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**City of Lawton's
8th Annual
Indigenous Peoples'
Day October 13**

Submitted by Dr. Cornel Pewewardy/Indigenous Peoples Day

“What we celebrate is our subversion of this national holiday, the way many folks have made it a space for radical intervention. Indeed, the invitation to celebrate Columbus was for some of us a compelling call to educate the nation for critical consciousness—to seize the moment to transform everyone’s understanding of our nation’s history. What we acknowledge is that this teaching moment allows us a public space to mourn, an occasion to grieve for what this world was like before the coming of the white man to the North American continent and to recall and reclaim the cultural values of that world,” said Indigenous People’s Day Committee, Dr. Cornel Pewewardy.

For more information, see
event flyers of Page 9.

Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Nation Swears in a new Election Board on October 2 at Watchtaker Hall. Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah, Vice Chairman Diana Gail Doyebi-Sovo and Tribal Administrator Lisa Dawsey were in attendance.

An estimated 888 Comanche voters went to the voting polls and mailed in ballots for the September 20 Special Election, held September 20.

Ballot Question 1 pertaining to the amount of the Chairman's salary coming out of the Indirect Cost budget had 651 votes (80%) of \$75,000 (\$185,000 total), and 165 votes (20%) of \$110,000 (\$220,000 total).

Ballot Question 2 pertaining to the CBC annual stipends had a total of 580 votes (71%) for \$36,000 per person and a total of 240 votes (29%) for \$60,000 per person.

Ballot Question 4 about the
Comanche Nation allocating \$18,000

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**Tribal Response to Suicide Prevention
Conference Guest Speakers Actor Danny Trejo
and Survivor Kevin Hines**

Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Actor Danny Trejo is honored with a Gourd Dance Song the evening of September 10 during the Tribal Response to Suicide Prevention Conference at the Apache Casino in Lawton, Okla.

Suicide survivor Kevin Hines is given a Comanche Pendleton September 11, after speaking about his survival of jumping off of the Golden Gate Bridge in San Francisco, California.

Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery held Sacred Voices: A Tribal Response to Suicide Prevention on September 10 and 11 at Apache Casino in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Asepermy said when communities are involved, they heal each other.

Tribal leaders, including Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah, and tribes across Oklahoma were also in attendance.

“Really kind of be like,
‘Hey...we’re 988, we’re here...and if

“Our goal is to...just make it, you know, bring awareness...I'm part of a recovery group, so it's like one of our biggest things we have is...a speaker meeting,” she said. “So, people come, you speak, you tell your story, so the more times that you tell your story...that you get to heal all the times that you get to tell your story, but then also...people that are hearing your story get to heal, too, as well.”

Asepermy is two and a half years into her own recovery.

There were also vendor booths and information from various organizations.

Comanche Nation Police Department was requested for Trejo's security detail.

For anyone who needs to reach out, the 988 Lifeline is available 24/7.

Doc Tate Nevaquaya
Day
October 10, 2025

In 1986 the Comanche Tribe proclaimed the second Friday in October Joyce “Doc” Tate Nevaquaya Day. Four years later he was designated a Living Legend. “Doc” Tate Nevaquaya (1936-1996) is a member of the Comanche tribe of Oklahoma, his full name was Joyce Lee Tate Nevaquaya.



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Government

A Total of 14 Resolutions Presented at September 6 CBC Meeting and 29 Resolutions at the September 19 Special CBC Meeting

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the September 6 and September 19, 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

September 6 CBC Meeting

The Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdooahnipphah, called the CBC Meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Resolutions

Resolution No. 136-2025- CBC Resolution Designating Lanny Asepermy, Lloyd Heminokey, Teresa Lopez as National Treasurers. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 137-2025- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1378 Minors. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 138-2025- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1379 Adults. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 139-2025- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1380 Does Not Meet Blood Quantum. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 140-2025- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1381 No Allottee. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 141-2025- Enrollment Resolution for Gap Elders. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 142-2025- Tribal Court Resolution for GPLS Continued Legal Services Resolution No. 143-2025- FAC Resolution for Grant Application for TVSSA 2025. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 144-2025- Transportation Resolution to Add Routes to Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP). The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 145-2025- Prevention & Recovery Resolution for MAT Policy and Procedures. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 146-2025- CIP Resolution for T-Mobile Hometown Grant Q3 2025. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 147-2025- IT Resolution Authorizing Purchase of Cloud Based Server. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 148-2025- CBC Resolution Authorizing Drawdown of 20% Funds. The Resolution passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 149-2025- CBC Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds to Per Capita Distribution Account. The Resolution passed 4/1/0.

Motion for Interim CEOs for Comanche Nation Entertainment. The Resolution passed 4/1/0.

September 19 Special Meeting

Resolution No. 150-2025- IT Resolution to Purchase Servers. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 151-2025- Social Services Resolution to Renew BIA 638 Contract. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 152-2025- Enrollment Resolution to Renew BIA 638 ATTG Contract Ak'. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 153-2025- CBC Resolution to Amend Human Resource Policy. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 154-2025- CBC Resolution to Approve Gaming Commission FY26 Budget.

Resolution No. 155-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Caregiver Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 156-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Diabetes Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 157-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Emergency Management Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 158-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Enrollment Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 159-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Environmental Program CNG Funding . The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 160-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Family Assistance Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 161-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Fire and EMS Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 162-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Funeral Home Bereavement Assistance Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 163-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Funeral Home Burial Assistance Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 164-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 165-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Grasshopper Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 166-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Gravel Tin-horn Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 167-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Higher Education Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 168-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Indian Child Welfare Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 169-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Injury Prevention Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 170-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Language Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 171-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Missing & Murdered Indigenous People Program (MMIP) CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 172-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for New Pathways Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 173-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Optometry Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 174-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Prescription Assistance Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 175-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Prevention & Recovery Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 176-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Social Services Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 177-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Workforce Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 178-2025- CBC Resolution to Adopt Guidelines for Youth Services Program CNG Funding. The Resolution passes 5/0/0.

Motion to Post Standing Subcommittee Internal Affairs By laws Cultural Committee By laws. The motion passes 5/0/0.

Motion to Approve Travel - The motion passes 5/0/0.

From the Chairman's Desk



Maruaweka Numunuu:

As I write this, preparations for Comanche Nation Fair are in full swing. The timing of our fair coincidentally also marks the end of the fiscal year, and preparations for a new fiscal year are also in full swing. With a new fiscal year upon us, I think that a “new (fiscal) year’s resolution” is in order. This new fiscal year, I am resolving to put healthcare at the top of my priorities for our Nation. In the spirit of the Fair, which (as I understand it) was founded to boost the self-esteem and morale of our Nation by celebrating our culture and our accomplishments, I want to boost the physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of our Nation. I hope that developing a healthcare system of our own will help us achieve that goal.

As with all goals, our first steps must be modest. We do not have a huge capital reserve to tap into to pay millions of dollars of construction costs to build a brand-new hospital or to recruit an army of new doctors and nurses (unfortunately). We also do not want to move too quickly and upset the operation of Indian Health Service. Therefore, our current plan is to start small, with a modest family clinic. From there, we hope to reinvest our revenues to build out a health system. Despite starting small, I think by the end of the calendar year, we will have exciting announcements about a nascent healthcare system. And, if we reinvest our revenue, I believe that in five years’ time we can transform the quality of care that our members receive. In ten years’ time, perhaps we will have a brand-new hospital with an army of doctors and nurses.

Please stay informed, as we will be announcing new developments as they happen. If all goes to plan, at next year’s Annual General Council meeting, I intend to propose a resolution to set forth how to reinvest our revenue to build out our system, while also spending revenue on initiatives that will support preventative healthcare and spiritual wellness. By investing in our health of all kinds, we can ensure true prosperity, prosperity of our minds and bodies, for generations to come.

MUSEUM

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and sit down and do some research. So, we've got an area for that. And so, it all came together, and we couldn't be more pleased with how it turned out.” They also opened up their new exhibit, Our Favorite Things, early for the Shoshone Language Fair.

“It’s a staff-curated exhibit. The Comanche National Museum is home to over 8,000 different items, artifacts, fine art, textiles, photographs, but we don't have space for 8,000 items,”

Taylor said. “So, a lot of it stays locked up in our secured collection area, and this was the opportunity to reach out to the staff here at the museum and turn them into exhibitors. So, they went and picked out their favorite things. And so, we've got just various different items in there that speak to the staff and things that they really enjoyed seeing before or knowing that it was on the shelf and that it needed to be seen... You're going to find artwork from Cynthia Clay. You know she sadly passed away recently, and a number of her sculptures are in there, and artwork from you know different... artists. We've got some Fort Sill school things in there, so it's a little bit of something for everybody, and so we just encourage everyone to come take a look.”

As for her favorite thing...

