Helping our Kiowa Citizens is a great thing, but investing in our Kiowa Citizens is life changing. The 10-year plan brought forward by Chairman SpottedBird is unique as much as it is ambitious; however, the success of this plan will depend greatly on the cooperation and support of the Kiowa Tribe as a whole.

The Kiowa Executive & Legislative Branches came together for a retreat to discuss the perception of the 10-year plan, a vision brought forward by Chairman SpottedBird & Vice-Chairman Tsotigh. The retreat included an agenda to discuss the aspects of the plan, which is designed to reorganize and develop economic growth for the Kiowa Tribe.

The focus of this plan begins with the Kiowa Tribal Operations. It is important for Tribal Operations to be consistent with the Kiowa Constitution that was voted upon by the Citizens of the Kiowa Tribe. Now that the Kiowa Tribal Trial Court is open, the government structure is now complete with all four divisions in operation. This creates an opportunity for new divisions and departments, several existing will remain, while a few others may phase out for the recreation of a better service program. A total of four Executive Directors will be in place for the four divisions: Tribal Operations, Health and Human Services, Education Agency, and Housing.

Kiowa Incorporated (Kiowa Inc.) is a concept created by Chairman SpottedBird during his 40 years of business & economic development along with tribal governance. He explained the experience taught him of business divisions (Culture & Tourism; Retail & Distribution; Real Estates & Agriculture; Business & Technology; Government Contracting; and Gaming & Hospitality) in order to create a dynamic business collaboration that come together for two primary goals: (1) create profits that support the Kiowa Tribal government to provide services for the Kiowa people; and (2) create sustainable jobs for the Tribal Citizens. Once those priorities are satisfied, the Tribe will then reach out to other Tribal & non-tribal neighbors that will serve as the catalyst and help rebuild the economy of southwest Oklahoma.

The exciting concept that the 10-year plan brings forward is a Kiowa Tribal Empowerment Center (KTEC). Upon Chairman SpottedBird learning about the development of Financial Empowerment Centers, he discovered that Tulsa, Oklahoma is one of the participating cities across the United States. The target is low-income residents within the cities that establish Financial Empowerment Centers. By using this model, KTEC will focus on Kiowa and other Tribal Citizens who live in southwest Oklahoma.

The KTEC will be organized under the umbrella of the proposed Kiowa Community Development Corporation (KCDC). The KCDC will be a non-profit corporation that will establish both non-profit and for-profit subsidiaries to create the bundle of services to empower Tribal people, generate revenue for the Kiowa Tribe, and create a new job market for tribal citizens.

Vice Chairman, Jacob Tsotigh agrees that the 10-year plan is ambitious and expects questions to arise as the plan continues to move forward. The main goal is to meet the need for affordable housing for Kiowa Citizens along with credited services that were not accessible before; “…in the near future we will have more a strategic plan with outlines and time frames to clearly explain what we are trying to do for our Citizens, said Vice Chairman Tsotigh.

One may be skeptical of a 10-year plan considering the term in office is only four years; however, both SpottedBird & Tsotigh feel confident about this plan and hope that the Citizens will continue show their support. “I think that once our Kiowa Citizens see how we are trying to not only better service them but also empower them with new opportunities,” said Vice Chairman Tsotigh, “they will continue to keep us in office and support our goal in completing this plan.”
Meet the New Kiowa Directors

TONI TSA TOKE-MULE, PH.D
Director, Kiowa Department of Higher Education

We extend an official welcome to incumbent Director of the Kiowa Department of Higher Education, Dr. Toni Tsatoke-Mule. She has many years of educational administration experience, as well as a teaching background and commitment to indigenous language reclamation. For six years, she has worked in language curriculum development through the Kiowa Tribe’s ANA language demonstration grant and taught for over ten consecutive years at the post-secondary level at the University of Oklahoma. She holds a bachelor’s degree in Education, and two graduate degrees from the OU Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. To learn more about the new initiatives of the Kiowa Tribe Department of Higher Education and the Kiowa Education Agency, information will be shared on the Kiowa Tribe’s website.

Terry “TJ” Tartsah
Director, Kiowa Community Health Representatives

“I am excited for the opportunity to work for my Kiowa people,” - TJ Tartsah.

