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### Housing Authority Expands Impact Through Housing Programs and Community Investment

By Nora Sovo/ News Staff

The Comanche Nation Housing Authority (CNHA) continues to make meaningful progress in providing safe, affordable housing and strengthening communities across southwest Oklahoma. Established in 1968, CNHA remains committed to supporting income-eligible families—with preference given to Comanche Tribal members—through housing access, economic stability and opportunities for long-term self-sufficiency.

In 2025, CNHA managed a total of 314 properties, including 160 rental units and 154 homeownership units, while continuing to expand programs that support both current residents and future homeowners. This year also marked a milestone moment, for one Comanche family who successfully paid off their home, further advancing the goal of generational wealth within the community.

#### Expanding Housing Opportunities Through Federal Funding

Through the Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG), CNHA invested nearly \$4 million in housing-related initiatives across its five-county service area. These funds supported major modernization efforts for 62 homes, assisted 18 families with down payment and closing costs, and addressed 1,348 maintenance work orders. In total, CNHA served 1,765 Comanche families through IHBG-supported programs in 2025.

Additional support came from the Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) program, which continues to play a critical role in home rehabilitation efforts. CNHA is currently administering multiple ICDBG grants, including a \$2 million award from 2022 and another from 2023, both paired with leveraged funds from the Housing Authority. Together, these initiatives are supporting dozens of housing rehabilitation projects, improving living conditions for families throughout the service area.

#### Building Pathways to Homeownership

CNHA's Homeownership Lease Purchase Program remains a cornerstone of its long-term impact. Since 2020, 55 Comanche families have transitioned into homeownership through this initiative, helping to create stability and generational wealth.

The Housing Authority has also successfully implemented competitive grant programs to increase housing availability. A \$5 million IHBG Competitive grant awarded in 2021 has already been completed ahead of schedule, while a newly awarded \$6 million grant in 2025 is nearing completion as it further expands home acquisition efforts for Comanche families.

#### Supporting Elders and Addressing Critical Needs

CNHA continues to prioritize services for Comanche Elders through targeted rehabilitation and outreach programs. The Elder Home Rehabilitation Program and Home Improvement Program (HIP – a nationwide initiative) provided critical repairs and improvements to hundreds of households, helping Elders and other Comanche families maintain safe and stable living environments.

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Photos by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff  
Harley Pennington was sworn in as CBC No. 3 by Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoohnippah on May 20, inside of the Comanche Nation Complex's Code Talker Room.



Suzanne Patterson was sworn in as an Election Board member by Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoohnippah on May 20, inside of the Comanche Nation Complex's Code Talker Room.



Fred Codynah was sworn in as CBC No. 4 by Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoohnippah on May 20, inside of the Comanche Nation Complex's Code Talker Room.



Adolphus JW Marshall was sworn in as an Election Board member by Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoohnippah on May 20, inside of the Comanche Nation Complex's Code Talker Room.

## Election Results Reflect the People's Voice; Line Items Fail, Councilmen Win Seats

By Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

A total of 654 Comanche voters went to the polls in their areas, and 444 absentee voters mailed in their ballots to vote for the Comanche Business Committee (CBC) position number four, tribal attorney, and election board.

For the first time in tribal history, the CBC stipends, the salary for the Tribal Administrator, and the salary for the Comanche Chairman were all voted down.

The CBC stipends received 414 US votes 38.76% and 654 no votes, 61.24%, for a total of 240 votes difference. For the Tribal Administrators' salary, it received 509 US votes 47.04% and 573 no votes, 52.96%, a total of 64 votes. For the Chairman's salary, it received 428 Yes votes (39.56%) and a total of 654 No votes (60.44%), with a difference of 226

votes.

Also voted down was a constitutional amendment to remove the 60-day election deadline, which failed by a vote of 455 Yes votes, 42.48%, and 616 no votes, 57.52%

In the CBC No. 4 position, Jordan Fox received 254 votes, 23.61%; Susan Nahwooksy received 218 votes 20.26% and Fred Codynah received 604 votes, 56.13%. Codynah won in every voting precinct, and because he won by over 51% of the votes, there will not be a runoff.

In the tribal attorney position, Ben Kappelman received a total of 329 votes 33.17% and Wilson Pipestem received a total of 663 votes, 66.83%.

For the Election board, Suzanne Patterson received 621 votes 41.43% Jan Stumblingbear received 417 votes

27.82% and Adolphus JW Marshall received 461 votes, 30.75%.

All of the programs passed. The programs that had the most Yes votes were the Burial Assistance, which received 1,039 Yes votes, 95.67%, and 47 No votes, 4.33%; Bereavement Assistance, which had a total of 1,036 Yes votes, 95.66%, and 47 No votes, 4.34%; and the Per Capita Distribution, which received 1,007 Yes votes 92.98% and 76 No votes, 7.02%.

Some of the line items that received the lowest votes were the Sponsorship Donations, which had 626 Yes votes 58.40% and 446 no votes 41.60%, a 180 vote difference, and the Standard Subcommittee on Internal Affairs, which had 557 Yes votes 53.15% and 491 No votes

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### Notice of Comanche Academy School Board Annual Meeting

The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Comanche Academy School Board shall take place 5 p.m., on June 22, at: Dorothy Lorentino Education Center Auditorium, 1608 SW 9th St., Lawton, OK 73501

Submitted by John Harris/ CACS Board

Elections to fill vacant and expiring Board Director positions will take place at the Annual Meeting. The election shall take place in accordance with Section 3.6 of the Board's Bylaws.

- The current Board roster is as follows:
- Director 1: Angela Swenke - Dec. 2025 - 2028 Annual Meeting
  - Director 2: Nicole Asepermy - Sept. 2025 - 2028 Annual Meeting
  - Director 3: Dr. Wanda Priddy - Nov. 2024 - 2026 Annual Meeting
  - Director 4: Vacant - 2026 Annual Meeting
  - Director 5: Brianna Tahdoohnippah - Dec. 2024- 2026 Annual Meeting
  - Director 6: Lisa Munoz - Dec. 2025 - 2027 Annual Meeting
  - Director 7: John Harris - June 2024 - 2027 Annual Meeting

Elections will be held to fill three (3) expiring and/or vacant Director positions:

- Director 3 currently held by Dr. Wanda Priddy

- Director 4 vacant
- Director 5 currently held by Brianna Tahdoohnippah

Nominations to fill open Director positions may be made by any person whose legal residence is within the Comanche Nation's former reservation area or treaty area boundaries, or who is the legal guardian of a child enrolled at Comanche Academy.

All nominations must be on the nomination form attached to this notice submitted with a resume and received by the President of the Board, Brianna Tahdoohnippah, via email at btahdoohnippah@comancheacademy.com or received by the school office no later than 11:59 p.m. on June 8, 2026.

To be eligible to serve as a director, a director nominee must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Have a high school degree ( or equivalent)
- Have complied with any continuing education requirements imposed by the Board during the director nominee's prior term on the board, if applicable;

- Not be a current Comanche Academy school faculty/staff member;
- Not be a member of the Comanche Business Committee ("CBC");
- Not be disqualified from serving under Section III(B) of the Board's Conflicts of Interest Policy, adopted December 1, 2021; and
- Not have been convicted, pled guilty, or nolo contendere, or named in an outstanding warrant for arrest, to a misdemeanor involving embezzlement or of a felony under the laws of this state or of the United States or of any tribal nation.

All director nominees must be present at the Annual Meeting to be eligible for election to the Board. Failure to attend the Annual Meeting will result in the automatic disqualification of the absent director nominee. Prior to a vote to fill any open Director position, the Board shall provide each director nominee with an opportunity to speak for no more than three (3) minutes.

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### The Air and Space Achievement Medal Awarded To Staff Sergeant Ricki R. Tsatoke-DeCora For Meritorious Service (x2) 7 December 2022 to 28 February 2026



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#### Tsatoke-DeCora

Senior Airman Ricki R. Tsatoke-DeCora distinguished himself by meritorious service as Base Defense Operations Center Controller, 18th Security Forces Squadron, 18th Mission Support Group, 18th Air Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan. During this period, Airman Tsatoke-DeCora safeguarded Pacific Air Forces (PACAF), largest and most powerful combat wing. He dispatched forces to 20 incidents, including a near fatal vehicle accident and an unexploded ordnance discovered over an active fuel line, threatening \$452 million in alert aircraft. He drove the rapid evacuation of 36 local nationals preventing catastrophic damage. Additionally, he completed 110 of professional development, including Basic Combative Instructor and Mission Ready Airman courses.

Using his experience, he coordinated a 140,000-pound cargo movement and established a Tactical Operations Center in under one hour in support of twelve F-35A aircraft valued at 984 million dollars enabling 15 sorties during Exercise BEV HIGH 25-3. Finally, he was recognized as a "Superior Performer" for outstanding performance during Pre-Deployment Sustainment Training earning the 18th Security Forces Chief Master Sergeant's praise and personal coin. The distinctive accomplishments of Airman Tsatoke-DeCora reflect credit upon himself and the United States Air Force (Signed: Bradley Robinson, Lieutenant Colonel, Commander 18th Security Forces Squadron.)

#### 2nd Award, April 14, 2026

Staff Sergeant Ricki R. Tsatoke-DeCora distinguished himself by outstanding achievement as Base Defense Operations Controller, 18th Security Forces Squadron, 18th Mission Support Group, 18th Air Wing, Kadena Air Base, Japan. During this time period Staff Sergeant Tsatoke-DeCora's decisive actions and unwavering composure while off-duty were instrumental in saving a human life. While travelling with five fellow Defenders, he discovered an unconscious Japanese civilian lying in the middle of a busy road-

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# Government

## 18 Resolutions Pass in May 2 CBC Meeting

Submitted by Jennifer Lee/ Comanche Nation Administration

**Editor's Note:** This is an overview of the May 2 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 Tahdoohrippah, called the CBC Meeting to order at 10 a.m.

### Resolutions

**Resolution No. 77-2026-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution Minor List 1407. CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanavoid, motions to accept the resolution. Vice Chairwoman Diana Sovo seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 78-2026-** Enrollment Eligible Resolution Adult List 1408. Sovo motions to accept the resolution. Kassanavoid seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 79-2026-** Enrollment Ineligible Resolution DNMB0 List 1409. Kassanavoid, motions to accept the resolution. CBC No. 1, Hazel Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 80-2026-** Transportation Resolution to Add Routes to Transportation Improvement Plan. Kassanavoid, motions to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 81-2026-** Tribal Court Resolution to Renew Prosecutor Contract. CBC No. 4, Jordan Fox, motions to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 82-2026-** Language Resolution to Amend Language Incentive Program CNG Guidelines). Fox, motions to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 83-2026-** Law Enforcement Resolution for Agreement with Canadian Co Juvenile Det. Center. Sovo motions to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 84-2026-** Finance Resolution for Carry Over FY2025. Sovo motions to accept the resolution. Secretary/Treasurer Benny Tahmahkera seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 85-2026-** Museum Resolution to Apply for the National Endowment for the Humanities Grant. Kassanavoid motions to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 86-2026-** NAGPRA Resolution to Apply for NPS FY2026 Repatriation Grant. Fox motions to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 87-2026-** Reintegration Resolution to Apply for DOJ Second Chance Act Grant. Kassanavoid motions to accept the resolution. Fox seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 88-2026-** TA Resolution Standardized Petty Cash Policy for All Comanche Nation Departments. Tahmahkera motions to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 89-2026-** CBC Resolution Amending Princess and Junior Princess Regulations and Code of Conduct and Director Regulations. Fox motions to accept the resolution. Sovo seconds the motion. The motion passes 4/0/1.

**Resolution No. 90-2026-** CBC Resolution Appointing Hazel Tahsequah to CNHA. Sovo motions to accept the resolution. Tahmahkera seconds the motion. The motion passes 5/0/0.

**Resolution No. 91-2026-** CNGC Resolution to Retroactive Stipends for Gaming Commissioners. Tahmahkera motions to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion passes 3/2/0.

