**Chairman Komalty Says Tribe Comes First!**

By Scott Rattan, Lamecone 

Following a letter by Gov. Kevin Stitt to the Tulsa World on July 9 regarding renegotiation of state gaming compacts, the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma Chairman Matthew Komalty has responded with a suggestion for the state to find another way of increasing revenue.

The governor's letter states that "in the best interest of all 22 million Oklahomans" that with the July 1, 2020, termination date of the original compacts, he wants to renegotiate the gaming agreements before renewing the contracts. Komalty said that Stitt should look toward another avenue to garner state income and stop placing the burden on the backs of the tribes.

"While we are open to the Governor's request, not assured that we will always keep our citizens in the forefront of any negotiation that may take place," Komalty wrote in a statement to The Constitution. "The Oklahoma Legislature has by legislation cost the State billions of dollars in revenue by reducing taxes on the wealthy and the oil companies that do business in the State."

"Since the implementation of the compacts, Oklahoma Tribal gaming has grown to become the largest industry in Oklahoma and the third-largest gaming market in the country, behind only Nevada and California, and generates around 54.5 billion annually in the tribes."

Through gaming, Stitt recognized that the tribes have become the final employer in the state by providing more than 54,000 jobs to citizens. Komalty wrote that the jobs provided by the state's tribes have added over $4 billion in wages and brought tourism to Oklahoma that has had an economic impact of exceeding $2 billion.

Stitt's letter cited that when the compacts were first signed 15 years ago, there was no tribal gaming industry in the state. To incentivize the tribes, "the state industry for five years" to the tribes. Komalty said that the Kiowa Tribe has expanded millions of dollars in establishing its gaming presence in Southeast Oklahoma and that the state has just reached the point of being able to provide many services to its citizens. The Kiowa Tribe has taken all of the risk in the building and operation of the蔡司 properties while the State has reaped the benefits all while the Kiowa players paid off debt associated with building and infrastructure of the蔡司Operations, Komalty wrote. "The Kiowa Tribe has taken all of the risk in the building and operation of the蔡司 properties while the State has just reaped the benefits all while the Kiowa players paid off debt associated with building and infrastructure of the蔡司Operations."

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Stitt closed his letter with a commitment to work with the Kiowa government to find new ways to recognize their "historic and significant economic contributions to Oklahoma" and to provide the framework for continued economic growth.

On August 5, 2019, the Oklahoma Supreme Court granted Kiowa Indian Gaming Compact cases, which is a federal lawsuit by the Kiowa Tribe against the state of Oklahoma over an agreement that allows the tribe to operate its casinos. The new compact, which was signed in 2018, allows the tribe to operate its casinos under federal law, rather than state law, as they have done since 2007. The tribe argued that the new compact was necessary to protect the tribe’s sovereignty and to ensure that tribal gaming revenue is used for the benefit of the tribe’s community.

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“My working is for Kiowa people,” he says. “The basic message of my studio, so as far as taking care of one another, the way we treat our natural re- sources, I think it is the same in those. The Kiowa have a special section featuring Na- tive Americans called “Oklahoma Making Tribal Impact!”

