

Comanche Nation Entertainment to Expand Comanche Red River Hotel Casino and Comanche Nation Casino Properties New Development to Begin with Event Center

Comanche Nation Entertainment is set to expand both Comanche Red River Hotel Casino and Comanche Nation Casino, setting the stage for a multi-phase expansion that will strengthen its entertainment offerings, boost economic opportunity and extend its reach across Southwest Oklahoma.

The new expansion will allow for long-term growth of both casino properties. Construction will begin first at Comanche Red River Hotel Casino with a new event center that expands the gaming floor, adds non-gaming amenities and creates new space to host concerts, conferences and community events.

“This capital improvement marks a strategic milestone for Comanche Nation Entertainment,” said CEO Steven Doyle. “It gives us room to grow in a smart and sustainable way—creating more value for our guests, our team members and most importantly, Comanche Nation.”

The Comanche Red River Hotel Casino expansion includes approximately 150 additional slot machines, 15 table games, new bar and food service areas and non-gaming attractions including an arcade and virtual golf suites. The event center will offer flexible seating for 500 to 750 guests and support cross-promotional programming designed to drive longer stays and higher guest engagement.

“Expanding our hotel room capacity and building an event center creates a stronger foundation for long-term profitability,” Doyle said. “It helps us capture more overnight visitors, extend play time on the casino floor and bring in new audiences for live events and entertainment.”

While Comanche Red River Hotel Casino is the first phase, the broader development plan includes future expansions to Comanche Nation Casino and other long-range enhancements across both sites. Comanche Nation Entertainment anticipates a mix of hospitality, gaming and entertainment uses—all designed to reinforce the company’s commitment to economic growth and cultural preservation.

“This expansion is more than a development plan,” Doyle said. “It’s a symbol of progress, resilience and collective effort. We’re investing in a future where the Comanche people thrive.”

The project is expected to create a wide range of local jobs and support increased tourism and small business activity in the region. Construction on the Comanche Red River Hotel Casino event center is scheduled to begin later this year.

For updates, visit www.comanchenationentertainment.com.

ABOUT COMANCHE NATION ENTERTAINMENT

Comanche Nation Entertainment operates Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Comanche Red River Hotel Casino in Devol, Comanche Spur Casino in Elgin, Comanche Star Casino in Walters, Comanche War Pony Casino in Devol and Comanche Cache Casino in Cache. Its Comanche Travel Plazas, Smoke Shops and Quick Stops are located throughout Southwest Oklahoma.

Comanche Nation Swears-in Newly Elected Officials on July 10



Photo by Stacey Heminokey/News Staff

CBC No. 1, Hazel Tahsequah takes the Oath of Office given by Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdooahnippah, for hrsecond term.



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Newly elected CBC No. 2, Darrell Kosechequetah takes the Oath of Office given by Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdooahnippah.



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Newly elected Election Board member, Aaron Nevaquaya takes the Oath of Office, given by Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah.



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By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

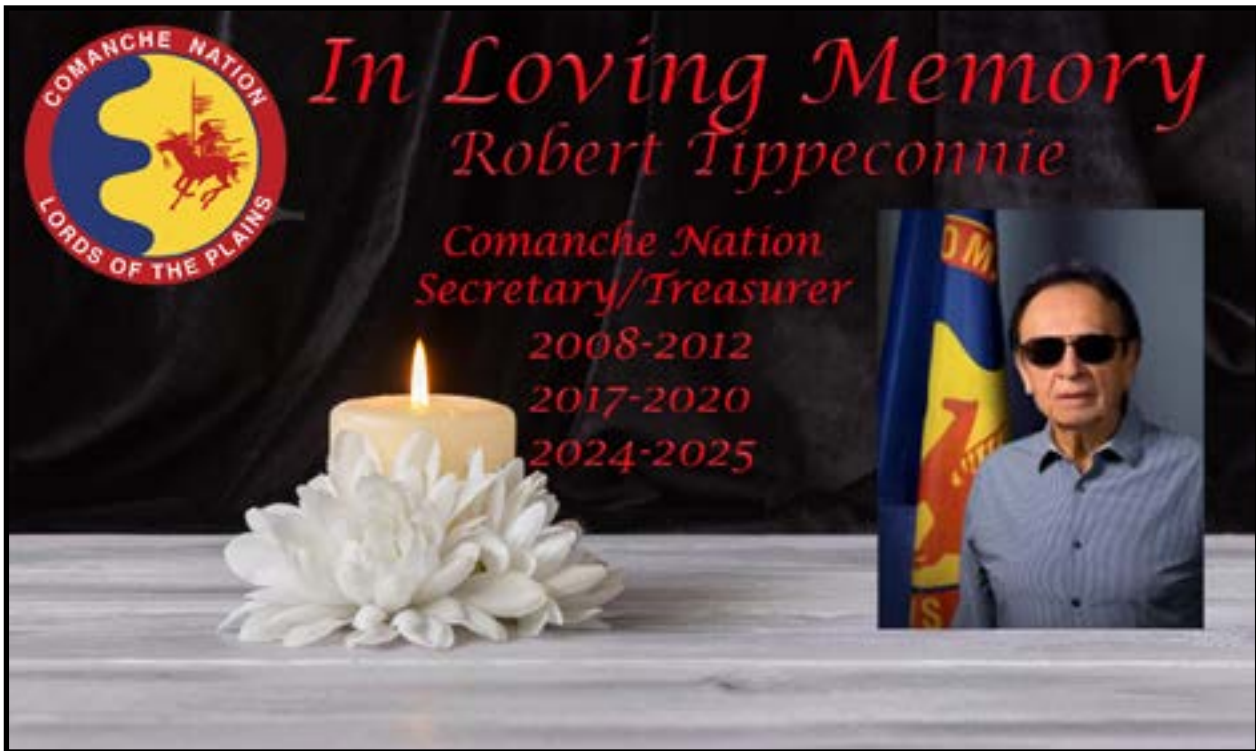
On July 10, Comanche Business Committee Member No. 1 Hazel Tahsequah and No. 2 Darrell Kosechequetah, as well as newly elected Election Board Members Aaron Nevaquaya, Michelle Nevaquaya and Nancy Nauni, were sworn into office at Watchetaker Hall.

Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah said it’s always a good atmosphere at the swearing-in ceremony.

“People have put a lot of effort into running for office,” he said. “There’s a lot of anxiety and waiting for results, and especially this year

because there was a little delay, so it’s really a joyous occasion for people to celebrate their accomplishment of getting into office and to celebrate with their family and friends.”

Tahdooahnippah said he’s excited to have Kosechequetah on
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Comanche Tribal Court Announces Juror Summons May be Through Mail

Submitted by Comanche Tribal Court Staff

Some will receive a summons in the mail informing them that they have been chosen to report for jury duty. Upon receiving a jury summons, someone may feel inconvenienced or uninterested in participating. For some, being selected for this duty may feel more like a burden than a privilege. They may have to miss work for a day or two, scramble to find child care, or completely rearrange their schedule. However, there are relatively few instances when most of us in life can really make a significant difference in our community. Serving on a jury is one of those instances. What someone does on that jury has an impact not only on the parties to the lawsuit but also on their families and the community. If they were a party in a jury trial, they would want someone who could be fair and objective. People should afford others the same respect.

Juries are an integral part of our justice system. They are used in criminal and civil cases with the same goal: the determination of truth and the fair and equitable application of the law. In a jury trial, the judge determines the law to be applied in the case while the jury decides the facts. Thus, jurors become a part of the court itself. Jury service helps to support fairness in trials by providing impartial viewpoints from individuals, their peers, who are selected from the community.

