminate the "Midnight Rider." The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

## From the Chairman's Desk



Maruaweka Numunuu:

The word "Comanche" has many connotations to many people. To Texans in the nineteenth-century it struck fear. To some of our Tribal members it is just a misnomer for our own term *numu*. Many people from other tribes, *atabitsi*, associate the word "Comanche" with the Native American Church, the name given to the religious rites that accompany the peyote ceremony. Due to our role in transmitting the Native American Church to nearby Tribes, who in turn transmitted the religious rites to other Tribes, who themselves transmitted them to still more Tribes, Comanche songs are sung in Native American Church ceremonies across the United States and even in Canada.

For many of these tribes, their members enjoy Native American Church ceremonies but also participate in other ceremonies that are traditional to their Tribes—medicine lodges, sweat lodges, longhouse ceremonies, etc. Back in Oklahoma; however, the Native American Church is our remaining traditional religion. I have been told that the well-respected Comanche elder Garrett Connovichnah explained that without the Native American Church, Comanches would cease to have a traditional religion at all and, for that reason, that we must strive to preserve its practice amongst our people. Many of our young people have an immense interest in the Native American Church. Hundreds of people—young and old—came to Watchtaker Hall for an event sponsored by the Comanche Native American Church 1918 Charter on Indigenous Peoples' Day. Many of these people come from Comanche families that were once prominent in the Native American Church, but traditional knowledge regarding the Church was not passed down. This can be due to overt suppression, such as laws that prohibited peyote or coerced religious conversion in boarding schools. It may also be due to more subtle forms of suppression. Often social pressures from the dominant society, especially in prior generations where public displays of racism were more socially acceptable, create shame around Native American cultures. The response from many was to abandon their Native American culture.

The shame and abandonment of culture has led to many ills and evils: drug addiction, alcoholism, violence, abuse. I firmly believe that the cure for those ills is spirituality. I have witnessed firsthand that participation in the Native American Church can help people overcome alcohol and drug addiction. I myself also live an alcohol and drug-free life. Therefore, I ask the Comanche people to come together to provide a place for our people—young and old—to come together to learn about the Native American Church and revitalize these practices. To accomplish this, the Comanche Business Committee will be asking for the Tribal Council to approve use of settlement funds from the opioid settlement to build a Native American Church cultural center at our upcoming special General Council meeting.

This month's financial tip brought to you by



### Financial Tip: Digital Fraud Awareness

The ease and convenience of online banking and shopping is great. Text alerts for sales and specials from our favorite store helps us buy the items we have been waiting on. Emails are a great way to stay in contact with friends and family. However, with these conveniences are opportunities for fraudsters! Here are a few tips on how you can stay fraud aware:

- Be wary of suspicious links
- Watch for misspelled words
- Steer clear of "urgent" requests for money
- Never share passwords or PINs. Your financial institution will NEVER ask for this.
- If you feel like something is a scam, contact your financial institution right away

### Comanche Nation Offices will be closed



November 11 for Veterans Day. Offices will re-open November 12 for regular business.



November 28 & 29 for Thanksgiving. Offices will re-open December 2 for regular business.

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#### Thanksgiving Month

The award-winning *Comanche Nation News*, the official communication of the Comanche Nation, is available at no charge upon request. The deadline to submit information for the December edition is 5 p.m., November 15.

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• **The Milestones Page** (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Engagements, Memorial Pictures, Weddings, Births) are by submission only. Please submit a first and last name. The Passings/Obituaries are submitted by the Comanche Nation Funeral Home or by tribal members on a funeral home letterhead. The Milestones Page is for tribal members only. *TCNN* publishes all services conducted by The Comanche Nation Funeral Home without discretion. The Obituaries Page is for tribal members only.

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

• **We reserve the right to edit all material.** Letters or articles that contain libelous information, slander, or personal attacks will not be printed. Letters to the Editor must be signed with a legible name, and have an 500 word limit.

• **The letters to the editor or articles contained in *The Comanche Nation News* does not reflect the views or opinions of the PIO staff.**

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Resolution No. 143-2024 was passed by the CBC during the October 5 monthly meeting, by a vote of 4/0/1. The resolution denounces the book *Empire of the Summer Moon: Quannah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in North America*.



### Comanche Cares Donates \$10,000 to Comanche Academy and Comanche Nation Higher Education

Comanche Nation Entertainment Hosted Fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament



Courtesy Photo

The Comanche Nation Higher Education Director, Christian Boos, receives a check in the amount of \$5,000 from Comanche Nation Entertainment on Sept. 9 during its 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Comanche Nation Entertainment raised \$10,000 to support Comanche Nation youth and education programs through its fourth annual Comanche Cares Golf Tournament on Sept. 9. All funds were allocated to Comanche Cares, Comanche Nation Entertainment's community giving initiative, which donated \$5,000 to Comanche Academy and \$5,000 to Comanche Nation Higher Education.

Comanche Nation Entertainment CEO Steven Doyle and Comanche Nation Casino General Manager Shandi Tahhahwah presented both organizations with checks to kick off the tournament.

This year marked the largest amount of funds raised in the tournament's history, receiving contributions from 28 sponsors and over 35 teams. Before the tee off, Jaylene Bluesky Tosee, the 2024 Comanche Nation Sr. Princess, led the Lord's Prayer, followed by a drum group's performance and singing of the Comanche Flag Song.

"We are incredibly grateful to all our sponsors, volunteers and everyone involved for their hard work and generous support in making this year's golf tournament a success," said Doyle. "Their commitment not only helps provide essential resources for our students but also strengthens our entire community."

Comanche Academy is a free public charter school that embraces the Comanche (Numunu) Culture and language as its instructional format. Comanche Nation Higher Education is a department dedicated to supporting Comanche Nation tribal members in obtaining their educational goals.

"By supporting our youth and education programs, we're not only empowering the next generation of leaders but also preserving the rich traditions and values of Comanche Culture," said Doyle.

For more information www.comanchenationentertainment.com.

### ASEPERMY

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Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award Medal and Certificate. The certificate reads: Whereas, Sergeant Major Lanny Gayle Asepermy, US Army, was born in Iola, Kansas, on 16 August 1946 and raised west of Apache, Okla. He is a citizen of the Comanche Nation and his grandparents are full-blood Comanche and Kiowa Indians. He served as historian for the CIVA, helping veterans and spouses file for military benefits; writing military bios and event programs to honor veterans, historical works on Comanche veterans, speaking at military bases and universities, and serving as an Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Ambassador.

He has spent countless hours organizing veteran recognition ceremonies, color guards, funeral details, military grave marker emplacements, and supporting veterans in need, day or night. Adept at recognizing PTSD, several Native veterans have related to me that although SGM had to "hound them" for prolonged periods to join the Comanche Indian Veterans Association, they realized how much he and the organization have helped them. Some have stated that his efforts "saved" them.

SGM Asepermy is the definition of leadership, commitment, and service. He serves as a role model in many communities - military and civilian, academic and public, Native and non-Native. He is a veteran, a leader, a scholar, and a mentor dedicated to our military veterans, while serving and educating all.

"I can think of no one more deserving of this award," he ended.

