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Kiowa News

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If you have recently moved, please update your address with the Enrollment office and Tax Commission. Address change forms are available on the website and at the Tribal Complex.

WWW.KIOWATRIBE.ORG
(Click on Cauigu>Enrollment)

Forms can be mailed, faxed, or emailed upon request.

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

Articles can be submitted via email to
PR@KiowaTribe.org

or mailed to:

Kiowa Tribe Communications
PO Box 369, Carnegie, OK 73015

Community Connections

Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority

BENEFIT GOURD DANCE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH, 2024

CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA - KIOWA COMMUNITY BUILDING

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM - Gourd Dance Session

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Supper Break

6:00 - 7:00 - Final Gourd Dance Session

MC: *Warren Queton*

HEAD SINGER: *John Hamilton*

HEAD LADY: *Kyla Tsoodle*

HEAD MAN: *John Shotton*

ARENA DIRECTOR: *Lindy Toppah*

SECURITY: *Matthew Horse*

SPECIAL INVITATIONS: Kiowa Gourd Clan, Kiowa Tiah Piah Society, Otoe Encampment, All Princess Sororities

Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority is not responsible for any accidents, thefts, or injuries.

Kiowa Tia-Piah Society

Valentine's Youth Benefit

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2024

Kiowa Community Center Carnegie, OK

Gourd Dance 2 P.M.-Supper 5:30 P.M.

Gourd Dance 6:30 P.M.

HEAD STAFF:

MC: DAVID GEIMSAUSADDLE

HEAD SINGER: GENTRY KILEY

HEAD MAN: BROCK FRANK

HEAD LADY: YVETTE TOEHAY-TARTSAH

ARENA DIRECTOR: GUNNAR BOINTY

SECURITY: ALLEN AHDOKOBO

2023-2024 KTPS PRINCESS: PEGGY MAYNAHONAH

SPECIAL INVITATION:

ANADARKO INDIAN CLUB, CARNEGIE NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE CLUB, ELGIN INDIAN CLUB, AND ALL YOUTH CLUBS/ORGANIZATIONS



Headsmen

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Dennis Kopepassah: (580) 678-5476

Lance Queton: (512) 536-0400

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Raffles and Cakewalks

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

ALLOWED

The KTPS is not responsible for theft, accident or personal injury

Front page photograph

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Officer, Ft. Marion in St. Augustine, FL.

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KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS



ELECTION POWWOW

Head Singer: Keith Satepehtaw

MC's: Cy Ahtone & Coy McLemore

Head Woman: Sophia Wolfe Cordova
Kiowa Tribal Princess 1992

Head Man: Ben Chasenah

ADs: Gunnar Bointy & Coleman Josh

Co-Host:
Kiowa Tia Piah Society
OKC Powwow Club
American Indian Exposition

Security: Allen Ahdokobo

Special Invite: Outgoing Kiowa Tribal Princess 2022-2024
Kyla Tsoodle

KIOWA TRIBAL COMMUNITY BUILDING

100 Kiowa Way Carnegie, OK 73015

April 27th 2024

Gourd Dance 2PM
Supper Served 6PM

Kiowa Tribal Director
Misty Bointy
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NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEFT OR INJURY

NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS



2022-2024 Kiowa Tribal Princess

Kyla Tsoodle

1pm Gourd Dance
5pm Dinner
6pm Family Special
7pm Tail Dance
War Dance to Follow

March 30, 2024

Honor Celebration

Kiowa Tribal Dance Ground
Carnegie, OK

M.C.: Cy Ahtone & Chris White

Head Singers: Dr. Phil Dupoint (Afternoon) & Jimmy Kemble (Evening)

Head Man: Terrance Todome

Head Little Boy: Ammar Woodard

Head Lady: Codie Horse

Head Little Girl: Elenora Palmer

Kyla would like to respectfully extend a Special Invitation to all Tribal Organizations, Tail Dance Societies, and Princesses;

No Specials. Welcome to set up shade. Tsoodle Family or Kiowa Tribe are NOT responsible for any theft, accidents, or injury. For more info, please contact Peggy Kyle at (405) 933-2486.

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REMINDER

K.I.C meeting coming soon.
Please update your address!
Call enrollment at 580-654-6327
or visit www.KiowaTribe.org to
submit an address change!

