Count stops at 129, KIC Meeting called at 2pm

Red Buffalo Hall—On Saturday, April 7th, 2018, the KIC Indians Council scheduled it’s first KIC meeting under the new constitution. Mother Nature stepped in, over Friday night, with heavy thunderstorms and a downpour. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Komalty, who announced that the meeting would be held at Red Buffalo Hall. Some KIC members have withdrawn their resolutions. After the upcoming special meeting, all resolutions passed will be placed on the May 5th Primary Election ballot, along with the candidates running for offices for Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and District 1, 3, and 4 Legislator seats. Most of the candidates were present at the meeting and took the mic to introduce themselves and give their thoughts on how they would like to serve the Tribe.

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By Dianna Hadley—Staff Writer
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GONA is a culture-based planning process that empowers and supports American Indian and Alaska Natives; it is conducted by the Tribal Training and Technical Assistance Center (Tribal TTA Center). Since its development in 1992, the GONA has been recognized as an effective culture-based intervention. It is about a journey of healing and transformation; healing the past as much as building the future to restablish a safe, supportive, and nurturing community so the youth can thrive and grow up in balance.

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Candidate for Kiowa Tribal Chairman

My name is Lawrence SpottedBird, candidate for the Chairmanship of the Kiowa Tribe in the 2018 Kiowa Tribal Elections. I come from a family rich in Kiowa history. Lawrence SpottedBird Sr., my grandfather, was a tribal leader of the Kiowa Tribe. He was a great-grandfather of Chief Bighorn. My mother was Bonnie SpottedBird, eldest daughter of Yale and Mary Whitehorse SpottedBird. On my maternal side, my grandfather, Harry Oktalay SpottedBird, is the grandson of Chief Feather Lance (Heidley). Yale’s mother, Blanchie, was a great-granddaughter of Chief Happy of the Paws.

I am a lifetime member of the First American Baptist Church in Hobbie-man which was formed in 1874 by missionaries and my great-grandparents Spotted Bird and his wife, Abney-honah, grandson of Chief Bighorn. My partner is Tuddie Plata, candidate for Kiowa Tribal Commissioner – current Speaker of the Kiowa Legislature.

On my mother’s side, Martha SpottedBird’s lineage, her father was Charley Whitehorse, son of Pic-hus-e who was the son of Principal Chief Tolahzas. Charley SpottedBird was his wife, and they have three sons John, William, and a daughter, Emily. On his mother’s side, his father, Harry Oktalay SpottedBird, is the grandson of Chief Feather Lance (Heidley). Yale’s mother, Blanchie, was a great-granddaughter of Chief Happy of the Paws.

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Chairman Komalty resides in Anadarko, Oklahoma with his wife of forty years. They are the parents of five children, and grandparents of thirteen grandchildren.

Chairman Komalty was born in Lawton, Oklahoma and grew up amongst his Kiowa people and developed a sincere appreciation for their culture, language, and tribal traditions. His family instilled in him a deep respect for all Native people especially elders and youth. Chairman Komalty received a Bachelor of Science degree from Lamar University in Beaumont, and a Master of Business Administration from California State University. He continued his education to obtain his master’s degree in Administrative Leadership at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Upon completion of his college career, Komalty became known for his work in football, baseball, and golf. Matthew Komalty was selected to be the Athletic Director at Window Rock School in Arizona and appointed to serve as the Dean of Students at Rough Rock High School, an experience that gave him a greater appreciation for teaching children with a strong cultural identity. Komalty also became a coach for basketball. However, Chairman Komalty retired after thirty successful years of service in this position since 2015.