Asepermy received the

U.S. Army Sgt. Maj. Lanny Asepermy was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame and received the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award Medal on, October 26, at Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma. He is joined by, from left, Jerry Shiles, President of the Oklahoma Military Hal of Fame, Major General Douglas O. Dollar, the CIVA historian, Dr. William Meadows and Chuck Choney, a 2021 Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame recipient.

erans Memorial Park which honors 28 who died as a result of war; seven who were POW's; and 645 Veterans, all of Apache, Oklahoma.

Whereas, Sergeant Major Lanny Gayle Asepermy, US Army, was born in Iola, Kansas, on 16 August 1946 and raised west of Apache, Okla. He is a citizen of the Comanche Nation and his grandparents are full-blood Comanche and Kiowa Indians. He served in the Army for 24 years, from 1966 - 1990, during which he served in Vietnam from 1969-1970 where he participated in four campaigns, and earned the Combat Infantry Badge; and

Whereas, after his retirement, Asepermy dedicated his life to supporting tribal veterans affairs and promoting Native American military heritage. He was an active member of the Comanche War Scouts and Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) for 26 years (1992-2022); and

Whereas, SGM Asepermy truly exhibits OKMHF's motto, "Spirit of a Warrior and Heart of a Patriot." For his service to veterans and his community, he is awarded the Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award.

Major General Douglas O. Dollar Distinguished Public Service Award Recipient Sergeant Major Lanny Gayle Asepermy, U.S. Army is hereby inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame 26 October 2024.

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Whereas, during that time he; Established the Comanche War Scout Circle of Honor with individual dyes of the 13 Fallen Warriors and five Prisoners of War of the Comanche Nation.

Upgraded the CIVA Court of Honor which lists the names, rank, branch, and years of service of 1,293 Comanche Veterans.

Established the Tahsequah Garden in honor of the only Comanche Veteran missing in action, and the Comanche Veterans Patriot Room which contains 800 photos and biographies of Comanche Veterans.

Created the Apache OK Vet-

# Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

NOVEMBER 2024

Calendar grid for November 2024 with dates and events like 'Frederick 1st Day', 'Cache 1st Day', etc.

- Hot Rolls: 2 Cups lukewarm water, 1/3 Cup sugar, 2 Tbsp shortening, 2 Pkg. dry yeast, 5 to 5 1/2 Cups flour, 1 Tsp salt. Baked Beans: 2 Cans vegetarian beans, 1/2 Cup onion, 1/2 Cup bell pepper, 1/2 Cup chopped celery, 2 Tbsp catsup, 2 Tbsp brown sugar, 2 Tbsp mustard, 1/4 Cup pancake syrup, Dash of hot sauce, 2 Tbsp picante sauce. Green Bean Casserole: 1 Can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted, 1/8 Tsp pepper, 2 Packages frozen cup green beans, thawed, 1 1/3 Cups French Fried Onions, divided and pepper; stir until well blended. Stir in beans and 2/3 cup onions. Pecan Pie: 1/2 Cup white sugar, 1/4 Cup butter or margarine, 1 Cup light corn syrup, Dash salt, 1 Tsp salt, 1 Tsp crushed fennel seeds, 3/4 Tsp dried oregano, 1/4 Tsp pepper, 2 Tbs vinegar, preferably apple cider, 1 Can chicken broth, 1 Pkg frozen black-eyed peas, thawed. Combine first 5 ingredients Beat well sprinkle with pecans Pour into pie shell and bake at 350 degrees for about 1 hour Optional: More pecans may be added.

### Hani Nookop Corn Bread

- 1 Cup flour, 1 Cup corn meal, 2 Tbsp sugar, 4 Tsp baking powder, 1/4 Tsp salt, 1 Egg, 1 Cup skim milk, 2 Tbsp oil

Preheat oven to 350 degree F. Combine flour, corn meal, sugar, baking powder and salt in a large bowl. Stir well. Beat egg in another bowl. Add skim milk and oil. Stir well. Add liquid mixture to flour mixture. Stir until just blended; batter should be a little lumpy. Pour into greased and flour 8-inch square pan. Bake 20-30 minutes until golden brown and done.

### Broccoli Cheese Rice Casserole

- 1 Pkg frozen broccoli, 1/2 Cup cheese spread (Velveeta), 1 Can cream of chicken soup, 1/2 Cup milk, 1 Small onion, chopped fine (optional), 3/4 Cup instant rice

Cook broccoli as directed and drain. Mix cheese with cream of chicken soup and add to broccoli. Mix well. Add remaining ingredients to the broccoli/rice mixture. Pour into greased 2 qt. casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes.

### Wakaree (Turtle) Cake

- 1 Box German chocolate cake mix, mixed according to directions, Bake 1/2 of the batter in 9x13 pan at 350 degrees for 15 minutes

Melt 1 Pkg of Kraft caramels (melted in double broiler) Melt 1 Stick of butter and 1/2 cup Pet milk (It important to use the Kraft, individually wrapped caramel because the newer caramels don't have the right kind of glucose needed for this recipe. Unwrapping the caramels take a while.) Sprinkle pecan halves on baked cake, plus on cup chocolate chips. Top with melted caramel. Pour remaining batter over caramel. Sprinkle with remaining chocolate chips and pecans halves. Bake 25-30 minutes more.

### Collard Greens with Black-Eyed Peas

- 4 Lbs collard greens, tough stems discarded, cut cross wise into strips, 1/4 Lb salt pork, diced, 1 Onion, halved and sliced, 1 Clove garlic, minced, 1 Tbs sugar, 1 Tsp salt, 1 Tsp crushed fennel seeds, 3/4 Tsp dried oregano, 1/4 Tsp pepper, 2 Tbs vinegar, preferably apple cider, 1 Can chicken broth, 1 Pkg frozen black-eyed peas, thawed. Bring large pot of unsalted water to a boil. Add greens; cook 1 minute. Drain; set aside. Heat same pot over medium-high heat. Add salt pork; cook stirring occasionally, until browned, about 5 minutes. Remove with slotted spoon; set aside. Discard all out 2 tbs fat from pot. Add onion and garlic. Cook until onion is very soft, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with sugar, salt, fennel seeds, oregano and pepper. Cook, stirring occasionally, until onions are golden, about 10 minutes. Add vinegar, scraping up any browned bits. Add broth; bring to a boil. Add peas with reserved greens and pork. Reduce heat to low. Cover; simmer until greens are tender and peas are cooked through, 25-20 minutes.