**Resolution No. 92-2026-** CBC Resolution Supporting Tribal Participation in Co-Management Land Initiative. TABLED.

**Resolution No. 93-2026-** CBC Resolution for Travel. Kassanavoid motions to accept the resolution. Tahsequah seconds the motion. The motion passes

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**TRIBAL ADVISORY COUNCIL.** On May 5, Cameron University President Shane Hunt's Tribal Advisory Council gathered at Cameron University. The Advisory Council will synthesize, research and recommend actionable strategies to increase and sustain American Indian/Alaska Native student enrollment at Cameron University. First Row from left: Dr. Lance Janda, Dean & Professor of History School of Arts and Sciences; Deidra Flurry, Education Services Administrator, Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; Martina Minthorn, Director of Tribal Historic Preservation, Comanche Nation; Dr. Krystal Brue, Dean and Professor of Business School of Graduate and Professional Studies; and Dr. Joy Hamm, Vice-President of Enrollment Management. Back Row from left: Dr. Kelly Berry, Assistant Professor of Native American Studies at East Central University; Carlos Chalepah, Kiowa Language Teacher at Lawton Public Schools; Dr. Shane Hunt, President of Cameron University; Donna Richey, Vice-Chairman of the Kiowa Tribe; Lisa Dawsey, Tribal Administrator of the Comanche Nation; Riley Mowatt, graduate of Cameron University; LaNeal Pewewardy, retired teacher of math and GED; and Dr. Cornel Pewewardy, Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Central Oklahoma. President Hunt will schedule future tribal advisory committee meetings throughout the year.

## From the Chairman's Desk



From the Chairman's Desk

### Maruaweka N̄m̄m̄m̄:

The Tribal Council voted last month to eliminate stipends for the Comanche Business Committee and to eliminate salaries for the Chairman and Tribal Administrator from the Fiscal Year 2027 budget. In the wake of this decision, many people stated that they believed that they were voting against a "raise," which is perplexing to me because the salaries proposed for the Chairman and Tribal Administrator were exactly the same as last year. The consequences of voting "No" were explain several times, including on a podcast, at the General Council meeting, and on social media. Therefore, the decision of the people was clearly made, and rather than trying to find sort of end run around the decision, I just hope we all can appreciate that the process itself is defective.

One defect that the election revealed is that people often obtain information about the budget from social media, which spreads misinformation (e.g., vote against the Chairman's "raise" when none was even proposed), instead of obtaining truthful and accurate information from the official community meetings on the budget that were held. Feedback from tribal members on the vote was that they did not think it was a good time for a raise (again, even though none were proposed for the Chairman or Tribal Administrator) when budgets were being cut. However, the proposed budget for Fiscal Year 2027 was actually larger than Fiscal Year 2026 as a whole, and there were only a few, minor reductions to individual programs. Accordingly, what people were likely reacting to is that budgets in the current fiscal year have to be cut by the Tribal Administrator and Finance Department because the casinos are failing to meet their targets for this current year.

This is a recurring issue because it is impossible to predict gaming revenue six months to a year and a half in advance. It will, therefore, always be the case that gaming will either fail to meet the budget or will exceed the budget (and, for obvious reasons, gaming will usually have a projection that is too high, rather than too low). In either case, there is no law or policy to address what to do. The Constitution does not say how to adjust program line items if gaming revenue fails to meet projections. The Constitution also does not say what to do if revenue exceeds expectations. The Revenue Allocation Plan does not say what to do if revenue fails to meet projections and also does not say what to do if revenue exceeds expectations. Therefore, our laws raise more questions than provide answers when it comes to budgets. Other tribes do not have this problem because they have a legislative branch that makes appropriations. If the revenue fails to meet projections, they will cancel appropriations at a legislative meeting, which promotes transparency and also accountability. If revenue exceeds expectations, then they can appropriate the money to a worthy cause, again at an open meeting in a transparent way. If an unexpected need arises, like gas prices increasing due to a war in Iran, the legislature can cancel appropriations for one program and make new appropriations for a gas assistance program (something that is not currently possible, despite the fact that I assure everyone that all members of the Comanche Business Committee feel for our tribal members struggling to fill their tanks). Therefore, I propose we amend our constitution to create three branches of government, including a legislative branch with appropriations power.

Another lesson from the recent election, is that our governmental structure does not allow for people to know who is responsible for decisions, and therefore people blame all tribal officials. This is not surprising because our current Constitution gives the same job to multiple people. Under our current Constitution, the Tribal Administrator is "hired" by the Tribal Council to "administrate" the government. At the same time, the Comanche Business Committee is elected to "administer" the programs. Asking the Tribal Administrator and the Comanche Business Committee to do the same job is courting conflict and chaos. To solve this problem, we need an executive branch of the government. Executive powers will exist no matter what, but with a Constitution that does not specifically vest executive powers in any official, our executive powers fall, de facto, to the Tribal Administrator and program directors. Yet, because the Constitution does not vest executive powers anywhere, people do not understand who is exercising them and there is no accountability for how they are exercised.

Finally, our recent election continues to reflect a low turnout and lack of engagement. I believe that there is a lack of voter engagement due, in large part, to the fact that most of the decisions that are made affect the local KCA Reservation area, whereas the majority of tribal members live outside the Reservation area. If we had a Constitution that provided for geographic representation, allowing people to vote based on district and requiring that representatives live in their districts, I think we would see a lot more engagement from our tribal members, who would be better represented and would have a greater interest in the outcome of elections.

I will be convening several town hall meetings to discuss all these issues, with the plan to address them at next year's General Council meeting (or sooner if three members of the CBC convene a special General Council).

# Official Voting Results for the May 16 General Election

## Comanche Nation of Oklahoma – General Election 2026 – OFFICIAL RESULTS

	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL		
<b>BALLOTS CAST - TOTAL</b>	103	129	170	22	40	103	28	59	444	<b>1098</b>		
<b>SECRETARY/TREASURER</b>												
BENNY TAHMAHKERA, JR. (u)	84	108	133	19	26	85	25	47	376	<b>903</b>	100.00%	
<b>COMMITTEE PERSON NO. 3</b>												
ASA ATTOCKNIE	25	21	49	6	11	25	7	10	182	<b>336</b>	32.56%	
HARLEY PENNINGTON	74	104	108	15	25	69	21	47	233	<b>696</b>	67.44%	
<b>COMMITTEE PERSON NO. 4</b>												
JORDAN FOX	17	25	30	1	5	30	9	7	130	<b>254</b>	23.61%	
SUSAN NAHWOOKSY	19	18	19	7	5	20	3	3	124	<b>218</b>	20.26%	
FRED W. CODYNAH	66	83	120	14	27	52	16	49	177	<b>604</b>	56.13%	
<b>TRIBAL ATTORNEY</b>												
BEN D. KAPPELMAN	21	30	48	6	12	28	7	15	162	<b>329</b>	33.17%	
WILSON PIPESTEM	77	89	102	11	18	63	21	37	245	<b>663</b>	66.83%	
<b>ELECTION BOARD</b>												
SUZANNE PATTERSON	60	67	94	7	16	73	16	26	262	<b>621</b>	41.43%	
JAN STUMBLINGBEAR	34	49	56	10	18	24	13	24	189	<b>417</b>	27.82%	
ADOLPHUS (JW) MARSHALL	51	54	80	11	18	37	9	27	174	<b>461</b>	30.75%	
<b>Investment Income Contribution</b>												
Assisted Living Vouchers	YES	70	89	133	15	26	71	22	43	386	<b>855</b>	79.17%
	NO	32	39	36	7	13	29	5	13	51	<b>225</b>	20.83%
CBC Stipends	YES	24	32	45	5	5	27	12	13	251	<b>414</b>	38.76%
	NO	79	95	122	17	33	73	15	45	175	<b>654</b>	61.24%
Missing, Murdered, Indigenous People (MMIP)	YES	70	83	123	14	23	63	21	39	357	<b>793</b>	74.18%
	NO	29	43	42	8	16	37	6	16	79	<b>276</b>	25.82%
Research & Planning (Grants)	YES	66	94	116	16	22	58	21	28	367	<b>788</b>	73.51%
	NO	35	34	50	6	17	41	6	30	65	<b>288</b>	26.49%
Standing Subcommittee on Internal Affairs	YES	31	51	73	11	13	38	12	16	312	<b>557</b>	53.15%
	NO	68	74	91	10	25	62	14	38	109	<b>491</b>	46.85%
<b>Funeral Home Income Contribution</b>												
Bereavement Assistance	YES	94	123	162	20	37	96	27	51	426	<b>1036</b>	95.66%
	NO	8	6	5	1	3	6	0	7	11	<b>47</b>	4.34%
Language Incentive	YES	66	78	117	16	20	52	21	32	333	<b>735</b>	69.14%
	NO	33	48	50	6	15	48	5	26	97	<b>328</b>	30.86%

## Comanche Nation of Oklahoma – General Election 2026 – OFFICIAL RESULTS

	EV - Lawton	EV - Complex	Tribal Complex	Anadarko	Apache	Cache	Oklahoma City	Walters	Absentee	TOTAL		
<b>Comanche Nation Enterprises, Inc. Contribution</b>												
Comanche Indian Veteran's Association (CIVA)	YES	54	85	108	16	24	58	19	36	375	<b>775</b>	71.30%
	NO	48	44	60	6	16	45	8	22	63	<b>312</b>	28.70%
<b>Red Berry Health System Contribution</b>												
Diabetes Awareness Program	YES	77	102	115	15	24	62	22	40	390	<b>847</b>	78.14%
	NO	26	26	53	7	16	39	5	18	47	<b>237</b>	21.86%
New Pathways	YES	72	86	106	14	21	56	21	28	357	<b>761</b>	70.72%
	NO	31	43	61	8	17	44	5	29	77	<b>315</b>	29.28%
Community Health Representatives (CHR)	YES	73	105	112	13	24	66	21	34	367	<b>815</b>	75.60%
	NO	29	23	55	9	15	35	5	24	68	<b>263</b>	24.40%
<b>Tax Commission Contribution</b>												
CN Fair/Carnival	YES	73	91	128	15	26	55	21	30	353	<b>792</b>	73.27%
	NO	29	37	39	7	14	46	6	28	83	<b>289</b>	26.73%
Chairman's Salary	YES	21	48	43	6	7	17	14	11	261	<b>428</b>	39.56%
	NO	80	80	126	16	32	85	13	45	177	<b>654</b>	60.44%
Shoshone Reunion	YES	57	74	108	16	22	46	18	26	295	<b>662</b>	62.04%
	NO	43	54	57	6	17	56	9	30	133	<b>405</b>	37.96%
Comanche Tribal Princess	YES	75	102	126	17	26	60	22	35	380	<b>843</b>	77.62%
	NO	27	27	40	5	14	42	5	22	61	<b>243</b>	22.38%
Comanche Jr. Princess	YES	72	92	119	16	20	57	23	32	360	<b>791</b>	72.90%
	NO	30	37	48	6	20	46	4	24	79	<b>294</b>	27.10%
Comanche Nation Language Department	YES	67	87	116	14	22	57	19	26	349	<b>757</b>	70.42%
	NO	35	42	49	8	17	44	8	28	87	<b>318</b>	29.58%
Comanche Little Ponies	YES	48	72	83	13	19	41	18	26	316	<b>636</b>	58.78%
	NO	54	56	86	9	21	61	9	31	119	<b>446</b>	41.22%
Princess/Director Expenses	YES	61	78	100	16	16	46	21	26	332	<b>696</b>	64.44%
	NO	41	51	66	5	23	57	6	31	104	<b>384</b>	35.56%
Emergency Management Direct Services	YES	70	102	138	17	27	80	23	46	408	<b>911</b>	83.58%
	NO	32	27	30	5	13	23	4	11	34	<b>179</b>	16.42%
Elder Council	YES	75	88	103	17	27	71	20	40	376	<b>817</b>	74.89%
	NO	27	40	67	5	13	32	7	18	65	<b>274</b>	25.11%

