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One-Time Grant Helps 17 Comanche Families Nationwide Achieve Homeownership

By Nora Sovo, Deputy Director of Comanche Nation Housing Authority

As the cost of living rises across the United States, homeownership has become increasingly out of reach, especially for tribal families. Without access to affordable options, many are left renting or dependent on relatives for housing, unable to afford the steep up front costs that come with buying a home.

To help bridge that gap, the Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) launched a one-time, Tribally funded expansion of its Down Payment and Closing Cost Grant, extending eligibility to enrolled Tribal members across the country.

The nationwide program stemmed from CNHA's existing federally funded program, which is typically limited to its designated service areas. The expansion was made possible by \$500,000 in funds authorized by the Special General Council for the Housing Authority. Within just a few days of the program's announcement, all funds were fully obligated, ultimately helping Comanche families realize their dreams of homeownership.

The grant provides financial support toward a down payment and closing costs, helping families overcome one of the biggest barriers to owning a home. For many recipients, the program has made what once felt impossible a reality.

"We were paying almost as much to rent as we would with a mortgage, but we couldn't afford the down payment," Kelly Hart, a Texas-based Comanche Nation member and recipient of the grant, said.

The grant is paid directly to the title company and can be used with most major mortgage types, including FHA, VA, USDA and conventional loans. Applicants must work with a qualified mortgage lender and meet requirements such as credit approval. Once approved, the funds are disbursed before closing, helping to ease what is often the most stressful part of the process.

For many, the emotional impact of owning a home is just as powerful as the financial relief.

"It gives me a sense of security I didn't feel as a renter," Hart said. "It allows me to provide a home base for my children, a place they can always come back to."

The expanded program helped families leave multigenerational housing, avoid rising rent hikes and create long-term stability.

"Owning a home has helped us start building a future for us and our children," Blake Burge, a Florida-based Comanche Nation member and fellow grant recipient, said.

Even for families with stable incomes, saving for a down payment while covering rent and daily expenses can delay homeownership for years, or block it entirely.

"I lived in a two-bedroom apartment for four years," Burge said. "I saved every extra dollar for three years trying to time the market for home prices and mortgage rates to drop."

Burge also emphasized the simplicity of the process and the support he received along the way.

"The homebuying process can be daunting, but there were very few challenges," he said. "I was truly blessed to have amazing help from everyone involved."

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Special General Council Meeting Nominates Candidates for Secretary/Treasurer and Election Board Positions



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Members of the Comanche Business Committee take their perspective seats as Comanche Nation Chairman calls the Special General Council meeting to order. The meeting was called to take nominations for the vacant position of Secretary/Treasurer and nominations for the Comanche Nation Election Board. The meeting was held August 9, in Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex.

By Paula Karty and Stacey Heminokeky/News Staff

On August 9, a Special General Council was held to call for nominations for the vacant Secretary/Treasurer position and to discuss the salaries of the Comanche Nation Chairman, the Comanche Business Committee (CBC) and the Tribal Administrator (TA.)

The meeting was officially called to order by the Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahnipah at 1: 58 p.m.

Nominations for the position of Secretary/Treasurer were: Benny Tahmahkera, Harley Pennington, Mike Burgess, Dava Woottakewahbitty and Joshua Debartolo. Asa Attocknie made to motion to close nominations and second by William Owens.

Nominations were also taken for the Election Board. Those nominated for the Election Board were: Marilyn Tiger, Mary Wade, Nicole Reyna, Roxie Kerchee Yazzie, Anita Dauki, Deron Motah, Sandra Chesnut, Michelle Blackstar, Sabrina Flores Palmer, Charlotte Niyah,

Eleanor McDaniel, Deborah Lusk, Alana Atauvich, Gregory Cole, Larry Liles, and Joseph Aitson. Ronald Burges made a motion nominations cease, and it was seconded by William Owens.

Chairman's Salary

A proposed ballot question was presented to the General Council. *What should the indirect cost contribution to the Chairman's annual salary be? \$75,000 (\$185,00) or \$110,000 (\$220,00.)*

Ron Burgess make a motion to approve the suggested amount to go on the ballot, and seconded by William Owens. The motion passes

TA Salary

Ballot Question: What should the annual salary of the Tribal Administrator be? \$100,00 or \$115,000

Tina Emhoolah makes a motion to raise the amounts to \$120,00 and \$140,00, and it was second by William Owens. The motion passes with a total of 104 'Yes' votes, and a total of 68 'No' votes.

There was a lengthy discussion about the CBC's salary, with tribal members making motions and others rescinding the motions.

Standing Subcommittee on

Internal Affairs

Ballot Question: Should the Comanche Nation allocate \$89,000 for Fiscal Year 2026 from its investment income to fund the Standing Subcommittee on Internal Affairs?

Ron Burgess makes a motion to approve, and it was seconded by Asa Attocknie. The motion passed with a total of 100 'Yes' votes, and a total of 39 'No' votes.

The meeting adjourned around 4:15 p.m.

Official Candidates

The official candidates for the 2025 Special Election were certified by the Comanche Business Committee on August 15:

Secretary-Treasurer
• Benny Tahmahkera
• Harley Pennington

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Comanche Nation Entertainment Unveils Four Dining Options and Renovations Across Three Casino Properties

Comanche Nation Entertainment has debuted four new food and beverage concepts across three of its Southwest Oklahoma properties, introducing first-of-their-kind dining experiences to the region.

"Great food brings people together, and that's what we're focused on," Steven Doyle, CEO of Comanche Nation Entertainment said. "We wanted to create spaces that feel fresh, exciting and true to the community, and I think guests are really going to feel that when they visit."

Comanche Nation Entertainment's newest dining options are as follows:

Comanche Red River Hotel Casino

The Chop House at Red River is a new upscale steakhouse, offering guests USDA Prime and Choice meats paired with locally curated wines from The Rusty Nail Winery. The restaurant also features a variety of fish and poultry, unique soups, desserts and special surprising service amenities

Comanche Spur Casino

Mazzio's GO! is now open and serving guests hot and ready pizza slices at Comanche Spur Casino. This fast, fresh and flavor-packed pizza concept brings all the bold taste of Mazzio's in a quick-service format—perfect for grabbing a personal pizza between games or enjoying a made-to-order meal on the go. The full menu includes breakfast, fresh salads, toasted hoagies, calzones, wings, desserts and more.

The casino has also refreshed its dining area, creating a more spacious and inviting environment that encourages visitors to relax and enjoy their meals.

Comanche Nation Casino

The newly redesigned Comanche Burger Company is now open at Comanche Nation Casino, offering guests an elevated take on a classic, the restaurant will feature gourmet burgers in a modern atmosphere.

Additionally, the *Numumu* Grill at Comanche Nation Casino is now serving Jackpot Pizza, bringing bold flavors to the table, piled high with melted cheese, hearty toppings and a crisp crust.

For more information about Comanche Nation Entertainment, visit www.comanchenationentertainment.com.



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Government

A Total of 23 Resolutions Presented at August 2 CBC Meeting

Editor’s Note: This is an overview of the August 2, 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 Tahdoohnippah, called the CBC Meeting to order at 10 a.m.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 113-2025- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1374 Minor. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 114-2025- Enrollment Eligible Resolution List 1375 Adult. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 115-2025- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution List 1376. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 116-2025- Emolument Resolution List 1377 Relinquishment. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 117-2025- Resolution Diabetes Balance. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 118-2025- Resolution Food as Medicine. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 119-2025- Prevention Recovery Resolution to renew 638 Contract SAP. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 120-2025- ICW Resolution for policy and procedures. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 121-2025- Law Enforcement Resolution to renew 638 Contract. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 122-2025- CHR EMS Resolution IHS contract renewal FY 2026. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 123-2025- Transportation Resolution to add routes to the Transportation Improvement Plan. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 124-2025- Child Support Resolution to increase Contract Attorney salary. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 125-2025- IT Resolution to purchase servers. Tabled.

Resolution No. 126-2025- CIP Resolution to authorize purchase of Metro Shade for powwow arena. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 127-2025- Transit Resolution for Federal Grant Vehicle Revenue. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 128-2025- CBC Resolution to approve travel to Albuquerque NM Outreach. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 129-2025- CBC Resolution appointing D Kosechequetah to Tax Commission. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 130-2025- CBC Resolution appointing D Kosechequetah to CNHA. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 131-2025- CBC Resolution to participate in additional settlements. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution No. 132-2025- CBC Resolution amending election ordinance. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Contract with Adam Calaway - Tabled.

Resolution 133-2025 - Tax Commission KFOC settlement. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution 134-2025 - BIA supplemental funding *Taa Tukani*. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.

Resolution 135-2025 - BIA supplemental funding fencing. The motion to accept the resolution carries 5/0/0.



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SHARING COMANCHE CULTURE. On August 4, Comanche tribal members and Comanche Nation employees Martin Flores and Crystal Rodriguez, spent the day teaching visiting students from Meiji Gakuin University in Minato, Tokyo, Japan at OU’s Native Nations Center. Flores and Rodriguez taught the group about Comanche culture, singing and participating in hand games and potato dances. All the students had fun and loved the cultural exchanges between the two Nations. Kelly Berry of the OU Department of Native American Studies said he is thankful for their assistance and serving as great ambassadors of the Comanche Nation to the Japanese students.

HOUSING


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The Down Payment and Closing Cost Grant is one of several CNHA programs focused on improving housing access for Comanche citizens, alongside rental assistance, student housing, elder home rehab and lease-to-own options. All are grounded in the belief that safe, permanent housing builds stronger, more connected communities.

For those who’ve received it, the impact of the grant is both immediate and life changing.