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### Celery Salad

- 2 Cups celery, thinly sliced, 2/3 Cup carrot, shredded or 1 can carrots chopped, 2 Tbsp onion, chopped, 2 Tbsp salad dressing, mayonnaise type, 1 Tsp prepared mustard, 2 Tsp vinegar, Dash pepper

Mix celery, carrot and onion. Mix remaining ingredients. Stir into celery mixture. Chill

### SECRETARIAL ELECTION

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received by the Secretarial Election Board, via U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 1550, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005 by Tuesday, November 19, 2024, in order to vote in this election. Please consider mail delivery time and holiday delays. Complete the Voter Registration Form and place in the U.S. Mail immediately for it to be RECEIVED by Tuesday, November 19, 2024. You must submit your Voter Registration Form to the Secretarial Election Board by U.S. Mail. Any adult tribal member whose name does not appear on the Registered Voters List can challenge the right to vote by presenting a written challenge to the Secretarial Election Board. The right to vote of anyone whose name is on the list may also be challenged in writing to the Secretarial Election Board via U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 1550, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005

by December 7. This election is to be conducted entirely by mail out ballot only. There will be no polling sites. If your Voter Registration Form is received by Tuesday, November 19, 2024, you will automatically be mailed a Mail out Ballot Packet. Immediately after the ballots are counted on Wednesday, December 18, 2024, the Certificate of Results of Election will be posted at the Comanche Nation Complex, Elgin, Oklahoma; Comanche Nation Anadarko Outreach Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma; Comanche Nation OKC Outreach Office, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Comanche Nation Dallas Outreach Office, Dallas, Texas; Comanche Nation Outreach Office, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anadarko Agency, Anadarko, Oklahoma; and Southern Plains Regional Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Table with 2 columns: CURRENT and PROPOSED AMENDMENT. It details proposed constitutional amendments to the Secretarial Election process, including changes to the number of voters required and the timing of the election.

Amendment proposals for the December Secretarial Election. Comanche nation members must register to vote to cast a ballot. The deadline for the BIA to receive the voter registration form is November 19.

Food and Drink Word Search puzzle. Includes a grid of letters and a list of words to find: PAA - WATER, ONABI - SALT, NOHKOPU - BREAD, TUKAPU - FOOD, MEAT, TUTUKMAHYA - PEPPER, PITSIPU - MILK, YUHU PITSIPU - BUTTER, HUBA - COFFEE, PAPASI - POTATO, TU?PIHNA - BLACK PEPPER.

Autumn Season Word Scramble puzzle. Includes a grid of letters and a list of words to find: akaiuw, n?pisoaip, opnyko, umnaunenu, hibinia, awnski, teasuruw?k, qsoon, uhip, nospyi, tuwikaa, pa?saponi, nokopu, nanumenuu, haniibi, nakwysi, tu?rekwasu, soona, puhi, sonipw.



# 2024 Comanche Nation Fair Draws Thousands

## Winners of Various Events Announced

### Comanche Nation Fair Powwow Winners



<u>Golden Women's Comanche 60+</u>	<u>Teen Girls Northern/Southern Buckskin</u>	2nd Place- Sandy Harris	3rd Place-Adrian Redbird	4th Place-Taylor Akoneto
4th Place - JoNeda Sage	4th Place-Anais Bullcoming	1st Place-Mel Motah	2nd Place-Lonny Street	3rd Place-Cordelia Falls Down
3rd Place -Charlotte McCurtain	3rd Place-Naumi Yarholar	<u>Golden Age Men Northern</u>	1st Place-Louie Sage	2nd Place-Sophie Tiger
2nd Place -Carlene Atauvich Collins	2nd Place-Daelena Tsonetokoy	3rd Place-George Cricket Shield		1st Place-Makayla Sage
1st Place -Dorothy Tahah	1st Place-Dezirae Monoessy	2nd Place-Pat Pacheco	<u>Sr. Adult Men Chicken</u>	<u>Jr. Adult Women's Southern Cloth</u>
<u>Golden Age Comanche Men 60+</u>	<u>Teen Girls Fancy</u>	1st Place-Pat Moore	3rd Place-Robby White	4th Place-Kayla Bointy
3rd Place-Dennis Plumley	4th Place-Kemyrah Little Axe	<u>Golden Age Men Southern</u>	2nd Place-Brady Topedo	3rd Place-Natha LittleCrow
2nd Place- Marlin Tahdoohnipah	3rd Place-Nataliya Najera	4th Place-Terry Tsoitigh	1st Place-CC Whitewolf	2nd Place-Erica PrettyEagle Cozad
1st Place- Billy Komahcheet	2nd Place-Niya Begay	3rd Place-R.G. Harris	<u>Sr. Adult Mens Grass</u>	1st Place-Tara Goodfox
<u>Jr. Girls Jingle Fancy</u>	1st Place-Decora Monoessy	2nd Place-Joe Bointy	4th Place-DiJay Yarholar	<u>Jr. Adult Women's Fancy</u>
3rd Place-Lyric Hogner	<u>Teen Girls Jingle</u>	1st Place-Randy Moore	3rd Place-Ha-Ga Cleveland	4th Place-Olivia Littlecook
2nd Place-Audrianna Barcindebar	4th Place-Halona Lewis	<u>Sr. Adult Women Northern Traditional</u>	2nd Place-Orenzo Snyder	3rd Place-Shelby Snyder
1st Place-Adele Greeley	3rd Place-Cedar Littlecook	2nd Place-Denice Haury	1st Place-Arthur Schrock	2nd Place-T"ata Begay
<u>Jr. Girls Northern Traditional</u>	2nd Place-Mary Ella Whitehorse-Wermy	1st Place-Marcy Fiddler	<u>Sr. Adult Mens Fancy</u>	1st Place-Morning Star Roberts
3rd Place-Maya Goodfox	1st Place-Tatiana Barcindebar	<u>Sr. Adult Women Jingle</u>	4th Place-Charlie Eisenberger	<u>Jr. Adult Mens Grass</u>
2nd Place-Sadie Pacheco	<u>Teen Boys Straight</u>	4th Place-Bridget Cooley	3rd Place-Chester Tieyah Jr.	4th Place-Wolf Leitka
1st Place-Anessa Hamon	4th Place-Cayden Klinekole	3rd Place-Regina Youngbear	2nd Place-Amos LittleCrow	3rd Place-Keenan Springer
<u>Jr. Girls Southern Traditional</u>	3rd Place-Reignn Yellowfish	2nd Place-Ashley Lamont	1st Place-Micheal Roberts	2nd Place-Siksika Scabbyrobe
3rd Place-Dakota Pacheco	2nd Place-Anthony Monoessy Jr.	1st Place-Rebecca Roberts	<u>Comanche Member Women 18-59</u>	1st Place-Orrion Snyder
2nd Place-Emily Gray	1st Place-Ronald Monoessy Jr.	<u>Sr. Adult Women's Southern Buckskin</u>	4th Place-Nicole Reyna	<u>Jr. Adult Mens Straight</u>
1st Place-SJ Littlecook	<u>Teen Boys Traditional</u>	4th Place-Alicia Chaino Ahkeahbo	3rd Place-Charlotte Maria Niyah	4th Place-William Hamilton
<u>Jr. Boys Grass/Chicken</u>	4th Place-Eibel Yellowfish	3rd Place-Erin Chibitty	2nd Place-Shelby Mata	3rd Place-Wichita Blaine
2nd Place-Elias Cable	3rd Place-Newton Kemble	2nd Place-Bridget Blackowl	1st Place-Malia Cooper-Molina	2nd Place-Joseph Pratt
1st Place-Kolin Begay	2nd Place-Rowdy Street	1st Place-Crystal Lightfoot	<u>Comanche Member Men</u>	1st Place-Glen Heminokeky Jr.
<u>Jr. Boys Traditional</u>	1st Place-Nolan Shawnee	<u>Sr. Adult Women's Fancy</u>	18-59 2nd Place-Elijah Lena	<u>Jr. Adult Men Chicken</u>
1st Place-Sabian Shawnee	<u>Teen Boys Grass/Chicken</u>	1st Place-Beatrice Fingernail	1st Place-James Yellowfish	3rd Place-Phillip Tsonetokoy
<u>Jr. Boys Fancy</u>	4th Place-Nashoba Portillo	<u>Sr. Adult Women's Southern Cloth</u>	<u>Jr. Adult Women's Jingle</u>	2nd Place-Calvin Smith Jr.
3rd Place-Avery Rena	3rd Place-Lakota Lewis	4th Place-Nico Ross	4th Place-Angel Harris	1st Place-Angelo Begay
2nd Place-Pacer Yellowfish	2nd Place-Talon Street	3rd Place-Laura Sage	3rd Place-Rose Goodeagle -Ewalk	<u>Jr. Adult Mens Fancy</u>
1st Place-Alexander Berry	1st Place-Tomoyake Tahhawwickah	2nd Place-Amanda Moore	2nd Place-Jonna Grace Brady	4th Place-Koy BearsTail
<u>Jr. Boys Straight</u>	<u>Teen Boys Fancy</u>	1st Place-Janet Saupitty	1st Place-Waskwane Stonefish	3rd Place-Thunder Lieb
3rd Place-Wesley Berry	1st Place- Joran Fingernail	<u>Sr. Adult Mens Southern Straight</u>	<u>Jr. Adult Women's Southern Buckskin</u>	2nd Place-Xavier Littlehead
2nd Place-Dominic Gutierrez	<u>Golden Age Women Northern</u>	4th Place-Denny Medicine Bird	4th Place-Nuka Nivy Yarholar	1st Place-Jessup Yazzie
1st Place-Eli Yazzie	3rd Place- Donna Patty	3rd Place-Ronald Monoessy Sr.	3rd Place-Jasa BigMountain	<u>Jr. Adult Mens Traditional</u>
<u>Teen Girls Northern/Southern Cloth</u>	2nd Place-Nellie Silverhorn	2nd Place-O.J. Little cook	2nd Place-Jayla Hamilton-Iron	4th Place-Donovan Haury
4th Place-Victoria Hamon	1st Place- Tonette Ponkilla	1st Place-Kiowa Cozad	1st Place-Whitney Sage	3rd Place-Triston Lasley
3rd Place-Anessa Blackbear	<u>Golden Age Women Southern</u>	<u>Sr. Adult Mens Northern Traditional</u>	<u>Jr. Adult Women's Northern Traditional</u>	2nd Place-Brand WhiteEyes
2nd Place-Mash-ta Littlecook	4th Place-Amber Komahcheet	4th Place-David Gonzales		1st Place-Hunter BlassingGame
1st Place-Kiliah Neonice	3rd Place-Tonya Moore			