To be eligible for jury service in the Comanche Nation District Court on a criminal case, the current Code of Criminal Procedure provides an individual must be a resident within the boundaries of the Comanche Nation Indian Country, i.e. Service area (seven counties), and at least 18 years of age, regardless of race or tribal citizenship. Non-Indians and non-member Indians residing within the Comanche Nation’s service area will likely have some tie to the tribe, either through employment, housing, or marriage, etc.

A jury consisting of a fair cross section of the community is important to the Comanche Nation and its court. Past U.S. Supreme Court decisions have severely limited the authority of Indian tribes to prosecute non-Indians and non-members in tribal court. While the U.S. Congress has acted to lessen these restrictions, it is important that tribal courts demonstrate that all persons, even non-members, can receive a fair trial by a jury of their peers. Tribal courts can show this by having a juror pool that is drawn from a fair cross section of the community which doesn’t systematically exclude any group, including non-Indians. A tribal court which meets these challenges contributes to the sovereignty of the tribal government and lessens the incentive for the U.S. Supreme Court to impose more restrictions on tribes.

Receiving a jury summons does not automatically mean someone will serve on a jury. They will report to the court as ordered to go through the jury selection process where only six individuals and one
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Government

A Total of 18 Resolutions Presented at July 12 CBC Meeting

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the July 12, *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 Tahdoahnipphah, called the CBC Meeting to order at 10 a.m.

- Removal of Debbie Hendrix from Election Board. The motion passed 4/0/1.
- Removal of Charlotte Niyah from Election Board. The motion passed 3/1/1.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 97-2025- Enrollment Resolution List 1371 Minors. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 98-2025- Enrollment Resolution List 1372 Adult. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 99-2025- Enrollment Resolution List 1373 to Increase Blood Quantum. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 100-2025- Law Enforcement Resolution to Continue Agreement with Sac and Fox Nation. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 101-2025- Realty Resolution Authorizing Right to Provide Water Service for McIntosh Property. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 102-2025- CBC Resolution Amending Real Estate Leasing Law. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 103-2025- CBC Resolution Approving Management Services Agreement By and Between Vestra Tribal Care, LLC and Comanche Nation. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 104-2025- CBC Resolution Approving License Agreement with Comanche Academy. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 105-2025- CBC Resolution for Minor Trust Account. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 106-2025- CBC Resolution Changing Authorized Inquiries and Signatories on Financial Account. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 107-2025- CBC Resolution for Signatory Authority for BIA 4432 Forms. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 108-2025- CBC Resolution for Office of Trustee (OST) Signatories. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 109-2025- Tax Commission Resolution for Bank Signatory for Liberty National Bank. The motion passed 4/0/1.

Resolution No. 110-2025- Tax Commission Resolution for Bank Signatory for City National Bank. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 111-2025- Tax Commission Resolution Authorizing Nadia Tenequer to Obtain Credit Card Access. The motion passed 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 112-2025- Tax Commission Resolution Authorizing Nadia Tenequer Bank Access. The motion passed 5/0/0.

- Election Ordinance Amendments. The motion passed 5/0/0.
- HUD-Tribal Intergovernmental Advisory Committee. The motion passed 5/0/0.

JURY

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alternate will actually serve on the jury for a particular trial. When someone reports as summoned, they will become part of the jury pool — a group of randomly selected prospective jurors. The judge may question this group to find those who obviously should be excused from jury service. A smaller number of those in the pool are then called up to sit in the jury box to be questioned by the lawyers. The lawyers' goal is to eliminate those who may have a bias toward the party they represent or who may have other background issues that could prevent a fair trial. The judge will excuse jurors who may be biased and otherwise unable to render an impartial verdict. Those remaining in the jury pool are called as needed to replace those excused at this stage and will undergo the same questioning process. To finish the

selection process, the attorneys can attempt to have some choice on who sits on the jury by exercising up to four "preemptory challenges" each. By using these challenges, the lawyers can have a juror removed even though that person made it past the prior stages of questioning. Jurors should understand that being eliminated from the jury panel during this last step is no reflection upon their ability or integrity. The lawyers don't have to give a reason for removing a juror at this last step. When that last step is completed, if they are not excused they will be placed on the jury for that trial.

The Comanche Nation's Tribal Court looks forward to welcoming the community to be a part of the court in an upcoming jury trial.



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Maruaweka Numunuu.

Last month, our Nation lost a faithful servant, Robert Tippecornie, our Secretary-Treasurer. I will always remember and value the lessons in mentorship that he provided. He dedicated his life to public service, and worked tirelessly on improving the lives of all Numunuu. In order to fill the vacancy at the Secretary-Treasurer position, we will hold a Special General Council meeting on August 9.

In order to continue advancing our Nation, we are including several other agenda items on the Special General Council agenda. One of them is compensation for the Comanche Business Committee. Currently, the Comanche Business Committee receives stipends for attending certain meetings—the monthly CBC meetings and monthly Tax Commission meetings, as well as monthly meetings with the Gaming Commission and Comanche Nation Entertainment Board of Directors. CBC members also receive stipends if they are on other boards such as the Comanche Nation Housing Authority Board of Commissioners or Cow-Calf Board. One thing Mr. Tippecornie and I discussed several times was discomfort with this status quo—the Constitution only discusses stipends for the monthly CBC meetings and not these other meetings. Therefore, this year the CBC proposed, and the Tribal Council passed, an amendment to the Constitution that allows CBC members to receive whatever salary is approved by the Tribal Council but prohibits receiving stipends from boards and commissions.

While the Tribal Council passed this amendment, the Tribal Council did not approve the proposed salaries for the CBC members. This means that the CBC will not receive any salary at all, \$250 or otherwise, when the new fiscal year starts. CBC members take on enormous responsibility and to pay them nothing at all does not reflect our Comanche values. At the same time, the lack of approval indicates the CBC's prior proposal was too high or the Tribal Council was not educated on the commitment of CBC members. Therefore, please come to the meeting and help us set an amount that is fiscally responsible and appropriately conservative, while also expressing appreciation for the work the CBC does. Your participation in this process is vital, we cannot make a proposal that aligns with the values of voters unless voters attend the meeting to help craft that proposal.

One item that is not on the agenda is any resolution regarding adverse employment action against the Tribal Administrator. At the conclusion of the Annual Meeting, the issue of adverse action against the Tribal Administrator was tabled to allow the proponents of such action to consult with the Tribal Attorney to draft a resolution that would pass constitutional muster. The need for a resolution respecting constitutionally-protected due process rights is paramount for such a serious matter. However, to my knowledge as of the date of this writing, no one took my invitation to consult with the Tribal Attorney, and therefore no resolution on the matter was ever submitted to me or any other member of the CBC.

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Chairman Tahdooahnippah Releases Statement on July 8 Regarding the Court’s Decision on the Independent Tabulator’s Concerns

COMANCHE NATION OF OKLAHOMA 2025 RUN-OFF ELECTION June 14, 2025													
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GENE SOVO	17	3	9	4	19	9	15	30	250	0	365	49.51%	
TRIBAL ATTORNEY													
MIKE MCBRIDE	20	4	6	7	13	4	22	20	187	1	284	39.58%	
WILSON PIRESTEM	30	8	10	5	37	13	49	43	235	0	428	60.11%	
CERTIFICATION													
We, the undersigned election officials of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the above to be a true and accurate abstract of the votes cast in the Run-Off Election held on Saturday, June 14, 2025. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Policy of the Comanche Nation.													