“My dream of homeownership was starting to feel like an illusion, until this grant came along,”


From the Chairman's Desk



Marnaweka Namanam:
Who's the Boss? was one of my favorite sitcoms as a child. I am reminded of it because the question itself is on my mind as we prepare for a Special Election. Under the Comanche Constitution, several parties can claim to be the “boss” in different areas. The Tribal Administrator is the “boss” of the day-to-day management of our Nation, such as approving requisitions and supervising employees. The Comanche Business Committee is the “boss” as it concerns enacting codes and ordinances, which are the laws of our Nation. The Tribal Chairman is the “boss” of Tribal Council and Comanche Business Committee meetings, as the constitutionally-designated presiding officer of those meetings. Importantly, the Tribal Council is the “boss” of authorizing expenditures of funds, electing Committee persons, and appointing Election Board members. And, through our Special Election, the Tribal Council will do just that on September 19 and 20 by electing a new Secretary-Treasurer, appointing new Election Board members, and making several budgetary decisions.

However, to say that the Tribal Council is the “boss” raises the question of who exactly is the Tribal Council? The Tribal Council consists of all adult members of our Nation—more than 13,000 people. Under Article V, Section 1 of the Comanche Constitution, the Tribal Council can only act through an election. In other words, when an issue arises that requires Tribal Council approval, the issue is put to a vote. Too often, I hear certain Tribal members say “the Tribal Council did not approve that” when, in fact, the Tribal Council did approve whatever point is at issue and the Tribal member really means “I did not approve that.” No single person can lay claim to the will of the Tribal Council; instead, only by means of a formal election can the collective will of 13,000 different people be decided.

Of course, in order to truly ascertain the collective will of 13,000 Comanches, the Nation needs as many people as possible to vote. The Comanche Business Committee has worked hard to do its part in ensuring as many people can vote as possible. We updated the Election Ordinance to smooth out the process of designating polling sites and dates and, most importantly, to create deadlines for the ballots to ensure that absentee ballots are mailed out in a timely manner. Now, the obligations of leadership shift to the Tribal Council members. Each Tribal Council member needs to ensure that they participate by showing up to the polls or, if an absentee voter, registering as an absentee voter and maintaining an up-to-date address with the Election Office. Good luck to all the candidates, and thank you all for your participation in the process.

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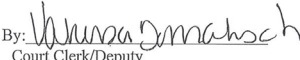
NOTICE BY PUBLICATION


Take notice that Hayley Frickie and Isaiah Eagle has filed in the above to have the name changed as follows, to-wit from: Braelyn Dawn Frickie to Braelyn Dawn Eagle.

The petition will be heard on 10/23/2025 at 2:00 PM located at the Comanche Nation Courthouse, 584 NW Bingo Road, Lawton, Oklahoma.

If you have any cause to show why the above mentioned Petition for Name Change should not be granted by the Court you should file with the court a written answer in the case prior to the date set for hearing or appear and present the same at the above time and place.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of said Court this 19th day of August, 2025

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In the Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Jennifer Crow: CNCSP-15-67; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Michael Hoahwah: CNC-SP-15-67; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Rebecca Jackson: CNC-SP-18-03; Motion to Determine Support Arrears
- Gabrielle Karty: CNCSP-25-18; Petition for Establishment of Child Support
- William Rory Suina: CNC-SP-15-117; Motion to Modify Child Support
- Cameron W. Wooth: CNC-SP-19-43; Application for Indirect Contempt

Section 609 (c) Rule 3 of the Comanche Nation Court Codes allows for service by publication in instances where the location of the subject is unknown, or when the subject of service has been unable to be served by traditional means. CNCSP is needing the above name(s) to be placed in our upcoming Comanche Nation Newspaper.

Please take note that all Comanche Nation Tribal Court Child Hearings will be conducted in person.

Please take note that all court of Indian Offenses Child Support Hearings will be conducted in person.

Adult Education Student of the Month Shauna Richards



COURTESY PHOTO Richards

Shauna Richards, is a 42-year old mother to McKenzie, 24-years-old and Dalton, 21-years-old. After her children finished high school, she went to work as an Emergency Department Technician at Grady Memorial Hospital, located in Chickasha, Okla. While employed at Grady Memorial Hospital, she fell in love with emergency medicine.

Richards loves being outdoors. Consequently, when she finally decided to go back to school to further her career, she chose to go outside of the walls of a hospital: Richards became an EMT. Richards is currently taking Basic EMT classes at Canadian Valley Vo-Tech in Chickasha, Oklahoma. She will complete this course in December 2025 and will take her National Registry Test. Richards plan to work for an ambulance service to gain experience as she prepares for the next step in her dream of becoming a Paramedic.

Future plans are to stay active, continue learning, and keep working. Specifically, in 15 years, she wants to be living in an area where she can be a part of the Search and Rescue teams. Richards then wants to retire with the love of her life.

Nitazenes: A Growing Threat in Oklahoma Communities



Courtesy Photo

Submitted by Adrienne Roughface/Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Project Director - Substance Abuse Program

The Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery Department is raising awareness about Nitazenes, a dangerous new synthetic opioid that has recently been detected in Oklahoma.

Nitazenes are laboratory made opioids first created in the 1950s for pain relief but never approved for medical use. Today, they are appearing in the illegal drug supply, often mixed with fentanyl, heroin or counterfeit prescription pills.

What makes Nitazenes especially alarming is their potency. Some forms are up to 40 times stronger than fentanyl. Because they are often hidden in other drugs, people may not realize they are consuming them placing them at extreme risk of overdose and death.

Like fentanyl, Nitazenes can be pressed into pills that look like legitimate prescription medications. In Oklahoma and across the U.S., they have been linked to a rising number of fatal overdoses, according to the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics.

Did You Know?

Oklahoma Opioid Data:

In 2023, fentanyl was involved in 90% of all opioid-related overdose deaths in Oklahoma, Oklahoma State Department of Health.

- Nitazenes, though newer, are now being detected in Oklahoma’s drug supply.
- Just a tiny amount of Nitazenes can cause an overdose.
- Naloxone (Narcan) can reverse a Nitazene overdose, but multiple doses may be required due to their potency.

Protect Yourself & Loved Ones

- Avoid pills or powders that did not come directly from a pharmacy.
- Learn how to recognize the signs of overdose: slow or stopped breathing, blue lips or fingernails, and unresponsiveness.
- Carry naloxone (Narcan) if you or someone you love may be at risk it saves lives.

Know that help is available, and recovery is possible. If you or a loved one needs treatment, naloxone, or more information, please contact the Comanche Nation Prevention & Recovery Outpatient Office at (580) 357-3449.

Higher Education Graduate Student of the Month Jodi Ruiz



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Ruiz

Jodi Ruiz is a Doctoral student at Liberty University School of Behavioral Sciences. She studies Community Care and Counseling with a focus on Traumatology. She possesses a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Family Science from Cameron University and a Master of Arts in Clinical Mental Health Counseling from the University of Oklahoma. She has received multiple scholarships from the Comanche Nation and Native Forward Scholars.

She is a proud member of the Comanche Nation and the Absentee Shawnee tribes. She is the great-granddaughter of the Late Lewellyn and Pearl Ataovich, granddaughter of Jacqueline Ataovich, the Late Alvin “Sonny” Keith, and Edward Lyons, and the daughter of Thomas and Leslie Cusic.

She aims to contribute to the field of Counseling Psychology with research exploring the role of traditional healing practices, such as songs, prayers, and storytelling, in addressing historical trauma and promoting mental health among Native

American individuals and communities. She also aspires to develop community mental health resources for Native American youth.

Higher Education Undergraduate Student of the Month Marshall Niedo



COURTESY PHOTO

Niedo

Marshall Niedo is the Director of the Comanche Nation Grasshopper Program. Niedo is also a dedicated student at the University of Phoenix, where he is pursuing a Bachelor's degree in Psychology.

A proud member of the Niedo/Pekah family, Niedo is deeply committed to serving his community through leadership, education and support.

With 17 years of personal sobriety from drugs and alcohol, Niedo brings lived experience, resilience, and empathy to his work. His long-term goal is to work in the field of substance abuse treatment, helping others on their own paths to recovery. Guided by purpose and compassion, he strives to make a lasting, positive impact in the lives of others.

Job Placement and Training Student of the Month Brandy Narcomey



COURTESY PHOTO

Narcomey

Brandy Narcomey is the daughter of LaDonna (Whiteshield) and Phillip Narcomey. She is the mother of two school-aged daughters.

Narcomey received her basic training in Cosmetology from Francis Tuttle Technology Center, located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She also received Barber Crossover instruction from the R.I.S.E. program and is currently attending the Master Cosmetology Instructor Student program at FTTC.

Her professional interests include hair braiding, hair coloring, thermal styling and straight razor shaving.

She aspires to become an examiner with the Oklahoma State Board of Cosmetology and Barbering.

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9/17/25	10am-2pm
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CN Prevention and Recovery
All organizations and royalty

Come dance and share stories with our students of Comanche Academy after school!

Concession run by Comanche Academy
Please bring your own chairs. We are not responsible for any theft, assault or injuries.
No drugs or alcohol.

