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Comanche Nation Enterprises Reviews Year at Annual Meeting

Submitted by Comanche Enterprises Staff

The Comanche Nation Enterprises (CONEI) is pleased to present the 2026 Chairman of the Board at the February 25 Annual Meeting. This past year marked an important period of realignment and strategic investment for the Comanche Nation's Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc.

The Board of Directors continued to provide steady oversight throughout 2025-2026. The leadership team included:

- Chairman: Edward Tahhahwah III
- Vice Chair: Noble Paddyaker
- Secretary: Sonya Nevaquaya
- Treasurer: Steven Riley Mowatt
- Board Members: Asa Attocknie and Jordan Fox
- Emilio Alfaro served as Board member until April 2025
- Darryl Kosechequetah was appointed in December 2025

On February 26, 2025, CONEI held its Annual Meeting, presenting the corporation's prior-year performance, subsidiary reports, and strategic initiatives for 2024-2025.

The outcome of the meeting established new officers of the board, selecting Edward Tahhahwah III as the Chairman of the Board, and Noble Paddyaker as the Vice Chairman for 2025-2026; Mr. Steven Riley Mowatt, remained as the Treasurer of the Board, he was incumbent from 2024 and still serves today, February 25.

In March 2025, the Comanche Business Committee appointed three new board members, which included Emilio Alfaro, Asa Attocknie, and Sonya Nevaquaya. In the CONEI monthly meeting, the CONEI Board of Directors selected Sonya Nevaquaya as the Secretary of the Board.

In 2025, CONEI had key enhancements to business operations and planning to include: Approving key partnerships for existing subsidiaries (see Subsidiary reports). Forging new partnerships to pursue new venture creations for CONEI. Restructuring the corporation to benefit the growth of its subsidiaries.

These enhancements are designed to improve CONEI's business portfolio, attract new markets, and support long-term profitability. CONEI remains committed to government contracting opportunities and continues to support small business development for tribal citizens by connecting entrepreneurs with resources for potential business loan opportunities. Programs such as the SSBCI are available for qualifying individuals and strengthen entrepreneurial opportunities for the Comanche Nation and its citizens.

CONEI has remained committed to transparency by establishing goals developed in response to concerns presented by Chairman Forrest Tahdooahrippah in the 2025 Annual Meeting.

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Numunu Construction and Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdooahrippah break ground on a new Native American Church site. The new grounds, located at 3798 NW Meers-Porter Hill Rd., will have room for tipis and a multipurpose building.

Native American Church Breaks Ground For New Facility

Story and Photos by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

The Native American Church broke ground on March 16 for a new dining hall and sleeping facility located at 3798 Meers-Porter Road near Elgin, Oklahoma.

Billy Komahcheet was present for prayer and is the president of the 1918 Charter Chapter. He said the project has been in the works for some time now.

"The main church is going to be our tipi and we're setting up a ground out there for the tipi and... it's just something that we thought would be a lot better for our out-of-state tribal members and the tribal members that live in the cities that are

not able to have their own grounds so that they can set their tipis up and have meetings," he said.

Komahcheet said there will be two to three rooms for women and visitors to use, along with a kitchen area and showers. Outside, there will be a main area for a tip, parking spaces and an awning for eating.

"And there's going to be a cooking area outside for the cooks to be able to cook outside," he said. "That's just kind of our way, you know... a lot of families try to utilize the outside cooking method instead of cooking inside over a stove. Sometimes it can't be helped, but...

we'll try to have everything that a home with a fireplace for meetings would have for everybody."

Comanche Nation owns the property, and the funding came from opioid money.

"We try to have monthly meetings and one of the things that were that was brought up in one of the meetings was this whole concept and we talked about it and in our endeavors to get a 501c3 for our church it was brought up that this would be a little bit easier for us to reach out and possibly obtain funding for such a project," Komahcheet said. **SEE NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH, Page 6**

N̄m̄n̄n̄ Construction LLC Awarded the Child Care Center Design/Contract Following Evaluation of Proposals

Submitted by N̄m̄n̄n̄ Construction Staff

On March 12 the Kiowa Tribe Chairman David Sullivan was able to sign a 1.25M contract with N̄m̄n̄n̄ Construction LLC, for the design and build of a new child care facility and playground in Anadarko, Oklahoma, providing a updated and safe place to foster the growth of Kiowa children.

The Request for Proposal for the facility was made in December with the playground RFP posted shortly after January. It was a competitive bidding process, but the Kiowa Tribe made selections based on cost, TERO requirements, and Native preference. N̄m̄n̄n̄ Construction LLC is owned by the Comanche Nation, which also follows Native preference guidelines for employment and has worked on other tribal construction projects. Numunu was also able to bring in DIAK Architects, which is a Native Woman owned design firm, to assist in the initial phase.

With the partnership of two Native-owned companies and the Kiowa Tribe, this collaboration will serve as a great leap forward in unity and support of Indian Country, especially in Southwest Oklahoma while creating jobs, supporting economic impact, and exercising tribal sovereignty. N̄m̄n̄n̄ stated in their proposal they would provide "Uniform Guidance Cultural Sensitivity: While meeting technical specifications, the facility should reflect Kiowa values and serve as a welcoming space for tribal families while providing Community Impact: This facility represents the tribe's investment in future generations, supporting family eco-

nomie opportunity, child development, and community well-being."

Dr. Toni Tsatoke-Mule, Executive Director for the Kiowa Education Agency, said

"Today was a joyful event to witness. We're so happy to take forward steps for our school-aged children and youth. We understand that there are many needs in the community. I support our Child Care Director and her vision of the future of Kiowa Child Care." She also expanded the bidding process and the selection of N̄m̄n̄n̄ Construction LLC, "It was a time-consuming process, but we wanted to ensure that we followed all of the existing guidelines. It was a competitive bid process, but we are confident in N̄m̄n̄n̄ Construction to deliver what we envision."

The Kiowa Tribe Child Care Program offers assistance in the form of subsidy payments to help enrolled Kiowa families with childcare costs. Kiowa Tribe tribal members can obtain quality childcare services that fit their needs with the three programs offered by the KTCCP. Last year, KTCCP was able to provide care to 77 children. Kiowa Language and culture are also major focal points of the program. The KTCCP receives onsite training to learn the Kiowa language and Culture. In 2024, KTC-CP introduced a new character S̄ḡi:, specifically designed to deliver Kiowa Language and Culture activities in the Kiowa Early Education Programs.

Jonna Beartrack, Kiowa Tribe Child Care Director, has been with the Kiowa Tribe Child Care Pro-

gram for four years and is looking forward to the future of the KTCCP.

"Our staff and children are so excited for this new School Age facility. We want to create an environment that supports the child culturally, physically, and emotionally, and their own interests. This will be a place where talents, skills, and confidence can grow in a positive environment."

Chairman Sullivan also echoed the enthusiasm about the upcoming project.

"The proposed Child Care Center in Anadarko is one of the critical pieces in the Kiowa Tribe's plan for strengthening community development and infrastructure."

"I look forward to working with the Kiowa Education Agency Executive Director Dr. Toni Tsatoke Mule, Child Care Director Jonna Beartrack, and related staff to get this facility open by the project completion date. This will be a great development for our Kiowa children as we open up this site for them to learn and grow in a positive, nurturing environment."

Ground-breaking for the project will be upcoming, and the tentative completion date will be in the fall. The target is set on September 2026. The project is expected to bring additional jobs for both construction elements and childcare openings once the build is complete.

The Kiowa Tribe TERO is requesting applicants for new projects with the Kiowa Tribe through their Job Skills Bank. Tribal mem-



Comanche Nation Election Board General Election Information

News Staff

The 2026 General Election, will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on May 16. The Runoff Election, if necessary, will take place from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on June 13. If you are 18 years of age or older, you have the right to vote in Comanche Nation elections. Voters can vote in person by bringing a Comanche Nation ID, a driver's license, or other form of government ID or by Absentee Ballot.

Candidate Nominations

All candidates for Comanche Nation office must be nominated in person at the [Comanche Nation Annual Meeting to be held on Saturday, April 18, in Watchtaker Hall within the Comanche Nation Tribal Complex at 584 NW Bingo Road in Lawton, Oklahoma.](#)

General Election

Members will be asked to vote on candidates for the following positions:

- Tribal Secretary-Treasurer of the Tribal Council and Comanche Business Committee
 - Comanche Business Committee Member No. 3
 - Comanche Business Committee Member No. 4
 - Tribal Attorney
 - Two seats on the Comanche Nation Election Board
- As with all General Elections, voters will also consider the proposed budget and any Tribal Council resolutions approved for the ballot at the Annual Meeting.

Annual Budget and Tribal Council Resolutions

The proposed Comanche Nation Annual Budget and proposed Tribal Council resolutions will be presented at the Annual Meeting. Resolutions approved for the General Election ballot by the Tribal Council at the Annual Meeting will be voted on at the General Election and, if necessary, the Runoff Election.

The deadline for Comanche Nation members to submit Tribal Council resolutions for consideration at the Annual Meeting is, April 10. You may receive assistance with drafting Tribal Council resolutions from Tribal Attorney Wilson Pipestem by emailing your draft resolutions to legalreview@comanchenation.com by March 27.

Election Day Polling Locations

- Lawton Polling Site: Comanche Nation Complex Code Talker Room, 584 NW Bingo Rd., Lawton, Oklahoma
- Oklahoma City Polling Site: Comanche Nation Outreach Office, 6051 N Brookline Ave., Suite 106, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Apache Polling Site: Comanche Nation Community Center, 309 Julia Mahseet Road, Apache, Oklahoma
- Anadarko Polling Site: Comanche Nation Outreach Office, 602 W. Virginia, Anadarko, Oklahoma
- Cache Polling Site: Cahoma Community Building, 752 NW **See Election, Page 6**

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18 Resolutions Pass in the March 7 CBC Meeting

Submitted by Jennifer Lee/Comanche Nation Administration

Editor's Note: This is an overview of the March 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.

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

Resolutions

- Resolution No. 31-2026-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution Minor List 1402. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 32-2026-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution Adult List 1403. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 33-2026-** Enrollment Resolution for Removal List 1404. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 34-2026-** Caregivers Resolution to Amend CNG Guidelines The resolution passes 5/0/1
- Resolution No. 35-2026-** Prevention and Recovery Resolution to Amend CNG Guidelines. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 36-2026-** Prevention and Recovery Resolution to Adopt Re-integration CNG Guidelines. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 37-2026-** Compliance Resolution to Adopt Hot Work Policy. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 38-2026-** Injury Prevention Resolution for BIA IHSP 2026 Grant Application. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 39-2026-** Law Enforcement Resolution for BIA IHSP 2026 Grant Application. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 40-2026-** CN Entertainment Resolution to Purchase Rex Madeira Office Building TABLED
- Resolution No. 41-2026-** CNGC Resolution to Amend Stipends for Gaming Commissioners TABLED
- Resolution No. 42-2026-** Asa Attocknie Resolution to Amend Tax Act for Street Legal Utility Vehicle. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 43-2026-** Joseph Tahdoahnippah Tribal Support Resolution for Truth Healing Boarding School. TABLED
- Resolution No. 44-2026-** TA Resolution Approving Veterans Care Agreement. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 45-2026-** CBC Resolution Authorizing Official Travel. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Resolution No. 46-2026-** CBC Resolution Requesting Supplemental Assistance from the BIA. REPLACED BY MOTION
- Resolution No. 47-2026-** CBC Resolution Appointing Directors and Officers of CONEI. The resolution passes 4/0/2.
- Resolution No. 48-2026-** CBC Resolution to Consolidate BIA Bank Accounts. The resolution passes 6/0/0
- Post for Comment -** CBC Resolution Proposing Constitutional Amendments. It passes 6/0/0.
- Real Property Codes** It passes 5/0/0.
- Red Berry Logo.** It passes 5/0/0.
- Finley & Cook Engagement Letter** Red Berry Health System. It passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution** to Open Bank Accounts for Red Berry. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution** to Represent Comanche Academy Charter School by Tribal Attorney. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution** for Investment of Funds with Edward Jones. The resolution passes 5/0/0.
- Resolution** for Investment of Funds with Sovereign Bank. The resolution passes 5/0/0.