### Comanche Nation Fair Parade Winners

**Best Departmental Float:**

Comanche Nation Housing Authority

**Best Man/Woman Walking:**

Danny Niedo

**Best Organizational Float:**

Fort Sill Federal Credit Union

**Adult Category: Best Decorated Horse Winners:**

1ST Place – Kindyn Camarena

2nd Place – Adrian Camarena

**Youth Category: Best Decorated Horse Winners:**

1st Place – Arlene Schonchin

2nd Place – Jolene Bighorn

3rd Place – Haegen Camarena



Courtesy Photo

**HELPING HAND WITH HORSES.** A \$1,000 donation was given to the Lawton Rangers Rodeo for allowing the Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdoohnipah, and the Tribal Administrator, Lisa Dawsey, to utilize its horses on September 27 during the horse ride from Medicine Bluff, and Sept. 28 during the Comanche Fair Parade. Kelly New accepted the donation on October 29 on behalf of the Lawton Rangers Rodeo.



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# Comanche Nation Fair Oldies Dance Rocks the Night Away

Submitted by the Comanche Nation Enrollment Office

The Comanche Nation's 2nd annual Elder's dance was a success with over 60+ attendees throughout the evening. DJ Hybrid provided the music as the elders had fellowship and danced the night away. Comanche Nation Entertainment Food & Beverage provided light snacks and desserts.

The Comanche Nation Enrollment team supports our elders and wants to continue to provide this annual appreciation dance each year during the Comanche fair. The Comanche Nation Enrollment Department would like to personally thank all the volunteers who assisted in the elders dance.

Prizes were given :

**Best couples dance:** Francine Monenerkit & husband

**Door prize :** Doug Pahdocony

**Overall Dance Winner:** Billie Kreger

**Eldest Dancer Winner:** Pauline Kowena

**Door Prize:** Anieda "Pepper" Harjo

**Door Prize:** Bonita Paddyaker

**Gift Basket :** Henry Pohawpatchoko

**Gift Basket:** Glenn Lonetree



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff



Courtesy Photo

Comanche elders dance the night away at the second annual Comanche Nation Fair Oldies Dance, held Sept. 28 at Watchtaker Hall.

Comanche elder, Pauline Kowena, is presented the prize for the Eldest Dancer by the Comanche nation Enrollment Director, JD Wauqua.

# Comanche Nation Art Shows Exhibits Artists of All Ages

Story and Photos submitted by Charles Wells/ Director Comanche Nation Anadarko Outreach

The Comanche Nation Fair Art Show of 2024 was a success, and owe it all to the incredible artists who shared their creativity and talent with us.

They received a total of 56 applications with approximately 90 pieces entered into the show. All of the artwork represented both the Comanche Nation K-12 and Adult divisions, as well as an Intertribal division, showcasing a broad range of creativity from across our community. The exhibition featured a diverse collection of paintings, drawings, and mixed media, all reflecting the unique cultural heritage and artistic talent of the Comanche people and other tribal artists.

Not only did they experience a great turnout and impressive array of artwork, but the energy throughout the event was vibrant, and the talent on display truly highlighted the strength and beauty of Indigenous artistry.

The coordinator, Charles Wells, wants to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each of those who contributed their beautiful pieces, which showcased the depth of the culture and artistic heritage. From the breathtaking paintings and drawings to the stunning mixed media works, the art authentically captured the spirit of the Comanche Nation and the Intertribal community. Each artist's participation is what made this year's show

an unforgettable experience, and are proud to have displayed such a rich collection representing both the Comanche and Intertribal community.

Thank you to the art community for your continued support and for helping them celebrate our culture through art. They look forward to seeing more amazing work in the future!

