

THE KIOWA TRIBE'S TEN YEAR PLAN



Pictured L to R: District 6 Legislator, Ben Wolf; District 2 Legislator, Mike Primus; District 4 Legislator, Alana Quetone; District 5 Legislator, Anita Once-Johnson; Intrepeter; Kiowa Chairman, Lawrence SpottedBird; Vice-Chairman, Jacob Tsotigh; Executive Director, Lindy Waters II; District 7 Legislator, Warren Queton, & Derek Tospi, Executive Branch.

By Dianna Hadley

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 in business & economic development along with tribal governance. He explained the experience taught him of the possibilities for Indian Country throughout the nation. His desire to bring this knowledge and experience to the Kiowa Tribe and southwest Oklahoma is the reason he chose to run for office.

Kiowa Inc. will use the "Harvard Model" that was first introduced to Tribes by the study and project, the Harvard Project on American Indian Economic Development. This module is proven to be successful for other Tribes throughout the nation.

The proposed Kiowa Incorporated – a Tribal Section 17 Corporation will be wholly owned by the Kiowa Tribe. It will also be comprised of a number of subsidiaries that will fall within six initial 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 provide services through the

financial empowerment center and will be available to the large number of Kiowa Citizens who reside within the Kiowa, Caddo, and Comanche counties. By creating the revolving loan fund and accompanying credit improvement and financial building training, tribal citizens will receive support to directly help them learn how to live and thrive in a global capitalistic society.

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."

Kiowa Kids Camp

The Kiowa Kids Camp was held during Spring Break at the Kiowa Community Center, March 13-17, 2023. The camp was a success thanks to the programs and volunteers involved. Each Program took one day out of the week to host. The children ranged in ages between 10-18 and had plenty of opportunity to learn more about their Kiowa culture while having fun and making new friends.

Kiowa Vice Chairman, Jacob Tsotigh, welcomed the participants on the first day and expressed how great it is to provide the youth with such events because they are the next generation of the Kiowa Tribe.

The camp included Kiowa storytelling, etiquette, dance lessons, and how to properly take care of their regalia. Team building activities and a field trip to Riverside was also included. The final day consisted of a Health Fair along with fancy dance lessons by James Chalepah.

Participant Gracie Haunpo expressed that she enjoyed the camp. "I was shy the first day because I didn't know anyone," she said, "but before the day ended, I made new friends and got to hang out with them everyday."



Meet the New Kiowa Directors



TONI TSATOKE-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

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.

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

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.



Kiowa Re-Entry LOGO Art Contest

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JAYLEE MULE
(KIOWA/CHOCTAW)

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.



KIOWA NEWS
GAU TAU-DE'GYA

<p>Kiowa News: Gau Tau:De'Gya is a monthly publication; the staff consisting of writers and photographers are proud members of the Native American Journalism Association (NAJA).</p>  <p>Contributing writers & photographers: Monique Behrens, and Dianna Hadley All stories, pictures, and announcements may be sent to pr@kiowatribe.org for publication inside Kiowa News.</p>	<p>Kiowa News is available at the following locations:</p> <p>Carnegie, OK - Kiowa Tribal Complex, Carnegie Library, Hop n Sack, IHS Clinic, and the corner store by 4-way stop; Anadarko, OK - IHS Clinic, Kiowa Offices, Kiowa Housing Authority, Apache Housing, Oklahoma Arts & Crafts, and Warrior Mart; Lawton, OK - IHS hospital, Kiowa District 4 Legislature Office, and Comanche Gift Shop; Apache, OK - Hop n Sack; Mt View, OK - Hop n Sack; Hobart, OK - Sunny's Convenience Store; Oklahoma City, OK - Indian Clinic; Norman, OK - Kiowa District 7 Legislature Office.</p>	<p>The Kiowa Chairman fully supports the Bill of Rights as it reads in the Kiowa Constitution, Article 1- Section b:</p>  <p><i>The government of the tribe shall not make or enforce any law which prohibits the freedom of speech, expression, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for redress of grievance.</i></p>
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The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Sculpture



L to R: Robert Drake, Kiowa Chairman, Lawrence SpottedBird, Kiowa Black Leggings Commander, Lyndreth Leon "Tugger" Palmer, Margaret Drake, Kiowa Black Leggings Vice Commander, Blas Preciado, Robert Short, Kiowa Vice Chairman, Jacob Tsotigh, and Terry.

By Dianna Hadley



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.

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.

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.





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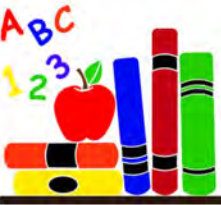
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Senate Bill 429



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 Capital 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.

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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 Kiowastudents at 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.

Kiowa Department of Higher Education, 2023

KTPPN Brings 'Life Skills' to the Classroom



The Director of Kiowa Tribe Teen Prevention Network (KTPPN), 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 on-going 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 (KTPPN) is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) grant program funded through the Native Connections initiative.

