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Housing Authority Cost-Saving Tips for Homeowners: DIY Maintenance and Repair Advice

By Nora Sovo/Comanche Nation Housing Authority

A well-maintained home is essential for comfort, safety and long-term affordability. For many homeowners on Tribal land, small and preventative steps can be taken to protect some of the most important systems within the home and save significant money over time.

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) encourages homeowners to take an active role in caring for their homes by incorporating simple maintenance habits to prevent larger and more costly repairs down the road.

While CNHA provides crucial support through its housing programs, homeowners can play a vital part in preserving their homes and improving energy efficiency and safety. Below are several practical DIY maintenance tips that help extend the life of home systems and protect against avoidable damage.

Avoiding Plumbing Problems: What Goes Down the Drain Matters

One of the most common and preventable household issues involves plumbing. Grease, oils, and fats should never be poured down the sink. Even when rinsed with hot water, grease eventually hardens inside pipes, causing blockages that can lead to slow drains, backups, or expensive sewer repairs. Instead, homeowners should allow grease to cool and dispose of it in the trash.

Similarly, toilets are only intended for disposing of waste and toilet paper. Even items labeled as "flushable" can cause damage and clogging to sewer lines, septic systems and costly plumbing repairs. The most common cause of sewer line clogging that we see now is "flushable" wipes. A simple rule of thumb is when in doubt, throw it out.

Protecting Your HVAC System:

The Importance of Changing Air Filters

One of the most overlooked maintenance tasks, yet one of the most important, is regularly replacing HVAC air filters. The heating and cooling system is often the most expensive piece of equipment in the home, and neglecting filter changes can shorten its lifespan, reduce efficiency, and increase energy bills.

Dirty filters force the system to work harder, leading to breakdowns and reduced indoor air quality. Most newer systems use five-inch-thick filters that only require replacement one to two times per year, depending on whether there are pets in the home. Homeowners should check their air filters monthly and replace them every 30 to 90 days, depending on dust levels, pets, and seasonal conditions. This simple step helps prevent unnecessary strain on the HVAC unit and keeps the home's air cleaner and healthier.

Small Actions That Prevent Big Repairs

Maintaining a home does not always require professional assistance. Simple tasks such as clearing debris from exterior vents, inspecting under-sink plumbing for small leaks,

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The Comanche Nation Election Board, from left: JW Marshall, Roxie Yazzie, Nancy Nauni, Marilyn Tiger, Sebreiana Flores, Nicole Reyna, Sandra Chesnut and Aaron Nevaquaya.

Election Board Announces Election Dates, Available Positions

Submitted by Comanche Nation Election Board

The Comanche Nation Election Board has announced the upcoming election dates and the positions that will be available.

Important dates to remember:

2026 Election Dates:

- April 18 – General Council
- May 15 – Early Voting
- May 16 – General Election
- June 12 – Early Voting
- June 13 – Run Off Voting (If Needed)

2026 Available Positions:

- CBC Seat #3
- CBC Seat #4
- Secretary Treasure
- Election Board Seat
- Election Board Seat

Election Polling Sites

- Lawton Polling Site:
- Comanche Nation Complex Code Talker Room 584 NW Bingo Road, located in Lawton, Oklahoma

Oklahoma City Polling Site:

- Comanche Nation Outreach Office 8014 N. Western Ave. Suite D is located in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Apache Polling Site Comanche:

- Nation Community Center 309 Julia Mahseet Road, located in Apache, Oklahoma.

Anadarko Polling Site:

- Comanche Nation Outreach Office, 602 W. Virginia, located in Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Cache Polling Site:

- Cahoma Community Building 752 NW Quanah Rd. Cache is located in Cache, Oklahoma.

Walters Polling Site:

- Comanche Nation Community Center 905 E. Missouri St., located in Walters, Oklahoma.

All enrolled Comanche Nation citizens who are eighteen or older on Election Day may vote in all Comanche Nation elections.

Voters may choose to vote

in person or by absentee ballot. To request an absentee ballot, you may contact the Election Office or print the request form at comanchenation.com under the Election Office page and mail it to the address listed on the form.

When completing your request, please choose your absentee status:

- Temporary Absentee: You will receive an absentee ballot only for the election(s) you request.

- Permanent Absentee: You will receive an absentee ballot for every election until you ask to update your status.

After your request is received, the Election Office will send an absentee voter packet by U.S. Mail at the proper time. This packet will include everything needed to cast your vote. The absentee voter's signature line on the ballot will not be shown until the voting packet is opened.

Your VOTE is your VOICE!

Police Department Raises over \$30,000 for Community Events



Courtesy Photo

Comanche Nation Police Department and Valor Defense in Lawton, Oklahoma, create a raffle to raise funds for Cops and Kids and Shop with a Cop. The organization raised over \$30,000, and winner, Mike Hillary, was announced on Facebook Live. It was for a hunting trip and various equipment.

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

The Comanche Nation Police Department (CNPD) held a raffle, with Valor Defense providing the grand prize, to raise funds for community events put on by CNPD's Community Division, such as Cops and Kids and Shop with a Cop.

They sold out tickets in 20 days and raised over \$30,000.

Lt. Robert Chavez with CNPD's Community Policing Division said it will also fund new ideas.

"I'm working on a firearms safety and familiarization class for tribal members and tribal employees. It's going to be free," he said. "Next is a, I'm working on a basketball tournament. It's called Husky Half Court. It's going to be for the bigger folks. I'm trying to promote activity, wellness, fitness for the bigger people, men and women, start working towards going down instead of up in weight. So that's where we're at. I don't have anything else planned as of yet, but my brain's working all the time."

Josh Powers, owner of Valor Defense, has helped with past fundraising events.

"They reached out in reference to...needing some other ideas for raising money. I participate in several different organizations," he said. "I help out with Local Ducks Unlimited, Delta Waterfowl, soon to be the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, and a few other little non-profit-type things. So, we had a general idea of where we were going to go. I came up with another idea, though, that I had participated myself on the raffles for a lot of it's usually wildlife conservation. I participated in the particular one that was set up this way, to where the prize was really big and really good, and there's a limited number of tickets. I've seen how well that's worked and then kind of was able to refine it to fit this need. And I kind of gave them the idea, and then the Comanche Nation Police Department ran with it and got it all set up and turned it into their own little idea now."

Chavez said everyone is in-

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Annual Easter Egg Hunt Scheduled for March at Janice Pewewardy Softball Field



File Photo

The Comanche Nation Prevention and Recovery has scheduled its annual Easter Egg Hunt from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. on March 28 at the Janice Pewewardy Softball Fields, located on the Comanche Nation Complex grounds. The age categories for the egg hunt are: 0-2 years; 3-4 years; 5-6 years; 7-8 years; 9-10 years; 11-12 years; 13-14 years; 15-17 years; 18-30 years; 31-50 years; 51-64 years; and 65 years and older. The event is free and open to the community. Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are strictly prohibited.

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Government

Nine Resolutions Pass in the February 7 CBC Meeting

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the February 7 Comanche Business Committee (CBC) Monthly Meetings, and not the official minutes. To obtain a copy of the official minutes, please contact the Office of the Chairman, (580) 360-0623.

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

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

Resolutions

Resolution No. 20-2026- Enrollment Eligible Resolution Minor List 1399. CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. CBC No. 1 Hazel Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 21-2026- Enrollment Ineligible Resolution DNMB0 List 1400. Vice Chairwoman Diana Sovo makes a motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 22-2026- Enrollment Resolution for Relinquishment List 1401. Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 23-2026- Enrollment Resolution for BIA Probate One-Time Funding. Sovo makes a motion to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 24-2026- Higher Ed Resolution for CNG Guidelines Mutsitoya Trade School ScholarshipSP-1. CBC No. 4, Jordan Fox makes a motion to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 25-2026- Tax Commission Resolution for Vehicle Table Rates FY-26. Sovo makes a motion to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 26-2026- CBC Resolution Authorizing Travel. Secretary/Treasurer Benny Tahmahkera makes a motion to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion carries 5/0/1.

Resolution No. 27-2026- CBC Resolution Ratifying Amended Charter of CO-NEI. Fox makes a motion to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Resolution No. 28-2026- CBC Resolution Confirming Appointment of CNE CEO. Kassanavoid makes a motion to accept the resolution. CBC No. 2 Darrell Kosechequetah seconds the motion. The motion carries 6/0/0.

Motion to Move July and October CBC Meeting. Sovo makes a motion to accept the motion. Kassanavoid seconds. The motion carries 6/0/0.

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vited and welcomed to be more involved.