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Church Donations	YES	68	86	117	17	25	72	21	39	344	<b>789</b>	72.72%
	NO	34	42	52	5	14	30	6	19	94	<b>296</b>	27.28%
CN Homecoming	YES	66	91	99	16	17	51	18	45	338	<b>741</b>	68.74%
	NO	36	38	66	6	21	51	9	12	98	<b>337</b>	31.26%
Transportation	YES	83	110	136	18	26	80	22	40	398	<b>913</b>	84.46%
	NO	19	18	32	4	13	21	5	17	39	<b>168</b>	15.54%
Optometry/Prescription Assistance	YES	96	121	157	19	37	89	22	49	418	<b>1008</b>	92.65%
	NO	6	8	12	3	3	12	5	8	23	<b>80</b>	7.35%
Family Assistance Center-Women's Shelter	YES	91	116	146	18	30	82	24	46	421	<b>974</b>	89.52%
	NO	11	13	23	4	10	20	3	11	19	<b>114</b>	10.48%
Transit	YES	79	103	136	17	27	70	22	33	373	<b>860</b>	79.56%
	NO	22	26	33	5	11	32	5	22	65	<b>221</b>	20.44%
Fitness Center	YES	61	95	114	15	16	51	22	24	323	<b>721</b>	66.95%
	NO	40	33	54	7	22	50	5	32	113	<b>356</b>	33.05%
Food Distribution	YES	87	116	152	18	32	89	24	49	421	<b>988</b>	90.81%
	NO	16	12	16	4	8	12	3	9	20	<b>100</b>	9.19%
Sponsorships/Donations	YES	43	70	92	11	14	47	19	25	305	<b>626</b>	58.40%
	NO	58	58	76	11	25	54	8	31	125	<b>446</b>	41.60%
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren	YES	78	102	141	19	27	81	25	44	409	<b>926</b>	85.27%
	NO	24	27	28	3	12	20	2	13	31	<b>160</b>	14.73%
<b>Gaming Contribution-Revenue Alloc.</b>												
Elder Payment	YES	89	107	146	19	34	88	25	52	432	<b>992</b>	91.43%
	NO	13	20	23	2	5	13	2	5	10	<b>93</b>	8.57%
Per Capita Distribution	YES	92	114	155	20	33	91	22	53	427	<b>1007</b>	92.98%
	NO	9	14	13	2	5	10	5	5	13	<b>76</b>	7.02%
<b>Gaming Contribution-Tribal Gov't</b>												
Administration	YES	47	82	83	10	16	46	19	27	352	<b>682</b>	62.74%
	NO	53	47	86	12	22	56	8	31	90	<b>405</b>	37.26%
Tribal Administrator Salary	YES	28	59	54	5	7	31	16	15	294	<b>509</b>	47.04%
	NO	74	70	114	17	32	70	11	42	143	<b>573</b>	52.96%

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Maintenance	YES	82	112	142	17	28	78	23	45	415	<b>942</b>	86.58%
	NO	20	17	26	5	11	24	4	13	26	<b>146</b>	13.42%
Elections	YES	64	88	105	13	21	52	18	32	363	<b>756</b>	69.61%
	NO	38	41	63	9	19	50	9	26	75	<b>330</b>	30.39%
Information Technology (IT) - Complex	YES	77	99	119	15	23	62	22	33	385	<b>835</b>	77.17%
	NO	23	30	46	7	16	40	5	25	55	<b>247</b>	22.83%
Law Enforcement	YES	70	92	124	17	23	69	19	36	383	<b>833</b>	76.70%
	NO	32	37	44	5	17	32	8	21	57	<b>253</b>	23.30%
Legal Fees	YES	75	92	113	13	21	56	22	33	377	<b>802</b>	74.12%
	NO	27	36	53	9	19	45	5	22	64	<b>280</b>	25.88%
Enrollment	YES	80	108	126	15	26	75	23	43	392	<b>888</b>	81.62%
	NO	22										

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Mus./Native Amer. Graves Prot. & Rep. Act (NAGPRA)	76	98	136	16	26	72	22	28	364	791	81.06%	203	18.94%
Agriculture Operations (Cow/Calf)	68	94	120	14	23	58	22	28	364	791	73.65%	283	26.35%
Natural Resources (Realty)	64	88	108	15	21	50	21	31	360	758	70.51%	317	29.49%
Land Acquisitions	70	87	113	15	17	52	22	32	365	773	71.71%	305	28.29%
Early Childhood Development Center (ECDC)	80	107	140	16	25	67	23	37	391	886	82.34%	190	17.66%
Comanche Nation Housing (Elder Home Rehab)	91	107	150	18	32	87	23	47	408	963	89.66%	111	10.34%
<b>Gaming Contribution - Community</b>													
Burial Assistance	97	124	163	19	36	95	26	50	429	1039	95.67%	47	4.33%
Media	54	79	95	14	17	43	19	22	335	678	63.01%	398	36.99%
Tribal Historical Preservation Program (THPO)	73	91	126	16	23	60	22	30	377	818	75.95%	259	24.05%
Caregivers Program/Angel Services	78	103	137	18	26	77	23	43	402	907	83.90%	174	16.10%
Gravel-Tinhorn Program - Tribal Driveways	73	102	129	17	29	75	23	38	346	832	77.18%	246	22.82%
EMS/Fire	72	93	137	17	28	83	23	40	406	899	83.16%	182	16.84%
Injury Prevention	74	93	119	17	23	71	24	35	353	809	75.33%	265	24.67%
Community Centers	71	104	138	18	29	75	24	39	385	883	81.76%	197	18.24%
Elder's Center	77	98	137	19	30	78	25	40	405	909	84.01%	173	15.99%

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Environmental Programs	70	99	121	16	24	69	23	31	359	812	75.32%	266	24.68%
Indian Child Welfare (ICW)	86	113	144	18	29	83	24	39	413	949	87.71%	133	12.29%
Home Improvement Program (HIP)	87	119	145	19	32	88	25	49	410	974	90.10%	107	9.90%
Outreach-Anadarko	62	92	112	19	21	58	21	30	353	768	71.51%	306	28.49%
Outreach-Dallas	67	88	109	17	16	56	21	30	340	744	69.08%	333	30.92%
Outreach-OKC	69	96	114	15	21	58	23	33	364	793	73.43%	287	26.57%
Reintegration Program	59	91	106	17	15	57	24	28	343	740	69.22%	329	30.78%
Social Services- Emergency Assistance	88	119	156	20	34	91	24	48	413	993	91.69%	90	8.31%
Vocational Rehabilitation	75	94	137	19	29	77	24	38	380	873	80.83%	207	19.17%
Prevention & Recovery	71	97	129	17	24	71	21	37	365	832	77.18%	246	22.82%
Youth Services (K-12)	85	117	149	18	32	82	25	44	407	959	88.55%	124	11.45%
Comanche Academy Charter School	63	70	110	13	20	49	16	33	349	723	66.94%	357	33.06%
Higher Education	94	120	150	19	33	86	25	45	416	988	91.14%	96	8.86%
Adult Education	84	119	145	18	31	82	25	43	398	945	87.18%	139	12.82%
<b>Budget-KCALUC Budget</b>													
Approve KCALUC Budget	55	69	85	11	16	51	22	26	307	642	62.63%	383	37.37%

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<b>TRIBAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS</b>													
QUESTION 1 - Nonpartisan Voter Education	51	68	86	10	15	46	22	28	337	663	61.45%	416	38.55%
QUESTION 2 - Comanche Nation Casino Expansion	53	87	87	6	13	40	16	18	314	634	58.33%	453	41.67%
<b>CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT QUESTIONS</b>													
QUESTION 1 - Remove 60 Day election deadline	32	51	61	5	11	30	16	18	231	455	42.48%	616	57.52%
QUESTION 2 - Recall petition charge clarification	37	54	71	11	20	37	17	19	289	555	51.63%	520	48.37%
QUESTION 3 - Annual Meeting time, quorum	72	104	118	14	24	57	23	35	359	806	74.63%	274	25.37%

We, the undersigned election officials of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma, do hereby certify the General Election held on Saturday, May 16, 2026. We further certify that said election was held in accordance with the Election Ordinance of the Comanche Nation.

*Kendy Cochran*  
Independent Tabulator

*Drew Yarns*  
Election Official

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On behalf of Comanche Nation Entertainment, the Board of Directors would like to extend our sincere gratitude to every tribal member who participated in the recent vote approving the Master Plan at Comanche Nation Casino. Your engagement, voices, and dedication to the future of Comanche Nation Entertainment demonstrate the strength of our people and the importance of working together for generations to come.

We are deeply thankful to those who placed their confidence and support behind this project. Your belief in the vision for growth, opportunity, and long-term prosperity will help create meaningful benefits for our tribal members, our families, and our community.

We also want to respectfully acknowledge and thank those who did not support the measure. Healthy discussion and differing perspectives are an important part of strong tribal governance and reflect the care our members have for the future of the Comanche Nation. Every voice matters, and we recognize that all opinions expressed throughout this process came from a shared desire to protect and strengthen our Nation.

We would also like to recognize our dedicated team and acknowledge the tremendous amount of work, planning, and commitment that went into the development of this project. Their professionalism, perseverance, and passion for the future of the Comanche Nation have been instrumental throughout this process. We are incredibly grateful for their efforts and extremely proud of what they have accomplished together.

As this project moves forward, our commitment remains firmly on transparency, accountability, and ensuring that the success of this venture creates lasting opportunities that benefit all tribal members. We believe this investment will drive economic growth, job creation, and expanded resources that will positively impact our Nation for many years to come.

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**BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPRECIATION.** The Comanche Nation Entertainment Board of Directors released a statement on May 18 expressing appreciation and gratitude to the voters that approved the Resolution approving the expansion of the Comanche Nation Casino. The resolution was approved by a vote of 634 Yes votes (58.33%) to 453 No votes (41.67%).

**RESULTS**

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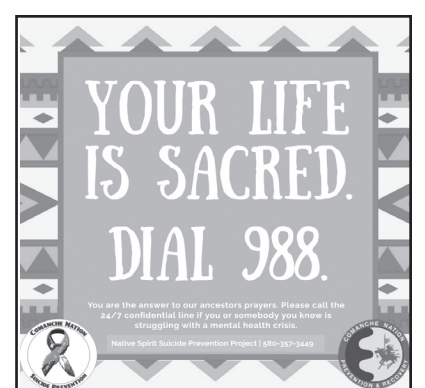
46.85%, with a 66 vote difference.

The voting results were certified on May 19 by the Election Board with no petitions to protest.



The new CBC were sworn in on May 20 at the Comanche Code Talker Conference room. The packed crowd trailed out into the waiting area as Pennington, Codynah, Patterson, and Marshall were sworn in by Comanche Nation Chairman Forrest Tahdoohippah.

As outgoing CBC No. 3, Alice Kassanovid made her farewell speech, she commended the Comanche General Council for taking time to vote, saying that their voices were heard.

All of the incoming officials said that were happy and humbled to be put in their positions and thanked the tribal members who took the time to vote.