The Kiowa Tribe is delighted to introduce Terry “TJ” Tartsah Jr., Community Health Representative (CHR) Director. TJ has an Associate Degree in Sports Management and is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in Organizational Leadership at the University of Oklahoma. He comes to the Kiowa Tribe with four years experience from his previous employment with the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes’ Health Department. Tartsah's overall goal for the Kiowa CHR and SDPI programs is to be more involved with the community and creating more outreach services. He says that the CHR will continue to provide excellent service to all our Kiowa Citizens and community. Tartsah shares the desire to expand CHR services and programs with staff and hope to become an official Kiowa Tribe Health Department.

ART CONTEST

The Kiowa Re-Entry Program is have a art contest in hopes of creating a new logo. The logo will need to be based on the program mission and vision which is to empower ex-offenders with opportunities of growth by providing post incarceration support, developing healthy families while healing tribal communities. More information about the program can be found on the website kiowatribe.org.

Jaylee Mule Wins Jr Miss Indian Oklahoma City

Jaylee is enrolled Kiowa and is the daughter of Toni (Tsatoke) and Jay Mule. She received her crown and title on March 11, 2023. All of Jaylee's friends and family are looking forward to her reign and expressed how very proud they are of Jaylee and all that she does.
Art is created with the skill and imagination of an artist who is capable of expressing feelings and emotion as well as beauty through their work. The inspiration for such visuals can come from a variety of places, including the annual gathering of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society.

Perhaps it was meant to be for the award-winning artist, Margaret Drake, to visit southwest Oklahoma during the fall of 2018. Her long-time friend, Terry, invited Drake to come and meet some of the warriors and families who were part of a very unique society, the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society.

Upon arrival, Drake was unable to describe all the emotions and feelings she felt as she watched and listened to the song and dance; yet she was inspired. Thanks to some friendly connections, Drake received a picture from the Society’s photographer, Lester Herragara. She soon began the project and worked continuously throughout the year to bring the “Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior” sculpture to life. By the end of 2019, Drake completed the sculpture and contacted the Society about her project.

Plans were beginning until the Covid-19 pandemic shut everything down. It was quite a wait but she stayed patient and agreed to present the sculpture to the Kiowa Tribe once arrangements were approved. Society Member, Robert Short, scheduled a small gathering this late winter for the artist to unveil the sculpture with the officers of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society and the Kiowa Executive Branch present.

The presentation created a number of emotions for those that witnessed the unveiling. The 28x11x11 bronze sculpture stood tall and has so much detail for the viewer to appreciate. Every angle from head to toe, even the expression makes you appreciate and admire the artist’s work. Drake once devoted a year to study three-dimensional portraiture, after she began her focus on figurative art.

The model for the sculpture was a photograph of the late Dixon Palmer, a long time Society member. He is missed by many and the Kiowa Black Leggings Society couldn’t be prouder of the photograph and sculpture that was created of his image.

Vice Commander, Blas Preciado, announced that the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior sculpture will be displayed at the First American Museum in Oklahoma City later this year. He stated that more details will be revealed once the exhibit is scheduled. A second piece will be displayed at the Kiowa Casino.
Senate Bill 429 allows an enrolled student in a public-school district, charter school, or technology center school, to wear tribal regalia on school property and during any school functions. The bill also includes students enrolled in a public institution of higher education to wear their tribal regalia on the institution’s campus and at any institutional function. Bill 429 also allows a school district board of education, the governing board of a charter school, the governing board of technology center school, and the board of regents of an institution of higher education, to adopt a policy to specify the characteristics of any garments, jewelry, or other adornments or objects, the school or institution finds that will endanger the safety of a student or others.

This bill is important because for decades, generations of Indigenous students suppressed their culture identity in order to seek success in the educational systems. Currently there are Kiowa Citizens enrolled in many Oklahoma Public Schools including Carnegie, Anadarko, Mountain View, Oklahoma City, Norman, Moore, and others. A total of 271 Kiowa students attend school in the Oklahoma City metro area alone. The majority are impacted by this issue.

Kiowa Tribal Vice-Chairman, Jacob Tsotigh, and the Kiowa Tribe Department of Higher Education Director, Toni Tsatoke-Mule, both attended the discussion meeting on February 8, 2023, at the Oklahoma State Capitol to show their support. The Senate Bill 429 passed unanimously, resulting in a major victory for Indigenous students and the state of Oklahoma.