"We try to put everything out on social media the best we can because it seems like that's the best way to reach out to the community, whether it be tribal or non-tribal or even out of this area," he said. "Just participate. I mean, it could be even if you don't have to pay for anything, at least you're participating in the community, and the whole thing about reaching out to the community is building the bridge between the law enforcement and the community itself."

Mike Hillary won the grand prize after his name was drawn during a Facebook Live broadcast.

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cleaning dryer vents to prevent fire hazards, or checking weather-stripping around doors can prevent long-term issues and protect the home's structure and safety. You can purchase an under-sink waterproof mat to protect your cabinets from leaks for less than \$20.

These small efforts add up, helping Tribal homeowners preserve the value of their homes, avoid emergency repairs, and reduce energy costs throughout the year.

CNHA remains committed to supporting Tribal families with resources, education, and programs that keep homes safe and functional. By combining CNHA's housing assistance with proactive homeowner maintenance, Tribal members can extend the life of their homes and ensure they remain secure and comfortable for future generations.

For more information on CNHA programs and homeowner resources, visit comanchehousing.com.

From the Chairman's Desk



Mariaweka Namuntun:

As I write this, I am preparing for formal negotiations with the Indian Health Service to amend our Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act (also known as Public Law 93-638) funding agreement to include clinical services. Amending our agreement with IHS will allow us to open our very first health clinic. We hope that one day soon we will have many clinics that will include many specialties such as family medicine (which is what our first clinic will be), speech pathology, dialysis, behavioral health and more. We also hope to open our own pharmacy soon. Our clinics and pharmacies will collectively be called the Red Berry Health System, a name chosen due to Comanches' use of red berry juniper for cedar ceremonies.

Operating our own health system has many advantages for tribal members. First and foremost, the Comanche Nation will have greater control on the quality of healthcare that our members receive. We will be able to ensure the professionalism and accountability of the doctors and pharmacists under our employment. Second, our clinics will serve as economic diversification, generating revenue that can be used to fund health-related services such as prescription assistance, the fitness center, CHR, and more. Other tribes have started their own health systems and proven that the model we will follow is sustainable and beneficial.

I have written about this health system previously, and mentioned it at nearly every CBC meeting for the last several months. However, despite the clear benefits of operating our own health system, as our opening day draws near (currently set for early April), I have noticed an uptick in fear-mongering regarding our health system. In particular, I have heard that some people are allegedly (falsely) that the Comanche Nation is taking all its shares out of the Lawton Service Unit and that our clinic will negatively impact the Lawton Indian Hospital. As I have discussed at the monthly CBC meetings, I have been meeting weekly with IHS on an informal basis for months to ensure that our clinic will not negatively impact the hospital. Based on these meetings, the Comanche Nation will take only about 10 percent of its shares from the Lawton Service Unit, which the Oklahoma City Area Office has assured me will not cause any layoffs or reduction of services at the Lawton Indian Hospital.



Comanche Nation Offices will be closed on April 3, in observance of Good Friday, and will reopen on April 6 for regular business.



Courtesy Photo

CULTURAL AWARD RECIPIENT. Cornel Pewewardy receives a Lawton Arts for All Council Cultural Award - 2025 Educator of the Arts on February 13 during its Kickoff Luncheon. Jason Poudrier, of Lawton Arts and Humanities Committee presented the award. Pewewardy is an Associate Professor at the University of Central Oklahoma, an Affiliated Faculty member at the University of Kansas and a Professor Emeritus at Portland State University. He began his career on the Navajo reservation and has received numerous awards in education throughout his time in education. In addition, he is a former vice-chairman of the Comanche Nation, and the co-editor of *Unsettling Settler-Colonial Education* (2022). Pewewardy, former Vice Chairman of the Comanche Nation, continues advancing Indigenous self-determination through education and leadership.

CBC Releases 2025 Comanche Nation Audit

The audit was published in the Anadarko Daily News on February 13 and in The Lawton Constitution's February 15 Edition, in accordance with Comanche Nation Constitution Article VI, Section 7(H)



Independent Auditors' Report

Comanche Business Committee
Comanche Nation
Lawton, Oklahoma

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the General Fund, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Comanche Nation Governmental Programs Department (the "Department") as of and for the year ended September 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the General Fund, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Department as of September 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position, for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Department and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements of the Department are intended to present the financial position and the changes in financial position of only that portion of the governmental activities, the General Fund, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Comanche Nation that is attributable to the transactions of the Department. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Comanche Nation as of September 30, 2025, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Department's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Department's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages i. through v. be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 6, 2026, on our consideration of the Department's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Department's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Rose Rock CPAs PLLC

Edmond, Oklahoma
February 6, 2026

COMANCHE NATION GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

September 30, 2025

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS ("MD&A")

The Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) of the Comanche Nation Governmental Programs Department (the "Department"), located in Lawton, Oklahoma, provides an overview and overall review of the Department's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2025. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the Department's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore, be read in conjunction with the Department's financial statements and the notes thereto.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Total governmental net position decreased by \$9.8 million, or 11% from the prior year. Net position classified as unrestricted represents \$29.7 million or 36% of the total governmental net position and may be used to meet the Department's ongoing obligations to its Tribal members and creditors.

Total governmental assets decreased by \$19.6 million, or 17% from the prior year. This is primarily due to a decrease in cash. The Department's cash decreased by approximately \$23.7 million, or 37% from the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in net transfers in and a reduction of unearned revenue.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements presented include the Department's government-wide and fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements: The government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities present information about the Department as a whole, divided into the following activity:

- **Governmental activities:** Most of the Department's basic services are reported here, including the general government, public works, education, public safety, public health and welfare, culture and recreation, and environmental management. State and federal grants, gaming revenues, and taxes finance most of these activities.

The Department's government-wide financial statements are designed to provide a broad overview of the Department's Governmental Program finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statement of net position presents information on all of the Governmental Program's assets and liabilities, with the difference reported as net position.

The statement of activities depicts how net position changed during the fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions that are principally supported by intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities).

(Unaudited. See accompanying independent auditors' report.)

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

September 30, 2025

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, CONTINUED

Fund Statements: The accounts of the Department are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, net position, revenues, expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate.

The Department uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds: Governmental funds are used to account for the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Governmental fund financial statements help determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Department's programs.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances. A reconciliation is presented to facilitate this comparison between governmental programs department funds and governmental activities.

The Department maintains individual governmental funds separately. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the major governmental programs department funds. The major governmental funds are the General Fund and the Highway Planning and Construction Fund.

(Unaudited. See accompanying independent auditors' report.)

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

September 30, 2025

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position

Following is a comparative summary of net position as of September 30, 2025 and 2024:

	Government Activities	
	2025	2024
Current and other assets	\$ 53,355,403	\$ 72,669,017
Capital assets, net	45,366,576	45,638,429
Total assets	\$ 98,721,979	\$ 118,307,446
Current and other liabilities	\$ 14,427,329	\$ 24,212,390
Long-term liabilities	704,975	678,215
Total liabilities	\$ 15,132,304	\$ 24,890,605
Net position:		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 45,366,576	\$ 45,525,484
Restricted	8,534,886	8,617,579
Unrestricted	29,688,213	39,273,778
Total net position	\$ 83,589,675	\$ 93,416,841

For the year ended September 30, 2025, net position for the governmental activities decreased by \$9.8 million. This is primarily attributable to a decrease in net transfers in of \$9.9 million.

Net investment in capital assets reflects the Department's investment in capital assets, less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. As of September 30, 2025, the net investment in capital assets amounted to \$45.4 million.

The unrestricted net position of \$29.7 million at September 30, 2025 may be used to meet the Department's ongoing obligations to its Tribal members and creditors.

(Unaudited. See accompanying independent auditors' report.)

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

September 30, 2025

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

Change in Net Position

For the years ended September 30, 2025 and September 30, 2024 the net position of the Department's governmental programs department changed as follows:

	Government Activities	
	2025	2024
REVENUES		
Program Revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 1,571,382	\$ 1,014,997
Operating grants and contributions	22,700,012	25,350,370
Investment gain	515,067	752,781
Other	1,166,395	1,723,679
Total Revenues	25,952,856	28,841,827
EXPENSES		
Coronavirus relief	3,594,084	6,176,875
General government	25,561,188	26,049,243
Public health and welfare	10,828,951	10,385,838
Culture and recreation	3,559,620	3,582,935
Environmental management	1,008,811	500,387
Public safety	2,084,810	1,899,616
Education	6,781,327	6,749,096
Public works	3,242,546	2,911,988
Total Expenses	56,661,337	58,255,978
Decrease in net position before transfers	(30,708,481)	(29,414,151)
Net transfers	20,881,315	30,823,132
	\$ (9,827,166)	\$ 1,408,981

The Department's governmental activities include a decrease of \$2.7 million, or 10%, in operating grants and contributions revenues and a decrease of \$2.6 million, or 42%, in Coronavirus relief expenses that were primarily due to decreased funding and expenses related to the Coronavirus pandemic. The Department's net transfers decreased by approximately \$9.9 million primarily due to decreased transfers in from the Nation's gaming entities as well as increased transfers out of approximately \$5.5 million to the Nation's Economic Development organizations.

