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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

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



Lanny Asepermy Inducted into the **Military Hall of** Fame

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



Story by Jolene Schonchin and Natascha 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



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

tion. "We gather here today to 1941, in Cache. An Oklahoma native, honor the legacy of Rance Hood, Hood was raised by his maternal full-Comanche Nation Inaugural Na- blooded Comanche grandparents,

Hood was born February 9,

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 Tahdooahnippah. "The CBC decided the inaugural posthumous National Treasurer will be Rance Hood and our inaugural Living National Treasure will be Geneva Navarro."

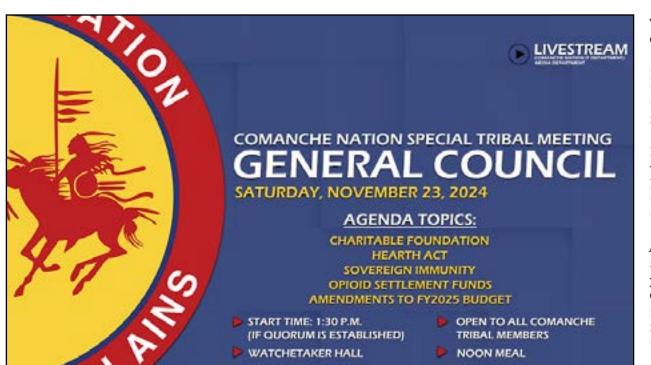
Hood was proclaimed a National Treasurer of the Comanche Nation at the 2024 Comanche Nation Fair. Accepting the plaque and a Comanche blanket on his behalf was his daughter, Andrea Hood. The Comanche Nation Vice Chairwoman, Diana Doyebi Sovo, conducted his inductional Treasure Recipient, Rance Hood.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

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 bullrider before becoming an iconic selftaught 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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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 civilUratabenitu Mua (November) 2024



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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

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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 Tahdooahnippah, 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.

News items of interest to the local 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

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.

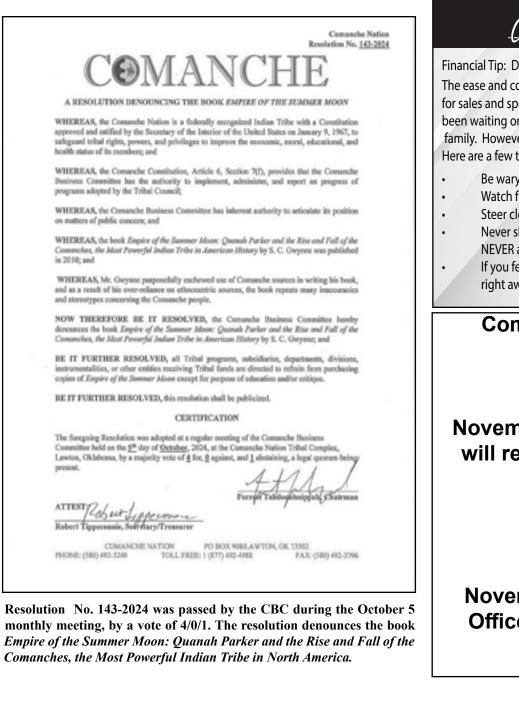
Resolution No. 151-2024- Resolution to Request No Cost Extension. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

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.





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 Connavichnah 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 Watchetaker 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 convivences 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.





Child Support Services **Announces Court Dates**

In the Comanche Nation Court

- Brandon Eidson: CNCSP-24-28; Petition to Accept Transfer of Jurisdiction
- Brandon Palmer: CNCSP-24-26; Petition to Register Order Under Full Faith and Credit and Motion for Income Assignment Order on Per Capita Income
- Antoinette Hernasy: CNC-SP-21-34; Motion to Determine Support Arrears and Reduce to Judgment

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.

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Comanche Court Legal Aid Clinic

Comanche tribal members have to opportunity to get assistance with legal advice and understand filings within the Comanche tribal court. The legal services are provided by Great Plains Legal Services.

All times will be 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

- November 6
- November 13
- November 20
- November 25

There will be a Wills Clinic 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Nov. 15 at the Comanche Nation Court House. For more information, call the Comanche Nation Court, (580) 492-3822.

CN Election	
Board Meeting	
November 12, 2024	
6 p.m.	
Comanche Complex	
Code Talkers Room	

Dallas Outreach Re-Opens

The Comanche Nation Outreach in Dallas, Texas is excited to announce the official reopening of the office as of October 31. After months of preparation, the staff is thrilled to resume in-person services for the Dallas community. The office will offer vital support, including connecting tribal members with both tribal and non-tribal services and resources, career exploration and preparation assistance, educational resources, cultural programs, and outreach initiatives designed to empower Comanche Nation members and the surrounding Native community.

Their goal is to create a welcoming environment where individuals can receive guidance and information on the Comanche Nation including navigating non-local services available to tribal members, as well as access information on other available resources. In addition to its core services, they will provide support in professional preparation, career development, a community pantry, and opportunities to engage in cultural and community-building activities. The staff looks forward to reconnecting with the community TRIBAL COURT CHILD HEAR- and expanding their outreach efforts

The Comanche Nation Dal-PLEASE TAKE NOTE las Outreach is located at 1261 Record THAT ALL COURT OF INDIAN Crossing Dr., Dallas, Texas, within OFFENSES CHILD SUPPORT the Texas Native Health complex. For HEARING WILL BE CONDUCT- more information, please call or text (817) 876-5672 or email us at dallasoutreach@comanchenation.com. Additional details can be found on it's website at www.comanchedallasoutreach.com or the Comanche Nation website at www.comanchenation. com. Stay tuned for updates about services and upcoming events.

Student of the Month Kristen Murrow

November

Courtesy Pho Murrow

Kristen is a great-greatgreat granddaughter of Chief Ten Bears. She graduated with her Masters in Social Work, and she also completed a Graduate Certificate in Social Work with Native Americans from the University of Oklahoma in May 2024. She achieved this while caring for two children, now aged 8 and 2.

Murrow currently works in the mental health field as Behavioral Health Consultant. She is also under supervision to become a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, which she is aiming to complete by December 2025.

Murrow's plans for the future include completing a Doctor of Social Work. With her education, Murrow wants to create a therapy equine program dedicated to reconnecting tribal members back to traditional roots, while also providing therapy that is more receptive to Native American populations.

Murrow's ultimate goal is to eliminate substance use and to reduce suicide within Native communities, starting with our own.







Kester

Analisa Kester has recently received a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry-Health Science, as well as a Bachelor's degree in Forensic Sciof Central Oklahoma.

dent at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences.

After she graduates, Kester plans to work in the Indian Health Services to give back to the community that has helped her succeed throughout all her years of higher education.

> November **Higher Education Student of the Month Kinsey Groves**



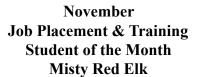
Groves

Kinsey Goves is the daughter of Sonya and Kyle Groves, and a descendant of May Mihesuah on her malaida

Groves is studying Computer Engineering at the University of Texas at Dallas. After graduation she plans to pursue a career in interactive media, focusing on artificial intelligence

In her free time, she enjoys being with her sorority sisters and attending meetings with her local FGC at UTD.

Groves is honored to be recognized as Undergraduate Student of the Month and is excited to continue contributing to her community.





Red Elk

Misty Red Elk is scheduled to graduate in Spring 2025 with an Associate of Applied Science in Health Care Management, as well as an Associate of Applied Science in Pre-Professional Studies.