Comanche Court Releases Updated Court Costs and Filing Fees

CIVIL FILING FEES AND COSTS SCHEDULE	
Civil Filing Costs (apply to all new case filings)	
Description of the fee	Amount
Lengthy Trial Fund fee	\$10.00
Law Library Fund assessment (in addition to other fees)	\$5.00
Court interpreters and translators fee	\$5.00
Courthouse security fee	\$10.00
Mailing Fee	\$15.00
Total Civil Filing Fee	\$45.00
Miscellaneous Fees in Civil Matters	
Description of the fee	Amount
Certification of conveyance of inherited lands by full-blood Indian heir	\$5.00
Copy Fee/Duplication of an instrument of record or on file, fee over 50 pages	\$10.00
Issuance of warrant for failure to pay fines and court costs	\$65.00
Worthless checks, drafts or vouchers- Bad Check Fee	\$30.00
Services of Court Reporter: Per the Tribal Court Code. If an individual requests the services of a court reporter, they will have to provide the court reporter, pay fees and provide a copy of the transcript to the Tribal Court as an official record.	
Service by Court Clerk, by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, Restricted Delivery (by written request only)	\$15.00
Summons, Issuing for each person-party on a case	\$15.00
Summons, Notice by publication	\$35.00
Jury trial (deposit, not fee) CIVIL	\$1,500.00
Civil Actions	
Description of the fee	Amount
Adoption	\$75.00
Adult Guardianship/Conservatorship	\$40.00
Guardianship of Minor	\$40.00
Application for Declaration of Title Ownership-Vehicle	\$30.00 <small>No added civil fee</small>
Application for Registration of Process Server License	\$50.00 <small>No added civil fee</small>
Misc. Civil Actions (including Restraining Orders and Licensing Revocation)	\$60.00
Victim's Protective Orders (VAWA)	\$0.00

Change of venue (case received from another tribe) in an amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or less	\$140.00
Change of venue (case received from another tribe) in an amount of Ten Thousand One Dollars (\$10,001) or more	\$150.00
Child Support Filing Fee	\$35.00
Civil actions for an amount of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) or Less	\$75.00
Civil actions for an amount of Ten Thousand One Dollars (\$10,001) or More	\$150.00
Condemnation	\$140.00
Emancipation/Rights of majority	\$85.00
Filing of a motion for summary judgment or summary disposition of Issue(s)	\$50.00
Forcible entry and detainer, \$5,000.00 or less	\$55.00
Forcible entry and detainer, in excess of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00	\$75.00
Garnishment	\$30.00
Income assignment	\$30.00
Judgment from another court-Domesticate a Foreign Judgment	\$40.00
Name change-Adult & Minor	\$80.00
Notice of renewal of judgment-Only on expiring order to continue to receive judgment	\$30.00 <small>No added civil fee</small>
Post Order/Decree Motions or Applications (including to Modify/Vacate)	\$40.00 <small>No added civil fee</small>
Family & Divorce	
Description of the fee	Amount
Child Support-Petition	\$35.00
Post Order/Decree Motions or Applications (including to Modify/Vacate)	\$40.00 <small>No added civil fee</small>
Post-decree Application to initiate income assignment	\$30.00 <small>No added civil fee</small>
Application for contempt citation	\$40.00 <small>flat fee</small>
Custody or support (Includes PATERNITY cases which involve custody &/or support)	\$75.00
Divorce	\$75.00
Paternity (with NO child support and/or custody)	\$40.00
Marriage License	\$40.00 <small>No added Civil fee</small>
Small Claims	
Description of the fee	Amount
Affidavit for recovery of money, replevin or interpleader \$5,000.00 or less	\$40.00
Affidavit for recovery of money, replevin or interpleader in excess of \$5,000.00 to \$10,000.00	\$130.00

Counterclaim or set-off filing	\$20.00
Disposition of abandoned personal property \$5,000 or less	\$40.00
Probate	
Description of the fee	Amount
Probate	\$60.00
Proceeding for sale or lease of real or personal property or mineral interest in probate or guardianship	\$45.00
Proceeding to revoke probate of will-Objection to filing of probate of will	\$80.00
Criminal Actions	
Costs in criminal actions are collected upon conviction or pursuant to a deferred judgment procedure. (No extra fees added)	
Description of the fee	Amount
Copy Fee/Duplication of an instrument of record or on file, fee over 50 pages	\$10.00
Services of Court Reporter: Per the Tribal Court Code. If an individual wants the services of a court reporter, they will have to provide the court reporter and pay fees and provide a copy of the transcript to the Tribal Court as an official record.	
Police's fee for pursuing fugitive from justice	\$ 60.00
Criminal Court Costs	\$ 75.00
Writ of Habeas Corpus	\$75.00
Jury Trial (Deposit, not fee)	\$500.00
Juvenile Actions	
Description of the fee	Amount
(NO FEES FOR ICWA TRANSFER CASES)	
Child In Need of Treatment/Supervision	\$0.00
Jury trial (deposit, not fee)	\$500.00
Appellate Filing Fee: Preparing and transmitting record on appeal (non-jury trial)-Juvenile Case	\$200
Appellate Actions	
Appellate Filing Fee: Preparing and transmitting record on appeal (non-jury trial)) Appeal of District Court Ruling	\$200
General Appellate Filing: Election of Constitutional	\$0.00

September is National Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Every September, the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) recognizes Suicide Prevention Month.

The organization states suicide is the most urgent mental health issue that impacts anyone regardless of age, gender or background.

In the United States, suicide is the second leading cause of death among people ages 10-14 and the eleventh leading cause of death overall in those aged 15 – 24.

About 1 person dies by suicide every 11 minutes, 1 in 20 U.S. adults have serious thoughts of suicide each year, and 79% of people who die by suicide in the United States are male, according to NAMI. They also state, “Although more women than men attempt suicide, men are four times more likely to die by suicide.”

According to NAMI, suicide is the second leading cause of death in American Indian and Alaskan Native youth ages 8 to 24. Those ages 10-24 have the highest rate of suicide in all demographic groups.

Higher risk of suicide depends on different factors, including mental health conditions, substance abuse, intergenerational trauma and socioeconomic disparities. This could also include poverty, limited access to healthy food and clean water.

NAMI states that many health issues, such as diabetes, can increase the risk of suicide.

Community issues of poverty, unemployment and homeless-



ness can also be factors of increased suicide risks. Those who live on reservations, which are sometimes rural and isolated, can have less access to health care, services and resources, according to NAMI.

There can also be misunderstandings in communities, such as fear that talking about suicide will cause suicide to happen, the belief that suicidality is a cry for attention, that someone is facing a difficult time that will pass, there is no action loved ones can take to stop someone or a person with strong family relationships would never end their life, according to NAMI.

Communities can watch for warning signs, according to NAMI, such as changes in mood and getting by being there for someone and start a serious conversation about suicide.

There can also be prevention within the community by encouraging a culture of reaching out for help.

Western treatment models have significant limitations when used with Indigenous populations, according to NAMI. So, a culturally competent prevention program could utilize the elders and community members to better understand suicide in the community and non-medical perceptions of suicide, such as spiritual entities within an Indigenous community.


Increasing strength, resilience, identity, culture, family connection and a sense of belonging can also help, according to NAMI.

NAMI states asking someone how they’re feeling and being ready to listen can save lives; nobody must face the situation alone. Help exists, and healing is possible.

One of those crisis lines is 988. If anyone is or knows someone in crisis, they can call, text or chat at 988Lifeline.org. Both are available 24/7.

For those needing LGBTQ+ resources, The Trevor Project can be reached by text, phone or chat. More information can be found at thetrevorproject.org.

The NAMI community and Teen and Young Adult helpline is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (ET) and can be called at 1(800) 950-6264. Teens can text “FRIEND” to 62640, and adults can text “HelpLine” to 62640. NAMI can be emailed at helpline@nami.org.



COMANCHE NATION
DALLAS OUTREACH


FLOATING OUTREACH

Visit the Dallas Outreach table at any of the following events across Texas to learn more about the Comanche Nation and non-local services—and pick up some free goodies while you're there!

Saturday, October 4
Sacred Springs Powwow
When: 10:00am-3:00pm
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

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





COMANCHE NATION EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT HOT LINE

(580) 919-1098

Dear TCNN

Letters to the Editor

Dear TCNN,

My name is Pratt Wauqua. I am a full-blooded Comanche Marine Veteran who served in Vietnam, and worked for the Comanche tribe in my younger years when it first opened, and was present during the Takeover during the 1980s.

In my younger years, I worked for the tribe for a long time without getting paid, but I did not mind. I was helping my people, and that is what mattered. I was the first Chief of Police for the Comanche tribe. Now I just want a house built on the land where I grew up so I can sit on my porch, have peace and be happy.

I had a good life with my wife, Lynn, who died years ago. I have my children, and they are good to me.

I want to make amends with anyone whom I have offended during my life.

I am 83 years old and

know my days are coming to an end. I want to make amends to the lady who I met a week ago. I didn’t want to hurt her feelings. I didn’t acknowledge her. She was a friendly woman, and I want to apologize for my actions. I lost my wife, and I am not ready for a relationship.

If I offended anyone during my life, I want to make amends.

God is good, and He blesses me every day with life, one day at a time.

**URA
Pratt Wauqua**

Dear TCNN,

My ideas for KCA Economic Development and KCA Percaps

1. The key to developing the KCA properties is to provide a per capita to each KCA member from the profits from future businesses. Each KCA member will receive the

same and equal amount.

2. The KCA Enrollment will be for KCA per caps and division of profits and is separate from the Enrollment of each nation.

3. A precedent was established as a fair, standard rule to follow when we received two per-capita payments from our KCA Judge-ment claim, with 20% retained and not distributed.

The enrollment requirement for each nation was a ¼ degree blood quantum at that time. Each member received the same amount.

4. A reasonable percentage formula of (1) the amount of per caps, (2) the division of profits for each nation, based on the number of its members, and (3) the amount of earnings to retain for investments, can be determined by the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Inter-tribal Land Use Committee (KCAILUC).

5. It will take years to have the first per capita after successful projects.

6. A Tribal General Welfare Income Exclusion Act Program can be set up for tax-exempt per caps.

KCA ENROLLMENT

1. The current degree requirements of the KCA nations: Kiowas – 1/4, Comanches – 1/8, and the Apaches – 1/8.

The Apaches count all Indian Blood as Apache Blood

2. The Kiowas and the Comanches can adopt a 1/8-degree requirement to include all Indian blood in this roll. Then the enrollment requirements of each nation will be the same.

3. There is a large percentage of members of each nation who are mixed KCA Blood and other Indian Blood. We are all losing our full bloods.

4. A minors’ fund can

be set up.