(Unaudited. See accompanying independent auditors' report.)

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COMANCHE NATION GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

September 30, 2025

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS, CONTINUED

Change in Net Position, Continued

The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Department. For the year ended September 30, 2025, the General Fund's total fund balance decreased by \$9.7 million, or 20.1%.

CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital Assets: The Department's investment in capital assets for its governmental programs department as of September 30, 2025, amounted to \$45.4 million (net of accumulated depreciation and amortization). The investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, and equipment.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

The economy in Lawton, Oklahoma and the surrounding areas appears to be stable due to the presence of Ft. Sill and other industries. The economic outlook for tribal governments presents a mixed landscape, characterized by challenges to traditional revenue streams and a focus on diversification. Competition in tribal gaming continues to grow and the rise of unregulated online sports betting poses an additional threat to this sector.

The Department continues to look for other opportunities in the business sector to bring additional funds to the Department to serve the membership.

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide our Tribal members, creditors, government and regulatory agencies with a general overview of the Department's finances and to demonstrate the Department's accountability for the money it receives. Questions about this report or requests for additional financial information should be requested from the Comanche Nation's Executive Finance Officer.

(Unaudited. See accompanying independent auditors' report.)

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**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



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Sonia and Patrick Attocknie
(580) 483-9326

Programs

Undergraduate Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Tate

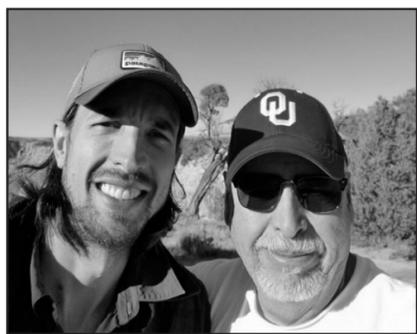
Madison Tate is currently majoring in Psychology on the Pre-Med track at The University of Oklahoma.

Tate plans to attend medical school after earning her undergraduate degree with the goal of becoming either an OB/GYN or a psychiatrist.

Outside of academics, Madison loves reading, hiking and spending quality time with friends and family.

She is the daughter of Paul Tate Jr. and Rebecca Bushlen.

Graduate Student of the Month



Courtesy Photo

Carney

Tim Carney is a lifelong learner who believes it is never too late to change the direction of your life.

He earned his first bachelor's degree

in his early 30s after working in trades for years without a steady income. Returning to school later in life was humbling and challenging, and Carney had to relearn how to study, manage time and balance responsibilities at home.

In his late 30s, Carney returned and earned a Bachelor of Science in Nursing, opening the door to a stable, meaningful career.

Now in his 40s, he is completing his Master of Science in Nursing to become a Family Nurse Practitioner.

This August, Carney will graduate and step into a primary care role serving patients in his rural Idaho community.

Pursuing higher education later in life was one of the most challenging things Carney has ever done. There were long nights, financial stress and many moments of doubt. But there was also growth, purpose and deep satisfaction of building a better future for his family and community.

"If you are considering going back to school, know that your timeline does not have to look like anyone else's," he said. "With determination, support, and a clear vision of your goals, you can accomplish more than you think. It is never too late to invest in yourself and create new opportunities—for you and for those who depend on you".

Carney, his wife and his church family have been his foundation and most significant source of strength throughout his educational journey.

Carney said their patience, encouragement and sacrifices made it possible for him to pursue goals that once felt far out of reach.

His wife and Church community also stood beside him, reminding Carney that perseverance and faith can carry you through even the most demanding seasons.

Comanche Nation Environmental Programs Provides New Service

Comanche Nation Environmental Programs (CNEP) is now offering Tribal Members bulk item drop-off at their facility.

Those who would like to participate must have a valid CDIB and sign in at the office with a brief description of the items being dropped off.

This service is being offered during a trial period.

All items should be placed in the containers provided. This courtesy helps CNEP work together to keep the Native land clean and beautiful. CNEP will continue to provide recycling containers for regular recycling drop-offs.

The department appreciates those who are part of the recycling program and said that without their support, it would not be able to meet quarterly or yearly goals.

CNEP looks forward to an exciting year ahead and announced the Elder Center now has a brand-new cardboard recycling bin, built by Recycling Technician Dowell Bennett.

Any questions regarding solid waste or recycling should be sent via Facebook, email or phone. Those who would like can

also stop by the office during regular business hours. CNEP said they are happy to help with questions, concerns or guidance to the appropriate Comanche Nation program.

Comanche Nation CNEP is open Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., and can be reached by calling (580) 360-0689.

There is a new way to access the CNEP application by scanning the QR code with a cellphone camera.



MMIP hosts a meeting with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office MMIP Subcommittee

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On February 19, the Comanche Nation Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) hosted a meeting with the Oklahoma Attorney General's Office MMIP Subcommittee.

Roxe Large, the director and coordinator for Comanche Nation MMIP, said it was important to involve all of the attorneys working in the state.

"We have a lot of MMIP cases that are not just in tribal jurisdiction or federal, but a lot of that goes through state, and so it's very important that we have these connections and we have communication with attorneys in the state of Oklahoma," she said. "So it's important to not have those barriers, but to also have communication with law enforcement, with the attorneys, so that way they can help us along the process and to get information out there to find out where the case is, which jurisdiction, or if there's any evidence that they could be able to collect on their end because there's a lot of information that they have access to that we don't as MMIP advocates or law enforcement."

This, however, is not their first meeting with the state.

"We had originally got an invitation from Attorney General Gentner last year as an invitation to come to the Capitol and to be part of the subcommittee towards the MMIP initiative, so the plan or the goal was to send out an invitation to all the tribes and MMIP victim services and all the other agencies involved because you can approach it from different areas, so there's not only Comanche Nation, but there's other tribes in the state of Oklahoma that were involved with this initiative," Large said. "So, I think today we were on the actual third meeting, so the first meeting we met at the Capitol, the second meeting was held in Concho, and then today was a third meeting, which is a southwest regional meeting, so the goal of the Oklahoma Attorney General, they want to hold these regional meetings across the state so they can get with each tribe and each jurisdiction to say, 'Hey, what are you guys' issues with these MMIP



Oklahoma Attorney General's Office hosts a community event at Comanche Nation on February 19. The state of Oklahoma used the event to discuss Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples and create a task force. Those who participated provided feedback on issues from their own cases and advocacy work.

cases?" "What kind of problems do you see?" "What type of suggestions do you have that could help them eventually formulate an MMIP task force?"

She said there are many barriers to solving MMIP cases.

"One of the main things that we talked about is data collection. There's no overall data collection agency. You have information from multiple agencies," Large said. "You have information from NamUs. You have information from the state that could be OSBI, that could be from law enforcement, or it could be from the Department of Justice, so you have multiple numbers. And sadly, I don't think any of them match up, so it's to have an overall database so that we're able to look at that and say, okay, this is exactly how many cases we have in the state of Oklahoma, because figuratively, when you have 80 cases, it could be 100 cases. It's just a matter of making sure that we have the right information, but some of the problems that we have is we don't know or have information for out-of-state cases. All the information that we have is found in the state of Oklahoma. So, I can't imagine how many more people we have out throughout the United States, so there needs to be a national database, which there is, NamUs. There is a NamUs database, which is very beneficial

and helpful for our people, but that's just limited access just for law enforcement. [We], as MMIP victim advocates...don't really have that information handy, so it would be beneficial just to start something from a national standpoint, which is very difficult because you would probably have to go through the Department of Justice to get something like that set up." New data collection sheds light on unsolved cases.

