Casting Call For Kiowa Members

Tribe members asked to try out for Tom Hanks movie

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Carnegie, OK — The opportunity for Kiowa Tribe members to become film actors came to the Kiowa Elders in September. Laurie Lathem of Lathem Contacted Curtis Kiowa AIA (Administration on Aging) Director Dustin Zeitg, with requests for the project.

"She told me about a new western movie acting to Tom Hanks and the need for Kiowa background actors," said Zeitg, Lathem Casting were seeking Kiowa men and women and up for the movie "News of the World".

Ms. Lathem said that usually casting calls for television asks for Native Americans in Oklahoma.

This movie called specifically for Kiowas. 45 tribal members showed up for a picture session on Saturday, September 14th at the Kiowa Elder Center.

The pictures would be sent to Santa Fe for review by the casting company. Those with the "look" could expect a call.

Several members have already gotten a call and are preparing for the trip to begin filming.

The movie is based on the book "News of the World" written by Paulette Jiles. There is no completion or release date of the movie at this time.

"News of the World" is the sixth novel written by Paulette Jiles and is in the basis for the new Tom Hanks project. The story begins right after the Civil War.

In 1870, Captain Jefferson Kyle Kidd (Hanks) travels through northern Texas, giving live readings to pay- ing audiences hungry for news of the world. In Wichita Falls, he is offered a $50 gold piece to deliver a young orphan to her relatives in San Antonio, Texas. Kidd makes plans to leave, until a band of Kiowa raiders killed Johanna’s parents and took the little girl; they needed her as one of their own.

Recently rescued by the U.S. army, the ten-year-old has once again been torn away from the only home she knows, with the Kiowas. Johanna has forgotten the English language, tries to escape at every opportunity, shows her shoes, and refuses to act "civilized."

The work of historical fic- tion explains the boundaries of family, responsibility, honor, and trust.

About "News of the World"

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He was killed in action on November 7, 1967 and was buried with honors on Chef’s Knoll at the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Lawton, Oklahoma. The 12 inductees for 2019 are : Lucy Covington (d 1982), Calvillo, Ada, Moses; Tlingit; Pascal Poolaw (d 1967), Kiowa; Mary Lockh (d 1958), Nez Perce; Otis Tapp (d 1926), Pima; Richard Oakes (d 1972), Mohawk; Eliza- beth Pennington (d 1958), Tlingit; Richard Oakes (d 1972), Kiowa; Mary Lockh (d 1958), Nez Perce; Otis Tapp (d 1926), Pima; Richard Oakes (d 1972), Mohawk; Eliza-
**Lawrie Tatum Road Renamed**

Lawton, OK — On Saturday, September 14th, Lawton Mayor Stan Booker, representatives from Fort Sill and KCA Chairman Matt Komalty, led a renaming ceremony for Lawrie Tatum Road.

Komalty is also the Kiowa Tribal Chairman. Lawrie Tatum Road is the stretch going past the Lawton Indian Hospital road between Rogers Lane and Gore Boulevard.

It is now Kiowa, Comanche, Apache Veterans Road. The ceremony was held outside the Comanche Nation Water Park, on the former Lawrie Tatum Road. The proclamation marked a memorial in Southeast Oklahoma for the fallen warriors and missing in action, service members from the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache (KCA) tribes.

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FROM THE DESK OF MATT KOMALTY, Kiowa Tribal Chairman

On Friday, September 13, 2019 I attended the Legislative budget committee meeting to discuss the recent transition of $6 million from gaming and into the tribe. At this meeting members from the legislative and executive branch, budget committee (KCO) and Kiowa Casino Operations Authority, tribal Treasurer, tribal attorney, bank contracting consultant and gaming staff were in attendance.

Currently the $6 million is setting in a separate bank account as it awaits the following process: A Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP) is being prepared by the Legislative and Executive Branches, then sent to the National Indian Gaming Commission, NIGC for approval and presented to the Kiowa Indian Council (KIC) to be voted on.

According to the gaming ordinance and as a requirement of the RAP, the tribe shall have the sole proprietary interest in and responsibility for the conduct of any gaming facility authorized by this ordinance. The revenue shall be used for the following:

● Provide for the general welfare of the tribe and its members
● Promote tribal economic development
● Donate to charitable organizations
● Help fund operations of local government agencies

Here are some of the plans that we are working on that fit into three of the five categories. I believe it is imperative the head start parking lots are fixed. The lots at the Anadarko, Carnegie and Lawton sites will see much needed improvements and space for our children. It’s also important to have a consistent flow. That’s where purchasing additional buildings to house programs and services come in handy. Lastly, our judicial branch, the money would go to complete renovation of the old head start and tribal court and other programs, such as law enforcement. There will also be funding for the annual elderly payment.