“We've got a life-size sculpture done by Cynthia Clay, and that

was one that we obtained years ago, and it's large...you have to have a designated space for it, and so this was the perfect opportunity to unveil that,” Taylor said. “There are some Fort Sill school things because I was part of the original Fort Sill school exhibit, where we actually went to the dorms. KCA allowed us to go into the dorms to look for artifacts that people overlooked. By the time we got there, a lot of the things were gone, but there were things like books and in desks that were still available, so we were able to take those out and turn an exhibit, and so we've got some of those things. My father actually used to work at Fort Sill school, so I've got a special place for that school in my heart. And then lastly, I think my most favorite thing would be the Deyo Mission collection that we have there. As a child, I grew up going attending church at Deyo Mission, and I was baptized by the late Robert Coffey. And so, I've got great memories of the elders in that church you know that's where I learned you know Comanche hymns and you know just a great time growing up being a church kid at Deyo Mission and so we've got some of the things in there and I'm really happy that we're able to...show this to the public.”

The 2025 Comanche Nation Fair will mark 18 years since the museum opened.



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Programs

Family Assistance Center Domestic Violence Awareness Activities

The Comanche Nation Family Assistance Center presents several events for October's Domestic Violence Awareness Month:

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month Recognition**, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. October 8 at the FISTA Building – 200 SW C Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma. Guest Speakers will be Detective Ed Mosier- Domestic Violence Unit – Oklahoma City Police Department, and Shelley Miller- Director of Native Alliance Against Violence.
- Domestic Violence in indigenous Communities** from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m., October 17 at the Comanche Nation Complex's Watchtaker Hall, 584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton, Okla. A movie and light meal will be provided, along with an open discussion in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Due to the sensitive and graphic nature of the content and the film's rating, registration is restricted to individuals 17 years and older.

To register, call (580) 492-3590. or email laura.gould@comanchenation.com

Dallas Outreach Activities

The Comanche Nation Dallas Outreach Office has a list of activities during the month of November.

- October 1 – December 17 Winter Wear Drive: Will accept coats, jackets, beanies, gloves, blankets
- October 19 – Elders Meeting – 1 p.m. – 4 p.m., 1269 Record Crossing Rd., Dallas
- October 27 – Comanche Language Class – 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., 1269 Record Crossing Rd., Dallas
- November 8 – Health and Wellness Event – 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., 1269 Record Crossing Rd., Dallas
- November 16- Thanksgiving Potluck . 3 p.m., - 6 p.m., 1269 Record Crossing Rd., Dallas
- December 20 – Holiday Party. 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., 1269 Record Crossing Rd., Dallas

The Dallas Outreach will have an information table at the following events:

- November 22 Austin Powwow and Native American Heritage Festival , 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m., Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Lane, Austin, Texas

Adult Education Student of the Month Sally Tsoodle



Courtesy Photo

Tsoodle

Sally Tsoodle is 36 years old from Apache, Oklahoma. She has 13 years of experience in the medical field. On July 10, she obtained her Phlebotomy certificate at Caddo Kiowa Technology Center in Fort Cobb, Okla. She was able to complete her educational goal with the help and support of the Comanche Nation Higher Education program.

Tsoodle finds fulfillment in taking care of elders and children when needed. Tsoodle has a genuine interest in being a healthcare professional.

Tsoodle's future plans are to use her medical skills for the Indian Health Service and retire as an expert phlebotomist!

Higher Education Graduate Student of the Month James Shoemate



Courtesy Photo

Shoemate

James Shoemate is a graduate student at the University of New Mexico. Shoemate is currently enrolled in the College of Education's Educational Leadership Program to earn my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. Through this program he will also be earning an administrative license along with his Master's degree.

Shoemate hopes to be a school administrator in the near future. He would also be interested in working in a leadership position within a school district. Shoemate hopes to continue to support students, families, and other academic communities. Shoemate would also love the opportunity to support Native American and Indigenous communities through his work in an educational leadership role.

Shoemate wants to thank the Comanche Nation Office of Higher Education for their continued support of his academic endeavors. He was fortunate enough to receive scholarships when he was an undergraduate student and currently, as a graduate student. The Comanche Nation and the Office of Higher Education have provided him and his family with many great opportunities.

Higher Education Undergraduate Student of the Month Caroline Honea



Courtesy Photo

Honea

Caroline Honea is the daughter of Martha and Benjamin Honea. She is the granddaughter of the late Lavena and Benjamin Honea of Cache, Oklahoma. Honea currently attending the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Okla. I am majoring in Microbiology and Accounting. In the future, Honea hope to attend medical school and work in the medical field as an interventional

radiologist. Some fun facts about Honea are that she used to play soccer and volleyball and she enjoys baking. Honea would like to thank the Comanche Nation Higher Education Department for their continued support towards her educational and professional goals.

Job Placement & Training Student of the Month Sarah Howry



Courtesy Photo

Howry

Sarah Howry is proud to be the granddaughter of Richard Leon Howry, whose legacy continues to inspire her personal journey.

Howry is a dedicated nursing student at Oklahoma City Community College (OCCC). Known for her empathy and compassion, she looks forward to bringing those qualities into her future career in healthcare.

Inspired by a strong sense of service and care for others, she is eager to make a positive difference in the lives of patients and their families.

Howry would like to thank the Comanche Nation Higher Education Department for their continued support of her educational journey.

Office of Environmental Programs Encourages Community to Turn to a Greener Future

October 14 is international E-Waste day and it's a reminder that every year millions of tons of electronic waste end up in landfills, releasing harmful substances into the environment. You can make a difference by recycling, donating, or refurbishing old devices.

The Comanche Nation Office of Environmental encourages everyone to bring their e-waste to our office for proper disposal. Even one old phone or computer can help conserve resources and protect the planet. For questions or more information, please call our office at (580) 492-3754.

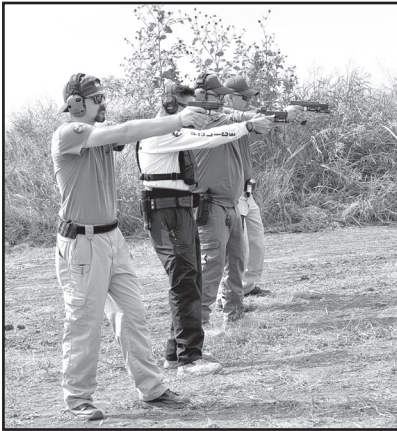
Eco-Friendly Fall Tips

Fall brings cooler weather and shorter days perfect for making small changes that help the environment. Here are a few eco-friendly ideas for the season:

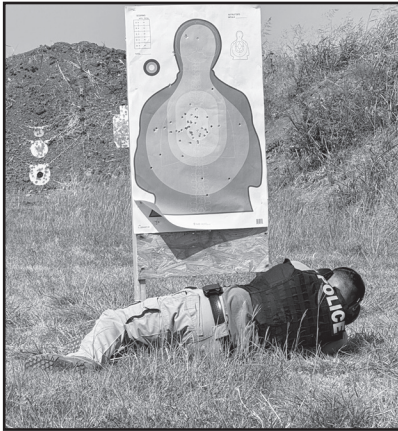
- Switch to Energy-Saving Heating: Seal windows and doors, use programmable thermostats, and layer clothing to reduce energy use.
- Shop Local and Seasonal: Support Oklahoma farmers by enjoying local produce like pumpkins, apples, and sweet potatoes.
- Decorate Naturally: Use gourds, pumpkins, corn stalks, or other reusable items for Halloween and Thanksgiving decorations.
- Reduce Waste: Donate gently used clothes, decorations, and household items instead of throwing them away.
- Plant for the Future: Fall is a great time to plant native grasses or perennials that will thrive in Oklahoma soil and help the local ecosystem.

Small eco-friendly steps can make a big difference for your families and the planet. Enjoy the season sustainably!

Comanche Nation Police Department Participates in Firearm Training



Courtesy Photo



Courtesy Photo

Story by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Officer and Range Master Lt. Christopher Kennedy said proficiency with a firearm is a skill that diminishes if someone doesn't practice. He is also a senior firearms instructor.

"We've had officers with experience with guns, and then sometimes [there are] people that...they get into law enforcement and never handle a gun," Kennedy said. "So, generally, when we get a new officer in, we'll take them to the range, do some familiarization and see where they are and kind of build from there."

They also work on fundamentals.

"Obviously, we want to be a good shot, but [there are] also tactics that go along with that," he said. "With the qualifications...what we're doing is demonstrating proficiency. And if I have a shooter and sometimes people...lose a little bit of skill. And the job of the firearms instructors is to work with that shooter and get them up to that standard."

Kennedy said watching officers improve is a good feeling.

"They don't feel good about not being able to shoot well," he said. "And to be able to work with them and get them back up to where they need to be, it's the best."