"Indigenous or non-Indigenous people shouldn't have to be left in the dark, so it's very important to have these conversations to let people know our own people are experiencing this, you know, 50 years, and then we even have cases that are maybe not so much back in the 70s, but cases in the 80s that are still unresolved also," she said. "And so, it's important to shed light on the person who lost their life, and so people know their name, people know that these families are not getting any answers, and so people know the truth, and it's not easy. It's a very heavy topic, and I know a lot of people don't feel comfortable with those conversations. But we must talk about our people who have missing and murdered family members because they're still grieving. They still wake up every day. They have to wake up not knowing exactly what happened to their family member,

so it's hard. It's a hard thing to do, but we have to have these conversations."

Large said many barriers and factors cause the MMIP epidemic.

"You have multiple factors as far as drug addiction, alcohol addiction. You have homelessness. You have mental disabilities. You have juvenile runaways. You have sex trafficking, human trafficking. You just don't know exactly how to pinpoint that answer because there are multiple barriers. There's also generational trauma that a lot of Natives deal with in growing up, unfortunately, and that's biologically inherited throughout generations, so that's very important to address: generational trauma. And there are just so many different issues, and it's hard to pinpoint that answer to give someone one specific answer because what I've learned in this field is that a lot of people ask me that," she said. "A lot of Natives say, 'Why are there so many missing and murdered Indigenous people?' It's also a jurisdiction. Jurisdiction plays a huge role in that, and it just comes into play with dealing with federal laws and state laws and tribal laws because if a murder is committed on Indian land, that automatically goes to the feds, and like we discussed today, you have that problem with communication between jurisdiction and not communicating with each other, not being on the same page, so we must start to create that communication... we can be the middleman to say, 'Hey, what's going on with this case?' Get a hold of that law enforcement agency for the family, be that middleman, and find out where that case sits, who has that case, so we must work hand-in-hand with law enforcement, not against them, but work with them. We found that to be very effective in communicating with multiple agencies."

As an advocate, Large said they can't guarantee outcomes.

"...We're not law enforcement, and we're very, very limited, and the investigators, they don't really have to tell us anything, but they know that we're there to help, and with a lot of laws that come into play, I think they're

seeing like now in the state of Oklahoma, this is a big issue. You know, these are MMIP programs. I think we need to work with them, and so what we'll do is make sure that there is a case number. If there's a missing person's report, there's going to be a case number. And oftentimes, a lot of people do run into the issue of not even having a case number, so we'll call law enforcement, and we'll get that case number before we even make a flyer, because we cannot make a flyer if we don't have that missing person's case. And so we'll contact them, verify that number, and then a lot of times, we don't even ask questions about it, we won't ask any questions," she said. "We'll just say, 'Is there a missing person's case?' You know, 'Hey, we're advocates. We're here to help the family. We're with the Comanche Nation.' And they will say, 'Oh yeah, we got that case number, you know, and I spoke to so-and-so.' And like, I'm just so surprised how they're willing to work with us...I just thought I was going to have the most difficult time ever with law enforcement, but I found it to be very beneficial. Like we work and communicate with the investigators, because we're advocating for the family, and so that's what we do, is we'll make sure there is a case number, and that if we have to verify with the feds, because we have an FBI office here in Lawton, so we can verify with them...but we don't directly communicate with FBI agents. We can communicate with the FBI victim advocate, and she can tell us, 'Hey, yes, we do have that case, so by verbally verifying that, we make sure that it is within that jurisdiction or law enforcement agency.'"

The state of Oklahoma ranks third-highest in the nation with MMIP cases.

Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoahnippah, Professors from The University of Oklahoma, BIA Victim Services, MMIP families, OSBI, Comanche Nation Law Enforcement, tribal prosecutors, and tribal representatives were at the meeting with the Attorney General's Office.

Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

March 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Frederick 1 st Day	3 Frederick 2 nd Day	4 Walters 1 st Day	5 Walters 2 nd Day	6 Cache 1 st Day	7
8	9 Cache 2 nd Day	10 Cache 3 rd Day	11 Cache 4 th Day	12 Lawton 1 st Day	13 Lawton 2 nd Day	14
15	16 Lawton 3 rd Day	17 Lawton 4 th Day	18 Lawton 5 th Day	19 Make-Up Day	20 TRUCK DAY	21
22	23 Make-Up Day	24 Make-Up Day	25 Make-Up Day	26 Make-Up Day	27 Inventory	28
29	30 Inventory	31 Inventory				

Mini Recipes of the Month:

Lucky Shamrock Quesadillas

- Ingredients**
- Spinach tortillas (green wraps)
 - Shredded cheese
 - Cooked chicken or ham (optional)
 - Butter or cooking spray
- Directions**

- Heat skillet on medium
- Fill tortilla with cheese and fillings
- Cook until golden and cheese melts
- Cut into triangles or clover shapes

Tip: Serve with salsa or ranch for dipping.

Rotisserie Chicken and Loaded Veggie Nachos

Ingredients

For the base

- 12 Ounces tortilla chips
- 2 Cups shredded cheese blend, divided
- 2 Cups shredded rotisserie chicken
- 1 Cup canned pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1 Cup sweet corn (fresh, canned, or frozen)
- ¼ Cup jarred jalapenos, sliced

For the toppings

- 1 ½ Cups salsa
- ½ Cup sour cream
- 1 Large avocado, diced
- 3 Radishes, thinly sliced
- ¼ Cup cilantro, chopped

Directions

- Preheat oven to 400F. Line a large sheet pan with foil or parchment paper.
- Spread tortilla chips evenly across the sheet pan and sprinkle about half of the cheese over the chips.
- Distribute the shredded chicken, pinto beans, corn, and jalapeno slices evenly. Top with the remaining cheese.
- Bake until the cheese is fully melted and the chicken is heated, approximately 7-8 minutes.
- Once removed, scatter the fresh toppings evenly – salsa, sour cream, avocados, radish slices, and cilantro. Serve hot.

Kitchen Tip of the Month

Fresh herbs last longer when stored upright in a cup of water in the refrigerator.

Fun Fact:

March marks the beginning of spring, when many fresh vegetables like asparagus, peas, and leafy greens come into season.

WE WANT TO SEE WHAT YOU ARE COOKING!

Send us a picture of any recipe you try from the Culinary Corner page, and it may be featured in an upcoming issue of TCNN. As a thank-you, TCNN will mail you a small gift. Please include your name, your photo, and the recipe you used in your email. Email submissions to: pio@comanchenation.com

Answers on Page 12

Spring Season Word Match

Match the Comanche words and their pictures.

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Masters, and Doctorates

April
Saturday **25** 9am-2pm
2026

Watchetaker Hall

COMANCHE NATION PREVENTION & RECOVERY PRESENTS




EASTER EGG HUNT

28 MARCH | **SATURDAY**
2026 | **2:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

EGG HUNT AGE CATEGORIES:
(0-2), (3-4), (5-6), (7-8), (9-10), (11-12), (13-14),
(15-17), (18-30), (31-50), (51-64), (65+)

JANICE PEWEWARDY SOFTBALL FIELDS
Comanche Nation Tribal Complex

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This event is free and open to the community. Drugs, alcohol, and weapons are strictly prohibited. The Comanche Nation is not responsible for any accident, theft, or injury that may occur during this event.

Cache Johnson O'Malley Powwow

"Students Carrying on Traditions"
Saturday, March 7, 2026 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM
Multi-Purpose Building - Cache Intermediate School

HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremony	Carla Whiteman
Head Singer	Kevin "Bubba" Sovo
Head Man Dancer	Dante Irby (CO 2011)
Head Lady Dancer	Tytianna Coleman
Head Boy Dancers	Grant & Peter
	Pohawpatchoko (11 th Grade)
Head Girl Dancer	Aleyna Wermey (5 th Grade)
Arena Directors	Mickey Howell (CO 1999)
	Aaven Howell (2nd Grade)
Co-Host	Walters Service Club

HONOREES: *Cache High School 2026 JOM Seniors: Christian Archey, Kaycee Barfield, Kyndale Barfield, Cade Beavers, Richard Bennett, Zoe Bennett, Kayla Burk, Gloria Cable, Avery Cargill, Izabelle Chambers, Karlee Chapman, Mykkaa Coleman, Kamryn Collins, Xane Diamond, Mario Famera, Adison Goodin, Mikalyn Hoahwah, Chandler Lemo, Alvin McKinney, Katelyn Mull, Madison Ototivo, Lily Pekah, Jonas Perez, Aaron Puga, Ashlyn Quotone, Bailey Rankin, Mela Reahard, Blake Richardson, Pete Rivera, RJ Rivera, Samantha Tosce, Dashawn Wauqua.

