



# “Spirit of the Buffalo - Rising Again”

## “Reservation Dogs” Celebrities Meet & Greet Fans



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Left: “Reservation Dogs” actress, Kaniehtio Horn who plays Deer Woman, visits with fans at the Comanche Nation Fair 2023 Meet and Greet.

Right: “Reservation Dogs” Actress, Paulina Alexis who plays Willie Dog, signs an autographed picture for Kiowa tribal member, Joe Fish Dupoint.

Left: Dallas Goldtooth, who plays the character, Spirit Warrior, on “Reservation Dogs” hand fans autographed pictures at the Comanche Nation Fair Meet and Greet 2023.

Right: “Reservation Dog” actor, Zahn McClarnon, who plays the character, Big, talking with fan at the Meet and Greet.



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## Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, Hosts Princess Reception

Photos by Jolene Schonchin/News Staff



Princesses enjoy sweet delectable delights to take with them at the Princess Reception held during the Comanche Nation Fair.



The 2023-2024 Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzi Sovo, hosted a reception for all princesses on Sept. 30 at the Comanche Nation Fair.



Group hug! The princesses had one last hug before returning to the powwow to resume their royalty duties.



All the princesses received gifts which included crowns and aprons.



Graison Yellowfish, Vivien Parker and Arlene Schonchin are happy to receive aprons to help protect their banners at the reception.



A total of 25 princesses enjoyed a delicious meal during Comanche Nation Princess’s reception on Sept. 30, at the Comanche Nation Fair.



McKenzi Sovo crowns the Comanche Nation Chairman, Mark Woommavah, Lord of the Plains at the reception.

# Parade Attracts Nearly 100 Entries

## Winners

### from the Comanche Nation Fair Parade Floats

#### Tribal Department winners:

1. Prevention and Recovery
2. Tribal Court
3. Office of Environmental Programs

#### NON-Tribal Department winners:

1. Army Band
2. BIA-Smokey Bear
3. Indiahoma School- Native American Club



Prevention and Recovery

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Army Band

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McKenzi Sovo  
2023-2024 Comanche Nation Princess



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Vivien Parker  
2023-2024 Comanche Nation Jr. Princess



Tribal Court

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Bureau of Indian Affairs - Smokey the Bear

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Jessica Tahah  
Director of Comanche Nation Princesses



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Yesenia Aitson  
Comanche Academy Charter School Princesses



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Indiahoma School Native American Club



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Office of Environmental Programs



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Jaylee Mule  
Jr. Miss Indian Oklahoma City

# 2023 Annual Comanche Nation Spirit Ride Through the Wichita Mountains



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The Comanche Nation Fair kicks off with the Annual Spirit Ride. Bike riders cruise their way into the 30 mile turn around for refreshments and snacks. Some ended their ride, while others continued onto the 50 mile route.

Cyclists take off early in the morning on September 24, getting ready to ride 10, 30 or 50 miles through the Wichita Mountains.

Chairman Woommavovah encourages the Spirit Riders while they hydrate themselves at a break point.

## The 2023 Annual Warrior Run



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On September 27, the annual Warrior Run had participants run from Cache, Walters, and Apache. Each group ran from the community centers to the Comanche Nation Complex.

Two Warrior runners in Cache exchange the Comanche Nation flag after completing a one-mile mark. Each runner ran one mile at a time, all the way to the Comanche Nation Complex.

All of the runners cool off and rehydrate after crossing the finish line at the Comanche Nation Complex together on September 27.