Official June Voting Results of the June 14 Run Off Election

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

On July 8, Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdooahnippah, released a statement regarding the letter he received on June 18 from the independent tabulator for the 2025 Comanche Nation election, which contained three concerns about the election. He added some of the concerns related to the run-off election and some of the concerns related to the general election, while some of the concerns related to both. “As stated in a prior video, on June 16, 2025, the Comanche Nation’s Independent Tabulator raised issues concerning the Nation’s Gen-

eral Election and Runoff Election.

Because some of the concerns raised by the Independent Tabulator related to issues raised in a protest of the General Election, the Comanche Nation Appellate Court was alerted to the Independent Tabulator’s concerns. Election Board members also filed statements concerning the electoral process.

Today, July 8, 2025, the Comanche Nation Appellate Court issued an order stating that its ruling regarding the election from May 30, 2025, will remain. Accordingly, the election results all stand, and we

will proceed with the swearing-in of the winning candidates. I congratulate them on their new positions and thank all of the candidates for their willingness to serve the Comanche Nation.

I apologize again to tribal members for the delay in finalizing the election results and thank everyone for respecting the process. The process, including using our judicial system, is an exercise of our sovereignty and an essential element of maintaining checks and balances in our government.”

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the business committee.

“We’ve been working on over the last year...things like health care, refining some of our ordinances and codes, so I’m really interested to hear what his ideas are for both the things that we have started working on,” he said. “And then to see...what kind of new ideas he has of things that weren’t on our radar. So yeah, I’m looking forward to working together.”

Future plans include looking into the health care industry and refining election ordinances.

“I’m wanting to implement kind of more of a priority list, and so I’m hoping to take some of that to the public,” Tahdooahnippah said. “You know, we have a new portal, and I’m hoping that we can start to do more polls and surveys of the people. Because that portal is for members only, and so people sign up for the portal, then we can verify that they’re a member and then get their feedback kind of more directly. So, I’m really hoping to use technology to kind of help us guide policy with the input of the people into the future.”

Aaron Nevaquaya said he appreciates everyone who voted for him and looks forward to serving on the election board.

“This is my first time ever being in a position like this, but I think now it’s time,” he said. “It’s time to get involved. I’m old enough to go to these meetings and, you know, participate and vote. I think it’s an opportunity for me to get involved in tribal politics.”

Aaron said he’s no stranger

to politics.

“I’ve been going to General Council ever since I was a little kid, so I think that it’s only right, and I’m old enough now to participate in elections and vote,” he said. “So, I think it’s not a better time for me to be involved and just start my journey.” However, Aaron won’t be alone, as his sister, Michelle, will be there by his side.

“I’m very grateful that my sister also decided to run. You know, it makes this a lot easier on me, too,” he said. “We both go over the constitution and ordinance, and we study, and if one of us has a question, we both ask each other, and we go over it together. And...we make sure we’re both on point in what we’re doing, and we just hope to do this to the best of our abilities and serving our people and not letting them down.”

Michelle said she’s honored to be elected and is thankful for the support she received.

“This is a transformation from being Comanche princess into tribal government, so I’m very glad to get into that part of our Comanche politics,” she said.

Michelle also went to all the General Councils growing up and is happy to be on this political journey. “So being a part of the election board, I look forward to having, you know, smoother elections, and hopefully, everything just comes out great and no conflicts,” she said. “But I will uphold my oath in the tribal constitution and the election ordinance.”

Charlotte Niyah will be sworn in at a later date.

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- Thomas Portillo: CNCSP-23-26; Petition for Establishment of Additional Children
- Ronald Yellowfish: CNCSP-21-23; Application for Indirect Contempt Citation

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Dallas Outreach Hosts Elders Meeting

The Comanche nation Dallas Outreach will hold an Elders Meeting to discuss chosen topics and community needs. The meeting will be held 12 p.m. - 2 p.m., August 12 at the Texas Native Heath - C3 Classroom, 1269 Record Crossing Rd., Dallas, Texas.

It will be a potluck lunch, so please bring a dish to share. The outreach center will provide additional light refreshments and utensils. The meeting is open to all Comanche elders in Texas.

The meeting can be viewed virtually and is limited to 100 participants.

For more information, contact (817) 876-5672 or visit comanchedallasoutreach.com.

Food Distribution Provides Meals for Children



Comanche Nation Food Distribution Director Jaime Prouty, Tribal Administrator Lisa Dawsey and Oklahoma Regional Food Bank gather after the organizations collaborate to provide meals for the community.



Participants of the Prevention and Recovery Program help load food boxes for a member of the community, during the Comanche Nation Food Distribution Food Drive. About 600 boxes of meals were provided for children.

Story and Photos By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On July 1, Comanche Nation Food Distribution partnered with the Oklahoma Regional Food Bank to provide meals for 300 kids. The drive-thru event was open to the community and started about 10 a.m. at the Comanche Nation Headquarters.

Food Distribution Director Jaime Prouty said it’s part of a summer feeding program.

“Today’s event was for the kids. We’re doing a summer feeding giveaway. They get 10 days’ worth of food, so it’s with the breakfast and lunch,” she said. “There’s something easy for them to go open up and eat, just a little extra to help the parents out through the summer months with the kids being home.”

Prouty said most families don’t have food at home.

“They rely on going to school, and since school’s out, they have to go somewhere, and things are just really expensive nowadays for parents to have to feed them every day, three meals a day, so we’re just a little something to help out the community,” she said.

Prouty was glad to help out the community.

“Look out for some more dates on Facebook, flyers,” she said. “We’re going to do this again a few more times before back to school.”

For those who didn’t receive meals, there will be up to three more giveaways at the Comanche Nation Casino in Lawton, Anadarko Outreach and the back-to-school bash, depending on availability.

Presentation of MMIP History

The Comanche Nation MMIP and the Voice for Victims of Crime (OVC) will present the history of Missing and Murdered Indigenous People 6 p.m., August 13 at Watchetaker Hall, Comanche Nation Complex, 584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton, Okla. There will be door prizes and light refreshments.

This is supported by a grant awarded by the VOC, Office of Justice Programs.

For more information, call (580) 492-3501, or email mmip@comanchenation.com.

Attention Comanche Elders in Dallas/Fort Worth

Comanche Nation Elders Council is tentatively planning an Elders trip to the Dallas area which will include a guided bus tour on August 27-28.

They are currently gathering a head count of Elders in the DFW area who are interested in participating. Please complete the survey to indicate your interest: <https://forms.office.com/r/dwZHjeFM76>

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Erin Singleton is an enrolled tribal member of the Comanche Nation located in Fletcher, Okla. She began a party equipment rental business called BearHawk Entertainment LLC and she services all of southwest Oklahoma. She began her business to enhance events in area. When you pick up your phone and call around looking for tables, chairs, inflatables, or a photo booth, oftentimes you’re met with a voice-mail inbox that is full and/or no answers or callbacks. Singleton wanted to change that. Her company picks up the phone, answers all texts, and communicates in an extremely quick manner. Singleton is kind, courteous, and excels in customer service. BearHawk Entertainment was named after her youngest son, Nokosi Hawk. She is Comanche, Kiowa, Seminole, and Cheyenne and Nokosi mean “bear” in the Muskogean language family that the Seminoles use.

Contact her for any questions and she will be happy to help. Singleton can be reached via call or text at (580) 678-1815 or by email at contact@bearhawkentertainment.com. She also has Facebook and Instagram pages for our social media followers.