**COMANCHE HOMECOMING FUNDRAISER BINGO**  
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
June 7, 2026  
Walters Expo Building  
1124 W. Colorado St., Walters, OK  
15 games / \$15  
Cake Walk  
Concession Stand  
All proceeds go to the 2026 Comanche Homecoming Powwow  
Nolan Tahdoahnipah - (580) 919-0868  
Travis Codynah - (580) 647-1561  
Tanya Codynah - (580) 585-1359  
JJ Schonchin - (580) 583-2649


# COMANCHE HOME COMING

## 3RD ANNUAL

### JULY 17-19, 2026

#### 2026 & 2027

LIVE FROM SULTAN PARK  
IN WALTERS, OKLAHOMA



**COMANCHE HOME COMING PRINCESS: HANNAH ROSE OWENS**

**HEAD STAFF**

**MASTER OF CEREMONIES:**  
MARTIN FLORES & KEVIN SOVO SR.

**HEAD AFTERNOON SINGER:**  
TIMOTHY MONOESSY

**HEAD EVENING SINGER:**  
JOEL MOTAH

**HEAD MAN GOURD DANCER:**  
DAVID PEREZ

**HEAD MAN WAR DANCER:**  
BILLY PEWO

**HEAD LADY GOURD DANCER:**  
IISA BROWN

**HEAD LADY WAR DANCER:**  
ROXIE YAZZIE

**ARENA DIRECTORS:**  
ASHLEY KERCHEE, MODESTO SCHONCHIN, & JARNEY SILVERHORN

**WATERBOY:**  
JORDIN HEMINOKEY

**CO-HOSTS:**  
WALTERS SERVICE CLUB & CIVIC

**COLOR GUARDS:**  
KCA VETERANS

**FLAG DETAIL:**  
CIVA

**CONTEST COORDINATOR:**  
CARLA WHITEMAN

**SECURITY:**  
IISA SAMABRIA

**RAFFLE COORDINATOR:**  
KELSEY CODYNAH

**SPECIAL INVITATIONS:**  
COMANCHE NATION PRINCESS - ARLENE SCHONCHIN  
COMANCHE NATION JR. PRINCESS - CLARA YAZZIE

INVITING ALL PRINCESSES

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION: IIZ BLACKSTAR**

**HONORED EIDERS**

FRIDAY - JULY 17:  
RON MAHSETKY

SATURDAY - JULY 18:  
SUE OLDHAM

SUNDAY - JULY 19:  
ADRIA RHOADS SUINA

**HONORED VETERANS**

FRIDAY - JULY 17:  
BENNY TAHMAHKERA

SATURDAY - JULY 18:  
IANETTE TAHCHAWWICKAH

SUNDAY - JULY 19:  
DANIEL SAUPITTY

**FLAGS TO BE FLOWN**

FRIDAY - JULY 17:  
HENRY "HANK" TOMAHSAH

SATURDAY - JULY 18:  
MEAD CHIBITTY

SUNDAY - JULY 19:  
ROBERT TIPPECONNIE

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JOLENE JJ SCHONCHIN - (580) 583-2649  
VENDOR INFORMATION: BRIAN STILLWELL: (580) 583-0756

**TOTAL PRIZE MONEY:**  
**\$21,000**

**SPECIAL CONTESTS**

- SUNDAY JULY 19TH:  
GOLDEN AGE WOMEN 65 YEARS  
IN HONOR OF ADRIA RHOADS SUINA  
\$300/\$200/\$100  
SPONSORED BY WOCKMETOOAH FAMILY
- ALL WEEKEND  
DRUM CONTEST - \$2,000  
SPONSORED BY IISA BROWN
- SATURDAY - JULY 18TH  
49 CONTEST - \$1,000  
SPONSORED BY IISA BROWN
- GRASS DANCE  
\$800 PLUS CONSOLATION  
SPONSORED BY TRAVIS CODYNAH

**HOST HOTEL**

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## Lil' Darlin's

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**SONIA AND PATRICK ATTOCKNIE (580) 483-9326**



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# Programs

## Child Support Services Court Announcement

### Comanche Nation Tribal Court

- Devin Tahhahwah: CNC-SP-25-03; 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 needs the above name(s) to be placed in our upcoming Comanche Nation Newspaper.

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

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

## Silence Hides Violence; Family Assistance Center Offers Tips

Domestic violence is not concentrated to any specific age, race or gender. It can happen to anyone. One in four women and one in seven men will be victims of violence by an intimate partner during their lifetime, according to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention. Almost 20 people per minute are physically abused by a partner in the United States, according to the National Coalition Against domestic Violence. Over the course of a year, this equates to more than 10 million women and men.

If you suspect someone is being abused, there are signs to look for: signs of injury, emotional distress, change in appearance or self-esteem, denial of harassment or injuries, lack of confidence or communication.

You may feel like you are interfering if you choose to get involved and reach out, but support can make a difference. If a victim opens up to you, the most important thing you can do is listen without judging. Respect their privacy and encourage them to seek help to get to a safer and healthier place. If they cannot leave or get out of the relationship, encourage them to talk to people who can help them with a safety plan and guide them.

If you see something, say



## Comanche Academy Charter School's Field Day Hosted by USA Track and Field Run Jump Throw

Story and Photos by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Academy Charter School was visited by USA Track and Field (USATF) Run Jump Throw on May 7.

Students participated in long jump, javelin throw, hurdles, agility skills, and duck, duck, goose.

Comanche Academy School Leader Shannon Foye said exposing the students to a new program was exciting.

"This energy today is amazing, you see laughter, and you're seeing them have fun," she said. "Getting to see them do that instead of being in the classrooms and having people and volunteers here to coach us through it all. It's just really exciting."

USA Track and Field contacted the school with their volunteer services.

"So, they do offer it to where

it can be a week or a few weeks long program, or they can come a couple hours out of the week, and so this is our first time, and it's turned out wonderfully," Foye said.

She said it's important for students to be outside.

"Nature is so much better than being stuck inside at the desk and just getting outside, being one with nature, having the sunshine on us, you get all the good feels and good energy this way," Foye said.

Joe Murchison is a program director for USATF Run Jump Throw.

"I was originally a Hershey track and field champion in 1998, went up to Hershey, Pennsylvania, and won the 4x100 relay. The Hershey Track and Field Games [don't] exist anymore, but now they've teamed up with USATF to have a youth program called Run Jump Throw; teaching the

young folks the fundamentals of running, jumping, and motor mechanics," he said. "So, that's the history of it. It's been around for about 11 years now, sponsored by USATF and Hershey, and led by Sharifah Barksdale, an Olympian from 1984."

Murchison said it can be difficult to motivate the schools.

"I'm so thankful that Comanche Academy was one of the ones that said 'Yes' and was able to bring us out," he said. "So, once we get the date, we get the school, and everything else is the fun work. We get to bring the students out, go through a bunch of stations, and have some fun."

Murchison said getting students off phones and tablets is important.

"So, it's good to get students outside, get them active, get

those motor skills up and build that confidence with their classmates, so I think that's the really important reason why we do this," he said.

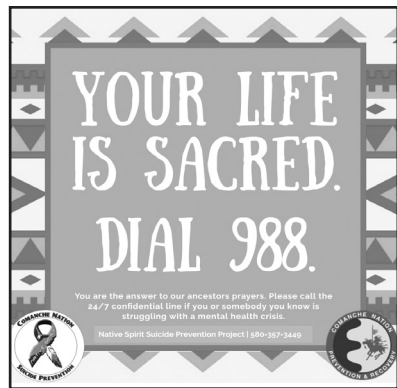
Murchison's highlight is seeing the smiles.

"Also, seeing the teachers get in there and have some fun with the students as well, let them know that they still got it, but most importantly, getting the students active and getting them to try something new and something different that they may not have done before that may be a little challenging," he said. "But seeing them overcome that challenge is really fulfilling for me."

Murchison said investing in the youth early creates confidence and builds leaders.

something. Take a stand and speak out against domestic violence. By doing this, you remind everyone that there are victims and survivors that have been affected by domestic violence.

Silence hides violence. Speak out. If you need help or know someone who does, call Comanche Nation Family Assistance Center at (580) 492-3590, open 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. All calls are strictly confidential.



Comanche Nation Offices will be closed on June 19, for the Juneteenth Holiday. Offices will re-open on June 22 for regular business.

### SAVE THE DATES CN OUTREACH TOUR

<b>JUNE 20TH</b> WICHITA, KS	<b>JUNE 25TH</b> ANADARKO, OK
<b>JUNE 26TH</b> OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	<b>JUNE 27TH</b> DALLAS, TX
<b>JULY 23RD, 24TH, &amp; 25TH</b> ALBUQUERQUE, NM	



SELF DEFENSE. The Comanche Nation MMIP Program held a Self Defense Class on May 8 at the Keikukan Martial Arts Dojo in Lawton, Oklahoma, in recognition of National Missing and Murdered Indigenous People's Awareness Day. Several ladies attended to learned hand-on self defense maneuvers to for safety.

### DIVORCE? WRITS? WILLS/CODICILS? ATTESTATIONS?

#### Notary Services

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

REASONABLE PREP FEES

Contact: Jewell Laurenzana Tieyah  
(580) 678-2052 or (580) 492-5455

# Programs

## Art Hang Provides Third Space

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Community members of all ages gathered at Comanche Nation Gift Shop on May 13, for a community art hang.

Comanche Nation Gift Shop Director Alana Opinaldo said it's a free third place for the community.

"So, the community art hang is just a free art hang for people to come in with a project, or we'll have supplies for them to work on a project," she said. "Just so they can come as they are and be with community and just kind of get out of the house and be with others." The gathering creates a break in routine.

"Where nowadays people either work or go home, and I think to separate that to feel like you're still getting out and kind of doing things that are healing," Opinaldo said. "And artwork is one of those things, just creating is such a healing thing, and surrounding yourself with people."

She said the event is also a piece of home.

"So, I'm originally from Pennsylvania, and the city I grew up in is a really big art community, so these art hangs were just constantly happening, and when I moved here, I knew Lawton had a big art scene, but I just wasn't seeing a lot of art events for free and for everyone," Opinaldo said. "Especially on a weekday, so

everyone can come, especially after work, so I decided we'll just create our own, especially now that I work for the gift shop, it's so much easier, and it's just a way to give back to that community."

She is creating regalia for herself and others

"When I first started getting into dancing, I kind of had to learn how to make my regalia through images or dresses that my grandma gave me, so I had no pattern, just learned on my own, but before then, throughout school, I've always been in art clubs," Opinaldo said. "I used to be co-president for Solanco Renaissance Art, which is so long ago, but...I did their first, and I think only a craft fair there when I was in high school, so being a part of art is like so ingrained into me."

Opinaldo also enjoys seeing other people's works.

"I think I love seeing what everyone else creates because I feel like I always get stuck in a certain box, and I feel like I have to create a certain way, but when I look at everyone else's, I'm like, 'Oh, I didn't think about doing something like that, and now I know, like, for next time.' So it lets me experiment later on."

The gift shop will host community art hangs once a month on varying days, and will post on socials before the next one.

## Indian Market Kicks Off This Summer

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

The KCA Indian Market will take place this summer from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 20, July 11 and August 15 at Fort Sill Indian Boarding School, located at 1401 NE Lawrie Tatum Rd. in Lawton, Oklahoma. The event will be held across from the community garden and will include a farmers' market and a flea market.

KCA Intertribal Land Use Executive Director Yolonda Ramos and KCA Office Manager Shandi Tahhahwah have been working to get the market started.

"The market will encompass our Native American vendors, a flea market, and a farmer's market," Tahhahwah said. "And really, we invite everybody to come out and join us to buy, sell, trade, and really showcase anything that they do best."

Everyone is invited to the Indian Market.

"It's a place where community comes together to buy, sell, barter. I love that, you know, we have the ability to barter and sometimes people forget about that ability to barter," Ramos said. "Everybody that brings something to the table is welcome out here and we have just now started looking at vendors, but I do know that Redbone has committed to come out and we are looking for perhaps a snow cone vendor and then one other food vendor. Food vendors are very limited, however anyone else that, you know, wants to come out and sell."

The applications and inquiries can be found in several



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/Staff

**KCA Office Manager Shandi Tahhahwah and KCA Intertribal Land Use Executive Director Yolonda Ramos begin to mark the area for the KCA Indian Market, which begins this summer. They have announced there will be a flea and farmers' market, and it will be a place for the community to come together.**

locations.

"We're still accepting vendors, and so there's still plenty of time," she said. "There's an email that they can email, it's admin@kcaintertribal.com, where they can be emailed an application. We're also putting the application on our website, and it's also on our Facebook page as well."

Ramos said those who wish to attend don't have to be native, and the event creates a pathway to healthy communities.