## Elders Dance



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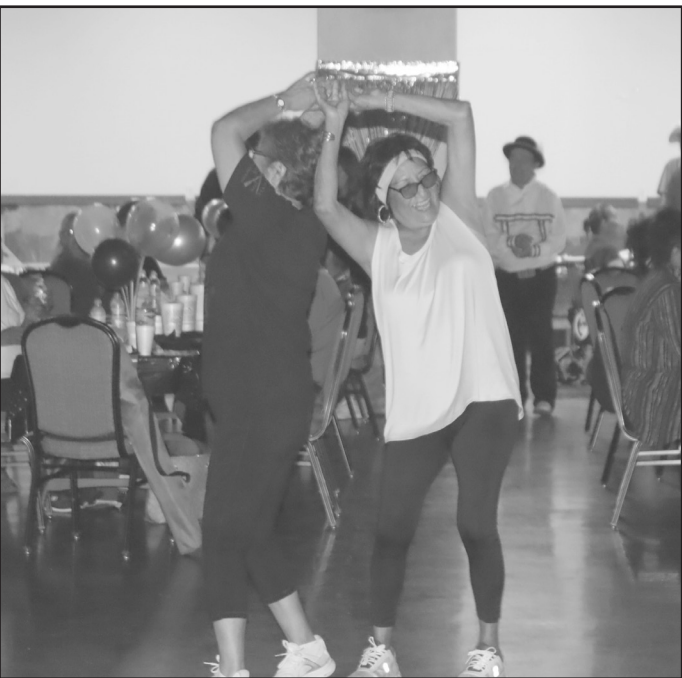


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The Comanche Nation Enrollment Department held the 2023 Elder's dance on September 30. They had tons of food, dancing, and excitement as the elders gather to dance and enjoy each other's company. The Enrollment, along with the co-host Language Department, gave away several gifts and door prizes to the best dancer, oldest male elder, and oldest female elder. Everyone who attended had a good time and expressed their gratitude and thanks to the Enrollment Department and the Fair Board for a wonderful evening.

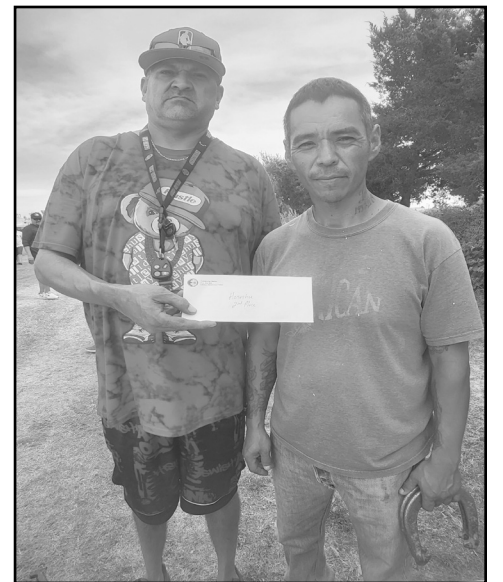
Enrollment gave a special thanks to Renea Toahy and Jennifer Bordeaux for their assistance in putting the event together. They had a huge turn out and plan to make this elders dance an annual gathering during the Comanche Nation Fair.

## Horseshoe Tournament



Courtesy Photo

First Place Winners of the 2023 Horseshoe Tournament  
Left: Mitchell Smith, Right: Mat Cummings



Courtesy Photo

Second Place Winners of the 2023 Horseshoe Tournament  
Left: Brian Tsotaddle, Right: Michael Geionety



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Third Place Winners of the 2023 Horseshoe Tournament  
Left: John Grayson Jr., Right: Michael Cummings

# MMIW

## Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women Memorial Walk



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Members of the Central Oklahoma MMIP Chapter participate in the Comanche MMIW Memorial Walk to bring awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women at the Comanche Nation powwow grounds.



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Comanche Nation Princess, McKenzie Sovo signs the Lord's Prayer during the MMIW Memorial Walk at the Comanche Nation powwow grounds.



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Members of the Chasenah family walk in honor of their loved one Sandra Trujillo who was murdered by her grandson.



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Left: Members of the Kiowa MMIP Chapter participate in the Memorial Walk showing their support to the families of those who fell victim and bringing awareness for MMIP.



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Members of the Ramos family walk in honor of their son Isaiah Whiteshield and their daughter Destiny Ramos.