ART SHOW WINNERS 2024

Comanche Adult Category

Best of Show: Calvert Nevaquaya

Paintings

• First Place: Quanah Parker Burgess

• Second Place: Joyce Nevaquaya Harris

• Third Place: Nicole Hatfield

Drawings

• First Place: Madison Bailey

• Second Place: Niyah Nauni

• Third Place: N/A (no additional entries)

Mixed Media

• First Place: Quanah Parker Burgess

• Second Place: Tamyra Gallegos

• Third Place: Amanda Wilson

Comanche K-12 Category

Best of Show: Kenneth Red Elk

Paintings

• First Place: Alexander Niyah

• Second Place: Ariona Martinez

• Third Place: Nicole Werito

Drawings

• First Place: Taa'mi Red Elk

• Second Place: Unknown (unable to confirm name)

• Third Place: Totsiyah Red Elk

Mixed Media

• First Place: Lena Douglas

• Second Place: Daphne Tanequode

• Third Place: Tomi Portillo

Intertribal Category

Best of Show: Ann Quis Quis

Paintings

• First Place: Jeff Yellowhair



# Missing Murdered Indigenous People Walk To Remember

Story and Photos Submitted by Roxi Large/Missing and Murdered Indigenous People Program

Comanche Nation Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's (MMIP) program hosted Moses and Joseph Brings Plenty family for this year's Comanche Nation Fair 2024. The family lost Cole Brings Plenty this past April from an unfortunate MMIP case. They were very honored for the family to visit Comanche Nation and shed light on MMIP awareness from personal experiences.

MMIP families are often left with no answers or closure. They are left to question why or how their loved one died or went missing. MMIP cases are usually overlooked due to jurisdictional issues, systemic racism, lack of training, culturally insensitive scenarios or misinformation. Our Indigenous people have experienced injustice since the arrival of colonization, along with forced assimilation, genocide, relocation to reservations, and forced into boarding schools. Historical trauma has led the ongoing problematic issues the Indigenous people face today. Currently, we are facing a new genocide, which is the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people.

According to the National Missing and Unidentified Person's System (Nam Us), this year Oklahoma ranks second in the top 10 states for American Indian/Alaska Native missing person's case. Last year, the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) Missing Person and Unidentified Person Statistics logged 785 entries for Native Americans who were endangered and missing. These numbers speak volumes on reported cases to

law enforcement, but one can only imagine the unreported cases. Indigenous communities need to advocate for MMIP laws and generate awareness.

Moses and Joseph Brings Plenty family joined Comanche Nation MMIP Red Regalia dance special on Sept. 27th with the Mo's opening statement:

"This is my message, my message is at one time in this country we were the 100% population of people, and today we are barely just over 3% of the population of people within our own homelands."  
"I am just one person, it's not a I or a me, it's an us. And it's no joke what I'm talking about because it is a reality, and that reality came to my front door and knocked right on it, and it punched me in the face, the day that my nephew went missing."

"I'm sad, I'm frustrated and I'm angry because we are forgotten about and if we don't start making people face today. Currently, we are facing a new genocide, which is the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people. We are forgotten about and if we don't start making people face today. Currently, we are facing a new genocide, which is the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people. We are forgotten about and if we don't start making people face today. Currently, we are facing a new genocide, which is the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous people."

"If there's an extinction list, we're right at the top of that extinction list when it comes to human beings. Only the Indian can save the Indian, when we stand side by side. Today I walked around Fort Sill and I looked down at the headstone that said unknown Comanche, but I know that person's not unknown just in this

world but that person is also known somewhere else."

"I'm not just an actor, I've never been an actor. I'm always going to be a Lakota. I'm a born and raised reservation boy and I'm proud of that, I just got lucky. And now I'm going to share this platform for what's important to me and that's the MMIP."

Mo Brings Plenty's words resonate with struggle and injustice our MMIP families encounter in their daily lives, which relates to many Comanche families. For the sake, health and well-being of our Comanche Nation community, indigenous people must stand in solidarity with the MMIP movement, to support Native brothers and sisters. "Only the Indian can save the Indian."



Moses Brings Plenty speaks about the importance of upholding Native cultures September 27, at the Comanche Nation Fair Powwow.



Moses Brings Plenty receives a Pendleton September 28 at his honor luncheon sponsored by the Comanche Nation MMIP Program.



Joe Brings Plenty and Moses Brings Plenty wait for the Comanche Nation Fair Parade to begin September 28.

For More Photos of the Comanche Nation Fair, go to the The Comanche Nation News Facebook page

# Comanche Nation Fair 2024 Handgame Winners



Photos by Paula Karty/News Staff

2024 Comanche Nation Fair Handgame Champions Oklahoma Indians



2024 Comanche Nation Fair Handgame 2nd Place No Shame



2024 Comanche Nation Fair Handgame Best Guesser Mary Beaver

2024 Comanche Nation Fair Handgame Best Hider Steven Benson

Handgame Hand Drum Winner Johnny Arkeketa

# 2024 Comanche Nation Fair Golf Tournament Winners



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Closest to the Pin Chris Young



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Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Caipo Pelekane



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Longest Drive Senior Robert Komahcheet



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Longest Drive Woman Sarah Pohawpatchoko



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1st Place Flight A Chris and Rick Young



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1st Place Flight B Donovan Mills and Jerad Parker



Courtesy Photo

1st Place Flight C Terrance Fields and Brandon Rocky



Courtesy Photo

1st Place Flight D Yock Pohawpatchoko and Gary Tahmahkera



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

# The Annual Spirit Walk Brings Numerous Together



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

A total of 300 people attended the annual Spirit Walk September 29 during the Comanche Nation Fair.

Submitted by Caron Yellowfish/New Pathways

On September 29, the Annual Spirit Walk was held on Sunday morning of the Comanche Nation Fair. The weather was 60° at 6:30 a.m. It was cold but if you stood near the fire it felt nice. There was a line of 20-25 people waiting to be fanned off with cedar and blessed by Melvin Mithlo. There were many new participants and 25% of the faithful walkers that return each year.

Approximately 300 people were fanned off with cedar and blessed by Melvin Mithlo. The walk was led by Mithlo and Verna Burgess. The walk begins with prayer, stopping at each direction and offering prayers for our Indian People. Refreshments were available before the walk starts, at the halfway point and after the walk.

The New Pathways would like to thank everyone who came out so early and participated. They pur-



Comanche elder Gwen Kerchee receives orange juice during the Spirit Walk Sept. 29.

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## Comanche Nation is 'Creeping it Real' with a Trunk or Treat & Haunted Forest

Kids receive ghoulish goodies while the Haunted Forest raises money for elder Thanksgiving Baskets



## People, Places, & Things Happening



Tahdoahnippah



Robinson

**BOXING BOUT WINNERS.** Congratulations to 17-year-old George Tahdoahnippah who won his fighting match at Grady Brewer's Bad Boxing fight October 19, in Lawton, Oklahoma, which he won a belt. He also won Fight-of-the-Night for the youth division, which he won another belt. Congratulations to Dreon Robinson who won his debut boxing fight via Total Knock Out (TKO) at Grady Brewer's Boxing fight October 19, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

### Riverside Jr. High Boys Win Championship



Courtesy Photos

Congratulations to the Riverside Indian School Junior High Boys Cross Country team who won the Oklahoma Class 2-A Junior High All-Star Championship October 19. The team is coached by James Nell and Terry Ware.

### Dalby Participates in Arkansas 5K



Courtesy Photos

Congratulations to Comanche Tribal Member, Gabriel Dalby, a 9th grader from Cache High School. He ran a 5K (3.5miles) in Fayetteville, Arkansas at the Chili Pepper Festival on September 28. His time was 18:44.