Kennedy said officers who attend the training must care about their positions.

"You don't just go to this class and come back to it with a certification," he said. "You've got to put work in and really care about what you're doing."

Kennedy said this creates officers who are skilled on the job when met with unfavorable circumstances.

"You know, our guys are out there doing a job, and they are going to be met with deadly force," he said.

"And when that happens, I want them to be the best, the absolute best they can possibly be to defend themselves or others...Our department sets our qualification scores; we set the bar a bit higher. And that kind of goes along with it. I want our guys to be the best."

Kennedy said they go by the cardinal safety rules.

"Treat every weapon as if it's loaded. Finger off the trigger until you're ready to shoot. Know your target and what's beyond it, and don't point at anything that you don't intend to destroy," he said. "And...that's the cardinal safety rules. As far as storing firearms...store your firearms unloaded, have them secured."

Kennedy said that the public should store firearms safely, which includes safes and locks.

"As a responsible gun owner, that's very important to store your firearms safely," he said. "So, if you have kids or people in your house, those firearms aren't accessible. And another thing...is that if you have firearms and stuff, teaching firearm safety to your children and taking the mystery out of it. So, and I hate to say this...if a gun is found, it's not something like, 'Ooh, what is this? Let's play with it, figure out what it is.'"

He said he grew up around firearms and was always passionate about them.

Kennedy said the qualifications for law enforcement firearms do change to keep up with modern conditions.

The police department can be reached at (580) 492-3789.

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VOTING

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2025 SPECIAL ELECTION											
SEPTEMBER 20, 2025											
SECRETARY-TREASURER	CACHE	WALTERS	OKC	APACHE	TRIBAL COMPLEX	ANADARKO	EARLY LAWTON	EARLY COMPLEX	VOTE BY MAIL	TOTAL	%
BENNY TAHMAHKA	18	5	3	5	21	6	27	13	199	287	33%
HARLEY PENNINGTON	13	10	2	9	30	2	16	32	201	317	36%
MIKE BURGESS	25	0	3	4	17	6	12	15	192	274	31%

ELECTION BOARD											
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YES	31	4	2	5	38	7	24	34	289	434	
NO	15	12	3	6	23	7	26	21	162	275	
MARY WADE											
YES	20	2	4	1	36	6	29	30	270	398	
NO	25	13	2	7	25	7	23	25	165	292	
NICOLE REYNA											
YES	23	7	3	5	32	6	22	36	318	452	
NO	20	8	2	7	27	7	24	17	123	235	
ROMIE KERCHEE											
YES	33	6	5	3	41	6	30	35	355	515	
NO	13	10	1	6	18	7	21	19	109	206	
ANITA DAUKBI											
YES	25	3	4	0	24	5	17	27	214	319	
NO	19	12	3	8	33	8	33	28	211	355	
SANDRA CHEENUT											
YES	33	9	4	5	26	5	27	30	307	446	
NO	13	6	2	6	26	8	25	26	142	263	
MICHELLE ADDI											
YES	24	9	6	2	29	5	25	35	321	458	
NO	20	7	0	8	25	7	22	18	113	220	
SEBERIANA PALMER											
YES	19	8	3	9	43	6	24	38	341	491	
NO	22	7	3	5	19	7	23	16	102	204	
GREGORY COLE											
YES	21	4	2	7	31	7	25	31	299	427	
NO	23	10	3	6	26	7	24	22	132	263	
LARRY LILES											
YES	33	7	3	6	33	7	18	28	264	399	
NO	14	7	3	7	23	7	32	25	172	290	
JOSEPH ALSON, JR.											
YES	29	12	4	8	45	8	41	38	331	516	
NO	18	4	2	6	15	6	14	17	125	207	

QUESTION 1	CACHE	WALTERS	OKC	APACHE	TRIBAL COMPLEX	ANADARKO	EARLY LAWTON	EARLY COMPLEX	VOTE BY MAIL	TOTAL	%
\$75,000.00 (\$185,000.00 TOTAL)	36	14	5	13	47	9	38	33	456	651	80%
\$110,000.00 (\$220,000.00 TOTAL)	10	1	3	4	13	3	9	19	103	165	20%

QUESTION 2	CACHE	WALTERS	OKC	APACHE	TRIBAL COMPLEX	ANADARKO	EARLY LAWTON	EARLY COMPLEX	VOTE BY MAIL	TOTAL	%
\$36,000.00 PER PERSON	32	13	5	13	37	10	41	32	397	580	71%
\$60,000.00 PER PERSON	15	2	3	4	23	3	8	17	165	240	29%

QUESTION 3	CACHE	WALTERS	OKC	APACHE	TRIBAL COMPLEX	ANADARKO	EARLY LAWTON	EARLY COMPLEX	VOTE BY MAIL	TOTAL	%
\$120,000.00	33	14	6	13	43	9	40	34	420	612	77%
\$140,000.00	9	1	2	4	16	3	6	17	127	185	23%

QUESTION 4	CACHE	WALTERS	OKC	APACHE	TRIBAL COMPLEX	ANADARKO	EARLY LAWTON	EARLY COMPLEX	VOTE BY MAIL	TOTAL	%
	14	0	0	4	16	3	7	19	115	155	44%

The official September 20 Special Election voting results.

for Fiscal Year 2026 from its investment income to fund the Standing Subcommittee on Internal Affairs had a total of 442 Yes votes (51) and a total of 421 No votes (49%), passing by a total of 21 votes.

Voting on early /In-House Day:

Voters may cast their ballots for Early/In House Voting from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on October 24, at the polling site of their choice listed below:

- Comanche Nation Elderly Center - 1197 SW H Ave., Lawton
- Comanche Nation Complex Code Talker Room - 584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton

Voting on Election Day

Voters may cast their ballots on Special Election Day from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on October 25 at the following polling sites:

- Lawton Polling Site: Comanche Nation Complex, 584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton
- Oklahoma City Polling Site: Comanche Nation Outreach Office, 8014 N. Western Ave., Suite D, Oklahoma City
- Apache Polling Site: Comanche Nation Community Center, 309 Julia Mahseet Rd., Apache
- Anadarko Polling Site: Anadarko Outreach Office, 602 W. Virginia Ave., Anadarko
- Cache Polling Site: Cahoma Community Center, 752 NW Quanah Rd., Cache
- Walters Polling Site: Comanche Nation Community Center, 905 E. Missouri St., Walters

For more information, contact the Comanche Nation Election Office at (580) 492-3544.



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Comanche Academy Charter School

Estimate of Needs
Published as required by State Department

BUILDING FUND ACCOUNTS COVERING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025
ESTIMATE OF NEEDS FOR 2025-2026

EXHIBIT 'C'	
Schedule 1: Current Balance Sheet for June 30, 2025	
	Amount
ASSETS:	
Cash Balances	\$87,223.34
Investments	\$0.00
TOTAL ASSETS	\$87,223.34
LIABILITIES AND RESERVES:	
Warrants Outstanding	\$0.00
Reserve for Interest on Warrants	\$0.00
Reserves From Schedule 8	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	\$0.00
CASH FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025	\$87,223.34
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND CASH FUND BALANCE	\$87,223.34

Schedule 2: Revenue and Requirements, 2024-2025		
REVENUE:	Estimated Budget	Actual Revenue & Expenditures
Revenues, Non-Revenue Receipts & Cash Balances (Schedule 6)	\$89,913.22	\$101,223.34
LESS: REQUIREMENTS:		
Expenditures (Schedule 8)	\$89,913.22	\$14,000.00
CASH FUND BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025	\$0.00	\$87,223.34

Schedule 3: Building Fund Cash Accounts of Current and all Prior Years				
CURRENT AND ALL PRIOR YEARS	2024-25	2023-24	PRE-2023	Total
Cash Balance Reported to Excise Board 6-30-24	\$0.00	\$54,913.22	\$0.00	\$54,913.22
REVENUES, NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS & CASH BALANCE				
Revenues/Non-Rev (Sch 6 Source Codes 1000 to 5999)	\$46,310.12	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$46,310.12
Cash Balances Transferred (Sch 6 Source Code 6110)	\$54,913.22	-\$54,913.22	\$0.00	\$0.00
Prior Year Lapsed Appropr (Sch 6 Source Code 6130)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Estopped Warrants (Sch 6 Source Code 6140)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interfund Transfers (Sch 6 Source Code 6200)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL REVENUES, NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS & CASH BALANCE	\$101,223.34	-\$54,913.22	\$0.00	\$46,310.12
Warrants Paid of Year in Caption	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
CASH & INVESTMENTS BALANCE JUNE 30, 2025	\$87,223.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,223.34
Reserve for Warrants Outstanding (Schedule 4)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Reserve for Encumbrances (Schedule 8)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND RESERVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
DEFICIT:	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
CASH FUND BAL FORWARD TO SUCCEEDING YEAR	\$87,223.34	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$87,223.34

