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The Kiowa Indian Council (KIC) reached a quorum of 167! at the Carnegie Public School’s Multipurpose Building in Carnegie, Oklahoma on October 26, 2019.

Those who registered early that morning where given special gifts donated by the Kiowa Casino. Most enjoyed the chance to fellowship with other Kiowa Tribal members and drink coffee along with refreshments courtesy of the Kiowa Election Commission.

The KIC is still adjusting to this new method of tribal elections. However, this recent election has shown great progress. The announcements for a special meeting by the Kiowa Legislators has gotten the attention of the Kiowa Tribe’s members.

Throughout the morning, many where on their phones informing others about the event and the current quorum which must be consisted of enrolled tribal members. The question of, “Will we reach the 150 quorum today?” was on everyone’s mind till the afternoon hour when the KIC Election Commission announced that the quorum reached 167!!!

Many in attendance applauded and cheered for they knew it meant the meeting can begin. It’s not everyday you get the chance to see people happy about an election.

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Once everyone had a chance to vote the KIC meeting broke for lunch which was catered by the Kiowa Casino. Allowing the Kiowa Election Commission a chance to tally the votes and prepare for the announcement of new KIC Coordinator Stephen Smith won with a count of 75 votes.

A后排 of applause and congratulations, Smith expressed himself and stated how glad he was to not only be voted but for the Kiowa Tribe itself. The outcome of the event shows progress. The tribal members are becoming more involved.

Kiowa Elders Honored at the 11th Annual Indian Elder Honors Banquet

An estimation of 900 people attended the 11th Annual of the AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors banquet; the event was held at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.

This year marked 51 years that the AARP Oklahoma honored teachers, veterans, artists, tribal leaders, and culture preservationists from 30 tribal nations. The honorees represent what is best about their nations. The honorees epitomize what is best about the Native American people – a love of family, dedication to culture, and respect for all people. Among the 19 honorees who joined this fraternity of 550 was one very own Cornella “Pat” Kepepasah and Frances Harried “Della” Doyebi.

Cornella Kepepasah is recognized as a woman of personal grace and her love for her students, community, and family. She is famously called “Grandma Pat” by those who know her well. Kepepasah has had an impact on countless lives during the 25+ years of employment at the Anadarko Public Schools. She has served as a substitute teacher, attendance coordinator and consulting teacher for a Kiowa language class. Presently, she is the secretary of the Indian Education department. The award-winning Anadarko Public Schools Indian Education Franco Teope was Cornella as the coordinator for the past 20 years. It is through her that students learn Kiowa, past, present, and respect for their peers, elders, and their heritages. She instills a sense of cultural pride into the students and encourages them to always give a prayer of thanks. Mrs. Kepepasah is a devoted teacher and preservationist of Kiowa language, song, and culture.

Frances Doyebi is a member of the Kiowa Tribe and part Cadile and Dineépeople. However, she was honored by the Crow Tribe of Montana who gave her the name “Bird All Over the World.” Many have invited her ear and far to speak to Mrs. Doyebi about the Kiowa language, songs, and how to translate English to Kiowa or vice versa. Frances attended and taught at the Native American boarding schools; she often derives most stories with others She is frequently requested to teach various Kiowa songs.

Mrs. Doyebi and her husband, Hugh Andele Doyebi, has received many Native American Church songs and stories in the Kiowa Language to safeguard their integrity and cultural provenance. One of her memorable experience occurred when she was invited to address and pray in the Kiowa language at the National Native American Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D.C. Frances continues to make shrines, necklaces, and regalia; she exclaimed that she ensures it is done “the right and culturally correct way.”

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Kiowa Women Making a Difference in Indian Education

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The Kiowa Tribe was well represented at 50th Annual National Indian Education Association (NIEA) Convention and Trade Show in Minneapolis, MN. The convention was held October 5-12, 2019. Freda Tippecanoe was honored with Classroom Teacher of the Year. This award honors educators who promote language, culture, and tribal sovereignty. This award is given to one who demonstrates leadership and uses innovative techniques to promote lifelong learning. Summer Palmer received the Community Service Award. She was chosen for her significant impact to provide funding or support for Native programs. She also earned this award for her leadership in promoting, defending, or supporting Native education. Dr. Sunny Hegwood, Director of Higher Education, Amber Silverthorn-Wolfe, Higher Education Counselor and Tribal Chairman Matthew Komalty were on hand to support the honorees. NIEA was formed in 1970 by Native educators who were eager to find solutions to improve the education system for Native children and youth. Its first executive director was Ace Sahmaunt, another Kiowa tribal citizen. Congratulations to all the recipients! We are proud of you and thank you for your hard work and dedication.