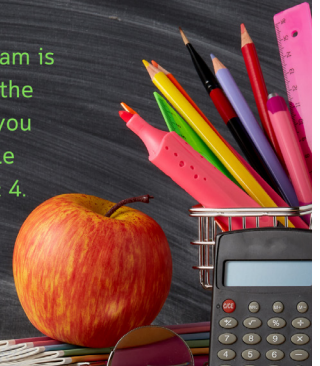


KIOWA TRIBE HEAD START ENROLL TODAY

The Kiowa Tribe Head Start program is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Enroll your child today; no cost for eligible families with children ages 3 & 4.

The Kiowa Tribe Head Start serves all children regardless of race, color, gender, national origin, or disabilities.

Four centers including Lawton, Anadarko, Ft. Cobb, & Carnegie.
For more information call (580) 654-6396, or (580) 654-2544.



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24/7 safe, confidential and anonymous domestic and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives offering culturally appropriate support and advocacy.

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strongheartshelpline.org
1-844-7NATIVE (762-8483)

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 Wockmetooah 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 PahnTode is home among its people, Augustine can visit often and be rest assured that her mother's memory will persists.



Business and Government

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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.


Health and Wellness

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,
Charles Nestell Jr., MA, LADC/MH
KADAP/TOR Director
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Hobart
AA/NA

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Every Tuesday @ 6pm

Kiowa District 6 Office
430 S Main St
Hobart, OK

580-919-1576



NA/AA
Meeting

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Every Wednesday
5:30pm

Kiowa HHS Building
208 Hardee Street West
Anadarko

For More Information:
580-919-1576



KIOWA TRIBE RECEIVES OPIOID SETTLEMENT

By: D Hadley

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.

The Tribal Opioid Settlements established the Tribal Abatement Fund Trusts; consisted of the money collected from the thousands of lawsuits that were filed by the Tribes, tribal health organizations, states, cities, counties, hospitals, union trust funds, and individuals against the manufacturers and companies involved in the selling of opioids in the US.

Recently, the Kiowa Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program (KADAP) received payment, \$1,809,499.57, from the Tribal Abatement Fund Trust. Charles Nestell, Director of KADAP, explained plans for

a facility and possible 'Healing Center' to offer treatment and other potential programs that work in and around addiction and mental health. Other potential plans for the funds includes the following outline: A. Treat Opioid Use Disorder, B. Support People in Treatment & Recovery, C. Connection People Who Need Help To The Help They Need (Connections to Care), D. Address The Needs Of Criminal Justice Involved Persons, C. Address The Needs Of Pregnant or Parenting Women & Their Families, Including Babies with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, E. Prevent Over Prescribing & Ensure Appropriate Prescribing & Dispensing of Opioids, F. Prevent Misuse of Opioids, G. Prevent Overdose Deaths & Other Harms (Harm Reduction), H. First Responders, Leadership, Planning & Coordination, I. Training, and J. Research.

Each of the 574 federally recognized Tribes in the US has its own cultures, history, and traditional practices. Therefore, each Tribe is best suited to determine the most effective abatement strategies for the

specific community it serves. Nestell stated that the KADAP program will be planning more community outreach that includes Talk Circles, AA Meetings, and other scheduled events in the near future.




2024

JANUARY

Gkaw(n)-heh(n)pb'aw: "Month of the Geese"



