4th of July Celebrations

A New Home At Kiowa Tribal Park

“The Best Time to Be Kiowa”

By Dianna Hadley

Staff Writer

It’s the best time to be Kiowa was the phrase heard throughout the celebrations. July 4-5, 2018 was a special time for many who participated with Kiowa Grand Clan (KGC) or the Kiowa Tia-Piah Society. People traveled near and far to be here during the annual gathering and it is always such a beautiful sight to see all ages in the arena. This year was especially notable for the Kiowa Grand Clan as they are the first to “break-in” the new Kiowa Tribe Park located southeast of the Kiowa complex.

A few months ago, the area was more than uneven dirt. On this day, the area was a source of pride for the Kiowa attendees. The grounds were very spacious allowing participants enough space for their camps and parking. Temperatures averaged well over 100 degrees but that did not stop them from enjoying the festivities. The extreme heat made it more than enough for the singing and dancing in the heat. The young and old, filled the arena and danced in the heat. Everyday men and women, gourd dance, and Oh ho-mah. Everyday men and women, rabbits dance, brush dance, flag raising, rations to campers, schedule each day to include rain and snow. It is believed that like always KGC had a tight signification to see all of the Kiowa Grand Clan activities. July 4th and 5th was filled with viewers and dancers all three days. Taking a glance around the facility you could see many happy faces; there was defiantly a jovial mood present as they danced together in circle. Their schedule included rabbit dance, grand dance, and Oh ho-mah all three days as well. Members of Tia-Piah welcomed new members on July 4th and expressed how excited they were for next year’s annual event. “It continues to get better and better as we grow and welcome new members,” said one member as he welcomed the new recruits.

Indeed it’s wonderful to see both organizations growing in numbers; however, this time of year is much more for the Kiowa Tribe as a whole. Dating back in history, all of the Kiowa bands came together for their most important ceremony, the sun dance. The Kiowa Tribe stopped having the ceremony decades ago but a fire of traditions are still alive today. The 4th of July celebrations are the best time to witness and learn about these traditions. Camps are still being taken care of by women and the teachings continue to get passed down from one generation to another. At one camp, this year, responsibilities were being passed down from a grandmother to her granddaughter: a lady dancing for the very first time because of her desire to show support to her husband; the new generation enacting the arena so they will be able to learn. One could also witness the love that the Kiowa people have for each other; no matter if it’s been a long time or a short while, they greeted each other warmly.

There is this certain feeling that you cannot put into words upon being around the annual celebration. No matter your reason for coming, you always leave with something. A sense of pride and connection to individual has within themselves and those who have gone on. That humble feeling to dance with the person next to you despite how hot or tired you may be. Visitors near and far are able to take what they witnessed and have a better understanding about the tribes or Native Americans in general. Whatever it may be, this is truly a special time to be Kiowa.

Chairman Matt Komalty takes part in the Tia-Piah Celebration in RBH

Kiowa Tia-Piah Society Celebrates in Red Buffalo Hall

Oh Ho-Mah Dancers enter the new arena at the Kiowa Tribal Park on day one of the Kiowa Grand Clan Celebration
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The Kiowa Tribe

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Those seeking the District 2 Legislator position, must also file a petition that shall contain at least 50 signatures of qualified Kiowa voters in District 2.

Registration will close on Monday, July 30, 2018, at 4:30pm. The last of candidates will be posted on Tuesday, July 17th, 2018 at various locations including the Tribal website kiowatribe.org. All ballots will be cast in the District 2 area, Zolote/Camnge. All votes shall be cast either in person at a District polling site or by Absentee Ballot. The polling site for this election will be located at the Kiowa Tribal Complex in Camnge, OK.

Absentee voting, for eligible voters in District 2 who expect to be absent from the polling site or are physically incapacitated and unable to go to the polling site, can be requested by visiting or calling the Kiowa Election Commission office at 580-6325. Requests must be made by August 1st.

All Absentee ballots must be returned by mail, in time to be received at the Camnge Post Office by Saturday morning, August 25th. Absentee ballots not postmarked by August 25th will be void. The polls will be open from 9am until 5pm. The counting of the ballots will begin at 5pm.

Registration packets are available at the KEC office. There is a $150 non-refundable filing fee, due at the time of filing.

The opening day parade. He’s expected to be in and around the Expo activities through Saturday the 18th, when the Expo board will make the “Indian Of The Year” presentation. Known as “Trey” to most, Lindy is the son of Lisa and Lindy Waters Jr. Lindy Jr. was a standout basketball player at Southern Nazarene.

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Kiowa Veteran

The Sequoyah National Research Center at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock is creating the Modern Warriors of World War I database to identify the brave and heroic 12,000 American Indian servicemen risked their lives during World War I. They volunteered or were drafted to serve in the war. 100 years later, thousands of individuals yet to be identified and recognized for their service in the military. We would love to help change this.

Our goal is to create as complete a record as possible for an online American Indian veteran’s database. We want to remember their legacy and honor who they were as American Indians and their contributions.

We appreciate any consideration and cooperation in helping us to identify the brave and heroic individuals who are memoryless in this project. The Sequoyah National Research Center at the University of Arkansas. We work on this project as a public in the near-future.