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Jeffrey Stewart Williams has ties to the Lawton and Meers areas. He is currently attending New Testament College in Texas. Jeffrey graduated high school from Saudi Arabian International School, but is originally from the town of Anadarko, Okla. He has a previous 4-year Bachelor of Science degree from Northwest University in Lagos, Nanchang, China. His wife is Amber Staley Williams and he has an older brother. Jeffrey is the son of Jim Williams and his wife is Evelyn. Jeffrey's great-grandparents are Vivian Mae Yeahquo and Kenneth James Williams. His great-grandparents are Edward Yeahquo and Mae O'Quinn and Jimmy Quoetone and Inahau. His brother is great-grandson of Tayauday and a direct descendant of Chief Edewah. The Yeahquo family has ties to Anadarko, Okla. - The lawsuit against the Tribe was dismissed on October 30, 2019, in the Court of Indian Offenses, Southern Plains Division.

A Kiowa Tribe Elder Payment Information Even though some of these have not been a formal part of the month, the tribe has been there for the Kiowas this past year. They have been giving you permission and also show your valid ID. Forms of acceptable Identification may include a Kiowa Tribal ID, State Driver's License, Passport etc. Elder Payment checks are also being paid as well as with expenses for the 2020 Tanedooah Family Reunion. The tipi will be set up once preparations are beginning for next year's event again in the future for our treasured elder. Helen Williams honored.

**Elders will need any form of a valid ID to pick up their Elder Payment check in person and will only be given permission and also show your valid ID.**

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Greetings from Germany

CARNEGIE Oka. - The Kiowa Tribe held the honors of welcoming the International guest, Martina Rommel, from Stuttgart, Germany. District 6 Representative, Jean Arctic, served as one of her tour guides. She is researching and documenting Oklahoma Native Americans for several years. Her stay extended three weeks.

Rommel has toured and visited more than 20 sites, from the Kiowa Tribe’s tribal lands to the Kiowa Museum of Indian History, where she viewed a range of Kiowa artifacts and learning about the Kiowa Culture. “My trip was great” Rommel said, for she made many fond memories of her trip to Oklahoma. Rommel’s final stop was the Kiowa Black Leggings event in Anadarko, Oklahoma. She gained so much knowledge from the Kiowas, we hope to have more international guests in the future.

New Mexico Community Meeting

Albuquerque, NM – More than sixty Kiowa tribal members attended the Kiowa New Mexico Community Informational Meeting held at the Isleta Casino & Resort on Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Many of those who showed up were the elders from Oklahoma who were visiting the area.

For the small crowd of New Mexico tribal members, the Informational Meeting was met with a warm reception. Nearly twenty NM tribal residents attended.

Robert Tsoodle from Albuquerque, NM Bernalillo was pleased that the tribe and its Executive Branch could meet with folks living outside Kiowa jurisdiction, “I was really surprised. My family is big, so to even see more Kiowas is even more shocking. I’m sure there are a lot more out there.” Tsoodle said.

According to Kiowa tribal records, there are nearly 150 registered voters in New Mexico. Tribal Chairman Mathew Komalty and Vice Chairwoman Rhonda Ahhaitty have started a community informational meeting tour through some of the more heavily populated areas outside of Oklahoma. New Mexico is one of them.

The meetings are intended to give members an up-close picture of the tribe and its operation of daily functions and successes. “I thought it was good information, I think it’s important to see what’s coming down the line,” said Tsoodle.

October 14, 2019 was a day off for many but for some it was something more meaningful. Indigenous People’s Day instead of Columbus Day has now become a movement for many Native Americans. As of April 2019 there are six states and 130 cities and towns who have legally adopted the change.

But what exactly does ‘indigenous’ mean? Thanks to my curiosity, I found myself asking questions and searching the web for answers.

Let’s begin by first explaining the difference between being ‘native’ and being ‘indigenous’. Native would mean that a person is born in a specified place. Thus the term Native American because he or she is native to America.

When Christopher Columbus accidentally discovered America, he called the people here ‘Indians’ which is a Latin for ‘indigena’. He was so convinced that he reached the shores of South Asia. Columbus fostered the use of the term Indios for people from the Indus valley.

It is exciting to see the movement grow stronger and showcase their heritage and culture.

