Chairman Komalty

Matthew M. Komalty and Rhonda J. Ahhaitty, will be the Kiowa Tribal Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the next 4 years. The results of the election were announced via the Tribe's Facebook page at 4pm on Saturday, June 2, 2018.

The Komalty/Ahhaitty team defeated Lawrence J. Spottedbulk and Renee M. Plata by a tally of 846 votes to 782 votes, for a 51.97% to 48.03% margin. In District 474, which is the Juney Creek area, Charles Hines defeated Billy Harris by a margin of 62 votes to 41 votes.

Marilyn Bread was the sole District 43 candidate, in the primary election. A protest period will be in effect until 12pm on Friday, June 1, 2018.

When asked about the election results, Chairman Komalty stated, "First of all I’d like to thank everybody for their votes. Thank you for believing in our vision.”

Time Magazine Picture of Kiowa Hero Donated to Tribe

Carnegie, Oklahoma - On Thursday May 17, 2018, the Kiowa Tribe was presented with a photo that was featured in Time Magazine on April 19, 2004. Cpl. Joshua J. Ware of Cement, Oklahoma was killed by enemysmall arms fire during Operation Steel Curtain, a mission known as "The Second Battle of Fallujah. The photo was taken on page 8 of the time magazine, which is the colors of USMC. The second photo composition was given to Robert "Corky" Poolaw upon his return from Iraq.

On Thursday, May 17, 2018, the Kiowa Tribe was presented with a photo of Cpl. Joshua J. Ware and fellow Marines (F DWC) who was killed in action in 2004 and re-presented it to Alisha Wall who accepted the honor for her father, Charles Hines. Charles Hines was killed in the line of duty in 1968.

The Kiowa Museum Director, Amie Tah Bone is presented the photo to Preciado, Marine veterans, and other Kiowa veterans present. The photo was taken by Time Magazine during Operation Steel Curtain, as a mission known as "Operation Steel Curtain," to assist with the elections near the Syrian border. Joshua was assigned to the "Fighting 13th." During an ambush at a farmhouse, Joshua was killed by small arms fire.

Joshua’s parents Alisha and Randy, stand next to the Veterans Memorial in Anadarko, OK in 2013.

CPL Josh Ware, top left, and five other Marines graced the pages of Time Magazine on April 19, 2004. The photo was taken during the battle of Fallujah, Iraq during what is now called The Second Battle of Fallujah. The photo was taken on page 8 of the Time Magazine.

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For years, Kiowa Business Committee members, as well as Kiowa Tribal members, have kicked around the idea of creating an events area behind the Tribal Complex in Carnegie. Some suggested a powwow ground, or a walking trail, or a park, or a general outdoor events venue. Recent actions created a reason to put things into motion. Due to the construction of a new Washita River Bridge on the north side of Carnegie, much of the lower Carnegie Park is now occupied by construction material, equipment, and workers. Because of the work being done in the area, a 60 year old event was left without a home for its Annual Celebration. The long-time occupants of the July event, The Kiowa Gourd Clan, approached the Kiowa Tribe with their concerns. This turn of events pushed the Kiowa Tribal Chairman, Matt Komalty, to make an executive decision to proceed with a dance ground in the southeast area of the Tribal Complex. The Kiowa Tribal Park, would not only accommodate the Kiowa Gourd Clan’s Annual Fourth of July Celebration, but would be used for all Kiowa Groups and organizations, societies, clubs, and benefits for the many events held by Tribal organizations, committees, and groups. The Kiowa Tribal Park, would not only accommodate the Kiowa Gourd Clan’s Annual Fourth of July Celebration, but would be used for all Kiowa Groups and organizations, societies, clubs, and benefits for the many events held by Tribal organizations, committees, and groups. The Kiowa Gourd Clan’s Celebration will be on July 2, 3, and 4, 2018…in a new home.

Chairman Komalty stated that, “The Tribal Park will soon become a staple of the many events held by Tribal organizations, societies, clubs, and benefits for many years to come”.