CONEI

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CONEI Annual Audit 2025 changed from Calendar Year to Fiscal Year to match the Comanche Nation. (Completed/Attempted)

Establish a better rapport with Comanche Nation leadership. CONEI has made a concerted effort to meet with the CBC monthly since April 2025. (Completed/Attempted)

Reduce wasteful spending of the corporation by consolidating business operation expenses with subsidiaries. (Completed/Attempted)

CONEI will continue to execute enhancements in its business operations and strengthen subsidiary performance. These efforts are expected to generate continued growth of revenues, government contracting opportunities, and long-term financial stability for the Comanche Nation.

"It is my honor to serve as Chairman of the Board for 2025-2026. I remain committed to ensuring that Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. operates with integrity, transparency, and a clear focus on creating long-term value for the Comanche people," said Edward Tahhahwah III, CONEI Chairman.

Last Year's Highlights 2024 - 2025

- Awarded \$4.5 Million Construction 8(a) Sole Source for Installing Water in Donaldsonville, Louisiana.
- Awarded \$5.8 Million Construction 8(a) Sole Source contract for Solar Panel Installation at the Gila River Indian Reservation.
- Numunu Staffing generated \$45,760 in Direct Placement Fee's in 2024.
- Created Numunu Martinez



Courtesy Photo

On February 27, 2026, the Comanche Nation Enterprises held its 2026 Annual Meeting, and the Board of Directors presented the CBC with a \$50,000 payment to the Nation.

JV (Joint Venture) - NEW 8(a) construction company with established footprints in the southeast and west coast.

- Offered NEW \$2- \$4 Million Construction 8(a) Sole Source for the Tulsa Job Corp in Tulsa, OK. Final proposal due in March 2025.
- Numunu Staffing still has 8(a) construction sole source offer worth \$3M - \$5M from the US Army Corps of
- Engineers Fort Worth District at Fort Bliss Viking Range Project, Texas.
- Almost complete with Comanche Nation Construction's USDA Contract from 2018

Highlights 2025 - 2026

- Completed \$5.8 Million Construction 8(a) Sole Source contract for Solar Panel Installation at the Gila River Indian Reservation two months ahead of schedule.
- Completed New 8(a) Numunu Martinez JV -Awarded Sole Source construction contract with Travis Air Force Base, California worth \$89,738. Project completed in January 2026.
- Created New 8(a) SBA Mentor-Protege named Numunu Vesa JV, LLC with a large medical staffing company named Vesa Health & Technology from San Antonio, TX.
- Created New Information Technology (IT) company named Numunu Enterprises Technology.

This company will partner with an established IT company, and we will form a Joint Venture (JV) together and pursue government contracts in the IT sector with the goal of forming another 8(a) company

- Numunu Staffing awarded first INTERNATIONAL CONTRACT with Magnum Medical Overseas, JV, LLC for placement of Full time Speech - Language Pathologist in Yokosuka, Japan.

Current Contracts for 2026-2027:

- New 8(a) Numunu Martinez JV - Awarded Sole Source construction contract -Training Facility Design-Build with Naval Air Station in Key West, FL, worth \$4,830,319.00
- New 8(a) Numunu Martinez JV- Awarded Sole Source \$4.5M Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract Diesel Exhaust Extraction Systems Upgrade with Key West, FL Naval first task order worth \$741,493.
- New 8(a) Numunu Martinez JV - Awarded Sole Source construction contract with NASA at Cape Canaveral, FL worth \$7,209,802.00.
- New Numunu Staffing -Awarded 8(a) Sole Source for the construction of HVAC Repair with Tulsa Job Corp in Tulsa, OK, worth \$2,464,701.
- New Numunu Construction, LLC - Awarded Comanche Nation's Native American Church project worth \$451, 053.00.

From the Chairman's Desk



Maruaweka Numunuu:

It is again time for our Annual Meeting, also known as the General Council meeting. In the last ten years, the significance of the General Council meeting has been changed. It used to be the case that we would hire our Tribal Administrator, hire our Tribal Attorney, and approve our budget through a vote at the General Council meeting itself. Obviously, the stakes of attending were very high. However, on March 21, 2018, the Comanche Constitution was amended to now require that issues presented at the General Council be taken to the General Election for a vote (as opposed to voting on the floor at the meeting itself). The intentions behind this amendment were good: allow tribal members that live far away and do not have the means to travel an opportunity to vote. Notwithstanding the good intentions, the amendment has raised criticism that the importance of the General Council meeting has been diluted.

I want to take this opportunity to emphasize that attendance at the General Council meeting continues to be extremely consequential. Tribal members are free to submit resolutions for consideration at the General Council meeting. This is the beginning of the process to get those resolutions on the ballot. Tribal members in attendance may also make motions to amend those resolutions or amend the budget at the General Council meeting. As always, in order to make good decision in exercising those rights and privileges, stay informed on tribal business and politics. This newsletter is an excellent source of information, the Comanche Business Committee meetings are also an excellent source of information. Be discerning in the information from social media, as one of my uncles once told me, "believe none of what you hear, and half of what you see."



Comanche Business Committee Announces Proposed 2026-2027 FY Budget

The budget was published in the Anadarko Daily News newspaper on February 28, 2026 and the Lawton Constitution on March 1, 2026 per the Comanche Constitution Article VI, Section 7(D-1)

PROPOSED FY2027 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET FOR THE COMANCHE NATION COMANCHE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 5, SECTION 6 (d) AND REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN 25 U.S.C. SECTION 2710 (b)(2)(B)(3)

Fiscal Year 2027 Proposed Budget	
Elder's Payment/Per Capita Payment	\$22,328,658.00
Tribal Government	\$5,809,791.00
Economic Development	\$11,990,500.00
Community & Education	\$15,692,696.00
Gaming Contribution Subtotal	\$55,821,645.00
Other Contributions	
Investment Income (fka 20% Funds)	\$732,000.00
Funeral Home Income	\$311,000.00
Comanche Nation Enterprises	\$50,000.00
Red Berry Health System	\$410,000.00
Tax Commission	\$4,990,804.00
Other Income (Program Income)	\$2,342,010.00
Total Tribal Funds	\$64,657,459.00
Total State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	\$23,439,718.00
Total Budget	\$88,097,177.00

Investment Income (fka 20% Funds) Contribution		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
Assisted Living Vouchers	\$195,000.00				\$195,000.00
CBC Stipends	\$324,000.00				\$324,000.00
Missing, Murdered, Indigenous People (MMIP)	\$125,000.00	\$159,000.00	\$1,459.00		\$285,459.00
Research & Planning (Grants)	\$70,000.00			\$145,135.00	\$215,135.00
Standing Subcommittee on Internal Affairs	\$18,000.00				\$18,000.00
20% Money/Investment Income Total	\$732,000.00				

Funeral Home Income Contribution		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
Bereavement Assistance	\$211,000.00				\$211,000.00
Language Incentive*	\$100,000.00				\$100,000.00
Funeral Home Total	\$311,000.00				\$311,000.00

Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. Contribution		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA)*	\$50,000.00				\$50,000.00
CONEI Total	\$50,000.00				

Red Berry Health System Contribution		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
Diabetes Awareness Program	\$210,000.00	\$703,650.00			\$913,650.00
New Pathways	\$75,000.00	\$181,394.00			\$256,394.00
Community Health Representatives (CHR)	\$125,000.00	\$593,312.00			\$718,312.00
Red Berry Total	\$410,000.00				

Tax Commission Contribution		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
CN Fair/Carnival*	\$350,000.00		\$51,830.00		\$401,830.00
Chairman's Salary*	\$92,500.00			\$92,500.00	\$185,000.00
Shoshone Reunion*	\$40,000.00		\$1,500.00		\$41,500.00
Comanche Tribal Princess*	\$4,000.00				\$4,000.00
Comanche JR. Princess*	\$4,000.00				\$4,000.00
Comanche Nation Language Department	\$700,000.00				\$700,000.00
Comanche Little Ponies*	\$40,000.00		\$1,520.00		\$41,520.00
Princess/Director Expenses (fka Comanche Fair Director (Anadarko Expo))*	\$5,000.00				\$5,000.00
Emergency Management Direct Services*	\$165,304.00		\$3,891.00		\$169,195.00
Elder Council	\$150,000.00				\$150,000.00
Church Donations*	\$70,000.00				\$70,000.00
CN Homecoming*	\$40,000.00				\$40,000.00
Transportation	\$100,000.00	\$6,025,482.00			\$6,125,482.00
Optometry/Prescription Assistance	\$1,300,000.00	\$540,150.00	\$6,593.00		\$1,846,743.00
Family Assistance Center-Women's Shelter	\$25,000.00	\$1,396,435.00			\$1,421,435.00
Transit	\$1,350,000.00	\$146,805.00	\$308,460.00		\$1,805,265.00
Fitness Center	\$250,000.00				\$250,000.00
Food Distribution	\$50,000.00	\$1,044,498.00			\$1,094,498.00
Sponsorships/Donations*	\$95,000.00				\$95,000.00
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	\$160,000.00				\$160,000.00
Total Tax Commission Contribution	\$4,990,804.00				

Comanche Nation Gaming Contribution Funds:				Total Funding
Revenue Allocation - 40%				
Elder Payment	\$2,450,000.00			\$2,450,000.00
Per Capita Distribution	\$19,878,658.00			\$19,878,658.00
Total Per Capita/Elder's Payment Allocation	\$22,328,658.00			



Lil' Darius's HOME COOKING

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COMANCHE CONSTITUTION ARTICLE 5, SECTION 6 (d) AND REVENUE ALLOCATION PLAN 25 U.S.C. SECTION 2710 (b)(2)(B)(3)**

Tribal Government - 10%		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
Administration	\$740,000.00		\$604,425.00	\$401,900.00	\$1,746,325.00
Tribal Administrator Salary				\$120,000.00	\$120,000.00
Finance Department				\$3,265,403.00	\$3,265,403.00
Property & Procurement				\$562,704.00	\$562,704.00
Human Resources				\$430,238.00	\$430,238.00
Maintenance	\$50,000.00			\$627,679.00	\$677,679.00
Compliance				\$95,524.00	\$95,524.00
Elections	\$425,000.00				\$425,000.00
Information Technology (IT) - Complex	\$450,000.00			\$592,352.00	\$1,042,352.00
Law Enforcement	\$2,800,000.00	\$769,609.00	\$31,398.00		\$3,601,007.00
Legal Fees*	\$400,000.00				\$400,000.00
Enrollment	\$460,000.00	\$55,900.00	\$4,816.00		\$520,716.00
Public Information Office (PIO)	\$484,791.00		\$10,227.00		\$495,018.00
Total Tribal Government	\$5,809,791.00				