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Kiowa Higher Education partnered with the Kiowa Summer Youth Supplemental Program (KSYSP) to host a Summer STEM Camp for summer youth program participants for four weeks during the month of June. Students learned about diverse college and career opportunities related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). During the first week of the camp participants learned about computer coding at Riverside Indian School from instructors knowledgeable in computer science and the countless career opportunities related to coding. During the second week, field trips were taken to OSU Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City, the University of Oklahoma in Norman, and the Sam Noble Museum in Norman. Dr. Dorothy Rhoads (Kiowa) and other medical staff, including doctors and current medical students, taught students about the journey to becoming a medical doctor. They learned suturing techniques and listened to the histories of some medical breakthroughs that are used during training. Dr. Carr McAnaw, Research Scientist in the Laboratory of Molecular Anthropology and Microbiology Research in OU’s Department of Anthropology, taught participants about forensic techniques by allowing the students to experiment with fingerprints and experimented with “blood” splatter. Students also learned about palaeontology from Oklahoma Geologist and OU History Faculty member Collin Conley by examining animal and human bones. Faculty and staff from OU’s Gallogly College of Engineering facilitated a fun hands-on activity for students where they had to build a green power drift sand launch with a set amount of time using various materials to choose from, on a “$50” budget. They split into two teams and the winner was awarded “bragging” rights! Students learned about the diverse fields and careers related to engineering. They also went trouve of the OU campus, Royce Engineering Practice Facility, and Sam Noble Museum of Natural History’s Vertebrate Paleontology Department with Dr. Nicholas Czaplewski. At the Sam Noble Museum, students viewed fossils that have been found in various regions of Oklahoma. They were also able to tour the Ethnology collection with Christina Nanuoo, Collections Manager of Ethnology, where they saw artifacts from the Kiowa Empire, an ancient armature collection, and Native American objects, maps, and pottery representing various Indigenous cultures.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes invited participants to visit and tour their bison herd the last day of the second week of camp. Students and staff were able to learn about wildlife management and the importance of the bison to plains tribes. During the third week, the theme was health and wellness. The National Indian Education Association (NIEA), in partnership with Riverside Indian School, hosted Journey to Discovery and Wellness, a week-long camp which focuses on Native Wellness. According to NIEA, “The camp’s goal is to help provide holistic approaches to living healthy lifestyles, and making positive choices.” Students were able to learn about the importance of health and wellness as they tour high school complexes and also to begin to consider future plans for college and career.

Field trips were also made to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Community Health and Cultural Heritage Center, the Museum of the Great Plains, and the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge during this week. Students were also able to sit in on a graduate class in the Department of Education at Cameron University. The theme of the fourth week was renewable and sustainable energy sources. Students learned about energy, particularly wind energy, from the founder of SpiritWind Kapla Ranch and Oklahoma KiowaWind instructor Kathy Jackson. They each were given the opportunity to construct projects focusing renewable energies and to tour the Great Plains Pink Power Wind Storm project in Bradshaws. The Kiowa Higher Education and Summer Youth Programs plan to offer more opportunities for youth to explore college and career opportunities and resources throughout the state. Both programs are active participants in the Southwest Oklahoma STEM Alliance (ROSA). This camp was made possible through numerous ROSA collaborative partnerships. Partners representing the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES), Anadarko Public Schools, Lamar University, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Co- manche Nation, the National Indian Education Association (NIEA), OSU Health Sciences Center, and the Glenn and Katherine Beaver Foundation.

There is also a special invitation to the Beautiful Baby Contest will be held the following day (Sunday) also at the Iscani Center. Registration will be from 12pm to 1:10pm. Judging starts at 2pm. Noth in those 8 years of age are eligible and must be dressed in tribal attire to be judged. For more information call 405-623-0700.

For news, announcements, pictures, and live streaming of Kiowa Tribal events go to our facebook page: “The Kiowa Tribe”
Who Are You, Where Are You From and What Are Your Folks? (continued)

Anthony Aseyamy

At the Kiowa Tribe, my name was Francisco and I grew up in France and Israel. I'm now at the Kiowa Tribe because I was told that my great grandparents were Kiowa. I'm here to be a public servant and one of the leaders of the Kiowa Tribe.

The Kiowa Language and Cultural Revitalization Program (KLCRP) is a program that provides language and cultural instruction to Kiowa youth. Our goal is to keep the Kiowa language alive and to empower our youth with cultural knowledge. We are doing this by offering classes in Kiowa language and culture, as well as hosting traditional events and ceremonies.

The Kiowa Language and Cultural Revitalization Program is located in the Kiowa Complex in Devol. For more information, please visit their website at www.kiwacultural.com.
A Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council has been scheduled for Saturday, October 26, 2019 at
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The Kiowa Gift Shop will have a booth in the Baldwin Building at the Caddo County Fairgrounds during the American Indian Exposition. The booth will be open on the 15th, 16th, and 17th and will feature many items along with a complete catalog with items that can be ordered on the spot.