The Kiowa Tribe Head Start Program is now accepting applications. Applications can be picked up at the KCA Head Start Center at 1401 N.E. Lawrie Tatum Road, Lawton, Oklahoma, Little Rabbit Center at 1602 American Street, Anadarko, Oklahoma, Kiowa Tribe Head Start Office, Kiowa Tribal Complex Carnegie, Oklahoma from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday or go to kiowatribehs.org for enrollment applications.

Kiowa Tribe Head Start is a federally funded program which provides a research-based curriculum, comprehensive health, nutrition, social services, family engagement and other services to children ages 3 to 4 years old and their families.

The Head Start program does not discriminate against Race, Color, Sex, National Origin or Disabilities. Everyone is welcome to apply for enrollment this program is not just for Native Americans, anyone can participate. Documents needed when applying include birth certificate, income verification, current immunization record, CDB (if applicable) and health insurance.

For additional information call Little Rabbit Center (405) 247-3740, KCA Center (580) 354-1412 or Kiowa Tribe Head Start office (580) 654-2544.
Jonathan Robert Goombi is the third and youngest son of Ron and Alpha Marie (Horse) Goombi of Omaha, Nebraska, and his maternal grandparents are the late Billy Evans & Dorita Horse from the Wilton, North Dakota. Jonathan is a descendant of Chief Red Tipi. His immediate plans are to continue with his education and obtain his Master’s Degree.

Jonathan graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University in May 2018 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. Jon is a member of the HINU’s Golf Team, active on campus with the Fellowship of Christian Athletes as well as a member of Indian Avenue Baptist Church across from the HINU campus.

This summer in June 2018, Jonathan will spend one month in Anadarko, Oklahoma living in the Anadarko Indian Nursing Home, volunteering with the residents. He will also work with the Social Services at Anadarko Complex, and the Social Services website under Social Services, Tribal Programs on June 11, 2018. Applications are accepted and will be accepted until June 11, 2018. This energy assistance is ongoing for tribal members residing in Caddo, Comanche, and Kiowa counties. The Crisis Program requirement is a cut off disconnect notice from a utility company or low on propane. To submit the following documentation to the intake clerks: completed LIHEAP application, income verification, social security cards for all household members, CDIB of adults in the household, and cut off disconnect notice from the utility company. If you do not have any income, you must complete a no income form. LIHEAP Crisis Program will be ended on July 31, 2018. You cannot receive any energy assistance from other tribal or state programs. Also, Social Services will begin accepting LIHEAP Cooling applications on June 11, 2018. Applications are available on the Kiowa Tribe website under Social Services, Tribal Complex, and the Social Services office in Anadarko. Please contact our intake clerks Nikki at 580-654-4800 or Mona at 580-654-6361 for more information.

Language Fair This Month

On June 20th, the Kiowa Language & Culture Revitalization Program is holding the second annual Kiowa Language Fair, ‘Gáuisàèk áa gathering of the newer generations.’ The event will be from 9:00-11:00 am. The Language Fair is open to both adult and youth participants. Youth activities include language presentations and break-out sessions. Participants will be divided by age: 5-7, 8-10, 11-13, and 14-18. This year’s topics will cover Kiowas and the horse, jet designs and history, games, and songs. Adult activities begin at 10:45 am and include a language and culture bowl and a session on kinship terms. These prizes will be given throughout the day and lunch will be served to participants. Transportation will be provided in the Anadarko, Hobart, and Lawton areas. Pre-registration is highly recommended. You can register online at https://go.mzn.com/535rdhbb2py or at the Kiowa Tribe Museum. Co-sponsors include DOR, CHR, SYSP/WEJA, Head Start, Child Care, KTS/P, IT, Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports Program, and the Kiowa Tribe Museum. For any questions or more information please call the Program Director, Amie Tab-Bone, at 580-654-6370.