Economic Development - 21%		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
New Business*	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,000,000.00
Capital Improvement Program (CIP)	\$2,343,500.00				\$2,343,500.00
Tribal Court	\$410,000.00	\$770,560.00	\$18,981.00		\$1,199,541.00
Grasshopper Program (Elders Lawn Mowing)	\$685,000.00				\$685,000.00
Comanche Residential Youth Shelter (CRYS)	\$762,000.00		\$2,005.00		\$764,005.00
Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA)	\$2,600,000.00	\$467,305.00			\$3,067,305.00
Job Placement & Training	\$400,000.00	\$681,627.00			\$1,081,627.00
Gift Shop*	\$75,000.00		\$253,310.00		\$328,310.00
Museum/Native American Graves Protection & Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)	\$575,000.00	\$80,068.00			\$655,068.00
Agriculture Operations (Cow/Calf)*	\$150,000.00	\$157,558.00	\$146,977.00		\$454,535.00
Natural Resources (Realty)	\$640,000.00		\$97,352.00		\$737,352.00
Land Acquisitions	\$450,000.00				\$450,000.00
Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC) - Family Enrichment (Childca	\$900,000.00	\$3,452,185.00	\$619,595.00		\$4,971,780.00
Comanche Nation Housing Authority (Elder Home Rehab)*	\$1,000,000.00				\$1,000,000.00
Total Economic Development	\$11,990,500.00				

Comanche Nation Gaming Contribution Funds: Community & Education - 28%					
Community Programs		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
Burial Assistance*	\$1,320,000.00				\$1,320,000.00
Media	\$340,000.00				\$340,000.00
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	\$300,000.00	\$90,824.00	\$4,500.00		\$395,324.00
Caregivers Program / Angel Services	\$625,000.00				\$625,000.00
Gravel-Tinhorn Program - Tribal Driveways	\$485,000.00				\$485,000.00
EMS/Fire	\$545,696.00				\$545,696.00
Injury Prevention	\$165,000.00				\$165,000.00
Community Centers*	\$135,000.00		\$7,850.00		\$142,850.00
Elder's Center	\$520,000.00	\$258,839.00	\$1,423.00		\$780,262.00
Environmental Programs	\$415,000.00	\$1,228,492.00	\$7,968.00		\$1,651,460.00
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	\$350,000.00	\$265,375.00			\$615,375.00
Home Improvement Program (HIP)*	\$2,500,000.00				\$2,500,000.00
Outreach-Anadarko	\$85,000.00				\$85,000.00
Outreach-Dallas	\$120,000.00				\$120,000.00
Outreach-OKC	\$105,000.00				\$105,000.00
Reintegration Program	\$215,000.00	\$582,470.00			\$797,470.00
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	\$1,147,000.00	\$414,265.00			\$1,561,265.00
Vocational Rehabilitation	\$75,000.00	\$553,552.00			\$628,552.00
Prevention & Recovery	\$590,000.00	\$1,561,897.00	\$2,430.00		\$2,154,327.00
Education Programs		State, Federal, or Local Funding/Grants	Other Income (e.g., Program Income)	Indirect Cost Contribution	Total Funding
Youth Services (K-12)	\$1,850,000.00		\$53,500.00		\$1,903,500.00
Comanche Academy Charter School *	\$150,000.00				\$150,000.00
Higher Education	\$3,500,000.00	\$820,736.00	\$100,000.00		\$4,420,736.00
Adult Education	\$155,000.00	\$437,730.00			\$592,730.00
Total Community & Education	\$15,692,696.00				

Total Gaming Contribution \$33,492,987.00
 Tribal Government 10%
 Economic Development 21%
 Community 28%

KCA Reinvestment 1/3 of \$300,000 \$100,000.00

* = No indirect costs assessed
 ** = Indirect cost partially assessed

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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)

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Contact: Jewell Laurenzana Tieyah
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DALLAS, TX**

**JULY 23RD, 24TH, & 25TH
ALBUQUERQUE, NM**

ELECTION

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Quanah Rd., Cache, Oklahoma
Walters Polling Site: Comanche Nation Community Center, 905 E. Missouri St., Walters, Oklahoma

Early Voting

Early Voting for the General Election will be held on Friday, May 15, 2026, 8 am to 5 p.m.

Early Voting for the Runoff Election (if necessary) will be held on Friday, June 12, 2026, 8 am to 5 p.m.

Early Voting Polling Sites

Comanche Nation Headquarters 584 NW Bingo Road
Lawton, Oklahoma

Comanche Nation Elderly Center (previously known as) 1107 SW H. Avenue
Lawton, Oklahoma

Absentee Voting

All Comanche Nation members who will be 18 years of age on the date of the election will receive an Absentee Ballot Request Form in the mail from the Election Board. Members may also download the Ab-

sentee Ballot Request Form from the Comanche Nation website at www.comanchenation.com/government/page/election-office. Members wishing to receive an Absentee Ballot must complete and return the Absentee Request Form by Friday, April 24, 2026.

Absentee Ballots must be received by the Election Board at its Post Office box in Lawton, Oklahoma, no later than 12 p.m. CT on Election Day. Absentee Ballots cannot be delivered in person or accepted in person by the Election Board.

Important Dates

- March 27, Deadline to submit proposed Tribal Council resolutions to Tribal Attorney for review April 10, 2026 Deadline to submit proposed Tribal Council resolutions
- April 18, Annual Meeting, submit candidate nominations, approve proposed budget, Tribal Council resolutions for ballot
- April 24, Deadline to request an absentee ballot
- May 15, General Election Early Voting, 8 am to 5 p.m.

NUMUNU CONSTRUCTION

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bers can complete an application with TERO at the Kiowa Tribal Complex. The contact for the TERO is Burke Thompson, Orphan Oil & Gas Wells Program Manager and Kiowa Tribe TERO Vice Chairman. He can be reached at (580) 919-8744, or email: bthompson@kiowatribe.org.

For more information about the Kiowa Education Agency or the Kiowa Tribe Child Care Program, please contact 405-648-0916 or visit <https://www.kiowatribe.org/department/kiowa-higher-education>.

About Nēmənē Construction

Nēmənē Construction, LLC (NC), established in 2022, is a tribally owned Small Business and General Contractor headquartered in Lawton, Oklahoma. We provide professional construction management throughout the United States. Our staff has

extensive experience in federal (DoD IIP qualified) and tribal construction projects. We have a reputation for timely performance, reasonable costs, and outstanding quality for projects ranging from design-build, design-bid-build, and negotiated contract. Our mission is to serve our clients, community, and country

About DIAK Architects

Native Woman Owned Professional Services Firm. Founded in 2020 by visionary Shannon Barczak, Principal Owner, and Principal Architect Thomas Barczak, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP, in Norman, Oklahoma.

Our passion for cultural inclusion and excellence in design is the driving force behind DIAK Architects. We work to honor the past, improve the present, and help lay the foundation to make a better future for the generations to come.

Comanche Red River Hotel Casino Pool Opens for the Season

Comanche Red River Hotel Casino will welcome guests back to its outdoor pool and recreation deck for the season beginning April 10. The space will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., offering a relaxing destination for guests to enjoy the warmer months.

The pool area features two pools designed for both relaxation and recreation, along with cabanas for shaded seating, pickleball courts and additional gathering space.

“The opening of the pool gives guests another reason to experience everything Comanche Red River has to offer,” said Sterling Ticeahkie, General Manager of Comanche Red River Hotel Casino. “Whether you’re looking to unwind poolside, connect with friends or stay active, this space

was designed to create a fun, welcoming atmosphere all season long.”

The pool is open to guests of all ages and provides an outdoor setting to relax, recharge and enjoy the resort experience.

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

ABOUT COMANCHE NATION ENTERTAINMENT

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

throughout Southwest Oklahoma.

True to its tribal heritage, Comanche Nation Entertainment is committed to family. It treats its team members like family and supports vital community services in the towns where it operates. Its mission at all of its properties is to provide a fun and exciting experience for guests, a safe and rewarding environment for team members and prosperity for the Comanche Nation.

For more information on Comanche Nation Entertainment properties, visit www.comanchenationentertainment.com or follow the company on Facebook.

The First 90 Days: What New CNHA Homeowners Should Do to Protect Home and Budget

Submitted by Nora Sovo/Comanche Nation housing Authority

For families who achieve homeownership through the Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA), the keys represent more than a new address. They represent stability, independence and the opportunity to build generational security. The first 90 days are not simply a transition period; they are the foundation for long-term success.

Days 1–30: Understand

Your Investment

The first month is about clarity.

Take time to review your CNHA program documents carefully. Whether you participated in the Homeownership Lease Purchase Program or received closing cost assistance or improvement support, understanding the terms of your agreement is essential. Know your payment schedule, reporting requirements, insurance responsibilities and any continued eligibility standards.

This is also the time to secure home properly, confirm that homeowner insurance is active, change locks if appropriate. Store all documents in one organized file. When people understands their obligations and protections, they move from “new homeowner” to “informed homeowner.”

Days 30–60: Stabilize Your Budget

Owning a home shifts financial responsibility in important ways. Utilities, routine maintenance, insurance, and potential property taxes now fall directly to the owner. Unlike renting, unexpected repairs are part of ownership.

During this period, create a realistic monthly budget that reflects full housing costs. Track utility usage and set aside funds for maintenance. Even a modest emergency reserve



can prevent small repairs from becoming financial setbacks.

Homeownership builds wealth over time, but only when it is supported by consistent financial planning.

Days 60–90: Protect and Maintain the Asset

A home is now one of the largest investments. Treat it that way.

Walk through the property with intention. Replace air filters. Test smoke detectors. Identify water shut-off valves and electrical breaker box. Watch for drainage concerns, minor leaks, or cracks. Addressing small issues early can prevent major expenses later.

If a program includes maintenance provisions or inspection requirements, follow procedures carefully and report concerns promptly.

Proactive homeowners protect both their safety and their financial future.

Beyond the First 90 Days: Think Long-Term

The early months of homeownership are also an opportunity to think beyond day-to-day responsibilities. Improving credit, seeking financial counseling and exploring community resources can strengthen long-term stability.

Homeownership through CNHA is not just about securing housing. It is about strengthening families and supporting the future of the Comanche Nation. Each successful homeowner contributes to a stronger community.

The first 90 days may feel overwhelming at times, but they are also empowering. With organization, discipline, and proactive care, new homeowners can transform excitement into lasting stability.

Owning a home is more than a transaction. It is an investment in a future, a family, and a community.

For more information on CNHA programs and homeowner resources, visit <https://comanchehousing.com/>

NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH

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“And in one of our discussions, the chairman came to our meeting, and after hearing some of the things that we were talking about, he said... ‘I may have an answer to you guys question about possible funding.’ And he asked us if this could possibly in some way entail the opioid crisis that the tribe is going through, and we said, ‘Absolutely.’ With you know the opioid problem being the way it is, you know all of our families need some place to pray and to basically fix themselves the way that nobody else can fix them...it’s got to start from within. And our church and our way of prayer, that’s the perfect way to get that beginning, and so we visited with him a little bit, and he went back to the business committee and talked to them, and he came back to us, and he told us, ‘Well, this may be a fit. We may be able to get these things done that you guys are looking at without you having to go out and finding another source of funding.’”

Komahcheet said it’s important for tribal members to connect to their religious history.