"Historically, our tribes have been known to not get along, and I think that, for me, I love bringing people together," she said. "I love bringing our tribes together, not just our tribes but our community, because it takes a whole community of people to work together to get

things done and to see progress, and that's really what it's about."

Ramos got the idea from other communities in other states.

"My mom's brother had mentioned to me about incorporating a flea market into that as well. Well, also...we have our garden, and so we have fruits and vegetables that we're growing in there," she said. "And so, I just thought, 'Well, with his idea of the flea market with the garden bringing the farmer's market aspect to it and then of course the Indian market coming together as one,' basically."

Information regarding the event can be directed to (580) 699-4099 or admin@kcaintertribal.com.

## Comanche Nation Begins Community Garden Project

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Comanche Nation Greenhouse Director Patrick Attocknie began the Comanche Nation community garden in early May located at Comanche Nation with the help of the Comanche Nation Environmental Program.

He has plants sprouting, thanks to donated seeds, and a ground to be tilled as the garden is added to daily.

"Coming up is we want to put in a giant pumpkin patch for the for the kids coming in October you know well you know be different stuff coming up and also you know we have trails and we're trying to start a tea garden, a koi pond, a pollinator garden, things like that for people can come by and interact with all of our gardening things and our trails and our plants," Attocknie said. "We can learn the names of them, the scientific name, the modern name, and the name in Comanche."

His favorite project was creating a trellis walkway.

"I like putting these trellises, these arches like that,

because something my wife and I, you know...we love to garden. We love doing this together. She's full of stuff and knowledge. And...it spilled over onto me, and it got on me, and I just love to get plants and flowers and learn about them. And see how they're going to grow, how they can help us one way or the other with our health, you know, from the inside out," Attocknie said. "And then the other thing that my wife has taught me is the medicinal part of this planting and things you know we can all the all the things that we can benefit from, you know, the healthy plant aspects of the teas, the tinctures that you can make, you know, all everything."

His favorite plants to grow are tomatoes and okra.

"Except for you know...okra gets kind of fiberglassy when it's growing, you're picking it," Attocknie said. "And the tomatoes, it's like you know once they get grown and they get going, you know it's just like man every day man is something you see your end result almost every day, almost every day, you know, and somebody's going to enjoy it."

The community is welcome to volunteer or stop by to see the garden.

"I wouldn't turn anybody away, you know it's my job, but you know, and I

think in the end result is we want to have people come interact and to be a part of you know something for the Nation, you know this is for the for everyone, you know," he said. "I think we're going to pass this out to the children for the snacks, cucumbers and things like that [going] from farm to school and from farm to maybe the powwow, you know, things like that. When we have big gatherings, we can pass out vegetables to the folks and send them up to the commodity place or the food distribution, you know."

The garden will grow organic food and herbs by planting natural repellents.

"Chemicals you know that they put on the food that you get from the supermarket you know could just they could just you know tell them what we're getting over there," Attocknie said. "But right here you know you see what we're putting on it, what we're doing, you know we're trying to use onions to combat pests for the tomatoes and using basil using companion plants to you know go along with one another so that we don't have to fight all these pests, you know."

Projects to be implemented this summer include a greenhouse and a flower garden to attract pollinators.

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# Culinary Corner/ Fun Page

June 2026						
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**Mini Recipes of the Month:**

**Beans and Rice Bowl  
Ingredients**

- 1 Cup cooked rice
- 2 Cups beans (about 1 can), drained and rinsed
- 1/2 Cup mixed vegetables
- Salt and pepper to taste

**Directions**

1. Before you begin, wash your hands. Thaw any frozen ingredients. Drain and rinse any canned ingredients.
2. Heat beans and rice in a pan until warm.
3. Serve over cooked rice.
4. Add seasoning to taste.

**Taco Bowl  
Ingredients**

- 1 Cup rice, cooked
- 2 Cups beans (about 1 can), drained and rinsed
- 1 Pound of chicken (about 1 can)
- 1/2 Cup corn (about half of 1 can)
- 1/2 Cup diced tomatoes (about half of 1 can)
- Salt-free or low-sodium taco seasoning to taste

**Directions**

1. Before you begin, wash your hands. Thaw any frozen in-

redients. Drain and rinse any canned ingredients.

2. Heat chicken in a pan over medium heat.
3. Add beans, corn, and tomatoes.
4. Stir and cook for 5 to 7 minutes.
5. Add seasoning and mix well.
6. Serve over cooked rice.

**June Tip of the Month**

*Stay Cool and Hydrated the Smart Way!*

Add fresh fruit like lemon, cucumber, strawberries, or mint to

your water for a refreshing summer boost. It helps make hydration more enjoyable during hot June days.

**Fun Fact  
Did You Know?**

The first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere usually happens in June and is called the **Summer Solstice** - it's the longest day of the year with the most daylight hours.

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**HOUSING**

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In 2025 alone, these programs served more than 1,800 Comanche families, addressing everything from emergency home repairs to accessibility improvements such as handicap-accessible bathrooms and structural upgrades. Strengthening Communities Through Investment.

Beyond housing, CNHA continues to invest in broader community well-being. A one-time commitment of funds for a Down Payment and Closing Cost Grant Program provided up to \$30,000 in assistance to out-of-area Comanche Tribal members, helping expand access to homeownership opportunities for 17 families. While this program was limited due to full expenditure of available funds, CNHA continues to seek funding streams that would allow this program to be reinstated.

These initiatives reflect CNHA's broader mission: not only to provide housing, but to support economic growth, cultural preservation and long-term stability for Comanche families.

**Continued Commitment to Excellence**

CNHA's efforts are backed by strong financial stewardship, as demonstrated by 12 consecutive years of unmodified audit reports. This consistent accountability ensures that funding is effectively managed and directly benefits the communities it serves.

As CNHA looks ahead, its focus remains on expanding housing opportunities, supporting families and strengthening communities for generations to come.

## Comanche Nation Police Department Offers Summer Tips

Submitted by Comanche Nation Police Department Staff

Summer can be a great time for kids and teens to be active and independent, but it also brings higher risks from heat, water activities, travel, outdoor sports, and online activity. Here are practical summer safety guidelines organized by topic.

**Heat and Sun Safety  
Stay Hydrated**

- Encourage water throughout the day, not just when thirsty.
- Increase fluids during sports, camps, and outdoor play.
- Limit sugary or highly caffeinated drinks.
- Preventing Heat Illness  
Watch for:
- Heavy sweating
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Nausea
- Muscle cramps
- Confusion or fainting

Move the child to shade or air conditioning immediately, give cool fluids, and seek medical care for severe symptoms.

- **Sun Protection**
- Use broad-spectrum sunscreen SPF 30+.
- Reapply every 2 hours and after swimming.
- Wear hats, sunglasses, and lightweight protective clothing.
- Limit direct sun exposure during peak hours (10 a.m.-4 p.m.).

**Water Safety**  
Drowning can happen quickly and quietly.

- **For Younger Kids**
- Never leave children unattended near water.
- Use "touch supervision" around pools and lakes.
- Install four-sided pool fencing with self-latching gates.
- For Teens  
Avoid swimming alone
- Never combine alcohol or drugs with water activities.
- Be cautious with diving in unfamiliar water.
- Everyone
- Learn CPR if possible.
- Use properly fitted life jackets

- during boating or water sports.
- Pay attention to weather and currents at beaches and lakes.
- Bike, Skateboard, and Sports Safety
- Wear helmets every time.
- Use knee/elbow pads when appropriate.
- Check equipment regularly.
- Teach road awareness and traffic rules.
- Take breaks in hot weather.
- Internet and Social Media Safety

Summer often means more unsupervised screen time.

- **Remind Teens To:**
- Avoid sharing location publicly.
- Be cautious about meeting online contacts in person.
- Use privacy settings on apps and social media.
- Report cyberbullying or inappropriate messages.
- **Parents Can:**
- Keep open communication instead of only using restrictions.
- Know what apps and platforms

are being used.

- Set screen-time expectations.
- Home and Neighborhood Safety
- Younger Children
- Review emergency phone numbers and addresses.
- Teach what to do if approached by strangers.
- Keep matches, medications, and chemicals locked away.
- Teens Home Alone

- **Discuss:**
- Cooking safety
- Locking doors/windows
- Emergency contacts
- Fire escape plans
- Travel and Vehicle Safety
- Always wear seat belts.
- Follow age-appropriate car seat guidelines.
- Never leave children or pets in parked vehicles.
- Teens should avoid distracted driving and phone use behind the wheel.
- Summer Job and Activity Safety for

**Teens**

- **For teens working summer jobs:**
- Stay hydrated and take breaks outdoors.
- Understand workplace safety rules.
- Report unsafe conditions immediately.
- Avoid overexertion in extreme heat.
- Quick Summer Safety Checklist
- Sunscreen applied
- Water bottle packed
- Helmet worn
- Emergency contacts available
- Life jacket ready
- Phone charged
- Weather checked
- Buddy system encouraged
- **Helpful resources:**
- American Academy of Pediatrics Summer Safety Tips
- CDC Heat Safety Guidance
- Red Cross Water Safety Information

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# Comanche Little Ponies Annual Powwow Honors Oldest Member; Crowns New Princess



Courtesy Photo by Michael Griffin

The Comanche Little Ponies take a group photo for their 56th Annual Celebration Powwow May 9, at the Comanche County Fairgrounds in Lawton, Oklahoma.

By Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

On May 9, Comanche Little Ponies held their annual Mother's Day powwow at the Expo Center at Comanche County Fairgrounds in Lawton, Oklahoma.

The society crowned Isabela Ramirez as their new princess.

"I come from a long line of veterans, and I have a lot of respect for them, and I have a bunch of family within the organization," she said. "I have my dad and a whole bunch of my uncles, and whenever they told me that they wanted me to be their princess, I really wanted to be able to honor and represent not only my family but this amazing organization."

Ramirez is the former Comanche Nation Princess and took a month off from being in the powwow ring. She said it felt great to be back.

"I've definitely missed being in the circle as a princess," Ramirez said. "I've taken a bit of a break after a Comanche Nation princess, but it feels really good to be back out here, especially with the Little Ponies. They are such an amazing organization and really friendly."

She looks forward to being at the powwows co-hosted by the society.

"I want to represent this good organization in a good kind manner, and I hope just to get our name more out there," Ramirez said.

She said she was nervous at first.

"I knew that this was such a good powwow," Ramirez said. "I know it's a good organization, so knowing that I'm here with them, it really feels good, especially getting to see all the people coming in, and I get to see how much people love this organization."

Outgoing Little Ponies Princess Arlene Schonchin said it was a bittersweet moment to leave the society.

"I love representing the Little Ponies. They became like a second family to me. We make jokes. We travel together all over. Just traveling with them in general is fun because we get to spend the whole weekend together, so we made a bond that was so close," she said. "I'm not leaving them. This is not the last they're going to see of me. I'm always going to be around, and I'm always going to be part of society. They became a second family to me, and...I'm going to miss representing the society."

Schonchin's favorite memory was going to the Tonkawa Powwow.

"Yes, the heat was super-hot, but it was just those laughs and those jokes that made it more fun, that kept us going through it and just laughing," she said. "I remember one of the giveaways they gave Little Ponies was a brisket sandwich. They gave us sandwiches, so we ate, and it was so much fun to spend time with everyone."

Schonchin said they have hospitality and enjoyed being taken care of by the Little Ponies.

"We get invited to other tribes' powwows, so us going and dancing, we show them our culture, our Comanche ways," she said. "And so yes, that's what I love about traveling to other tribes because we get to spread our culture and we get to teach them what we do in our own Comanche ways."

Schonchin wanted to thank the society for allowing her to represent them.



Photo by Natascha Mercadante/News Staff

Garrison Tahmahkera was the honored Elder for the celebration. He is the oldest member of the Comanche Little Ponies Society.



