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Election Commission..................................580-654-6325
Kiowa Tribal Court......................................580-919-7060
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Kiowa Tribal Complex.................................580-654-6300
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Housing Authority.......................................405-339-8100
Transportation Road Program...................580-654-6330
Transit Services.............................................580-654-2053
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Child Care.....................................................580-654-6355
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Kiowa Museum............................................580-654-6366

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Veteran's Assistance Program...................580-654-6454
Kiowa Food Distribution.........................580-654-2618
CHR/SDPI.....................................................580-654-2216
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The Kiowa Tribe News is a monthly publication available to all enrolled adult tribal members by mail. The Kiowa Tribe News will also be available on the Kiowa Tribe Website.

The deadline to submit articles for the next edition is:

**JANUARY 20, 2023**

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The Aunko PahnTodope returns.

By. D. Hadley

The Aunko PahnTodope is finally home after a long pilgrimage; and for Augustine Moore, daughter of Mary Ella Aunko (a.k.a. Ruby Hall-later in life), it is a day full of emotion. “…for me it’s like a big hug from her, my mama,” she said, “I just want to look at it and think of her.”

The return of the PahnTodope and pair of moccasins was possible through the advisement of the Association of Tribal Archives, Libraries, and Museums (ATALM) and the Going Home fund. The safe transfer was part of the closing ceremony of the 2023 ATALM conference this past fall. The Kiowa Tribe received the items from the care of Shana Busyhead Condill, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Executive Director of the Museum of the Cherokee People (MotCP). She said, “We hope this return can be a model to other institutions who all have the opportunity to correct the disrupted journeys many of our objects have experienced.”

In 2012 the MotCP received objects that were transferred from another museum. The Aunko PahnTodope and moccasins remained under the care of MotCP but were never once part of their collection. The mission to return the items back to their origins began with the MotCP Director of the Collection and Exhibitions, Evan Mathis, who contacted Rita Wockmetooh Jimenez (Comanche) who viewed the cradleboard first and connected Mathis with Kelly Banderas (Comanche/Kiowa/Crow) in the Comanche Tribal Historic Preservation Office. Banderas and Tahnee Ahtone Harjo GrowingThunder (Kiowa/Seminole/Mvskoke) then confirmed that the items are Kiowa.

Kiowa Tribal Historic Preservation Officer, Amanda Hill, received the Aunko PahnTodope and moccasins alongside Anita Onco-Johnson, Kiowa District 5 Legislator; Kiowa Chairman Lawrence SpottedBird; Kiowa Vice-Chairman Jacob Tsotigh; and the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society. The items were announced as a new exhibit during the re-grand opening of the Kiowa Museum and Gift Shop in November.

Once Augustine was notified about the PahnTodope, she gathered her family and made plans to visit the museum. “There are no words to describe how I’m feeling,” she said, “…I’m emotional, but I am so happy that I lived long enough to see this here.” Augustine continued by sharing her memories of her mother and the Saddle Mountain Indian Baptist Church.

The origin of the Aunko PahnTodope is estimated to be early 1900’s, the name inscribed on the back reads Mary Ella Aunko, born in 1906. Mary Aunko’s kohn, grandfather, Lucius Aitson, was the first Kiowa minister for the church; John, Mary’s father, was the second. Built in 1903, the Saddle Mountain Indian Baptist Church was founded by the Canadian Baptist missionary, Isabel Crawford, and the Kiowa community who built, funded, and established the church. Augustine explained that she has many memories of the church because of her mother’s faithful attendance. “Mama raised us in church,” she said, “…there was once six of us, now it’s only me.”

Augustine said that she often visits Saddle Mountain or looks at photographs whenever she feels lonely. Now that her mother’s PahnTope is home among its people, Augustine can visit often and be rest assured that her mother’s memory will persists.
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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Kiowa Casino & Hotel loan payoff. A success story by the numbers.

DEVOL, OKLA. — December 15, 2023 — The Kiowa Tribe and Kiowa Casino Operations Authority (KCOA) announces this week that they have paid off the CrossFirst loan balance.

A special message from the Chairman of the KCOA Board, Richard McMahon.

“This is a momentous occasion for the Kiowa Tribe. When the Red River Casino was built in 2006/2007, the Tribe secured financing coupled with an exorbitant interest rate. For many years, the Casino faithfully repaid that loan but spent millions of dollars in interest payments, barely touching the principal.

When I joined the KCOA board in 2018, I served with then KCOA Chairwoman Susan Dunlap and Vice-Chairman Joe Poe. In 2017, they started the process to refinance the Red River loan in order to secure a lower interest rate and save the Tribe money. We presented our proposition to the KIC, who voted to allow the KCOA to refinance the Red River loan balance with much more agreeable loan terms. The refinance saved the Casino millions of dollars and paved the way for today.