“Where I’m from, Cache and Indian area, at one time I sat down and started counting when I was growing up, all of the families around the area had had their own fireplaces at their homes, and I counted anywhere between 25 and 30 families in that surrounding area. Well, now there’s only one, and it’s mine,” he said. “And there’s another up and coming, but a permanent ground is right there at my home place. The benefit is to those families that...live out of state, and they

want to come home. Because this... method of prayer that we have through the native American church is our original religion before the church came along, this was our main method of prayer. And so, a lot of families know, or they have the knowledge of the history of their families participating in the Native American church in the past, but it’s, you know, evolution and everything else, and other things, I guess, kind of took the place of that. But...a lot of the families know the current families know that they have a history in the Native American church, and somewhere along the line, that little flame’s going to become a fire. And they’re going to say, ‘I want to go back to my roots, but I’m living in California,’ or ‘I’m living in Texas,’ or whatever the case may be, when they’re out of state and this way they’ll have a place to come to. They’ll notify the chapter or the tribe. We haven’t worked all the details out yet, but they’ll notify somebody and have the opportunity to get a date where they can come home and be able to have a Native American church service.”

Komahcheet is an inspector for Comanche Nation Housing Authority, and said he will be active in inspecting the building and have another set of eyes on the project.

Komahcheet said it’s for the people to come together and is grateful Comanche Nation has laid the groundwork.

The property is expected to open sometime in August.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ATTENTION COMANCHE TRIBAL MEMBERS
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026

THE DEADLINE TO SUBMIT TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS FOR THE 2026 ANNUAL MEETING IS ON FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026.

RESOLUTIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY BY EMAILING THEM, ALONG WITH A COVERSHEET, TO TRIBALCOUNCILRESOLUTIONS@COMANCHE.NATION.COM.

THE TRIBAL ATTORNEY WILL REVIEW ALL RESOLUTIONS BEFORE BEING PLACED ON THE ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA. IF THE TRIBAL ATTORNEY DETERMINES THE RESOLUTION IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR UNLAWFUL, THE RESOLUTION WILL NOT BE ON THE AGENDA.

YOU MAY RECEIVE ASSISTANCE FROM THE TRIBAL ATTORNEY IN DRAFTING YOUR RESOLUTIONS BY EMAILING THEM TO LEGALREVIEW@COMANCHE.NATION.COM BETWEEN TODAY, FEBRUARY 3, AND FRIDAY, MARCH 27.



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In Loving Memory



Damien Loren Nieto Sr.
Missing Since March 26, 2022

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

UNUTSA KENASUWATSIKUNU
Damien was last seen in Teesto, Arizona and had last contacted a family member via social media messenger on March 25, 2022. He has not contacted family since and has not been reported found. Damien's case is ongoing and his family continues to seek justice for him.

In Loving Memory



Angela "Sam" Maynahonah
July 30th 1971- March 29th, 2012

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

UNUTSA KENASUWATSIKUNU
Angela's body was recovered on March 29th, 2012, in Fox, Oklahoma. Angela's case remains unsolved and her family continues to seek justice for her.

In Loving Memory



Jascie Kara Kaywaykla
May 12th, 1988 - April 7th, 2008

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

UNUTSA KENASUWATSIKUNU
Jascie was last seen in Lawton, OK on April 7, 2008, when she was dropped off by her sister at the local K-Mart for her first day. Jascie's case remains unsolved and her family is actively searching for her.

In Loving Memory



Jeffery McClung
September 25, 1988- March 8, 2022

YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

UNUTSA KENASUWATSIKUNU
Jeff was fun loving and a joy to be around. He could always make you laugh and had a smile that could light up any room. There was definitely never a dull moment when Jeff was around. On March 8, 2022, Jeffery Deschane Tiddark Saupitty McClung was murdered on the street of 5th and Bell shortly after leaving the local Family Dollar store. Jeffery's murderer took their own life, leaving the family with many unanswered questions.

Child Support Services Announces Court Appearances

- Cassandra Lynch: CNCSP-17-18; Motion to Modify Child Support
 - Justin Poafybytty: CNCSP-18-05; Motion to Modify Child Support
 - Timothy Yellowfish: CNCSP-15-131; 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 Hearing will be conducted in person.

Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Memorial Scholarship Requirements

For those who want to attend college, Dorothy Sunrise Lorentino Memorial Scholarship will reward a student \$2,000 to an institution of their choice.

Eligible applicants must attend a college or university, or be a graduating high school senior, be enrolled as a full-time student and have a current GPA of 3.0 or higher.

To be considered, applicants must submit an essay in response to the given prompt, their most recent transcript, an official letter of admission, a Comanche CDIB and a recent photo.

All documents must be turned in by Thursday, May 7, 2026 to be considered.

The form can be found at comanchenation.com under Higher Education Applications and Forms.

Questions and scholarship submissions can be sent to higher@comanchenation.com or mailed to Comanche Nation Higher Education, ATTN: Memorial Scholarship, P.O. Box 908, Lawton, OK 73502.

Student Impaired and Distracted Driving Simulation

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, in 2025, distracted driving remains a primary cause of accidents among young drivers, with 42% of high school students admitting to texting or emailing while behind the wheel. Recent studies highlight that these drivers spend approximately 20% of every trip looking at their phones rather than the road.

- Fatal Crash Involvement: Drivers aged 16–20 account for 19% of all drunk driving deaths, despite being under the legal drinking age. For those aged 21–24, this figure rises to 29%, the highest of any age group.
- Recent Trends: In 2023, 24% of teen drivers (ages 15–18) involved in fatal crashes had been drinking.

Most motor vehicle fatalities in Oklahoma are caused by driver behavior, speeding, impaired driving, distraction, and not wearing

Oklahoma City Outreach Relocates



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OUR NEW LOCATION
AS OF WEDNESDAY MARCH 25, 2026

NEW ADDRESS:
6051 N BROOKLINE AVE.
SUITE 106
OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73112

The Oklahoma City Outreach office has relocated and the office moved to 6051 N Brookline Ave. Suite 106, Oklahoma City, OK 73112, on March 25, to better serve Comanche Nation Tribal Members and their families.

a seat belt. These crashes are preventable through awareness, education, and safe choices.

Because of these alarming statistics, the Comanche Nation Injury Prevention and the Comanche Nation Law Enforcement have teamed up to host a student impaired and distracted driving simulation for high school and college students.

The simulation will take place from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. on April 9 at the Comanche Nation Complex's Watchtaker Hall.

Students that attend will experience a powerful, real life look at how everyday driving decisions impact lives and communities.

Some activities include:

- Driving simulation demonstration
- Real life arrest simulation
- Emergency Response presentation
- Trauma Impact Discussion
- Small group rotations through learning three learning stations.
- Live mock drunk driving crash demonstration.

Lunch will be provided.

For more information, contact Lt. Robert Chavez at (580) 583-7315 or Will Owens at (580) 360-0950.

Follow the Comanche Nation Public Information Office



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The Comanche Nation News of Oklahoma

Comanche Nation Prescription Assistance
april 21, 2026
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join us for the annual community health fair!!

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WATCHTAKER HALL
Make your health your priority!!

Information: p:580-360-0469
eprescriptionassistance@comanchenation.com

COMMUNITY ART HANG

Our first Community Art Hang!! Come hang out with us at Comanche Gift Shop and either bring what you're working on or join us in making cool collages with magazines!

April 11, 2026 **410 SE Interstate Dr**
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM **Lawton, OK 73501**

FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

2ND ANNUAL ALL GOURD HONOR DANCE
Onaa Kahni
ECDC
Early Childhood Development Center
SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
WATCHTAKER HALL, LAWTON, OK
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Come celebrate and honor the children of Onaa Kahni Childcare Center to kick off the celebration for the "Week of the Young Child."

Head Staff

MC: Carla Whiteman
Head Singer: Carlo Chalepah
Arena Director: Aaven Howell
Co-Host Comanche Youth Dances and Comanche Academy Charter School
Special Invitation to the Comanche Nation Senior and Junior Princesses and all other Tribal/Organizational Princesses.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
580-360-5077 or onaa.kahni@comanchenation.com
This is a drug & alcohol free event. Comanche Nation Childcare Program is not responsible for any accidents or thefts.



Ribbon Cutting for Red Berry Health Systems Set for April 17

The Comanche Nation proudly announces that on April 14, the Comanche Nation will officially open its first clinic within the new Red Berry Health System - Wonder kids at 6403 W. Gore Blvd. in Lawton, Oklahoma. Wonder kids Specialty Pediatrics will join Red Berry Health System as the inaugural clinic location, continuing its mission of pediatric care for children and fami-

lies with complex and high- acuity needs. They are deeply grateful for the foundation Wonder Kids has built in this community through years of compassion and dedicated service.

The immediate focus is strong pediatric care, with plans to expand in the coming months to include adult and family medicine additional specialities, and pharmacy services, serving patients from across

the greater Lawton area. This is an important step forward, and they are honored to build this health system with a commitment to quality, respect, and service.

Please join Red Berry Health Systems - Wonder Kids - for their Ribbon Cutting 2 p.m. April 17 as they celebrate this milestone together.

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2026 Comanche Nation Princess Election & Powwow

April 4th, 2026 @ Watchetaker Hall

2025-26 Comanche Nation Princess- Isabella Ramirez

Comanche Nation Jr. Princess- Tatum Burgess

Powwow Schedule- April 4th, 2026

12pm- Cedar Ceremony, Gourd Dance
 5pm- Supper Break/ Polls Close
 6pm- Gourd Dance Resumes
 7pm- Calling Song
 Crowning of 2026-27 Princesses
 Social Dancing
 Womens 18+ Cloth Contest in Honor of Janet Saupitty
 9pm- Closing of Program

Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies- Gene Sovo
Head Singer- Gaylon Motah (Director 1994-96)
Head Man- Travis Codynah
Head Lady- Janet Saupitty
 Comanche Princess 1989 & Miss Indian World 1991
Arena Directors
Tennyson Kerchee & Ashley Kerchee
Co-Host
Comanche Princess Sorority

Special Invitation to all former Comanche Princesses & Comanche Princess Directors, tribal and organizational princesses.

Election & Voting Info

April 3rd, 2025
 8am- 5pm @ Watchetaker Hall
 April 4th, 2025
 8am-5pm @ Patriot Room (Old Conference Room)

VOTERS MUST BE 18 YEARS & OLDER WITH A VALID PICTURE ID

Celebrating 100 Years of Comanche Princesses

Due to limited space the first 5 vendors paid will be accepted, fee is \$30- NO Food vendors.
 Not responsible for accidents, thefts, injuries or stranded people. For more information contact Fiona Kerchee:
 580.956.4453 or fkerchee@gmail.com

Spring Comanche Man Dance

Saturday April 11th, 2026

Raffle/50/50/Concession

12pm Cedaring
 1pm First Call
 2pm Calling Song
 5:30pm Dinner - dance to follow

Drum Keeper: Larry Monoessy, Sr

Watchetaker Hall @ Comanche Complex
 584 NW Blingo Rd, Lawton, OK 73507

***** All Tail Dance Societies Welcome *****

Special Invite:
 CIVA and Sr./Jr. Comanche Princess

Committee:
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 Larry Liles
 Morgan Tosee
 Donald Chasenah
 Jacob JT Liles - Whip Man

Security: John Chasenah, Jr

For more information:
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APRIL 3-25

DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES TO SPIN TO WIN PRIZES. RECEIVE 1 ENTRY FOR EVERY 25 POINTS EARNED 8AM-11PM APRIL 1-25.

*JACKPOT STARTS AT \$1,000 CASH AND INCREASES BY \$500 CASH UNTIL THE JACKPOT IS WON!