5. This KCA Enrollment involves and affects all members, and a Referendum Vote by each Council is required.

KCA ENROLLMENT OFFICE

1. Employ, or contract with, an enrollment director and staff as needed, with applicable education and experience, preferably with forensic investigative experience, in statistics and DNA analysis. Enrollment personnel shall be bonded. Yearly Audits.

2. The Comanche Criminal Code includes a Misuse of Public Funds Law, which applies. The penalties are three (3) imprisonment or a \$15,000 fine, or both. Enact the enrollment fraud law and the DNA law.

KCA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (KCADA)

1. This Authority will supervise and direct the day-

to-day operations of economic activities as a separate KCA Entity with its own board.

2. The past KCADA document can be reviewed, revised, and updated. This past Authority had no economic staff to do the economic work.

3. An economic staff will do business plans for projects. We need people (staff and board) who are dedicated, with business degrees, preferably master’s, with experience, and work products.

4. There have been numerous businesses that have wanted to locate there. These files can be researched to determine which businesses are viable and to pursue. ANA-funded projects can be researched.

Thomas Narcomey

Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<div>1</div> <div>CLOSED</div> <div>Labor Day</div>	<div>2</div> <div>Frederick</div> <div>1st Day</div>	<div>3</div> <div>Frederick</div> <div>2nd Day</div>	<div>4</div> <div>Walters</div> <div>1st Day</div>	<div>5</div> <div>Walters</div> <div>2nd Day</div>	<div>6</div>
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Answers for Comanche Jumble are on Page 13.

Comanche Attire

Unscramble these Comanche Jumbles to form words related to the theme above.

#1

ASI

#2

IPEKNE

#3

EHUYAKAK

#4

PUSIꞩAKK

#5

EWHꞩNATSꞩ

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TPHSIꞩPII

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PIKPAꞩSTIKOOP

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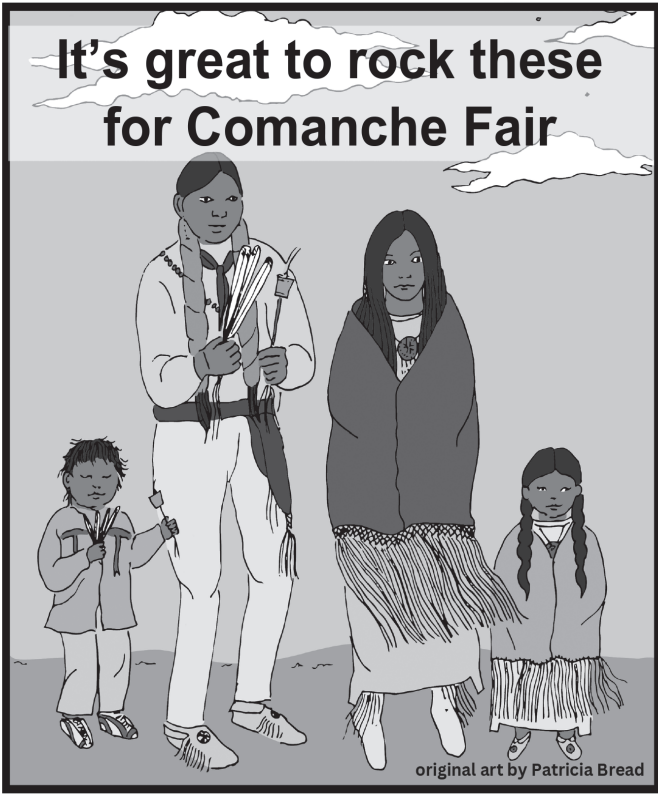
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#9

KꞩSUꞩMꞩN

Comanche JUMBLE

It's great to rock these for Comanche Fair



Arrange the circled letters to form the mystery answer, as suggested by the caption in the cartoon.

MYSTERY ANSWER

WORD BANK

NꞩHꞩTSAWE (FAN)

SIA (FEATHER)

NEEꞩKI (BELT)

PIHITSIꞩꞩ (PLUME)

EKAKUYAH (ROACH)

NꞩMꞩKꞩSU (BUCKSKIN DRESS)

PIKAPꞩ PITSOKO (LEATHER PANTS)

PIKAKꞩSU (LEATHER SKIN SHIRT)

WꞩTSABEYAA (GOURD DANCE RATTLE)

DIVORCE?

WRITS?

WILLS/CODICILS?

ATTESTATIONS?

Notary Services


Packets/citations typed and prepared for Native Americans for issuance through BIA Court of Indian Offenses. (Additional BIA filing fees due at time of documentation)

REASONABLE PREP FEES

Contact: Jewell Laurenzana Tieyah

(580) 678-2052 or (580) 492-5455

Comanche Nation Higher Education




Makwaba Tanꞩ Matu Miarui

College Day Career Expo

Wednesday September 17th 2025 9am - 2pm

Light Breakfast and Lunch Provided

Event Sponsored Through Partnerships With:



Great Plains Annex 920 SW Sheridan Rd Lawton, OK

Door Prizes

Contact Us At: (580) 699 - 7218 ighered@comanchenation.com



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Comanche tribal members gather together to have their voices heard and to make nominations for the vacant position of Secretary/Treasurer and Comanche Nation Election Board. Nominations were heard and candidates were given a deadline to turn in their packets to become eligible for the election.

See CANDIDATES

Continued from Page 1

- Michael Burgess
Election Board
- Marilyn Miller-Tiger
- Mary Wade
- Nicole Reyna
- Roxie Yazzie
- Anita Daukei
- Sandra Chesnut
- Michelle Addi
- Seberiana Palmer
- Gregory Cole
- Larry Liles
- Joseph Aitson Jr.

Voting on early /In House Day:

Voters may cast their ballots for Early/In House Voting from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. on September 19, at the polling site of their choice listed below:

- Comanche Nation Elderly Center
1107 SW H Ave., Lawton
- Comanche Nation Complex Code Talker Room,
584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton

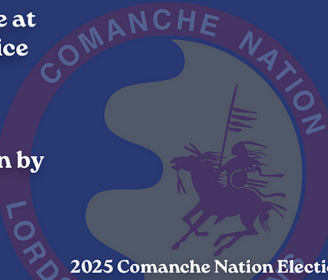
Voting on Election Day

Voters may cast their ballots on Special Election Day from 8 a.m. – 6 p.m. on September 20 at the following polling sites:

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

2025 Special Election Calendar Dates

Aug 9	Special General Council Meeting
Sept 19	Early In-Person Voting (Special Election)
Sept 20	Special Election
Sept 20	Absentee Ballots due at the Lawton Post Office by 12:00 P.M.
Sept 23	Election certification by 5:00 P.M., Tuesday



VOTE MICHAEL BURGESS
COMANCHE NATION
SECRETARY/TREASURER
SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2025

Profile

I am deeply grateful to those who have encouraged me to continue serving our Comanche people. I bring 30 years of proven leadership, financial capabilities, and a lifelong commitment of service for our Nation.

Education

Master of Public Administration, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ — 2014
Bachelor of Science, Business & Organizational Administration, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK — 1980
Associate of Arts, Graphic Art, Haskell Indian Junior College, Lawrence, KS — 1971

Leadership & Skills

Tribal Government Leadership & Administration (25+ years)
Experienced Budget Development & Financial Oversight (30+ years)
Higher Education Management & Growth (15+ years)
• Highly Experienced in grant writing and budget development (25+ years)
• Strong skills in Federal Funding & Program Compliance



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Maruaweka,

My name is Benny Tahmahkera, Jr., and I am running for Secretary/Treasurer of the Comanche Nation. I am from the *Quahada* Band of *Namun*. My father is the late Benny Tahmahkera, Sr. My mother is Toni Tahmahkera Seyfarth. My grandparents are the late Vance and Anna Tahmahkera. I am the Great-Great-Grandson of Chief Quanah Parker on my Grandfather Vance Tahmahkera's side of the family. I am also the Great-Great-Grandson of Chief Wildhorse on my Grandmother Anna Wockmetooah's side of the family.

I joined the United States Marine Corps in 1988. I retired from the United States Marine Corps in 2008 with an Honorable Discharge. During my military career I was assigned to eight different units. I participated in four combat deployments. One in Somalia, Africa operation Restore Hope. Three deployments to Iraq operations OIF I, OIF II, and OIF III, spending a total of 27 months in Iraq. During my military career I have held many managerial positions. The later half of my career I held the title of Maintenance Management Chief for three different units. I was responsible for millions of dollars of assets to ensure a high state of combat readiness. I oversaw the acquisition of millions of dollars of repair items. I managed the budget for the maintenance and supply support. I oversaw the logistical support and movement of assets for various military operations. I was responsible for accurate reporting with daily, weekly, monthly, bi-annual and annual reports to my superiors. I also was responsible for the quarterly updates of military manuals and technical manuals. I have supervised personnel from a 4-man fire team to a platoon of up to 60 Marines in garrison and on the battlefield. I have received many awards and recognition to include a Combat Action Ribbon during my 20-year career.

Since my return home from the United States Marine Corps in 2008, I have been very active in serving our Comanche people and communities through the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) and Comanche Little Ponies, since 2003. Currently, I am serving as the Comanche Little Ponies Vice-Chairman, since 2009.

In 2011, I was awarded a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree in Native American Studies (NAS) from the University of Oklahoma. In 2013, I was awarded a Master of Arts (M.A.) degree in Native American Studies (NAS) from the University of Oklahoma.

In 2012, I was hired as the Comanche Consultant and Actor "Quanah Parker," for the outdoor musical drama 'Texas', for the past 12 years. In addition, I have also worked on some of the Taylor Sheridan series to include: 'Yellowstone', Bass Reeves', 1883'. and '1923'.

I have served my country, now I want to serve Our *Namun*!

Urako,

Benny Tahmahkera, Jr.