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
AOA MAIN NUMBER 580-654-1590 AOA DIRECTOR 380-654-6313 AOA CAREGIVER 380-654-6314 AOA HAIR SALON 405-648-1177	 CLOSED Happy New Year	2 Beef Stew w/ Vegetables Cornbread Fruit Cup Chair Exercises @ 11am	3 Butter Beans w/ Ham Fried Potatoes/ Cornbread Brownie Kiowa Language Class 1:30pm @ AOA Refreshments Served	4 Spaghetti Corn on Cob Garlic Toast Cookie Flea Market @ 10am	5 Brunch @ 10am Toasted Muffin w/ Egg/ Sausage/ Cheese Hash Brown Patty Oatmeal	6 59 yrs & younger \$7.00 per Meal NO EXCEPTIONS!!! 60 & Older Meal Free *ID may be required at AOA discretion
QUALIFICATIONS: *Federally recognized member of any tribe residing within AOA Service Area. *60yrs of age or older. *Non-Indian spouse and / or Spouse 59 yrs of age or younger of qualified elder. *Handicapped of any age residing with a qualified elder & not by themselves.	8 BBQ Rib Party on Toasted Bun Potato Salad Cole Slaw Ambrosia Salad Casino Trip @ 2pm	9 Turkey Sandwich w/ Potato Chips Marinated Tomato Slices Cottage Cheese w/ Fruit Chair Exercises @ 11am	10 Chicken Fried Steak w/ Mash Potatoes & Gravy Savory Green Beans Roll / Jello Kiowa Language Class 1:30pm @ AOA Refreshments Served	11 Beef Stroganoff w/ Noodles Roasted Brussel Sprouts Dinner Roll Strawberries & Banana	12 Brunch @ 10am Egg Sandwich w/ Fried Bologna Hashbrown Patty Aye-Koon	13 Employees who are 60 yrs & older are welcome to eat at 12:00pm Mon-Thur and 10am on Fridays or anytime at their own leisure.
21	 CLOSED	16 COOKS CHOICE White Chili w/ Chicken Corn Bread w/ Butter Corn Chip Salad Peach Crisp Chair Exercises @ 11am	17 Stir-Fried Rice w/ Beef Egg Roll & Sauce Lemon Pudding Kiowa Language Class 1:30pm @ AOA Refreshments Served	18 Chicken Strips w/ White Gravy French Fries Texas Toast Pudding	19 Brunch @ 10am Sausage Gravy w/ Biscuit Oven Fried Potatoes Scrambled Eggs	20 Stop in sometime & enjoy a complimentary cup of coffee or cappuccino...
28	22 Goulash Corn O'Brien Bread Stick Butterscotch Pudding Casino Trip @ 2pm	23 Chicken Enchiladas w/ White Cream Sauce Spanish Rice Refried Beans Churro Chair Exercises @ 11am	24 Cold-Cut Sandwich Potato Salad Cheeto Chips Apple Dumpling Kiowa Language Class 1:30pm @ AOA Refreshments Served	25 BIRTHDAY DINNER Fried Porkchop w/ Beans Fried Potatoes / Salad Green Onions & Tomatoes Fry Bread Rice & Raisins Cake & Ice Cream NO MEAL DELIVERIES	26 Brunch @ 10am Boiled Eggs Sausage links Danish Pastry Yogurt	There is a truth deep down inside of you that has been waiting for you to discover it, and that truth is this: You deserve all good things life has to offer.
28	29 Turkey Pot Pie w/ Vegetables 3-Bean Salad Jello w/ Banana & Pecans	30 Sloppy Joe Sandwich Macaroni & Cheese Baked Layers Diced Peas Chair Exercises @ 11am	31 Oven Fried Chicken Mash Potatoes w/ Gravy Key Biscayne Vegetables Roll / Pecan Pie Kiowa Language Class 1:30pm @ AOA Refreshments Served	Negative people need drama like it was oxygen. Stay positive and take their breath away.	BE HAPPY BE BRIGHT BE YOU!	ME NU SUBJECT TO CHANGE



Kiowa Legislature

Get involed, call your representative!

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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 Enrollment Office

NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR TRIBAL ID'S ONLINE!

VISIT WWW.KIOWATRIBE.ORG FOR MORE INFORMATION

District 1 (Anadarko) D1 meetings every 3rd Tuesday 5-7pm

District 3 & 4 Every 1st Wednesday of the month 10-3PM

District 6 (Hobart) D6 Meetings

District 7 (Norman) Every 3rd Saturday 10-3

**ENROLL@KIOWATRIBE.ORG
580-654-6327**

PLEASE CALL THE KIOWA TRIAL COURT TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS, AS IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT THE COURT STAFF.

PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE KIOWA TRIBAL COURT STAFF WILL NOT CONTACT YOU, AT ANY TIME, TO UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS.

Kiowa Tribal Court
P.O. Box 556
Carnegie, OK 73015
580-919-7060 or 580-919-7102



QUICK FACT:

THE KIOWA TRIBE AWARDED OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION DOLLARS IN THE FALL 2023 SEMESTER IN HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS, TOTALING \$321,116. 114 KIOWA COLLEGE STUDENTS EARNED AN AWARD FOR FALL ENROLLMENT BETWEEN AUGUST AND DECEMBER OF 2023. THE VAST MAJORITY OF THESE FUNDS BENEFITTED KIOWA CITIZENS CATEGORIZED AS "DISTRICT 7" (OR IN OTHER WORDS, KIOWA-ENROLLED MEMBERS WHO LIVE OUTSIDE OF OUR KIOWA HOMELANDS/HISTORICAL COMMUNITIES OR LIVE OUT-OF-STATE).