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Graduates

Kiowa Graduates, Talon Ray Satepauhoodle graduated from Bacone College on Saturday 5/12/18 with his Bachelor of Arts Degree in American Indian Studies. He is the eldest Son of Lynette & Robert Lawrence Goombi of Eudora, Kansas and great-grandson of the late Robert Lawrence & Katherine Goombi of Mt. View, Oklahoma. Jonathan Robert Goombi is the third and youngest son of Ron and Alpha Marie (Horse) Goombi of Omaha, Nebraska, and his maternal grandparents are the late Billy Evans & Dorita Horse from the Wilton, North Dakota. Jonathan is a descendant of Chief Red Tipi. His immediate plans are to continue with his education and obtain his Master’s Degree.

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**KIOWA LEGISLATURE**

**Appreciation to Kiowa Citizens in Lawrence**

*Kansas For District 7 Community Meeting*

*By Modina Waters*

"It's always good to visit with Kiowas. — District 7 Kiowa Tribal Legislature, Modina Waters.

Modina traveled to Lawrence, KS, accompanied by Juanita At lone to attend a Saturday, May 19 Kiowa community meeting. The trip was a success with a prayer by Joe Buntay. A welcome and agenda was provided by Drs. Jessica Danco, who graciously organized the meeting. Modina reported that during discussion and review of the documents, the main discussion was about lowering the blood quantum and census reinstalling. The group discussed services available and unrecoverable to Kiowas residing in District 7. Tribal funds, if available, can be provided to District 7 Kiowas, such as emergency assistance through the Social Services department. Juanita At lone provided some historical stories of her personal and professional experience as a former KBC member. Juanita, also on behalf of the Kiowa Tribe, provided a Kiowa on-the-spot blank in a drawing recently won by the youngest Kiowa at an annual event that Day, Michael Sellers. Modina Modina expresses appreciation to Juanita At lone as one of the best traveling partners and mentors. And don’t forget, Juanita if she says "we got lost a few times.""

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Please visit the Kiowa Tribe website at: [www.kiowatribesite.org](http://www.kiowatribesite.org) to view or download job applications, download fillable job application forms, and obtain information on how to apply or contact the Human Resources Department at (580) 574-9338. Extensions are listed below.

The Districts with no official representative will be covered by Legislators Renee Plata, Dave Geimassalle, and Ron Powlow.

Cell Phone Numbers: District 1 - 580-574-9338 District 2 - 580-574-9338 District 3 - 580-574-9338 District 4 - 580-574-9338 District 5 - Anita Onco Johnson 580-6381 District 6 - Ben Wolf 580-6338 District 7 - Modina Waters 580-6338

**The Kiowa Legislature holds monthly meetings every second Saturday of every month in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution. Each meeting will begin at 11am at a designated location which will be advertised in local publications and the Tribal website www.kiowatribesite.org.

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**Prepare For The Fire Season**

*Submitted by Acting Kiowa Environmental Director Dorla Tomas*

If you live in an area where the wild fire risk is high, prepare for fire season. Being prepared is especially important for the health of children, older adults and people with heart or lung disease.

**BEFORE A WILDFIRE**

If any family member has heart or lung disease, including children, check with your doctor about what you should do during smoke events. Have a plan to move your family.

• Stack up so you don’t have to go out when it’s smoky. Have several days’ worth of medications on hand. Buy groceries that do not need to be refrigerated or cooked because cooking can add to indoor air pollution.

• Create a “clean room” in your home. Choose a room with no fireplace and few windows and doors as possible, such as a bedroom. Use a portable air cleaner in the room.

• Know how you will get alerts and health warnings, including air quality reports, public service announcements via local radio, and social media before you have allergies. Prepare for fire risk and an active fire.

• An air conditioning professional will provide guidelines on high efficiency filters to use in your home’s system and how to close the fresh-air intake if your central air system or room air conditioner is down.

• Have a supply of N95 respirators and learn how to use them. They are sold at many home improvement stores and online.

**DURING A WILDFIRE**

Stay inside with the doors and windows closed. Run your air conditioner with the fresh-air intake closed ("reinfiltration mode") to keep smoke from getting indoors. Seek shelter elsewhere if you do not have an air conditioner and it is too warm to stay inside with the windows closed.