COMANCHE NATION
SPECIAL ELECTION '25

SEPTEMBER 20
EARLY VOTING SEP 19



VOTE TO
★ ELECT ★



BENNY
TAHMAHKERA
Secretary/Treasurer

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2025 Comanche Nation Fair Event Flyers

The 2025 Comanche Nation Fair will take place Sept. 26-28, and this year’s theme is ‘The Honor of One is the Honor of All’

Most of our **8,900-PIECE** collection is carefully tucked away behind locked doors... **UNTIL NOW!**

Our Favorite THINGS

A STAFF CURATED EXHIBIT

Exhibition Dates:
SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 - JANUARY 3, 2026

The Comanche National Museum and Cultural Center is home to a variety of artifacts and artwork, each representing the rich history of the Comanche people, and each with a story to tell!

Our Favorite Things features rarely seen art and artifacts from the CNMCC collection. The items are hand selected by the Museum staff for display throughout the remainder of 2025.

SPECIAL HOURS OF OPERATION DURING THE 2025 COMANCHE NATION FAIR

Friday, September 26, 2025	8:00 am to 5:00 pm
Saturday, September 27, 2025	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Sunday, September 28, 2025	1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Comanche National Museum & Cultural Center
701 NW Fortis Ave. Lawton, OK
Ph: 580-353-0404



Museum Exhibit - Sept. 18- Jan. 3, 2026

COMANCHE NATION FAIR GOLF TOURNAMENT

2-MAN SCRAMBLE

Friday September 19th, 2025



TERMINAL 3401 SW 11TH ST., LAWTON, OK
SHOTGUN START - 8:00 AM

CLOSEST TO PIN LONGEST DRIVE MALE/FEMALE

DEADLINE TO ENTER: DAY OF EVENT - 7:00 AM
PLEASE MAKE PAYMENT OUT TO: COMANCHE NATION FAIR
CHECK OR MONEY ORDER ONLY

FLIGHTS: A, B, C, & D
1ST: \$400
2ND: \$300
3RD: \$200
4TH: \$100

\$150 ENTRY FEE INCLUDES MEAL, CART, & GREEN FEE

54 MAX TEAM LIMIT



William Owens, 580-492-3275
william.owens@comanchenation.com

Golf Tournament - Sept. 19

PLEASE JOIN US FOR

A WALK TO REMEMBER MMIW



WILL MEET AT COMANCHE COMPLEX POWWOW GROUNDS FOR REGISTRATION 5:30 PM

OPEN MIC FOR MMIW FAMILIES

SPECIAL INVITATION TO OUR SHOSHONE REUNION VISITORS

TUESDAY 23RD, SEPT. 5:30 PM

QUESTIONS? CALL NATALIE WALLACE 580-917-4755 OR 580-713-8999

MMIP Memorial Walk - Sept. 23

COMANCHE NATION HISTORIC PRESERVATION PRESENTS

lunch & learn with Mary Metah

THURS 25 SEPT


12 PM - 1PM

Join us as we listen to a lecture provided by Mary about Comanche Archaeology

~Lunch will be provided~



For More Information, please call THPO @580-492-1153



Lunch & Learn - Sept. 25

32ND ANNUAL COMANCHE NATION FAIR

WARRIOR RUN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2025

8:00AM - 5:00PM

FIRST 30 PARTICIPANTS PER LOCATION MAX

- COMMUNITIES WILL MEET AT THE CN SOFTBALL FIELDS AT 4:00PM.
- ALL RUN TO THE POWWOW FLAGS TOGETHER.
- LUNCH TO FOLLOW IN WATCHETAKER HALL AT 4:30PM/5:00PM.

REGISTER HERE

WALTERS COMMUNITY CENTER 8:00AM/8:30AM
























CACHE CAHOMA BUILDING 10:00AM/10:30AM

APACHE COMMUNITY CENTER 1:00PM/1:30PM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 580-248-0005

PICK UP APPLICATIONS IN PERSON AT THE CN FITNESS CENTER - 904 SW F AVE., LAWTON, OK

HONORING MMP



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COMANCHE NATION FAIR 2025
ART COMPETITION

PRESENTED BY: COMANCHE NATION FAIR BOARD & OUTREACHES – ANADARKO, DALLAS, OKC



SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
CODE TALKER ROOM I 584 NW BINGO RD, LAWTON, OK 73507



REGISTER HERE
Link: bit.ly/CNFA2025

HOW TO REGISTER: Scan the QR code, use the link, or request a printed application from any Comanche Nation Outreach office.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Monday, September 22, 2025 by 5PM

CHECK-IN: Code Talker Room, Saturday, September 27, 2025 at 8:00AM - 12:30PM. (Photo ID Required; NO LATE SUBMISSIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED - NO EXCEPTIONS)

IMPORTANT: Submissions will NOT be accepted at Comanche Nation Outreach offices or prior to check-in. (Please review all competition guidelines for additional important details.)

For questions or more information, please contact your nearest Outreach:
Anadarko (405) 247-4942, Dallas (817) 876-5672, OKC (405) 974-9631

Art Competition - Sept. 27



Comanche Nation Fair



September 27, 2025
3-on-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

FREE REGISTRATION
DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 24
MAXIMUM OF 8 TEAMS PER DIVISION

Comanche Nation Tribal Complex
YUYU MUKU KAHNI Parking Lot
(East side of Watchtaker Hall)

Boys & Girls Age Divisions:

- Ages 6-7 (Co-Ed)
- Ages 8-9
- Ages 10-11
- Ages 12-13
- Ages 14-15
- Ages 16-18

Requirements:

- Age Verification is required for each player
- Each team must include at least one Comanche Nation enrolled member
- 4 players max per team

For more information call Youth Services at 580-492-3280



SCAN HERE TO REGISTER

Basketball Tournament - Sept. 27

THE HONOR OF ONE IS THE HONOR OF ALL

COMANCHE NATION



Fair Parade
COMANCHE NATION FAIR 2025

BEST SCHOOL BAND • BEST MAN/WOMAN DECORATED HORSE IN REGALIA
BEST DEPARTMENTAL FLOAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 19, 2025
PARADE LINE-UP 7:00AM - PARADE START 10:00 AM
(ROAD CLOSURES AT 9:00 AM FOR PARADE)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: LLORI GOOMB1 • 405-448-9836
DEANN LEBEAU • 580-574-0509
COMANCHE NATION COMPLEX 584 BINGO RD., LAWTON, OKLAHOMA 73507

Parade - Sept.27



32nd Annual 2025
COMANCHE NATION FAIR

"Sumu'a mabitsiaku tsa sumuoyu'a mabitsiakuru"
"The Honor of One is the Honor of All"



Sunday Service

Hosted By: Comanche Nation Language Department

Date : Sunday, September 28, 2025

Location : Watchtaker Hall

Time : 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
(Meal following service)

Sunday's Sermon Officiated By:
Tina Baker

For inquiries, please contact Kathy Cardona, Event Coordinator
(580) 699-5315 Office (580) 919-8610 Cell

Church Service - Sept. 28

32ND ANNUAL COMANCHE NATION FAIR



HORSE SHOE TOURNAMENT



FREE ENTRY DOUBLES ONLY

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 28TH, 2025

1ST - \$800
2ND - \$420
3RD - \$230
25 TEAMS MAX

COMANCHE NATION COMPLEX SOFTBALL FIELDS

SIGN UP: 10:00 AM
START TIME: 11:00 AM

580-492-3240 FOR MORE INFO

Horseshoe Tournament - Sept. 28

COMANCHE NATION FAIR 2025

Handgame Tournament

"THE HONOR OF ONE IS THE HONOR OF ALL"



COMANCHE NATION COMPLEX- WATCHETAKER HALL

SEPTEMBER	REGISTRATION	DRAWING	STARTING
28TH	1PM	145PM	2PM

1ST PLACE \$4000
2ND PLACE \$2000 • 3RD PLACE \$1000

BEST HIDER & BEST GUESSER AWARDS- TBD

NO ENTRY FEE ~ NO AGE LIMIT ~ 2-10 PLAYERS PER TEAM

CONTACT FIONA KERCHEE: 580.956.4463 OR VIA FACEBOOK
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Handgame Tournament - Sept. 28

2025 Shoshonean Numic Language Reunion
Hosted by The Comanche Nation

Events:

- Sunrise services
- Cultural and Language sharing
- Fashion show
- Workshops



SEPTEMBER 22ND - 24TH, 2025
6:00AM - EVENING
COMANCHE NATION COMPLEX
584 NW BINGO RD
LAWTON, OK 73507

Don Tosee 580-447-1095. Mary Wade 580-713-8715
Sonya Owens 580-574-1061. Vickie Sanders 580-704-8528
Registration Coordinator Taylor Akoneto 208-840-9587
ShoshoneanReunion2025@gmail.com

Hotel Information:
Surestay by Best Western 800-780-7234
1125 E Gore Blvd, Lawton, OK 73501
Holiday Inn Express 800-465-4329
209 SE Interstate Dr, Lawton, OK 73501

Contests:

- TIPI
- Frybread
- Shinny Ball
- Hand drum
- Archery
- LuLu
- War Cry


Shoshone Language Reunion - September 22 - 24

32ND ANNUAL COMANCHE NATION FAIR

POW WOW

SUMU'A MABITSIAKU TSA SUMUOYU'A MABITSIAKURU
THE HONOR OF ONE IS THE HONOR OF ALL

SEPTEMBER 26 - 28, 2025



HEAD STAFF

EMCEE'S
WALLACE COFFEY
EDMOND NEVAQUAYA & MARTIN FLORES
HEAD SINGER
JOEL MOTAH
HEAD MAN GOURD DANCER
CHAIRMAN OF THE GREAT COMANCHE NATION: FORREST TAHDOAHNIPAH
HEAD MAN WAR DANCER
VINCENT CHARLES POCOWATCHIT
HEAD LADY DANCER
ROXE LARGE
HEAD JUDGE
ANTHONY MONOESSY
ARENA DIRECTOR
MORGAN TOSEE

HEAD STAFF

COLOR GUARDS
CIVA
HONORARY FLAGS
FRIDAY - WILLIAM BARRETT KERCHEE
SATURDAY - JOHN HARROLD CHASENAH
SUNDAY - DONALD WERMY JR II
CO-HOST
CIVA
COMANCHE LITTLE PONIES
YELLOWFISH DESCENDANTS
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Comanche Nation fair Powwow - September 26 - 28



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Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/CIVA

Active Duty Drill Sergeants

Three Comanche veterans have served as Active Duty Drill Sergeants. Lanny Asepermy, Frankie Patterson and Stephanie Brown. Three other Comanche veterans have served as Army Reserve Drill Sergeants, Jack Codopony Sr., William Hardy and Darrell Nieto.