Schedule 4: Building Fund Warrant Accounts of Current and all Prior Years				
CURRENT AND ALL PRIOR YEARS	2024-25	2023-24	PRE-2023	Total
Warrants Outstanding 6-30 of Year in Caption	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Warrants Registered During Year	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
TOTAL	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
Warrants Paid During Year	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
Warrants Converted to Bonds or Judgments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Warrants Estopped by Statute/Canceled	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
TOTAL WARRANTS RETIRED	\$14,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14,000.00
BALANCE WARRANTS OUTSTANDING JUNE 30, 2025	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Schedule 5: 2024 Ad Valorem Tax Account		
ACCOUNTS COVERING THE PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 TO JUNE 30, 2025	0.000/Mills	Amount
2024 Net Valuation Certified to County Excise Board		\$0.00
Total Proceeds of Levy as Certified		\$0.00
Additions:		\$0.00
Deductions:		\$0.00
Gross Balance Tax		\$0.00
Less Reserve for Delinquent Tax		\$0.00
Reserve for Protests Pending		\$0.00
Balance Available Tax		\$0.00
Deduct 2024 Tax Apportioned		\$0.00
Net Balance 2024 Tax in Process of Collection		\$0.00
Excess Collections		\$0.00

S.A.&L Form 2662R1.1.9 Entity: Comanche Academy Public Schools T001, Comanche County
See Accountant's Compilation Report

9-Sep-2025

School District
2025-2026 Estimate of Needs
and
Financial Statement of the Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Board of Education of Comanche Academy Public Schools
District No. T001
County of Comanche
State of Oklahoma

To the Excise Board of said County and State, Greetings:

Pursuant to the requirements of 68 O. S. 2001 Section 3002, we submit herewith, for your consideration the within statement of the financial condition of the Board of Education of Comanche Academy Public Schools, District No. T001, County of Comanche, State of Oklahoma for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, together with an itemized statement of the estimated Income and Probable Needs of said School District for the ensuing fiscal year. We have separately prepared, executed and submit Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year so terminated, and Estimate of Requirements for the ensuing Fiscal Year, for such Sinking Fund, if any, as pertains to this District for the Bond, Coupon, and Judgment indebtedness, if any, outstanding and unpaid as of June 30, 2026, and also for the Sinking Fund of any disorganized District whose area or the major portion thereof is now embraced within the boundaries of this District; and this Certificate is as applicable thereto as if fully embodied therein. The same have been prepared in conformity with Statute.

Two copies of this Financial Statement and Estimate of Needs should be filed with the County Clerk not later than September 30 for all School Districts. One complete signed copy must be sent to the State Auditor and Inspector, 2300 N. Lincoln Blvd Room 100, Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4801 and one copy will be retained by the County Clerk. If publication may not be had by date required for filing, affidavit and proof of publication are required to be attached within five days after date of filing.

Prepared by: Jenkins & Kemper CPAs, P.C.

Submitted to the Comanche County Excise Board

This 10th Day of September, 2025

School Board Member's Signatures

Chairman: Clerk:

Member: Member:

Member: Member:

Member: Member:

Treasurer:

S.A.&L Form 2662R1.1.9 Entity: Comanche Academy Public Schools T001, Comanche County

9-Sep-2025

Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

OCTOBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			Frederick 1st Day	Frederick 2nd Day	Walters 1st Day	
	Walters 2nd Day	Cache 1st Day	Cache 2nd Day	Cache 3rd Day	Cache 4th Day	
	CLOSED Indigenous People's Day	Lawton 1st Day	Lawton 2nd Day	Lawton 3rd Day	TRUCK DAY	
	Lawton 4th Day	Lawton 5th Day	Make-Up Day	Make-Up Day	Make-Up Day	
	Make-Up Day	Make-Up Day	Inventory	Inventory	Inventory	



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- TOSAꞑEKAPꞑꞑ - PINK
- TOSAPꞑꞑ - WHITE
- EKAꞑOHAPꞑꞑ - ORANGE
- EBIBꞑꞑ - BLUE
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- PUHIPꞑꞑ - GREEN
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- ESIPꞑꞑ - GREY

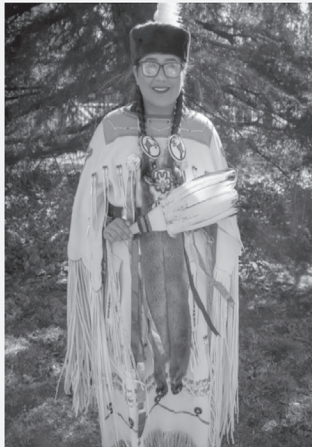


19th Birthday Handgame For Vivien Parker

Date, Time & Place

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Oct 25,2025

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 CARLA WHITEMAN (CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO & OSAGE)

HEAD MAN
 DAVID SULLIVAN (VICE-CHAIRMAN, KIOWA TRIBE)

HEAD WOMAN
 JAME HAMILTON (COMANCHE, KIOWA)

HEAD SINGER
 VICTOR TAHCHAWWICKAH (COMANCHE)

HONORED ELDER
 MARY MOTAH (COMANCHE)

HONORED VETERAN
 CLIFFORD TAKAWANA (COMANCHE)

HEAD BOY
 JUSTIN NEGRON JR. (COMANCHE)

HEAD GIRL
 KIMORA KOMAHCHEET (COMANCHE, OTOE-MISSOURI)

ARENA DIRECTOR
 TRISTAN GARRETT (KIOWA, APACHE)

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2:00 PM - GOURD DANCE
 4:00 PM - REGISTRATION OPENS
 5:30 PM - SUPPER
 6:30 PM - GRAND ENTRY

- TINY TOTS CONTEST (5 & UNDER)
- FANCY DANCE STREET CLOTHES CONTEST (13 & UP)
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GRAPHIC DESIGN BY:

Red River Hotel Casino hosts the Red River Art and Music Festival



Comanche tribal Morgan Tosee leads the cultural heritage exhibition at the Red River Art and Music Festival in Devol, Oklahoma. Comanche Nation Princess Isabella Ramirez was in attendance and signed the Lord’s Prayer as part of the event.



Comanche Nation artists showcase their work at the Red River Art and Music Festival in Devol, Oklahoma. Comanche Red River Hotel Casino held the event on September 6. Over 20 vendor booths were set up for patrons to shop.



Olivia Komahcheet prepares for an early afternoon jam session at the Red River Art and Music Festival, put on by Comanche Red River Hotel Casino, in Devol, Oklahoma. She would perform with her dad, Travis Komahcheet, for several hours before other bands took the stage.

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On September 6, Comanche Red River Hotel Casino hosted the Red River Art and Music Festival in Devol, Oklahoma.

There were artist vendors, food trucks, live music and cultural events for patrons to enjoy.

Comanche Red River Hotel Casino Manager Shelby Mata said the event is important for Comanche artists to exhibit their art and share the culture with visitors from Texas, who make up over half the visitors.

She said entertainment came from the local area.

“So, a lot of it is getting local suggestions; seeing

what you know people around us want,” Mata said. “So, a lot of these bands are just from right here within Cotton County, Comanche County, and then the rest...are from a little farther out to bring in a different crowd to our venue.” Planning for the festival began earlier this year, in April.

“We’ve actually added the food trucks and some extra events for the kids, so we do have some bounce houses outside for them,” she said. “And then just overall, we have more vendors outside too, so people have a variety of things to bring from than what they didn’t have in previous years.”

Mata said she’s thankful for everyone who had a hand in the event planning.

“I just want to thank again all of our Comanche Nation entertainment team for making this happen, and all the support and love, because I couldn’t do it by myself,” she said. “And then, of course, all the Comanche vendors outside because they put their life and dedication, talents into their crafts, so I’m very thankful for them.”



Comanche Nation New Pathways hosted the Four Winds Wellbriety talking circle on Saturday, September 20, at Watchetaker Hall. The event provided a safe space for community members to discuss various topics.

New Pathways host a Four Winds Wellbriety Group

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

New Pathways hosted a Four Winds Wellbriety Group talking circle on Saturday, September 20, at Watchetaker Hall.

Facilitator Christopher Martin said it’s a safe space for individuals to express themselves without being judged or creating conversation between the group.

“Because the way it goes is we have a talking stick and whoever has that stick has the floor to express themselves however they feel they need to express themselves,” he said. “And we try to give them a topic and see if we can get everyone to go off the topic. But a lot of the time...with our lives the way it is, we need to vent or let go of things that have happened maybe in the past week or so. So...we’re not very rigid in saying this is the topic, you got to stick to it.”

Martin said they give an option to choose a topic from whitebison.org material, but it’s also a good time for them to express themselves from their hearts.