## 2023 Comanche Nation Fair Hand Game



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**1st Place**  
Winners of \$2000  
The Six



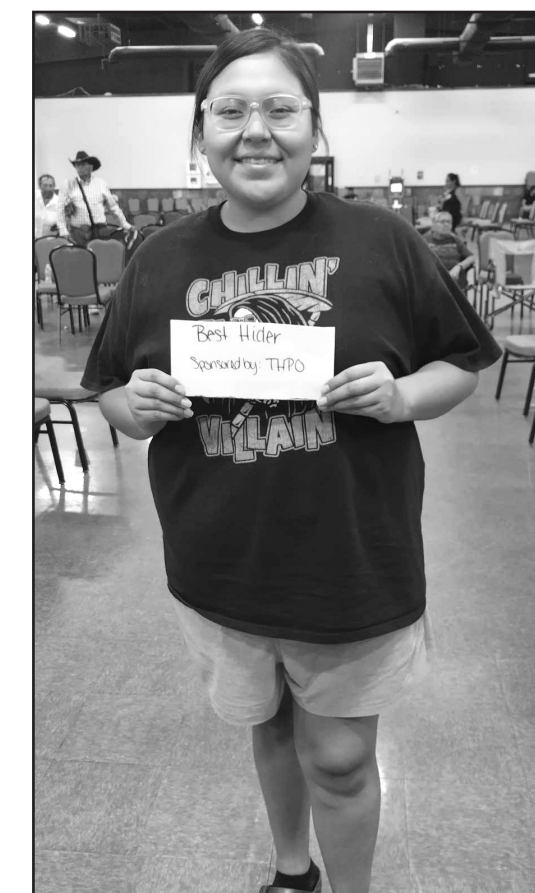
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**2nd Place**  
Winners of \$1000  
The OtherSide



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**3rd Place**  
Winners of \$500  
Little Guys



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**Best Hider**  
Kelsey Sage  
Little Giants Team



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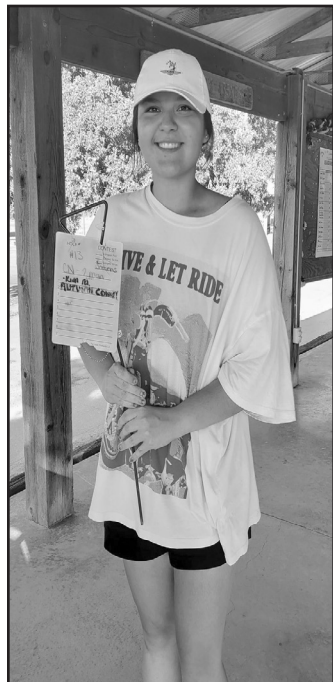
**Best Guesser**  
Ernestine Berryhill  
No Shame Team



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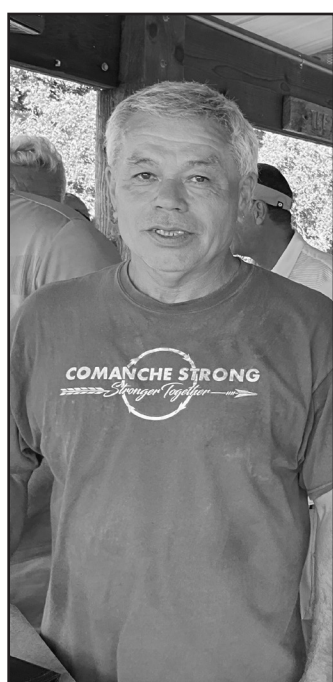
**30 YEARS STRONG!** This year the Comanche National Museum's special Comanche Nation Fair Exhibit was, "A Photography Retrospective: Comanche Nation Fair 1992-2022." The exhibit featured many photos taken throughout the years by the Comanche Nation Public Information Office, as well as photos by tribal member Carney Saupitty Jr. Pictured are a series of Comanche Nation Fair date poster designed by Comanche Nation Public Information employee Paula Karty. The exhibit was on display for 30 days at the Comanche National Museum.