Now, we celebrate the official payoff of the Red River loan! I want to thank our Casino executive team, the Kiowa Executive and Legislative branches, as well as our Kiowa Gaming Commission for the teamwork it took to make this moment possible. The KCOA Board of Directors are poised to face the coming adventures as we look to grow the Casino enterprise with planned developments.”

Working together towards accomplishing this goal for the advancement of the Kiowa Tribe is a success the current leadership teams are very proud to be a part of.

For press inquiries or further information, please contact:

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About Kiowa Casino & Hotel

Kiowa Casino features 63,000 square feet of gaming entertainment, hotel, and dining space with over 700 slot machines and nearly one dozen table games. The hotel includes 63 guest rooms, meeting rooms, and a fully-equipped business center. Dining options on the property include Morning Star Steakhouse and The Winners Circle Cafe. For more information about Kiowa Casino & Hotel, please call 1-866-370-4077 or visit kiowacasino.com. Must be 21 years of age or older to enter the casino.
In the Fall of 2023, KADAP/TOR did cultural awareness for the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. We partnered with Autumn Dalman of Native Americans Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) to bring awareness about addiction in our community and the process of healing through cultural and community. The students learned how and what it means to erect a teepee. The next day, the students learned about the talking circle and the teaching of medicine bags. The USAO President Ms. Kayla Hale was also in attendance to learn the importance of the teepee and how it was constructed. She also stated, “Thank you for bringing this amazing culture to our community”. Mr. Martin Flores from the I Am NDN program at the Comanche Nation brought the teepee poles, canopy, and a story to go along with it. We here at KADAP/TOR appreciate our community partnerships such as, USAO, American Indian Student Association, I AM NDN, and NASNTI to bring us together.

A very heartfelt thank you to KADAP and Mr. Flores for coming out to USAO in November for NAHM. The teepee demonstration was a highlight for our entire campus. Students met in the teepee for classes, club meetings, and other campus activities. The medicine bag making class gave our students a chance to learn about traditional Native medicines and how they are used for wellness. We really appreciated how welcoming both events were and hope to partner on more events in the future.

-Autumn Dalman USAO NASNTI Director

Sincerely,
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Opioid overdose is a growing problem in the United States that is affecting Indian Country. The current opioid-related overdose death rate is 13.7 deaths per 100,000 exceeding the national rate of 13.1 per 100,000 (https://tribalepicenters.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/03/AASTEC-opioids-fact-sheet.pdf). Hundreds of the federally recognized Tribes of the US filed lawsuits, claiming that the manufacturers, distributors, and retailers knew that the Opioids were more addictive than stated.

After a long and lengthy litigation that began in 2017; Judge Dan A. Polster has ruled in the Tribes favor, reaching an agreement with the Tribal Leadership Committee (TLC) to settle negotiations.

The defendants include Purdue Pharma (the manufacturer of OxyContin) and Mallinckrodt PLC (one of the largest manufacturers of generic opioids), both entered bankruptcy as a result of the litigation. The pharmacies and Teva/Allergan also reached an agreement with the TLC on terms for proposed settlements open to all of the federally recognized Tribes whether or not they filed a lawsuit. Those settlements include three of the largest pharmacies: Walmart, CVS, and Walgreens (pharmacies), several manufacturers, Jassen, Teva, and Allergan; and three pharmaceutical distributors: McKesson, Cardinal Health, and the Amerisource Bergen.

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**Health and Wellness**

**KIOWA TRIBE RECEIVES OPIOID SETTLEMENT**

*By: D Hadley*

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The Kiowa Legislature holds monthly meetings every second Saturday of each month in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM. All Kiowa Tribal Members Are Welcomed to Join!
Kiowa Education Agency

Congratulations Carnegie Senior, Kyesyn Autaubo, for playing in the 6th Annual Indigenous Bowl in San Jacinto, California! He represented the Kiowa Tribe well through his athletic abilities and sportsmanship. Kyesyn is the son of Betty Kodaseet and Kyle & Kelsey Autaubo.

Congratulations to Lindy Waters III for being inducted into the Athlete Category of the 2024 North American Indigenous Athletics Hall of Fame.

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In December, the Kiowa Tribe partnered with Hope Worthington, JOM/Indian Education Director for the Carnegie Schools for the annual Rock your Mocs event. We greatly appreciate being apart of this event and thank all the students for sharing their culture.
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EMPLOYEE Spotlight

I am originally from Mt. View, OK. I am from the Ancestral, Nezehote, Nezehote, Nauppe, families. My grandfather and grandmother were the late James A. and Anna Nezahote Anzano. My mother was the late Mary Anne Anzano. My uncle was Kenneth Anzano, Truetrue Augustine, Jack Anzano, Sidney Anzano, Leonard Anzano, and Mr. Jack Anzano. My education consists of a bachelor’s and associates.