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Where: Meadow Center, 201 San Marcos Springs Drive, San Marcos, TX 78666

Saturday, November 22
Austin Powwow & Native American Heritage Festival
When: 10:00am-2:30pm
Where: Travis County Expo Center, 7311 Decker Ln, Austin, TX 78724

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Comanche Nation Housing Authority Announces Safety Poster Contest Winners



First Place
Layla Kowena took first place in the grades 4-6 division.



Second Place
Eric McHenry Jr. earned second place in the grades 7-8 division.



Third Place
Jobi Roberts placed third in the grades K-3 division.

Story and Photos Submitted by the Comanche Nation housing Authority Staff

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA), a Comanche Nation-affiliated organization that provides affordable and safe housing to low-income Tribal members, announced that three of its student participants placed in the regional round of the annual AMERIND Safety Poster Contest.

Each year, CNHA submits local winners to compete at the regional level, and this year, all three entries earned top honors.

Jobi Roberts placed third in the grades K-3 division with a poster focused on seat belt safety.

Layla Kowena took first place in the grades 4-6 division with her poster addressing cyberbullying. Eric McHenry Jr. earned second place in the grades 7-8 division for his poster on cybersecurity.

Kowena's first place poster will advance to the national competition, which includes an online voting component. National winners will be announced in August during the AMERIND Member Business Meeting.

The AMERIND Safety Poster Contest is part of AMERIND's mission to promote safety awareness in Native communities. AMERIND

is the only 100% Tribally owned insurance provider in the United States, created by more than 400 Tribes to protect Tribal families, governments and businesses. The annual contest encourages Native youth to explore important safety topics through creative expression, while reinforcing community values and lifelong habits.

For more information about the AMERIND Safety Poster Contest, visit <https://amerind.com/2025-amerind-safety-poster-contest/>.

For more information about Comanche Nation Housing Authority,

visit <https://comanchehousing.com/ABOUT-COMANCHE-NATION-HOUSING-AUTHORITY>.

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) provides rental and housing assistance to low-income and other enrolled members of the Comanche Nation through a number of its service programs, including the down payment and closing cost grant, Elder home rehabilitation program, rental program, student housing program, homeownership lease purchase program and CNHA emergency home repair program (HIP). CNHA currently operates in

seven counties – Caddo, Comanche, Cotton, Kiowa, Tillman for federal grant programs and in Stephens and Grady for additional services that include the Elder and HIP programs. For more information about program requirements and low-income guidelines, call (580) 357-4956 or visit www.comanchehousing.com.

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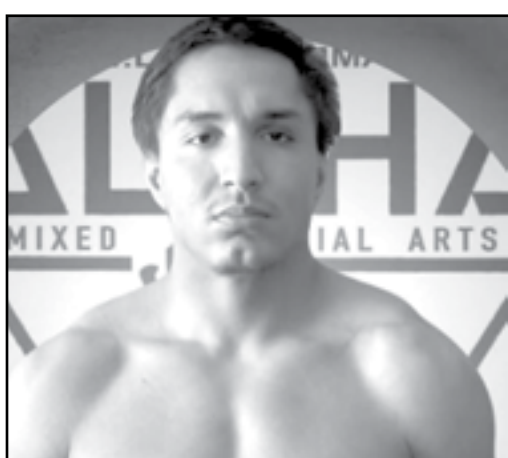
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CONGRATULATIONS to Comanche tribal member, Drea-ton Robinson, who is an undefeated amateur MMA fighter with a 4-0 record. His next match will be August 16, at the Fists of Fury Super Fight Night, Great Plains Coliseum in Lawton, Okla.

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Comanche Little Ponies

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Head Staff

MC - Martin Flores

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Head Lady Dancer - Fiona Kerchee

Head Man Dancer - Glen Guiterrez

Arena Director - Travis Codynah

Arena Director - Ashley Kerchee

Schedule of Events

Noon - Cedar Ceremony
Open to Everyone

1 p.m. - Gourd Dance

5 p.m. - Supper Break

6 p.m. - Scalp & Victory Dance

7 p.m. - Gourd Dance

9 p.m. - Host Organization Special

Proper dress will be required to enter the dance arena. Men, no ball caps, tennis shoes, t-shirts or short sleeve shirts. Women, no sandals, shorts, tank tops or t-shirts. These rules will be enforced.

All singers, gourd dancers, princesses and organizations are cordially invited. The p/w is free and open to the public. Please bring your own chairs. Security on Premises. No alcoholic beverages allowed. Not responsible for accidents, thefts or injuries. Please watch your children. Arts & crafts vendors and food vendors are invited to attend. All vendors must provide your own set up including tables and chairs. Arts & crafts vendor fee is \$100 per 10'x10' space. Food vendor fee is \$250. Please contact Marc Wilson 385-321-8862 or darmarcam@hotmail.com for a vendor application. For general p/w information, please contact Lowell Nibbs at lowellnibbs@yahoo.com or 580-583-5279.

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Reeves

Luke Reeves graduated from Tuscarora High School in Frederick, MD.

Poafpybitty

Dewan Poafpybitty graduated on May 17 from Dulce High School. He was on the Honor Roll Society for two years. He will be attending the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) in the fall semester.

Walters Service Club Crowns 2025 Princess and Jr. Princess at Annual Celebration



Courtesy Photo

The outgoing Walters Service Club Jr. Princess, Tiana McClung, crowns her successor, Breanna (Nah-nee) Kerchee as the new Walters Service Club Jr. Princess on July 17, in Walters, Okla.



Courtesy Photo

Walters Service Club outgoing Jr. princess Tiana McClung pins the banner of the new Walters Service Club Jr. princess Breanna (Nah-nee) Kerchee, at the Walters Service Club annual pow-wow held on July 17 in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Nation Princess Isabella Ramirez, addresses the crowd during the Walters Service Club annual pow-wow on July 17 in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Ladies and girls dressed in shawls and their traditional Battle Dresses while they carry lances participate in the Scalp and Victory dance at the Walters Service Club annual pow-wow held July 17, in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Young ladies carry lances dressed in traditional battle dresses or wear shawls dance the Scalp Dance which is a very scared dance among the Comanche people. The dance was done during the Walters Service Club's Annual Pow-wow held in Walters, Okla.

Honored veteran Larry McCurtain dances along with two veterans during a special veteran song while hold a eagle staff at the Walters Service Club annual pow-wow.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The outgoing Walters Service Club Princess, Kyleigh Davidson, and Jr. Princess, Tiana McClung, are honored July 17 during it's annual powwow.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The powwow arena is filled with dancers the afternoon of the annual Walters Service Club Powwow, held July 17 at the Comanche Nation Community Center in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The 2025 Walters Service Club Princess, Reyna Serna, Walters Service Club Jr. Princess, Breanna Kerchee, and the Lil Miss Walters Service Club Princess Nahmi Poafpybitty are all honored during the powwow.