If you have any information regarding a tribal member or local one who served in World War I (1914-1918), please contact Erin Ford at (501) 569-4363 or eford@ualr.edu.

Kiowa AVT Student of the Month

Alicia C Ahlgrim DVM, Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. Alicia is the daughter of Michael and Cathy (Botone) Ahlgrim of Chickasha, Virginia. Alicia is the grandaughter of Elizabeth Kaulaity of the late James and the late Thomas Bolin. Alicia is the great-granddaughter of Frank and Kitty (Brown) Kaulaity. Alicia has always had the dream of becoming a Veterinarian. She started her journey at the University of Pennsylvania graduating in 1941 in a 4-year Psychology with a Minor in all the necessary Veterinary requirements. In school she was a Vice President for the Women’s Rowing Team for all four years of her college life. She continued on to Ross University and in January of 2014 received her degree in Veterinary Medicine. She attended the University of Pennsylvania to complete her clinical year of training. While attending Ross University she held the following positions: President of the Animal Behavior Club and Fund-Raising Chair for Integrated Veterinary Medicine Club. Alicia is currently working on her Certification of Fear Free Medicine, Low Stress Handling, and CININE Physical Rehabilitation. Alicia is currently the Newest Veterinarian at the Boarding Pet Hospital in Chickasha, Chickasha. She is currently working with all of the staff for their support and prayers so she can meet her baby this summer and reach her lifelong dream. Ahh!

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KHEGP July Student of the Month

Magdalene (Tomskoty) Perry is from Chickasha, OK and attended Chickasha High School. She comes from a big family. Her mother is Stephanie Tomskoty. Her father Michael Tomskoty worked at Rainy Mountain and was killed in this job. She says that he was his love, understanding, and tendedness which she has seen on her that she is today. She has three brothers: Michael I. Tomskoty (deceased), Matthew Tomskoty, Matthew Tomskoty and one sister – Mary Tomskoty. Magdalene and her father, Thomas Tomskoty, have one son in High School. She then attended the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma. In 2015 she graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in 2015. She is now pursuing a Master of Science in Behavioral Sciences with an emphasis in Psychology and Counseling. In High School, Magdalene received awards for most accomplished student at our school (freshman-senior year) and for Latin Club. In college, she was inducted into several honor societies including: Phi Eta Sigma (honors), Phi Chi (Psychology Honors Society) and Hypatia (most prestigious honor society at USAO). Magdalene was also listed on the President’s Honor Roll. On the five separate occasions throughout her undergraduate studies, up until graduation from USAO, she received the award for “Outstanding Graduate” in Business Administration. Magdalene spent a lot of time with family in Oklahoma and always makes sure her daughter Kayla-Ann who loves the outdoors. They climb Mount Scott and the Lake Fork in the Lake Fork Valley when permits. Magdalene says she is an avid reader, so she is not running around in the area any time she is running. She is trying to continue her education with a graduate degree at the University. She is interested in pursuing a career in which she can work with multiple populations, including police officers or the military (current members or veterans), and those suffering with PTSD, grief, and end-of-life decisions. The future is bright and full of possibilities for Magdalene. The Kiowa Higher Education Grant Program has used to support Magdalene’s education for 3 semesters. Magdalene says, “When I stepped away from pol- lution and the harsh realities of Rainy Mountain School, the government school where I attended. When I stepped away from my Masters’ Degree in Counseling, the KICASCI Technology Center while maintaining my job. They have helped me accomplish something that I never thought was possible. 100% in Chickasha, gradu- ating with a graduate degree. They have kept in touch with me so how my education is going and to provide me with any assistance. The Kiowa Higher Education Grant Program has given me the opportunity to assist with my studies. I am thoroughly impressed and grateful for helping to get me in this span of training. They are so smart, quick, and willing to help me in any way they can. For this oppor- tunity I have an extraordinary gift. Magdalene goes on to say, “I want to pursue another year with KHEGP brought me through a dark time in my life. I was scared to leave the police force and jump back into education. With your friendly demeanor, helpful attitude, and warm acceptance - I am revitalized. I feel safe and secure with the assistance the KHEGP have of- fered.” Her dream job is to be helping people to help my child achieve something great. There are some things you can’t truly express in words, but for now I appreciate each one of you that took for this program, thank you.

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The Kiowa Tribe also accepts applications and job application forms, and obtain information on live in the wildlife profession.

For information on the Tribe visit www.kiowatribe.org

The Kiowa Legislature

District 2 Legislative Election on Aug. 25

All District Legislators can be reached by calling the Legislative office at (580) 574-6388. Extensions are listed below. Those seeking an interview with an official representative will be covered by Legislators Renee Plata, Dave Geimsaadle, and Ron Paveau.