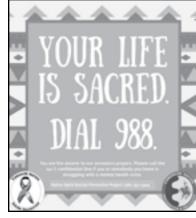
Red Elk plans to continue ence- Chemistry from the University her studies to receive a Baccalaureate undergraduate degree in Health Kester is currently a first- Care Management. Red Elk wants year Doctorate of Pharmacy stu- to utilize her degrees to give back to the community by working to serve underprivileged demographics with an emphasis on the Native American community

> As a proud member of the Comanche Nation, Red Elk is grateful and humbled by the unwavering support of the Comanche Nation Higher Education Department. The professionalism of the department has been pivotal to her ability to continue her education as a non-traditional student. The timeliness and accuracy of receiving grants for tuition and books has led to a successful educational journey.

Red Elk would like to extend a big Ura to Ekayah Rosette-Koassechony and Tamara Wermy for always having her back.



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ceptionally creative individual, Hood exhibited in hundreds of galleries. outdoor, group exhibits, and solo exhibitions throughout the United States, Germany, and elsewhere in Europe. His paintings can be found at many galleries, museums and in magazines including; The Southern Plains Indian Museum, Public collections of Eiteljorg (Eh-tha- lourg) Museum in Indianapolis, Indiana, the Thomas Gilcrease Institute of American History and Art in Tulsa, the Museum of the American Indian in New York, the Oklahoma Museum of Art in Oklahoma City, the Philbrook Art Center in Tulsa, the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and Western Heritage Center in Oklahoma City and The Heard Museum in Phoenix. Hood's artwork has been featured on many magazine covers and in articles including; "Rance Hood, Comanche Artist." American Indian Craft and Culture Magazine "Oklahoma Indian Art." Southwest Art and "The Role of Oklahomans in Native American Art." Persimmon Hill. Hood has won many awards including and not limited to; The 1961 and 1971 Grand Awards from the American Indian Exposition, Best Western Cover Art from the American Writers of America. Award of Merit. Colors of the Heartland, Reyna's Galleries, San Juan Bautista, California, First Anniversary Indian Market, First Place and Special Award, Santa Fe, New Mexico, 1985 Pony and Warrior, bronze, artist's collection, 1991 Vision of Crazy Horse, cast paper, and The Comanche, Honorable Mention, Philbrook Art Center, Tulsa. He has also won awards for Best Poster Art at the American Artists Lithograph Competition and won the Annual Award for sculpture at the American Indian Film Festival, just to name a

Hood explored many artistic worlds teaching him-self how to play the acoustic guitar, electric guitar, and the harmonica. He spoke fluent Numu Tekwa, loved horses, and had a remarkable mind for transforming dreams to reality. He has been commissioned to create the exterior design of a Cheyenne III Jet, a commemorative medallion for the Comanche Nation, the current Comanche Nation emblem, in addition to the original life-size "War Pony" Painted Ponies, which resides at the Comanche Nation, as well as 'War Pony" the number one selling collectible figurine, and collectible pony, "War Magic." Hood's painting, "Coup Stick Song" was selected by Carlos Santana for Santana's 2012 album cover "Shape Shifter," and as a selftaught sculptor, he designed the Native American Indian Film Festival award, still today produced and presented to the Best Actor and Actress.

Hood said, "Why do I paint what I paint? I paint for the old people and try to keep the old ways alive. I just want to be known as a good artist who remembers the old ways as they were long ago. I wish I lived in that period of time. I am Comanche." (Rance Hood, Mystic Painter, 2006). Through Hood's exceptional ancestral connection, credible intuition, and genius expression, he will be forever considered one of the most successful Plains Indian artists throughout the world. Hood was an absolute believer in God, The Great Spirit, Jesus Christ, and a proud member of The Native American Church.

"As we conclude this heartfelt tribute to Rance Hood, I would like to present this award to one of his daughters, Andrea Hood, on behalf of her father. Andrea, your father's legacy lives on in you and in the many lives he touched. We are deeply grateful for your presence here today, and we honor your family as you carry forward his spirit and values. Please join us in celebrating Rance Hood, a true national treasure, whose impact will be felt for generations to come. Ura," Doyebi-Sovo concluded.

Geneva Woomavovah Navarro

On October 12, members of the CBC gathered at the home of Geneva Woomavoyah Navarro in Albuquerque, New Mexico to proclaim



Hood

her as a National Living Treasure of the Comanche Nation.

"I cannot think of anyone more deserving than Geneva because I had the pleasure to be one of her students during Covid through Zoom.' Tahdooahnippah expressed. " I wish I spoke more Comanche, and I know a lot of other tribal members do. She dedicated her life to making sure that happened. People that I know that are younger and my age who can speak Comanche fluently studied with her. She had a first-hand influence on making sure our language goes on for another generation. The one word that can sum it up is 'nanisuwukai. Wonderful. She is a wonderful woman, a wonderful human being who did wonderful things." Tahdooahnippah read her

induction

Geneva Woomavoyah Na varro was born January 4, 1926 in Apache Oklahoma to Esther Tuinupu and Max Woomavoyah. She is a decent of Chief Wild Horse-Kobe (pronounced Ko-bey) who was a prisoner of war at Ft. Sill in the late 1800's. She is a member of the Comanche Nation coming from the Kwaharu Band (Antelope) and the Penanuu Band (meaning sting like a Wasp and take off according to her Toko).

At age 5, she was sent to live with her Toko Tuinupu and Kaku Mookaama. She became her grandparent's interpreter since neither of them spoke English. She tried to teach her grandmother English but she just couldn't understand. Her grandmother told her she was sorry she didn't take the beating and punshment at the boarding school like her sisters got when they spoke Comanche and wished she learned Eng-

Navarro started public school in Apache, Oklahoma at age 7 in the 1st grade. She was eager to learn and loved to read. By the seventh grade she begged her grandmother to let her go to boarding school at Ft. Sill Indian school and reluctantly her *Kaku* gave in and let her go. A week later she cried to go back home because she was home sick. Her grandmother scolded her and told her she cried to go to boarding school so now she had to stay.

In 1945, Navarro returned home to Apache to the public school because her grandmother became ill from tuberculosis. Her grandmother died after Navarro's Sophomore year in high school. She told her grandfather she did not want to go back to school and he said, 'okay.' She told her step father Luther Brace that her grandfather said she could quit school so he bought her a bus ticket and sent her to Haskell Institute, which at the time was still a boarding vocational school to finish her senior year.

She chose pre-nursing and was forced to pick a religion. She told them that peyote was her religion but they said she had to choose a white man's religion. She did a little research to find out more about the different religions by asking her friends that were in those religions. When she found out the Baptist's were forbidden to dance. She asked a friend attending the Catholic church if they were allowed to dance which they were so she joined the Catholic faith

She said she would have never passed chemistry if it weren't



for Carney Saupitty Sr. who helped her through it. They had a belt line for the young men who were accused of doing wrong and the athletes were the ones who gave out the punishment as the young men had to run

In 1946 Navarro attended the Kiowa Indian Hospital Licensed Practical Nurse Training in Lawton Oklahoma. She used her Comanche language as an interpreter to help some patients that did not speak English. She was stationed at Ft. Defiance Arizona and didn't want to go because it looked too far on the map but again her stepfather bought a bus ticket for her to go work there. She got acquainted with the priest there and they became friends. When on a trip to visit his sister in Oklahoma, the priest stopped by St. Anthony's School of Nursing in Oklahoma City and picked up and application for her. She attended St. Anthony's in 1951 a Registered Nurse. She worked as the hearing before the United States a Registered Nurse for 40 years in public and the Indian Health Service rics including newborn and pediatric guage Survival Schools and for other nursing, and intensive care. She re- purposes. tired in 1986 as the Assistant Director of Nursing at the Santa Fe Indian Hospital in New Mexico.