As part of the RAP, each of the seven legislative districts will receive additional funding to further impact those areas.

In closing, I would like to share with you some of the accomplishments we have made in recent months. The workforce has more than doubled here at the tribe and Carnegie casino. We now grow up to approximately 160 employees and staff.

After several years in hiatus, we now have the housing program back under our control. It falls under one of thirty programs and services that are fully funded and staffed available to our citizens. We are pretty proud of that!

Plans are already in the works to re-gain the transportation program and place it back under the tribe’s authority.

A new Public Relations (PR) department is being established for the first time in the history of our tribe. More updates via website, social media, press and video media are being developed as we speak. This will keep tribal members and the public well informed. The objective is to promote our services and programs and share with you our successes. We also want to utilize PR as a transparency tool to help you at home understand our daily operations.

Finally, we want to get to know our at-large citizens, those living in heavily populated areas outside of Oklahoma. I promise, we have not forgotten you. After careful thought and prayer, we will visit those areas. At these informational meetings, you will meet some of the executive staff including myself and the Vice Chairlady, Rhonda Ahlhaisty. If you’d like for us to come visit you in the outlying states, please let us know and we will take it into careful consideration yet. My executive office will work with you to set it up.

Thank you to all the words of encouragement and support. I appreciate all the cards and words and comments. I look forward to visiting you again. Please look for regular updates on our website www.kiowatribe.com, Facebook at the Kiowa Tribe and our monthly newspaper, Kiowa News.

Respectfully,

Matthew Komalty Chairman, Kiowa Tribe

➢ According to the Kiowa Tribal Constitution:
  ➢ The KIC has final approval for all tribal funding
  ➢ The Executive Branch implements and executes all budgets that are approved by the Kiowa Indian Council.

$6 M Transfer

KHEGP Student Of The Month

Von Powsentel graduated from Carnegie High School in May 2019 and currently resides in Anadarko, OK. Her family is her husband Deyon, her daughter Jade, and her sons Leonard and Richard. She is currently the Anadarko Band Treasurer and was recently elected the Business Professionals of America (BPA) Vice President. She enjoys spending time with her family and doing a variety of activities outdoors.

Von is in the Medical Insurance Cooud program at Calico Kiowa Technology Center and has received the Platinum National Career Readiness Certificate.

She’s been in the Adult Vocational Training Program (AVT) since August 2019. The program helps her go back to school and realize that it’s never too late to go back to school and accomplish your goals. Her future goals is to find a job in her career field and to be able to provide for her family.

“I am thankful for the Kiowa Tribe’s AVT program in helping me go back to school and further my education. I want to show my children that you are never too old to go back to school and accomplish your goals. And of course none of this would be possible without my husband and my family’s support,” said Powsentel.

AVT Student Of the Month

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CLOSING NOTICE: The Kiowa Tribal Complex will be closed on October 7, 2019 for Chief’s Day and on October 14, 2019 for observance of Indigenous People’s Day.

October 2, 2019

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Kekuen Long is from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma where he graduated from Putnam City High School and is the son of Debbie and Alan Long. Kekuen currently attends the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville where he studies communications.

At the University of Arkansas, Kekuen serves on the Food Drive Committee for the June B. Garbanrt Full Circle Food Pantry, is a member of the Associated Student Government, and serves as an involvement ambassador for students.

While being involved on campus, Kekuen has made the Chancellor’s and Dean’s list for academic achievement.

After receiving his undergraduate in Communication, Kekuen plans to pursue a graduate degree in Public Administration and Nonprofit Management in hopes to work for a nonprofit surrounding the issue of food insecurity. The KHEGP has funded Kekuen beginning in the fall of 2015. Kekuen states, “With the assistance from the Kiowa Tribe, I have been able to succeed at the University of Arkansas and pursue an education that I never thought I would be able to pursue positive changes both on campus and in my local community. I would not be where I am today without the Kiowa Tribe.”
Kiowa Eagles Attend Oklahoma State Fair

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Every year when the Great State Fair of Oklahoma comes around, the elders of the Kiowa Tribe go on a trip to the big city. On Wednesday, September 18, 2019, the Kiowa elders were treated with a stop at Golden Corral, then off to the fair midway they were two. Two months prior to their state fair visit, there was a sign in short. It had no problems catching the attention of the elders. It filled up within one day. No elder wanted to miss out on a great trip. This year there were a total of 8 staff, and 21 elders who participated. The elders were given $20 each for admission. They were also provided with electric scooters if an elder couldn’t go far distances.