He said a spiritual aspect is the core of recovery.

“So as far as generational trauma goes...for instance, the forceful removal of Indian children from their families years ago and placed into a boarding school situa-

tion where they weren’t nurtured or shown love,” Martin said. “They grow up, and they don’t know how to show that in their own family. And so, they just kind of perpetrate the same things they’ve gone through onto their own relatives.”

He said he has been impacted by generational trauma.

“My mom went to boarding school, and she grew up that way,” Martin said. “And today in my family union, I have a hard time saying ‘I love you’ because I never heard it, never shared it with my mom and dad verbally...They tried to show it in other ways: buying me stuff, spoiling me. And so as human beings, we need to have that nurturing aspect and know that we’re loved, wanted, and worthy. But when we grow up from generational trauma, those things are absent from our lives...Wellbriety teaches us how to make a timeline of traumatic events and focus on our relationship with our higher power, our creator, who, in turn, from that, we tend to heal that generational trauma. And we start practicing those things until they become normal. And so maybe the next generation won’t have to suffer the way we have.”

He said that with generational trauma, there are four main aspects of life.

“You have an emotional life, a spiritual life, a physical life and a mental life,” Martin said. “All of those are what makes us, and we’ve suffered. We’ve been harmed in those four areas, which in turn, we harm others in those same four areas: the mental, the physical, the spiritual and the emotional. And so, when we work the 12 steps of the medicine wheel, and those bring us into say a balance or harmony with our creator and the world we live in. I think the generational trauma throws us out of balance. When we experienced chaos when we practiced those things that we grew up with.”

The Medicine Wheel and 12-step talking circle meet at 5:30 p.m. every Monday at New Pathways Halfway House. Spirit Winds AA hosts its AA Big Book Study at 5:30 p.m. every Wednesday at New Pathways, with a speaker meeting and potluck on the last Wednesday of the month. Events are open to the public, and anyone can join.

More information can be found by calling Comanche Nation New Pathways at (580) 492-3752.

Fall Benefit Powwow

NOVEMBER 2, 2025 2-8 PM

Watchetaker Hall

584 NW Bingo Rd. Lawton, OK 73507

Gourd Dancing 2-5

Supper 5-6

Resume Gourd dancing 6-8

MC Carla Whiteman

HS Robert Tehanuo

HM Dominique Komahcheet

HL Jocelyn Blodgett

HLB Nokosi Singleton

HLG Talia Quiroga

AD Hennie & Eli Yazzie

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Indiahoma Native American Club

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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

CIVA Activities 72nd Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) kicked off the 72nd Annual Comanche Homecoming by serving as co-host for the Homecoming Powwow and Celebration.

Each morning a flag raising was conducted in honoring and remembering our WWI and WWII Comanche Code Talkers. U.S. Flags were placed around the area honoring the WWI Code Talkers and WWII Code Talkers.

During the three-day event, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Veterans enjoyed gourd and social dancing at Sultan Park in Walters Oklahoma and the Comanche Homecoming Committee Honoring our WWI and WWII Comanche Code Talkers and for serving at co-host.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Veterans raise the U.S. flag and places U.S. flags around the dance area in honor of the WWI and WWII Comanche Code Talkers.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie leads the CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary in grand entry.



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Vice-Commander Frankie Patterson serves as the Comanche Homecoming Honored Veteran.

CIVA 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting

On August 4, and on September 8, CIVA 50th Anniversary Planning Committee Meeting held their first meeting in the Patriot Room.

Prior to the meeting a prayer was given followed by a pot-luck dinner. After the meal, the Committee were briefed on the history of CIVA and how the organization was formed as a Nationally Chartered Veterans Organization and the original members.

CIVA was Nationally Chartered on August 18, 1976, as a Veterans Organization. An open discussion on how to plan and coordinate CIVA 50th Anniversary as it was decided there will be a banquet and a celebration and powwow as the dates will be determined.

CIVA 50th Anniversary Committee

Roger Tehauno-CIVA Commander
Suzanne Patterson-CIVA Auxiliary Leader
Kevin Pohawpatchoko-Committee Chairperson
Roxie Kerchee-Committee member
Clifford Takawana-Committee member
Linda Tehauno-Committee member
Monah Davis-CIVA Co-Chaplain
Shirley Pohawpatchoko-Committee member
James Czernick-Committee member
LaNora Parker-Committee member
Wanda Czernick-Committee member

Comanche Purple Heart Veterans

August 7, 2025, National Purple Heart Day is to honor and remember the men and women who have been wounded or killed in action while serving in the U.S. Military.

“Being wounded or killed in any action against an enemy of the United States or as a result of an act of any such enemy or opposing armed forces”

Comanche Veterans have been awarded the Purple Heart, including those who were killed in action, died of combat wounds, died in captivity or were declared dead while missing in action. These 65 *Numunu* Warriors are:

World War I (8):
Calvin Atchavit, Army; Gilbert Conwoop, Army; Frank LeBarre, Army; Edward Nahquaddy Sr, Army; Samuel Tabbytosavit, Army; Mikey Tahdooahnippah, Army; Cleveland Tahpay, Army; Jacob Wahkinney, Army

World War II 26 in action, two died of wounds:

Henry Conwoop, Army (Posthumously); Eli Hosetosavit, Army (Posthumously); Thomas Chockpoyah, Army (Posthumously) ; Melvyners, Army (Posthumously); Henry Kosechata, Army (Posthumously); Johnnie Rivas, Army (Posthumously); Ben Trevino, Army (Posthumously); Gilbert Vidana, Army (Posthumously); Floyd Paddyaker, Army (Oak Leaf Cluster) ; Larry Saupitty, Army (Oak Leaf Cluster); Meech Tahsequah, (Oak Leaf Cluster); Lawrence Tomah Jr, Army (Oak Leaf Cluster); Samuel Chahtinneyackque, Army; Clifford Chebahtah Sr, Marine Corps; Mead Chibitty, Army; Edward Louis Clark, Marine Corps; Lamont Howery, Army; Forrest Kassanavoid, Army; Gilbert Monatoboy, Army; Perry Noyobad, Army; Wilbur Parker, Army; Ralph Pewewardy, Army; Henry Tomahsah, Army; Herbert Vidana, Army; Myers Wahnee Sr, Army & Air Force; Willis Yackeschi, Army

Korean War 5, one killed in action and one died in captivity:

Meech Tahsequah, Army Air Force (Posthumously); Dennis Karty, Army died in captivity (Posthumously); Fernel Mihecoby, Army; Roderick Red Elk, Army; Edward Yellowfish, Army

Vietnam War 21, two killed in action:

Russell Pesewonit, Marine Corps (Posthumously); Robert Pahche-ka, Marine Corps (Posthumously); Cloyce “Chuck” Choney, Army); Otto Tonips Jr, Marine Corps; Clifford Chebahtah Jr, Marine Corps; Milton Codynah, Army; Lawrence Kassanavoid, Army; Charles Kaudle-Kaule, Marine Corps; Kenneth Looking Glass, Marine Corps; Lucien Looking Glass, Marine Corps; Clifford Ototivo Jr, Marine Corps; Timothy Ototivo, Marine Corps; Leland Parker, Marine Corps; Joe Plata, Army; George Red Elk, Army; Philip Rogers Sr, Marine Corps; Richard Sapcutt, Marine Corps; Patrick Tahchawwickah, Army; Malcom Taunah, Marine Corps; Johnny Tiddark, Army; Ralph Wermly, Army

Iraqi and Afghanistan War 5, one deceased, one killed in action:
Joshua Ware, Marine Corps (Posthumously); Charles Eatmon, Army;

Christopher Chebahtah, Air National Guard ; Joseph Gonzalez, Army; Jeffery Almand, Air National Guard.

Note: Ten Comanches were killed in action, two died of wounds and one died in captivity; Tahsequah wounded thrice (KIA); Christopher Chebahtah; Choney, Saupitty, Tomah Sr, Tonips, Paddyaker and Eatmon wounded twice; four father, son, grandson wounded Clifford Sr. (WWII), Clifford Jr. (Vietnam), Christopher Chebahtah (Iraq); fathers and sons wounded are Henry (WWI) and Gilbert Conwoop (WWII - KIA); Forrest (WWII) and Lawrence Kassanavoid (Vietnam); Roderick (Korea) and George Red Elk (Vietnam); three sets of Brothers wounded are Gilbert (WWII - KIA) and Herbert Vidana (WWII); Lucien (Vietnam) and Kenneth Looking Glass (Vietnam); Clifford Jr. (Vietnam) and Timothy Ototivo (Vietnam).