Courtesy Photo by Michael Griffin

The 2025 Comanche Little Ponies Princess, Arlene Schonchin crowns the 2026 Comanche Little Ponies Princess, Isabela Ramirez on May 9 at the 56th Annual Celebration Powwow.



Courtesy Photo by Michael Griffin

The outgoing Comanche Little Ponies Princess, Arlene Schonchin, places the banner on the incoming Princess, Isabela Ramirez, May 9 at its annual celebration.



Photo by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

The 1997 Comanche Nation Princess, Shannon Sovo Wilmeth, the 2023 Comanche Nation Princess and Head Lady Dancer McKenzie Sovo, and the 2023 Kiowa Princess, Kyla Tsoodle, gourd dance at the Comanche Little Ponies Powwow.

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# Military News

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

## COMANCHE INDIAN VETERANS DAY ARMED FORCES DAY BANQUET AND OK MILITARY HALL OF HONOR INDUCTION CEREMONY MAY 16, 2026

### Honoring Comanche Women Veterans Past to Present



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**1st Lt. Linda Asenap**  
Women Army Nurse Corps  
1943-1946. World War II in France and England.



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**Pvt. Roberta Clark Bradley**  
Marine Corps 1942-1945. First Comanche Woman to serve in the U.S. Military.

### 2026 Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor Inductees



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**Eleanor McDaniel**



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**Donna Harris**



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**Rhonda Williams**



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**Stormy Bennett**  
Army Spc. Eleanor McDaniel, Gulf War.  
Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. Donna Harris, Gulf War.  
Army Pfc. Stormy Garcia Bennett, Iraq War.  
Army Lt. Col. Rhonda Williams, Afghanistan War.

### Schedule of Events

Welcome by CIVA Vice-Commander Petty Officer First Class Kevin Pohawpatchoko.

Opening Prayer by Staff Sgt. Ramonah Davis.

Posting and Presentation of the of the Colors.

National Anthem by Clara Yazzie.

Comanche Flag Song by the Sovo Singers.

Introduction of Guests by Vice-Commander Pohawpatchoko.

Blessing of the meal by Sgt. 1st Class Dominic Pawlowski.

Meal by Lil' Darlins.

Keynote Speaker Jennifer Waters, Area Director, USO Oklahoma

Crowning of 2026-2027 CIVA Princess.

Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor Induction Ceremony by the Oklahoma Military Heritage Foundation.

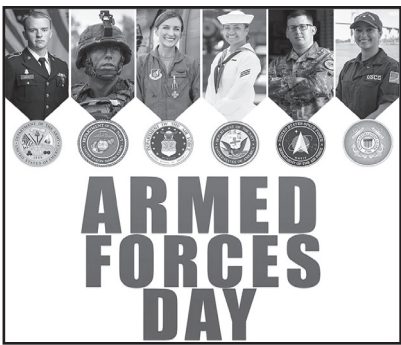
Honor Song for Inductees.

Closing Prayer by Pawlowski.



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**CIVA Officers 2026-2027**  
from left to right, 1st Lt. Thomas Boyt Commander, Air Force; Petty Officer 1st Class Kevin Pohawpatchoko Vice Commander, Navy and Navy Reserve; Sgt. 1st Class Dominic Pawlowski, Secretary, Marine Corps and Oklahoma Army National Guard; Sgt. Roger Tehauno Treasurer, Air Force; and Sgt. 1st Class John B. McClung Sgt at Arms, Army and Oklahoma Army National Guard.



May 16 2026 Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor Inductees



Army Spc. 4 Eleanor McDaniel was born in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1954 and lives in Cache, Oklahoma. She is a full-blood member of the Comanche Nation. She served from 1982-1992 including a combat tour during the Gulf War with the 7th Support Command as a member of the unit's Explosive Disposal team and as an Administration and Communication Specialist.

McDaniel's unit was part of the invasion force into Iraq on Jan. 17, 1991. She also served at Fort Polk, Louisiana and Fort Hood, Texas and in Bamberg and Nuremberg Germany. McDaniel is the first of five Comanche women to served in a combat zone.

Her awards include the Army Commendation with four Oak Leaf Clusters, Army Achievement with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Southwest Asia Campaign with two Service Stars and Kuwait. Saudi Arabia Liberation of Kuwait medals and several other service medals and ribbons.



Marine Corps Gunnery Sgt. (Retired) Donna Kay Harris was born in Lawton, Oklahoma 1954. She lives in Indianola, Oklahoma. Harris is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and is also of Sac and Fox and Pawnee Indian descent. Harris served from 1973-1975 and 1978-1995 including direct combat support during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm with the 1st Force Service Support Group in Saudi Arabia. She also served in Washington, D.C.; Paris Island, South Carolina; Camp Lejeune, North Carolina; Camp Pendleton, California; Quantico, Virginia; Barstow California; Norfolk, Virginia and in Hawaii, Korea and Okinawa.

Harris served in numerous Logistics and Supply positions and was a member of the Marine Corps Women's basketball and softball teams. She is the only Comanche woman to attain the enlisted grade of E-7. Her awards include the Marine Corps Commendation, Achievement and Southwest Asia Campaign with two service medals and several other medals and ribbons.



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Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Lindsay Huston Griner is the only Comanche woman decorated for heroism. She was awarded the Marine Corps Achievement medal with Combat Distinguishing Device in 2006 while serving in Iraq with the 1st Marine Division. Griner is also the only Comanche woman awarded the Combat Action Ribbon and given the honorary title of *Namu Pukutsi*. Griner was inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor in 2024.



Army Pfc. Stormy Garcia Bennett was born in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1982 and lives in Chickasha, Oklahoma. She is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and also of Kiowa descent. Bennett served from 2002-2004.

After completing her Basic and Occupational Training, as an Aviation Specialist, she was assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Battalion, 159th Aviation Brigade, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Two weeks after her arrival they deployed to Mosul Air Base, Iraq for one year and one day. She flew over 100 helicopter flight missions as the radio operator. Bennett was discharged at Fort Campbell. She is one of two Comanche women awarded the Army Aircrew Badge, one of four Comanche women awarded the Combat Action Badge and one of five Comanche women to serve in a combat zone. Bennett received the Afghanistan Campaign medal with Service Star and several other medals and ribbons.



Army Lt. Col. (Retired) Rhonda Williams was born in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1970. She is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and also of Kiowa and Apache Indian descent.

Williams was commissioned a second lieutenant through the

Cameron University ROTC program in 1993 and retired in 2023.

She served as a Launcher Platoon Leader, Platoon Leader, Battery Executive Officer, Assistant Battalion S-3, Battalion Adjutant, Battery Commander and Assistant Brigade Operations Officer. Williams completed a 12 month combat tour in Afghanistan from 2010-2011 and also served in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. She is one of four Comanche women awarded the Combat Action Badge, one of two Comanche women awarded the Parachutists Badge, one of five Comanche women to serve in a combat zone and the most decorated Comanche woman. Other awards include the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service, Afghanistan Campaign medals and several other medals and ribbons.



Dr. Mary Edwards Walker is the only female to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor. She was awarded the medal on Nov. 11, 1965 while serving as a Union Army surgeon during the Civil War. The first Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded on Feb. 13, 1861 (to Union soldier Bernard JD Irwin). The medal is awarded for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life above and beyond the call of duty." A total of 3,520 Congressional Medals of Honor have been awarded including nineteen awards twice.

## Quilts of Valor PRESENTATION CEREMONY

Gunnery Sgt. Donna Harris, Marine Corps; Pfc. Stormy Garcia Bennett, Army; Sgt. Gregory Cole, Army; Sgt. 1st Class Bennie Coleman, Army.

### CIVA Princess 2026-2027



Courtesy Photos

### Aalynn Codopony

Aalynn Hazel Codopony is the 17-year-old daughter of Lantz and Dayna Gerlich Codopony. She is an enrolled member of the Comanche Nation and also of Kiowa descent. Princess Aalynn is from the Kwaharu and Penateka bands and descends from Marlon and Janet Codopony Tahah (grandparents) and Allene Woodard, Ferrill Codopony, Jolene Weryavah Tahah and Helmar Tahah (great-grandparents). Codopony is a junior at

Cache high school. Her father, Lantz, served in the Navy, her grandfather Marlon Tahah also is a Navy veteran and her great grandfather, Day Tahdooahnippah, served in the Army during World War II in Europe.

She is a member of her high school Volleyball and Track teams, BETA and Native American club. Princess Aalynn served as the Cache Johnson O'Malley Princess from 2025-2026.

### Clara Tee Ohms Yazzie CIVA Princess 2025-2026



Courtesy Photos

### Yazzie

Clara Tee Ohms Yazzie is the 14-year-old daughter of Darrell and Roxie Yazzie. She is a freshman at Elgin high school. Her father and both grandfathers are all veterans.

She is a member of the Elgin School Choir, There after Arts, Band and Native American Club. Princess Clara is a two-time All State Choir and All Regional Band member and member of National Jr. Honor Society. She was presented with Mayoral Citation during one of Lawton's City Council meeting. She is the only known Comanche to receive this prestigious award.

Clara sang The Star-Spangled Banner (National Anthem) at many events to include the Task Force Comanche Change of Command at Fort Chaffee, Arkansas and at the 26th Annual Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony in Norman, Oklahoma in late October 2025.

She has been selected as the Comanche Nation Jr. Princess for 2026-2027.



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Princess Clara Yazzie signing the National Anthem during the Memorial Day Ceremony in 2026 at Watchetaker Hall.

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**Mariah Codopony**  
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**Wanda Clark Earl**  
Women Army Corps 1951-1954



**Kaylene Nevaquaya**  
Navy



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Air Force



**Jessica Mahaffey**  
Navy 2007- 2021



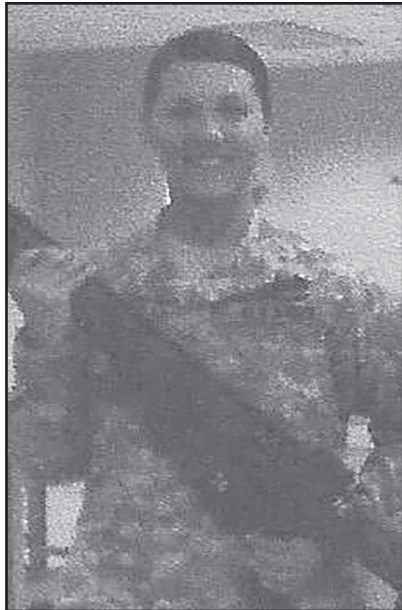
**Jennifer Mihecoby**  
Army



**DeAnn Nibbs**  
Air Force 1987-1994



**Dakota Myers**  
Air Force



**Karli Wahkahquah**  
Oklahoma Army National Guard



**Wilma Moore (Deceased)**  
Women's Air Force 1950-1953



**Janelle Mowatt (Deceased)**  
Women's Marine Corps



**Laura Phillips**  
Army and Army Reserve  
1988-2002



Princess Clara Yazzie center of the front row with the *Tuhi Wii* dancers on Veterans Day 2025.



CIVA. From Left: Aurillia Craig, Jan Marie Sapcutt, Wyatt Sapcutt, Fran Sapcutt, Victoria Plata, Elizabeth Plata, Command Sgt. Maj. Bob, Princess Clara Yazzie, Suzanne Patterson, Christine Armstrong, Wanda Czerniak, Shirley Pohawpatchoko and Tavia Torralba. Back row (left to right) Lyman Guy, Ramonah Davis, Darrell Yazzie, Yoneva Sapcutt, Thomas Boyt, Jolene Schonchin, Lanny Asepermy, Roger Tehauno, Betty Tippeconnie, Mark Davis, Frankie Patterson, Arlene Schonchin, Clifford Red Elk, Dominic Pawlowski, Linda Tehauno, Jim Czerniak, Roxie Yazzie, Kevin Pohawpatchoko and Richard Sapcutt.