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
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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 look out for what is to come!

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Kiowa Language

Kiowa Language & Culture Department

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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

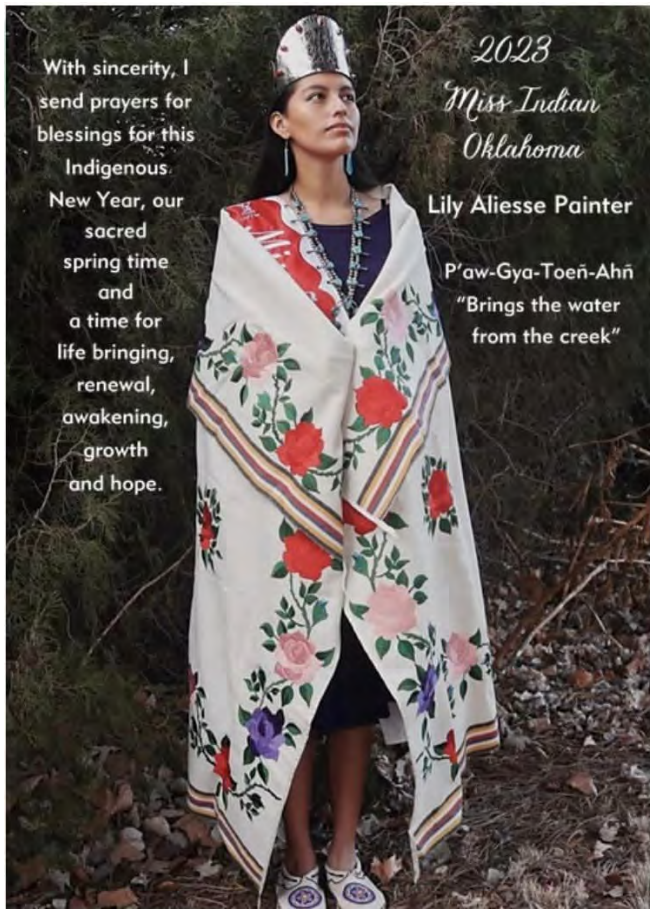
The approximate translation is "We are learning Kiowa ways" or "We are learning the Kiowa way of doing things, thinking, and speaking". In the early phases of the program, it was decided that, when possible, we will use the Kiowa name for the program (as opposed to the English name). The elder mentors 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 encompassed all of those ideas.

1 [Bá:gàu	2 Yí:	3 Páñ:ò:	4 Yí:[gyá
5 Áunt'àu	6 Máusáu	7 Pânséñ	8 Yátséñ

Kiowa consonants	Consonant in English
[b	blend of b and p as in "spin"
[d	blend of d and t as in "stop"
[g	blend of g and k as in "skip"
ts	ts as in "cats"
ts'	ts' signals a "popped" ejective ts' sound (no English equivalent)
p'	p' signals a "popped" ejective p' sound (no English equivalent)
t'	t' signals a "popped" ejective t' sound (no English equivalent)
k'	k' signals a "popped" ejective k' sound (no English equivalent)
These consonant sounds are the same: B,D,G,H,K,L,M,N,P,S,T,W,X,Y,Z	

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9 [Gáutséñ	10 [Gáu:kìñ	11 [Bá:tàñ:	12 Yí:tàñ:
13 Páñ:ò:tàñ	14 Yát[gyátàñ	15 Áunt'autàñ	16 Máusautàñ



With sincerity, I send prayers for blessings for this Indigenous New Year, our sacred spring time and a time for life bringing, renewal, awakening, growth and hope.

2023 Miss Indian Oklahoma
Lily Aliesse Painter
P'aw-Gya-Toeñ-Ahñ
"Brings the water from the creek"

A MESSAGE FROM THE 2023 MISS INDIAN OKLAHOMA, LILY A. PAINTER

Miss Indian Oklahoma, P'aw-Gya-Toeñ-Ahñ (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 revere 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 tdoeñ 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, baht aum gya! "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.



2023 Miss Indian Oklahoma
Lily Aliesse Painter

Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska
Choctaw, Chickasaw, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma descent

May our Creator comfort all of our mourners during this season & the days to come.



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KIOWA TRIBE LIAISON OFFICE FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS ART FESTIVAL & POW WOW APRIL 7th & 8th, 2023

Kiowa Community Center, 100 KIOWA WAY CARNEGIE, OK 73015
HEAD STAFF

Emcee:	Friday – Saturday	Tim Yeahquo & Warren Queton
Head Gourd Dancer:	Alex Fish	Head Lady Dancer: Sharon Bailey-Garcia
Head War Dancer:	Josiah Tsatoko	Head Singer: Sydney Toppah Sr.
Arena Director:	Chris Whitewolf & Randy Whitewolf	Security: Alan Hadley
Outgoing Princess:	Deanie Lucero	Incoming Princess: Candees Hadley
		Allena Faith Boyd

INVITATION: Kiowa Princess Ms. Kyla Tsoodle, All Tribal Princesses, All Veterans and Auxiliaries Welcome – Red Moon Gourd Society, Comanche Little Ponies, Seminole Honor Guard and A Special Invite to All Gold Star Mothers.