WALTERS PARADE. The Comanche Nation was represented in the 2025 Walters Rodeo Parade, held July 17 in downtown Walters. Clockwise: Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdoahnippah; Comanche Nation Fire Chief, Kyle Tahpay; Comanche Homecoming Princess, Jasmine Poemoceah; Comanche Little Ponies Princess, Arlene Schonchin; Comanche Nation Princess, Isabela Ramirez; Kiowa, Comanche and Apache (KCA) Veterans Princess, Mercedes Banderas with the Comanche Nation Missing Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) Princess Gina Niedo; and the Comanche Tribal Administrator, Lisa Dawsey with Shandel Weesaw.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



72nd Annual Comanche Homecoming

Comanche Code Talkers of World Wars I and II were honored throughout the weekend that included a fireworks display on July 19, and flags were displayed in the powwow arena to reach code talker. Also, new officers were elected for two-year terms. The officers are: President: Nolan Tahdoahnippah; Vice Chairman Travis Codynah; Secretary Jolene Schonchin; and Treasurer Tanya Codynah.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) each holds a flag to represent each one of the Comanche Code Talkers, at the lowering of the Saupity flag during the Comanche Homecoming Celebration held at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Homecoming princess Jasmine Poemoceah finds some shade to dance in during triple digit temperatures at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Head man gourd dancer Kiley Codynah dances in the shade during the afternoon session of the 72nd Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration held at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Fancy dancers dance in a line during the special for the head man war dancer Frank Swift for the Walters Homecoming Celebration.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoahnippah and Comanche Businesswoman Alice Kassanavod, dance beside each other during the grand entry of the first night of the 72nd Annual Comanche Homecoming Celebration.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Cheryl Monetatchi and her granddaughter Sophie Mason wether the triple digit heat while they enjoy the gourd dance session of the Comanche Homecoming Celebration.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Head Man War Dancer Frank Swift dances with his mother Joyce and brother Ronnie Dale Wahkinney during his special at the Comanche Homecoming Annual Celebration held at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

MCs Martin Flores and Louie Pohavpachoko are honored during the afternoon session of the Comanche Homecoming Celebration held at Sultan Park in Walters, Okla.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

McKenzie Sovo serves as the Head Lady Afternoon Dancer for this year's Comanche Homecoming. She was also the 2023 Comanche Nation Princess.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie, leads the Comanche veterans July 19 during the afternoon dance session.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Gourd Dancers, from left, JD Wauqua, Diego Ramirez and Mike Tenequer.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

SSG Frankie Patterson was the Honored Veteran on July 19 at the Comanche Homecoming Powwow. He retired from the Army after serving from 1994-2016. He completed six combat deployments, for 42 months, in Iraq and Afghanistan with the 1st Armored, 1st Infantry, 2nd Infantry, 10th Mountain and 101st Airborne Divisions. SSG Patterson also served in Korea and Bosnia.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Homecoming Committee presented the Comanche Nation Chairman, Forrest Tahdoahnippah, with a framed commemoration of the Comanche Code Talkers of World Wars I and II, who were honored at this year's celebration.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The afternoon singers take a break to cool off after a long session of Gourd Dance songs.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

Comanche Nation Language Program Director, Kathy Cordova, distributes information at the Comanche Homecoming Powwow the morning of July 19. It was one of several Comanche tribal programs that set up to pass out information and assist tribal members.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The Comanche Homecoming Princess, Jasmine Poemoceah, the sponsor of the Turtle Race Contest, with this years winners. From left: First Place Amaras Karty and his turtle, Donatello; Second Place Suzanne Patterson and her turtle, Lucille; Third Place Arlene Schonchin and her turtle, Toby; and Tiana McClung with her turtle, Raphael.

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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

Comanche Indian Veterans Association Activities CIVA Veteran Honored

Monah Davis, CIVA Co-Chaplain, served as the Honored Veteran at the U.S. Army's 250th Birthday Pow-wow by the Apache Native Warrior Society, which was held in Apache, Oklahoma.

CIVA Veteran and Historian, Lanny Asepermy, read her biography of her military service during her special.



CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie with Lawton City Mayor, Stan Booker and his wife Mary Ann.



CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie shakes hands with Veteran, Tribal and Society Princesses.

CIVA Veteran-Historian Lanny Asepermy and CIVA Co-Chaplain Monah Davis.

75th Anniversary Korean War Veterans Memorial Service

On June 25, the Comanche Indian Veterans Association received an extended invitation to attend the 75th Anniversary Korean War Veterans Memorial Service held at the Korean Memorial located at Elmer Thomas Park in Lawton Oklahoma.

The Korean War Association, Chapter 319 and the Korean New Light United Methodist Church were the organizers of this event. After the ceremony, CIVA Veterans were invited to have a meal at the New Light United Methodist Church.



Korean War Veterans Association and New Light United Methodist Church with the CIVA Veterans Organization.

2025 Lawton / Fort Sill Freedom Festival

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie, was a special guest at this year's 2025 Lawton/Fort Sill Freedom Festival, 4th of July Celebration. CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie signed the National Anthem prior to the opening of the festivities.

CIVA Officer's, Veterans and Auxiliary are very proud of their CIVA Princess who did an outstanding job representing our Veterans.



CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie



Evening Gourd Dance session at Tia-Pia Park.

Co-Host Annual Tia-Piah Society of Oklahoma Pow-wow

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association were invited to be the Co-Host at the 58th Annual Tia-Piah Pow-wow and Celebration which was held at the Tia-Piah Park Dance grounds near Richards Spur.

CIVA also had the honor of raising and lowering the flags of U.S. Marine Corps Veteran, Otto Tonips and U.S. Navy Veteran, Carl Atauvich.

The Gourd Dancing and Celebration was enjoyed by all. CIVA Veterans, Princess and Auxiliary would like to thank the Bigbow family for their hospitality.



The flag of USMC Sgt. Otto Tonips raised by the CIVA Veterans.



The flag of U.S. Navy Seaman Carl Atauvich raised by the CIVA Veterans.



CIVA Veterans lowering the flags at the Comanche Nation Complex.

CIVA 4TH OF JULY 2025 Dining-In and Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony

On July 4, CIVA in association with the Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor, Treadwell-Poolaw Chapter of Southwest Oklahoma held an Induction Ceremony in Watchetaker Hall.

CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno welcomed all the honorees and guest as CIVA Co-Chaplain, Monah Davis provided an opening prayer. CIVA Veterans Color Guard presented the colors as CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie sang the National Anthem followed by Comanche Flag Song by the Sovo Singers.

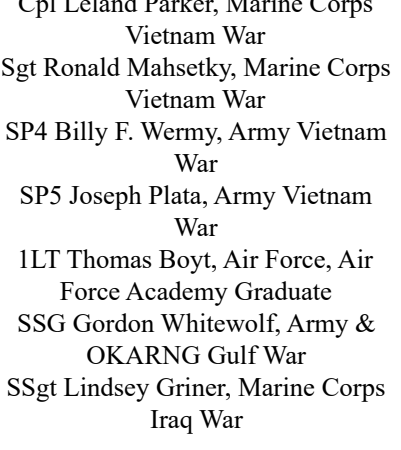
A blessing of the meal was conducted by CIVA Co-Chaplain Lyman Guy and the afternoon meal was provided by Little Darlings.

After the meal, inductions were made by Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame/Honor President, U.S. Army Colonel (Retired) Kelly Zacho and U.S. Army Captain John Farris.



OK Military Hall of Honor Inductees

MSgt Lonnie R. Henderson, Air Force, Vietnam War
SGT Amos Makes Cry, Army Vietnam War
PFC Jimmy Horse, Army Vietnam War
Cpl Leland Parker, Marine Corps Vietnam War
Sgt Ronald Mahsetky, Marine Corps Vietnam War
SP4 Billy F. Werny, Army Vietnam War
SP5 Joseph Plata, Army Vietnam War
ILT Thomas Boyt, Air Force, Air Force Academy Graduate
SSG Gordon Whitewolf, Army & OKARNG Gulf War
SSgt Lindsey Griner, Marine Corps Iraq War



CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie with Hall of Honor Inductee PFC Jimmy Horse and his family.

SPC4 Tippeconnie served in Korea with the 4th Missile Command and returned to the United States and was stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas. He was assigned with Headquarters Company, U.S. Adjutant General Command. SPC4 Tippeconnie served in the Army Reserves at Camp Roberts, California to fulfill his military obligation.