The Kiowa Higher Education Program provides support to tribal citizens who are pursuing a higher level of education.

ADDRESS: 208 Hardees West St., Anadarko, OK 73038
OPEN Monday - Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm
PHONE: (580) 654-6324
EMAIL: highereducation@kiowatribe.org

Quick Fact:
There are Kiowas pursuing higher education on college campuses all across the country.

In the past year, the Kiowa Department of Higher Education has awarded Kiowa students of OU, OSU, USAO, and Southwestern Oklahoma State, as well as other in-state colleges such as Cameron University, UCO, Oklahoma Christian University, East Central University and MAC-U.

There are also many Kiowa students on campuses such as the University of Utah, University of Colorado, University of Texas, and North Dakota State University. We also have several TCU (Tribal college & university) students at Haskell Indian Nations University in Kansas, and the Institute of American Indian Arts in New Mexico.

Visit kiowatribe.org, the Kiowa Tribe Department of Higher Education webpage for student & scholarship resources, important deadlines, announcements, and other information.
The Director of Kiowa Tribe Teen Prevention Network (KTTPN), Glenn Beaver, spoke with the Carnegie Middle School students recently. Life Skills class is based on the curriculum created by Dr. Teresa LaFromboise. The basis for the class is to help young people develop necessary skills in handling emotions, anger management, mental health, drug/alcohol abuse, relationships, and future career and life goals. These classes are ongoing for the department for 13 years and currently taking place in Elgin, Apache, and Carnegie Public Schools. Mr. Beaver feels fortunate to work with other schools in our service area. He exclaimed that he looks forward to adding more back in the schedule for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year!

**Kiowa Teen Prevention Network**

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Kiowa Tribe Teen Prevention Network (KTTPN) is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant program funded through the Native Connections initiative.

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**Kiowa Tribe Fitness Center**

The Kiowa Tribe Fitness Center is under the direction of the Kiowa Tribe Health Program. The center has replaced the stage that was inside Red Buffalo Hall. The Fitness Center welcomes everyone. Director, TJ Tartsah, has informed that the program is open to the public, Monday through Friday, 6:00 AM to 6:00 PM; and Saturday 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

For more information contact the Kiowa Tribe Health Programs at (580) 654-2216, or email: jgranado@kiowatribe.org.

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**Wellness Wednesdays**

Wellness Wednesday Activities
Sponsored by the CHR and SDPI Programs

Our new CHR Director, Terry Tartsah has implemented some wonderful things at the Kiowa Tribe! Wellness Wednesdays allow our employees to move towards a healthy lifestyle that has a positive impact on their physical health both inside and out.

Don’t worry, he also has some amazing ideas for our community! Be on the lookout for what is to come!
Kiowa man and woman graphics were made by Dean Ahdokobo for the Kiowa Language Program; Reformatted August, 2020

Phonic description: Gkoy-bay-goo ate mau-hay(n)-mau

The approximate translation is "We are learning Kiowa ways" or "We are learning the Kiowa way of doing things, thinking, and speaking". In the early phases of the program, it was decided that, when possible, we will use the Kiowa name for the program (as opposed to the English name). The elder mentors at that time decided that having language knowledge was not the only thing at stake. We were also learning about the "Kiowa way" of doing things and Kiowa thinking. It was decided that this title encompass all of those ideas.

For more content and video, Follow Us on our Facebook page: Kiowa Language and Culture Revitalization Program
A MESSAGE FROM THE 2023 MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA, LILY A. PAINTER

Miss Indian Oklahoma, P’aw-Gya-Torh-Ahí (Brings Water from the Creek), Lily Painter, wishes to send her Kiowa people, the best of wishes for a happy New Year.

As Kiowas, we reverence the coming of spring, and humble ourselves at the sound of the First Thunder, when the ground shakes and creations come alive again. Our elders and mentors have told us, “Hay-gaw ahn p’aw-sote toed awñ,” “The thunder has spoken.” Now, we can awaken with our activities and all of creation can come alive.

kgoye oh-boye daw, naw haunday owñ-day, balh sawy gwá! “This is our true way as Kiowas! How wonderful it is to have our ways!”

oh-bah-haw, naw yañ tdoeñ zan-mah “That is all I have to say”—ah-ho, Lily Painter 2023 Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Kiowa Tribal Collaboration for Cybersecurity Training

IT pros can enter the CompTIA Cybersecurity Pathway at any point, depending on their IT experience, existing certifications, course of study, job needs, interests and the specific skills they are looking for. For example, if you have two years of IT security experience or equivalent knowledge, you can jump into the pathway at CompTIA Security+ to prove your knowledge. If you already have CompTIA Security+, you can go right into PenTest+ or CySA+. In general, the pathway follows a hierarchy of skills needed for IT security; each certification builds upon the skills from the previous one.