Cell Phone Numbers: Renee Plata - 580-574-9338 Dave Geimsaadle - 580-574-1486

Office Numbers:

The Kiowa Legislature holds monthly meetings every second Saturday in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution. Each meeting will begin at 9am at a designated location which will be advertised in local publications and the Tribal website www.kiowatribe.org

Outstanding Loved Ones

 Seventy two year old Lewis Martin was a member of the Kiowa Tribe in Carnegie, Oklahoma. He passed away peacefully in his home on May 31, 2018 in the Apache Casino Ban-

The Wildlife Society

One Sister: Charlotte “Sweetie” Pruitt, Sr. She worked for Sheron Management Working Group, two other Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and current- ly attending grad school in a relevant academic discipline. Applications must be submitted to the Chair of the Native American Wildlife Society by October 15, 2018. All applicants will be evaluated by a panel consisting of professionals and students, tribal and non-tribal, who are knowledgeable and interested in native wildlife professionals. The Wildlife Society believes that one of the most effective ways to support indigenous wildlife students is to give them the opportunity to attend TW’s Annual Conference – the largest gathering of wildlife professionals in North America. The Society is therefore encouraging groups to enable indigenous students to give them the opportunity to attend TW’s Annual Conference – the largest gathering of wildlife professionals in North America. The Society is therefore encouraging groups to

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Job Summary:

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Preceded in Death: Parents, two brothers: Maynahonah, & Francis Ware Bailey.

Ahneta, Carnegie, Oklahoma and husband Ral-

She is survived by her son, Walter Taft Pruitt, lawton, oklahoma.

Two Daughters: Mary Charlene Bear and Junia D. Varnum of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Fifteen Great Grandchildren

her her sister, Charlotte, her daughters, and 15 grandchildren.

Maynahonah, & Francis Ware Bailey.

Twohatchet of Lawton, Oklahoma.

Verena Manual

She is survived by her sons, Walter Taft Pruitt, Sr. She worked for Sheron Management Working Group, two other Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, and currently attending grad school in a relevant academic discipline. Applications must be submitted to the Chair of the Native American Wildlife Society by October 15, 2018. All applicants will be evaluated by a panel consisting of professionals and students, tribal and non-tribal, who are knowledgeable and interested in native wildlife professionals. The Wildlife Society believes that one of the most effective ways to support indigenous wildlife students is to give them the opportunity to attend TW’s Annual Conference – the largest gathering of wildlife professionals in North America. The Society is therefore encouraging groups to

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The Kiowa Community Health Representatives Diabetes Program walk was, as always, a huge success. Coordinator Dean Ahdokobo announced that the walk attracted over 380 participants. The walk, in its 6th year, took place at the Kiowa Tribal Complex in Carnegie.

The success of the walk can greatly be attributed to the t-shirts that are given as a reward for walking. The design on the shirt is created by Ahdokobo. This year’s layout depicts the many facets of the Kiowa Gourd Clan. KGC President, Tim Tsosie, remarked that every year Ahdokobo “outdoes himself.” Dean has provided an explanation of this year’s design.

“FYI to all. The Kiowa Gourd Clan Walk shirt 2018 was designed to highlight the stories I’ve grown up hearing. The first thunder was a sign for the Gourd Clan Society to prepare for the dance. There isn’t a way to translate the ‘sound’ of thunder visually, so I used the Thunderbird as a symbol of Thunder. The dancing wolf is homage to the Wolf story and how we received the Gourd Dance. I feel that there should always be, when possible, ten items to represent the Bundles, thus the stars on the shield. The tophats are included when possible, but I didn’t put all of them on this design. Less is more. Just a note to those that don’t fully understand the symbolism of the shirt design and might want to pass the deeper meaning of these symbols to their children and grandchildren. Use it as a teaching tool. AhHoo. Dean Ahdokobo.”

Part of the event was streamed on Facebook and can be viewed on “The Kiowa Tribe.”

Handing out t-shirts to walkers who completed the 1-mile walk around the Complex grounds.

Thanks volunteers—Roberta Nauni, Carla Davis, Debbie Davis, Colleen Feather, Philisin Bohanan, Yvonne Haven, Holly Ahdokobo, and Larry Edmonds for helping out during the Walk.
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During a recent trip to Arizona for vacation I found myself picking herbs and learning how people used them back in the day as remedies and for their overall health. While listening to their stories about gathering and preparing the herbs, I couldn’t help but think of my own relatives doing the same.

Shortly upon my arrival back to Oklahoma I began to do my research about some of the plants we find in Kiowa territory. I discovered that it is not just the Kiowa Tribe but also surrounding tribes who use sage, cedar, and sweet grass for ceremonies and prayer.

Cedar has been the main source of medicine for both body and spirit. Scientists are beginning to discover that it can be used as a cough remedy, cold treatment, stomach pain relief, fever reducer, and can help arthritis. Sage is another herb used for blessing and smudging; some use it to cleanse themselves of the outside world. Nutritionists have recently learned that sage is a good source of fiber, vitamins, iron, and magnesium that the body needs. Another discovery is that drinking sage tea is excellent for your health and can help the common cold.

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For those interested in applying, please contact our intake clerks Nikki at 580-6361 for more information. AOA Director Darin Zotigh hosted a retirement luncheon for Vera Buffalomeat, who is leaving the AOA kitchen after almost 13 years. She began her employment as a cook, and maintaining the serving area, on November 28, 2005. Pictured, also, is cook Brady LeCour.