The late Specialist 5, Joseph Plata inducted (Posthumous) into the Hall of Honor. Pictured is his wife Elizabeth Plata and Family.

SPC4 Tippeconnie was awarded the Army Good Conduct Medal along with the Korean Defense Service Medal.

Robert B. Tippeconnie served on the Comanche Business Committee as the Secretary/Treasurer.

SPC4 Tippeconnie was Honored by the Comanche Indian Veterans Association for his military service during the 18th Annual Armed Forces Day Banquet held on May 28, 2023.

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association would like to thank Robert B. Tippeconnie for his dedicated service to God and Country and to the Comanche Nation. He will be missed by all!



Sovo Singers providing the drum for the Induction Ceremony.

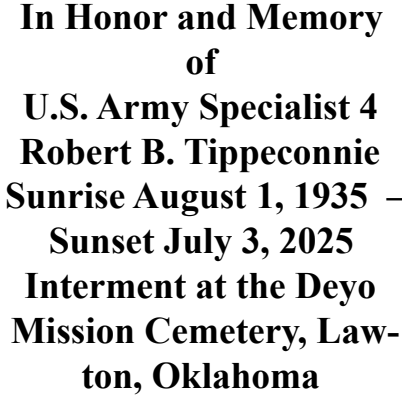
Funeral and Honor Guard Details

On July 9, a Funeral and Honor Detail was requested by Comanche Nation Funeral Home for Comanche Nation CBC Secretary/Treasurer and CIVA Veteran, Robert (Bob) Tippeconnie.

Robert B. Tippeconnie's military biography was read by CIVA Treasure, Dr. Tom Boyt. A Roll Call was given by CIVA Commander Roger Tehauno as Veterans rendered their Final Salute. At the Deyo Mission Cemetery, CIVA Bugler played taps and his flag was folded and presented to his wife, Betty Tippeconnie by U.S. Army personnel.

The Funeral and Honor Guard Detail consisted of CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma and the U.S. Army flags were displayed.

In Honor and Memory of U.S. Army Specialist 4 Robert B. Tippeconnie Sunrise August 1, 1935 – Sunset July 3, 2025 Interment at the Deyo Mission Cemetery, Lawton, Oklahoma



Tippeconnie Robert B. Tippeconnie served in the United States Army from 1958 to 1960 earning the rank of Specialist 4. He took his Basic Combat Training at Ft. Carson, Colorado Springs, Colorado. Advanced Individual Training in Intelligence at Ft. Chafee, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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People, Places and Things Happening

Mahsetky Participates in World Series



Courtesy Photo

Mahsetky

Parker Mahsetky was selected to the 12U World Series all-tournament team

Parker Mahsetky, Comanche Tribal member and descendant of the Kiowa and Apache Tribe of Oklahoma, traveled with his baseball team, Diamond Heist out of Bethany, OK, and was selected for the All-Tournament Team at the baseball World Series Tournament 12U in Conroe, Texas. Parker attends the Mustang North Middle School and will be in the 8th grade this fall.

Parker is the grandson of the late Otto Mahsetky Sr., Janice Emerson, and Monte and Claudine Moran. His parents are Johnny Mahsetky, Sr., and Bobbie Moran.

Shaw Graduates from CLEET



Courtesy Photo

Shaw

Comanche tribal member Summer Celeste Shaw graduated from The Council on Law Enforcement Education & Training (CLEET) Basic Academy on July 18 in Ada, Oklahoma. Shaw is a 4-year deputy with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office, Norman, Oklahoma.

Mocs Across America Comes Through Southwest Oklahoma



Moccasins Across America stops at Apache Lone Star Casino to meet Oklahoma walkers and tribes on July 1. The organization, traveling from San Diego, California, to Washington, D.C., passed the Eagle Staff to Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah.

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante

On July 1, Moccasins Across America stopped at Apache Lone Star Casino to meet Oklahoma runners.

The journey began in San Diego, California and is heading to Washington, D.C.

Oklahoma coordinator Melvin Battiest, who also started in California, will meet the group in Washington, D.C. He said they began with 5 people and grew to 12. However, he said there should be more walkers in Oklahoma.

"It feels just awesome. It's a spiritual movement that we believe that we're fulfilling from a prophetic voice of Reverend Billy Graham, who said 50 years ago in Albuquerque, New Mexico, before tribal nations, that one day a sleeping giant was going to arise," Battiest said. "He was going to lead a spiritual movement in this land and possibly go out to the whole world. That would be reconciliation, restoration of the land to the people."

He said the walk signifies the stewardship of the land.

"Native people, we believe that for all our existence, we were given the original stewardship of this land, and we lost it along the way," Battiest said. "And now, I think it's time that we rise up and regain that stewardship in which we're bringing reconciliation, restoration into this land and possibly throughout the whole world."

He wanted to appreciate the time the walkers have given.

"The resilience of the walkers that have walked from California all the way to here, to Texas and Oklahoma border, I'm just so proud

of them, and they're really strong," Battiest said. "And so, I just want to speak blessings upon them today."

He said the passing of the Eagle Staff symbolizes stewardship and shows respect for the land and its tribes.

"The Eagle Staff is a staff of authority, and so we are walking with authority," he said. "And whenever a state we get to, we pass that Eagle Staff. We give each state that authority to make their proclamations."

Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnippah also attended to receive the Eagle Staff.

"It was a great feeling to be here today. You know, you could really feel a spirit of fellowship, you know, good fellowship to have so many different people from so many different tribes, you know, so many different tribes in Oklahoma," he said. "So many different tribes in the whole United States, and then other people, you know, that aren't a member of any tribe, all to come together with a common goal, you know, it just it felt really good and really positive."

Tahdooahnippah said he would like to meet with Moccasins Across America when they host this event again.

"They may want to go other places and have other tribes, in which case I'd love to go over there and participate, you know, as a visitor as well," he said. "I just really appreciate their message of positivity, forgiveness, and, you know, uplifting all our community."

Tahdooahnippah also got to meet the walkers.

"The organizer, Terry, you

know, I just really felt a good positive energy coming from her, you know, she gifted me a blanket and gave me a flag from her tribe, the Navajo Nation, and so I just thought that was just like an awesome gift," he said. "...The fact that she's been walking all this way from California and is going all the way to Washington, D.C., I mean, that's just such a monumental undertaking that, you know, I just have a lot of respect for that."

Tahdooahnippah said anytime someone is promoting spirituality, he would like to be there.

"For me, anytime that someone's doing something towards God, anyone's doing something to promote spirituality, I want to participate because I want our people to have spirituality... There's so much trauma that we have to deal with, and I think that spirituality is an antidote, you know, and a healing, so I just really want to promote that," he said. "So anytime that people invite me, you know, obviously I can't make everything, but if I get an invite and it's for something that's, you know, religious in nature, I just make an extra special effort to go and be there."

Tahdooahnippah said he enjoyed hearing Travis Komahchee, who played his grandmother's hymn, on the flute.

"You could feel the positivity, but then also you could even, you know, it even affected the weather, so I thought that was pretty amazing," he said.

Battiest said there's always a place and time for people to make their mark, no matter what they're doing.

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Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

June 22 - Israel Agustin Aguilar
July 21 - Ben Roach Aguilar

Happy Birthday!



Happy 3rd Birthday
Israel Agustin Aguilar
June 22

~ Happy 3rd Birthday to our TinTin! Love, your family Mom, Dad, day-day, Hannies & Papa.



Happy Birthday
Ben Roach Aguilar
July 21

~ From the line of Tabananika Chief and Ben Roach.