SPECIAL INVITATION
Cache Johnson O'Malley Princess - Aalynn Codopony
Cache Johnson O'Malley Brave - Joel Cable
Any and All Tribal/Club/Organization Princesses

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

1:00 - 4:00 PM	Gourd Dance
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Dinner Break
5:00 - 9:00 PM	Calling Song & Contest Dancing

CONTESTS (1st, 2nd, 3rd in all but Tiny Tot)

Men's Combined (18+)	Women's Combined (18+)	Jr Boys Combined (7-17)
Jr Girls Combined (7-17)	Tiny Tots (0-7)	

Information: Carmen Glenn @ 580-429-8489, Carmen.glenn@cachehs.org; Host Concession; Native American arts and crafts vendors only \$25 or raffle item; must provide own table and chairs; **no smoking, alcohol, illegal substances, or weapons allowed on State property**; BYOC; Cache Schools and the Host Committee are not responsible for any theft, accident, or personal injury at or during this event.
General public warmly invited.

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3RD ANNUAL POWWOW

MARCH 28, 2026
2-10 PM
INDIANHOMA PUBLIC SCHOOL, 307 CHEVAPITAH, INDIANHOMA



HEAD STAFF

HEAD SINGER-CY AHTONE	HONORED ELDER-ARLENE WILSON
HEAD MAN-STEVEN KAUDLEKAULE JR	HONORED VET-DOMINIC PAWLOWSKI
HEAD LADY-ISABELA RAMIREZ	
HEAD BOY-ISIAH LARGE	CO-HOSTS
HEAD GIRL-DAISY ULLOA	ELGIN JOM
MC-MARTIN FLORES	COMANCHE ACADEMY CHARTER SCHOOL
AD-MODESTO SCHONCHIN	COMANCHE NATION YOUTH DANCERS
SECURITY-JOHNNY ROMO	KIOWA TIA-PI/IIH SOCIETY
CONTEST COORDINATOR-LYNN SCHONCHIN	SPECIAL INVITE TO KCA TRIB/IL
RAFFLE CO-COORDINATOR-CHERYL PEWEWARDY	CHAIRMEN AND PRINCESSES
RAFFLE CO-COORDINATOR-LAYLA ALVAREZ	

CONTESTS

TINY TOTS (0-6)
IN HONOR OF BUNNIE ROMO
JR BOYS COMBINED (7-12)
JR GIRLS COMBINED (7-12)
TEEN BOYS COMBINED (13-18)
TEEN GIRLS COMBINED (13-18)
TEAM DANCE (3 PER TEAM)



FOR MORE INFO CONTACT LENA CHIBBITA MCCLUNG
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MARCH MONEY MADNESS

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
MARCH 6-28 • 7PM-11PM

DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES TO SPIN OUR PRIZE WHEEL AND WIN \$100-\$1,000 COMANCHE CREDIT!



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leprechaun's lucky loot

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
MARCH 6-28 • 8PM-MIDNIGHT

EARN 50 POINTS FOR OUR DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES FROM 8PM-11:30PM TO WIN \$100-\$350 IN COMANCHE CREDIT OR \$200-\$500 CASH!

MIDNIGHT GRAND PRIZE DRAWING \$1,000 CASH!



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MARCH FREEPLAY MADNESS

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
MARCH 6-28 • 7PM-11PM

DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES TO WIN \$75-\$200 COMANCHE CREDIT!

SELECT & LEGEND MEMBERS WILL HAVE THEIR PRIZES DOUBLED.
RECEIVE 1 ENTRY FOR EVERY 25 POINTS EARNED FROM NOON-11PM.



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HOOP IT UP

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
MARCH 6-28 • 7PM-11PM

DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES FOR A CHANCE TO WIN \$100-\$250 COMANCHE CREDIT & A LOGOED BASKETBALL!

RECEIVE 1 ENTRY FOR EVERY 25 POINTS EARNED 8AM-11PM.



Comanche Rewards Club EXCLUSIVE!
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People, Places and Things Happening

Namunt Men's Basketball Team Holds Benefit Powwow



Courtesy Photos

The *Namunt* Men's basketball team held a benefit powwow on February 8 at Watchtaker Hall to raise funds for Battle of the Nations Basketball Tournament in Spokane, Washington. The team comprises of Joseph Tahah, Jared Kopaddy, Ronnie Battle, Tevin Foster, Craig Foster, Kyree Coleman, Allis Tahhahwah, Aram Johnson, Dakari Middleton and Danqez Dawsey. The team raised over \$1,300. The tournament will begin on April 9. LEFT: Devon Wermey leads the singers with two drums for the powwow. RIGHT: Comanche Business Committee member Alice Kasanavoid was honored during the powwow.

Siblings Recognized at their Schools



Sia Lockhart



Lennox Lockhart

Sia Lockhart, 12, was named the 2025 December student of the month for her 7th-grade class at Bethany Middle School.

Lennox Lockhart, 10, was recognized as a sensational citizen for his 5th-grade class at Bethany Earl Harris Elementary.

Their parents are proud and want to share the news with their relatives and tribe.

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Comanche Housing Authority Announces Safety Poster Winners

The winning posters will be submitted into the AMERIND safety poster contest, beginning with the regional level then the national level.

Story and Photos Submitted by Comanche Nation Housing Authority Staff

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority's 2026 winners of its Safety Poster Contest have been announced.

The entries illustrate safety themes, and was open to grades kindergarten through 8th grade.

The winners were awarded \$300 for first place, \$200 for second place, and \$100 for third place.

Winners are as follows:

Category K-3

- 1st place – Jobi Roberts
- 2nd place – Derek Harjo
- 3rd place – Elaina McCallick

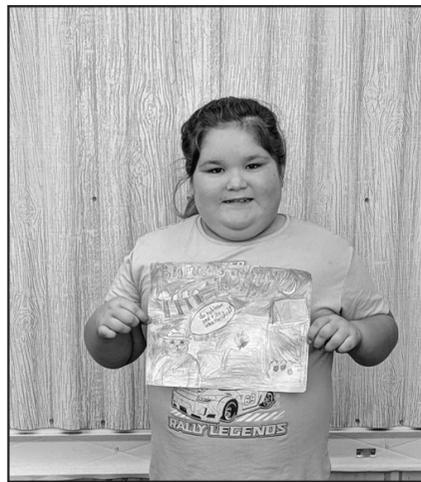
Category 4-6

- 1st place – Madison Bucktrot
- 2nd place – Dean McCallick
- 3rd place – Jace McCallick

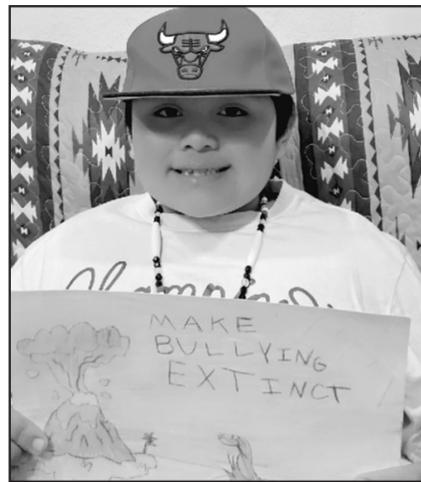
Category 7-8

- 1st place – Layla Kowena

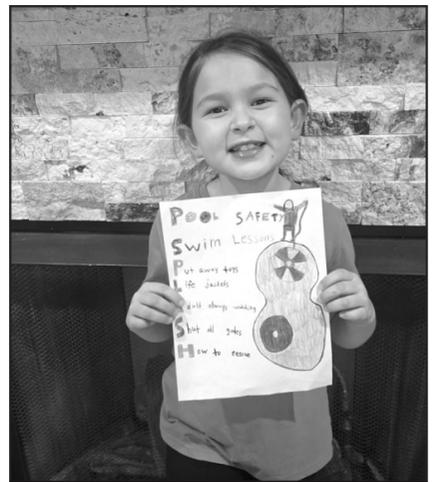
Kindergarten - 3rd Grade



1st place – Jobi Roberts



2nd place – Derek Harjo



3rd place – Elaina McCallick

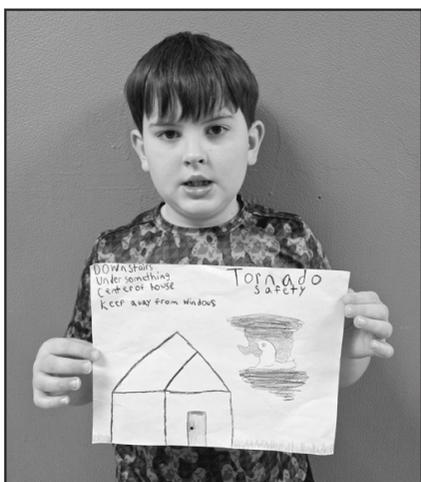
4th - 6th Grades



1st place – Madison Bucktrot



2nd place – Dean McCallick



3rd place – Jace McCallick

7th - 8th Grade (one winner)