Please join us in attending our upcoming public hearing for discussion of our tribal program’s 2020-2022 application for Child Care funding.

Bring your survey, comments, and/or concerns to meet with us at the date and times listed!

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The Red Woman Site

By Dewy Tsiotokiy

It is called the “Red Woman Site” and government agencies try not to disclose its location and for good reason. As with many cultural sites throughout North America when the public learns of Native American sacred sites there is a tendency for those sites to be desecrated. The Red Woman Site represents just one site associated with the ancient creation stories of the Kiowas. The story goes that the only daughter of Kiowa parents is “Aw-dy”. Meaning that she thought of as being very special. One day her parents will not allow her to sit on the floor cotton. She is on a “papill” and everything that she needs is brought to her.

One day her friends come to visit but along the way a baby possum creeps in a tree. They ask the parents if they can bring the Aw-dy to see the baby possum and the parents agree. The friends carry the possum with the girl to the tree and all are thrilled at the site of the baby possum.

Suddenly, the Aw-dy climbs up into the tree to get closer to the possum. The possum climbs higher and then still higher until they are at the very top of the tree. The Sun, who lurked her there, reached down and swept her from the top of the tree and took her into the clouds. The Sun had long admired her and wanted her for his wife.

Years later after living in the clouds the girl grows both in stature and beauty. She is called “Pilh-Takes”. Eventually, she becomes beautiful for her people and devises a plan to return to the earth. She fashion a rope but it is not long enough and she and her new son hang on dangling at the end of the rope a hundred feet from the surface. Her husband comes back and discovers that they are gone. He immediately knows where they are and, sure enough, he sees them dangling at the end of the rope. He is anguished and sends a “Tah Koket” down the length of the rope and it strikes the Aw-dy and kills her. Her wife Pilh-Takes

Adapted and used for our grandchildren by mother Spider she becomes a precious child and has a mischievous nature. One day he splits in two halves when he throws his Khaut into the air and it comes down and strikes him on his foot. Now he becomes a “Dah Koket” (Half Minded) and resides with the Kiowas until the day comes when they both go back to the earth in various forms.

The Kiowa Real Site is an ancient pictographic rendition of the Creation. It gives the Kiowas their identity as Kiowa and a knowledge of their ancestry will also remain at this site—and at other sacred sites.
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84th AMERICAN INDIAN EXPOSITION, 1935 August 14 - 17, 2019 Caddo County Fairgrounds Anadarko, OK “Standing Strong on Sacred Ground”

INDIAN OF THE YEAR Harvey Pratt
ARTIST OF THE YEAR Cullen Newsyayu

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Kim Pratt, August 14
11:30 a.m. Family Fashion Show (Clowns/Prayer Songs/Indian Music)
11:30 a.m. Pennsylvania Buck w/ Harry Hohecht
11:45 a.m. Soldier’s Farewell, American Military Building
12:00 p.m. “Who Was the Kiowas’ Chief in 1835?”
1:00 p.m. Kiowa Tribal Homestead, Mechanics Building
3:00 p.m. Kiowa Artifacts, Indian Center
4:00 p.m. Kiowa Storytelling, Indian Center
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Standing Strong on Sacred Ground

Carnival Ride Tickets To Be Distributed

The Kiowa Tribe will be Distributing vouchers for Carnival Ride wrist bands at two locations, this year.

The distribution will be on Monday August 12th, 2019 from 10am till 1pm at the Kiowa Tribe Programs office in Anadarko at 806 W Kaynak Court, just east of DHS and on Tuesday August 13th till 5pm at the Kiowa Tribal Complex in Carnegie.

Kiowa youth ages 2-12 years of age will be eligible to receive the tickets with Kiowa Tribal I.D. Parents or grandparents may pick up vouchers with Kiowa Tribal I.D. Distribution is on a first come first serve basis.

Tickets will be good for one ride on any night of choice, but for a single night only.