COLOR GUARD: Kiowa Black Leggings, VFW Post 1015, Kiowa Women Warrior Color Guard, Native American USMC, Choctaw Honor Guard, Concho American Legion Post 401, Sac & Fox Color Guard, Apache Warrior Society Honor Guard, Riverside Color Guard, Comanche Indian Veterans Association, Chickasaw Honor Guard, KCA Color Guard, Muskogee Creek

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Adults 1st - \$100.00 2nd - \$75.00
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1st and 2nd prizes in each category division will be given. All submission must be turned in by April 4th, 2023. No more than 2 pieces per artist will be accepted
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CEDAR CEREMONY Daniel Cozad 9:00 AM
FLAG RAISING 9:30 AM
Hawley Tsoodle flag (VFW Post 1015)
Welcome - Chairman L. Spottedbird 10:30 AM
Coronation New Princess Allena Faith Boyd
Gourd Dance 2:00 PM
Flag Lowered (VFW Post 1015)
Gun Salute – Concho American Legion Post 401
Supper 5:30 PM
Gourd Dance 6:30 PM
Grand Entry 7:30 PM
Inter-Tribal

SATURDAY – APRIL 8th

TALK TO ME "KIOWA LANGUAGE"
Saturday 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM

Flag Raising 9:30 AM
Titus Toppah Flag (VFW Post 1015)
Welcome - Chairman L. Spottedbird 10:30AM
TALK TO ME (Kiowa Language) 11:00AM-12:30PM
Gourd Dance 2:00 PM
Flag Lowered (VFW Post 1015)
Gun Salute – Concho American Legion Post 401
Supper 5:00 PM
Grand Entry 7:00 PM
Inter-Tribal Contest 8:00 PM
Men – Fancy War Dance/Grass Dance Combined
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1st - \$300.00 2nd - 200.00 3rd - \$100.00
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1st - \$300.00 2nd - \$200.00 3rd - \$100.00
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Graduation Honor Powwow

April 28, 2023

2:00 - 8:30 pm

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HS: Aaron Jones
HM: Gerald Haurpa
HL: Gloria Huffman
HLB: Timothy Haurpa
HLG: Kinley Langhat
AD: Randy Whitewolf
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Special Guests: Kiowa Executive Branch; Kiowa Tribal Princess, Kyla Tsoodle; AC Media; & CHS Alumni

Join us as we celebrate the Carnegie Senior Class of 2023



Proud Sponsors: Carnegie Native American Heritage Club/JOM Program, Senior Class Parents, Operation Inspire, & the Kiowa Tribe





KIOWA LEGISLATURE

Get Involved, Call Your Representative

All Seven District Legislators can be reached by the numbers listed below:

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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 TRIBE DISTRICT 7

TRIBAL ID CARD DAY



EVERY FRIDAY
Beginning March 17, 2023

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10:30 - 3PM CST, PHONE NUMBER:
(405) 857-8408

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Kiowa Tribe Fastrans

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Job Opportunities

Please visit the Kiowa Tribe website, kiowatribe.org to view or download job announcements, fillable job applications forms, 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 eligible 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 3% employer contribution into the Employee Savings Trust Plan (401k.)

Position: **Treasurer**

Job Summary: The Treasurer oversees the financial affairs of the Kiowa Tribe and ensure the organization adheres to all legal accounting practices. To maintain and improve the company's financial standing by guiding financial policies, assessing risks, determining funding opportunities, and advising on investment opportunities.

Position: **Chief Financial Officer**

Job Summary: The Chief Financial Officer will direct and oversee the financial activities of the corporation, direct the preparation of current financial reports and summaries, and create forecasts predicting future growth.

Position: **Executive Director**

Job Summary: Under the direct supervision of the Kiowa Tribal Chairman, the Kiowa Executive Director is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the Kiowa Tribe in accordance with applicable policies, rules and regulations. Oversees the management and coordination of all tribal activities for the Kiowa Tribe including, but limited to, tribal and program budgets, cooperative agreements with all funding agencies, appropriate staff training and development, foster new financial opportunities and overall tribal growth.

Position: **Records Management Director**

Job Summary: The Incumbent streamlines compliance with Federal laws, regulations, guidance and advise staff on any records management issues. Ensures that the program supports the tribal organization's mission and needs. Provides management and oversight over the entire records information life cycle; establishes files management systems, creation of documents, organization, determines the life span of records, archives and produces records for auditing and other purposes.