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WIN UP TO \$200 COMANCHE CREDIT OR \$300 CASH!

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS
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\$37,000 RAIN OR GAIN GIVEAWAY

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APRIL 3-25 • 7PM-11PM

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Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

April 2026 (Tahma Maa)						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Frederick 1st Day	2 Frederick 2nd Day	3 CLOSED Good Friday 	4
5	6 Walters 1st Day	7 Training	8 Training	9 Training	10 Walters 2nd Day	11
12	13 Cache 1st Day	14 Cache 2nd Day	15 Cache 3rd Day	16 Cache 4th Day	17 Truck Day	18
19	20 Lawton 1st Day	21 Lawton 2nd Day	22 Lawton 3rd Day	23 Lawton 4th Day	24 Lawton 5th Day	25
26	27 Make-Up Day	28 Make-Up Day	29 Inventory	30 Inventory		

Mini Recipes of the Month:
Lemon Pie II
Ingredients
 • 1 (8 ounce) Package cream cheese, room temperature
 • 1 (14 ounce) Can sweetened condensed milk
 • ½ Cup lemon juice
 • 1 (9 inch) Prepared graham cracker crust
 • ½ Cup whipped cream for serving
Directions
 1. Mix together the cream cheese, milk and lemon juice. Mix well and spread in graham crust. Chill until set, at least 2 hours, and top as desired.

Chicken and Asparagus Fettuccine
Ingredients
 • 12 Ounces dry fettuccini pasta
 • 2 Cups (1-inch pieces) fresh asparagus
 • ½ Cup butter
 • 2 Cups half-and-half cream
 • ¼ Teaspoon garlic powder
 • ¼ Teaspoon ground black pepper
 • 1 Pinch cayenne pepper
 • ¾ Cup grated Parmesan cheese
 • ½ Pound cooked chicken

breasts, cut into bite size pieces
Directions
 1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes, or until al dente. Add asparagus during the last 3 to 5 minutes of cooking. Drain, and transfer to a large bowl.
 2. In a large saucepan over medium heat, combine butter and half-and-half. Cook until thick and bubbly. Season with garlic powder, black pepper, and cayenne pepper. Stir in

Parmesan cheese and chicken, and heat through.
 3. Pour sauce over pasta and asparagus, and toss to coat.
Kitchen Tip of the Month
 Clean the Hood Vent: As spring arrives, soak your range hood filters in hot water with a dishwasher tablet to cut through winter grease buildup.
Fun Fact Did You Know?
 April was once the second month: In the earliest Roman

calendars, March was the first month and April was the second, before January and February were added later.
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

Word Search Answers on Page 13



April Showers

Word Search

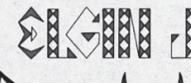
Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?



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TAHMARU?I (SPRING)	NUETU (WINDY)	HUUTSUU (BIRD)
TABUKINA (RABBIT)	UMARU (RAINY)	WEYAKOROO (BUTTERFLY)
TOMOBI (CLOUD)	SONIPU (GRASS)	KOOKO (CHICKEN)
TAHMA MUA (APRIL)	TABETO?I (SUNRISE)	WEEKIPATOKO (RAINBOW)

ELGIN JOM 3RD ANNUAL SPRING POWWOW



2 MAY 2026

ELGIN HS GYM

2PM Gourd Dance | 4PM Crown 2026 Royalty | 5PM Supper Break | 6PM Calling Song & Contests
7PM Honoring of Elgin JOM 2026 Seniors

Head Staff		
MC Carla Whiteman		
Head Singer Robert Tehauno		
2025 Elgin JOM Sr Brave	Head Man Dancer Frank Swift Class of 1990	2025 Elgin JOM Jr Brave
Dominique Komahcheet	Head Lady Dancer Laken Tosee Class of 2016	Nokosi Singleton
2025 Elgin JOM Sr Princess	Arena Director Modesto Schonchin Class of 2026	2025 Elgin JOM Jr Princess
Jocelyn Blodgett	Hennie Yazzie Class of 2030	Talia Quiroga
Co-Host		Indiahoma Native American Club
		Anadarko Indian Club
Security		Kevin Sovo II
Contest Coordinator		Lynn Schonchin

CONTESTS

Jr Girls Combined 7-12 In Honor of Talia Quiroga	Tiny Tots 0-6 In Honor of Dominique Komahcheet	Jr Boys Combined 7-12 In Honor of Nokosi Singleton
Teen Girls Combined In Honor of Jocelyn Blodgett	Teen Boys Combined Sponsored by the Noyobad Family	Teen Boys Straight In Honor of Modesto Schonchin

Women's Combined 18 - 59	Golden Age Women's Combined 60+
Men's Combined 18 - 59	Golden Age Men's Combined 60+

For more information, please contact JJ Schonchin at 580-583-2649.
Vendor space is available for a \$25 fee. Vendors, please contact Layla Alvarez at 580-340-5980.
Elgin JOM is not responsible for any theft, accidents or injuries.
No smoking, alcohol, illegal substances or weapons are allowed on school property.

People Places and Things Happening

Wiegand Wins Speech and Debate Tournament

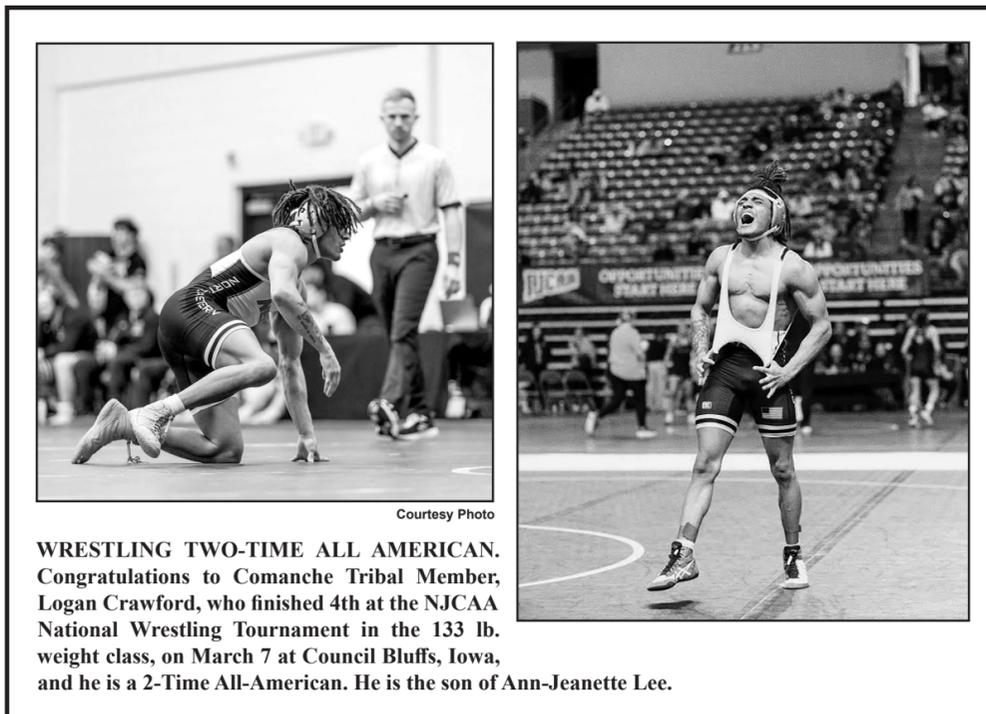


Courtesy Photo

Wiegand

On March 14, Parker Wiegand took first place in Duo in the National qualifying Speech tournament that took place over two days. Wiegand is a Junior at Lakeville North in Minnesota. In June, he will travel to Richmond, Virginia, to compete for a national title.

His parents, Lilly and Andy Wiegand, and his grandfather is Willie Pekah.



Courtesy Photo

WRESTLING TWO-TIME ALL AMERICAN. Congratulations to Comanche Tribal Member, Logan Crawford, who finished 4th at the NJCAA National Wrestling Tournament in the 133 lb. weight class, on March 7 at Council Bluffs, Iowa, and he is a 2-Time All-American. He is the son of Ann-Jeanette Lee.

**Petarsy Church
Free Men's
Breakfast &
Fellowship
8 a.m.
the 2nd Saturday
of the Month
266 Little Bear
Loop,
Richard's Spur**

Cache JOM Crowns New Princess, Brave at Powwow

Story and Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On March 7, Cache Johnson O'Mally held its spring powwow at Cache Public Schools.

Mesa Tahchawwickah was crowned the 2026-2027 Cache JOM Princess, and Brandon Wermey was named Brave. She said the powwow is her favorite to attend.

"My favorite part is I get to be around people I love and people who support me," Tahchawwickah said.

Her family has been a part of the organization for some time, and Tahchawwickah was introduced through her aunt.

"It feels really great because the people who are Native know and get what I say and do, and the people who are not Native get to learn what we do," she said.

Tahchawwickah looks forward to going to powwows and representing Cache JOM.

"I will go to like the senior nights, anything that involves Cache, I'll be there," she said.

Royalty from around the area were in attendance, including Comanche Nation Princess Isabella Ramirez, Comanche Nation Jr. Princess Tatum Burgess, Little

Ponies Princess Arlene Schonchin, Walters Service Club Princess Reyna Serna, Comanche Tribal Veterans Association Princess Mikalyn Hoahwah, Elgin JOM Princess Jocelyn Blodgett, Indianoma Native American Club Princess Tiana McClung and Tiny Tot Princess Johnnie Shae Romo, as well as other organization royalty.

The powwow featured gourd dancing and contest.



Cache JOM Brave Brandon Wermey and Princess Mesa Tahchawwickah dance together at the Cache JOM Powwow on March 7.

Golden Years, Digital Fears Elders Targeted in Rising Phone Scams

In 2025, reports from the FBI and FTC indicate a massive surge in elder fraud, with reported losses reaching record highs.

2025 Financial Impact

- Reported Losses: Older adults (60+) lost \$4.9 billion in 2024, a 43% increase leading into 2025.
- Average Loss: The average amount stolen from victims over age 60 is approximately \$83,000.
- Total Economic Impact: When accounting for under reporting, total losses are estimated at \$28.3 billion annually.

Top Scam Categories

Investment Schemes \$1.8 Billion
Tech Support \$982 Million
Romance / Confidence \$389 Million
Government Impersonation \$159 Million

According to the AARP March/April 2026 / VOL. 67 | NO. 2 edition,

Do These 9 Things to Feel Safer Now

We are all under assault from scammers, and trying to stay safe can seem like a futile effort. But there are some relatively easy things anyone can do right away to improve security, according to AARP's fraud prevention experts. By Amy Nofziger.

Update your passwords, including for your home Wi-Fi. And don't use your pets' or grandkids' names. Instead, try a passphrase you'll remember, but substitute a symbol for a letter, like so:ll@velceCream1960!

On social media, do a privacy checkup. Under Settings, choose Privacy, and check to make sure only people you choose see your social media posts.

Take your Social Security card out of your wallet and put it in a safe place.

Go into your device and log out of all your apps to avoid unau-

thorized access.

Change your settings on your smartphone to send all unknown numbers to voice mail. (On iPhones, go to Settings, Apps, Phone, then Silence. Android phones vary, so Google it.)

Freeze your credit. This will prevent crooks from stealing your identity and opening new credit cards and other accounts in your name. Unfreeze it when necessary to allow a credit search.

Review your bank and other financial accounts right now for suspicious activity. Do this daily, weekly or monthly, especially for bank and credit card statements.

Delete apps not in use, including those with saved passwords.