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

NIAIAHF honors and recognizes the Indigenous sport cultures of 27 countries of North America by recognizing outstanding leadership and achievement in individual and team athletics. By honoring and celebrating the empowered journey of the annually inducted individuals and teams, the hope is their stories may inspire future generations to follow their dreams in athletics and life.



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.



KIOWA
EDUCATION AGENCY

DEPARTMENT OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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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.



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are building a culture of innovation, curiosity, and compassion. One that enables every employee to make an impact.

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How to Apply:

Please submit the following.

- Kiowa Tribe Application
- Copy of Valid State Driver's License
- Copy of Indian Preference Form 5-4432 or Valid federally-recognized Tribal ID
- College Transcripts OR Certificates of Completion (if required to qualify)

Submit to Email:
hr@kiowatribe.org

OR

drop off at:
100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, OK
73015

WE ARE HIRING

Kiowa TED STEP (Tribal Education Department National Assembly)

Join our team!



Apply Now!

Send resume to :
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Attorney General

Join our team!



Apply Now!

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WE ARE HIRING

Chief of Staff

Join our team!



Apply Now!

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WE ARE HIRING

Social Services Director

Join our team!



Apply Now!

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



About Loy:

I am originally from Mt. View, OK. I am from the Anquoe, Keahbone, Mopope, families. My grandfather and grandmother were the late Jamie Asa aka Jimmy A., and Anna Keahbone Anquoe. My mother was the late Mary Ann Anquoe. My uncles were, Kenneth Anquoe, Truman Anquoe, Jack Anquoe, Gerald Anquoe, Leonard Anquoe, and Uncle Ducky Anquoe. My education consists of a bachelors and masters.

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 pow-wows and "dressing". Fall, I look forward to going to tribal dances and Black Leggings. Winter I like to hit the gym once or twice a week, and Holidays are saved for retail therapy on family, and most importantly, I always enjoy a good 3-miler before I come in to work Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall.

What are your goals for this coming year?

- a. Be more understanding to people.
- b. Improve the status quo
- c. 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 aka 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 prosper. We want to do the right thing without fear or retribution; therefore, I believe we are all here for the same reason, and that is to serve our Kiowa people. I truly believe that. And that is what I like about the work environment at the Kiowa Tribe.

EMPLOYEE *Spotlight*



LOY APRIESNIG
PROCUREMENT DIRECTOR

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*Happy
New Year
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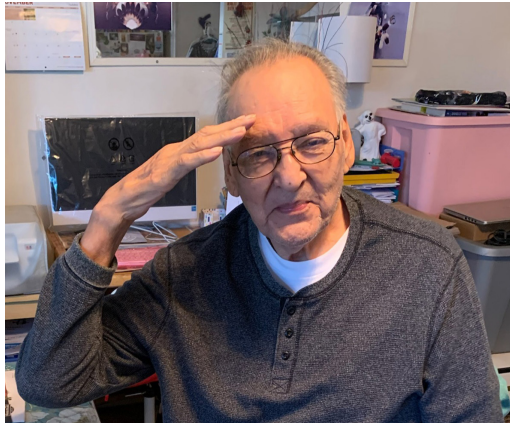
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Don Tsonetokoy, 81, long-time resident of Phoenix, AZ, passed peacefully at home on December 17, 2023. A member of the Kiowa Nation, he was born in June, 1942 in Lawton, OK. He was a boarding school student in his youth; attended Haskell Vocational 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) & Tyrone Tsonetokoy; three stepchildren, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.



Toni Patricia Pawnee was born July 13, 1959, to Raymond "Chicken" Whitebuffalo, Sr. and Ethel (Ellis) Whitebuffalo in Clinton, OK and passed away Saturday, November 11, 2023, in the Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, OK.

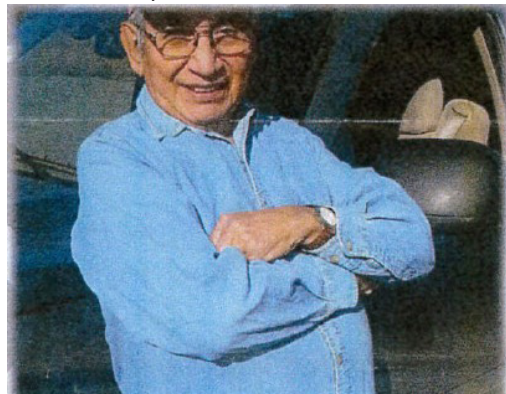
Toni was raised in Clinton, OK where she attended Clinton Public Schools. She is a member of the Kiowa Nation as well as the Pima Tribe, Cheyenne, and Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma.