Position: **Housing Management Assistant**

Job Summary: The Housing Management Assistant provides assistance in all areas of housing management including planning, organizing, directing, and executing the daily operations, and functions. Shall perform general and specialized clerical duties and responsibilities including, but not limited to: establishing maintaining new tenant files, coordinating and assisting prospective new tenants, providing information on housing policies both new and existing, processing accounts payable, may be required to attend some meetings of the Housing Board of Commissioners, and generally coordinates with the Housing Manager and staff on matters that may come from tenants on a daily basis.

Position: **Veteran's Assistant**

Job Summary: The Veterans Affairs Field Services Representative (FSR) is under the direction of the Director of Veterans. Duties include scheduling interviews, advises and assists veterans and their dependents in understanding and obtain benefits they are entitled to under tribal, federal, state, and local programs in a designated geographical area. FSR will coordinate with other tribal, federal, state, and community resources to help connect veterans with services, e.g. transitional housing, medical, behavioral healthcare and employment; assist veterans and their dependents in filing VA claims and other tribal, federal, and state forms to receive VA benefits; arrange for referrals of appropriate resources. FSR works under limited supervision with considerable latitude for use of initiative and independent judgement, and perform other duties as required.

Position: **Construction Laborer**

Job Summary: The Construction Laborer works under the supervision of the Kiowa Construction Foreman. The Construction Laborer is Responsible for a number of on-site tasks, such as work on roofs, windows, gutters, doors, concrete work, use hand tools, plumbing, measure and cut materials, remove debris, erecting scaffolding, loading and unloading building materials, and assisting with operating heavy equipment.

For more information and other Job Opportunities, visit kiowatribe.org/department/human-resources.

KIOWA OBITUARIES

To have your loved one featured inside the Kiowa Tribal newspaper email pr@kiowatribe.org. Please remember to include the name of funeral home when sending information. "Hai gah may oye bone tah" (We will see them again)



Christopher Shanon Ramirez Thomas - loving son, adoring father of two, protective brother, and a friend of many - went to his heavenly home on October 16th, 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 of 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 a 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 Geimausaddle, 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 Poafibitty, daughter, Xandria Poafibitty, and 2 sisters, Chenoa Barhydt, Joan Pekah; 2 brothers Michael and Calvin Thomas; nieces and nephews: Ethan Barhydt, Julia Lehigh, Natalya Ramirez, Ruben Cable, Jaylen Ramirez, Jessica Cable; Paul and Lawton Thomas; grandniece, Amariana Ramirez. Chris was loved by multiple aunts and uncles: Nannetta and Andy Mote; Tina and Bob Baker, Aneeda Harjo; Beverly Quoyah, Marilyn and Bert Weryavah, Johanna and Arthur Tsatoke, Eddie Bigbow, Jamie and Daniel Swanson, Darrell and Karen Tso, William and Theresa Bigbow.

Chris is preceded in death by his grandparents Nelson Bigbow and Johanna Bigbow; father, Paul Thomas, uncles; David Hargo and Clifford Quoyah.

cousin, Billy Ray Palmer; Nephew; William Blair III

Ronzo is survived by his: Sisters: Katherine (Palmer) Blair & husband, William Blair, Longview, TX, Cindy Huber, OKC, OK Debbie Palmer, Anadarko, OK Mary Ann (Gomez) Palmer, Anadarko, OK, Brothers: Darrell Follis, Ardmore, OK, John Michael Palmer, Sr, Chickasha, OK Erwin Dixon Palmer, Anadarko, OK Danny Charles Palmer, Riverton, WY, Markell Archilta, Anadarko, OK

Nieces: Christina Noel Palmer & husband, Louis Fernando Galvan, OKC, OK; Lacey Dawn Sullivan, OKC, OK; Patricia Charlene Cotter, OKC, OK; Brooke Lynn Withers, OKC, OK; Dawn Marie Gomez, Anadarko, OK; Amber Nicole Archilta, Apache, OK; Janis Palmer, Chickasha, OK; Jolynda Palmer, Anadarko, OK; Clarissa Palmer, Anadarko, OK; Wendy Blair, Longview, TX

Nephews: Robert William Gomez, Anadarko, OK; James Earl Palmer, Anadarko, OK; Thomas Wayne Palmer, Jr; John "Rusty" Michael Palmer Jr, Anadarko, OK Cousins: David Palmer, Howard Palmer, Earl Palmer Jr, Jack Palmer and numerous other cousins that he loved dearly.

Ronnie "Ronzo" Dale Palmer, 57, passed away on December 23, 2022, in Anadarko, OK. He was born on August 14, 1965, to Wilbur and Francella (Archilta) Palmer in Lawton, OK.

Ronzo attended school in Apache and Anadarko, OK. He received his GED in 1983. During his youth he listened to ZZ Top, ACDC, Rock-n-Roll, and Classic Rock. He would dance around in "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 Francella Palmer; sister, Carolyn Palmer; brother, Thomas Wayne Palmer, Sr; niece, Tamra Dawn Palmer;



Royce Edward Blackdeer, Caa Heesga (White Antlers), 71, passed away January 2, 2023 in Anadarko, OK. He was born August 24, 1951 in Black River Falls, Wisconsin to Wilbur and Emily (Waukon) Blackdeer.