There are no required prerequisites for these CompTIA certifications, and they can be taken without IT experience. CompTIA certifications mirror the current job roles of IT professionals, so it makes sense to earn these certifications to gain the knowledge and hands-on skills currently being used in the workforce, whether you have job experience or not.

Need more information? Visit us at kiowatribe.org

Graduation
Honour Powwow
April 28, 2023
2:00 - 8:30 pm
Kiowa Community Building
100 Kioway Drive, OLF 73015
MC: Ernest Redbird III
HS: Aaxon Jones
HM: Getal Haunpa
HL: Glania Hoffman
HLB: Timothy Haunpa
HLG: Kirley Langhat
AD: Randy WhiteWolf
Security Will Be Provided by BIA Anadarko Agency
Colony Guard: CHS Alumni, Military Veterans
Special Guests: Kiowa, Executive Branch; Kiowa Tribal Princess, Kyla Tsassdie, AC Media; & CHS Alumni.
Call and schedule a ride today!

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1-855-820-6164
or
(580) 654-2053

See our website at kiowatribe.org/department/human-resources

For more information and other job opportunities, visit
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Kiowa Tribe Fastrans is a program that gives Kiowa Tribal members, and non tribal members transportation around the Carnegie, Hobart, Anadarko, and Lawton areas. Open to the public. Tell Your Friends!

Please visit the Kiowa Tribe website, kiowatribe.org to view or download job announcements, fillable job applications form, and obtain information on how to apply. You may also contact the Human Resources office at 580-654-6317 or 6335.

NOTE: The Kiowa Tribe provides a comprehensive benefits package including: leave benefits, (13) paid holidays, health insurance plan providing eligibility for employees access to medical, dental and vision care insurance benefits, $25,000 Basic Life and $25,000 Basic AD&D insurance coverage at no cost to employees, and 7% employer contribution into the Employee Savings Trust Plan (401k.)

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Christopher Sharon Ramirez Thomas—loving son, adoring father of two, protective brother, and a friend of many—we sent you home on October 14, 2022, at the age of 51 in Lawton, Oklahoma.

Chris was born February 13th, 1971 in Lawton, to Lydia Mae Bigbow. He is the grandson of Nelson Eddie and Johanna Bigbow. He is a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma, and Comanche descent. He had the biggest heart for his children and would do anything for them. He worked throughout Texas and Oklahoma as a Journeyman Carpenter for commercial and residential projects. He was a very skilled and detailed carpenter and was mentor to many.

He was a loving father and was so proud of his two children. You could always find him fishing out by the lake with his kids, nieces, and nephews. He also enjoyed hunting and listening to his grandfather, Nelson Bigbow, Peyote's songs. He spent time with his extended family, grilling out with his closest of uncles, Darrell Bigbow and good friend, Byron. Geniustaddler, he also enjoyed family meals on Sundays. He loved his Dallas Cowboys and watching the Sooners play, but more than that, he loved his four-legged companion, Willow, who slept by his side in the later years of his life. He is survived by his mother Lydia Ramirez, son, Kristopher Poyditty, daughter, Xandria Poyditty, and 2 sisters, Katherine (Palmer) Blair & Ronzo is survived by his:

- Daughters: Danielle Palm and Tessa Palm
- Nephews: Robert William Gomez, Longview, TX
- Niece: Tiffany Ramirez, Longview, TX
- Cousins: Billy Ray Palmer; Nephew; William Blair III

Ronzo attended school in Apache and Anadarko, OK. He received his GED in 1983. During his youth he listened to ZZ Top, AC/DC, Rock-n-Roll, and Classic Rock. He would dance around in a “Daisy Duke” shorts and boots. He was a firefighter for the Caddo, Apache, Comanche, and Kiowa Tribes.