Happy 13th Birthday
Cayde Anthony Flores
August 3

~ Happy 13th Birthday, Cayde Anthony! We love you and are so proud of the young man you are becoming! You've stepped up a lot this passed year and continued to work hard, despite all the obstacles and sacrifices. Keep your head up and your eyes on GOD! He will Bless you, love you and be there whenever life gets tough. Just remember Joshua 1:9 Love, Forever and Always, Mom and Dad.



Happy 17th Birthday
David Komalty Jr.
August 1

~ Happy 17th Birthday, Baby Dave!! We love you bunches from your Family!! ♥



Happy Birthday
Sergeant Major (Ret.)
Dr. Lanny Asepermy
August 16

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Happy 11th Birthday
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August 7

~ Happy 11th Birthday, Son! Love, Mom and Dad.



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In Loving Memory Happy Heavenly Birthday



LaRue Clara (Kaywaykla) Parker
August 20

~ Happy Heavenly Birthday, Grama! The house is a whole lot different without you here but knowing you're in Paradise comforts my heart and mind. Never forget We Love You! Enjoy this Birthday with your loved ones who've passed on already. We'll have plenty of time to celebrate when we meet again! u kamakutu nu Love always, Dara Dawn, Chris and Cayde Anthony.



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Rhoda Mae Apauty Tahpay
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~ From your grandchildren.

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Obituaries

Ronald F. Nelson Jr.



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Nelson

In Loving Memory of Ronald F. Nelson Jr., November 23, 1974 - July 1, 2025.

Ronald F. Nelson Jr. went to be with the Lord on July 1, with his family by his side in Oklahoma City, Okla. Nelson was born on November 23, 1974, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Nelson is survived by his cherished son, Seth R. Nelson and his wife Jaynee Nelson who loved and stood by him for 14 years; his sisters, LoriAnn Stropes and Husband Scott Stropes of Perkins and Teresa C. Perez and Husband Marco Perez of San Antonio, Texas; and his brother, Timothy C. Nelson of Lawton. He also leaves behind his beloved grandmother, Selma "Nive" Herrera of Lawton; aunts Teresa Lopez, Johnnie Mantzke, and Alexis Thomas, all of Lawton, and Valora Ardwin of Arkansas; uncles Theodore Villicana, Nabor Villicana, and Raymond Herrera of Lawton, Louie Pohawpatchoko of Cache, Okla., and Willie Nelson of Fort Cobb, Okla. Nelson's extended family includes numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins who will miss him dearly.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald (Butch) F. Codynah Nelson Sr.; his mother, Delphine F. Villicana Nelson; and his nephew, Keith A. Nelson.

A proud and passionate fan of OU football, Nelson could quote stats, analyze plays, and share his spirited opinions on the team—an enthusiasm passed down from his father. He especially enjoyed listening to sportscaster Dan Patrick, whose commentary always struck a chord.

Nelson had a keen eye for hidden treasures, often spending weekends at thrift stores and estate sales. Whether it was the thrill of the find or the joy of the haggle, he relished the experience. A devoted fan of science fiction, Nelson loved all things Star Wars, and his favorite movie—Spaceballs—never failed to bring a smile to his face.

Nelson's warmth, humor, and unique spirit touched everyone who knew him. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family and friends, and in every OU game day, every vintage find, and every sci-fi adventure that brings joy.

Robert Bruce Tippeconnie



Courtesy Photo

Tippeconnie

On July 3, Robert Bruce Tippeconnie finished his earthly race and entered into the presence of His Savior, Jesus Christ. We rejoice knowing we will see him again one day. Some of his last words were "I love my Lord, my family and the Comanche people." Tippeconnie was a man whose faith was steadfast and honored his Lord. Tippeconnie was baptized at Navajo Mission, Farmington, New Mexico and reaffirmed his commitment at Casas Adobes Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona,

along with his wife Betty. Tippeconnie regularly attended church at Deyo Indian Mission.

Tippeconnie was born at White River, Arizona to John and Juanita Eagle Tippeconnie. Tippeconnie was an enrolled citizen of the Comanche Nation, where he served as Secretary/Treasurer.

Son of an educator, Tippeconnie attended various schools in Arizona and New Mexico, graduating from Navajo Methodist Mission in Farmington, New Mexico. Tippeconnie then graduated with an agricultural degree from Oklahoma State University, in Stillwater, Oklahoma. Tippeconnie's army service of four years stationed him in Korea with the 4th missile command. Tippeconnie's USDA Forest Service, lasted 42 years with assignments in all the national forests in New Mexico, Michigan, Colorado and ten National Forests in Arizona in roles of the forest supervisor, district ranger, deputy regional forester, and regional fire director. He finished his federal career in the Washington D.C. office, serving as the first Tribal Government Relations specialist, where he authored the tribal relations handbook which further established a tribal liaison position at each USDA regional office. Tippeconnie authored the phrase "Caring for the Land and Serving the People," which is still in use today by the US Forest Service. He loved the land. A Sequoyah Fellow, Tippeconnie was also involved in the American Indian Science and Engineering Society, providing mentorship to many students in STEM and leadership at the board level. His passion for advancing education was in everything he accomplished. For 30 years, Tippeconnie established scholarships focused on assistance for Native students. In honor of his parents, scholarships at Northern Arizona University and Arizona State University were formed. In honor of his sister, Nursing scholarships were setup at the University of New Mexico and Oklahoma State University.

In 1996, Tippeconnie returned to the Comanche Nation to begin a second career in tribal government to serve as Interim Housing Director, Gaming Commissioner and held three terms as Secretary/Treasurer with six Comanche Nation Chairmen: Johnny Wauqua, Wallace Coffee, Mike Burgess, William Nelson, Mark Woomavoyah and Forrest Tahdoahnippah. Tippeconnie helped establish the Comanche National Museum, worked in land acquisition, economic development initiatives and held positions on the Housing Board, Comanche Nation College Advisory Board and the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Intertribal Land Use Committee board. Tippeconnie was also involved with cultural activities, including Comanche language revitalization, traditional arts practice of clothing and beading, as well as led the Comanche Little Ponies for several years. He thoroughly enjoyed gourd dancing.

Tippeconnie is survived by Betty, his wife of almost 50 years, son Sunrise and special son's Jon and Marvin; cousin Rita Pueblo Heath; siblings Norman, John "Bill", Mary Jo and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Tippeconnie (Towica) and Winnerchy; parents John and Juanita Tippeconnie; siblings Thomas, David and Joan Marie, and nephew Jay.

Paula Jean Mihecoby-Cox



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Mihecoby-Cox

On July 6, surrounded by her loving family, Paula Jean Mihecoby-Cox, 76, was welcomed home by her Heavenly Father, after a courageous five-year battle with cancer.

She began her sunrise on June 20, 1949, at the Lawton Indian Hospital, to Virgil and Katherine Wolf-Mihecoby. As the eldest of 11 children, she embraced her role as a big sister with strength, grace, and compassion—becoming a guiding light for her siblings and many others.

Cox was deeply rooted in her faith, attending Fletcher Baptist Church, where she found joy, comfort, and community. She always looked forward to seeing her girlfriends at the various church functions and activities, forming a strong sisterhood of love and support that brought her laughter, strength, and cherished memories throughout the years.

Cox met the love of her life, Ross Cox, while working at Fort Sill Credit Union. They were married on April 22, 2000, and shared 25 beautiful, blessed years together. Their enduring love and unwavering commitment to one another and God stood as a true testament to unconditional love.