He graduated from Black River Falls in 1970, he later went on to attend Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, KS. While there he met the love of his life, Melva 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 USAO 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 at Anadarko Area Office as a Clerk-Typist in Self Determination with Dr. Aaron Dry and Gary Rogers. He celebrated his 45th year there in April 2022 with the U.S. Government where he continued to work. In 1981, Royce assisted in the process of a restructuring program taking place at the Anadarko Area Office. The restructuring of the local area office was intended to separate from the other regional Oklahoma Area 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 that would soon be able to store and receive data from the other field agencies and transmit that information to the Albuquerque BIA office.

He proudly achieved numerous Awards for Special Achievements during his time.

He attended trainings which meant he had to travel from coast to coast, hoping to one day take his family to these states. Eventually his enjoyment was being able take and show his

family what a beautiful nation we live in, thanks to his job.

His spare time he loved to run, that passion then led him to become a former member of the Oklahoma Indian Running Club. The 80's and 90's many Saturday mornings were spent running a 10k or 5k road race somewhere in the state.

When he wasn't running a road race he would be coaching or assisting as a referee with 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 grateful to have met numerous tribal student that came from across the nation.

He was a member of the Kiowa County Handgame Team. This team consisted of the Adam Kaulaity and Melvin Geionety families.

His passion was growing up learning his tribal heritage which took him to numerous Pow-Wows across the nation. He was a fancy war dancer, showcasing his dance skills beginning at Stand Rock Ceremonials in Wisconsin Dells. Though he was no longer able to dance he would still attend various Pow-Wows in Oklahoma and other states. He loved meeting old friends at these gatherings and making new friends along the way. He was in awe of those dancers who were still able to enter that circle and participate.

He also 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: Arlie Blackdeer, Bennett Blackdeer and Forrest Blackdeer; Their beloved Fur baby: Brodie; In-laws: Melvin and Thelma Geionety

Royce is survived by: Spouse: Melva Blackdeer of the home Son: Keith Edward Blackdeer of Adams, Wisconsin Daughter: Emily Blackdeer-Devenitch and Sutthipan of Mustang, Oklahoma Sister: Myra Jo and Darren Price of Tomah, Wisconsin.

Five very much beloved and treasured grandkids: Calvin Edward Blackdeer, Keely Anne Blackdeer and Kemily Amber Blackdeer of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Dax Edward Devenitch and Leo Royce Devenitch of Mustang, Oklahoma



Joseph Kane Satepehtaw, 21, of Carnegie, Oklahoma passed from this life unexpectedly on January 2, 2023. He was born on December 14, 2001 to Leland D. Satepehtaw & Bessie Leigh Wolfe in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Joseph grew up and attended school in Carnegie, graduating from Carnegie High School in 2021. He was an avid member of the Kiowa Tribe. Joseph was a member of the North Spur Heights Hand Game team and the Kiowa Gourd Clan. He enjoyed attending pow wow's. Joseph loved being outdoors, always walking around with a mile on his face. He

also enjoyed fishing. Joseph will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his Father: Leland D. Satepehtaw, Carnegie, OK Siblings: Bertalee Woodard, Carnegie, OK, Olivia Satepehtaw, Carnegie, OK, Samuel Cervantes, TX, Leland Lavern Satepehtaw, Carnegie, OK, Nephew: Quentin Woodard Carnegie, OK, Grandmother: Bonita Ahtone Tallbird, Carnegie, OK, Grandfather: Malcom Tallbird, Sterling, OK, Maternal Grandmother: Paula Horse & Billy, Carnegie, OK, Darla Wolfe, Talihina, OK, Maternal Grandfather: Richard Yeahquo, Carnegie, OK, Charles Yeahquo, Apache, OK, Mike Yeahquo, Denton, TX, Numerous Aunts, Uncles and Grandparents

Preceded in death by his Mother: Bessie Leigh Wolfe; Uncle: George Michael Tallbird, Grandparents: Homer & Pamela Wolfe; and Great Grandparents: Vernon & Juanita Ahtone, LaVern & Marie Satepehtaw, and Paul & Juanita Yeahquo.



Kevin Wayne Bohay was born in Lawton, Oklahoma on March 8, 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 Sac and Fox and Kiowa. He was in the Sac and Fox Bear Clan.

Kevin showed his stubbornness at an early age. He didn't like his picture taken although mom was right there. At one and a half years old, he refused to wear diapers and had to wear his big brother undies until dad came home and took him to Walmart. His family all have a ton of "Kevin Stories" that have kept their spirits up.