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# People, Places and Things Happening

## Hancock Named Ops Master



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### Hancock

Amanda Hancock, a registered member of the Comanche tribe, who is from Tulsa, was recently named Ops Master, U.S. by her employer Convergent during their annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Convergent is a global serviced-based systems integrator. Convergent design, install, and service comprehensive technology-enabled solutions, primarily focusing on Electronic Security, Fire Alarm and Safety, building Automation and Infrastructure, and Cyber Security consulting. The Ops Master awarded to an operations colleague who consistently demonstrates excellence in execution. The recipient exemplifies accountability, collaboration, and ownership, ensuring customers receive reliable, high-quality service while also supporting teams and strengthening operational performance.

Every year, one employee is chosen from the US—including Canada and Mexico—and one from international locations. That is two colleagues selected from 10k employees.

Hancock is the great granddaughter of Martha and Raymond Weryavah. Hancock's grandfather is Elmer Weryavah and daughter of Chrystal Murray. Her great great grandmothers are Mollie Weryavah and Clara Permansu.



Courtesy Photo

### Moore

## Moore Wins at State Festival

Daxton Moore is a 14 year old, 8th grader at Sterling Public Schools. He has played piano for seven years and has competed in the District Festivals for six years under his piano teacher, Miss Allison Yates. Out of those six years he has advanced to the State Festival twice. He won second place in 2024.

On April 25, Moore performed the song Copper Canyon by K. Olson, at the Hallie Brown Ford Fine Arts Center in Ada, Oklahoma in the State Festival. Overall, he was declared the Winner and took first place in his Lower Elementary Solo, competing against four other players.

## Woods Receives Scholarships totaling over \$866,000



Courtesy Photo

### Woods

Comanche tribal member Wyatt Woods, graduate of Eisenhower High School in Lawton, received a total of 23 academic scholarships totaling \$866,056.00.

Woods has chosen Oklahoma State to attend in the fall. Graduates from Eisenhower High School May 22. He will major in computer science.



Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff

**OUTGOING SENIORS, INCOMING ROYALTY.** The Elgin JOM held it's annual Spring Powwow on May 2, and honored the 28 JOM Seniors, pictured above, representing several tribes, and coordinated its new royalty. **BOTTOM:** From left, Talia Quiroga- 2026 Lil' Miss Elgin JOM; Bella Hilliard- 2026 Elgin JOM Princess; Dominique Komahcheet - 2026 Elgin JOM Brave; Travis Delaware - 2026 Elgin JOM Lil' Mister; Nokosi Singleton - 2026 Elgin JOM Jr. Brave; Adaleen Delaware and Madaleen Delaware - 2026 Elgin JOM Jr. Princesses.

# Dear TCNN

## Letters to the Editor

Dear TCNN,

### Oklahoma Must Invest in School Social Workers, Not Cut Them

Across Oklahoma, students are navigating increasing mental health challenges, often without consistent access to the support they need. For many youth, especially in rural and tribal communities, schools are not only places of learning, but also one of the most accessible points of care for behavioral health support. Oklahoma has made important progress in recognizing this need, but current policy discussions suggest we may be at risk of moving backward. Senate Bill 1739, which proposes prohibiting the embedding of social workers in public and charter schools and removing those already in place, raises serious concerns about the future of school-based mental health services. We cannot prioritize student well-being while reducing access to the very professionals trained to support it. If we are serious about prevention, we must invest in school social workers, not cut them.

Oklahoma has already acknowledged the urgency of student mental health through House Bill 4106, which requires schools to have protocols in place for responding to mental health crises. However, crisis response alone is not enough. Oklahoma continues to face serious challenges in youth mental health. A significant number of youth report persistent feelings of sadness, hopelessness, and even suicidal ideation, trends that are reflected in our communities.

State data shows that nearly one in four Oklahoma teens have reported considering suicide, highlighting the urgency of early support and intervention. In addition, much of the state, particularly rural areas, faces

a shortage of mental health providers, limiting access to care outside of school settings.

In tribal communities, connection is not just a value, it is a protective factor. School-based support often becomes a bridge between students, families, and broader systems of care.

As someone who works in tribal behavioral health and is pursuing a Master of Social Work, I have seen how early support, connection, and culturally grounded care can change outcomes for young people. Reducing the presence of trained professionals in schools risks widening existing gaps and leaving students without the support they need.

Oklahoma has an opportunity to move forward by strengthening school-based mental health support rather than reducing it. This includes investing in school social workers, supporting educators with the resources they need, and building stronger partnerships between schools, communities, and tribal systems of care. Tribal leaders and education departments can play a critical role in this effort by working alongside Indian Education programs and local school systems to advocate for and expand access to school-based behavioral health services. Policies should reflect what our communities already show us – that connection, early intervention, and access to support make a difference. If we are serious about improving outcomes for Oklahoma's youth, we must work together to strengthen the systems that support them, not remove them.

**Brittany Turner  
Lawton, Oklahoma**

Dear TCNN,

To achieve your financial goals, it's tremendously helpful to know as much as you can about issues such as saving, spending, borrowing and investing. So, what can you do to increase your own financial literacy?

Of course, the answer to this question depends somewhat on your own knowledge and experience. But it's worth noting that many people seem to have fallen behind in their financial know-how. In fact, only about half of U.S. adults say they are knowledgeable about personal finances, according to the Pew Research Center. In any case, regardless of where you are in life, it's never too late to boost your financial literacy. Here are a few suggestions:

- Read all about it. There's certainly no shortage of written material - books, newspapers, magazines, biogs, websites - on all manner of financial issues. The more you read about these topics, the more you'll understand them. However, you do have to be careful when doing your research, especially if you're looking at biogs and financial websites, some of which may appear to be educational in nature but are actually trying to sell you something or give you a "hot tip" on stocks or other investments.

- Know yourself. Another part of financial literacy is self-knowledge. Are you naturally inclined to be a saver or a spender? Do you have a strong aversion to debt, or can you live with what is considered a reasonable amount? When you invest, are you willing to take on more risk for potentially higher returns, or do you prefer a more conservative approach? By knowing the answers to these and other key questions, you'll be better prepared to make appropriate finan-

cial decisions.

- Get some help. If you work with a financial professional, you'll gain access to all sorts of knowledge about investing, as well as guidance on creating strategies to help you achieve your short- and long-term goals. A qualified financial professional should take the time to learn your needs, family situation, investment preferences and feelings about risk - and along the way, you'll learn more about the financial markets and how events such as interest rate changes and new tax laws can affect your choices.

While it's great to improve your own financial literacy, you'll also want to help your children, or possibly grandchildren, get a good start on their financial journeys.

The earlier kids start learning about money, the better equipped they'll be to manage it when they get

older. Any lessons you've learned - perhaps some the hard way - about saving and spending can be valuable to your young family members. And you can make their financial education fun, too - why not buy them shares of stock in a company with which they're familiar and follow its progress? Fortunately, you might also get some help from your local schools, as more than two-thirds of all states now require personal finance classes for high school graduation, according to the Council for Economic Education.

Everyone benefits from financial literacy - so add to your own and promote it to your loved ones.

**-Jennifer Crow  
Financial Advisor  
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# Milestones

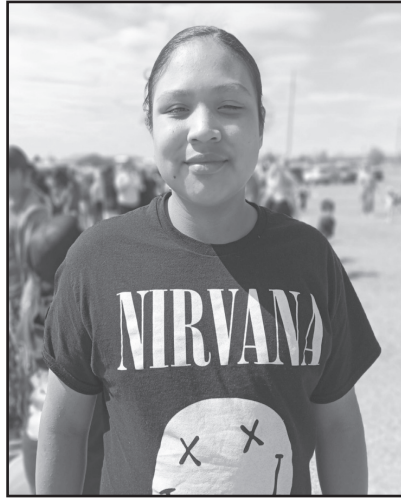
## Happy Belated Birthday!

May 19 - Julian Killsfirst  
 "Happy 18th Birthday"  
 May 14 - S. Lottie Deere  
 May 16 - Kip Monoessy  
 May 31 - Parker Lee

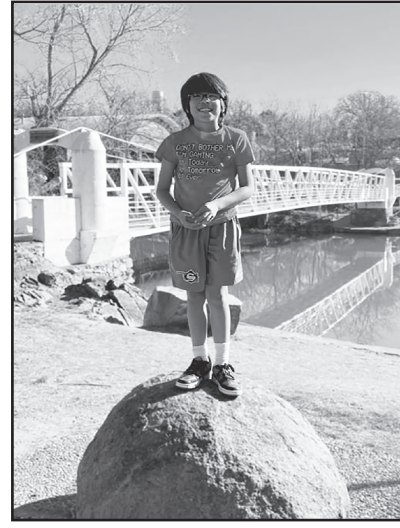


Happy 4th Birthday  
 Hazel Jo  
 June 8

~ Momma and daddy love you so much!



Happy 13th Birthday  
 Hunter Hawk Quetone  
 June 9



Happy 10th Birthday  
 Stevie  
 June 10

~ We love you so much bubba!



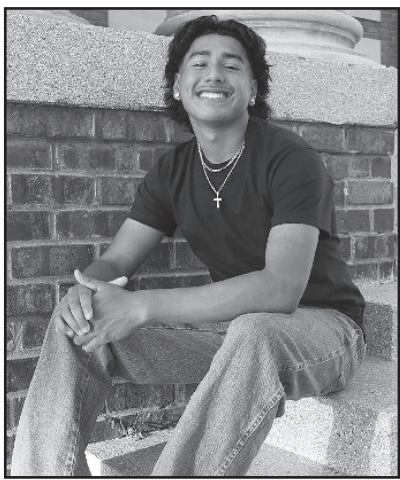
Happy Birthday  
 Reuben Jay Killsfirst "Sugg"  
 June 14  
 and Rylen James Killsfirst  
 "RyRy"  
 June 29

~ Happy Birthday Grandsons. Love you always & Forever. Kaku Patti and Grandma Bridget.

## Happy Birthday!



June 6 - Tracey McClung-Pack  
 June 8 - Hazel Jo  
 June 9 - Hunter Hawk Quetone  
 June 10 - Stevie  
 June 14 - Reuben Jay Killsfirst "Sugg"  
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 June 22 - Louisa Brown  
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 June 23 - Qynn Plata  
 June 26 - Lisa Collins  
 June 28 - Michael Joseph Frasch "Happy 36th Birthday! Love our Wermey's"  
 June 28 - Cobb Laurenzana  
 June 29 - Rylen James Killsfirst "RyRy"  
 June 29 - Victoria Gilliam



Happy 18th Birthday  
 Qynn Plata  
 June 23

~ Love, Mom.



Happy Birthday  
 Lisa Collins  
 June 26

~ Happy Birthday Boppy from your family. We all love you very, very much.



Happy Birthday  
 Cobb Laurenzana  
 June 28

~Happy Birthday My Love Cobb. From Sweet, Diana & Family!



Happy Birthday  
 Victoria Gilliam  
 June 29

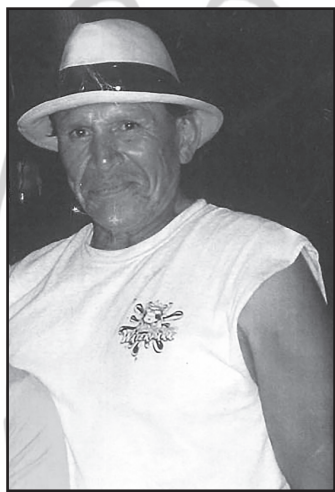
~ We love you very much. From Kakoo, Rachel and Ariane.



Happy Belated 3rd Birthday  
 Parker Lee  
 May 31

~ Happy 3rd Birthday Princess! Love, Mom & Dad.

## In Loving Memory Happy Heavenly Birthday



Timothy Tiddark  
 June 16

~Happy B.D. in Heaven Big Bro. We all love and miss you.  
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 - Proverbs 20:7

# Obituaries

## Ramona Wilson



Courtesy Photo

### Wilson

The world became a little dimmer on April 18, 2026, when Ramona Wilson, age 79, left us. Wilson was born on October 10, 1946, in Lawton to her parents, Nathaniel and Vida Woommavovah. From the beginning, she carried a spark that touched everyone she met.