Add the AARP Fraud Watch Network Helpline (877-908-3360) to your contacts for quick access, if needed. Visit aarp.org/fraudwatch-network for more resources.

RED-HOT SCAMS TO AVOID IN 2026

Be warned: Scammers are always refining their tactics. Here's what to watch for now. By Ken Budd. The caller said he worked for a company helping people recover lost benefits. "Our records show you may have \$5,286 waiting in a federal assistance check," he said in messages to phones nationwide. The call directed people to a website, where they were deceived into revealing personal data used to steal their identities. Over two months in late 2025, the Better Business Bureau received more than 800 complaints about the calls. Relief-check fraud is just one of the scams to watch out for this year. Here are five more scams to avoid.

Employment Scams:

U.S. employers laid off more than 1.2 million workers in 2025, the most since the 2020 pandemic. With so many Americans seeking work,

employment scams are surging, and desperate job hunters may be more susceptible than in the past to fraud, including bogus jobs in online ads, on job search websites, and on social media. Some scammers impersonate real recruitment agencies and companies. Their goal: to obtain personal information or money by requiring you to pay a fee.

How to Stay Safe:

- Never pay. If you're required to pay for a job interview, it's a scam.
- Distrust big promises. Guarantees of great pay and few hours while working at home are probably red flags not to ignore.
- Scrutinize the source. If a so-called recruiter contacts you, check the company's website and see if they're hiring for that particular position and if the person actually works there.
- Be careful about posting your resume. Criminals can use the information included there to manipulate you.

Recovery Scams:

Being victimized is awful. Being re-victimized is even worse. That's what happens with recovery scams: Criminals promise to help victims recoup their losses, then charge fees for nonexistent services or ask for personal or financial information. Recovery scammers might be the same criminals who victimized you initially, but this time they claim they're from a government agency, a consumer advocacy group or a law firm. "I think we're going to see a lot of recovery scams [in 2026]," says Amy Nofziger, senior director of victim support with the AARP Fraud Watch Network.

How to Stay Safe:

- Reject upfront fees. Criminals charge you in advance and ask you to pay with gift cards, cryptocurrency, or Venmo.

- Beware of phony checks. Scammers might send a counterfeit check, often for more than what you lost. Then they'll say they overpaid and instruct you to return the balance.
- Do your homework. Search the recovery firm's name using keywords such as "scam," "fraud" or "complaint."

Digital Arrest:

The process is terrifying. You're informed that you're the subject of a criminal investigation. Fake law enforcement officers interrogate you for days on video calls, threatening you with criminal charges, sending AI-generated phony arrest warrants and pressuring you to pay settlements or fines. "It's a terror-based scam that involves holding a person digitally captive. They'll get you on a video call, and they won't let you go," says Frank McKenna, chief innovation officer with Point Predictive, and AI technology company in San Diego. Digital arrest is a major problem in India (in September 2025, a retired doctor there died from a heart attack after enduring nearly 70 hours of harassment), and it's spreading to the United States, McKenna reports.

How to Stay Safe:

- Hang up. "Law enforcement doesn't call people and threaten to arrest them," McKenna says.
- Know how the system works. Court orders an arrest warrant are not delivered through phone calls, emails, or social media.

Hello, Pervert Scams:

In this insidious scam, criminals claim they've hacked your computer and recorded you visiting porn sites. If you don't pay them, they'll share evidence of your naughty behavior with your email contact list. They might even spoof your email address so it appears that the blackmailer is contacting you through your own account. The AARP Fraud

Watch Network reports a spike in these scams; people can be very fearful of getting a bad reputation if someone believes they are watching porn or sending nude photos. Scammers exploit that fear. Pervert scams also tend to follow data breaches. Crooks use your info to create highly personalized messages, making the threat seem more legitimate.

How to Stay Safe:

- Never respond. If you reply, scammers will likely send more messages.
- Don't open unsolicited attachments. Blackmail messages are frequently sent as PDFs to bypass phishing filters.
- Stay calm. Ignore deadlines to pay money. Urgency is a scam tactic to force rash decisions.

Self-Publishing Scams:

There is a growing market among older Americans to write their memoirs and seek a publisher for their life story, to share with friends and family. That can be a satisfying pursuit. But be careful: Publishing scams are growing. Some scammers pose as literary agents. Others create fake publishing companies that take your money but never publish your work. In a complaint to the AARP Fraud Watch Network, a victim said she wired \$6,000 to a self-publishing company but never received the book. When she called, the number no longer worked.

How to Stay Safe:

- Know how talent agents operate. Writers never pay agents to represent them. Agents receive a percentage of advances and payments.
- Ignore unsolicited emails. Legit agents and publishers will not contact unknown authors.
- Scrutinize URLs. Fake publishers often use variations of real company names to seem respectable, so study the web links.

Military News

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

Comanche Veteran Honored



Courtesy Photo

CIVA Secretary Dominic Pawlowski and former CIVA Vice Commander Frankie Patterson presented SSG Wahkinney a plaque showing his service in the USAF, Grateful Nation Blanket embroidered with his time of service and awards. Representatives from the Quilts of Valor presented him with a handmade quilt. CIVA would like to thank SSG Wahkinney for his dedicated service to God and country.

On February 21, CIVA conducted an Honoring Ceremony for U.S. Air Force Veteran Staff Sergeant Lyndon Wahkinney in the Patriot Room at the Comanche Nation Tribal Headquarters. His awards include the USAF Commendation Medal, USAF Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Medal. CIVA Secretary, Dominic Pawlowski and CIVA Veteran Frankie Patterson presented SSG Wahkinney a plaque showing his service in the USAF, Grateful Nation Blanket embroidered with his time of service and awards. Representatives from the Quilts of Valor presented him with a handmade quilt. CIVA would like to thank SSG Wahkinney for his dedicated service to God and country.

Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony



Courtesy Photo

Pictured above; Hall of Honor President Col. (Ret) Kelly Zachgo, Ambassador in Charge Capt. John Farris, Hall of Honor Jr. Ambassador Mesa Tahchawickah with CIVA Associate Member James Czerniak and Sergeant Major (Ret) Aaron Boone.



Courtesy Photo

USMC LCP Kenneth LookingGlass with family members.

Also on Saturday, February 21, 2026, the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation, Hall of Honor, Treadwell - Poolaw Chapter 17 of SW Oklahoma Ambassador Lanny Asepermy in conjunction with CIVA hosted an Induction Ceremony in the Patriot Room at the Comanche Nation Tribal Headquarters. Oklahoma Heritage Foundation, Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame and Honor, Foundation President, Kelly Zachgo, Col., USA (Ret.) and John Farris, former Capt., USA, Ambassador in Charge present honors to, CIVA Associate Member, Army National Guard Sergeant (Ret.) James Czerniak, and Army Sergeant Major (Ret.) Aaron Boone. USMC LCP Kenneth LookingGlass was inducted in a separate ceremony held at the Comanche County Memorial Hospital.

Funeral and Honor Guard Details

On February 26, 2026. Funeral and Honor Guard Detail was requested by Comanche Nation Funeral Home on behalf of U.S. Air Force Veteran Technical Sergeant John Tahah. During the Funeral Services, Technical Sergeant John Tahah military biography was read and afterward Veterans in attendance

performed a Final Salute. The Honor Details consisted of representatives from the US Air Force along with CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary members. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, US Air Force, CIVA flags were displayed.

In Honor and Memory of Technical Sergeant John Tahah



Courtesy Photo

Tahah



US Air Force Emblem

John C. Tahah retired from the United States Air Force as a technical sergeant (TSgt). He served with Honor from 9 July 1962 to 30 July 1982 (20 years and 22 days). Tahah completed his Boot Training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas and was stationed at McChord Air Force Base, Washington, Tinker AFB Oklahoma. Overseas assignments at Naha and Kadena Air Bases in Okinawa Japan. Tahah served during the Vietnam War from December 1969 to October 1970 at Cam Ranh Bay, Ton Son Nhut Air Base, Ban Me Thuot East Airfield, Dak to II and Tuy Hoa Firebases. He served as an radio operator, administration and air transport specialist. His awards include the U.S. Air Force Commendation, Good Conduct with Silver Star and Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense, Vietnam Service with three Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign with 1960 Device and the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm medals. The Longevity with four Oak Leaf Clusters, NCO Primary Military Education and Small Arms Expert Ribbons. The state of Oklahoma, Comanche Nation and the Republic thanks Tahah for his dedicated, faithful and honorable service to God and country.

On March 12, 2026. Funeral and Honor Guard Detail was requested by Comanche Nation Funeral Home on behalf of US Army Veteran Sergeant Daniel Cox. During the Funeral Services, Sergeant Cox military biography was read and afterward Veterans in attendance performed a Final Salute. The U.S., Comanche Nation, Oklahoma, U.S. Air Force, CIVA flags were displayed. During committal, taps was played as his flag was folded and presented to family members. The Honor Details consisted of CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary members.

In Honor and Memory of Sergeant Daniel Cox



Courtesy Photo

Cox



Army Sgt. Daniel Cox was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on 16 December 1969 and passed away on 25 February 2026 in Boulder, Colorado. He is an enrolled member of

the Comanche Nation and a descendent of the Kiowa, Cheyenne, Otoe, Quapaw, Creek, and Seminole tribes and a direct descendent of the last Comanche Chief Quanah Parker.

Cox served, with Honor, from July 20, 1988 to October 20, 1995 (7 years and 3 months). He served in Saudi Arabia, Iraq and Kuwait during the Gulf War including Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm as a member the 3rd Cavalry Regiment's Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Reconnaissance unit. Cox completed the Light Wheel Mechanic, Primary Leadership Development, Air Assault, Arctic Light Individual Training and Combat Lifesaver courses. His awards are the Army Commendation, Army Achievement with/Oakleaf Cluster, Good Conduct with/2 Loops, National Defense Service, Southwest Asia Campaign with/2 Service Stars and Saudi Arabia and Kuwait Liberation of Kuwait medals, the Army Service, Overseas with/Numeral 2 and NCO Professional Development with/Numeral 2 ribbons and the Expert Qualification Badge with/Rifle Bar. Cox was discharged at Fort Wainwright, in Fairbanks, Alaska, after serving a three-year tour of duty with the U.S. Army, Alaska 172nd Light Infantry Brigade. The United States Army, the states of Oklahoma and Colorado, the Comanche Nation and the Republic thank SGT Cox for his dedicated, faithful and honorable service to God and country.

On March 6, 2026, CIVA Veterans attended the funeral services for Kenneth LookingGlass at the Comanche Community Center in Apache. CIVA along with other Veterans Organizations presented honors during the funeral services and committal which was held at the Cache Creek Cemetery located west of Apache.

In Honor and Memory of Lance Corporal Kenneth LookingGlass



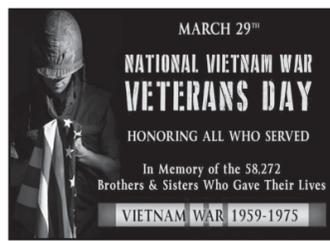
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LookingGlass



Lance Cpl. Kenneth LookingGlass served during the Vietnam War from 1966-68. He served with Lima Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division based in Phu Bai Vietnam. LookingGlass operated throughout I Corps as a driver, river patrol, convey security and Civil Affairs. He was wounded on September 1, 1967, from mortar shrapnel. He served and was stationed in San Diego and Camp Pendleton, California. LCPL LookingGlass was awarded Purple Heart, National Defense Service, Vietnam Service with /2 Campaign Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with/Palm and Vietnam Campaign with /1960 Device Medals, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential and Navy Unit Citations. The United States Marine Corps, the state of Oklahoma, Comanche Nation and the Republic thank LookingGlass for his dedicated, faithful and honorable service to God and country.