She is survived by her husband Ross Cox, and by her loving children: Richard Amparan and wife Shannon of Lehi, Utah; Linette Amparan of Fletcher, Okla.; and Matthew Amparan and wife Kelli of Fletcher, Okla. She also leaves behind her cherished stepchildren: Vernon Cox and wife Susan of Orange, Conn.; Carolyn Mullen and husband Mark of Lake Dallas, Texas; Dawn Osbourne and husband Robbie of Marlow, Okla.; RJ Cox of Marlow, Okla.; and Shona Mount and husband Jim of Perryton, Texas. As well as her siblings, three brothers and four sisters: George Mihecoby of Fletcher, Okla., Marty Mihecoby of Elgin, Okla., David Mihecoby of OKC, Okla., Anna Lynch of Chickasha, Okla., Christy Rowell of Lawton, Okla., Laurie Early of Plano, Texas, and Mary Kay King of OKC, Okla.

When she wasn't at church or at home baking, you could find her spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. Cox was a proud Grandmother and Gigi, survived by 20 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren, each of whom brought her great joy and pride.

She is preceded in death by her grandparents: Rachel Mad-dox Mihecoby, Alan Mihecoby, Iva Tehauno Mihecoby, and Joseph and Mary Wolf; her parents, Virgil and Katherine Wolf Mihecoby; and her beloved brothers: Joseph Mihecoby, Charles Mihecoby, and Steve Mihecoby.

Carlus Clay Coosewoon Jr.



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Coosewoon

Carlus Clay Coosewoon Jr., went to his heavenly home on July 6, in Oklahoma City, Okla., with his family by his side. He was born to Clay Coosewoon and Claudia (Yeahquo) Coosewoon on December 16, 1981, in Lawton, Oklahoma. He was the middle child and was the apple of his parent's eye and favorite of his grandfather's eye.

He graduated from Geronimo High where he was on the honor roll throughout high school. In high school he played basketball and baseball where he won many awards. He loved all sports and was a champion pool player and dart player. He was an avid OU Sooners, Dallas Cowboys and OKC Thunder fan. He loved attending, watching and pray-

ing for his teams. He always had a positive outlook on life, and loved to laugh with his family and friends.

He was employed by the Comanche Nation Housing Authority and Comanche Nation Casino for about 25 years. He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Kiowa Tribe. Coosewoon loved his family and friends dearly. He was always concerned about each and everyone. He walked in obedience with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He was a member of the First United Pentecostal Church in Lawton.

He is survived by his parents: Claudia Coosewoon and Clay Coosewoon; Brothers: Kenneth Lookingglass, Jr., and Raphie Lee Joshua Coosewoon both of the home; grandparents: Marion and Weldon Simmons, Geronimo; aunts: Jan Stumblingbear, Jody Hathorne, and Dann Devine; uncles: JJ Yeahquo and Rudy Coosewoon; many nephews, nieces, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents: Virgil Yeahquo, Rudy Coosewoon, and Betty Crocker; Great Grandparents: Raymond and Violet (Yellowfish) Naumi and Harold Alfred and Hyacinth (Randolph) Yeahquo.

LaRue Clara Parker



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Parker

LaRue Clara Parker, 84, went to her heavenly home on June 21, with her loving family by her side. Parker was born north of Lawton on August 20, 1940, to Harold Kaywaykla and Clara (Saupitty) Kaywaykla.

Parker was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma and Chiricahua band of the Ft. Sill Apache Tribe. Parker walking in obedience with her Lord and savior, she was a member of the Koman Memorial Church of the Nazarene where she participated in numerous missionary trips to Old Mexico with the Angies. She loved reading her Bible. She was also a member of the Komah Church Choir.

Parker enjoyed watching OKC Thunder games, and going to eat lunch at Cracker Barrel/Trading Post with her Dearest friend Arlene Kemp.

Parker was a devoted teacher aid, and worked for the Cache Public Schools for 23 years. Her presence within the classroom positively impacted the lives of each student she assisted and encouraged.

Parker was the source of strength within her family, she genuinely loved them with her whole heart. Her absence is already felt tremendously by those whom had a chance to know her.

Parker is survived by her children Gerard Parker and Aaron Parker; grandchildren Dara Flores, Rodney Parker, Krystal Parker, Kelly Chatham, Wesley Stillwell, Dennis Stillwell, Joseph A. Parker, Aaron Lee Poahway, and Ciara Kay; great grandchildren Rodney Parker Jr., Cayde Flores, Joey Parker, Brandon Huampy, Christian Huampy, Kinyon Parker, Rylen Furr, Sylus Furr, Wesley Stillwell III, Lou Stillwell, and Sophie Poahway.

Parker is preceded in death by her parents; siblings Marian Ah-dosey Sahmaunt Luis Jay Wahah-rockah, James Kaywaykla, Dorothy Hummingbird, and Bill Kaywaykla; son Harold Parker Jr.; daughter Deborah Quinones.

Sarah "Sassie" Jerre Magpie-Bennally



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Bennally

Sarah "Sassie" Jerre Magpie-Bennally passed away unexpectedly on June 29, entering her heavenly home with grace and peace. Born on April 19, 1979, in Lawton, Oklahoma, Sassie was the beloved daughter of the late Calvin Magpie and the late Georgia Gibson. She attended Northfield Mount Hermon School for high school and later pursued her education at esteemed institutions including New York University, American University, and the University of Oklahoma. A lifelong learner, Bennally had an insatiable curiosity and deep passion for knowledge.

Throughout her career, Bennally held a number of respected positions and was especially proud of her work with Americans for Indian Opportunity and the Native American Sports Council. She was a committed advocate and an inspiring leader, always driven by purpose and compassion. A proud member of the Comanche Nation, Bennally was vibrant, bold, and full of life. She found joy in the arts—whether through music, writing, or Native American artwork—and was a gifted writer with a keen intellect. Bennally loved spending time with her friends and family, embracing every moment with laughter and love. She had a flair for beauty and self-care, with a passion for makeup, skincare, and fashion. In quieter moments, she enjoyed playing Candy Crush and watching Judge Judy.

Bennally is survived by her loving children, Cia Monette, Ian Bennally, and Jacqueline Bennally, all of Lawton; her brother, Shane Gibson of Lawton; and her former spouse, Willie "Sean" Bennally of Lawton. She is also survived by her cherished aunts and uncles: Albert Pohocsucut of Pawnee; Henry and wife Terry Pohocsucut of Walters; Mary Pohocsucut of Claremore; Juan Pohocsucut of Lawton; and Daniel and wife Lajoy Ratliff of Midwest City. Her honorary siblings—Sky Lee, Tous Young, Andria Interpreter, Wendy Lu, Tracy Poolaw, Eddie Saupitty, and Renee Nibbs—were like family to her, as were the many cousins, extended relatives, and friends she held dear.

She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Maximus Bennally; her parents, Georgia Gibson and Calvin Magpie; uncles Monroe, Kay, and Jack Pohocsucut; cousins Teresa Barrett and Kory Harragara; and her grandmother, Opal Jerre Pohocsucut.

Bennally lived a loud, vibrant, and unforgettable life. She leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, strength, and beauty that will live on in all who knew her.

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Complete beneficiary forms for any asset you have that you can.

- o Per Capita & Elders Distributions
- o Retirement Accounts
- o Insurance Policies

Have a will.

- o Take advantage of any free resources that will help you draft your own.

Have Payable on Death (POD) designated for assets that offer this.

- o For example, your bank accounts

Document your assets and liabilities, like your house, car, loans and credit cards.

- o Update frequently

Complete other important documents such as:

- o Power of Attorney
- o Health Care Proxy
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