Lanny Asepermy



Frankie Patterson



Stephanie Brown

Army Rangers

Three Comanche veterans have completed the prescribed criteria and awarded the Army Ranger Tab. Cloyce Choney, Kyle Smith, and William Lundy.



Kyle Smith

Cloyce Choney photo in *Numu Pukutsi* and Army Parachutist.



William Lundy

Army Special Forces aka Green Berets

Six Comanches have earned the “Green Beret” as members of the U.S. Army Special Forces: Wilbur Red Elk Ellis, Johnny Tiddark, Cloyce Choney, Kenneth Hernasy, Patrick Craig and Michael Squire.



Patrick Craig



Michael Squire

Wilbur Red Elk Ellis photo with Army Parachutists, Johnny Tiddark photo with *Numu Pukutsi*, Cloyce Choney photo with *Numu Pukutsi* and Army Parachutists, Kenneth Hernasy photo with *Numu Pukutsi*.

Marine Corps Reconnaissance Force

One Comanche veteran is a certified member of the Marine Corps Force Reconnaissance Force, Leander Eckiwaudah.



Leander Eckiwaudah

Army Pathfinders

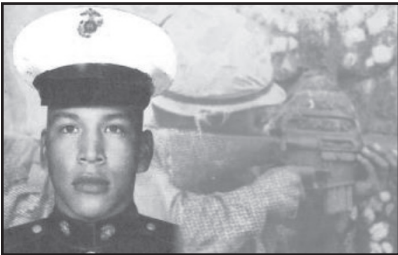
The only Comanche veteran to earn the Army Pathfinder Badge is Cloyce Choney.

Jungle Experts

Five Comanche veterans have earned the Jungle Expert Patch. Wilbur Red Elk Ellis (Army) Cloyce Choney (Army), Edmond Mahseet (Marine Corps), Lean Nevaquaya (Army), and Frankie Patterson (Army).



Cloyce Choney



Edmond Mahseet



Wilbur Red Elk Ellis



Lean Nevaquaya



Frankie Patterson

Imjin Scouts



Lanny Asepermy

One Comanche veteran earned the Imjin Scout Badge, Lanny Asepermy.

Comanche Star



Brigadier General (Retired) Jonathan George is the only Comanche veteran to earn General Officer status. He served on active longer than any other Comanche veteran, 29 years, 11 months and 25 days from February 4, 1981, to February 1, 2011. Brig Gen George is also the only Comanche awarded the 3rd and 4th highest non-combat military decoration, the Defense Superior Service and the Legion of Merit (four awards) medals (the three Oak Leaf Clusters not shown on Legion of Merit medal.)

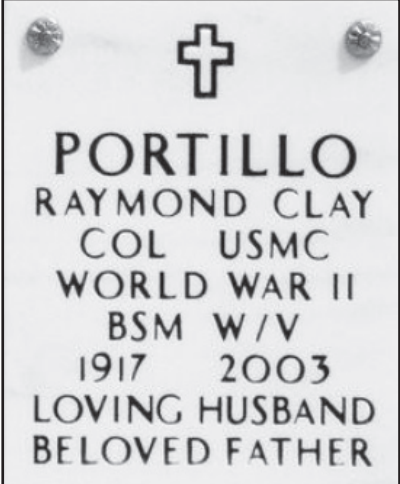
Colonels (0-6), Captains (0-6) & Lieutenant Colonels (0-5)



Edwin Chappabitty



Rhonda Williams



Raymond Portillo Marker



Dave Portillo



Lisa Smith



Gerald Woommavovah



Mark Woommavovah



Lawrence Yazzie

Two Comanche veterans have earned the rank of Colonel (0-6) Raymond Portillo (USMC and USMC Reserve) and Lawrence Yazzie (USAF and Nebr Air Guard.) Two others earned the rank of Captain (0-6) with the U.S. Public Service – Edwin Chappabitty and Debra Aynes. Nine others earned the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (0-5) – Richard Martinez (Army and Army National Guard), Dave Portillo (Marine Corps), Kyle Smith (Army), Lisa Smith (Air Force), William Southard (Army), Meech Tahsequah (Air

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Force), Rhonda Williams (Army), Gerald Woommavovah (Army and Army Reserve), Mark Woommavovah (Army and Army Reserve.)
Debra Aynes and Richard Martinez photos not available.

Comanche Veterans that Earned the Highest Military Enlisted Grade (E-9)



Courtesy Photo

Lanny Asepermy



Courtesy Photo

James Saryerwinnie



Courtesy Photo

Randall Eckiwaudah

SGM Rudolph Kosechequetah photo with *Numu Pukutsi*.

Four Comanches veterans have earned the military highest enlisted grade of E-9. Lanny Asepermy (Army Sergeant Major), Rudolph Kosechequetah (Army Sergeant Major), James Saryerwinnie (Navy Chief Master Petty Officer), and Randall Eckiwaudah (Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant.)

Note: Sergeants Major Lanny Asepermy and Rudolph Kosechequetah are the only graduates of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy.

U.S. Military Academy Graduates



Courtesy Photo

Thomas Boyt



Courtesy Photo

George Harrington



Courtesy Photo

Lawrence Yazzie

Five Comanche veterans have graduate from the three U.S. Military Academies. Thomas Boyt, (Class of 1973) Air Force Academy, George Harrington, (Class of 1979) West Point, Lance Whitewolf (Class of 1992,) Annapolis, Lawrence Yazzie (Class of 2000) Air Force Academy, Lamoni Yazzie (Class of 2002) Air Force Academy.

Lance Whitewolf and Lamoni Yazzie photos not available.

Note: Thomas Boyt graduated 18th out of 844 graduates and Lawrence and Lamoni Yazzie were both starters for the Division I Air Force Academy basketball team.

Combat Deployments



Courtesy Photo

Wilbur Sapcut



Courtesy Photo

Frankie Patterson

Air Force and Army Staff Sergeants Wilbur Sapcut and Frankie Patterson both served 42 months in “Combat Zones.” SSgt Sapcut served at Ton Son Nhut and Tuy Hoa Air Bases in a support role. SSG Patterson deployed to Iraq in 2003-04, 2007-08, 2009 and 2010 and to Afghanistan in 2009 and 2012-13 – he was an Infantryman who served with the 1st Armored Division, 1st Infantry Division, 2nd Infantry Division, 4th Infantry Division, 10th Mountain Division and 101st Airborne Division. He is the only Comanche veteran authorized to wear six different combat patches.

Campaign Stars



Courtesy Photo

Max Pacheka

Asiatic-Pacific Campaign medal with two Silver Stars (denoting five campaigns each) and one Bronze Star denoting one campaign

was awarded to Navy Airman Max Pahcheka while on-board the USS Minneapolis (CA -36) a Navy cruiser.

Comanche Women Veterans

There are 82 known Comanche women veterans. The highest Officer rank that two attained are Lieutenant Colonel Lisa Smith (Air Force) and Rhonda Williams. The highest enlisted rank attained is Gunnery Sergeant (E-7) by Donna Harris (Marine Corps). The first Comanche woman to serve in a Combat Zone is 1LT Linda Asenap (Army Nurse Corps) during World War II. There are two Comanche women Paratroopers, Rhonda Williams and Tahtziltocy Mithlo. Three Comanche woman were awarded the Combat Action Badge, Rhonda Williams, Karli Wahkahquah and Vena Tahkofper. The only Comanche woman awarded the Combat Action Ribbon is Lindsey Griner, she is also the only Comanche woman decorated for heroism (Navy/USMC Achievement with Combat Distinguishing Device.



Courtesy Photo

Linda Asenap



Courtesy Photo

Donna Harris



Courtesy Photo

Tahtziltocy Mithlo



Courtesy Photo

Eleanor McDaniel

Air Force Fixed-Wing Pilots

There are only three known Comanche pilots, Meech Tahsequah, Myers Wahnee Sr. and Jonathan George, all members of the Air Force.



Courtesy Photo

LtCol Meech Tahsequah



Courtesy Photo

Capt Myers Wahnee Sr.



Courtesy Photo

Brig Gen Jonathan George

Navy Frogman (Now Known as Navy Seals)



Courtesy Photo

Sam Pahdopony

Navy Gunner Mate Second Class Sam Pahdopony graduated from the first “Navy Frogman” class now know as Navy SEALs. He was involved in clearing landing areas of obstacles and mines while under sniper, artillery and aircraft fire during sixteen U.S. military island landings in the Pacific Theater of Operations.