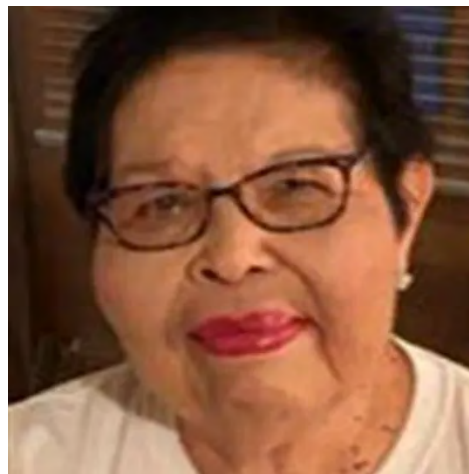
Kevin was baptized at Moore First Indian Baptist after surrendering to our Almighty, Jesus Christ, as his savior. Being a self-taught student of history, he knew scripture and read the Bible front to back several times. He studied philosophy and religion. He had an unsurpassed love for music which included bands like Queensryche, Judas Priest, and Iron Maiden. He was a great chef and when he came home from work and mom was making supper, he would take over and finish the cooking. At an early age, he was taught to be a hard worker and learned that he had to graduate from school, and either go into service or learn a

useful trade-- no couch surfing would do. If he got laid off or something, his previous employer always called him back because Kevin worked so hard, others would quit because they couldn't do his job-- his answer was always "No way! You had your chance!" He eventually went to work for several years at ATC then his last job. He did not believe in quitting.

He was especially close to his great grandparents Steve and May Bohay, grandma Marjorie Wolf and Auntie Iris Bohay (Sas) whom he spent most of his time 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 leaves behind:
 Mother: Imogene K. Bohay
 Sister: Jacquelyn Denise Bohay
 Aunties: Mary Kaulaity Bohay and Ioleta Kaulaity Carubelli
 Uncles: Philip Kaulaity (Sharon), Henry J. Kaulaity, Tony Kaulaity (Lynette), John Wolf (Marietta)
 Sister in-law/friend: Brandie Bohay
 Cousins: Norma Clark Cross, Norman Clark, Adam Carubelli
 Nieces: Alexis R. Wade, Starla N. Wade
 Nephews: Nathaniel Bohay, Anthony Bohay, Robin Cardona, Alan Ray Bohay, Steven and Joshua Bohay; and many other cousins and friends all of whom were loved

He is preceded in death by father William Ray Bohay, Brother William Louis Bohay and Stephen R. Bohay; grandparents Ruth Kokoom Kaulaity, Louis Earl Kaulaity, Marjorie Butler Wolf, Kenneth W. Bohay; great grandparents Alice Chanate Kokoom and Walter Kokoom, Mary Togamote Kaulaity, Henry Kaulaity, Myrtle Butler, Steve and May Sankadota Bohay; aunt Iris May Bohay, Elaine M. Wolf, Aunt Sandra Kaulaity; uncles Walter F. Kaulaity and Robert Wolf and Randy King; cousins Edward Thomas Clark, Lena Jean Bohay, and Millard Clark Jr.



Roselyn Marie Onco, 74, of Lawton. 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 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 eventually moved to Okmulgee, Ok. where she worked as a secretary for the Creek Nation for a few years. While working there she had also met Will Sampson, who became a good friend of hers. Roselyn worked for the Comanche Nation for many years. Her first employment was with the Comanche Nation Casino where she was a manager for the Mustang Grill. Everyone loved her hamburgers and she

got to meet Smokey Robinson and prepared the food for him and his crew. Her second employment, Roselyn was an Administrative Assistant for the Comanche Nation Residential Youth Shelter, where she was employed for 9 years and 18 months. She loved working at this job where she touched so many children's lives.

Roselyn eventually retired from The CRY center on January 31, 2018. Roselyn was a member of the Mt. Scott Kiowa Methodist Church. She also attended Petartsy 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, Ludociel. Roselyn also loved bead working 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.

Roselyn is survived by two sons, Gordon Ray Chasenah of the home and Dennis Pocowatchit Jr. of Lawton: three daughters, Annissa Chasenah and Kenny of Lawton, Amy Chasenah of the home, and Priscilla Stillwell and Wesley of Lawton: two sisters, Anita Johnson of Walters and Cheryl Onco of Duncan: two brothers, Ricky Mahan of Kansas and Newton Onco of Lawton. Four grandchildren, Joshua Redbird and Andrea of Lawton, Jeremy Redbird of the home, Nani of New Mexico and Andre of New Mexico. One great grandson, Ludociel Redbird of Lawton, and cousins, nieces and nephews. Roselyn was

preceded in death by her parents, Holly Sr. and Easlyn Onco: One sister, Lynnette Carlson: two brothers, Holly (Sonny) Onco Jr. and Eastman Onco.

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Kiowa Tribal Trial Court



“Personally, I believe we don’t often receive the fairness and objectivity in the other courts,” stated Kiowa Tribal Chairman, Lawrence SpottedBird, “so it is a big day for us to take care of the affairs of our Tribal Citizens.”