Vietnam War Veterans Recognition Act of 2017 observing March 29 as National Vietnam War Veterans Day



CIVA would like to Honor our Vietnam War Veterans and Officially welcome them home. Vietnam War was highly controversial, with widespread anti-war protests and demonstrations. Many Americans questioned the rationale for the war, the heavy casualties suffered by U.S. troops. Veterans were treated poorly with no welcome home parades or honors. Society during that time did not care for them as they were verbally abused and spit on. It is estimated 64 Comanches served during the Vietnam War.

Some known Vietnam War Veterans of the Comanche Nation:

- Lanny Asepermy
- Bruno Badillo
- Felix Badillo
- John Badillo
- Joseph Badillo
- James Blackshear
- Michael Blackstar
- Oliver Blackstar
- Donald Burgess
- Gerard Burton
- Jimmy Caddo (Oldest Living Vietnam War Veteran)
- Scott Cato
- James Chebahtah
- Joseph Chebahtah
- Eddie Chockpoyah
- Cloyce Choney
- Darrell Chrismon
- Benjamin Clark
- Mark Clark
- Pete Coffey Sr.
- Wilbur Red Elk Ellis
- Lonnie Henderson
- Charles Hernasy
- Charles Kerchee
- Melvin Kerchee Jr.
- Donald Koosechony
- Calvin Kosechata
- Rudolph Kosechequetah
- Larry Laurenzana
- William Lewis
- Lucien Looking Glass
- Kenneth Looking Glass
- Ludolph Lorentino
- Otto Mahsetky
- Ronald Mahsetky
- Eddie Mahseet
- Amos Makes Cry
- Belva Miller
- Michael Monatoboy
- Jack Mullen
- Richard Tiddark Ortiz
- James Parker
- Leland Parker
- Roderick Parker
- Elton Permansu
- Calvin Pohawpatchoko Sr.
- Richard Sapcutt
- Clifford Red Elk
- Gene Red Elk
- George Red Elk
- Robert Allen Red Elk
- Philip Rogers Jr.
- Allen Schwerer
- John Tahah
- Pat Tahdoohannah
- Clifford Takawana
- Roderick Takawahpoor
- Paul Tate Sr.
- Malcom Taunah
- Roger Tehauno
- Vernon Tehauno
- Johnny Tiddark
- Michael Waddle
- William Waddle
- Billy F. Wermly
- George Wermly
- Chad Winnerchy

Invited Veterans Organization

March 7, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary were invited and attended the Keahbone Family Veterans Dance which was held at Watchetaker Hall. CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary would like to thank the Keahbone Family for inviting them to their Veterans Dance.

Attn. Former CIVA Princesses

All former CIVA Princesses, please contact CIVA Auxiliary member Linda Tehauno at (580) 678-2468 or by email veloiswhitefeather@yahoo.com.

Cemetery Marker and Headstone Placement



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above; CIVA Veterans with Parker family.

On February 19, 2026, Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Veterans and Auxiliary traveled to Memory Lane Cemetery in Anadarko to install and place a headstone for fallen Comanche Veteran, Airman 3rd Class Elton Parker. Airman 3rd Class Parker served in the U.S. Air Force Veteran as a Radar Operator during the Vietnam War. Family members were present and gathered around his installed head-



Courtesy Photos

Pictured above; CIVA Veterans with the Poafpybitty and Nevaquaya families.

February 27, CIVA Veterans and Auxiliary traveled to the Cache Creek Cemetery located west of Apache to place headstones and military markers to two fallen Comanche Nation Veterans. US Navy Seaman Apprentice Alan Poafpybitty and US Army Pvt. Malcolm Nevaquaya Jr. both served during the Vietnam War. Family members were present and gathered around the installed headstone and marker.

CIVA Monthly Meeting

March February 5, CIVA held its monthly meeting in the CIVA Patriot Room. A call to order was conducted by CIVA Commander Dr. Thomas Boyt followed by a prayer by CIVA Co-Chaplain Mark Davis. CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by birthday blessings and recognitions to Elizabeth Plata, Fran Sapcutt, Thersa Plata, Major Kent Tomah and Cheryl Takawana. The evening meal was provided by CIVA Princess Clara Yazzie and Roxie Kerchee. CIVA Veterans conducted their monthly meeting as Old and New Business were discussed along with plans to observe Vietnam War Veterans Day. The monthly meeting ended with discussion for the upcoming CIVA 50th Anniversary and benefit bingo.

Comanche Veteran Information Needed

The CIVA is updating the Comanche Veterans Master List. If you are a Honorably Discharged Veteran and you would like your military service updated and documented, please email Kevin Pohawpatchoko at k_pohawpatchoko@yahoo.com. Your military service history, documents, records, photographs and your DD-214 will be forwarded to Dr. Bill Meadows, Missouri State University, Department of Sociology-Anthropology/Native American Studies. He and his staff will digitize your 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. Thank you!

Milestones

Happy Belated Birthday!

February 23 - Charles E. Williams
 March 2 - Darren Asepermy
 March 13 - Elizabeth Parker Williams
 March 22 - Marta Asepermy



Happy Birthday
 Rance Weryackwe
 April 7



Happy 17th Birthday
 Dalyliah
 April 13th
 ~ We love you very much.
 Mom & Ian.



Happy Birthday
 Rodney L. Parker
 April 25
 Happy Heavenly Birthday
 Dad
 April 15

~ Wishing you a Happy Heavenly Birthday, Dad. I miss you everyday. Love you always, your son, Rodney L. Parker.



Happy Belated Birthday
 Elizabeth Parker Williams
 March 13
 ~ Happy Belated Birthday, Mama.
 We love you bunches.

Happy Birthday!



April 7 - Rance Weryackwe
 April 19 - Gina Pipestem
 April 13 - Dalyliah
 April 23 - Lloyd Heminokky, Jr. "Happy Birthday, Dad! Love, your family! ♥"
 April 25 - Rodney L. Parker



Happy Belated Birthday
 Charles E. Williams
 February 23
 ~ We love you, Mom.



Happy Belated Birthday and Anniversary
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Word Search Answers from Page 10



April Showers Answer Key

Can you find the words hidden in the puzzle?



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| TAHMAROI (SPRING) | NUETU (WINDY) | HUUTSUU (BIRD) |
| TABUKINA (RABBIT) | UMARU (RAINY) | WEYAKOROO (BUTTERFLY) |
| TOMOBI (CLOUD) | SONIPU (GRASS) | KOOKO (CHICKEN) |
| TAHMA MUA (APRIL) | TABETOI (SUNRISE) | WEEKIPATOKO (RAINBOW) |

Boone-Apache Native American Heritage Club

"Honor our Seniors" Gourd Dance

Apache Warrior Event Center
 102 Pohleman Dr, Apache, OK 73006
 Sunday, April 26th, 2026

Head Staff -
 MC - Martin Flores - AHS Class of 1999
 Head Singer - Frank Tosee
 Host Drum - The Whiskey Creek singers
 Head Man - Watson Mithlo - AHS Class of 2016
 Head Lady - Jasa Bigmountain - AHS Class of 2015
 Head Teen Boy - Elias Saupitty - AHS Class of 2026
 Head Teen Girl - Ava Azul - AHS Class of 2026
 AD's - Jadon Heminokky - AHS Class of 2026
 - Jaiden Clayborn - AHS Class of 2032
 Co-Host - Carnegie Native American Heritage Club

Special Contests

Potato Dance
 Sponsored by Carnegie Native American Heritage Club

Prettiest Shawl Contest
 Sponsored by Jasa Bigmountain

Vendors:
 \$25 or Raffle Item of equal value
 Contact - Mylin Wilson (580)-850-0902

Special Invites
 Apache NAHC Brave - Qwintyn Gallegos
 Princess - Nacona Mithlo
 Comanche Nation Sr and Jr princess
 Kiowa Tribal Princess
 Apache Tribal Princess
 Fort Sill Apache Tribal Princess
 Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) Princess
 Comanche Little Ponies Princess -
 Anadarko NAHC and Dance Troupe
 Riverside Indian school NAHC
 Comanche Nation Youth Dancers
 Kiowa Chapter MMIP
 All clubs, organizations, princesses, Tribal leaders

For any Questions, comments or concerns contact Mylin Wilson - (580)-850-0902

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At daybreak on the first day of the week the women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were puzzling over this, behold, two men in dazzling garments appeared to them. They were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground. They said to them, "Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must

be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day." And they remembered his words. Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others. The women were Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James; the others who accompanied them also told this to the apostles, but their story seemed like nonsense and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb, bent down, and saw the burial cloths alone; then he went home amazed at what had happened.

Lk 24:13-35

Obituaries

Zamora and Legend Andonian



Courtesy Photo

Andonian

Zamora Aurielle Andonian "Mora" entered into eternal rest on February 19, 2026 with her loving family by her side. She was followed by her beloved little brother Legend Khazar Andonian on February 21, 2026. Zamora and Legend were both proud members of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Zamora was born on February 16, 2016. Legend was born on October 30, 2018. To their loving parents Petarsy Andonian and Brandon Gardner.

Zamora was in the 4th grade at Cleveland Elementary, where she adored her teacher and classmates. She participated and excelled in honor choir, recorder ensemble, acting math, and the girls singing group Lady Falcons. Zamora was a natural athlete; she loved to work out and enjoyed gymnastics. Zamora was a girly girl; she loved to get her nails and hair done. Zamora cherished her family and took pride in being a big sister. Zamora was a light within her family, always making sure everyone was loved and seen.

Legend was in the 1st grade at Cleveland Elementary. He loved playing outside and adored animals. He loved playing nerf guns, riding his bike, skateboarding, doing tricks on the trampoline and running. He was a natural entertainer; always singing and dancing. He also loved cars and always "looked for a Lamborghini". Legend loved sports; his favorite was football. He also enjoyed basketball and soccer. Legend was a beautiful boy with a heart for adventure.

Zamora and Legend were unique in their own way; both choosing to love genuinely and remained true to themselves. Their absence has left an irreplaceable void within their family and they are missed tremendously.

Zamora and Legend are survived by parents Petarsy Andonian and Brandon Gardner; siblings Adriana, Priscilla, Vyleigh, Amelia, and Jordan; maternal grandparents Nina and Joe Richards; grandpa David Meece; paternal grandparents Robin Gardner "Mimi" and Rick Teegarden "Papa"; aunts Amber Andonian, Megan Gardner, Carolina Manriquez; uncles Niko Andonian, Anthony Meece, TJ Gardner, Cord Gardner and Daniel Hugar; grandpa Terry Gardner; great grandpa Thomas Gentry; and numerous cousins and friends.

Zamora and Legend are preceded in death by great grandma Francetta Gentry; great great grandma Marjje Pahdocony; great uncles Frankie "VJ" Tahsequah and Jr. Blackstar; great great grandpa Doug Pahdocony; great grandma Darlene Patchett; great uncle William H. Tebo Jr.

Daniel James Cox



Courtesy Photo

Cox

Daniel James Cox, known by his given Indian name "Bay Kote, given to him by his grandmother Ina Aunko Parker, meaning "Hard to Kill," was born on December 16, 1969, in Oklahoma City. A proud Native American man, Daniel was an enrolled member of the Comanche Tribe of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Kiowa, Cheyenne, Otoe, Quapaw, and Creek Seminole peoples. His lineage carried the legacy of strong leaders and spiritual figures, including Comanche Chief Quanah Parker.