CIVA Veteran, Historian and Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame/ Hall of Honor Ambassador Serves as Guest Speaker

On August 7, Dr. (Honorary) SGM U.S. Army (Ret.) Lanny Asepermy served as a guest speaker for the Kiowa Tribe Veterans Office, Kiowa Tribe Purple Heart Day held at the Kiowa Tribal Complex in Carnegie, Oklahoma.



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Dr. (Honorary) SGM U.S. Army (Ret.) Lanny Asepermy

August Monthly Meeting

On August 7, CIVA held its monthly meeting. CIVA Secretary Dominic Pawlowski opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by CIVA Princess, Clara Yazzie.

Opening remarks were made by CIVA Commander, Roger Tehauno as birthday recognitions were made to CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno, Kevin Pohawpatchoko, and Lanny Asepermy along with CIVA Auxiliary member Danielle Tomah and Walter Torralba.

A meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary Leader, Tavia Torralba and Shirley Pohawpatchoko. After the meal a roll call was conducted by CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski as a quorum was established.

The July Monthly Minutes, Treasure Report and the Veterans and Auxiliary reports were presented and approved. Old Business and New Business were discussed along with planning for the CIVA Veterans Day Celebration and Powwow.



Courtesy Photo

August birthday recognition to CIVA Veteran Kevin Pohawpatchoko, CIVA Auxiliary member Danielle Tomah, Walter Torralba and CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno.

CIVA Serves as Co-Host and Color Guard for U.S. Air Force Veteran Phillip “BODIE” Wetselline Birthday Celebration Dance

On August 9, CIVA was honored to be apart of Phillip “Bodie” Wetselline Birthday Celebration and Dance at the Comanche Community Center in Apache Oklahoma.

The morning started as the flag of U.S. Air Force Veteran Terry “Kraz” Wetselline was raised and later lowered. CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary enjoyed the Birthday Celebration Dance and wish Phillip “Bodie” Wetselline a very Happy Birthday!



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CIVA Veterans raise the flag of the late USAF Veteran Terry “Kraz” Wetselline.



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CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie singing a Birthday Song to Phillip “Bodie” Wetselline.

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie participate in Lawton’s Mayors City Address

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie was invited to participate in Lawton Mayor Stan Bookers 2025 State of the City Address held at the FISTA Innovation Park located in the Central Mall.

This event highlighted the accomplishments of the youth from the Lawton/Fort Sill Community. CIVA is very proud of our CIVA Princess representing our Comanche Veterans and the Comanche Nation.



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CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie



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CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie with the MacArthur High School JROTC.

September Monthly Meeting

On September 4, CIVA held its monthly meeting. CIVA Co-Chaplain Lymon Guy opened with a prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by former Comanche Nation Jr. Princess, CIVA Princess and now Comanche Little Ponies Princess Arlene Schonchin.

Opening remarks were made by CIVA Commander, Roger Tehauno as birthday recognitions were made to CIVA Veteran Richard Sapcut and CIVA Mascot Bob Plata. Birthday recognitions were also given to CIVA Veteran Jimmy Caddo and CIVA Auxiliary member Aurela Craig.

The meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary Leader, Suzanne Patterson and CIVA Auxiliary member Christine Plata. After the meal, honors were given to In Remembrance & Honor of Corporal James Querdibitty by CIVA Historian Lanny Asepermy.

After the honors a roll call was conducted by CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski as a quorum was established.

The August Monthly Minutes, Treasure Report and the Veterans and Auxiliary reports were presented and approved. Old Business and New Business were discussed along with planning for the CIVA Veterans Day Celebration and Powwow.



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September birthday recognition to CIVA Veteran Richard Sapcut and CIVA Mascot Bob Plata being held by CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno. Not pictured CIVA Veteran Jimmy Caddo and CIVA Auxiliary member Aurela Craig.



Courtesy Photo

A family member of the late Corporal James Querdibitty.

Color Guard Kiowa Tribe Liaison Office for Veterans Affairs Pow-wow

On November 13, CIVA was invited by the Kiowa Tribe Liaison Office for Veterans Affairs to serve as one the Color Guards during their annual pow-wow. During the pow-wow, CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary enjoyed the honoring’s and social dancing.

Comanche Veteran to be Inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame

Comanche Vietnam Veteran First Lieutenant Michael Waddle will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame on November 1, 2025, during the 26 Annual Induction Ceremony. Congratulations to First Lieutenant Waddle for being selected to receive this high honor.



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1st Lt. Michael Waddle

Michael Waddle, 1LT USA 1966-69, served during the Vietnam War as a Platoon Leader with Company B, 1st Battalion, 508th Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division for 10 months and 29 days, based in

I Corps area in and around Hue and Phu Bai and also in the Saigon, Mekong Delta, Iron Triangle and Cambodia boarder areas of operations, fought in 5 campaigns, awarded the Silver Star for action on August 26, 1969, his citation reads in part **“On this date the fourth platoon was on a reconnaissance mission when its point element suddenly came under heavy attack from a well-concealed North Vietnamese Army squad. As the initial hail of automatic weapons and rocket fire fell on the platoon’s position, LT Waddle crawled from position to position to direct return fire and give words of encouragement. LT Waddle fearlessly led his platoon in a counter attack against an aggressive enemy and overran the hostile elements. Pausing long enough to search for intelligence material, LT Waddle continued to lead his men on toward to another suspected enemy stronghold. After several hours of searching, the fourth platoon was again taken under fire by enemy automatic weapons, rocket and mortar fire. During the initial barrage, two squads were pinned down and sustained heavy casualties. Although outnumbered, LT Waddle courageous and efficiently organized his platoon into a defensive position. After he called for air strikes and after their completion, he again led his platoon in a ferocious ground attack on enemy positions, completely overrunning and**

routing the enemy.”

His awards include the Combat Infantryman and Parachutists Badges, Bronze Star (2), Army Commendation, National Defense Service, Vietnam Service with 1 Silver Star, Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/ Palm and Vietnam Campaign with 1960 Device and 1 Overseas Bar, graduated from the Infantry Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant on April 17, 1967 – earned the honorary title of *Numu Pukutsi*.

Calling for All Former CIVA Princess

To all former CIVA Princesses, please contact CIVA Auxiliary member Linda Tehauno at (580) 678-2468 or by email veloiswhitefeather@yahoo.com . CIVA is in the planning stages for their 50th Anniversary events. Thank you!

Comanche Nation Veteran information is needed

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association are continuing to update the Comanche Veterans Master List. If you are an Honorably Discharged Veteran and you would like your military service updated and documented, please email Kevin Pohawpatchoko at k_pohawpatchoko@yahoo.com. Your military service history, documents, records, photographs and your DD-214 will

be forwarded to Dr. Bill Meadows Missouri State University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize your military documents as we will update our Comanche Veterans Master List. Our Comanche Veterans military history and documents received will also help in the event of a Veterans passing. In closing, this is voluntary for the Comanche Nation Veterans and their families. Thank you!



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-James 5:7-8

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

September 14 - Linda Lee Tiddark
September 25 - Nevaeh Renee Lynn Gonzalez

Happy Birthday!



October - Jedidiah
October 1 - Ariyah Harjo
“Happy, happy sweet 16th birthday to our Ariyah Leigh Harjo, have a blessed day from the family of Mikayla Cozad.”
October 1 - EJ Cable
October 3 - Jodi Star Cable
October 5 - Gabriel Johnson
“Happy Birthday Dad. From your girls, Shay, Lily, Angel.
October 6 - Harry Anthony Nauni
October 6 - Llori Heminokey Goombi
“Happy Birthday! Love, your whole family!”
October 7 - Maria Ray Lynn Dingman
October 8 - Camila Rodriguez
October 12 - Betty Lou Chasenah
October 13 - Jason Sullivan
October 13 - Dawn Tahchawwickah
October 19 - Jaylee Anderson
October 21 - Mona “Cisty” Kahrahrh Foye
October 23 - Sarah Mikayah Valdez
October 25 - Tiffany Akoneto Allen
October 25 - Philip Gilliam
October 27 - Dakota Gomez
October 27 - Jordan Muncy
October 28 - Minnie Monetathchi Tahdooahnippah
“From Forrest & Brianna Tahdooahnippah”
October 29 - Aleesia Wahhahrockah
October 30 - Barney Tiddark
“Happy Birthday, Brother! Sister Rose loves you!”



Happy 9th Birthday
EJ Cable
October 1
~ We love and cherish you! Love, Mom and Dad Geramey Cable and Denessa LittleAxe.



Happy Birthday
Camila Rodriguez
October 8
~ Happy Birthday Mila! From Kakoo, Ariane, Christian and Daddy!



Happy Birthday
Jaylee Anderson
October 19



Happy Birthday
Philip Gilliam
October 25
~ Love Mom and Ariane.



Happy Belated Birthday
Linda Lee Tiddark
September 14
~ Happy Birthday Baby, ♥ u! Auntie Rose.