Several events were happening throughout the region where many participants dressed themselves in regalia and shared part of their heritage with others, including Kiowa Tribal members. Fawn Tsatoke and Warren Quetone.

Today’s society, approximately 4 decades later, is much more educated and has a better understanding of the people who indeed originated on the soil that is modern day America.

The adoption of Indigenous People’s Day began in 1980 in South Dakota. It was when Lynn Hart and Governor Mickelson backed a resolution to celebrate Native American day on the second Monday of October, marking the beginning of the year of reconciliation in 1990. Since then other towns and cities began to adopt the change for their communities.

This day brings an opportunity for tribes to educate and showcase their heritage and culture.

Happy Birthday to my handsome little man. We wish you many blessings on your day and everyday.

Love - Mom & family

James Bert Pocowatchit
10-16-2016

Love, Mom, Dad, and your siblings.
The Kiowa Tribe Legislature holds monthly meetings every second Saturday of every month in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution. Each meeting will begin at 9am at a designated location which will be advertised in local publications.

To All Clients & Attorneys

RE: Notice of Change of Venue

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It is this testing time in our tribal history and we appreciate your support. Please be aware that you will be notified when this change will occur.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at the number listed above.

Sincerely,

Kiowa Tribal District Court Administrator, Anthony Asetamy

A message from Kiowa Tribal District Court Administrator, Anthony Asetamy
Joyce Lucille McDaniel was born on April 26, 1923 to Hattie and Alvis (Newton) Lawton. She graduated from Central High School in 1941. Joyce met the love of her life Robert McDaniel they married in November 1956 at the Post Chapel at Ft. Sill. She was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. She enjoyed reading, fishing, catching the biggest fish, camping, cross word puzzles, taking care of her family and being in charge of Thanksgiving Dinners.

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Meet "Th'ane Do'ah Tahlee" Matthew Sheka Jr.

Matthew Sheka Jr. is the grandson to Debbie Emhoolah and Yeahquo family. He is the son of Whiteshield and Matthew Sheka Sr. Matthew belongs to Crystal "Th'ane Do'ah Tahlee" Clan.

Tahlee told me one afternoon, "The very beginning was a struggle, Ms. Hainta told me one morning that day, ‘I was in so much shock, I remember screaming, what?!’ The feeling of receiving such big news was overwhelming expressed Hainta. Shortly after KTHS began with new leadership. The KTHS Director, Jessie Svitak, made the difficult decision to retire after decades of service. Hainta soon found herself in the position as the new KTHS Director. Meanwhile, the planning was under development to select bids from vendors along with configuring blueprints for the building.

It was a let-ke-ta in and involved a great amount of great communication. Encouragement from Trout and the thought “it’s all for the kids” kept Ms Hainta moving forward. She listened to loud and trusted her management team and they did their best to not let her down. A soft opening for the KTHS centers in Carnegie and Lawnont was hosted on August 13th of this current year. Parents and the public were allowed to ‘come see’ what the buildings looked like inside. A small coloring ceremony took place before the opening under the direction of the respected Kiowa Elder, Phil ‘Joe Fish’ Dupoint. Mr. Dupoint who encouraged the KTHS employees and praised for ‘good things’ to happen for KTHS and its centers, as well as the students and parents who they serve and have yet to serve. Kiowa District 4 Legislator, Jessie Svitak also attended the soft opening in Lawnont. He encouraged and thanked KTHS for their hard work. As one of the parents he is able to witness the results of their efforts. Svitak expressed how proud he is of this little girl learning Kiowa at the center.

Immediately following the soft opening, the task of passing the final inspections began. The inspections tested the patience of everyone it affect including the Kiowa Tribe Head Start faculty and staff. May you never forget that you are a Kiowa Tribe Head Start faculty along with members of the KTHS Parent Policy Council. Wearing their T-shirt is the Kiowa Tribe Head Start faculty along with members of the KTHS Parent Policy Council.
The Kiowa Elders Journey West to New Mexico

By Neely Tsoodle & Dianna Hadley

November 1, 2019

The trip was made possible by a federal AOA program grant. Darla Zoigl, AOA program director said the elders could have selected any place they wanted to go but they all wanted to go west. Chief Zoigl said that they will be treated to a meal at the Kiowa New Mexico Community Informational Meeting. It was an opportunity to mingle with tribal representatives of the Kiowa Tribe come stand him during the presentation. The trip ended with free time. Many asked him how to say “come here!” A chuckle and left the scene.

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