His parents are Lauren Dalby-Summer and Jay Summer.

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### Myers Descendants Dedication

On September 21, 2014, members of the Myers family gathered in Apache, Oklahoma, at the Veterans Park to dedicate a granite bench in honor of the ten family members that served in the military.



The front of the Myers Descendants bench with the names of 10 veterans from the Myers family on top of the bench.

The park was established on November 17, 2007, and has three granite dyes with the names of 23 Apaches that died as a result of war including Comanches: SGT Melvin Myers and Cpl. Joshua Ware, and seven Apaches that were prisoners of war including Comanches: Cloyd Gooday and Bruce Klinekole.

There are now 10 benches in place paying tribute to different family veterans. The Asepermy, Paterson and now Myers families each have a bench. Also, there are 645 bricks that surround the memorial with the names of veterans that are from Apache or have connections with Apache. Many of the bricks have the names of Comanche veterans from Apache.



Apache Veterans Park

The dedication began at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Lanny Asepermy, prayer by Paul Tate Sr., posting, presentation and retiring of the colors by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA).

Comanche Vice-Chairman Diana Gail Sovo-Doyebi then presented a history of Comanches from Apache to the crowd of 75 people. Asepermy gave a brief history of the park and the Myers family.

Comanche veteran broth-

ers, Michael Waddle, from Berryville Ark., and William Melvin "Bill" Waddle, from Halifax, Va., unveiled the bench and Asepermy read the inscription on the top of the bench - the Waddle brothers, Paul Tate Sr. and Asepermy are all Comanche Vietnam War veterans.



CIVA posted, presented and retired the colors.

After the dedication the Myers family met at Fairview Cemetery, a mile east of Apache. Dirt, from the French town of Saint-mer-Eglise, was collected by CIVA Historian Bill Meadows during the CIVA trip to France in June 2024.

The dirt was placed on the grave of SGT Melvin Myers who was killed in action in Saint-mer-Eglise on June 14, 1944. He was buried at the first American cemetery in Saint-mer-Eglise after his death. In 1948 he was repatriated back to the United States and buried at the Fisher family cemetery (now under Lake Ellsworth).

In 1962 his remains were buried at Fairview cemetery. A casket flag was placed on his grave. A casket flag was placed on the Myers family. A CIVA wreath was placed on the grave and Linda Tehauno sang a buried hymn.



Comanche Vietnam War veteran William Melvin Waddle placing soil from Ste Mere Eglise, France onto the grave of Melvin Myers.



Comanche Iraq/Afghanistan War veteran displaying the casket flag of Melvin Myers.



Auxiliary leader Tavia Torrabla and Shirley Pohawatchoko preparing to place a wreath on the grave of Melvin Myers.

An Indian Taco meal was provided, by Shelley Asepermy, at the First Baptists Church Outreach Center upon returning from the cemetery.

After the meal, the CIVA presented CIVA jacket to the Waddle brothers - the brothers donated \$2,000 in 2019 and 2024 to help defray costs for the CIVA trips to France.

Veteran gift bags were then presented to the six living Myers veterans present. Quilts of Valor (QOV) were then presented to five of the living Myers veterans by the QOV Foundation from Piedmont, Oklahoma.

An embroidered Comanche Pendleton was then presented to Comanche member Lana Morris Scammahorn, assisted by Asepermy, suggested the bench and helped with the design and payment of the bench.



William Waddle being presented with a Quilt of Valor.



Comanche active duty veteran LtCdr Teri Myers Hughes receiving the casket flag of Melvin Myers.



Lana Morris Scammahorn receiving a Comanche Nation Pendleton for her efforts ordering the Myers descendant bench.

A brief explanation of the Myers family Comanche heritage. It began in 1862 when the Comanches stole Rudolph "Asewaynah" - Grey Blanket" Fisher. He was recovered at Fort Sill in 1877 but choose to remain with the Comanches.

Fisher was adopted by a Co-

manche named "Black Crow." Fisher had three wives and eight children.

One of his wives was Tissy Chauver "Tasatsana" Fisher. One of their children was Lena "He-va" Fisher. Lena married a non-Indian, James Harold Myers. They had 11 children Nima Hailman; Randlett Myers; Jennie Myers; Rudolph Fisher "Ike" Myers; Catherine Waddle; Josephine Wapp; Melvin "Hawkeye" Myers; Walker John "Red" Myers (who was married to Lanny Asepermy's mother, Ruth Asepermy, for 55 years), Vincent Cole Cole Myers; Alvin Jack" Myers; and Barbara Myers. All the children are deceased.

The Myers gathering consisted of grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great grandchildren of Rudolph Fisher.



Rudolph "Asewaynah" Fisher and his adopted father "Black Crow."



Lena "He-va" Fisher Myers

# Milestones

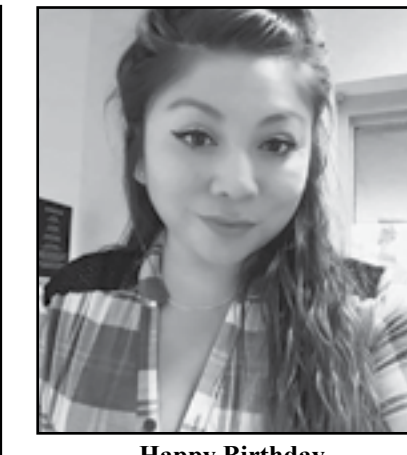
## Happy Belated Birthday

- September 6 - Galen Roy Shrock
- October 8 - Camila Rodriguez
- September 15 - Evie Henson
- October 20 - Shayla Simon
- October 25 - Philip Gilliam
- October 28 - Melani Shrock

## Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday Dana Simon November 6



Happy Birthday Sophie Suina November 8



Happy Birthday Mallory Harrington-Fei November 9 ~ Happy Birthday Little Horse! Love, Mom and Dad.



Happy 17th Birthday Hannah Rose Owens November 13 ~ Love you, Daddy, Momma, and Paigee.



Happy Birthday Larry Monoessy Jr. November 15



Happy Birthday Larry Monoessy Sr. November 16



Happy Birthday Ronald Monoessy Jr. November 16



Happy Birthday Tony Tahpapy November 19 ~From all your nieces, nephews, and grandkids!



Happy 10th Birthday Shayla Simon October 20 ~ From your Oklahoma family!



Happy 22nd Birthday Ronnie Zavala November 24 ~ Happy Birthday Son! We love you.



Happy Birthday Charles Tahah November 24



Happy Birthday Melvin Kerchee Jr. November 25



Happy Belated Birthday Camila Rodriguez October 8 ~ Happy belated birthday little princess. We all love you so much! From Mom, Dad, Brother, Kakoo, and your auntie's Ariane and Rachel. ♥



## Happily Married

Congratulations! Richard S. Bass Jr. and Gaylene Rose Basa Married September 25, 2024 in Laguna Hills, California.



Happy Heavenly Birthday from all your children and grandchildren!