In 1993, Navarro became a member of the Comanche Language and Cultural Preservation Commit-

and stepped into a teaching position where she had voluntarily taught the Comanche language to whomever was interested. In the late 1990's Navarro helped create the Children's powwow in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the Wheelwright Museum which held an annual dance for years and was involved in the annual Youth Language Fair for the Indigenous Language Institute in Santa Fe. When to the Future" at the Oklahoma State she moved to Oklahoma, she helped start the annual Youth Language Fair in Norman, Oklahoma at the Sam Noble Museum. She worked for the University of New Mexico and Cameron University via the Comanche che Language. She also taught the tended and completed seminars from through the line to get hit all in pub- tive Language Association (ONLA) for Linguistics Classes with Northeastern University Native American Studies, Tahlequah receiving four Language certificate of endorsement. She taught at many youth language camps and was awarded a teaching grandsons). certificate for Comanche Language by the Comanche Nation and the Comanche Language and Cultural Preservation Committee (CLCPC). She was invited to join the Healthy Family Committee to teach and pass on the Comanche language to employees and families of the program. Navarro also taught the Comanche Language at several high schools and the Comanche Nation Daycare.

In 2003, Navarro was invitand graduated after three years as ed to testify with Rita Coosewoon at Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on S.575, a bill to amend the Native doing general nursing duties includ- American Languages Act to provide ing medical and surgical care, obstet- support of the Native American Lan-

Her memberships included being a participate as an observer in the Lodge Pole River Project, sponsored by the National Geographic. Navarro was an officer and active member of the Elder's Council. She tee (CLPC). In 1995 she realized that was the Vice-President in 2004 for the Comanche language was dying the North American Indian Women's

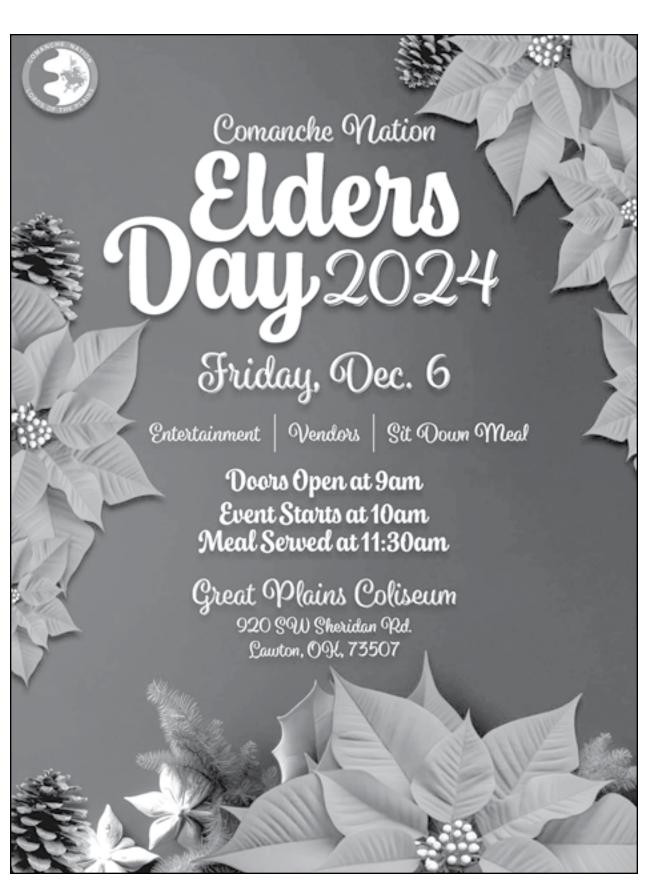
Association (NAIWA), received an Outstanding American Indian Elders recognition award as an outstanding

community tribal member involved in language preservation and culture from the AARP, was invited to participate in the Sovereignty Symposium for several years, received the Oklahoma Spirit Award for "Preserving Our Languages, Building Bridges Capitol

In 2007, Navarro moved back to New Mexico with her youngest daughter Jan Woomavoyah where she taught the Comanche language at SIPI, and around the Albuquerque Nation College teaching the Coman- and Santa Fe areas. In 2020, during the pandemic, she taught the Comanlanguage in Dallas, Texas. She at- che Language virtually over Zoom where the students joined from all a scholarship from the Oklahoma Na- across the Nation and into Canada and Mexico. She taught the Comanche language for 28 years. She just retired officially at the end of 2023 just shy of her 98th birthday. Navarhours of college credit and a Native ro has three daughters and one son and many Kaku's, Tsaa's, and three little *Tami's* (brothers)=(Great-great

"Her bio is a testament to the impact you have had. It is an honor for me to present this to you, concluded Tahdooahnippah.

Tahdooahnippah added the two plaques will be displayed at the Comanche National Museum



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

Comanche Nation Entertainment Hosted Fourth Annual Charity Golf Tournament



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 it's 4th Annual Charity Golf Tournament.

Comanche Nation Entertainment raised \$10,000 to support Co- ful to all our sponsors, volunteers manche 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 grateand everyone involved for their hard work and generous support in making this year's golf tournament a success," said Dovle. "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.



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ians Briefly, his efforts have contributed to; 11 monuments in southwest Oklahoma, over 400 articles on veterans in The Comanche Nation News newspaper and local papers, collecting records on nearly 1,300 Comanche veterans, serving as iaison for the Comanche and Kiowa Code Talkers medals, honoring the Comanche Code Talkers at Utah Beach in France and fallen Comanche WWII veterans in Europe, serving 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 mod- Comanche Veterans. el in many communities – military and civilian, academic and public, Native and non-Native. He is a vet- Garden in honor of the only Coeran, 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

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 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;

Whereas, after his retirement, Aseper- and Pawnee Nations; and my 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, 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.

of Honor which lists the names, rank branch, and years of service of 1,293

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

Created the Apache OK Vet-

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.

Provided the protocol for the War Scout and CIVA Color Guard who fulfilled over 1,900 commitments. supported over 300 funeral services, and provided placement of 300 military markers of Native veterans.

As a longtime ambassador/ volunteer with the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation, he was the nominator responsible for the induction into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame of the WWI & WWII Code Talkers from the Comanche, Choctaw,

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 Distingished Public Service Award.

NOW THEREFORE:

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 Upgraded the CIVA Court Hall of Fame 26 October 2024.

SECRETARIAL ELECTION

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received by the Secretarial by December 7. Election Board, via U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 1550, Anadarko, be conducted entirely by mail Oklahoma 73005 by Tuesday, out ballot only. There will be November 19, 2024, in order no polling sites. If your Voter to vote in this election. Please Registration Form is received consider mail delivery time by Tuesday, November 19, and holiday delays. Complete 2024, you will automatically the Voter Registration Form be mailed a Mail out Baland place in the U.S. Mail lot Packet. Immediately after immediately for it to be <u>RE-</u> the ballots are counted on CEIVED by Tuesday, No- Wednesday, December 18, vember 19, 2024. You must 2024, the Certificate of Resubmit your Voter Registra- sults of Election will be posttion For ID to the Secretarial ed at the Comanche Nation Election Board by U.S. Mail. Complex, Elgin, Oklahoma;

member whose name does Outreach Office, Anadarko, not appear on the Registered Oklahoma; Comanche Nation Voters List can challenge the OKC Outreach Office, Oklaright to vote by presenting a homa City, Oklahoma; and written challenge to the Sec- Comanche Nation Dallas Outretarial Election Board. The reach Office, Dallas, Texas; right to vote of anyone whose Comanche Nation Outreach' name is on the list may also Office, Albuquerque, New be challenged in writing to the Mexico; Anadarko Agency, Secretarial Election Board via Anadarko, Oklahoma; and Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005 fice, Anadarko, Oklahoma.