Through his mother's Parker Family, Daniel remained deeply connected to the traditions, stories, and enduring strength of his ancestors. Daniel lived a life defined by courage, creativity, and deep devotion to family. He was a loving father to Daniel Jhean Cox, Nicholas Adam Cox, and a devoted stepfather to Christopher Mora and Michael Aaron Mora, who loved them as their own father. He raised his four sons with guidance, protection, and unconditional love, shaping their lives with quiet strength and unwavering presence. He was also a proud grandfather of five grandchildren, Mia Mora, Sophie Diaz, Julian Mora, Michael Mora, Victoria Mora, Jacob Oliver Vieyra and Saphira Arkeketa, whose laughter and presence brought light and happiness to his life. He is lovingly remembered by his mother, Elaine Parker Geimausaddle; Father Rufus Cox; his brother, David Blaine Cox; his sister, Alana Cox Loman; his brother-in-law, Tyler Loman; and his beautiful nieces, Cambrie Price and Ava Lohman. He also leaves behind a cherished extended family, including his grandmother Ina Aunko Parker, and the legacy of his grandfather Sergeant Simmons Parker.

He is preceded in death by his beloved uncles, Robert Baldwin Parker, John Clark Parker, and Anthony Wayne Parker, and leaves behind his aunts, LaNora J. Parker, Mary P. Moon, Martha Meat, and Elizabeth Williams-Howard. He is also survived by many cousins who held a special place in his life, including Charles Williams III, LaDonna Parker, Diane Parker, Steven Moon, Brian Moon, Alexander Moon, Nicholas Moon, Nocona Burgess, Quanah Burgess, David Meat, and Lydia Meat, along with their children and many extended relatives who shared in his life and heritage.

Daniel proudly served his country as a United States Army Sergeant, including service with the 3rd Cavalry Division. He was a veteran of the ground invasion and War in Iraq, Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm, serving in a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical reconnaissance unit. He also endured three consecutive Arctic winters with the Infantry Arctic Light Division in Fairbanks, Alaska. After eight years of honorable service, Daniel carried his military discipline and courage into every chapter of his life.

A man of many talents, Daniel pursued education in electronic media, communications, theater, and film. He worked in journalism and film production, contributed to documentaries and independent film projects, and appeared in television productions. He had a deep love for storytelling, music, and creative expression. He was proud of his work in film and television and appeared in several productions including, *The Son*, *Fear the Walking Dead*, *Tales from the Chuck Wagon*, *Fox and The*

Bounty, *Washington's Armor*, *Outer Range*, *Dark Winds*, *Dead for a Dollar*, *Dawn at Dominion*, *Frybread Face and Me*, *Robots*, *Dead Man's Hand*, *American Primeval*, and *Adobe Walls*. Datos Públicos / Public Daniel also loved the natural world. He found joy in rock climbing, fitness, painting, and spending time outdoors. He volunteered for veterans' events and worked with therapeutic horse ranches, always seeking ways to help others. A Native American Activist and spiritual man, Daniel practiced Native spirituality and took part in the Sundance Ceremony.

Those who knew Daniel remember his strength, his adventurous spirit, his love of good food and music, and his deep connection to the land and the people around him. He lived as a bridge between past and present, honoring the wisdom of his ancestors while walking his own path in the world. Known in spirit as Bay Koe, "Hard to Kill," Daniel carried the strength of his ancestors throughout his life. As he journeys onward, may those same ancestors welcome him home, where his spirit will remain strong, free, and forever part of the circle of life. He will deeply be missed, profoundly honored, and forever loved.

David Wakahquah



Courtesy Photo

Wakahquah

David was born November 16th, 1931. He married Norma James on May 21st, 1953, in Lawton, Oklahoma.

To this union, three children were born. David was a sign painter for most of his working career. He loved the outdoors, fishing, and all kinds of sports.

David is survived by his wife, Norma, of seventy two years; his son Joel of Oklahoma City; his daughters Dana Martin of Oklahoma City; Amy Carr and her husband Shannon of Oklahoma City; four grandchildren Josh Wakahquah and his wife Emily of Conroe, TX; CW4 Karli Wakahquah of Oklahoma City; Halle Carr of Oklahoma City and Ryan Carr of Oklahoma City; Three great grandchildren Jackson, Sydney, and Mallory Wakahquah of Conroe TX; one sister Alicia Ellis of Berlin Germany; one sister in law Claudine Bolton of Lawton; and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

David was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, one brother, and his son-in-law, Steve Martin.

John Charles Tahah

John Charles Tahah entered into eternal rest on February 20, 2026, in Moore, Oklahoma, with his loving family by his side.

John was born on January 13, 1941, to John Tahah and Nora "Mona" Titchaunerwe. He was a proud full-blood member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, carrying his heritage with quiet strength and dignity throughout his life.

John began his early education at Post Oak Mission Grade School in Indianola, Oklahoma, and later graduated from Cache High School with the Class of 1960. He met the love of his life, Linda Harris, at McChord Air Force Base in Washington. They were united in marriage on March 26, 1964, beginning a devoted partnership that would span more than six decades.

On July 9, 1962, John enlisted



Courtesy Photo

Tahah

in the United States Air Force. He completed basic training at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and went on to serve as an administrative and transportation specialist, primarily with air transportation units. His service included combat duty in Vietnam at Cam Ranh Bay Air Base from 1969 to October 1970, along with temporary duty assignments at Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Ban Me Thuot East Airfield, Dak To II, and Tuy Hoa Firebases.

His additional duty stations included McChord Air Force Base, Washington; Scott Air Force Base, Illinois; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; and overseas assignments at Naha and Kadena Air Bases in Okinawa. In total, John completed 5 years and 5 months of foreign and overseas service. During his distinguished military career, John earned numerous awards and honors.

He proudly attained the rank of Technical Sergeant and retired with honors in July 1982 after 20 years and 22 days of faithful and dedicated service to his country.

After military retirement, he went on to Civil Service and served 20 years at Tinker Air Force Base. John chose a quiet and private life centered around family. Following years of hard work and discipline, he embraced simple joys - sitting comfortably at home watching television, visiting his childhood home place, and reflecting on the many memories made there. He found comfort and strength in listening to Comanche hymns, which kept him closely connected to his faith, culture, and heritage. John will be remembered as a devoted husband, loving father, brother, uncle, and friend. His steady presence, gentle spirit, and deep love for his family created a legacy that will live on for generations.

The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Levonna Corley, caregiver, for the compassionate care and comfort she provided John on his final day.

Survived by his loving wife, Linda Harris Tahah, sons Stephen Tahah and wife Janet, and family of Pauls Valley and Christopher Tahah; sister Imogene Moss and husband John of Cache; brother Edward Tahah of Lawton; As well as many cherished nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members.

Preceded in Death by parents John Tahah and Nora "Mona" Titchaunerwe; sisters: Clemencia Asenap; Lorraine "Tincy" Titchaunerwe, Vera Gooday, and Rowena Komahcheet; brothers Carl Tahah and Albert Tahsequah, uncles Owen Tahah, Donald Tahah, Harry Motah, Lee Motah, and Charlie Komah; Paternal Grandparents "Old Man" Tahah and Howwutakewa; maternal grandparents: Titchaunerwe and "Old Lady" Tahsequah; aunts Virginia Tahah and Jennie Tahah; niece: Laredonna "Dena" Asenap; nephews Gene Asenap and Ray Hadley; great nephew Junior Stevens.

Maude Jean (Wahnee) Washa



Courtesy Photo

Washa

Maude Jean (Wahnee) Washa was born to Myers and Maggie Tahome (Poolant) Wahnee on October 9, 1952 in Anadarko, Oklahoma and passed away on March 5, 2026 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Maude was one of seven children in the Wahnee family. Many years of Maude's childhood were spent in Pawhuska, Oklahoma before the family moved to Anadarko in 1963. She was active in the high school marching band and was a member of the Indian Club at Anadarko High School, graduating in 1970.

After high school, Maude studied Art at Southwestern State College. This is where she met Jasper Homer Washa and they were soon married. The couple made their home in Weatherford and welcomed two sons, Jasper, Jr. and Stephen. Maude worked at 3M until they moved to Oklahoma City where she was employed with Walmart. In 1991, they moved back Maude Jean (Wahnee) Washa was born to Myers and Maggie Tahome (Poolant) Wahnee on October 9, 1952 in Anadarko, Oklahoma and passed away on March 5, 2026 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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Maude loved sewing, going to the casino and playing bingo. She was also a part of her grandchildren's lives and enjoyed time spent with family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Myers and Maggie Wahnee; husband, Jasper Washa, Sr.; son, Jasper Washa, Jr.; sister, Blanche Wahnee; brother, Stuart Wahnee; and grandparents, Stephen James and Metah Jane (Goombi) Poolant.

Maude is survived by her son, Stephen Washa; sisters, Wanda Priddy and Joy Wahnee; brothers, Myers Wahnee, Jr. and Ernest Wahnee; grandchildren, Nickolas Washa, Ailill Washa, Alexander Washa, Connor Washa, Braden Washa; and nephew, Cameron Washa.

A wake will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, March 11, at The Chapel of Lockstone Funeral Home. Funeral services for Maude will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, March 12, at The Chapel of Lockstone Funeral Home with Gerald Panana officiating. Burial will follow at Chief Black Short Nose Original Allotment, north of Weatherford. Services are under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



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FRIDAY, MAY 8TH, 2025

- 12:00p.m. Cedar Ceremony
- 1:00pm Gourd Dance
- 3:00 pm New Member Initiation
- 5:00 pm Supper Break
- 6:00pm Calling Song & Contest
- 10:30 pm Announcement of contest Winners

FRIDAY NIGHT CONTESTS

BOYS & GIRLS TINY TOTS (COMBINED, 0-6 YRS)
Sponsored by Comanche Little Ponies Princess
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JR. BOYS (COMBINED, 7-15 YRS)
JR. GIRLS (COMBINES, 7-15 YRS)
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(PER CATAGORY)

FRIDAY SPECIAL CONTESTS:

Women's Buckskin Contest (18 years +)
In Honor of Kay Cable, sponsored by sons and family.
1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100

Boy's Straight Dance Contest (15 yrs & under)
1st \$400 2nd \$300 3rd \$200 4th- \$100

Women's Hat & Boot Contest
Sponsored by CLP Chairman Lowell Nibbs & Family
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SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2025

- 12:00 PM Gourd Dance
- 2:00 PM New Princess Coronation
- 5:00 PM Supper Break
- 6:00 PM Grand Entry & Contest
- 10:30 PM Host Organization Special & Announcement of contest Winners

SATURDAY NIGHT CONTESTS

GOLDEN AGE MEN (COMBINED 54+YRS)
GOLDEN AGE WOMEN (COMBINED 54+ YRS)
WOMEN'S CLOTH, BUCKSKIN, JINGLE, APPLIQUE (16 YRS - 53yrs)
MEN'S BRASS, STRAIGHT (16 YRS- 53 yrs)
1st- \$500, 2nd- \$300, 3rd- \$200, 4th- \$100
(PER CATAGORY)

SATURDAY SPECIAL CONTESTS:

Special Men's Traditional & Chicken Dance Contest (16- 53 yrs)
1st- \$1500, 2nd- \$400, 3rd- \$300, 4th- \$200
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