She was married to the late Michael James Pawnee February 10, 1987, and they were happily married for 32 years before his passing.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, grandparents, Benjamin and Phobe Ellis, and Olive Holgan, Aunts Georgia Dupoint and Pearl Woodward, mother and father-in-law, William and Alta Pawnee, sisters, Winnifred Winn and Hazel Fourkiller and brother, Raymond Whitebuffalo, Jr.

She is survived by son, Jeremy Whitebuffalo, of Colorado, daughters, Lee (Isaac) Rhoads, Arapaho, OK and Anna Helen Spottedwolf, Clinton, OK, sisters, Lela Cozad and husband, Daniel, Anadarko, Ok and Cheryl Gouge, Eufaula, OK and Billie Jean Propst and husband, Mike, Godfrey, IL, and Loretta Scantlen, Norman, OK, brothers, Lloyd "Chet" Winn and wife Cindy, Ethete Wyoming and Joe Fish Dupoint, Carnegie, OK.

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 on 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 Ahkeahbo. 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 Sooners!) 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 Gayly1n Bradford and

Polly Nugent: Sons Anthony (Tony) Goombi and Gcuy Lyn Goombi: Granddaughter Natalie Goombi: Sisters Comelia Pat Kopepsah mul Kay Cooper.

He is preceded in death by Parents Francis Goombi and Mae Ah kealtbo 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'le Ware, Cynthia C. St. Clair (Josie), Kynlee Red-Fawn Ware, grandsons Jayce Landon Ware, Cyan Joseph Ware, Keenan Avery Ware, Lennix 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



field hand, heavy equipment operator and a cultural consultant to the Grid United SS Project for the Kiowa Tribe.

He is survived by his siblings Sharon Sebert of Edmond, OK; Vincent McCarthy and wife Elaine of San Marcos, CA; Lyndrih "Hooter" Ware and wife Valerie of Ethete, Wyoming; Jacqueline "Bobo" Ware of Anadarko; Denise "Judge" Horse and husband Gary "Ardy" of Anadarko; Monique "Q-ball" Ware and companion Juan Perez of Lawton, OK; LaDonna "Tuffy" Parton of Anadarko, OK; Derith "Punky" Secondine and husband John of Anadarko, OK; Lucy Slinker of Tulsa OK. Lance "Chan" Ware of Anadarko, OK Lehman Ware Jr "Junior" and wife Jenna of Albuquerque, NM. Sisters Lucy Slinker, Dolly Slinker, Dorena Slinker and brother Leon Slinker. Three aunts; Judith Hunter-Ware and companion Terry Ware of Anadarko, Karla Forbes of Semmes, Alabama; and Gayla Ahtone, of Ardmore, OK; Carolyn Hunter of Edmond, OK; Three uncles; Jackie Hunter of Oklahoma City; Terry Hunter and wife Sharon of Anadarko, OK; and Robert Alexander of Burns Flat, OK. One grandma Mattie Botone of Anadarko, OK.

Shawn was preceded in death by his parents Lehman & Carol, Uncles Richard "Dickie" Hunter, Dennis Hunter, Leon "Porky" Hunter, Mikey Hunter, James Hunter Sr. and aunt Teresa Hunter. Niece Tasha Jean Ware and nephews Gerald Killsfirst and Benjamin Arguello; Grandsons Caeden Neil Tartsah and Kendon Pahn-mye Cozad. His aunt LoDema "Okie" Hunter. Also brother-in-laws, Brian Parton and Rick Sebert.



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 his 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
Sons: Patrick, Dean John and Charlie
Grandchildren: Dakota (was raised by Bruce), Donald Justin & Dyani and numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren
Sisters: Toni, Myrna, & Rhonda
A host of nephews, A Special Nephew Kiowa George Poolaw, nieces, cousins and friends

He is preceded in death by his wife Mary Ellen, parents: Justin & Lucille Poolaw, Brothers: George & 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 (Tsoodle) 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 (Tsoodle) 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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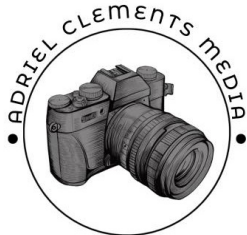
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