This election is to Any adult tribal Comanche Nation Anadarko

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE COMANCHE NATION SECRETARIAL ELECTION DECEMBER 18, 2024

SIDE-BY-SIDE COMPARISON

COMANCHE NATION CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE XI, SECTION 1:

AMENDMENT A

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the business committee or by a petition signed by two hundred (200) adult members of the tribe who are entitled to vote, and if approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, shall be submitted to the voters of the Tribe, and shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of those who cast ballots in an election called by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

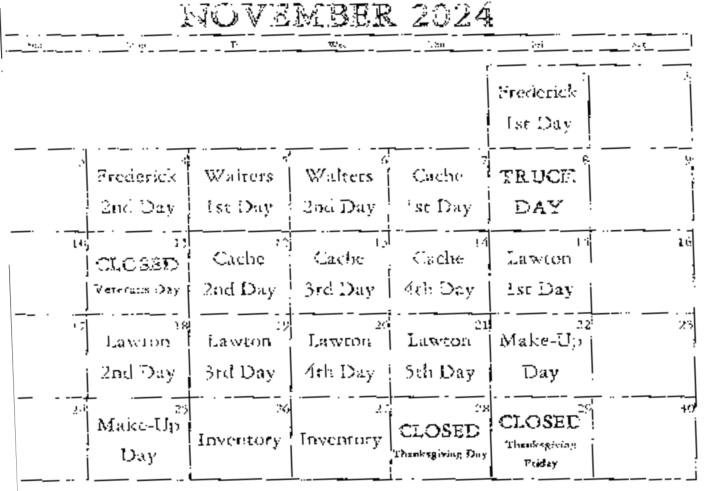
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Section 1. Amendments to this Constitution may be proposed by a majority vote of the Business Committee or by a petition signed by two hundred (200) adult members of the tribe who are entitled to vote. Such proposals shall be submitted to the voters of the Tribe, and shall become effective when ratified by a majority vote of those who cast ballots in an election.

CURRENT	PROPOSED AMENDMENT					
	AMENDMENTB					
Section 1. This constitution shall become effective when approved by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs and ratified by a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Comanche Nation voting in an election called by the Commissioner; provided, that at least thirty (30) percent of those eligible to cast ballots.	Section 1. This constitution shall be amended by the ratification of a majority vote of the eligible voters of the Comanche Nation votin population in an election called by the tribal council, provided that at least thirty (30) percent of the eligible voters cast ballots.					

U.S. Mail at P.O. Box 1550, Southern Plains Regional Of- 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.

Culinary Corner/Fun Page



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

Dissolve yeast in water. Add sugar and stir, then add half flour (2 1/2 cups.) Mix well. Add shortening and salt and stir well. Add remaining flour 1 cup at a time. Let rise until double in size. Pinch off and place in greased pan. Let rise about 1 hour. Bake at 400 degrees for 15 - 20 minutes.

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

Mix all above ingredients in a casserole dish. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 30 minutes

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 will blended. Stir in beans and 2/3 cup onions. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until hot. Stir. Sprinkle with remaining onions. Bake 5 minutes longer or until onions are

golden brown.

Pecan Pie 1/2 Cup white sugar 1/4 Cup butter or margarine 1 Cup light corn syrup Dash salt 1 Cup chopped pecans

1 Pie shell unbaked 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.

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Hani Nookopu **Corn Bread**

1 Cup flour 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.

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 ap-

ple cider l 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.

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 9x13pan 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.

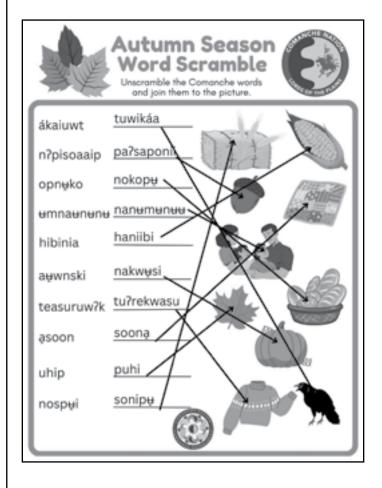
Celery Salad

2 Cups celery, thinly sliced 2/3 Cup carrot, shredded or 1 can carrots chopped 2 Tbsp onion, chopped 2 Tbsp salad dressing, mayon-

naise type 1 Tsp prepared mustard

2 Tsp vinegar Dash pepper

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



ONABI - SALT

PITSIPU - MILK

PAPASI - POTATO

NOHKOPU - BREAD TUHKAPU - FOOD, MEAT

YUHU PITSIPU - BUTTER **TU?PIHNA - BLACK PEPPER**

2024 Comanche Nation Fair Draws Thousands Winners of Various Events Announced **Comanche Nation Fair Powwow Winners**

Golden Women's Comanche 60+ 4th Place - JoNeda Sage 3rd Place -Charlotte McCurtain 2nd Place -Carlene Atauvich Collins 1st Place -Dorothy Tahah

Golden Age Comanche Men 60+ **3rd Place-Dennis Plumley** 2nd Place- Marlin Tahdooahnippah 1st Place- Billy Komahcheet Jr. Girls Jingle Fancy 3rd Place-Lyric Hogner 2nd Place-Audrianna Barcindebar 1st Place-Adele Greeley Jr. Girls Northern Traditional 3rd Place-Maya Goodfox 2nd Place-Sadie Pacheco 1st Place-Anessa Hamon Jr. Girls Southern Traditional 3rd Place-Dakota Pacheco 2nd Place-Emily Gray 1st Place-SJ Littlecook Jr. Boys Grass/Chicken 2nd Place-Elias Cable 1st Place-Kolin Begay Jr. Boys Traditional 1st Place-Sabian Shawnee Jr. Boys Fancy 3rd Place-Avery Rena 2nd Place-Pacer Yellowfish 1st Place-Alexander Berry Jr. Boys Straight 3rd Place-Wesley Berry 2nd Place-Dominic Gutierrez 1st Place-Eli Yazzie Teen Girls Northern/Southern Cloth 4th Place-Victoria Hamon 3rd Place-Anessa Blackbear 2nd Place-Mash-ta Littlecook

3rd Place-Naumi Yarholar 2nd Place-Daelena Tsonetokoy 1st Place-Dezirae Monoessy Teen Girls Fancy 4th Place-Kemyrah Little Axe 3rd Place-Nataliya Najera 2nd Place-Niya Begay 1st Place-Decora Monoessy Teen Girls Jingle 4th Place-Halona Lewis 3rd Place-Cedar Littlecook 2nd Place-Mary Ella Whitehorse-Wermy 1st Place-Tatiana Barcindebar Teen Boys Straight 4th Place-Cayden Klinekole 3rd Place-Reignn Yellowfish 2nd Place-Anthony Monoessy Jr. 1st Place-Ronald Monoessy Jr. Teen Boys Traditional 4th Place-Eibel Yellowfish 3rd Place-Newton Kemble 2nd Place-Rowdy Street 1st Place-Nolan Shawnee Teen Boys Grass/Chicken 4th Place-Nashoba Portillo 3rd Place-Lakota Lewis 2nd Place-Talon Street 1st Place-Tomoyake Tahchawwickah Teen Boys Fancy 1st Place- Joran Fingernail Golden Age Women Northern 3rd Place- Donna Patty 2nd Place-Nellie Silverhorn 1st Place- Tonette Ponkilla Golden Age Women Southern 4th Place-Amber Komahcheet 3rd Place-Tonya Moore