1st place – Layla Kowena

Military News

Submitted by Kevin Pohawpatchoko/Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Vice Commander

CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie Spotlight



Courtesy Photo

Yazzie

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) is honored to have Clara Tee-Ohms Yazzie representing veterans and community. She has accomplished many things during her tenure as CIVA Princess. For example, Elgin School Choir, Theater Arts, Band, Native American Club. Tee-Ohms Yazzie has received many awards including, Two time All State Choir and All Regional Band, National Jr. Honor Society. From Lawton Mayor Booker, the Mayoral Citation presented during one of Lawton's City Council meetings. Tee-Ohms Yazzie has been invited to sing the National Anthem at various Veterans functions to include Task Force Comanche 961st Engineering Battalion Change of Command at Fort Chaffee AR, the 26th Annual Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Ceremony held in Norman, Oklahoma. As CIVA princess, Tee-Ohms Yazzie has set a high standard to follow in representing our veterans while serving as an Ambassador. CIVA is very honored and proud Tee-Ohms Yazzie as she has been selected to serve our Comanche People as the new and incoming Comanche Nation Jr. Princess. CIVA is very proud of Tee-Ohms Yazzie.

CIVA Monthly Meeting



Courtesy Photos

Birthday wishes to CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie, CIVA Auxiliary Nona Gail Mihecoby and Janet Tahah

On February 5, CIVA held its monthly meeting in the Patriot Room. A call to order was given by CIVA Commander Dr. Thomas Boyt as a prayer was given by CIVA Co-Chaplain Monah Davis. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Aalynn Codopony. Boyt introduced guests as we were honored to have CBC #3 Alice Kassanavoid attend CIVA's monthly meeting. A birthday recognition was given to CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie, CIVA Auxiliary Nona Gail Mihecoby (not present) and Janet Tahah. The evening meal was provided by CIVA Auxiliary members Wanda and Ashley Czerniak. Boyt conducted the monthly meeting as old and new business was presented and discussed. Planning for CIVA's 50th Anniversary was presented to the CIVA Officer's, Veterans, and Auxiliary as a Save the Date Flyer has been approved and posted. Selection of Head Staff will resume in the March Monthly Meeting along with an updated flyer. A benefit Indian Taco Sale was set for February 15. The CIVA Monthly Meeting ended with a closing prayer.

Benefit Indian Taco Sale

On February 15, CIVA held a Benefit Indian Taco Sale at the Fletcher Community Center in Fletcher, Oklahoma. The Indian Taco Sale was a success as money raised help off set the cost for CIVA's 50th Anniversary.



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CIVA Commander Dr. Boyt with CIVA Auxiliary members, Comanche Little Ponies Princess Arlene Schonchin and Riverside Native American Heritage Club Princess Bella Youngman at the greeting table along with CIVA mascot "Bob Plata"



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CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary hard at work.

Veterans Home Visit

On February 15, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary made a home visit to U.S. Air Force Veteran Eddy Onco at his residence in Elgin, Oklahoma. Also present was the Commander of VFW Post 1015 Paul Tate and VFW Auxiliary and members from the Kiowa Blacklegging's Warrior Society and Auxiliary. During the home visit, a group prayer was performed along with singing Comanche and Kiowa hymns.

CIVA Seeking Princess Candidates

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association is currently accepting nomination packets for the Princess candidates until March 31. CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie's term will end on Armed Forces Day May 16, and we are honored, as she will serve as our Comanche Nation Jr. Princess.

Candidates must:

- be an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation
- be a direct descendent of a Comanche Veteran
- be of impeccable character
- have never been married
- have no children
- be between the ages of 13-17 years
- they must provide their own regalia
- able to sing Comanche Hymns and sign language is a plus.

Nomination packet must include a 5x7 photograph in regalia; copy of CDIB; bio which can include news articles, school records, or any other pertinent information.

Nomination packets should be submitted to:

Dominic Pawlowski

CIVA Secretary

By e-mail: mymantees@gmail.com.

Any questions should be directed to the CIVA Commander Dr. Thomas Boyt by email: asktboyt@gmail.com.

Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize military documents and update our Comanche Veterans Master List. Our Comanche Veterans military history and documents received will also help in the event of Veterans passing. In closing, this is voluntary for the Comanche Nation Veterans and their families.

Calling For All Former CIVA Princesses

To all the former CIVA Princesses, please contact CIVA Auxiliary member Linda Tehauno at (580) 678-2468 or by email veloiswhitefeather@yahoo.com. CIVA is planning a 50th Anniversary event and is extending an invitation to all former CIVA princesses.



Comanche Nation Veteran Information Is Needed

The Comanche Indian Veterans Association is updating the Comanche Veterans Master List. If someone is an Honorably Discharged Veteran and would like their military service updated and documented, please email Kevin Pohawpatchoko at k_pohawpatchoko@yahoo.com. Military service history, documents, records, photographs and DD-214 will be forwarded to Bill Meadows, Missouri State University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology/

Cemetery Marker and Headstone Placement



Courtesy Photos

CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary with the Hurt, Lyles, Kerchee and Yazzie families.



CIVA Veterans placing the cemetery marker.



CIVA Veterans placed pennies on Maj. Lewis C. Hurt III marker.

On February 1, members of the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) honored USMC Major Lewis C. Hurt III by placing a grave marker at the Otipoby Cemetery on Fort Sill. Major Hurt was a Life Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), member of the Esa Rosa Descendants, Associated member of CIVA and a member of the Comanche Nation Native American Church. He served as an F-4 Phantom jet pilot during his time in service, accruing 1,196 flight hours. He deployed to Vietnam, successfully executing 30 combat missions and retired after 20 years of military service. He is survived by his wife Lori Hurt who lives on their family ranch in Mountain Home, Texas. Placing cemetery markers and headstones is one of the many ways members of the CIVA honor veterans.

SAVE THE DATE

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COMANCHE INDIAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION 50TH ANNIVERSARY

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August 22, 2026

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Honoring: All former CIVA Princesses
Flag to be Flown - Edgar Monetatchi
Honoring: Lee Motah - Instrumental in forming CIVA

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday!

February 1 - Marshall 'CHUBS' Kerchee
 February 4 - Tyler Brooks Tahchawwickah
 February 13 - Kip Fallahzadeh
 February 22 - Don Atkinson



Happy Birthday
 Aubree Poafpybitty
 March 6



Happy 2nd Birthday
 Timothy Orville Tsoodle-Cable
 March 23
 ~ Happy 2nd Birthday to our
 Minnesota Huutsi!! We love you!!



Happy 2nd Birthday
 Mabel Johnson
 March 25
 ~ Happy 2nd Birthday Mabel Renee,
 we love you so much!



Happy Birthday
 Rachel
 March 26
 ~ Happy Birthday to our beautiful
 Rachel!! We all love you very much!!
 From Mom, Ariane and Presh.

Happy Birthday!



Happy Birthday
 Steven Cable
 March 4

~ Happy Birthday! We love you
 for being a wonderful, caring man
 in our lives! May the good Lord
 continue to guide, protect and Bless
 you! We all love you, from your fam-
 ily!! ♥



Happy Belated Birthday
 Marshall 'CHUBS' Kerchee
 February 1



Happy Belated Birthday
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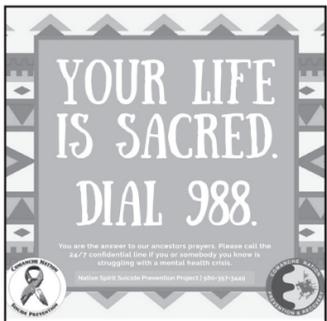
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 February 13

March - Steven Cable
 March 1 - Matthew Asetamy
 March 5 - Margaret Clark
 "Happy Blessed 94th Birth-
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 March 6 - Aubree Poafpy-
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 March 11 - Rose Edith Nauni
 "Happy 97th Birthday! Praise
 GOD for His Blessing our
 Nauni Family Matriarch with
 your love and wisdom."
 March 12 - Neda Hemi-
 nokey "Happy Birthday!
 Love, your family! ♥"
 March 22 - Alyssa Wahah-
 rockah
 March 23 - Timothy Orville
 Tsoodle-Cable
 March 25 - Mabel Johnson
 March 26 - Rachel



Happy Belated 60th Birthday
 Don Atkinson
 February 22
 ~ We love you!! From, Tiffany,
 Christa, Jacoby and Xavier!