About Lisa

What are your hobbies?
I have many hobbies and most depend on the times and seasons of the year. During the Summer, I enjoy going to the beach and hiking. During the Fall, I enjoy going to visit friends and family. In the Winter, I usually stay in and read books.

What are your goals for this upcoming year?
1. More understanding to people
2. Improve the status quo
3. Lose weight (I will start my diet every Monday as I have the previous years but this time it will work)

What do you like about the environment at the Kiowa Tribe?
The work environment is what you make of it, and my first response would be the people. The people that work at the tribe is Kiowa tribe employees have taught me to be more patient, especially as I’ve learned the different missions of each department. We are a complex group with many different personalities and backgrounds. Each and every one of us will get up in the morning and know that there are things that need to be done to make our tribe better and prosperous. We want to do the right thing without fear or retaliation.

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Kiowa Tribal Offices closed Monday, January 15, 2023
In Loving Memory

**Don Tsonetokoy**, 81, long-time resident of Phoenix, AZ, passed peacefully at home on December 17, 2023. A member of the Kiowa Nation, he was born in June, 1942 in Lawton, OK. He was a boarding school student in his youth; attended Haskell Vocational College in Kansas; and later received his BA from the University of Phoenix. A Veteran of the Vietnam War, he served in the US Army, 1967-1969; and was employed with the Indian Health Service for 28 years until his retirement. Preceded in death by his parents, Leona Tsonetokoy & Don Allen; sister Francine, brother Norton, & daughter Kimberly; survived by his loving wife, Angie Smokey of 37 yrs, a brother, Francis Tsonetokoy; sons, Ronnie Estrada (Tsonetokoy) & daughter Kimberly; survived by his loving faith and trusted in God for all things.

She is also survived by 14 grandchildren, John, Utin, Trini, Damien, Cecilia, Ashley, Arianna, Jaeda, Jaia, Jayden, Stryker and Sadie Ann, Harmony, Rosie Iron, and her Furbaby, Hami.

**Clifford Gerald Goombi** was born May 61 1939 and went to his heavenly home with the Lord on November 18, 2023 at age 84. He was born to Francis Goombi and Mae Ahkalho. Clifford was an avid sportsman, he played football, baseball and enjoyed softball with friends. Some of his favorite teams were the Pittsburg Steelers, Dallas Cowboys, and the Texas Rangers. Clifford's favorite college team was OU (Boomer Sooner!)

Clifford also enjoyed wood work and singing with his sisters and church friends. Clifford was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and was a decendent of Millie Durgan. Clifford loved his children and spending time with them. In addition to spending time with his nieces, nephews, and many friends. Clifford stayed strong in faith and trusted in God for all things.

He is survived by: Daughters Gaylyn Bradford and Polly Nugent; Sons Anthony (Tony) Goombi and Geuy Lyn Goombi; Granddaughter Natalie Goombi; Sisters Comelia Pat Kopepsah mul Kay Cooper.

He is preceded in death by Parents Francis Goombi and Mae Ah kealho Goombi: Brother Gene Goombi: Sisters Kathleen Redbone and Letha Mae Peters: Sons Phillip Guy Goombi and Clifford Greg Goombi.

The family would like to extend their gratitude to the staff at Glenhaven Retirement Village and the Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

**Shawn Ray Ware** was born June 20th, 1962 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the Kiowa Indian Hospital to Carol Jean Hunter and Biological Father Charles Slinker. He was raised by Lehman Ware, Sr. His Sunset was November 20th, 2023. He was enrolled with the Kiowa Tribe, and proud of his Delaware and Caddo decent. He was a strong believer in his spiritual and traditional ways. He graduated from Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, Oklahoma. He graduated from Haskell Indian Jr. College where he received his Associates Degree and also attended the University of Wyoming.

Shawn married Claire St. Clair, on July 13, 1984. Their children are Stanford Charles Ware “Doobie” (Sammi), Dylan Al Ware “Dill” (Braylee), Rollin Fox Ware “Rollin” (Whitney), Jade Leon Ware “Jader” and Brooke Allen (Katherine). Oldest Granddaughter Inila’e Ware, Cynthia C. St. Clair (Josie), Kynlee Red-Fawn Ware, cousins Jayce Landon Ware, Cyan Joseph Ware, Keenan Avery Ware, Lennis Leon Ware.