Happy 16th Birthday
Ariyah Harjo
October 1
~ Happy Sweet 16! We love you so much! Love Dad, Baby Dee and Steph.



Happy Birthday
Betty Lou Chasenah
October 12



Happy Birthday
Mona “Cisty” Kahrahrh Foye
~ & Kamakuttu Nti
October 21



Happy Birthday
Jordan Muncy
October 27
~ Happy Birthday Sweetheart. ♥ Nana - Popa - Uncle David.

Congratulations to the Newlyweds!

Joseph and Rosalinda Tahsequah. Married September 22, 2025 in the Comanche Nation Court located at the Comanche Nation Headquarters in Lawton, Okla.



Happy 2nd Birthday
Jodi Star Cable
October 3
~ We love and cherish you! Love, Mom and Dad Geramey Cable and Denessa Little Axe.



Happy Birthday
Dawn Tahchawwickah
October 13



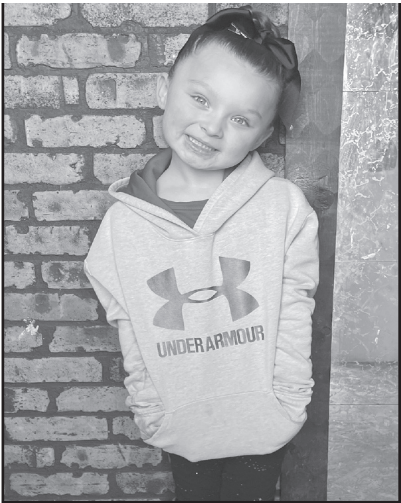
Happy Birthday
Sarah Mikayah Valdez
October 23



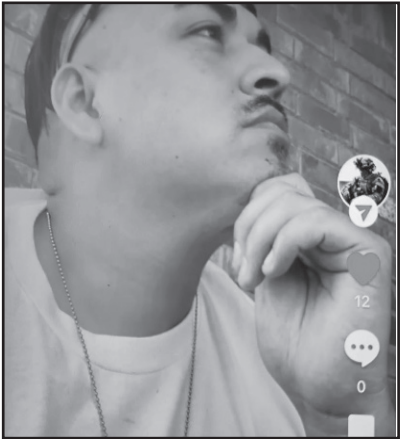
Happy Birthday
Dakota Gomez
October 27

In Loving Memory
Happy Heavenly Birthday

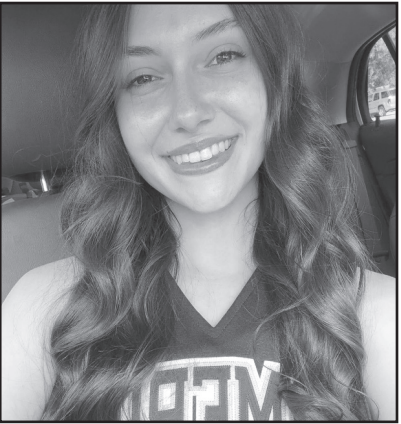
Robert Baldwin Parker
October 10



Happy Birthday
Maria Ray Lynn Dingman
October 7



Happy Birthday
Jason Sullivan
October 13



Happy Belated Birthday
Nevaeh Renee Lynn Gonzalez
September 25



Happy Birthday
Jedidiah
October

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Obituaries

Gerald "Jerry" Ward



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Ward

Gerald "Jerry" Ward, 61, affectionately known as Jerry, passed away on March 9, 2025. He was born on December 15, 1963, to Preston and Janice Sue (Terasaz) Ward, and throughout his life, he was admired for his kind heart and spirit.

He is survived by his brother Ron Terasaz and sister, Kimberly Kassaw, along with a host of relatives and friends who will miss him dearly.

Rest in peace, Jerry. Your memory will live on in our hearts

Pamela Pebeahsy



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Pebeahsy

Pamela was born to Gloria Jean Miller and Roland (Corkey) Gokey Pebeahsy in Lawton Oklahoma on July 9, 1974.

Pebeahsy was the youngest of four children Traci Renee Tennimon (Tom), Tammie Renee Pebeahsy-Price (James) and Milton Lemuel Pebeahsy.

She graduated from Lawton High. She traveled and settled in Luling, Texas. Pebeahsy had five beautiful children Samantha Diane Price-Pebeahsy, Kendra Shawn Vice (David), Kayla Marie Salinas (Julian), Kyla Lee Valdez and Michael Anthony Price (Erica)

Pebeahsy loved all her grandchildren Graceleigh, Rosland, Julian, Julius, Bailee, Adanis, Julissa, Autumn and Lucas. they all loved their NaNa.

She was preceded in by both grandparents on both sides and her father Roland G. Pebeahsy.

Ronald Chasenah



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Chasenah

Ronald Chasenah, 73, passed away sadly on August 12, in Lawton. Chasenah was born on March 30, 1951, to John Harold & Jeanette (Pohlemann) Chasenah in

Lawton, Oka. He was a welder in his younger years, worked as a mover at Affiliated Van Lines, did shirt printing at Artworks and Rainbow Shirt Company with his brother, Lewis Chasenah, and he loved to play hand games. He was a proud and full blood member of the Comanche Nation Tribe of Oklahoma. He was a member of the Comanche Spur Hand Game team, a member of the Native American Church and a member of the Petarsy United Methodist Church where he attended church.

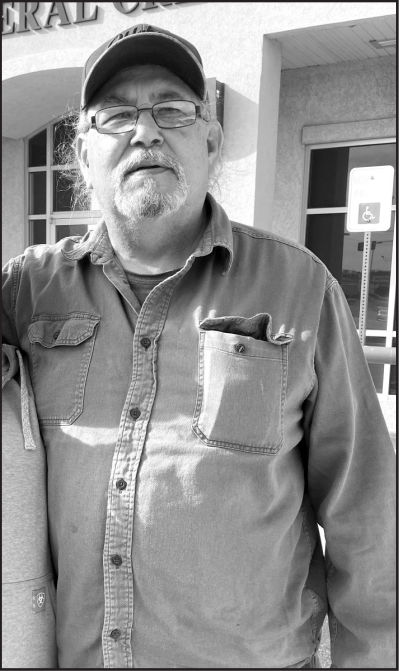
Chasenah was raised by his uncle, Garrett “Boysi” Connahvichnah in Richard Spur on his late mother’s allotment. He made his home near Meers, Oklahoma on Wolf Road with his late wife, Mari-Lou Chasenah. When Chasenah was young his uncle saved him from a house fire. From then on, his uncle took care of him. He attended school at Stony Point and then went to Chilocco Indian School where he graduated.

He is survived by his daughter: Phyllis Chasenah and Tom Beaver, Lawton; son Ronald Jay (April) Chasenah, Lawton and Mickey Chasenah, Chattanooga; nine grandchildren: Nathan, Sidney, Chico, Rico, Margarita, Garrett, Soloman, Dinah, and Alex; and many great grandchildren.

Chasenah is the 3rd to oldest son of the Late John Chasenah and Jeanette Connahvichnah Pohlemann. He has six brothers: John Chasenah, Jr. of Lawton, Gerald Chasenah, Weatherford, Gary Chasenah, Richard Spur, Donald Chasenah, Lawton, Kenneth (Pam) Chasenah, Cache, Tom (Amy) Chasenah, Lawton; two sisters: Mary June Chasenah, Lawton, Linda (Larney) Silverhorn, Richard Spur; 33 nieces and nephews; Auntie-Moms: Marlene Cooper, Anita Johnson, and Ruth Toahty; uncles: Galon (Melanie) Motah; other brothers: Edmund Nevaquaya and Larry (Sonja) Liles; another sister: Gayle Bearshield.

He is preceded in death by his father: John Harrold Chasenah, Sr.-U.S. Navy Veteran; mother: Jeanette Connahvichnah Pohlemann; son: Marvin Chasenah, son of Leslie Youngman; grandparents: Arthur and Emma Eckiwardy Chasenah; Louis Connahvichnah and Mary Powitipe Mocho, Grandma Old Lady Connahvichnah; two uncles: Garrett Boysi Connahvichnah -Native American Church member-Peyote Man and Phillip McCloud-Shoshone; aunts: Joyce Gooday, Sandy Karty, Carol Motah; Phyllis and Ronalds mother, Dinah Poolaw; brothers: Lewis Morgan Chasenah, Frankie Lee Chasenah, Timothy Wayne Chasenah; grandson: Russell Boysi Black son of Sierra Silverhorn-Chasenah.