Ronzo loved his family and all his nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He loved Harley Davidson motorcycle and gear.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wilbur, and Francine Palmer; sister, Carolyn Palmer; brother, Thomas Wayne Palmer; niece, Tamra Dawn Palmer; his grandparents Nelson Bigbow and Johanna Bigbow; father, Paul Bigbow; and numerous other cousins that he loved dearly.

Joey Edward Blackdeer, Cia Heens (White Antlers), 71, passed away January 25, 2022 in Anadarko, OK. He was born August 24, 1951 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin to Wilbur and Emily (Waukon) Blackdeer. He attended school in Carnegie, OK. He was graduated from Black River Falls in 1970, then later went on to attend Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, KS. While there he met the love of his life, Melva as an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe. They were married there in May 1973. He graduated in December 1974. Together they would settle down in Oklahoma.

Later in his career he attended USAID in Chickasha, OK, Majoring in Accounting.

Starting in Oklahoma he worked at Carnegie Hospital as a bookkeeper, then went on to work for the former Indian Action Team in Apache, Oklahoma as a bookkeeper. In April 1976 he began his Federal career with the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Anadarko Area Office as a Clerk-Typist in Self Determination. The restructuring of the local area office was intended to separate from the other regional offices. The Anadarko office had up until that time had been dependent on primarily for housekeeping functions. In 1982, there was a computer room established at the Anadarko area office that was the first of its kind in the country. The office would soon be able to store and receive data from the other field agencies and transmit that data to the Anadarko office.

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Joseph Kane Satepeahtaw, 21, of Carnegie, Oklahoma passed from this life on January 2, 2022. He was born on December 14, 2001 to Joanne & Daniel Swanson, Carnage, OK. He was the first of its kind in the country. The office would soon be able to store and receive data from the other field agencies and transmit that data to the Anadarko office.

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Joseph will be remembered for his love of sports and music. He loved to dance and was very talented in his dance skills beginning at Stand Geionety families.

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Joseph was also a Co-Treasurer for the Anadarko Youth Soccer League. Royce was also a Co-Treasurer for the Riverside Booster Club to assist with expenses incurred in the Athletic Dept. He was a big fan of the Oklahoma Sooners and atmospheric science at the Oklahoma State University.

His passion was growing up learning his tribal heritage which took him to numerous Pow-Wows across the nation. He was a big fan of the Oklahoma Sooners and atmospheric science at the Oklahoma State University.

He enjoyed attending numerous music concerts, sporting events, and performance plays. Another enjoyment was watching sports of his favorite teams: Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Bucks, Oklahoma City Thunder, University of Oklahoma Sooners Football and Ladies Softball.

His grandchildren called him "Choka" Proceeded in death by his parents: Wilbur and Emily (Waukon) Blackdeer; Sisters: Gladys (Blackdeer) Cloud, Ida (Blackdeer) Carrier, and Marcella (Blackdeer) Cloud; Brothers: Aste Blackdeer, Bennett Blackdeer and Forrest Blackdeer; Their beloved Fan brode; Brodie; In-laws: Melvin and Thelma Geionety.

Royce was survived by his family: Spouse Melva Blackdeer of the home; Son Kethley Anne Blackdeer of Adams, Wisconsin Daughter: Emily Blackdeer-Devinich and Seth Matthew Blackdeer; Sister Myra Jo and Duran Price of Tomah, Wisconsin.

Five very much loved and treasured grandkids: Calvin Edward Blackdeer, Keetyl Anne Blackdeer and Kamily Blackdeer;16, Dakota Devinich and Loe Royce Devinich of Mustang, Oklahoma
Kevin Wayne Bohay was born in Lawton, Oklahoma on March 3, 1978 to William Ray Bohay and Imogene Kaulaity Bohay. He attended North Rock Elementary school in Shawnee, Oklahoma, Capital Hill High and Crooked Oak Middle and High School. He passed away at home in Oklahoma City after a short illness. He was an avid OU Sooners and OKC Thunder fan. Lastly, she enjoyed cooking for her family.

Kevin was baptized at Moore First Indian Baptist after surrendering to our Almighty, Jesus Christ, as his savior. Being a self-taught student of history, he knew scripture and read the Bible front to back several times. He studied philosophy and religion. He had an unspoken love for music which included bands like Queensryche, Crystall Baha and Unquestionable. He had a love for music which included bands like Queensryche, Crystall Baha and Unquestionable.