## In Loving Memory Happy Heavenly Birthday

Sophia Tahmahkera Mahsetky November 6

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**Comanche Tribal Veterans Association**

## Birthday Powwow

### All Gourd Dance Program

In Honor and recognition of Shiann Famero Comanche Tribal Veterans Association Princess for her honorable service to CTVA and all Veterans

### Wednesday November 6th, 2024

5:00 pm - Birthday meal will be served  
6:00 pm to 9:30 pm - Gourd Dancing

Watchetaker Hall, Comanche Complex Lawton, Ok

#### HEAD STAFF

CTVA Princess - Shiann Famero  
MC - Edmond Nevaquaya  
Head Singer - Devon Wermey  
Head Man Dancer - James Chibitty  
Head Lady Dancer - Charlotte Marie Niyah  
Arena Directors - Unsee and Sierra Silverhorn  
Security - John Chasenah  
Co-hosts - Chasenah Family & Comanche Nation Academy  
Special invitation to Chairman Tahdoohnippah and CBC members  
Blue Sky Tosee, Comanche Nation Princess  
Arlene Schonchin, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess.  
All organizations and princesses are cordially invited.  
Cake walk and raffles will be on going. Donations of cakes, raffle items and birthday gifts would be greatly appreciated.  
Birthday meal will be served and provided by the CN Academy.  
Crafts vendor fee is a \$10 and Food vendors \$25  
Not responsible for accidents or loss. No drugs, alcohol or firearms permitted.  
Contact Eleanor McDaniel at 580 483-6864

Walters Service Club  
EST. 1952  
November 16, 2024  
3PM Opening Prayer  
Gourd Dance begins  
5PM-6PM Supper Break  
6PM Grand Entry  
8PM Closing Prayer  
Powwow ends

## VETERANS POWWOW

Contacts: Mari Lavatol, President (580) 704-7516  
Ruth Factor, Vice-President (405) 887-4700  
Eva Asemp, Treasurer (580) 438-9458  
Cecily Briggli, Secretary (580) 919-9666

### Contests

Coordinator: Carlene Atauvich Collins  
3PM: Contest registration opens  
7PM: Registration closes  
8PM: Contest begins

#### Tiny Tots (0-6)

Sponsor: Ann Quis Quis & Family  
Calling All Princesses  
\*Must wear banner, Winner Take All  
Sponsor: Kat Churchill & Kyleigh Davidson  
Womens Cloth (18-54)  
Sponsor: Natuv Inc  
Womens Cloth (55+)  
Sponsor: Robert & Betty Tippeconnie  
Mens Straight (18-54)  
Sponsor: Forrest Tahdoohnippah  
Mens Straight (55+)  
Sponsor: Joyce Burris  
Red, White & Blue (7-17)  
\*Must wear color(s), Winner Take All Boy & Girl  
Sponsor: Tiana McClung & Family

#### Special Invitation

Comanche Nation Princesses: Bluesky Tosee (Sr) & Arlene Schonchin (Jr); all organizations & Royalty; & all Veterans

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# THANK YOU VETERANS

"But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint".

- Isaiah 40:31

# Obituaries

## Benita Jozhe Eckiwardy



Courtesy Photo

Benita Jozhe Eckiwardy, went to her heavenly home on September 17, in Oklahoma City, Okla. She was born to Benedict Jozhe and Rachel (Martinez) Jozhe on April 2, 1934. Eckiwardy was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and was a decedent of the Fort Sill Apache Tribe. She attended school in Apache, Okla., and graduated from Apache High School.

While in high school she found a love for music and played the snare drum in the marching band. She completed her pre-nursing course work at the University of Oklahoma, where she also played in the "Pride of Oklahoma" marching band.

She then attended St. Anthony School of Nursing in 1955. She went on to earn a Bachelors Degree in Nursing from Texas Christian University. She met Emerson Eckiwardy, and they married on August 21, 1954, in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Eckiwardy enjoyed sewing and going to pow wows. Later in life she enjoyed going to the casino. Eckieardy carried the essence of nursing throughout her whole life. She genuinely cared for the well being of her family and friends. Often volunteering her free time to give rides to doctors appointments.

She is survived by daughters: Paula Eckiwardy and Diane Eckiwardy; nieces Monna and Phyllis Henry; granddaughters Christie Knox, Michelle Sanders, Mary Anquoe, and Elaine Sanchez; grandson Phillip Anquoe.

She is preceded in death by parents Benedict Jozhe Jr. (FSA P.O.W) and Rachel Jozhe; husband Emerson Eckiwardy; son Darryl Eckiwardy; sister Sylvia Jozhe Cates; aunt and uncle Pearl & James Kawaykla (FSA P.O.W); Aunts Alice Martinez Laurenaza, Faith Martinez, Hope Martinez; uncle Vincent Martinez; cousin Dawain Carl Benedict Kawaykla; niece Elizabeth Anquoe.

## John Edwin Anderson Jr.



Courtesy Photo

John Edwin Anderson Jr., went to his heavenly home on September 23.

Anderson was born on June 11, 1956, to John and Zena (Poemoceah) Anderson Sr. in Lawton. Anderson was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Anderson attended school at Riverside Indian School, upon gradu-

ation he completed his certification as an electrician at Great Plains Technology Center. In high school Anderson excelled in basketball. He had a fascination with automobiles and loved a "fast car." Anderson worked as an electrician and also drove a cab for Yellow Cab Taxi in Lawton.

Anderson lived a simple life, he adored and spoiled his dogs. He also loved sweets and his favorites included cookies, candies, and turtle trailmix.

Anderson is survived by brothers: John Anderson and Larry Anderson Jr. of Apache; daughters: Kelly Acosta of Oklahoma City, and BJ Anderson of Apache; grandchildren Thunder Acosta and Lightning Acosta; niece Kyleigh Anderson.

Anderson is preceded in death by parents John Edwin Anderson Sr. and Zena (Poemoceah) Anderson; uncles: DD Anderson and Ron Anderson.

## Terry Geimausaddle



Courtesy Photo

Terry Geimausaddle, journeyed home on September 28, in Lawton, Okla. Geimausaddle was born to Coley Geimausaddle and Rose Nahquaddy on August 5, 1943.

Geimausaddle attended school in Temple, Okla., and left school to work. He eventually earned his General Education Degree. He went on to obtain his welder's certification, CLEET certification, and CDL certification. He utilized his welder certification and worked at Barrett Trailers and the Oklahoma City Zoo. While employed at the Oklahoma City Zoo, he was instrumental in the installation and repair of the animal enclosures.

He utilized his CLEET certification and began his law enforcement career as security at the Comanche Nation Casino. He then went on to work for the Comanche Nation Tribal Police Department and Bureau of Indian Affairs. He retired from the Geronimo Police Department.

Geimausaddle was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and was a descendant of the Kiowa Tribe. Geimausaddle was incredibly proud of his heritage and belonged to the Kiowa Black Leggings and Comanche Little Ponies. He was also an Esa Rosa Decedent and Yellowfish Decedent. Geimausaddle was an accomplished southern straight dancer and was well known throughout ndn country.

