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helped settle his people on the reservation, and constantly lobbied for their rights.

How much do you actually know about this noted historical figure and his people who frequented this area long before our time? What did they eat? Where did they live, and how did they move their belongings?

How did Quanah feel about civilization, education and the white

man's way of life?

Through the combined efforts of Roy Lynn Barnes, director of the Gaines County Museum, Seminole Division; and the Friends of the Museum, Paul Elam, president; the Pioneer Reenactment Committee under the leadership of Lois Wise, FCS agent and Jean Moffatt chairperson; along with the input from authors, Chuck and Linda George, and help of

other citizens, a program is being presented this Saturday evening (Oct. 20) at the Gaines County Museum, under the heading of "A Comanche Evening."

With County Judge Lance Celandier serving as master of ceremonies, the program will begin at 7 p.m.

Among the things you don't want to miss is the dedication of the generous gift and beautiful bronze sculpture created by local artist/sculptress, Jammey Huggins, entitled, "Wind Spirit," depicting a young Comanche brave shooting an arrow into the air.

This is the second edition of the sculpture; the first edition is on display at Seminole Junior High School.

Also, at this time will be the placing of a granite marker at the foot of the 22 foot, steel Comanche arrow, sculptured and donated by welder, artist, farmer and West Texan Charles Smith. The marker reads:

"In honor of Quanah Parker, last Comanche Chief, who, legend says, was born at Cedar Lake circa 1852. Arrow Sculptor: Charles A. Smith"

The arrow, which stands in front of the museum, identifies Seminole as being on the Quanah Parker Trail, sponsored by the Texas Plains Trail Region (TPTR), one of the ten Texas Historical Commission's cultural and heritage trails regions.

After the dedications Lois Wise will offer free authentic

Plains Indian hors d'oeuvres at the gazebo in front of the museum followed by a few minutes to snack and explore the grounds, and acquaint yourselves with the facilities and artifacts inside the museum.

When it is dark enough for a slide show, (@ 7:45 p.m.), a dramatic reading will be presented by authors Chuck and Linda George from Chuck's book, "The

Comanche," which he authored in 2003. The videographer, Terry Jeffries, will be presenting pictures which illustrate the readings.

Seating will be provided.

This is an important presentation because the history of the Comanche people and of Quanah Parker have been greatly neglected, and forgotten by many of our day. This will be a chance for

us to catch up on our local ancient history.

The program and the hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks are free to the public. Copies of the book, "Seminole," will be available for purchase.

The public is invited and encouraged to attend this free event.

Photos by Terry Jeffries



Sculpture "Wind Spirit" at Museum



Cedar Lake



Monument at Cedar Lake



Arrow Depicting Quanah Parker Trail

Join the
Friends of the Museum
 for an Historical Reenactment
"A Comanche Evening"
October 20th
7:00 p.m.
Gaines County Museum

Presenting the
Quanah Parker Arrow
 and
"Wind Spirit"

Linda and Chuck George
 Presenting a Dramatic Reading from
The Comanche
 a book by Mr. George

Guests Will Enjoy Appetizers
of Comanche Foods
 by Lois Wise