Kevin leaves behind:
- Mother: Lena Jean Bohay, and Millard Clark Jr.
- Father: William Ray Bohay
- Siblings: Kevin Wayne Bohay (Sas) whom he spent most of his life with. Now he is with the rest of his family in heaven until the rest of us will someday join him. He is so much loved and will be missed.

Kevin was born on May 1st, 1948, in Lawton to Holly Onco Sr. and Easlyn (Wolf) Onco. She was a proud enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe. Roselyn grew up in the Hobart area where she attended elementary school. Then at a young age moved with her family to the Elgin area where she had attended Jr. high and high school. Roselyn also loved playing basketball. She eventually received her GED. Roselyn also attended the Caddo Kiowa Technology Center in Fort Cobb, Ok. where she studied and received her Culinary Arts degree. She also won a few awards for her food displays that made the newspaper.

Roselyn was a member of the Mt. Scott Effie Baptist Church, went to her Heavenly home on December 18, 2022. There will be a Celebration of Life service for her on December 30, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. at the Comanche Nation Funeral Home in Lawton. There will be a meal served at the Comanche Reform Church following the services.

Roselyn was a manager for the Mustang Grill. She was a member of the Mt. Scott Kiowa Methodist Church. She also attended Pettypiece Methodist in Richard Spur and First Baptist Central in Lawton. She loved going to church and she loved the Lord. Roselyn loved spending time with her family and friends. Rosie loved being with her grandchildren and her only great grandson, Landon. Roselyn also loved being a manager and embroidering. She enjoyed watching Hallmark and Christmas shows. She had a love for animals. She also had a big heart for helping people in need. She was an avid OU Sooners and OKC Thunder fan. Lastly, she enjoyed cooking for her family.

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Since the ratification of the Kiowa Constitution in 2017, the Kiowa Tribe began their plans to develop and open a court system. Several obstacles including the Covid-19 Pandemic, created a number of challenges. Still the endeavor to have a Court System persisted. It has taken a certain amount of time but the Court is now in operation thanks to the dedication and help of others, some of whom are no longer with us.

The grand opening was filled with citizens of the Kiowa Tribe who traveled near and far to witness this historic day. An opening prayer and cedaring was provided by the Native American Church, Kiowa Chapter. Proud members of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society brought in the colors and flags as part of the opening ceremony.

A sense of pride and excitement filled the room as this was a moment in history and a milestone for the Tribe’s sovereignty. “We are a sovereign nation as the Kiowa Tribe and we need to be able to determine our own decisions based on customs, traditions, and laws,” exclaimed Vice-Chairman Tsotigh, “now that the Court is open, we have fully attained our role as a sovereign nation.”

Like many other Indigenous Tribes throughout the United States, the Kiowa relied on the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) for all criminal and civil cases committed within Indian Country. History reveals that the ‘fairness’ of the court’s final decision in a case is at times questionable. “Personally, I believe we don’t receive the fairness and objectivity in the other courts; so it is a big day for us to take care of the affairs of our Tribal Citizens,” stated Chairman SpottedBird.

The Kiowa Supreme Court Justice, Eldridge Onco, stated that as a sovereign entity, the Kiowa Tribe should have the ability to interpret their own laws. Now that a judicial facility is in place and open, the Tribe is now ready to look to the future to be able to exercise in full its sovereign status. This is huge news because now any criminal or civil cases that happen within the jurisdiction will now be handled by the Kiowa Tribe. “The Kiowa people, generations form now will look back upon this day and say that this day marks the time when they the Kiowa Tribe became a fully functioning government,” said Justice Onco.

Chairman SpottedBird expressed his hope that the Kiowa Tribal Trial Court will bring respect and fairness for the Kiowa people. He also stated that this is just the beginning of many more positive changes to come. “It is a proud day for me as the Chairman of our Kiowa Tribe and we are taking a huge step today to be complete, and now we move forward, 2023 will be a big year, an exciting year for the Kiowa Tribe.”

The Kiowa Tribal Trial Court received over one thousand cases that have been transferred from the BIA. The Court held their first case on January 3, 2023, in the afternoon after the grand opening.

Kiowa Tribal Trial Court

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**KIOWA TRIBAL COURT**
P.O. Box 556100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, OK 73016 (580) 919-7060 or (580) 919-7102 asasetamy@kiowatribe.org

Please be advised that Court will be held the 2nd full week of each month.