• Follow your health care provider’s advice if you have heart or lung disease. If your symptoms worsen, reduce your exposure to smoke and contact your provider.

• Do not add to indoor air pollution. Do not burn candles or use gas, propane, wood-burning stoves, or aerosol sprays. Do not fry or use meat, smoke tobacco products, or vacuums.

• All of these can increase air pollution indoors.

• Pay attention to local air quality reports and health warnings. Public service announcements give you important information such as changing conditions, cancelled evacuations, or evacuation notices.

• Do not rely on dust masks or bandanas for protection from smoke. An N95 respirator can protect you if it fits snugly to your face and is worn properly. Please do not recommend for children.

Get air quality information: Check your local news, the airnow.gov website.

— Dorla Tomas

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**More Graduates...**

Mercedes-university and Georgia Harris-answered questions about attending the University of Oklahoma and internship experience. Ms. Eisenberger, a guest speaker for the 10th year reunion for the Kiowa Class of 2018. The sisters are descendents of Set’tune and the Longhorn family, granddaughter of Dr. Richard Harris of the Kiowa Indian Clinic in Carnegie, OK, and daughters of RJ and Jennifer Harris of Norman.

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**Job Title: CHR Generalist**

**Job Summary:** The CHR Generalist is under the supervision of the Community Health Coordinator and performs duties in accordance with established policies and procedures of the Kiowa Tribe and Title I programs. Provides intake and referral services to new and existing clients. Develops and enhances community programs. Participates in training and technical assistance activities. Adheres to professional and ethical standards. Maintains the confidentiality of client information. Supports the development of community health programs. Provides a safe environment for all clients.

**Qualifications:**

High School Diploma or equivalent GED. Must be skilled in computer operations and comfortable using the Windows Operating System, Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, Power Point, and digital equipment. Must have Health Care/EHRL training and a CPR expired certificate. Good communication skills; telephone skills; ability to organize. Must have a valid driving record for the past five years and must be able to drive a three-year-old vehicle.

**Application Deadline:** June 5, 2018

**More information:** [kiowatribesite.org](http://kiowatribesite.org)
The Family History Room maintains a large collection of Native American obituary files. An index to this collection may be found on the Lawton Public Library Genealogy website.

“Obituaries are a wonderful way to learn about the lives of our deceased family members as they provide capsule biographies of these people,” explains librarian Amber Follett. Appreciation and thanks to Sam DeFerrey, Faye Eddison Woodburn, Barbara and Ken Goodson, Leonard and Eva Biddles, Wilber Parker, and Linda Garrison for their assistance, advice and probe and proofing. Without their help, this collection would not be possible.

Another valuable local history source is the Comanche County Biographical Index. This index is a listing of the local biographies found in various books found in the Lawton Public Library. The Index is arranged in alphabetical order. The library contains an excellent collection of KCA material with several unique sources. The collection is particularly strong on Comanche history. For more information please contact Amber Follett, Family and Local History Librarian, at 580-561-5930 option 1 or by e-mail at alb@lawtonok.gov.

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KHEGP STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Kynsington Hyde Toppah

The Kiowa Tribe Gros Ventre news is dedicated to the Kiowa Nation and to Kiowa tribal members. Each month the Kiowa Tribe Gros Ventre news will feature a Kiowa student who has demonstrated excellence in school, in the community, and to the community.

Kynsington Hyde Toppah was named the Kiowa Tribe Gros Ventre Student of the Month for the Month of June. Kynsington is a junior at Parkview High School in Lawton, Oklahoma. Kynsington plans to apply to a physical therapy program to continue her education. She attends to her job to work in the area of Social Services while pursuing her goal of becoming a physical therapist. She aspires to work with school-age youths, teachers, and coaches. Kynsington says she “hopes to bridge the gap between student athletes, teachers, and coaches by bringing awareness to disabilities you cannot see.” Kynsington has earned the nickname "K" and has a gift for the Kiowa Nation including the Kiowa language. She earned a full ride to Oklahoma State University. Kynsington plans to apply to a physical therapy program to continue her education. She attends to her job to work in the area of Social Services while pursuing her goal of becoming a physical therapist. She aspires to work with school-age youths, teachers, and coaches. Kynsington says she “hopes to bridge the gap between student athletes, teachers, and coaches by bringing awareness to disabilities you cannot see.” Kynsington has earned the nickname "K" and has a gift for the Kiowa Nation including the Kiowa language.