# Comanche Nation Fair Annual Golf Tournament 2023



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Longest drive woman winner, Autumn Conneywerdy



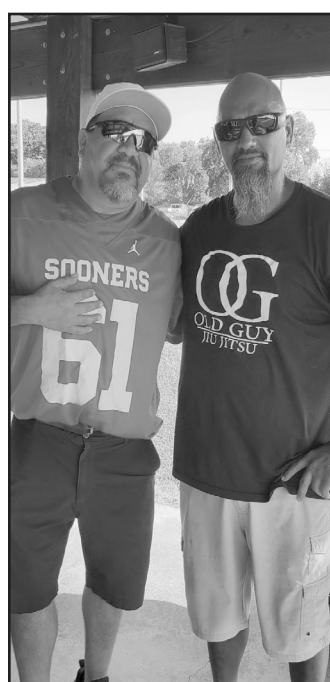
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First place flight C winner, Gordon Mopope



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Third place flight D winner, Ron Niedo



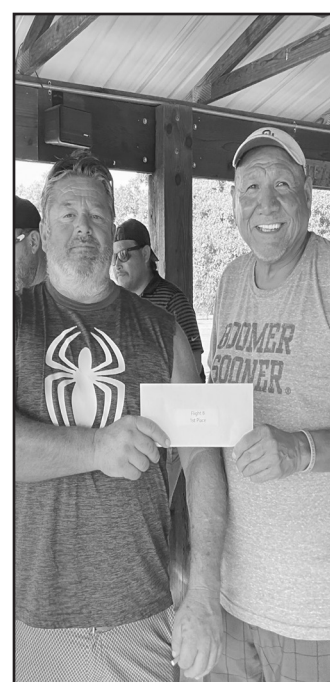
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Third place flight A winners, Dino Gonzalez and Kaipo Pelekane



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First place flight D winners, Louie Pohawpatchoko and Sarah Pohawpatchoko



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First place flight B winners, Mike Long and Fred Codynah

### 2023 Results Comanche Nation Fair Golf Tournament

**Flight A**  
 First: Kenny Colvin and Mike Miller  
 Second: Adam Redelk and Robert Komacheet  
 Third: Dino Gonzalez and Kaipo Pelekane

**Flight B**  
 First: Fred Codynah and Mike Long  
 Second: Geramey Cable and Keenan Cable  
 Third: Gene Trout and Steve Wilson

**Flight C**  
 First: Gordon Mopope and Steven Mopope  
 Second: Andy Alvarado and

Ken Spangler  
 Third: Roy Aitson and Thomas Laurenzana

**Flight D**  
 First: Louie Pohawpatchoko and Sarah Pohawpatchoko  
 Second: Kyle Carrol and Tyler Tate  
 Third: Ron Niedo and Matt Miles

**Longest Drive**  
 Men: Kenny Colvin  
 Women: Autumn Conneywerdy  
 Senior: Jim Keithley

**Closest to the Pin**  
 First: Andy Rump  
 Second: Colt Darnell



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## 2023 Comanche Nation Warrior



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2023 Comanche Nation Warrior Run Walters Runners



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

2023 Comanche Nation Warrior Run Apache Runners

## 2023 Comanche Nation Fair Hymn Singing



Photo by Paula Karty/News Staff

Tribal members participate in Comanche Hymn sing held in Watchtaker Hall at the Comanche Nation Complex.



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Participants of the Annual Comanche Nation Fair Hymn Singing enjoys the hymns being sung, while some raise their hand in praise and worship.