Wilson lived a life filled with creativity, humor, and a deep love for her family. She had a gift for making ordinary moments feel special, and she poured her heart into the things she created. She was known for sewing corn bags that everyone loved, and for making beautiful quilts for her grandchildren, each one stitched with care, patience, and pride.

Wilson dedicated 44 years of her life to Cache Public Schools, serving as the beloved High School Secretary.

She was a steady, familiar presence in the halls of Cache—known by generations of students, staff, and families. Many watched their own children, grandchildren, and relatives pass through the same doors she faithfully served behind. To the Bulldog Nation, Wilson was more than an employee; she was a cornerstone of the community, loved, respected, and remembered by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

She built a life filled with love—raising a family she adored, pursuing passions like quiet moments reading, relaxing with her favorite movies, and spending time on her cell phone playing games. Wilson didn't just play—she won, often taking first place in the game tournaments she joined. She also had a soft spot for TikTok, which she proudly declared was the best. She shared countless videos with friends and family, always finding something funny, sweet or surprising to brighten someone's day.

One of her greatest joys was sharing pictures of her grandchild. She loved showing them off, celebrating every milestone, every smile, every moment.

Wilson is survived by her children: Melanie (Roy) Gogue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Thomasina (Mike) Adams, Carlisle, PA, Scott Wilson, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Tiffany Heard, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, Nicholes Heard, Lawton, Oklahoma; Brother: Dennis (Jennifer) Woommavovah of Cache, Oklahoma; Sisters: Natalie Foote (Tim Tarralbo) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rose Mary Brady of Cache, Oklahoma, and Janet Kruger of Norman, Oklahoma.; Grandchildren: Todd Gogue, Trey Gogue, Mia Gogue, William Adams, Olivia Adams, Scotty Wilson, McKean (Allison) Heard, Allison (Adonijah) Hammond, and Nesha (Allen) Fields; Great Grandchildren: Destiny Gogue, Violette Gogue, Madden Heard proceeded in death by: Parents, Nathaniel and Vida Woommavovah.

Siblings, Brenda Roach, Patricia Davis, Gerald Woommavovah, Jackie Woommavovah, Jacqueline Woommavovah and Brother-in-law, Joe P. Brady.

Wilson will be remembered for her warmth, her humor, her creativity, and the love she carried for her family. Her legacy lives on in the quilts she made, the memories she created, and the lives she touched.

## Kara Lyons



Courtesy Photo

### Lyons

Kara Lyons of Lawton passed away on April 20, 2026.

She was born on November 13, 1970 on Ft. Wolters Army Hospital, Mineral Wells, Texas to Jackie Atauvich and Edward Lyons. She was given the name *Tupsi* Girl by her grandma Pearl.

Being a military child, the family traveled to numerous places including Fort Polk, Louisiana, and Geissen, West Germany before moving to Albuquerque, New Mexico eventually returning to Cache, Oklahoma. Lyons attended Cache Public Schools, graduating from Cache High School Class of 1989.

In 1994, she gave birth to her one and only child, Gabriel Goodson. Lyons was an avid Texas Longhorns, Star Wars and Elvis and had an impeccable love for all animals, specially her Khaos Bear, Emma Lyons and her furry grandson, Atlas Gene.

She had a witty sense of humor, and gave that credit to her uncle Al. Lyons never turned away a stranger, and her house was always open to anyone and everyone. Whenever, we would get a good Oklahoma rain, you could find her on the back porch listening to Stevie Nicks and old school music.

Above all she was most proud of the title "Grandma." She had the honor of picking all of her grandchildren's names and was found in the stands cheering loud at all of their events.

Lyons is survived by her son: Gabriel Geedson and his fiancé: Stephaine Young, and grandchildren: Adrian, Andre, Kingsley, Talia, Lexi, and Avery all of the home; mother: Jackie Atauvich of Cache; father: Edward Lyons of Toppenish, WA; sisters: Leslie Cusic (Tom) of Cache, Holly Phillips (Jimmy), Roberta Lyons all of Arizona; brother: Edward Lyons, JR of Portland, Oregon; nieces and nephews: Jennifer Crow of Cache, Jodi Crow of Lawton, Colton, Cooper, Cierra, Clayton Phillips all of Arizona; Great nephews: Talon Hoahwah, Joaquin Hoahwah and Xavier Ruiz; great niece: Mikalyn Hoahwah; Special siblings: DeeDee Atauvich, Geno Atauvich, Kenneth Atauvich and fiancé Mary Deane, Angie Atauvich, Billy Atauvich and partner, Morning Star Tucker, Robbie McKee and partner Noel Frye, and Rachel McKee and partner Henry Beckman; aunt Karen Samis of Cache; uncle: Lewellyn "Al" Atauvich and partner, Terry Bargas of Cache.

She was preceded in in death by her grandparents: Llewellyn and Pearl Atauvich; uncle: Dero and wife Jo Atauvich, Wayland Samis; aunt; Arletta and husband Bob McKee; and her beloved dog Caesar.



## Franklin Simmons



Courtesy Photo

### Simmons

Franklin was born to Samuel Norman Simmons and Mabel (Atewoostakewa) Yellowfish on April 15, 1957. He attended and graduated from Apache High School. He was a proud member of the Comanche Tribe.

Simmons traveled at an early age to Spain, Italy, France and Mexico with his family. He was a precious soul and a momma's boy. Always smiling and making others laugh. He was a natural comedian; the family entertainer.

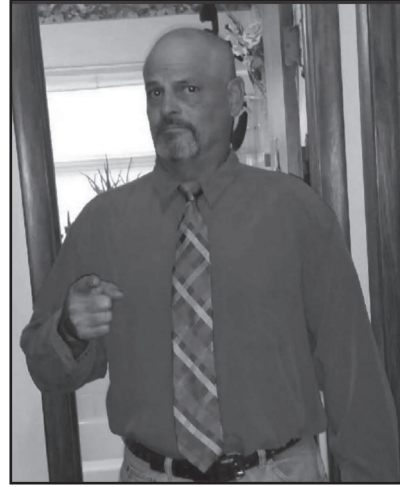
He was a member of the Grace Christian Fellowship in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He was always willing to help distribute food baskets and help with dinners. Simmons thought very highly of Pastor Mercer who always took to talk about the Lord and pray with him. Simmons was always willing to help those in need. Frank was a self-employed mechanic and had worked in various automotive shops.

He took pride in sharing with his two nephews, Conan and Donovan, his knowledge of mechanics. He was a junk yard junkie; one who could take someone else's discarded items and make into something useful. Simmons had a very creative mind. People knew him by his "one of a kind" orange truck which he took such pride in building by taking old discarded parts, cleaned, refurbished and meticulously assembled to restore his pride and joy. Everyone knew him by his truck.

Simmons leaves behind sisters: Carol Wermey (Billy) and Marian Mithlo; one brother: Keith Simmons all of Apache; nieces: Lisa Mithlo, Dale Rhea Simmons of Apache, Darla Tracy, and Jamie Simmons of Elgin; nephews: Donovan Heminokeky (Angel), Conan Heminokeky (Jennifer), Michael Lee Mithlo, Sr. all of Apache, and Chad Simmons of Elgin. Proceeding him in death are his parents, his grandmother: Maude Tishecoddy; grandfather: Scott Yellowfish Atacapap; four aunts: Annette, Anna Lee Parker, Marie Parton and Viola Tate; one uncle: Franklin; two nephews: Darrell Keith Simmons, Jr. and Michael Lee Mithlo, Jr.; one sister-in-law: Threase Simmons.



## Steven Paul Christian



Courtesy Photo

### Christian

Steven Paul Christian went to be with the Lord April 18, 2026 in his home in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Christian was the second born of three children to Grover Cleveland Christian and Martha Joyce Hodge on October 1, 1962.

He was a proud member of the Comanche Nation of Oklahoma.

Christian graduated from Norman High School.

After getting his forklift operator certification, over the years Steven worked the warehouse for the likes of Carlyle, ATC Logistics and Anixter.

Christian was a member of the Comanche Little Pony Gourd Dance Society.

Some of his favorite things to do were riding his motorcycle, listening to music, going to the movies with his wife, doing Indian beadwork and putting together model cars, etc.

Christian is survived by his mother Martha, brother Scott, wife Deborah, son Matthew, son's wife Stacy, and grandchildren Brian, Katelynn and Tyler.

He is preceded in death by Grover Cleveland Christian and Jeff Christian.



**Letter from heaven**

WHEN TOMORROW STARTS WITHOUT ME  
AND I'M NOT THERE TO SEE;  
IF THE SUN SHOULD RISE AND FIND YOUR EYES  
ALL FILLED WITH TEARS FOR ME;  
I KNOW HOW MUCH YOU LOVE ME,  
AS MUCH AS I LOVE YOU,  
AND EACH TIME THAT YOU THINK OF ME,  
I KNOW YOU'LL MISS ME TOO  
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Happy Father's Day



The father's love is a guiding light.

This month's financial tip brought to you by **City NATIONAL BANK & TRUST**

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### Financial Goal: Mid-Year Review



June is a good time to take a look at the financial goals you have set to see how you are doing.

**How much have you saved toward the goal?**

**Are you on track to meet the goal?**

If you are on track, good job! Keep doing what you are doing!

If you are a little behind, check the following:

- Can spending habits be adjusted?
- Has something unexpected happen?

If so, adjust the goal, either the amount or the timeframe.

**Did you meet the goal?**

Set a new goal and start working towards that.




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## Did you receive your 2025 Per Cap and/or Elders Payment?

Call Per Cap Assistance at **877-585-4177** to check on any Per Capita or Elders Payments.

You may now update your address with Enrollment by going to the enrollment page at [comanchenation.com](http://comanchenation.com) and clicking on the online form or call **580-360-0535** for other enrollment related questions.



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## HOT WINNING IN JUNE!

**RIDE INTO SUMMER**  
**BRONCO GIVEAWAY**

**WIN A 2026 BRONCO BIG BEND!**

GRAND PRIZE • FRIDAY, JULY 3 • 11:30PM  
 WIN UP TO \$1,000 COMANCHE CREDIT OR \$5,000 IN CASH FRIDAYS THROUGH JULY 3, 7PM-11PM!

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YOUR CHANCE TO WIN  
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**Mountain of MONEY**

REACH THE SUMMIT AND WIN BIG!

**\$500 GUARANTEED COMANCHE CREDIT WINNER EVERY 30 MINUTES. DOUBLE ENTRIES EVERY FRIDAY!**

SAT • JUNE 6-JULY 25 • 7PM-11PM

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**SPUR'S 23<sup>RD</sup> Anniversary**

**WIN \$223 CASH EVERY 30 MINUTES!**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 13 NOON-6PM**

SWIPE & WIN \$23 IN COMANCHE CREDIT! 8AM-MIDNIGHT

ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY HAMBURGERS, HOT DOGS, CHIPS & CAKE AT NOON - WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

LEGENDS MEMBERS WILL HAVE THEIR HOT SEAT PRIZES DOUBLED.

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**SUN, SLOTS & SIDE BY SIDES**

**WIN A 2026 CAN-AM MAVERICK X3 DS TURBO!**

GRAND PRIZE • FRIDAY, JULY 31 • 11PM

WIN \$200 CASH WEEKLY OR UP TO \$150 COMANCHE CREDIT!

FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS • JUNE 5-JULY 25 • 7PM - 11PM  
 DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES, RECEIVE 1 ENTRY FOR EVERY 75 POINTS EARNED.

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**FISH BOWL FORTUNE**

**WIN UP TO \$1,000 CASH OR UP TO \$250 COMANCHE CREDIT!**

**SATURDAYS JUNE 6-27 7PM-11PM**

DRAWINGS EVERY 30 MINUTES. RECEIVE 1 DRAWING ENTRY FOR EVERY 25 POINTS EARNED 8AM-11PM JUNE 1-27.

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