He is survived by son Everett Cody Geimausaddle; daughter Evelyn Rose Geimausaddle; brothers Victor Youngman, Kenneth Geimausaddle, and Gordon Geimausaddle; sisters Lauren Boyd (James), Roberta Blocker (Pete), Darla Geimausaddle and Kathy Geimausaddle; grandchildren Koda, Corrine, Melinda "Mimi", Sara, Wyatt, Sebastian Geimausaddle, Erin Nees, and Amber Mullins; sister niece Sunny Nahquaddy and many adopted brothers, and sisters.

He is preceded in death by his parents; brothers Ronnie Geimausaddle, Glen Kaulity, Lanny Geimausaddle, Rueben Hardin, Howard "Buggy" Geimausaddle, Roger "Doger" Geimausaddle, Glen Geimausaddle, Howard Coley Geimausaddle III; sisters Barbara Geimausaddle Tahchawickack and Karen Purley.

## Sophia Lorene (Sovo) Remer



Courtesy Photo

Sophia Lorene (Sovo) Remer, 60, of Vian, Oklahoma, passed away at sunset on September 29, surrounded by her loving family. Her family sang her favorite songs to her and shared her favorite stories as she journeyed to the arms of the Lord. Remer was born to Thomas Louis Sovo Sr. and Geneva (Sunagoovie) Sovo on August 24, 1964, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Remer is now in heaven in the presence of Jesus, singing with the loved ones who passed on before her. Remer had great pride in her Sterling Tigers, but her greatest joy was her children and grandbabies. She enjoyed her job as one of the most loved "lunch ladies" at Vian Public Schools. She served in the Vian Public Schools for 19 years. Proud member of the Comanche Nation and also of the Cherokee and Creek descent. She enjoyed traveling back and forth from Vian to Sterling, Oklahoma, to visit family and friends. She loved watching her nieces and nephews cheer and play sports. Remer often talked about all her travels and of seeing George Strait, front and center. She would brag to us that she touched him as he walked by! She was looking forward to her retirement and traveling with momma "Tee" to see all those places on their bucket list. She was blessed with many good friends, and perhaps one of her most precious sisters was Toddie. Thank you, Toddie, for always being present with Remer.

Thank you to the Vian Public School lunch ladies and all those who continued talking and visiting with her.

Remer is survived by her children, Sahrina DeShawn Remer and Robert Morgan Remer, and her siblings, Kris and Dwayne Smith, and Thomas "T.D." and Kathy Sovo; her grandchildren, Rosslyn Morgan Remer, Myka Wade Rowland, and Sovo Brikk Ed Bush Rowland; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, other family members, and friends. She loved her Western Oklahoma family dearly and wished they could have spent more time together.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas Louis Sovo Sr. and Geneva (Sunagoovie) Sovo-Smith; her brother, Kendall Smith; her grandmother, Earnestine Sovo; and her former husband and friend, Wade Remer.

Visitation was October 4, in the Sequoyah Memorial Chapel of Forever Memories Funeral Services of Sallisaw, Oklahoma. A funeral service was held October 5, at the Cedar Springs Baptist Church in Gore, Oklahoma.

The final resting place is at the Garden of Memories Cemetery in Vian, Oklahoma.

Pallbearers were: Robert Remer, Nelson Smith, Spencer Smith, Sterling Smith, Peydan Sovo, Tony Komahcheet, Aydan Mithlo, Joe McEver, and Andrew Parr.

Honorary pallbearers: "Baby Gene" Mithlo, Ricky Mithlo, Russel Mithlo Sr., Andy Mithlo, Kevin "Bubba" Sovo, Justin Sovo, Kristopher Sovo, Aubrey Mithlo, Kendall Mithlo, Russell "Junior" Mithlo, Ethan Mithlo, Nathan Leaf,

Jimmy Leaf, Kevin Gentry, Thomas "Nuna" Harvell, Morgan Tosee and Frank Tosee.

The family has placed their trust in the caring hands of Forever Memories Funeral Services, INC, Sallisaw, Oklahoma, for the funeral arrangements.

## Tsistohn Louise Mithlo



Courtesy Photo

Tsistohn Louise Mithlo, went to be with Jesus on October 6. She was born on December 9, 1977, to Melvin and Hilda Mithlo. Mithlo attending school in Apache, and graduated from Riverside Indian School, Class of 1995. Mithlo was humble in her walk with the creator, she was a lifelong member of the United Methodist Church of Apache and a member of the Native American Church *Taba Eka* Chapter. She descended from singing and dancing people, as well as peyote people and proudly carried on their traditions and teachings. Mithlo was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. She was also of Apache descent. Mithlo was born into the Mithlo Clan of Mt. Spirit Dancers and the Sun Clan of the Mescalero Apaches. In her early years Mithlo traveled throughout the United States and Canada with her father and the MGM drum group. They were the first Native American Drum Group to achieve an Emmy; and Mithlo was a part of that moment in history. Mithlo was an artist, she created beautiful beadwork and dance regalia for her family. Her greatest accomplishment was being a mother, she loved and adored her children. She walked with them through life as their confidant and trusted friend. Mithlo departed this world suddenly, her family is deeply saddened. As the absence of her love, leaves an irreplaceable void.

She is survived by her parents; sons Watson Thomas Eugene, Tristone Elvino, and Laziyah Christian Mithlo; daughters Tahtziltoey Louise and Nacona Leilani Mithlo. As well as a loving family in New Mexico; numerous, uncle, aunts, cousins, and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband Johnny Wetsilline;

## Lyanna Lynn Toyekoyah



Courtesy Photo

Lyanna Lynn Toyekoah, was born and went to her heavenly home on October 6.

Her parents are Ashley and Devin Toyekoah.

She may not have got to live the life her parents wanted for her, but for the short time they got to be with her.

She will always be forever in their hearts. She was already loved so much by her mother Ashley and father Devin, along with her older brothers, Jett and Dash. Until we see you again, rest in heaven our beautiful baby girl. We will miss you so much. Love you forever and always our beautiful angel Lyanna. Love your family. Toyekoah was of both Comanche and Kiowa descent.

She is survived by: parents Devin and Ashley (Nahquaddy) Toyekoah, brothers, Jett and Dash Toyekoah all of the home; grandparents: Lisa Sankadota of Anadarko, Ramona and Tony Austin (Nana and Papa) of Apache, Tony and Crystal Horse of Tulsa, Godmother Christina Gomez of Anadarko; great grandparents: Carol and Ronnie Twohatchett of Carnegie, Anita Toyekoah of Anadarko, Kathleen PwewnoKit of Anadarko; aunts and uncles: Lyndsey, Chase and Alyssa Toyekoah of Anadarko, Elijah, Abigail, and Faith Horse of Tulsa, Vance, Kimberly and Amy of Lawton, Eric and Emily.

Toyekoah was greeted in heaven by her grandparents: Lance and Barbra Nahquady and great grandparents: Ella Horse and Angela Gomez; uncle Jeffery Thad Toyekoah; cousins, Ronald Nahquady and Jason Cuellar.

Funeral service was October 16, at Comanche Nation Funeral Home with Kathleen PwewnoKit officiating.

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### ICU Celebrations and Free Documents Shred Day

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