# A Week Full of Fair Events

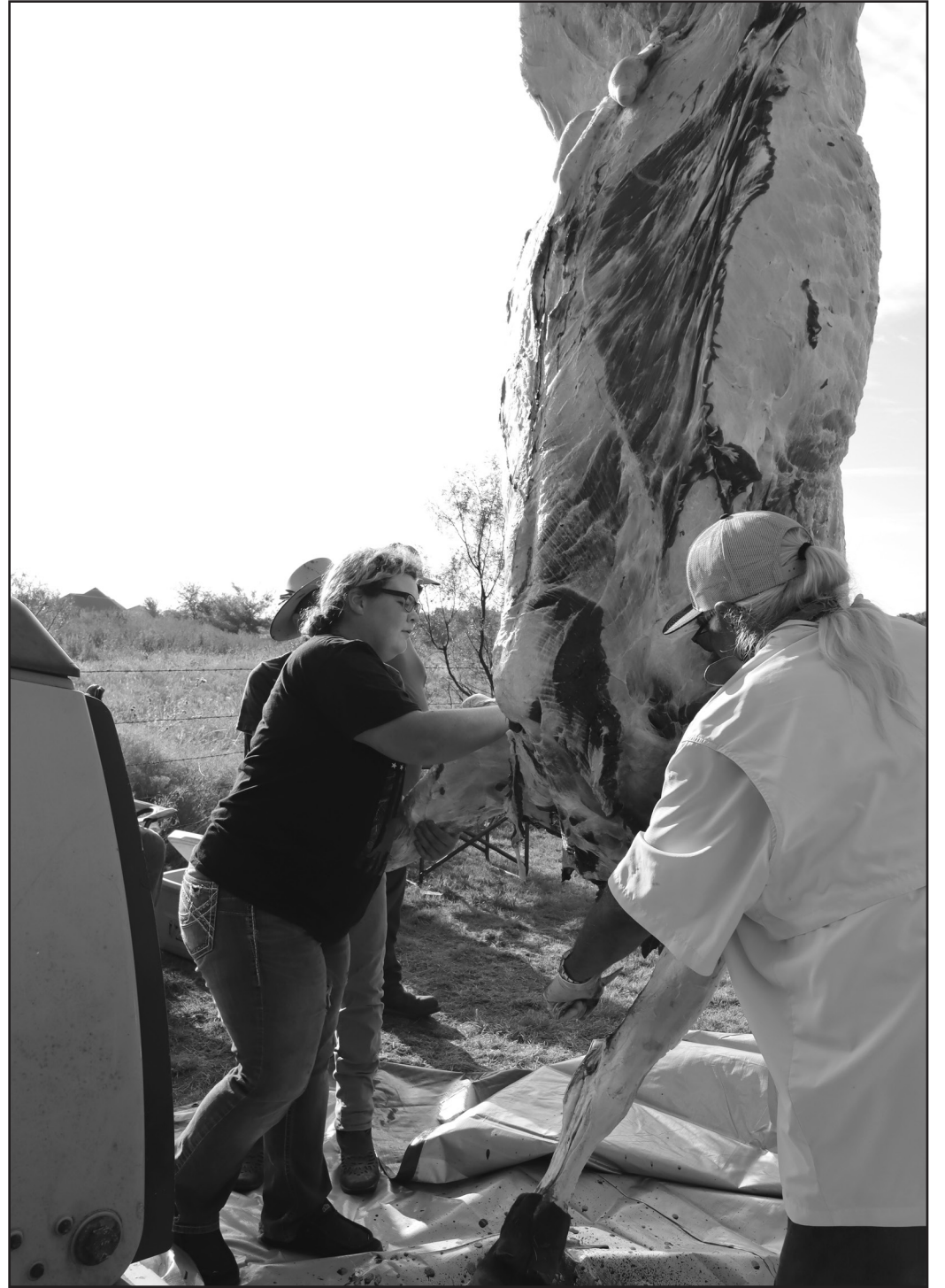
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Dozens of participators in the Chalk Art showed their creativity on the sidewalks of the Comanche Nation Complex. The event was held on Sept. 30.



Morgan Tosee served as the Head Man Dancer at the Comanche Nation Princess Sorority Powwow Sept. 28.