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Brittany Johnson is the Grand-daughter of Larry Johnson and the daughter of Mary (April) Vyashee and Sean Johnson. She is from Lawton, OK, where she attended Eisenhower High School. She currently attends Cameron University, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a concentration in Cellular and Molecular Organizations. When Brittany is not doing school work, she is busy working as a full-time Office Coordinator/Dental Assistant at a private practice. She is also a full-time mom. To help her get through school, she has been fortunate to have been awarded funding through financial aid grant and funding the Kiowa Higher Education Grant Program (KHIGP). Her future career goal is to be a dentist, so she can work for the Indian Health Services and give back to her “own” community. The KHIGP has funded Brittany’s education since the summer of 2019. She stated, “they have truly relieved a huge financial burden to a single, full-time working mother. They have reduced my stress and allowed me to provide a comfortable life for my daughter. This program has been a blessing.”

Two Kiowa Tribal members will be honored at the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Awards Gala in Minneapolis on October 10, 2019. Frida Tippeconnic was named the National Indian Education Class- room Teacher of the Year Award winner and Summer Skye Palmer will be honored with the NIEA Community Service Award. NIEA CLASSROOM TEACHER OF THE YEAR Frida who, after a long impressive career, has spent the last seven years teaching in the Perkins-Tracy school district, while also serving as an instructor at Prairie Nation College. For the 2017-18 school year, Frida was awarded the Oklahoma Teacher of the Year award, as well as the District Teacher of the Year award. Frida was also a scholarship basketball player at Rose State College after graduating from Anadarko High School. Frida would also go on to play for East Central University in Ada. This path led her to coaching at several of the schools where she also taught. Frida Tippeconnic is an example of Indian womanhood and leadership worth celebrating. NIEA provides all educators and advocates an opportunity to recognize individuals in Native communities who are role models and have provided service to their students and organizations. COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD Summer earned an Associate of Science in Business in December 2017, a Bachelor of Science in Accounting in May 2018 and is currently a Master of Business Administration (MBA) student and will complete that course in May, 2020. Throughout, Summer has remained dedicated and hardworking in her work, perfect attendance, and worked full-time as an accounting technician in the Kiowa Tribe finance office. The self-identified “Beaumont student” maintained a near 4.0 cumulative grade point average throughout her entire undergraduate career, graduate minor in Business and Business Management. Summer has participated in events for the United Way and the Kiowa Tribe, helped to organized canned food drive, and removed dilapidated homes in the area. She also works as a Kiowa Tribe Public Health aide. Throughout her education, she has volunteered for numerous events for the Kiowa Tribe tribe and the daughter of Jericho and Leah Ware. She was named the Oklahoma Post- secondary Fastpitch 2020 team. Kyleigh has shown the scouts some impressive offensive moves by being aware of the pitcher, batting exceptionally and showing some great accomplishments!

Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports And Activities Program

Online Nation radio stations, Oklahoma where she graduated from the kiowa high school, studied welding at the Caddo Kiowa tribe technology Center in Ft. Cobb, Oklahoma and began with the adult vocational training program in August 2018 when he began studying Basic Welding. In January 2019, he graduated from Advanced Welding course in order to further his goal to become a certified welder.

Congratulations Kylihe Bearbow with making the Oklahoma Post-secondary Fastpitch 2020 team. Kylihe has shown the scouts some impressive moves by being aware of the pitcher, batting exceptionally and showing some new roll of pitching. Her parents Ruby and Joseph Bearbow are ecstatic about her new adventure and are ready to cheer her on to their Native Oklahoma. Kyleigh is Kylihe’s maternal grandfather and paternal grandfather are Karl and Trudy Bearbow. Kyleigh comes from a strong lineage of kiowa blood of her late great paternal grandparents Corwin and Dorothy Mauchahty. Along with her maternal great grandparents Walter and Ruby Howse Toppah and great Tom Howse Toppah and her maternal grandparents are Karl and Trecil Ware. Kyleigh is 22 years old and is in the 8th grade and attends Mountain View High School. Kyleigh is a Kiowa Tribe and the daughter of Jericho and Leah Ware. She was named the Oklahoma Post-secondary Fastpitch 2020 team. Kyleigh has shown the scouts some impressive offensive moves by being aware of the pitcher, batting exceptionally and showing some great accomplishments!