Comanche Indian Veterans Association

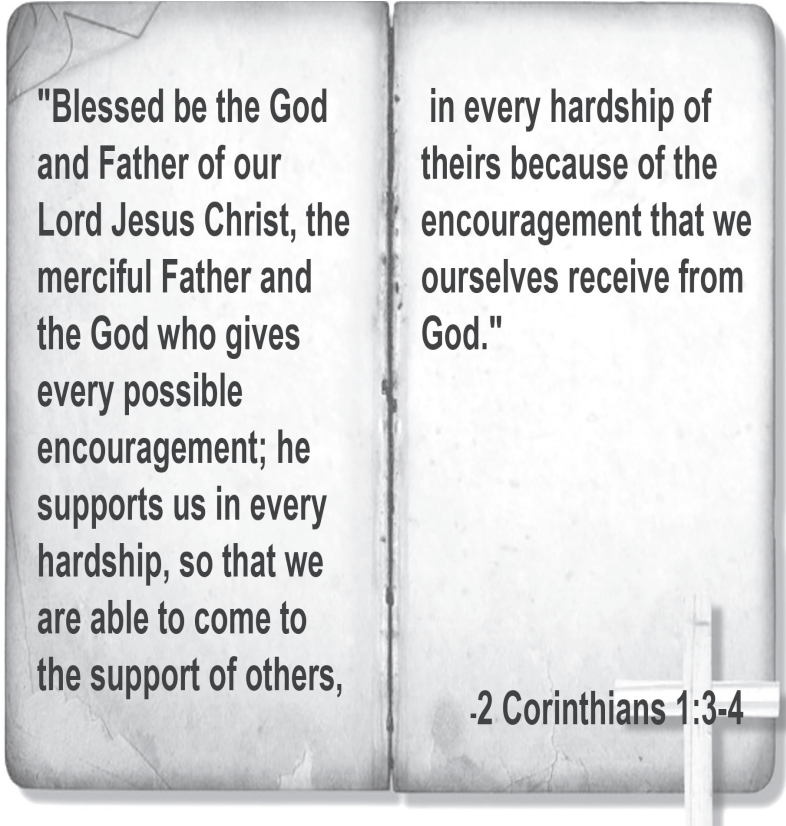
The first known local Indian veterans’ organization was established after the end of World War I – it was called the “American Indian Intertribal Veterans Association” (AIIVA) and consisted of Comanche, Kiowa, Wichita, Caddo, Delaware, Cheyenne-Arapaho and Apache tribes. The members of the “Club” were World War I veterans. The AIIVA later became known as the “American Indian Veterans Association” (AIVA.) On August 18, 1976, the Comanches chartered an all Comanche veterans “Club” called the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA). The charter principles were the first CIVA Commander Edgar Monetathchi (USMC) and Clifford Ototivo Sr. (Army) and James Chasenah. Recent Commanders include Nipper Tiddark, Ted Pewo, Jack Codopony Sr (three times), George Red Elk (three times), Kevin Pohawpatchoko (three times), Ronald Mahsetky and currently Roger Tehauno.

Record-keeping began in 2002 and since then the CIVA have conducted 375 Military Funeral honors for mostly Comanche veterans and veterans from other tribes and non-Indian veterans. They have placed about 320 military markers for the families of deceased veterans and provided color guards for pow-wows, fairs, parades, inaugurations, conferences, meetings, homecomings, weddings, etc. In addition, they have formally honored or recognized 420 veterans. They average about 100 commitments a year.

In 2014, 2019 and 2024 the CIVA sponsored a trip to France the celebrate the landing of the Comanche Code Talkers on Utah Beach in Normandy, France.

The CIVA host three major events a year, the Armed Forces Day Banquet, Memorial Day Ceremony and Veterans Day Celebration and Pow-wow.

The CIVA has also established the CIVA Court of Honor, Tahsequah Garden and the Comanche Veterans Patriotic Room and maintain the Comanche War Scout Circle of Honor.



Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday

August 20 - Xabian Lira
"Grandma Charlotte loves you! Sorry you inherit my big feet." =)
August 25 - Riley

Happy Birthday!



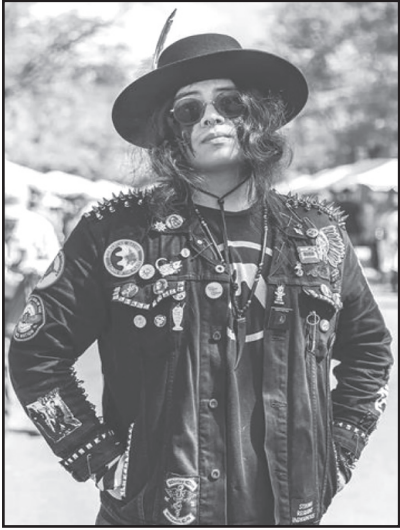
September 2 - Kamryn Rose
September 2 - Tristan "Bear" Berryhill
September 7 - Haley Mathis
September 8 - Aaron Allen
"Happy 17th Birthday."
September 8 - Laketah Pangus
September 9 - Joe
September 10 - Terry Querdebitty
September 10 - Georgettra Campbell
"Happy Birthday Sister. From, all the Burgess-Yellowfish brothers and sisters!!"
September 12 - Ayla Rose Knox
"Happy 19th Birthday. Grandpa Loves You."
September 12 - Rhonda Williams
September 13 - Pamela Ortega
September 13 - Hunter Hart
September 14 - Ericka Stewart
September 15 - Sugar Tahdooahnippah
September 18 - Bryson Gilliam
September 18 - Sam Tiddark
September 19 - Shila Pewewardy
September 19 - Kenneth James
September 20 - Annissa Chasenah
September 22 - Mary Alcantar
September 23 - Cooper Allen
September 28 - Mattie Akoneto
"Have a Blessed Birthday."
September 30 - Alisyn Davenport
September 30 - Jerrick Parker



Happy Birthday
Kamryn Rose
September 2
~ From, Mom and Family. ♥



Happy Birthday
Haley Mathis
September 7



Happy Birthday
Tristan "Bear" Berryhill
September 9
~ Happy Birthday! From, your Pewewardy family.



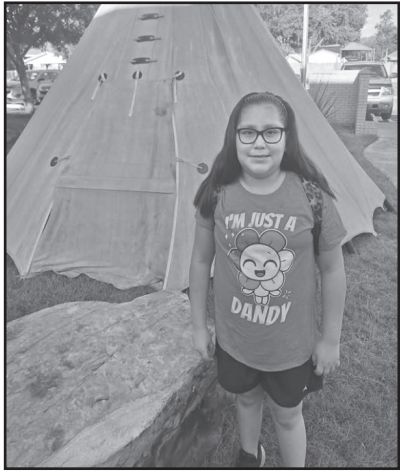
Happy 17th Birthday
Joe
September 9
~ We love you! From, the Fam!



Happy Birthday
Terry Querdebitty
September 10



Happy 1st Birthday
Hunter Hart
September 13



Happy 9th Birthday
Ericka Mykel Stewart
September 14
~ We love your crazy little self so much! From, Mom, Papa and Gramma.



Happy Birthday
Sugar Tahdooahnippah
September 15
~ Happy B.D. Sis, Everybody loves you - Sister Rose.



Happy Birthday
Sam Tiddark
September 18
~ Happy B.D. Bro. Love, your three sisters.



Happy Birthday
Bryson Gilliam
September 18
~ Happy Birthday Bryson King! We love you so much. From, Kakoo, Ariane, Rachel, Christian, Mila and Boppy.



Happy Birthday
Shila Pewewardy
September 19



Happy 6th Birthday
Kenneth James
September 19
~ Love you sweet baby! From, the Sapcut/LovesHim/Whitewolf family!



Happy Birthday
Annissa Chasenah
September 20



Happy Birthday
Cooper Allen
September 23



Happy 49th Birthday
Jerrick Parker
September 30



Happy 10th Birthday
Riley
August 25

Answers to Comanche Jumble on Page 6

Comanche Attire

Unscramble these Comanche Jumbles to form words related to the theme above.

#1ASI
SIA

#2IPEKNE
NEE?KI

#3EHUYAKAK
EKAKUYAH

#4PUSIAKK
PIKAKUSU

#5EWHUNATSU
NUTSAWE

#6TPHSIUPII
PIHITSIPU

#7PIKPAUSTIKOOP
PIKAPUPITSOKO

#8EWASABYAUT
WUTSABEYAA

#9KUSUMUN
NUTKUSU

Comanche JUMBLE

It's great to rock these for Comanche Fair

original art by Patricia Bread

Arrange the circled letters to form the mystery answer, as suggested by the caption in the cartoon.

MYSTERY ANSWER
NUTMUNAPU

WORD BANK
NUTSAWE (FAN)
SIA (FEATHER)
NEE?KI (BELT)
PIHITSIPU (PLUME)
EKAKUYAH (ROACH)
NUTKUSU (BUCKSKIN DRESS)
PIKAPUPITSOKO (LEATHER PANTS)
PIKAKUSU (LEATHER SKIN SHIRT)
WUTSABEYAA (GOURD DANCE RATTLE)

HAPPY SOBERVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS
Verna Lisa Selph
September 24, 2020
Celebrating 5 years of SOBRIETY!

HAPPY SOBERVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS
Dina Baca
August 12, 1994
Celebrating 31 years of SOBRIETY!

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Michael & Andrea Tahmahkera
August 2, 2024
Celebrating 1 year of Marriage!

In Loving Memory

Marisa R. Thomas
March 31, 1976 - July 19, 2013
Forever Remembered

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Obituaries

Charles David Lawson



Courtesy Photo

Lawson

Charles David Lawson, passed away on July 1, at 42 years old. Lawson was born on November 28, 1982, in Fort Worth, Texas. He was a proud Comanche Nation Citizen and enjoyed learning what he could about his heritage.

He was dedicated to his pharmacy technician career and served many patients and customers in his 22 years of service. He always put his patients first no matter where he worked. Lawson took pride in his work and serving others through his shining compassion for all human beings. He loved to travel and enjoyed seeing new things, exploring nature, and exploring the world.

Lawson enjoyed being in the sun and loved the sunny days and the warmth of the sun on his skin.