In Loving Memory
 Parker Emhoolah
 Sunrise: November 23, 1931
 Sunset: February 1, 2026



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Match the Comanche words and
 their pictures.

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"Yet even now," says the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments." Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repents of evil. "

- Joel 2:12-13

Obituaries

Rhonda Peugh



Courtesy Photo

Peugh

Rhonda Sue Peugh entered into eternal rest on January 20. She was born to George and Bonnie Turner on October 31, 1949. Rhonda was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Peugh met David Peugh in 1983 and they married on October 6, 1984. Rhonda obtained her undergrad in Business Administration from Southwestern State in Oklahoma and then obtained her Masters in Public Health from the University of Oklahoma. Rhonda was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star. Rhonda worked in Federal Service for over 40 years; she retired in 2004.

Peugh was adventurous and loved a good road trip with her family. Rhonda enjoyed reading and working crossword puzzles. She also enjoyed watching the Hallmark Channel.

She was known lovingly as Gammi to her grandchildren Andrew and Madelyn. Rhonda's presence was loving and her sense of humor was unique; her absence is felt tremendously already. However, the family finds comfort in knowing that Rhonda has peacefully departed on the greatest adventure of all and is reunited with her husband David.

Peugh is survived by sister Claire Banks and spouse Sam Banks; daughter Heather Cory and spouse John Cory; grandchildren Madelyn and Andrew Cory. Along with numerous cousins and friends.

Peugh is preceded in death by parents George and Bonnie Turner; spouse David Peugh; brothers Greg and Gary Turner.

Kenneth Duane Atauvich Jr.



Courtesy Photo

Atauvich Jr.

Kenneth Duane Atauvich Jr., 37, of Cache, Oklahoma passed away February 12, in Houston, Texas. He was born on July 22, 1988, at Clark AFB, Manila, Philippines to Kenneth Atauvich Sr. and Shannon (Roach) Atauvich.

Atauvich was raised in Cache, Oklahoma and graduated from Cache High School where he was active in football and home economics. Atauvich was a barber by trade and spent his career with Simple Cuts Barber Shop. He enjoyed giving haircuts and brought that skill wherever he went. He believed a good haircut could make a difference. Atauvich was a movie lover and quoted movies in everyday conversation, regardless of if anyone knew the movie. He was known for his humor and enjoyed making others laugh. Family was important to him, and he will be missed.

Atauvich is preceded in death by his mother: Shannon Lay, Grandmother: Brenda Woomavovah Roach, grandfather: DeRoy Atauvich Sr., great grandparents: Nathaniel and Vida Woomavovah and best friend, Zachary "Duke" Nelson.

Atauvich is survived by his children, his son Caleb Horsechief, of Anadarko, Oklahoma, and his daughter Elora Shannon Atauvich, of Lawton, Oklahoma; his father Kenneth Atauvich Sr., of Glendale, Arizona; his sister Brittany Atauvich-Barker and husband Daniel Barker, of Ponca City, Oklahoma; his uncle Edward Guy Roach, of the home; and fiancé Tristian Morgan, of Walters, Oklahoma; Numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Fedora Vanes Correa Diaz



Courtesy Photo

Diaz

Fedora Vanes Correa Diaz was born on October 1, 1956, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Theodore and Lydia (Pekah) Niedo in Lawton, Okla.

Fedora attended school at Ft. Sill Indian School and later transferred to MacArthur High School.

She was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma. Fedora loved reading the bible, watching Judge Judy and Western movies and being ornery with her husband. She enjoyed spending time with her children, especially shopping with her daughters and joking around with her son (Nilio Jr.). Fedora loved hanging out with her sisters and having lots of laughs. It was never a dull moment when all the sisters were together. Fedora loved her family; she loved all her grandchildren and great grandchildren, but above all Fedora loved the Lord.

Fedora is survived by her husband of 47 years, Nilio Luis Correa Diaz; her children: Meleia (Billy) Niedo of Oklahoma City, Theo (Melissa) Niedo of Lawton, Okla., Stacy Crawford of Oklahoma City, Fedora (Trey) Correa-Miller of Oklahoma City, Nilio Correa-Diaz of Cache, Okla.. Siblings: Zenia Niedo of Lawton, Okla., Martheia Niedo of Cache, Okla., Melanie (Jesus) Cassio of Cache, Okla. as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Fedora was preceded in death by her father: Theodore Niedo, mother: Lydia Niedo, brother: Malcom Niedo, sister: Elvia Niedo Grandsons: Josiah Nilio-Troy Correa, Timothy Niedo, Isaiah Whiteshield, Duane Scott Murray, granddaughters:

Geneva Woomavoyah Navarro



Courtesy Photo

Navarro

Geneva Woomavoyah Navarro, 99, passed away peacefully at home on December 11, 2025. She was born in the mid 1920's in

Apache Oklahoma to Esther Tui-nupu and Max Woomavoyah. She was preceded in death by her parents and brothers and sister Jake (Jackie) Galindo, Melva Anquoe, and Edward Lynn Brace. Geneva is survived by one son Anthony (Tony) Navarro and wife Risa of Missoula Montana, three daughters Debra Wasapappy of Lawton, Oklahoma, Teresa Gomez of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Jan Woomavoyah of the home in Albuquerque, New Mexico plus many beloved brothers and sisters/cousins, nieces, nephews, Kaku's, Tsaa's, and three Tami's (little brothers, Great-grand grandsons).

Navarro was a descendant of Chief Wild Horse-Kobe (pronounced Ko-bey) who was a prisoner of war at Ft. Sill in the late 1800's. She is a member of the Comanche Nation coming from the Kwaharu Band (Antelope) and the Penanuu Band (meaning: sting like a wasp and take off according to her Toko).

At age five she became her grandparent's interpreter since neither of them spoke English. Geneva started public school in Apache, Oklahoma at age seven and would later go to boarding school at Ft. Sill Indian school. After the ninth grade she returned home to Apache to public school because her grandmother became ill and died from tuberculosis. She was sent to Haskell Institute, which at the time was still a boarding vocational school to finish her senior year. She chose pre-nursing and was forced to pick a religion. She told them that peyote was her religion but they said she had to choose white man's religion. She became a lifelong Catholic because she found other religions wouldn't let their members dance but the Catholics could. Geneva loved dancing to all types of music including dancing in the powwow arena where she was raised. She had a love for learning which lasted a lifetime.

In 1946 Geneva attended the Kiowa Indian Hospital Licensed Practical Nurse Training in Lawton, Oklahoma. She used her Comanche language as an interpreter to help some patients that did not speak English. She was assigned at Ft. Defiance, Arizona with the Indian Health Service. She attended St. Anthony's in 1951 and graduated after three years as a Registered Nurse. She worked as a Registered Nurse for forty years in public and Indian Health Service doing general nursing duties including medical and surgical care, obstetrics including newborn, pediatric nursing, and intensive care. She retired in 1986 as the Assistant Director of Nursing at the Santa Fe Indian Hospital in New Mexico.

After retirement she traveled extensively throughout the United States and Europe to Medjugorje Bosnia, Germany, London, Lourdes and Paris France, Switzerland and Spain taking along family members and traveling with friends.

When Geneva moved to New Mexico she became a member of the New Mexico Indian Nurses Association. In 1993 Geneva became a member of the Comanche Language and Cultural Preservation Committee (CLCPC). In 1995 she realized that the Comanche language was dying and stepped into a teaching position where she had voluntarily taught the Comanche language to whoever was interested. In the late 1990's Geneva helped create the Children's Powwow in Santa Fe New Mexico at the Wheelwright Museum which held an annual dance for years and was involved in the annual Youth Language Fair for the Indigenous Language Institute in Santa Fe. She was a museum docent.

Navarro moved to Oklahoma in the early 2000's where she helped start the annual Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair in Norman Oklahoma at the Sam Noble Museum. She attended and completed seminars from a scholarship from the Oklahoma Native Language Association (ONLA) for Linguistics Classes with Northeastern University Native American Studies in Tahle-

quah, Oklahoma receiving college credit and a Native Language certificate of endorsement. She taught at many youth language camps and was awarded a teaching certificate to teach the Comanche language by the Comanche Nation and the CLCPC. She worked for the University of New Mexico and later for Cameron University via the Comanche Nation College teaching the Comanche language. She was invited to join the Healthy Family Committee to teach and pass on the Comanche language to employees and families of the program. Geneva also taught the Comanche Language at several high schools and at the Comanche Nation Preschool in Oklahoma.