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 cedarling 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 Tsoitigh, “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 from 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 COURT
 P.O. Box 556/100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, OK 73015
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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 13-17, 2023
- April 10-14, 2023
- May 8-12, 2023
- June 12-16, 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.



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, CONTIENTIAL BREAKFAST, AND LUNCH PROVIDED

Dr. Dupoint Receives Client of the Year Award

By Dianna Hadley

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 lifespan. 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 granddaughters because they have children that need them. He said I 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.

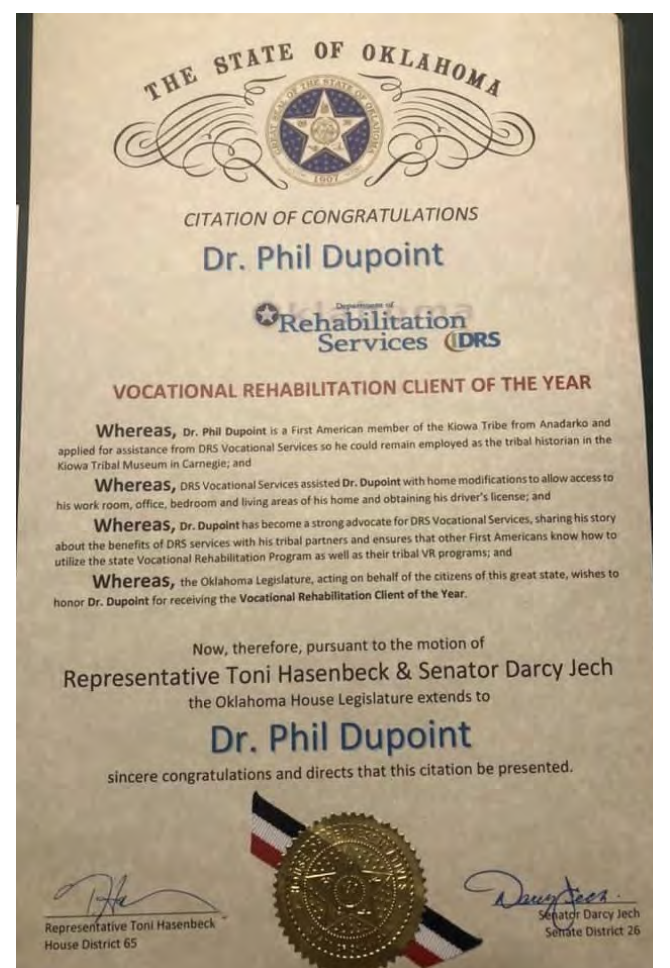
Dr. Dupoint stated that he was so excited to just drive that he didn’t care the which route they took. The instructor informed that he did not know Anadarko so he was in charge of the drive. Right away he decided to drive by the BIA agency then the clinic, Dr. Dupoint admits that all he really wanted 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,

“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 American 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. You cannot expect anyone else to do it for you,” he said, “last is to pray and have faith, the rest will follow....”



Ester Hayes
Eldest Full Blood-Female
96 yrs old



Cleo Kodaseet
Eldest Male
93



Mattie Botone
Eldest Kiowa- Female
98yrs old



HAPPY
Birthday



Samantha Irene Martin
Youngest Full Blood Kiowa
25yrs old



Ivan Espinosa
Youngest Enrolled Kiowa
6 Months

Ahnawake Dahn Toyekoyah

Hello, my name is Ahnawake Dahn Toyekoyah. My name means "first born granddaughter" which I am on both my mother and father's side of the family. I am the daughter of Marland Lee Toyekoyah Jr. (Bonner) and Sha Lynn Sanderville Toyekoyah. My paternal grandparents are the late Marland Lee Toyekoyah Sr. (Fuzz) and Dawn Cecille Daugomah Toyekoyah (CeCe); and maternal grandparents are James Sanderville and LaDonna Beaver (Donna). I am from Anadarko, Oklahoma and am a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. I have held two titles in my life. From 2014-2015 I became Kiowa Tribal Princess and in 2018-2019 I was crowned Miss Haskell at Haskell Indian Nations University. I was very honored to hold both of these titles and represent my tribe while being an ambassador in and 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 run for the Miss Indian World title and would appreciate your support. I'm currently required to sell 500 raffle tickets in order to continue to compete as a Miss Indian World Contestant. Raffle tickets are \$2.50 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. Aho.