Gene Sovo, right, helps skin the buffaloes at the annual Buffalo Harvest held Sept. 23.

## 2023 Comanche Nation Fair Cornhole Tournament WINNERS!

### 6-11 Age Category:



1st Place; Brayden Cottier and Carter Caratini



2nd Place; Michael Foye and Numunuu Ruvalcaba



3rd Place; Joseph Foye and Gabriel Foye (not pictured)

### 12-54 Age Category:



1st Place; Airk Goodin and Edwin Wilson



2nd Place; Marc Cullers and Duncan McCray



3rd Place; Anna Rose Blackstar and Geordan Wermey

### Any Age Category:



1st Place; Brandon Ortiz and Marco Clemente



2nd Place; Rocinda Nibbs and Richard Karty



3rd Place; Edward Morales and Tim Hart

### 55+ Age Category:



1st Place; Marlys Bigbow and Billy Bigbow



2nd Place; Brent Youngman and Bruce Jacobs



3rd Place; Joseph Carroll and John Carroll



There were hundreds of people who participated in the annual Spirit Walk that was sponsored by New Pathways. The walkers tread a little over one mile around the Comanche complex area on Oct. 1.



Pueblo dancers of New Mexico danced their tribal Buffalo Dance Sept. 30 during the Comanche Nation Fair Powwow.



From left, Shannon Sovo Wilmeth, Bobbie Tahchawickah Lewis, Diana Sovo Doyebi, Jolene Jimenez Schonchin, Darci Codynah Kerchee, Fiona Wetselline Kerchee, Jame Tosee Hamilton, Jill Parker, Ashleigh Mithlo, and Shelby Mata were in attendance at the annual Comanche Nation Princess Sorority Powwow held Sept. 28 at the Comanche Nation Complex.

# 2023 Comanche Nation Fair Parade



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**Roscoe Toahy**  
Comanche Emergency Management



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Comanche Tribal member, Morgan Tosee, Comanche Nation Sr. Princess McKenzie Sovo, Comanche Tribal Director, Jessica Tahah



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**Fort Sill Apache Princess**  
Alyssa Palmer



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Comanche Nation Chairman  
Mark Woommavovah



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Comanche Nation Housing Tipi



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Celebrity  
Reservation Dog Actress  
Paulina Alexis (Willie Jack)



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Comanche Elder  
Rita Coosewoon



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Comanche Business Committeeman  
Jordan Fox



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Sr. Cheyenne Labor Day Princess  
Ann Marie Cometsevah



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CIVA Princess  
Arlene Schonchin



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Miss Indian Oklahoma  
Lily Painter



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Gourd dancers enjoy the music while weathering the wind and the heat during the afternoon session of the Comanche Nation Fair.



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Comanche elder Robert Tippiconnie, participating in the gourd dance session of the Comanche Nation Fair.



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Lady participants of the special Hat and Boot contest sponsored by Jhane Myers and Friends in Honor of her father the late Jim Myers at the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair.



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The flag of the late Ron Parker, a Comanche Veteran, being presented to his daughter Cindy Famero by the CIVA on September 29, during the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair.



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Female participant of the special Hat and Boot contest twirls her rope while dancing to the beat of the drum during the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair.



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Male participant of the special Hat and Boot contest sponsored by Jhane Myers and Friends in honor of her father the late Jim Myers at the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair.



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Tennyson Kerchee leads the flags in at the Comanche Nation Fair Pow-wow Sept. 30.



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Larney Silverhorn gourd dancing in the Comanche Nation Fair Pow Wow.



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Gourd dancer participating in the Gourd dance session on October 1.



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Aaron Wahkinney, posing in front of the famous tipis before heading into the arena for Grand Entry at the Comanche Nation Complex.



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All of the women gathering behind the men in the Gourd dance portion of the Comanche Nation Fair Pow Wow September 30, at the Comanche Nation Pow Wow arena.



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Butch Tahsequah, dancing in the 2023 Comanche Nation Fair Powwow, September 30.