In 2003 Geneva was invited to testify at the hearing before the United States Senate Committee on Indian Affairs on S.575, a Bill to amend the Native American Languages Act to provide support of the Native American Language Survival Schools and for other purposes.

Her memberships included being a participate as an observer in the Lodge Pole River Project, sponsored by the National Geographic. She was an active member of the Comanche Nation Elder's Council. She was the Vice-President in 2004 for the North American Indian Women's Association. Geneva received an Outstanding American Indian Elders recognition award as an outstanding community tribal member involved in language preservation and culture. She was invited to participate in the Sovereignty Symposium for several years, received the Oklahoma Spirit Award for "Preserving Our Languages, Building Bridges to the Future" at the Oklahoma State Capitol. In 2007 Geneva moved back to New Mexico where she resided with her youngest daughter Jan where she continued to teach the Comanche language. The class was taught virtually over Zoom nationwide when the pandemic started in 2020. She taught the Comanche language for close to 30 years. In 2024 Geneva was honored as the Inaugural National Treasure "In recognition of a lifetime of achievements in promoting Comanche culture".

Jan, Geneva's youngest daughter and sole family caregiver would like to thank the staff of High Desert Hospice, especially Nurse Haley and aid Gina. She is very grateful for her caregivers Tiffany Jaramillo and Violetta Miranda for their loving care they gave to Geneva.

Brian Anthony Stewart



Courtesy Photo

Stewart

Brian Anthony Stewart entered into eternal rest on January 27, in Cyril, Oklahoma surrounded by his loved ones at home. He was born on September 2, 1986, to Russell Dean Stewart and Nancy Gayle Niedo. Brian was a lifelong resident of Cyril, Oklahoma.

Stewart was a proud descendant of the Comanche Nation and Muscogee (Creek) Nation Tribes. He attended Cyril Elementary and High School. From a young age, Brian shared a special bond with his dad, learning to hunt and fish and embracing the beauty of nature and the outdoors in every season all year round. He was true outdoors man.

As a devoted father to Mollie and Ericka, Brian cherished every moment spent with his daughters. Their happiness was always his top

priority, and he found immense joy in playing video games with them, sharing laughter, and creating lasting memories. His love and dedication to his girls were truly immeasurable, and he made sure they always felt supported and loved.

Stewart was an all-around athlete, excelling in basketball, baseball, and football during his youth. His presence was unmistakable; his stature, booming voice, and infectious laughter filled every room he entered. Friends and family remember his quick wit, playful teasing, and the warmth of his hugs. Whether he was outdoors hunting, fishing, swimming, cooking out, or simply spending time with loved ones, Brian brought energy and joy to every gathering.

Beyond his larger than life exterior, Brian had a deep faith and a heart for Jesus. He enjoyed meaningful conversations with his family about stories from the Bible, reflecting his spiritual side and the kindness he shared with others.

Though Brian's passing leaves a profound void in the lives of those who knew him, his memory endures through the laughter, love, and countless moments shared. His legacy is one of devotion, joy, and unwavering love for family and friends. Brian is survived by his mother, Nancy Niedo Stewart; his sister Adrianna Cody and companion Daniel Walton; his daughters: Mollie Carolyn Stewart and Ericka Mykel Stewart; step-siblings: John Stewart, Jaycen Stewart, Jessica Stewart and Marcie (Toya) Stewart; paternal grandmother, Isabell Lingle; and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces. Brian was preceded in death by his father, Russell Dean Stewart; maternal grandparents, Michael Sr. and Carolyn Niedo; parental grandfather, Hershaw Stewart; uncle Michael Niedo Jr.; aunt Frances Niedo; cousins Taylor Niedo, Jessica Grace Machado, and Zackariah Niedo.

The family believes that when someone passes their life does not end but rather changes. We know that Brian has reached a place of everlasting peace alongside Jesus Christ. While we grieve his passing, with our grief comes the lightness of hope.

Remember Me

by Margaret Mead

Remember me in your heart: Your thoughts, and your memories,

Of the times we loved, The times we cried, The times we fought, The times we laughed.

After Glow

by Unknown

I'd like the memory of me to be a happy one. I'd like to leave an after glow of smiles when life is done. I'd like to leave an echo whispering softly down the ways, Of happy times and laughing times and bright and sunny days. I'd like the tears of those who grieve, to dry before the sun of happy memories that I leave when life is done



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Ksaey Goodwin - KG Dezigz
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Rena Sankadota -
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Tessa Robledo - Beadwork & Applique Artist
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Brandi Locklear - Redelk Road Beading
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Chantel Miranda - Chantel's Blended Creations
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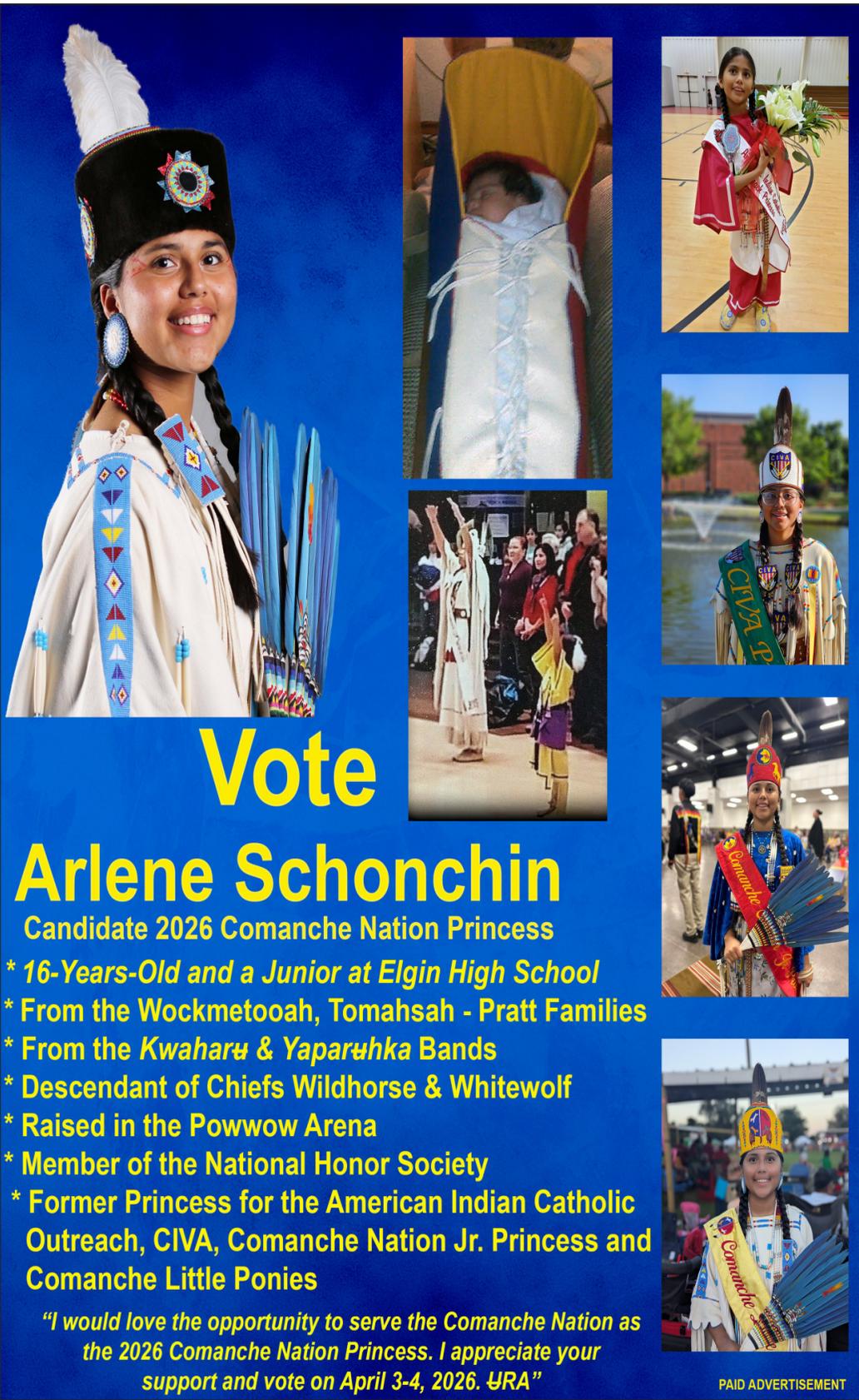
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