Cash App: xhunee
PayPal: Ahnawake Toyekoyah
Facebook Pay: Ahnawake Dahn



MOBILE KIOWA ENROLLMENT

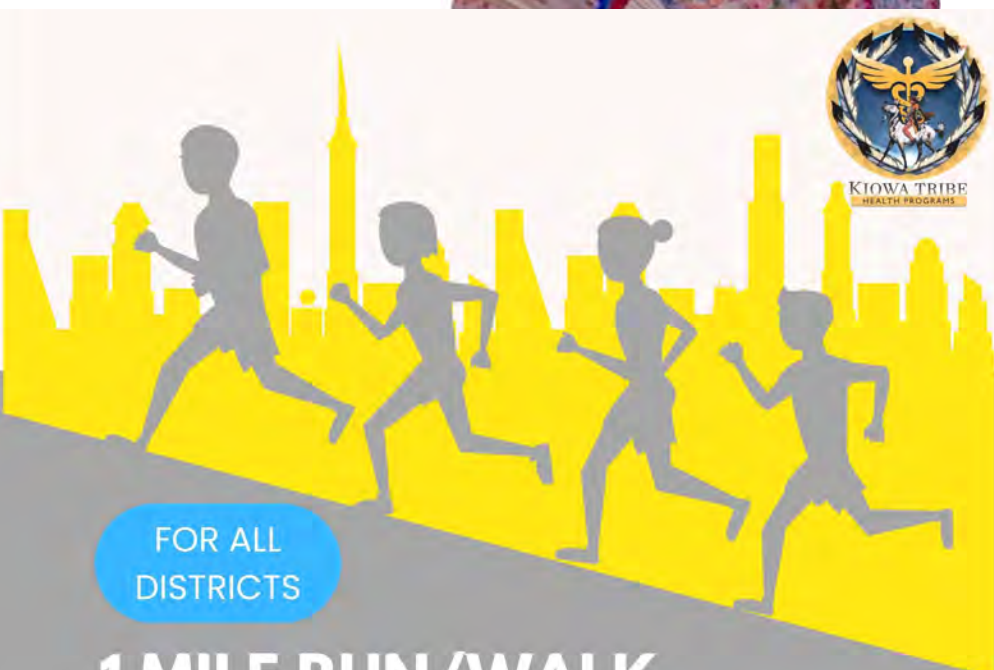
Weekly Schedule

MONDAY	TBN
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 Hardees 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, 73651
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.



[Kiowa Enrollment](https://www.kiowatribe.org)
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FOR ALL DISTRICTS

1 MILE RUN/WALK CHALLENGE

Run or Walk 1 mile per day

Participants will need to keep track of their progress using Apple Watch, Under Armor App, or Nike Runner App; then submit their status at the end of each week to CHR@kiowatribe.org. A total of 30 miles should be completed by the end of April 2023.

Incentives for those that complete!

For more info

(580) 654-6316
CHR@kiowatribe.org

APRIL 1ST-30TH

FREE

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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Be sure to Follow Us on Facebook page: the Kiowa Tribe for updates on announcements and events.



WANTED
"Highly Motivated Students 9th-12th"

**BIA/BIE Youth
Indian Police Academy**

Free - All Fees Paid For

Dates: June 18, 2023 – June 30, 2023
Location: Riverside Indian School
Application Deadline: May 19, 2023
Request Application: (405) 638-4413 or Email
Micah.Ware@bia.gov

- Patrol Operations
- Criminal Investigations
- Accident Investigations
- DUI Investigations
- Internet Safety
- Drug Enforcement
- K9 Demonstration
- Operation Lady Justice, MMDJ
- SWAT
- First Responders Day
- Career Fair, Etc.




COME JOIN THE FUN!

COMMUNITY VOLLEYBALL



**EVERY THURSDAY STARTING
MARCH 23, 2023
5-7 PM**
KIOWA COMMUNITY BUILDING
100 KIOWA WAY
CARNEGIE, OK 73015

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Visit Facebook page: **MMIP - Kiowa Chapter** to learn how you can help and join the effort; Message, or contact through email: mmip.kiowa.chapter@gmail.com



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-Keey keep all our youth safe and injury free as they continue their endeavors and sports career.



Pictured above is *Tsa-o Taylor, Ft Cobb Broxton*, right is senior *Matthew Tojpi, El Reno Indian boys team*; below is the entire *El Reno Indian Boys team*.



Riverside Lady Braves



MISSING

Isabella "Bella" Holyan

- AGE: 15 years old
- HEIGHT: 5' 6"
- WEIGHT: 125 lbs.
- EYE COLOR: Dark brown
- HAIR: Black; straight; medium length
- Nose ring (right)
- Scar upper back left shoulder
- Large birthmark on right thigh



Isabella was last seen by family on Friday 2/24/2023 at her home in Weatherford, OK., wearing a grey hoodie, black jeans, and white Nikes

If you have any information regarding her whereabouts please call the Weatherford Police Department at 580-772-7791

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GIFT SHOP

The Kiowa Tribe Gift Shop features Kiowa Tribe branded merchandise from clothing apparel to office products. We also feature Pendleton products, Teton trade broadcloth, locally hand-crafted unique beaded items, clothing, and silversmith work, and much, much more! *Stop by & visit us, remember to bring your CDIB for 10% Off total purchase!*

Open Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Email: gift@kiowatribe.org
Phone: (580)654 - 6374