Lawson was a proud father; he loved spending time with his son and being with him. He was also a thoughtful grandson, son and nephew, he was a fun and caring human being. Lawson was so many things to all of us especially goofy, he could get a chuckle out of anyone.

Lawson is preceded in death by his grandparents, Charles Daniel Robinson and Ella Mae Lawson.

He leaves behind several family members who will miss him greatly: Mary F. Robinson (mom); David Young Lawson, Robin Lawson, John Lawson, Dylan David Lawson, Rhonda Robinson Smith, Rodney Robinson, Renee Robinson, Wendy Rackley, Christopher White, Elizabeth Len Lawson Roland, Scott Roland, Nita Rios, Toni Rios and Mark Rios. Along with several other family members and loving friends.

Tahli James "TJ" Cooper



Courtesy Photo

Cooper

Tahli James "TJ" Cooper made his journey home to Heaven on July 16. He was born to Paula J. Cooper and Joseph Wixey on April 4, 2003, in Lawton Oklahoma.

He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation Tribe of Oklahoma and a decedent of the Choctaw and Arapaho Tribes. He loved to be with his family and friends, grilling/cooking and loved acting up. He enjoyed watching the OKC Thunder, college basketball, fight night and playing video games. He loved being a son, brother, uncle and grandson. He loved his family and friends.

He attended Riverside Indian School where he played Baseball. Then he went to Haskell University where he was a sophomore in college. He was a small business owner-TJ Enterprises and was a member of York Baptist Church.

He is survived by his mother; Paula Cooper of the home, siblings: Malie Cooper-Molina, Bella, Samyia, Nashoba, Tomi Hawk Porti-

llo, Hayden Marie and Gabriel Cooper; companion: Leigha Tagg; Brother-in-law: Jesse Molina; uncle to his nieces: Angelena Cooper, Kalyscia, Nevaeh, Analiese Molina; grandmother: Jody Youngman and Joyce Cooper; great-grandmother: Erma Youngman; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins and many friends.

He is preceded in death by his grandfather: Lonnie Cooper (Choctaw); great-grandmother: Linda Cooper (Choctaw); uncle: Michael Cooper (Choctaw); great-grandfather: Tony Komah; (Comanche); great-great grandmother: and Great-great grandfather: Bert Youngman (Arapaho) and Lena Hoahwah-Youngman (Comanche); great grandmother: and grandfather: Lizzie and James Cooper (Choctaw).

Dawn Lynn (Tara) Carrasco



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Carrasco

Dawn Lynn (Tara) Carrasco, 53, was called to her eternal home on July 21, while visiting her family in Sherman, Texas. She was born on August 22, 1971, in Oklahoma City to Cassandra Mithlo and David Harjo.

Carrasco grew up in Apache, Oklahoma, where she completed most of her schooling. She graduated from high school in Blanchard, Oklahoma in 1989.

One of her greatest accomplishments and joys in life was being a mother. She became a mother early in her life with husband Bruce Poafpybitty Jr. They spent 12 loving years together and had two daughters, Cassie and Whitley. In the mid 90s, she remarried to David Carrasco and had two sons, Carlos and Anthony. She was overjoyed as a grandmother to 10 grandchildren. Every chance she could, she would travel between Oklahoma and Texas to be with her children and grandchildren. She loved her family dearly and they brought her so much happiness.

Carrasco enjoyed the simple things in life like going on outings with her mother Cassandra, to shop and visit people. She loved being at home watching her favorite shows and movies. Carrasco was known for having a big heart and comforting love. She was kind and generous. She was always willing to help someone or go out of the way to make sure everyone was taken care of. She had many close friendships she cherished deeply.

Carrasco is preceded in death by father, David Harjo; daughter, Whitley Dawn Poafpybitty; grandson, Jose Luis Angel Lopez; grandparents, Thurman Lee and Beatrice Kowena Mithlo, and Amos and Lucy Harjo; great grandparents, Felix and Kate Kowena and Lawrence and Dolly Mithlo.

She is survived by her mother, Cassandra Mithlo; brothers, Timothy Harjo and Christopher Washington; daughter, Cassie Aitson Poafpybitty; sons, Carlos Carrasco and Anthony Carrasco; grandchildren, Leslie Lopez, Nathanyl Gomez, Jose Gomez Jr. Amiya Gomez; Angelina Lopez-Poafpybitty, Thomas Lopez, Chris Lopez, Carly Lopez, Elizabeth Carrasco, Azariah Carrasco.

Marcia Ann Toahty



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Toahty

Marcia Ann Toahty, went to her heavenly home on July 24, with her family by her side. She was born on February 17, 1979 to Jeffery Loy Toahty and Rhonda Reeder.

She graduated from Cyril High School where she held a 3-point record in Cyril for a few years. She loved hanging with her many friends and family, attending pow-wows, and, most of all, spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Marcia attended the Family Life Church in Cyril, Oklahoma. She was a proud member of the Comanche nation of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Kiowa Tribe.

She is survived by her sons: Jakobe Riley Toahty, Gravan Allen Toahty; daughter: Lillian Belle Toahty-Eckiwaudah; mother: Dortha Niedo; sisters: Annie, Kris, and Monica; brothers: Joseph and Jeffery Loy Toahty, Jr.

She is preceded in death by her father: Jeffery Loy Toahty, Sr.; mother: Rhonda Reeder: Grandmother: Ladora Yackeschi; grandfather: Bennie Loy Toahty; aunt: Betta; uncles: Snorky, Gary and Joe.

Justin Roy Jones



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Jones

Justin Roy Jones entered into eternal rest on July 29, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Jones was born on December 22, 1983, in Lawton, Oklahoma to Camelia Gibson.

Jones attended school in Lawton; and earned his G.E.D. He went on the work for Goodyear Tire Company for 11 years. Jones enjoyed playing darts and pool in his free time. Jones kept to himself most of the time, but "if he terrorized you, that meant he liked you." Jones loved music and was a self-proclaimed metal-head. He was also an avid sports fan; he almost always wore his San Francisco 49ers gear.

Jones was survived by his mother: Camelia Gibson; Brother: Jamie Gibson and companion: Amber; Nephews: Dondon Gibson and Dominikk Gibson; nieces: Jaymelynn Gibson, Margaret Deak, Kellen Deak, and Ambo Gibson; dearest friend: Dianna Murphy; great nieces and nephews: Detric Deak, Emery Deak and Maylani Deak.

He is preceded in death by his father: Elton Roy Jones; grandmother: Marie Lortzeno; brother: Donavon Lee Gibson.

Virginia Diane DeFord-Berg



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Berg

Virginia Diane DeFord-Berg, went to her heavenly home on July 29, in Lawton, Oklahoma. Berg was born to Houston DeFord and Kathryn Bullett on November 1, 1957. Berg was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Berg grew up in Norman and attended Norman Public School; she graduated from Tecumseh Senior High School; Class of 1975. Upon graduation she attended Rose State College and the University of Oklahoma for art.

Berg was an artist under the pen name DeAnn DeFord; she expressed herself and her tradition through painting. Virginias art was featured in a 1996 calendar; that celebrated Native American artists. Virginias talent allowed for her to meet new people and travel; she went as far as Europe. Berg was a creative light and she leaves her legacy behind in the form of beautiful paintings which still travel throughout the world.

Berg is survived by daughter Erica Berg; siblings Carl Codopony, Darrell Codopony, Calvin Kosechata, Thomas Atchavit, Carla Codopony, and Antoinette Kosechata.

Berg was preceded in death by son David Lee and Richard DeFord; parents Houston and Kathryn DeFord; siblings Jackie Codopony Jr., Vincent Kosechata, and Charlotte Sue Kosechata.

Regina Lorene Parker Longhat



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Longhat

Regina Lorene Parker Longhat, was born in Lawton, Okla., on August 12, 1950, to Esther Parker. She went to be with the Lord with her family by her side in Lawton on July 25. She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, an avid OU sports fan as well as an Oklahoma City Thunder fan. She was a caretaker for her mom and helped raise many nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a cook at Boone School and then became the head cook for Boone-Apache Schools for total of 36 years.

She was survived by daughter: Erin D. Paddyaker and husband Kevin of Cache, granddaughters: Michelle Longhat, Lawton and Bailey Paddyaker, Cache; grandsons: Daniel, Dustin and Dayton Coffman all of Apache, Kerry Paddyaker, Cache; great-granddaughters: Sophie and Amelia Coffman, Apache, Mia Paddyaker, Cache; brothers: Rod and Leland Parker; Sister: Lisa Looking-Glass and husband Kenneth all of Apache; adopted sisters: Zena Blalock and Karen Gilbreth; special little brother: John Parker.

She is preceded in death by her husband: Melvin K. Longhat; son: F.J. Longhat; daughter: Kara Coffman; mother: Esther Parker; Brothers: Bill, Larry, Tinker and Travis Parker; sisters: Carol Aitson, Paige Tate and Theresa Poolaw.



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UPLIFTING SPIRITS. Congratulations to 7-year-old Comanche member Brindle Meador, who collected 1,185 items for the Tulsa St. Francis Hospital children's toy room. Her goal was 1,000 items. She is the daughter of Andrea Kerchee Meador and Nic Meador. Her maternal grandfather is the late William Kerchee. Her maternal great grandparents are Deborah Sue (Tosee) Oldham n Melvin Kerchee, Jr. Her family is very proud she of her for wanting to help other children. She is honoring her 8-year-old friend she lost to cancer, and her two-day-old brother, who passed in October 2023.



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2. Check your debt progress.

If you've been working to pay down debt, see how far you've come. If progress feels slow, consider trying a new payoff strategy.

3. Look at your investments.

A simple portfolio rebalance can help keep your short-term and long-term goals on track.

4. Update your insurance.

Life changes—like a new job, marriage, or family—can mean your coverage needs a refresh.

5. Review your retirement savings.

If you have an employer-sponsored plan, make sure your contributions still match your retirement goals.

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