Teen Girls Northern/Southern Buckskin

4th Place-Anais Bullcoming

2nd Place- Sandy Harris 1st Place-Mel Motah Golden Age Men Northern 3rd Place-George Cricket Shield 2nd Place-Pat Pacheco 1st Place-Pat Moore Golden Age Men Southern 4th Place-Terry Tsotigh 3rd Place-R.G. Harris 2nd Place-Joe Bointy 1st Place-Randy Moore Sr. Adult Women Northern **Traditional** 2nd Place-Denice Haury 1st Place-Marcy Fiddler Sr. Adult Women Jingle 4th Place-Bridget Cooley 3rd Place-Regina Youngbear 2nd Place-Ashley Lamont 1st Place-Rebecca Roberts Sr. Adult Women's Southern Buckskin 4th Place-Alicia Chaino Ahkeahbo 3rd Place-Erin Chibitty 2nd Place-Bridget Blackowl 1st Place-Crystal Lightfoot Sr. Adult Women's Fancy 1st Place-Beatrice Fingernail Sr. Adult Women's Southern Cloth 4th Place-Nico Ross 3rd Place-Laura Sage 2nd Place-Amanda Moore 1st Place-Janet Saupitty Sr. Adult Mens Southern Straight 4th Place-Denny Medicine Bird 3rd Place-Ronald Monoessy Sr. 2nd Place-O.J. Little cook l st Place-Kiowa Cozad Sr. Adult Mens Northern Traditional

4th Place-David Gonzales

1st Place-Louie Sage Sr. Adult Men Chicken 3rd Place-Robby White 2nd Place-Brady Topedo 1st Place-CC Whitewolf Sr. Adult Mens Grass 4th Place-DiJay Yarholar 3rd Place-Ha-Ga Cleveland 2nd Place-Orrenzo Snyder 1st Place-Arthur Schrock Sr. Adult Mens Fancy 4th Place-Charlie Eisenberger 3rd Place-Chester Tieyah Jr. 2nd Place-Amos LittleCrow 1st Place-Micheal Roberts Comanche Member Women 18-59 4th Place-Nicole Reyna 3rd Place-Charlotte Maria Niyah 2nd Place-Shelby Mata 1st Place-Malia Cooper-Molina Comanche Member Men 18-59 2nd Place-Elijah Lena 1st Place-James Yellowfish Jr. Adult Women's Jingle 4th Place-Angel Harris 3rd Place-Rose Goodeagle -Ewalk 2nd Place-Jonna Grace Brady 1st Place-Waskwane Stonefish Jr. Adult Women's Southern Buckskin

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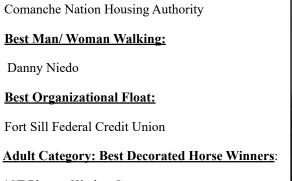
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4th Place-Koy BearsTail 3rd Place-Thunder Lieb 2nd Place-Xavier Littlehead 1st Place-Jessup Yazzie Jr. Adult Mens Traditional 4th Place-Donovan Haury 3rd Place-Triston Lasley 2nd Place-Brand WhiteEyes 1st Place-Hunter BlassingGame

Comanche Nation Fair Parade Winners



1ST Place – Kindyn Camarena 2nd Place – Adrian Camarena

Youth Category: Best Decorated Horse Winners: 1st Place - Arlene Schonchin

2nd Place – Jolene Bighorn

1st Place-Kiliah Neconie

Best Departmental Float:

3rd Place - Haegen Camarena



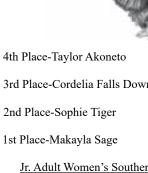








HELPING HAND WITH HORSES. A \$1,000 donation was given to the Lawton Rangers Rodeo for allowing the Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdooahnippah, and the Tribal Administrator, Lisa Dawsey, to utilize its horses on September 27 during the horse ride from Medicine Bluff, and Sept. 28 during the Comanche 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

Door Prize: Anieda "Pepper" Harjo

Door Prize: Bonita Paddyaker

Gift Basket : Henry Pohawpatchoko Gift Basket: Glenn Lonetree



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

Kowena

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 ART SHOW WINNERS 2024 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 Paintings the Comanche people and other tribal artists

Not only did they experi- Burgess ence 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 artistrv

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 breath- entries) taking 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 legos 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 Paintings in the future!

Comanche Adult Category

Best of Show: Calvert Nevaquaya

First Place: Quanah Parker

Second Place: Joyce Nevaqua ya Harris

Third Place: Nicole Hatfield

Drawings First Place: Madison Bailey

Second Place: Niyah Nauni

Third Place: N/A (no additional

Mixed Media First Place: Quanah Parker

Burgess

- Second Place: Tamyra Gal-Third Place: Amanda Wilson Comanche K-12 Category Best of Show: Kenneth Red Elk First Place: Alexander Niyah Second Place: Ariona Martinez Third Place: Nicole Werito Drawings First Place: Taa'mi Red Elk Second Place: Unknown (un able to confirm name) Third Place: Totsiyah Red Elk Mixed Media First Place: Lena Douglas Second Place: Daphne Tane Third Place: Tomi Portillo Intertribal Category Best of Show: Ann Quis Quis Paintings First Place: Jeff Yellowhair
 - Second Place: Jeff Yellowhair Third Place: Bethany McKin-Drawings & Mixed Media
 - First Place: Jeff Yellowhain
 - Second Place: Isabelle Johnson Third Place: Kay Hokeah









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 aware- statement: ness 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 over looked 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 Today I walked around Fort Sill and Native Americans who were endangered and missing. These numbers speak volumes on reported cases to

imagine the unreported cases. Indigenous communities need to advocate ness.

MMIP Red Regalia dance special on Sept. 27th with the Mo's opening

"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 noise, we are going to continue to be forgotten about, it's time for us to stand up and stand shoulder to shoulder regardless of what nation we come from and start speaking for our missing people today who are murdered, there's no justice."

"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. I looked down at the headstone that said unknown Comanche, but I know that person's not unknown just in this

law enforcement, but one can only world but that person is also known

Moses and Joseph Brings Plen- raised reservation boy and I'm proud ty family joined Comanche Nation 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.



somewhere else." "I'm not just an actor, I've for MMIP laws and generate aware- never been an actor. I'm always going to be a Lakota. I'm a born and

Comanche Nation Fair 2024 Handgame Winners



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**



Steven Benson

2024 Comanche Nation Fair Golf Tournament Winners



Closest to the Pin Chris Young



Longest Drive and Closet to the Pin **Caipo Pelekane**



Robert Komahcheet



Longest Drive Woman Sarah Pohawpatchoko



1st Place Flight A Chris and Rick Young

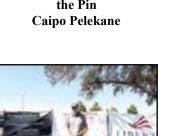
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1st Place Flight B Donovan Mills and Jerad Parker



1st Place Flight C Terrance Fields and Brandon Rocky



1st Place Flight D Yock Pohawpatchoko and Gary Tahmahkera





Photo by Paula Karty/News Stat

The Annual Spirit Walk Brings Numerous Together



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

Submitted by Caron Yellowfish/New Pathways

ers that return each year.

Approximately 300 people were fanned off with cedar and in the Comanche Nation Fair Parade blessed by Melvin Mithlo. The walk on September 28. was led by Mithlo and Verna Burgess. The walk begins with prayer, stop- promoting the Spirit Walk," Caron ping at each direction and offering Yellowfish, New Pathways Director, prayers for our Indian People. Re- said. freshments 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-

On September 29, the An- chase more shirts every year but have nual Spirit Walk was held on Sunday always run out. Law enforcement led morning of the Comanche Nation the walkers and rode behind along Fair. The weather was 60° at 6:30 with the CHR Director behind the a.m. It was cold but if you stood near walkers until they reached the end the fire it felt nice. There was a line of the walk. They were ready to help of 20-25 people waiting to be fanned out if needed. The New Pathways off with cedar and blessed by Melvin staff would like to thank to JJ Schon-Mithlo. There were many new partic- chin from PIO, Law Enforcement ipants and 25% of the faithful walk- and the CHR Director for helping to make sure everyone was safe.

Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staf

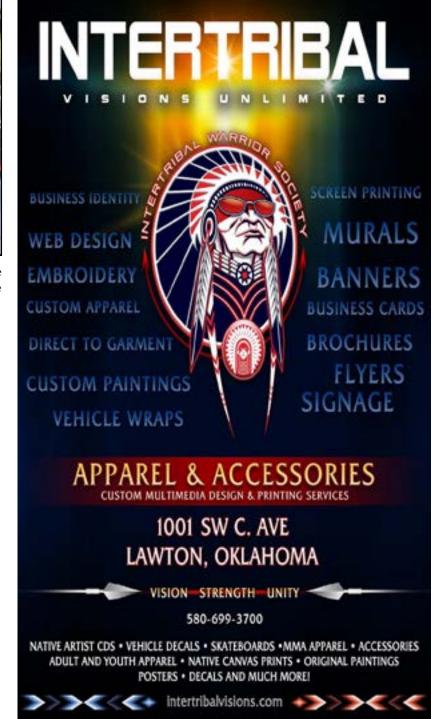
New Pathways participated

"We always have a lot of fun



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Comanche elder Gwen Kerchee receives orange juice during the



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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



fight October 19, in Lawton, Oklahoma.



Courtesy PhotosTahdooahnippahRobinsonBOXING BOUT WINNERS. Congratulations to 17-year-old GeorgeTahdooahnippah who won his fighting match at Grady Brewer's BadBoxing fight October 19, in Lawton, Oklahoma, which he won a belt.He also won Fight-of-the-Night for the youth division, which he wonanother belt. Congratulations to Dreaton Robinson who won his debutboxing fight via Total Knock Out (TKO) at Grady Brewer's Boxing

Riverside Jr. High Boys Win Championship



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



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-Sumner ands Jay Sumner. Comanche Reformed Church Pianist Needed Contact Gwen Brinkman

580-284-1653

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





Military News Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIV



November 11, beginning at 2 p.m. at Watchetaker Hall Honoring our Veterans Past to Present

> **Oklahoma Military** Hall of Honor Inductees



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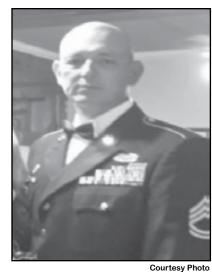


Jonathan George



Lyman Guy

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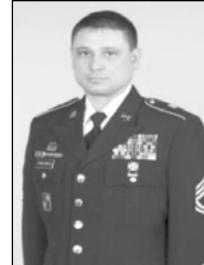
Cynthia Patterson



Courtesy Phot Frankie Patterson



James Patterson Jr.



Courtesy Dominic Pawlowski



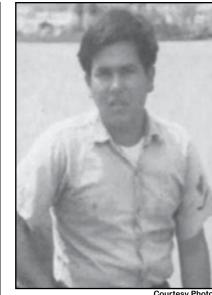
Kevin Pohawpatchoko



Clifford Red Elk



Michael Squire



Clifford Takawana



Roger Tehauno



Head Staff Master of Ceremonies: utee Delgado & Martin Flores Drum: Sovo Singers Arena Directors: Modesto "Mojo" Schonchin Head Dancers: CIVA Veterans & Auxiliary Contest Coordinators: CIVA Veterans & Auxiliary Security: John Chasenah Co-Host: VFW Post 1015 and

Michael Waddle

Comanche War Dance Society **Schedule of Events**

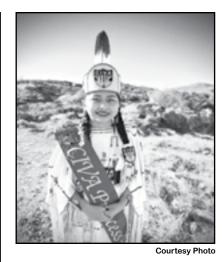
Afternoon Program Opening Prayer Presentation and Posting of the Colors (National Anthem and Flag song) War Mother Songs Scalp, Retreat and Victory Dances Gourd Dance OK Military

Hall of Honor Induction Quilt of Valor Presentation

Supper Break **Evening Program** Close out Gourd Dance Grand Entry Social Dancing Men and Women Contests CIVA Special **Closing Prayer**

Contests Men's Straight (16 and older) \$300, 200, 100 -sponsored by the Comanche War Dance Society Women's Cloth (16 and older) \$300, \$200, \$100 – sponsored by the CIVA Women's Buckskin (16 and older) \$300, \$200, \$100 – sponsored by the

CIVA Men's Fancy \$600 Winner take all – sponsored by the CIVA Switch Dance \$200 Winner take all sponsored by Jared Kopaddy





CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie

Courtesy Photo

Clara Tee-Ohms Yazzie is the 13 year-old daughter of Darrell and Roxie Yazzie. She is in the 8th grade at Elgin Middle School where she is a National Junior Honor Sociber and an All-Regional Honor Band clarinet player.

Yazzie comes from a long CIVA Princess.

Hall of Fame limits honorees to 12 of significant recognition - the Okla- Divisions. homa Military Hall of Honor was es- SCPO James M. "Jimmy" Patter-Heritage Foundation and honor these veterans.

With the 14 inductees on November 11, there will be 77 Oklahomans in the Hall of Honor. There are about 665,000 veterans from Oklahoma.

Lanny Asepermy was the ninth inductee into the Hall of Honor.



OK Military Hall of Honor Medallion



OKMHF Vice-President, Kelly Zachgo, presenting the OKMHOH certificate to Lanny Asepermy in Sgt Roger V. Tehauno, Air Force October 2023.

OK Military Hall of Honor Inductees (Full bios will be read before presentation)

SSG Ramonah Davis, Army 1983-2000, U.S. Army Paratrooper with 52 qualified jumps, one of the first Na-

tive American women to complete Airborne School in 1992 as a 30 year old. She served three tours in Germany, awarded Army Parachutists Badge and Army Commendation (4) medal

Brig Gen Jonathan George, Air Force 1981-2011, Afghanistan War as the Deputy Commanding Officer of U.S. and NATO forces, was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism, Defense Superior Service and Legion of Merit (4) medals. He is the only Comanche to earn General Officer status, given the honorary title of Numu Pukutsi by the CIVA.

SP4 Lyman Bruce Guy, Army 1970-71, Vietnam War, as a light Weapons Infantryman, with the 101st Airborne Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star and Army Commendation medals and Combat Infantryman Badge.

SFC John Bennett McClung, Army 1988-93 and OK Army Nation Guard 1993-97 and 2007-19, one of three Comanches to serve in three wars the Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. He is the only Comanche awarded the Army Combat Badge and Navy/ Marine Combat Action Ribbon. He is the also awarded the Bronze Star medal

CMCPO Cynthia D. Patterson, Navy 1985-2015, Afghanistan War, retired (15 days shy of 30 years) at the highest enlisted grade in the miliety Member, All-State Choir mem- tary E-9, graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. He was awarded the Bronze Star medal.

SSG Frankie Patterson, Army line of veterans that include her fa- 1994-2016, Iraq and Afghanistan ther and both grandfathers. She con- Wars, awarded the Bronze Star medsiders it a honor to represent and al, Combat Infantryman and one of serve all Comanche veterans as the three Comanches awarded the Drill Sergeant ID Badges, one of three Comanches awarded the Jungle Expert The Oklahoma Military Patch, completed six combat deployments, for 42 months, with the 1st a year. There are many more heroic Armored, 1st Infantry, 2nd Infantry, and patriotic Oklahomans deserving 10th Mountain and 101st Airborne

tablished in August 2023 to expand son, Navy 1988-2008, Iraq and Afthe impact of the Oklahoma Military ghanistan Wars. He was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Defense Meritorious Service and Joint Service Commendation(2) medals.

> SFC Dominic Pawlowski, Marine Corps 1992-96 and OK Army National Guard 1997-2017, Iraq War. He was awarded the Meritorious Service (3), Army Commendation (4), Army Achievement (4) and Iraq Campaign medals.