In 2004, Matthew Komalty was elected to the Kiowa Tribe moving forward for his people so he campaigned for the honorary position of Kiowa Tribal Chairman. He was honored to be elected the leader of the Kiowa Tribe in September of 2005. Once in office, Chairman Komalty faced the arduous task of having the tribe’s leadership, which was three years overdue; brought the BIA-63 contract back to the tribe; opened new field offices located in Anadarko, Oklahoma; placed two properties under trust status; and opened new field offices located in Anadarko, Oklahoma; placed two properties under trust status; and opened a new casino in Carnegie. These actions created new positions for employment for the area which now makes the Kiowa Tribe the foremost employer in the Carnegie area. Current projects include a new opening opthology hotel located next to the casino in Devol, Oklahoma; opening a tribal funeral home; a new dance ground; and additional programs geared toward the Kiowa youth such as an after-school program with tutoring. Chairman Komalty’s future endeavors include developing plans for two more casinos located in Elgin and Carnegie, and as well as a new casino op- thology hotel located next to the casino in Devol, Oklahoma; opening a tribal funeral home; a new dance ground; and additional programs geared toward the Kiowa youth such as an after-school program with tutoring. Chairman Komalty’s future endeavors include developing plans for two more casinos located in Elgin and Carnegie, and as well as a new casino.
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During the 1930s, the Jack Bointy family sponsored their own annual “‘give-away’” to express themselves and to have a give-away. The family gathered at the end of the dance arena and began to have their giveaway. The family gave blankets, shawls, cooking utensils, provisions, and the give-away went on for several minutes. Then the Bointy asked for the Otoe family who gave him the chicken the year before to come forward. When the man came to the front Jack put the fine chickens he had in the family box and then, he lifted his finger and shook it at the Bointy family and loudly said, “That...in how you supposed to ‘give-away’.

The shock and embarrassment on the Otoe man’s face was evident and he withdrew from the dance arena. He went into his camp and would not speak to the Bointy family for several hours. However, the next morning he and his family were gone. Our Kiowa elders are gracious. Our Kiowa elders are humble. Our Kiowa elders are generous. But, our Kiowa elders do not allow or tolerate the act of giving away for the purpose of pressuring or influencing an individual. Our Kiowa elders are gracious. Our Kiowa elders are humble. Our Kiowa elders are generous. But, our Kiowa elders do not allow or tolerate the act of giving away for the purpose of pressuring or influencing an individual.

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Did You know that the Kiowa Tribe consists of many "spiritual individuals"? The very word Kiowa was pronounced "Kaw-yah", meaning principal people. It is actually very fitting because most members of the Kiowa Tribe are spiritual people, as well as tradition. When the Seminoles leave the Nation and the Feather Dance, the Kiowa were not many, most Kiowas chose one of two roads: the Jesus road, or the Feather Dance road. They chose both at different times in their lives. Isaac Trice (Chief in 1898) said that the Kiowa worshiped the same God, Jesus. He saw his Kiowa mission sister that came to the Kiowa reservation to teach them what it meant to be a Christian. In appreciation they gave her the name "Aim-tay-Toh", which means "turn this way". Chief Big Tree convinced everyone to go on this road as a voice of the people. Whether you choose the Jesus road or the Feather Dance road, there is a chance to pray, meditate, and express themself. The Kiowa Tribe recognizes the use of peyote as a religious and cultural freedom and peyote usage by the Native American Church (NAC). They did so in 1918 a fiery speech at Darlington, Oklahoma; he said that the Kiowa had so long been the Son of the Spirit that they could not turn this way, and they would teach others. She brought as much of the plant that she could to place under God’s protection. Some people say that the Kiowa received the peyote from Charles and Carrie Redbird (compilers); William Wolfe (singer); Louis Toyebo (translator); Moses Poulos (advisor); and Lena Gibson (transcriber). Peyote was given to the people in a revelation. Throughout northern and central Mexico all tribes tell the same legend of a woman alone and empty of life who appeared one day to a voice of the people. This is life and a blessing which we must give to all the people. She then brought the peyote from the Apaches around 1800. However, the Kiowas have actually known of peyote on the days of Quanah Parker, their Comanche ally, who used peyote in ceremonies around 1873. Trained by a Mexican medicine woman, Parker passed the peyote ritual to many Kiowas including Chief Big Tree (now converted) explained the use of peyote, which means "Turn this way". When we Kiowas see an opportunity to create a blessing, we know that this is the will of the people. It is actually very fitting because most members of the Kiowa Tribe are spiritual people.

Recipes submitted monthly by Will Brown, Director, Kiowa Food Distribution.

**Southwest Fruit Salad**

Makes 8 servings

**Ingredients**

- 1 can mixed fruit (purchased, about 15 ounces)
- 1/2 cup onion (chopped)
- 2 tablespoon lime juice
- 1/4 cup green pepper or jalapeno pepper (chopped)
- 1/3 teaspoon black pepper

**Directors**

- 1. Put all ingredients to a fruit and mix well. Let stand at room temperature at least 15 minutes, or refrigerate up to six hours before serving.
- 2. Serve as an appetizer with tortilla chips or topping for grilled chicken, fish, meat or pork.

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