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The Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports Program (KTYSP) was honored to be able to hold this event yesterday here in the Carnegie and Anadarko area. It has been in the works for awhile and we finally got to make it happen. All thanks to Linda Waters Jr., Lindy Waters III and the whole Waters family for coming down and learned a little more about the game they love. Hopefully they’ll all learn new things to work on to improve their game. We loved to see the smiles, laughs, and perseverance the kids had with each other and the faces light up during the pictures/autograph session. We had over thirty kids here at Hoop City and was able to teach them so they’ll know the signs if they ever come across such an ordeal.

The event is for the missing and murdered indigenous women is uncertain but there are 5,772 issues that are known to be incidents in 2016. Statistics shows that 84% of Native Women have experienced violence on their lifetime; on some reservations, Native American women are murdered at a rate of 10 times the national average. That means that 5 out 5 Native American women have been or will experience sexual assault and be victims of abuse. The ratio of rape is 1 in 3. The third leading cause of death for young native females ages 10-24 is intentional homicide. The ending ceremony led by Michael Topanai (Kiowa) was done for the relatives and friends of those who were impacted by this epidemic. A few shared stories about their loved ones as well as express their feelings and concerns.

Sherrill L. Williams, candidate for City of Lawton Mayor, was also in attendance. She said, “I am happy to know, that this organization (MMIW, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women) exists. Also, to know, that we are working towards justice. Every one of your voices were heard today.”

Former Kiowa Princess
Now Miss Haskell

Almawake Dahn Toyekoyah was crowned 2018-2019 Miss Haskell on May 18th. She is the daughter of Marland “Boner” and Sha Toyekoyah.

In March of 2014, she was crowned the 2014-2015 Kiowa Princess which was a huge honor to represent the Tribe. She is currently a sophomore at Haskell Indian Nations University majoring in Criminal Justice.

Her plans are to graduate Haskell with an Associate of Science in the spring of 2019 and continue to pursue Nursing. She plans to transfer to Washburn or the University of Kansas to represent the Tribe. She is currently a sophomore at Haskell Indian Nations University majoring in Criminal Justice.

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Did you know that the Kiowa Tribe has the most unique folktales among south-west Oklahoma and possibly among other plains tribes? The reason is because the Kiowas have passed down the “Saynday” (or Senday) stories, a hero and trickster who often finds himself in mischief. Curiosity led me to begin my research about other tribes and their folktails. I discovered quickly that a lot of the surrounding tribes, including Comanche, Caddo, Cheyenne, Apache, Arapaho, and Navajo to name a few, all have stories about a trickster as well. The similarities of the folktails are similar because of the comic mischief and lesson to be taught through the story. The difference is that unlike the Kiowa stories that tell of a trickster in human form; these other tribes describe an animal as their trickster such as coyote, rabbit, or spider.

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The Kiowa Tribe Head Start program tells the students the traditions of winter swimming to teach them that there are consequences when you make a wrong decision. The Kiowa people hold a lot of traditional values. Respect and praise are accorded to those who are generous in helping others; especially sharing food. It is considered virtuous to honor the nearest. Gender is scored upon and failure to respect gifts of spiritual blessings is sure to end bad luck. Then there’s Saynday.

Tone-Kon-Gah enters the USAO Ballroom with the colors of Silverhorn (1861-1941) who brought the stories to life with his art work. Charles Diker, a known collector of Native American masterpieces, supported the project to publish a book about Saynday. Nearly all of the illustrations inside the book “Saynday was coming along…” were actually from Diker’s private collection of Silverhorn (1861-1940) work.

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For news, announcements, pictures, and live streaming of Kiowa Tribal events go to our face-book page: “The Kiowa Tribe”