Shawn enjoyed spending time with his family and friends as well as many other hobbies. He was well known for being an artist, photographer, and painter. He spent a lot of time hunting, fishing, kayaking, and riding his Harley. Shawn loved to bead, cook, make chokecherry wine and was an amazing craftsman & landscaper. He was also known to be a horseman, along with being a dancer, singer, and drummer. He also was a great announcer/MC for Pow-wows, Rodeos, and Indian Relays. He was also a huge fan of the Oklahoma Sooners. For work, Shawn wore many hats including being an art educator/teacher, teaching sign language, truck driving, Sho-Rap Firefighter, oil
Bruce Dean Poolaw, a beloved member of the Kiowa Tribe, a passionate advocate for education, and a dedicated public servant. Born on October 1, 1941, to Justin & Lucille Poolaw at the Lawton Indian hospital in Lawton, OK. Bruce peacefully left this world on November 20, 2023, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

He was proud graduate of Mountain View High School class of 1959, Bruce’s commitment to education remained unwavering throughout his life. A devoted member of the Kiowa Tribe, Bruce’s pride in his heritage was evident in every aspect of his life. He was an avid supporter of the University of Oklahoma, displaying a true passion for the Sooners as a dedicated fan. Bruce furthered his education at the esteemed University of Oklahoma, where he earned two master’s degrees—one in Native American Studies and another in Human Relations.

Bruce was an active and cherished member of the Rainy Mountain Kiowa Baptist Church, where his faith played a central role in shaping his character and guiding his actions. In service to his tribe, he served with distinction as the Kiowa Tribal Administrator and Commissioner on the Kiowa Housing Authority, contributing significantly to the well-being of the community.

A man of many talents and interests, Bruce dedicated 15 years of his life to the Mountain View School Board, where his insights and passion for education left an indelible mark. His commitment extended to the Masonic Lodge, where he was a valued member, and his career in law enforcement spanned various locations across Oklahoma.

Bruce Dean Poolaw leaves behind a legacy of service, dedication, and a profound love for his community. He will be remembered as a loving family man, a steadfast friend, and a tireless advocate for the causes he held dear. His impact on the lives he touched will resonate for generations to come.

Survivors Include:
Companion: Sharon Poolaw, sons: Patrick, Dean John and Charlie Grandchildren: Dakota (was raised by Bruce), Donald & Ron, Sister Arlene, Daughters: Deanna & Denise, Sons: Dale, Donnie, Danny, & Michael.

Fredric (Freddie) Luke Cozad, 47, was born January 20th, 1976 to Lewis and Mabel (Toyebo) Cozad. He departed this life peacefully to join his Lord and Savior on November 29th, 2023 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. As a young boy, Freddie received his Kiowa name, Koy-Hodle, which translates to “lungs.” He treasured his Kiowa name, as it was passed down to him by his maternal grandfather, Fred Tsoodle. His paternal grandparents are the late Leonard Cozad, Sr. and Eva (Abhaitty) Cozad. His maternal grandparents are the late Fred and Peggy (Toyebo) Tsoodle. Freddie was an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe and doted to others about being full-blood. He was a faithful member of Rainy Mountain Kiowa Indian Baptist Church, where, as a young boy, he dedicated his life to the Lord in Christian baptism. His knowledge of kgoye-daw-k’ya-daw-gya (Kiowa Church hymns) was instilled in him as a young boy and he carried this responsibility of song with him all of his days. He was treasured by the Rainy Mountain congregation as a Kiowa song leader and also by the Kiowa people. Through his singing of Kiowa hymns, he consoled countless grieving families and uplifted others in joyful prayer. Even at his youthful age of 47, he left a powerful legacy of song and knowledge to the next generation of Kiowa people. Freddie earned his high school diploma from Anadarko High School. After high school, he attended college at Oklahoma City University. Through his studies, he was able to express and develop his artistic talents in drawing and music. Freddie was a treasured teacher and song keeper in the Kiowa tribe’s language and culture program. Freddie’s earliest and fondest memories as a boy and young man were in the Kiowa Gourd Clan arena, where he later became a loyal member and advisor. Throughout his life, Freddie traveled extensively across the United States and Canada. While making his footprints across Indian country, he formed numerous lifelong kinships, of which he always revered. In the southern style, Freddie was a world champion singer with his family drum group, Cozad. As a true Kiowa, Freddie’s favorite past time was playing handgame. He was a proud captain of the Camp 7 handgame team, whom he considers his family. The most recent highlight of his handgame experience, was receiving “Best Singing Team” while representing the Kiowa Tribe at the 2022 Crow Nation Sr. Handgames im Crow Agency, Montana.

Survivors include: his father, Lewis Cozad, his mother, Mabel (Toyebo) Cozad, sisters, Leora Guerrero and husband, Julian Sr., and Amelia Lew Koshiway, special nephews (sons), Julian Guerrero, Jr., and Tristan Koshiway, special nieces (daughters), Julia Guerrero, Angel Koshiway, Aubree Koshiway, and his first grandbaby, Sophia Leona Naomi, whom he doted on. He also leaves behind a host of other relatives and loved ones.
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