QM1 Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Navy 1985-95 and Navy Reserve 1995-2008, Operation Praying Mantis (Iran), Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. He was one of three Comanches awarded the Combat Action Ribbon twice

SP4 William Clifford Red Elk, Army 1969-70, Vietnam War, as a Light Weapons Infantryman, with the 25th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, Air medal and Army Commendation medal

SFC Michael R. Squire, Army 1986-92 and 1994-2013, Afghanistan War. He was awarded the Combat Medical and Army Parachutists Badges and Bronze Star medal, member of the Army Special Forces.

S2C Clifford "Beaver" Takawana, Navy 1968-72, Vietnam War on board the USS Mispillion (AO-105). awarded the Vietnam Service medal with/nine Campaign Stars the second-most by any Comanche veteran.

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He was awarded the Vietnam Service medal with/nine Campaign Stars the second-most by any Comanche veteran.

Sgt Roger V. Tehauno, Air Force 1965-69, Vietnam War with the 432nd Security Police Squadron based at Udorn Air Base, Thailand He was awarded the Vietnam Service medal with/4 Campaign Stars.

1LT Michael Waddle, Army 1966-69, Vietnam War, U.S. Army Paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division. He was awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action, the Bronze Star twice and Combat Infantryman Badge, given the honorary title of Numu Pukutsi by the CIVA.



The Mission of the Quilts of Valor Foundation is to cover service members and Veterans touched by war with a comforting and healing Quilts of Valor.

Quilts of Valor Recipients Presented by Laura Sylvester and her Piedmont OK Quilt Ladies SP4 Alexander Akoneto, U.S. Army,

served in Germany SP4 Darren Asepermy, OKARNG, served at Fort Sill Okla., Fort Carson, Colo. and Fort Chaffee Ark.

SGT Rowenah Basa, U.S. Army, served two tours in Germany also stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky.

1LT Thomas Boyt, U.S. Air Force, Air Force Academy graduate SA Lanette Chibitty, U.S. Air Force,

served at Tinker AFB, Okla., BT at Lackland AFB, Texas PO1 James Czerniak, U.S. Navy,

served on the USS Bagley PFC Mark Davis, U.S. Army Re-

serve, served with the 90th Division, complete BCT at Fort Leonard Wood Set William John Day, U.S. Marine Corps, Vietnam War

Brig Gen Jonathan George, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan War PVT Richa Gill, OK Army National

Guard SP4 Lyman Guy, U.S. Army, Vietnam War, served with the 101st Air-

borne Division SFC John Bennett McClung, U.S. Army and OK Army National Guard Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars

CMCPO Cynthia Patterson, U.S. Navy, Afghanistan War, graduate of the U.S. Army SGT's Maj Academy SSG Frankie Patterson, U.S. Army, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, awarded

the Drill Sergeant ID Badge SFC Dominic Pawlowski, U.S. Marine Corps and OK Army National Guard, Iraq War

LCpl Stefano Ruiz, U.S. Marine Corps, Iraq

MAJ Kent O. Tomah III, U.S. Army, Operation Inherent Resolve in Iraq and Kuwait

SFC Michael Squire, U.S. Army, Afghanistan War with the Army Special Forces

SP4 Robert Tippeconnie, U.S. Army, served in Korea

SGT Darrell Yazzie, U.S. Army SGM Martin McCay – 91 year old. U.S. Army, Korean and Vietnam

Wars Max Anderson – 92 year old, U.S. Army, Korean War

OK Military Hall of Fame

The Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame was established in 1999 by Major General (Retired) Douglas O. Dollar, U.S. Army. It is an all-volunteer, non-profit organization.

Their mission is to share and appreciate the distinctive and gallant military history of our great state. From state hood through the World Wars, Korean, Vietnam, Cold, Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, Oklahoman's servicemen and servicewomen have played, and continued to play a major role in the defense of our nation.



OK Military Hall of Fame Medal



Maj. Gen Douglas O. Dollar

OK Military Hall of Fame Inductees



T/4 Charles Chibitty 2001 for Public Service



14 Comanche Code Talkers that served in Europe during WWII-Inducted 2011 awarded the Congressional Gold Medal



SSG George Red Elk 2011 awarded the Silver Star for Gallantry in Action



CPT Cloyce V. Choney 2021 awarded the Bronze Star w/V (2) for Heroism



CPT Edwin Chappabitty 2023 awarded the Bronze Star w/V (2) and Army Commendation w/V for Heroism



SGM Lanny Asepermy 2024 MG Douglas O. Dollar award

In Memory of a Few Good Men



Joseph Rivas Plata 1948 - 2018 **Color Guard**



Courtesy Photo Jack Codopony Sr. 1934 - 2020 Commander



Ronald Parker 1944 - 2022 Photographer



George G Red Elk 1948 - 2023 Commander

Courtesy Photo



Courtesy Photo "A Nation which forgets it's defenders will itself be forgotten" Calvin Coolidge.





CIVA Court of Honor prior to 2002 and present-13 dyes with 1,212 names of Comanche veterans and 48 bricks with Comanche veteran names.

Utah Beach, **Normandy France**

In June 2014, June 2019 and June 2024 the CIVA sent a delegation of World War II Comanche Code Talker descendants, CIVA members and Auxiliary, to Tilly-sur-Seulles, France to participate in the 70th, 75th and 80th anniversary of American military forces landing on Utah Beach, in Normandy, France.

The landing took place on June 6, 1944, and was the largest invasion in U.S. military history. 14 Comanche Code Talkers, from the 4th Infantry Division, were part of that invasion.

In 2019 the CIVA also presented military honors to the four Comanches killed in Europe and buried in France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. The CIVA was sponsored Stephan Jacquet and families from Tilly-sur-Seulles.



From left: John Parker, Mona Mihecoby, Shelby Mata, Mrs. Brandon Fraiser, Nona Gail Mihecoby, **Baliente Herrera.**



Baliente Herrera, John Parker, LaNora Parker, Shelby Mata, **Rosemary Chibitty and Leonard** Chibitty.



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France 2019: at the Utah Beach Memorial Ceremony, from left: Linda Tehauno, Roger Tehauno, Kevin Pohawpatchoko and Ashleigh Mithlo.



France 2019: placing wreath at the Utah Beach Memorial Ceremony, from left: Clifford Red Elk. Clifford Takawana, Roger Tehauno and Romonah Davis.



France 2019: at the Utah Beach Memorial Ceremony from right: Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Ashleigh Mithlo, Shirley Pohawpatchoko, Roger Tehauno and Lanny Aseper-



France 2024: Utah Beach Memorial ceremony, Nona Gail Mihecoby laying wreath.



France 2024: On Utah Beach, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, Arlene Schonchin giving a blessing.

CIVA Officers/Leadership Commander: Sgt Roger Tehauno, Air Force Vietnam War

Vice-Commander: SSG Frankie Patterson, Army Iraq & Afghanistan Wars

Secretary: SFC Dominic Pawlowski, Marine Corps & OK Army National Guard Iraq War Treasurer: 1LT Thomas Boyt, Air

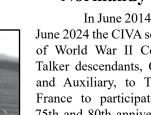
Force Sgt at Arms: Stefano Ruiz, Marine

Corps Iraq Co-Chaplain: SP4 Lyman Guy, Army Vietnam War

Co-Chaplain: SSG Ramonah Davis, Army

Advisor: QM1C Kevin Pohawpatchoko, Navy Iraq and & Afghanistan Wars

Auxiliary Leader: Tavia Torralba Historian: Dr. William Meadows, Missouri State University





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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.