Byron Apauty



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Apauty

Byron went to be with the Lord on August 22, with his family by his side. He was born on November 5, 1957, in Lawton to Ralph Ferguson and Eva Lois (Kopaddy) Apauty. Apauty was a member of the Comanche Nation and descendent of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. He grew up in the Cache area. He went to Culinary Arts School and was on the honor roll at OSU. He married Patricia "Baby Doll" Tiddark on No-

vember 5, 1990. He loved watching sports, playing softball and spending time with his "Baby Doll," his son, Ryan and grandsons, Jimi and Kevin. Some of his favorite hobbies was carving walking sticks, fishing and singing.

He is survived by his only son: Ryan (Red) Tahdooahnippah; two grandsons: Jimi and Kevin Tahdooahnippah; sisters: Eva Mae Autunez and Ernestine Kopaddy; as well as many loved ones.

He is preceded in death by his loving wife: Patricia "Baby Doll" (Tiddark) Apauty; mother: Eva Lois Kopaddy; sister: Adaline Horn.

Cynthia "Sia" Ann Clay



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Clay

Cynthia "Sia" Ann Clay, was born on October 23, 1949, in Lawton, Oklahoma to William Barge Bradley, Jr and Weckeah Roberta Claire Bradley. Clay passed away on August 31, in Missouri surrounded by family. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation Tribe. Clay was a celebrated multi-media artist, baker, Bob Dylan fan, and Scrabble player who struck fear in the hearts of her opponents. Her artwork has been exhibited in galleries from Santa Fe, New Mexico to Paris, France. She participated in and placed at Red Earth Festivals. She fondly recalls memories of travelling to and living in Germany with her family. She also lived in Connecticut and New Mexico, eventually returning to Lawton, Oklahoma, where she resided at the Edith Kassanavoid Gordon Assisted Living Center. She had special relationships with all of her caregivers and was especially connected to Jeanette Kinnaird, Benny Cable, and Seth Pleasant. She recently moved to Camdenton, Missouri with her loving daughter Emilie, son-in-law Scott, and Grandson Parker.

Clay is survived by one sister: Hawana Huwuni Townsley (David); nephews, Ian Mahksu Ready (Erinn), Zack Tumahkupa Jackson (Jill), 3 daughters: Eldest Daughter, Weyodi OldBear Wuratsaakupu (Robert), granddaughter Weckiai Rannila (Elias), great granddaughter Rosalind Weckiai Rannila, granddaughter Wynnona Wunuru West (Kit), great grandchild River June West, and grandchild Weyodi "Woody" OldBear. Middle Daughter, Tsaina Figueroa, grandchildren Angel Luis Figueroa, III, Leo Figueroa. Youngest Daughter, Emilie Putsi Wood, (Scott); grandchild Parker. Nieces and Nephews: Susan, Steve, Angel, Phaedra, and Caitlin. And many dear lifelong friends. And she always had a special place in her heart for baby Joey.

She is preceded in death by her parents: William Barge Bradley, Jr of Lawton and Weckeah Roberta Claire Bradley; her partner Leo Sanchez, siblings Robert Stanwood Bradley, Robert Dale Bradley, Ronald Bradley, and Linda Bradley. And by her beloved "Gran" Alice Topesup Parker Purdy.

Karen Sue Niedo



Courtesy Photo

Niedo

Karen Sue Niedo, passed away on September 9, in Lawton, Oklahoma. She was born on February 26, 1958, to Margie Niedo in Lawton, Okla. She attended Walter's grade school and then later Fort Sill Indian School, Lawton, Oklahoma. She was a member of the Comanche Nation Tribe of Oklahoma.

She is survived by two brothers: Dennis Niedo and Ron Niedo; Three sons: Larry Valdez, Terry Poemoceah, Eric Poemoceah; one daughter: Tasha Poemoceah.

She is preceded in death by her maternal mother: Margie Niedo; Mom: Velma Valdez; Dad: Max Valdez; grandmother: Lizzie Poemoceah; brother: Leslie Keith Niedo; son: Kelly Valdez.

Marion Creepingbear



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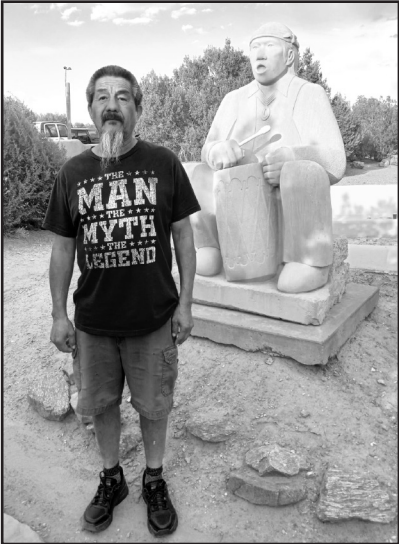
Creepingbear

Marion was born to Marion Leonard Creepingbear and Vivian Attocknie on February 20, 1978, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Creepingbear passed away on September 11, in Oklahoma City. He attended High School in Prague, Oklahoma, and later attended Okmulgee State Tech where he took culinary arts to become a chef. He loved to cook for everyone and was an avid Redskin fan. He was a member of the Comanche Nation and a descendent of the Pawnee, C&A and Otoe Tribes.

He is survived by his brother: Nasharo Creepingbear; sister: Valerie Rucker; nieces and nephews: Carrly Wahnee, Caleb Creepingbear, Taylor Creepingbear, Patrick Alan Shields, Jordan Shields and Demetrius Shields; grand nephews and nieces: Jeremiah Baby June (Demetrius Shields-Dent) and Adliyah Shields-Dent.

He is preceded in death by his son: Anakin Creepingbear; sister: LaCota Attocknie; brother: Patrick Newton Shields; mother: Vivian "Ann" Attocknie; Father: Marion Leonard Creepingbear; many Attocknie aunts, uncles and cousins.

Adrian Gooday



Courtesy Photo

Gooday

Adrian Gooday, departed this life peacefully at home and entered into the presence of his Heavenly Father on September 12.

On March 30, 1965, he was born a precious gift to his parents, Cloyd and Joyce Connivichnah Gooday, completing their family as the youngest child. He was blessed to share his life with his beloved wife, Janetta Ann Gooday. Their journey together began in September 1998, and their union was sealed in marriage on June 22, 2005.

He attended the Elgin Public School System and graduated with the Class of 1984. As a senior, he proudly qualified for State in Track & Field. During these years, he discovered his love for football, a passion that grew into a lifelong devotion to his favorite team, the Oklahoma Sooners. Gooday was one of their most loyal fans, cheering on every sport, but especially football. He lived life with energy and spirit. He was an avid hunter, skilled animal skinner, fisherman, and archer. One of his favorite memories was catching a shark in Hawaii while on his honeymoon. He was also known locally as a sharp pool player, earning the reputation of a true "pool shark." Among his favorite pastimes was spending time at the casino, where he enjoyed both the games and the company around him.

Gooday devoted his life in service to his family, his tribe, and the Lord with great strength and humility. His generous spirit and helping hands were a blessing to many. He was often called upon by individuals, tribes, and communities to share his sacred gift and knowledge of the Ft. Sill Apache song and dance, carrying forward traditions that honor both his people and the Creator. He was a very sweet and thoughtful husband, whose love and devotion will be remembered always.

As a younger brother, he carried himself with deep respect toward his older siblings, honoring the bond of family with gratitude and care. The Gooday family has long been an important part of the history of the American Indian Exposition in Anadarko, Oklahoma. For almost 60 years, he faithfully took part in every Expo Parade, and following the passing of his father, he was honored to be named the lifetime Tribal Princess Director. Among his proudest moments were watching his three daughters—Naiyah, Nzhune', and Soonts—carry forward tradition by holding the prestigious title of Ft. Sill Apache Princess.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Janetta Ann of the home; his cherished daughters, Ni'vynuaka Poemoceah, Thoseyah Poemoceah and Companion Colt Taylor, Woyukudoy Poole and husband Daniel, Naiyah Gooday, Nzhune' Gooday, and Soonts Gooday; and his devoted sons, Tristian Tissychy and Robert Tissychy. He also leaves behind his brothers, Byron Gooday and wife Marion, and Keith Gooday and wife Jerrie. Gooday's legacy continues through his many treasured grandchildren, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Cloyde Gooday Sr. and Joyce Connivichnah Gooday; his sisters, Claudia Salazar and Thomasine Boyd; his brother, Inman 'Buggy' Gooday Jr.; and Son-in-Law, Allen D. Armstrong.

Though our beloved Gooday is no longer with us in presence, the light of his love, kindness, and joy continues to shine in the memories we carry. Each laugh, each gentle word, and every shared moment has left an imprint on our lives that time cannot erase. He taught us to enjoy the simple moments, to be kind to others and take care of one another. Though we will miss his light teasing, caring personality and cultural guidance, we find comfort in knowing that his spirit lives on in each of us. May we celebrate a life well-lived, honor the love he shared, and carry his memory forward in our hearts, always.

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- **DIY decorations**
- **Costume swaps**



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