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Congratulations to Courtney Tsotigh-Yarholar!

Congratulations to Courtney Tsotigh-Yarholar, a teacher at Edmond Public Schools.Courtney was named KOCO 5's and Quail Creek Bank's August Teacher of the Month. KOCO 5's Alejandra Briones surprised Tsotigh-Yarholar and spoke with her about being named the August Teacher of the Month.

You can find the accompanying news clip here.

August 27th Meet and Greet

The Meet & Greet event on Saturday, August 27th, 2022 was a success, there were 65 people in attendance.

District 7 Legislator Warren Queton introduced himself and spoke about the priorities he had in mind for this district. After the opening prayer was said, he asked for feedback from those in attendance.

Some of the topics the tribal citizens discussed in the meeting were:

- Education (work on funding for the programs)
- Blood Quantum (petition to call a KIC Special Meeting to discuss)
- · Language (vital for the continuation of who we are)
- · Elders (more programs & services)

There were several ideas brought up by the tribal citizens to hopefully make these suggestions a reality. As Legislator Queton visits the different areas in upcoming Meet & Greet events, he will listen to all ideas, suggestions, and concerns of the District 7 Kiowa citizens.

Elected officials Vice-Chairman Jacob Tsotigh, KIC Coordinator Kristie Morris-Wolf, District 4 Legislator Alana Quetone, and District 3 Legislator Timothy Satepauhoodle also attended this event to show their support and to hear the needs of the people in District 7.





Kiowa Tribe Cares Act Missing Funds 2020-2021

Hello, if you have not received the first round of Cares Act funding from 2020-2021 please fill out this form <u>here</u>. The purpose of this form is to gather updated information to report to the main complex who is missing payments. Once we have this information we can verify that the money was never received and move forward with getting you these payments.

Indian Home Assistance!

SECTION 184 INDIAN HOME LOAN GUARANTEE PROGRAM **Program Overview**

The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage product specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska villages, tribes, or tribally designated housing entities. Congress established this program in 1992 to facilitate homeownership and increase access to capital in Native American Communities. With Section 184 financing borrowers can get into a home with a low down payment and flexible underwriting. Section 184 loans can be used, both on and off native lands, for new construction, rehabilitation, purchase of an existing home, or refinance. Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. The link to the website can be found here.

Upcoming Tulsa Meet and Greet



Kiowa Blackleggings Members

On Saturday, October 1st. Kiowa Black Leggings will have camp setup, a singing starting at 11:00 AM, Cedar Ceremony at 3:00 PM, followed by a meal. Indian City entrance will be open at 8:00 AM.

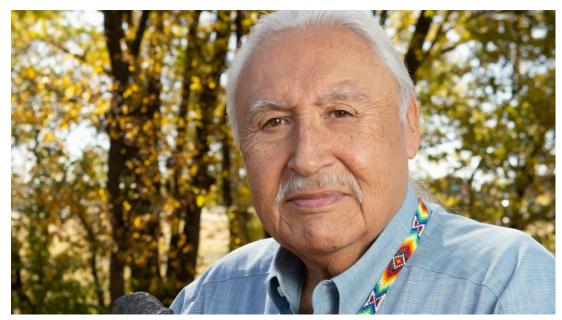
Lyndreth "Tugger" Palmer, Commander

"Thunderbird Man" Library

On November 13, 2021, a library in Denver, Colorado was renamed the John "Thunderbird Man" Emhoolah Jr. Library. A member of the Kiowa and Arapaho Tribes, John was a Korean War veteran serving the 45th Thunderbird Division and recognized and honored widely as an educator and Native culture advisor spanning a 50-year career. His Kiowa name was Pbonh Goot Thay (Yellow Bead). Born and raised in Oklahoma, John's career in education and cultural advocacy was accentuated by his commitment and dedication to promoting Indian self-determination and tribal sovereignty for all tribes. Living in Denver for a number of years before his passing, John was recognized as a traditional spiritual leader in the community as well as a source of native cultural knowledge and wisdom. A humble and quiet man, John was always available to anyone who sought his advice or guidance. A list of his achievements and well-deserved honors and recognition is too numerous to mention in this writing and you will find his name involved in the founding or creation of recognized Native initiatives such as the Seattle Indian Health Board, Northwest Inter-tribal Club, and the Denver March Pow-wow. Despite failing health in his later years, John remained active in his

traditional Kiowa societies and was a member of the Kiowa Gourd Clan, O-Ho-Mah War Dance Society, Kiowa Black Leggings Society Ton-Kon_Gah, and a lifetime member of the Kiowa Native American Church. John is survived by his wife, Ms. Geneva Yeahquo who still lives in the family home in Thornton, Colorado. Born on October 12, 1929, John lived a full and productive life before crossing to the other side of the camp on April 21, 2021. Gifted by the Creator to serve his people and share his acquired and inherent knowledge, it is only fitting that a library is named in honor of this special Kiowa man. I was always uplifted each time I had the chance to see or visit John in his home, or at a pow-wow or gathering. And each time, I was reminded by John that he was responsible for introducing my mom and dad to each other, many years ago! A good man, John Emhoolah, Jr. will be missed but not forgotten. Aho, Rick Waters

The John "Thunderbird Man" Emhoolah, Jr. Branch Library is located at 675 Santa Fe Drive in Denver. Visit the Denver Public Library <u>http://denverlibrary.org/content/byers-branch-library</u> for more information.



Burt Patadal - Kiowa Artist

Kiowa artist Burt Patadal has made many ceramic pieces throughout the last 30 years, providing others the opportunity to hold a work of art molded by his hands. In his full-time job, Patadal serves as the re-entry and diversionary lead counselor for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Workforce Development & Social Services' Tribal Re-entry Program. This program service area covers Seminole, Pottawatomie, Cleveland, Lincoln, Payne, and Eastern Oklahoma Counties. Services include direct employment, educational services, supportive services, and housing assistance considered after 6-8 weeks of consistent work.

Mr. Patadal teaches prisoners to consider the consequences of their choices and prepares them for a life outside of the judicial system. Much of his artistic work highlights the same lessons Patadal presents to his clients. He enjoys interpreting Native American culture in his ceramics as well. This is a small excerpt from a larger article the rest of the article can be found <u>here</u>.

Burial Assistance

Eligibility

The deceased must be an enrolled Kiowa Tribal member or be eligible for enrollment.

Service Area

Burial Assistance: No Restrictions

Requirements

Must be enrolled Kiowa citizens and able to submit a copy of CDIB (certificate of Indian blood).

Application

Applications are available online (<u>here</u>) as well as at the Social Services offices in Carnegie and Anadarko.



Kiowa District 7 Citizens,

Below you will find a link a to a survey. This survey serves as a way to find out what you the citizens of district 7 would like the legislator Warren Queton to focus on. Please use the survey as a way to help guide Mr. Queton in providing the best advocacy for the issues you would like addressed. The survey is ten questions long and we ask that you please share it with any other district 7 Kiowa Citizens so we can better understand citizen needs Aho!

CITIZEN ENGAGEMENT!! GET INVOLVED!!

SURVEY TIME! District 7 is still conducting a Sensing Survey! The intent of this survey is to collect data from Kiowa Tribal Citizens to establish priorities now that I am the District 7 Legislator! Please take the time to fill this out!



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