MYERS DECENDANT: 6:

Courtesy Phot 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 Apacheans that died as a result of war including Comanches: SGT Melvin Myers and Cpl. Joshua Ware, and seven Apacheans 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, Patterson 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-Eglish on June 14, 1944. He was buried at the first American cemetery in Saint-mer-Eglish 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, Taps was sounded, the flag was folded and presented to the Myers family. A CIVA wreath was placed on the grave and Linda Tehauno sang a bur-



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 Pohawpatchoko 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, Oklanoma

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-

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

One of his wives was Tissy Chauer "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; Jennnie 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 con-

sisted 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

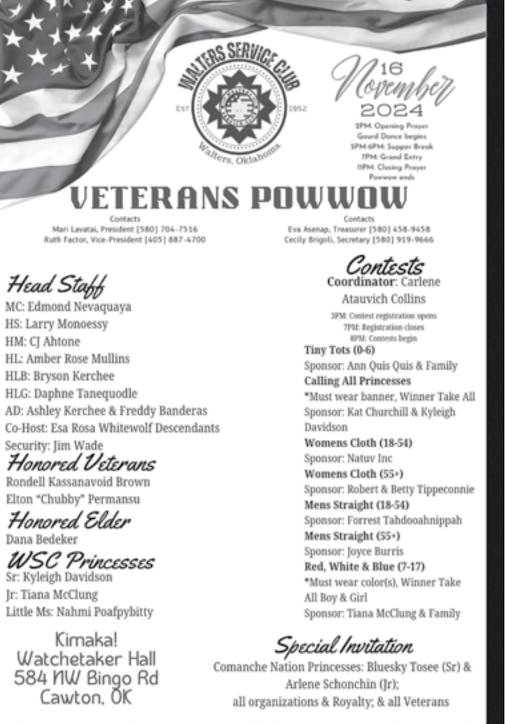
Comanche Tribal Veterans Association U Birthday Powwow All Gourd Dance Program In Honor and recognition of Shiann Famero

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 Nevaguava Head Singer - Devon Wermy 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 Tahdooahnippah and CBC members Blue Sky Tosee, Comanche Nation Princess Arlene Schonchin, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess. All organzations and princesses are coordially 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 firearems permitted.

Contact Eleanor McDaniel at 580 483-6864



Happy Belated Birthday September 6 - Galen Roy Shrock

October 8 - Camila Rodri-September 15 - Evie Henson **October 20 - Shayla Simon October 25 - Philip Gilliam**

October 28 - Melani Shrock

Happy Birthday!



November 4 - Angela Rochelle Knox "Praising GOD for Blessing our family with your life.' November 4 - Rosalind Nau-

ni Asetamy "GOD continue
Blessing you for being there for everyone."
for everyone."
November 6 - Derrick Nauni
November 6 - Dana Simon
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November 30 - Jaden A.R. Perea November 30 - Mariah Wahahrockah

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Dana Simon November 6



Happy Birthdav Larry Monoessy Jr.

November 15



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

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. ♥



Happy Birthday Sophie Suina November 8



Happy Birthday Larry Monoessy Sr. November 16



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



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



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



Happy Birthday **Ronald Monoessy Jr.** November 16



Happy Birthday **Charles Tahah** November 24

In Loving Memory Happy Heavenly Birthd Vanessa Tahpay November 24



Happy Heavenly Birthday from all your children and grandchildren!



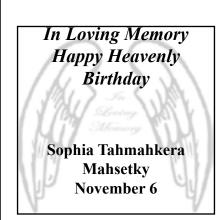
Happy 17th Birthday Hannah Rose Owens November 13 ~ Love you, Daddy, Momma, and Paigee.



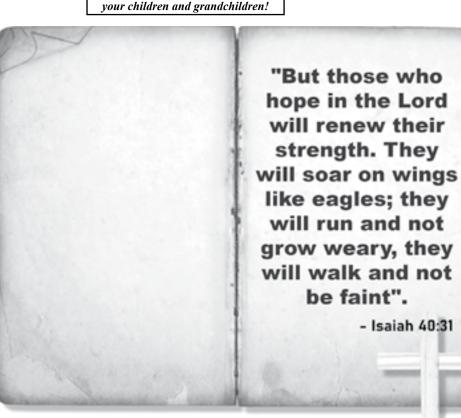
Happy Birthday Tony Tahpay November 19 ~From all your nieces, nephews, and grandkids!



Happy Birthda Melvin Kerchee Jr. November 25







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Benita Jozhe Eckiwardy



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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 daugh-Eckiwardy; nieces Monna and Phyllis Henry: granddaughters Christie Knox, Michelle Sanders, Mary Anquoe, and Elaina 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 Daryl Eckiwardy; sister Sylvia Jozhe Cates; aunt and uncle Pearl& James Kawaykla (FSA P.O.W); Aunts Alice Martinez Laurenaza, Faith Martinez, Hope Martinez; uncle Vencent Martinez; cousin Dawain Carl Benedict Kawaykla; niece Elizabeth Anquoe.

John Edwin Anderson Jr.



Anderson

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 graduation 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



Geimausaddle

Terry Geimausaddle, journeved 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 mental in the installation and repair being present with Remer. animal enclosures.

tification 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 "Baby Gene" Mithlo, Ricky Mithlo, Geimausaddle, Howard Coley Geimausaddle III ; sisters Barbara Geimausaddle Tahchawwickah and Karen Purley.

Sophia Lorene (Sovo) Remer



Remer

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 journeved to the arms of the Lord. Remer was born to Thomas Louis Sovo Sr. and Geneva (Sunagoowie) Sovo on August 24, 1964, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

the presence of Jesus, singing with the loved ones who passed on before her. Remer had great pride in she was a lifelong member of the with her. her Sterling Tigers, but her great- United Methodist Church of Apache est joy was her children and grand- and a member of the Native Ameri- in their hearts. She was already babies. 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 Na- and teachings. Mithlo was a proud tion 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 mer 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 Tod- was being a mother, she loved and ters: Paula Eckiwardy and Diane Oklahoma City Zoo, he was instru-die. Thank you, Toddie, for always adored her children. She walked with Anadarko; aunts and uncles: Lynd-

> Thank you to the Vian Pub-He utilized his CLEET cer- lic 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. by her husband Johnny Wetsilline; ficiating. 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 (Sunagoowie) 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: 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 Sallisaw, Oklahoma, for the funeral arrangements.

Tsistohn Louise Mithlo



Mithlo

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 Remer is now in heaven in graduated from Riverside Indian School, Class of 1995. Mithlo was humble in her walk with the creator, but for the short time they got to be can Church Tabe Eka Chapter. She descended from singing and dancing people, as well as peyote people and proudly carried on their traditions 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 nephews cheer and play sports. Re- 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 and trusted friend. Mithlo departed deeply saddened. As the absence of her love, leaves an irreplaceable void.

ents; 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 Jason Cuellar. Mexico: numerous, uncle, aunts,

paternal grandparents Watson and Lavina Mithlo; maternal grandparents Ciriaco and Letitia Balderrama; uncle Kenneth "Goat" Chasenah, Eutrust in the caring hands of Forever gene Mithlo Sr., and Roy Mitchell; Memories Funeral Services, INC, aunts Lavera Birdshead and Leatrice Jay; uncles Charles Shanta and Terry Balderrama.

Lyanna Lynn Toyekoyah



Toyekoyah 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,

She will always be forever 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 Pwewnofkit of them through life as their confidant sey, Chase and Alyssa Toyekoah of Anadarko, Elijah, Abigail, and Faith this world suddenly, her family is Horse of Tulsa, Vance, Kimberly and Amy of Lawton, Eric and Emily.

Toyekoah was greeted in She is survived by her par- heaven by her grandparents: Lance and Barbra Nahquady and great grandparents: Ella Horse and Angela Gomez: uncle Jefferv Thad Tovekoah; cousins, Ronald Nahquady and

Funeral service was October 16, at Comanche Nation Funeral She was preceded in death Home with Kathleen Pewenofkit of-



cousins, and friends.



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