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Tremendous Quanah Initiative a Success



Ron Parker, Quanah Parker's great grandson, and Eugene Johnson, E. Eugene Johnson Foundation, watch as Steve Houser plants the Comanche Marker Tree in Heritage Park across the street from the Museum.

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The Tremendous Quanah Initiative planted a total of 49 trees across Quanah this past Saturday. Locations included the historic Quanah City Park, the Hardeman County Historical Museums, the Quanah Community Center, the Downtown Medicine Mound Mu-

seum, and the Goodlett Cemetery.

Steve Houser, certified arborist and the chairperson of the Indian Marker Tree Committee with the Texas Historic Tree Coalition, planted Comanche Marker Trees at Heritage Park across from the Hardeman County Historical Muse-

um and one across from the Downtown Medicine Mound Museum.

Don Parker, Ron Parker, Ardith Parker Fleming, and Madison Downs blessed the planting of the marker trees. Don Parker performed a blessing ceremony

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Tremendous Quanah Project and Concert at the Park



Steve Houser, center, welcomes the group of volunteers for the Tremendous Quanah Project.



Ron Parker, Quanah Parker's great grandson, speaks to the crowd during the Comanche Marker Tree planting. Also pictured is Bob Ikel (left) and Steve Houser (right)



Pictured left to right: Jeanne Johnson, Jean Johnson, Ron Parker, Steve Houser, and Eugene Johnson.



Ardith Fleming, Quanah Parker's great granddaughter, watches as Madison Downs, Quanah Parker's great great great granddaughter, performs the Lord's Prayer.



Steve Houser plants the Comanche Marker Tree while Don Parker (left) performs a ceremonial blessing.



Jeanene Stermer, curator of the Medicine Mound Museum, addresses the crowd after the planting of the second Comanche Marker Tree located at Medicine Mound.



Ardith Fleming, Quanah Parker's great granddaughter, addresses those in attendance of the planting of the marker tree.



Don Parker performs the "Quanah Song"



The social distanced crowd watch local, Darby Sparkman, as she opens the evening playing songs off of her debut record.



Austin Cunningham (left) and Darby Sparkman (right) play to a socially distanced crowd during the First Annual Concert at the Park.

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while burning cedar for those in attendance. Don Parker also sang the “Quanah Song.” The “Quanah Song” is family song written by an elder that has been passed down through their family. Madison Downs also performed

sign language performance of The Lord’s Prayer. At 5:00 p.m., Darby Sparkman took the stage at First Annual Concert at the Park and played through tracks from her debut record along with fan

favorites. Ending the night was Austin Cunningham, a seasoned veteran songwriter and music artist. Cunningham played songs recorded throughout his career and kept those in attendance entertained throughout the evening.