Monday will be civil hearings (including divorces, custody and guardianships), if needed. Tuesday will be Guardianships. Dependency and Neglect, Wednesday will be Criminal Cases, and Thursday and Friday will be any trials and overflow days.

The Court dates for the rest of the year is as follows:

- March 15-17, 2023
- April 10-12, 2023
- May 8-10, 2023
- June 12-15, 2023
- July 10-14, 2023
- August 14-18, 2023
- September 11-15, 2023
- October 9-13, 2023
- November 13-17, 2023
- December 11-15, 2023

Also, if you had a pending Court case with the CFR Court in Anadarko, please call the Kiowa Tribal Court at (580) 919-7060 or (580) 919-7102 to update your address, as it is your responsibility to contact the Court staff and update your address. Please be advised that the Kiowa Tribal Court staff will not contact you, at any time, to update your address.

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**Annual Kiowa Indian Council Meeting**

April 1, 2023

Red Buffalo Hall, Carnegie, Oklahoma

Registration Begins at 8:30 AM

**Ten Resolutions**

Yearly Reports from Kiowa Casino Authority, Tribal Programs, Executive, Legislature, & Judicial

**RAFFLES, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, AND LUNCH PROVIDED**
Most know him by the nickname "Joe Fish"; truthfully, he is a man that holds several titles within the Kiowa Tribe and professionally. If you ever take the time to sit and visit with him, he will tell you that he is a humble man sharing the gift that he was given during his lifetime. The gift of knowledge through the many conversations he shared with the elders of the Kiowa Tribe during the time of his youth, “…as I sit here and reflect on my life and the things that have brought me to this point, I understand that it is for a reason. I must share what was given to me.” Dr. Phil Dupoint.

Dr. Dupoint always felt that it was of great importance to continue the oral teachings of the Kiowa that are passed down through each generation. One might say that it has become his purpose, or mission, in life at least that is what he believes. So, when his health took a decline resulting in the amputation of his leg, he grew with worry.

It was back in 2018 that Dr. Dupoint went through his first leg amputation. Recovery took time but he did heal and was hopeful with the plan of therapy so that he could someday walk again. Things took a quick turn when his other leg needed an operation. This created more challenges; still, Dr. Dupoint chose to keep trying.

He said, “at first I didn’t understand why I am still here, especially like this; but I kept going.” He continued by saying that part of him felt down because he didn’t want to add stress to his family, particularly his grandchildren because they have children that need them. He said he once told them that I can admit myself to a nursing home and they could come visit whenever they wanted to. “They told me no, so I had to listen since I could not drive myself there,” he said with a laugh.

The support of his family gave him hope; however, he still had his moments of depression. Dr. Dupoint received assistance through the Kiowa Tribe for his home in Carnegie, then received additional help with the Apache Tribe when he moved to Anadarko. It wasn’t until later that he heard about applying for assistance with the State of Oklahoma, Vocational Rehabilitation Program.

Dr. Dupoint was amazed at how quickly the program responded to his application once approved. Representatives came to his residence and began modifications for easier access with his scooter. Then something unexpectedly happened, an instructor came out with a vehicle designed to help individuals like him drive. This car was special, the gears and gas pedals are at arm length. After instruction and a series of questions, he felt comfortable with the controls. Then the instructor told him that it was his turn to drive.

Dr. Dupoint stated that he was so excited to just drive that he didn’t care the which route they took. The instructor informed him that he did not know Anadarko so he was in charge of the drive. Right away he decided to drive by the BIA agency then the clinic. Dr. Dupoint admits that all he really wanted was to be seen; however, no one seemed to be out. He then drove around the Gold River Casino north of Anadarko, but he was disappointed to not see anyone he knew. Dr. Dupoint then had an idea and drove to Walmart on the other side of town. To his delight after driving a few rounds in the parking lot, he saw people he knew and had the chance to wave and say hello. He especially enjoyed the look of surprise on people’s faces who saw him driving that day. The following weeks, the instructor had him drive to Chickasha then Oklahoma City. On a trip home one day the instructor asked Dr. Dupoint if he was ready to take his driving test. “…I have drove myself for large number of years, yet I was nervous,” he began, “but I passed and got my license.”

Obtaining his driver’s license was a big deal for Dr. Dupoint, his smile was extra that day and it gave him confidence. He began to set goals and worked hard every day to achieve them. His next goal is to walk on his own. Dr. Dupoint is looking forward to therapy and is building his strength and balance every chance he gets. “…during an appointment I had the chance to stand with their tools to keep my balance, it felt so good I bounced a little;” he said.

By Dianna Hadley

"I’m ready, one of these summers I am going to dance with my boys in our arena.”” The arena that Dr. Dupoint is referring to is the Kiowa Gourd Clan Ceremonial, a special place that holds so many memories and feelings that only a Kiowa would understand.

Dr. Dupoint continues to share his story with others willing to listen. He said a lot of Native Americans do not know what is available to them. True one may receive help from their respective Tribe’s but there is more assistance available with the state of Oklahoma. The DRS Vocational Services assisted Dr. Dupoint with modifications, making home and work life a little easier. His testimony about the DRS services with his tribal partners, ensures that other First Americans know how to utilize the state Vocational Rehabilitation Program as well as their Tribal VR programs.

For this reason, the Oklahoma Legislature, acting on behalf of the citizens of the state, has decided to honor Dr. Dupoint as the Recipient of the Vocational Rehabilitation Client of the Year Award. Dr. Dupoint stated that he was surprised to be honored with such an award. His advice to others is to take care of yourself. “You have to face yourself and hold yourself accountable; take care of your body and want to do it for you,” he said, “last is to pray and have faith, the rest will follow.”
Ahnavake Dahn Toyekoyah

Hello, my name is Ahnavake Dahn Toyekoyah. My name means “first born daughter” which I am on both my mother and father’s side of the family. I am the daughter of Michael Lee Toyekoyah, and Wilma Irene Sandter-Toyekoyah. My paternal grandparents are the late Malinda Lee Toyekoyah Sr. (Papa) and Roscoe Cotte (Ganashe) Toyekoyah. My maternal grandparents are James Sandter and Leolene Rent (Cousins) who still reside in Anadarko, Oklahoma and I am a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe in Oklahoma. I had held two titles in my life. From 2014-2015 I had held the title of Miss Kiowa and in 2016-2017 I was crowned Miss Haskell at Haskell Indian Nations University. I was very honored to hold both of these titles and forever my title which I believe an ambassador to end out of the arena.

I am a senior at Haskell Indian Nations University majoring in Environmental Science with a minor in Pre-Med and will be graduating in May with my Bachelor’s of Science. I’m excited for the opportunity to be the Miss Indian World title and would appreciate your support. I’m currently required to sell 100 raffle tickets in order to continue to compete for a Miss Indian World Coronation. Raffle tickets are $2.00 USD and $3.00 CAD, you DO NOT have to be present to win. I would appreciate anything you could give in support of me. Thank you.

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1 MILE RUN/WALK CHALLENGE

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**TUESDAY**

Anadarko 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Location varies each week: Kiowa District 1 Office (125 W. Main, Anadarko, OK 73005) & Kiowa Health & Human Services Building (208 Hardee St West, Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005).

**WEDNESDAY**

Lawton 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
District 4 Office
1621 SW Lee Blvd. Lawton, Oklahoma, 73501

**THURSDAY**

Hobart 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM
District 6 Office
313 S Main St, Hobart, Oklahoma, 73649

**FRIDAY**

Norman 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM
District 7 Office
123 24th Ave NW, Norman, OK 73069

**Times & Locations are subject to change depending on the logistics & needs of tribal citizens.**

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The Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports & Activities Program

Congratulations to all the boys and girls that made it to the state championship play-offs! We had Kiowa students on several teams including Ft. Cobb, Calumet, Anadarko, El Reno, and Riverside. Awesome accomplishment for all of you young ladies, coaches and school. We can’t express enough of how proud we are of all of them and their coaches. We would also like to say ‘thank you’ to everyone who showed their support for all the teams that have our KCA-WCD and Cheyenne Arapaho youth on them; as well as the schools that have native youth playing across Indian country. May Daw-Kee keep all our youth safe and injury free as they continue their endeavors and sports career.

Riverside Lady Braves

Pictured above is Tiwa Taylor, Ft Cobb Bronson, right is senior Matthew Tofpi, El Reno Indian boys team; below is the entire El Reno Indian Boys team.