The Kiowa elders had their own freedom around the fair, and enjoyed every minute of their trip. This year’s state fair trip was a success! The Administration on Aging (AOA) can’t wait to do this again in the year 2020.

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5:00 PM – 8:00 P.M.
Red Buffalo Hall

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The Kiowa Tribe Facebook page.

This year is the 3rd annual [Event or Festival Name], which also allows those individuals to come and share what they are learning. The day will begin at 9:30 am each day with a prayer and community singing. Lunch will be served daily. 

The KLCRP's Fall Gathering will be on October 15th and 16th, 2019, it will be held at the Carnegie Elementary School. Lunch will be served daily. Visit kiowatribe.org or the Kiowa Tribe Facebook page for more information.

Chief Financial Officer

**JOB SUMMARY:**

The Kiowa Tribe, a self-governing Indian Tribe in Oklahoma, operates several enterprises and programs. The Chief Financial Officer (CFO) is responsible for managing the tribe’s financial affairs, including planning, budgeting, and monitoring financial performance. The CFO oversees all financial activity and is a key member of the tribe’s executive team.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Bachelor’s Degree in Accounting or Finance
- CPA or equivalent certification
- Knowledge of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)
- Experience in a similar role in a tribal or Native American organization
- Strong analytical skills

Please visit the Kiowa Tribe website, kiowatribe.org to view or download job announcements, fillable job applications forms, and obtain information on how to apply. You may also contact the Human Resources office at 580-654-6517 or 580-665-9235.
Obituaries
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Obituaries, for posting may be submitted to: pc@kiowanews.org, or
2904-312-2390 ext. 6380

Charles Jackie Lance, 48, passed away Sunday, September 8, 2019. He was born September 1, 1971 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Everett and Charlene Lance. Jackie attended school in Ft. Worth, TX. He worked as a tribal diplomat for several years. Jackie was a true Carnegie Wichita Fan and always cheered on the OU Sooners. He is survived by his Aunt, Susan Ampuque, Mountain View, OK; Uncle, Celear Del Rio Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

Jackie was born into a large family and grew up with many of the friends he grew up with. He remained close to many of them throughout his life and maintained contact. Jackie was a proud supporter of OU football and the OU Cowboys for several years. Jackie attended school in Ft. Worth, TX. He worked as a tribal diplomat for several years. Jackie was a true Carnegie Wichita Fan and always cheered on the OU Sooners. He is survived by his Aunt, Susan Ampuque, Mountain View, OK; Uncle, Celear Del Rio Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and many friends.

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She is survived by her husband, Richard McKee, of the home in Anadarko, OK, and son-in-law, Bill Newkirk and Kaylee McKee of Chickasha, OK; her granddaughter, Raine McKee and great-granddaughter, Lea McKee; her brother, Robert Leon McKee and niece Crystal Head; her mother, Sylvia (Hummingbird) Head; and her twin sister, Sylvia McKee.

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Robert Michael Zumwalt, 63, passed away on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 at his home in Cyril, Oklahoma. He was born in Oklahoma City on October 20, 1956 to Verlon J. and Kaylee (Emmons) McKee. Verlon was born December 26, 1925 and Kaylee was born September 27, 1928. Robert was preceded in death by his parents.

Robert was employed by the Postal Service for a number of years until he could no longer work due to health issues. He attended High School in Cyril, Oklahoma. He married Charlene Aunquoe on April 11, 1977. This union was blessed with three children: Michael Dale, Michael Mar, and Robert Eastman.

Robert attended Oklahoma State University and graduated in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science. Robert held many positions throughout his career, including being an Altar Boy at St. Pat’s along with many other community service events. He was an avid Osu fan and loved skiing, riding, walking and hiking. He was proud of his exercise among the tribal communities.

Robert was involved in many community activities for the Kiowa Black Leggings Tribal Family. He was related to Paul Tsait’Kope Zumwalt and Misty April Zumwalt, and Nephew Jerrid Zumwalt. He was also proud of his ties to the Kiowa tribe.

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Caring adults can make a difference in a child’s life by becoming a foster parent. Every child deserves a chance; and once you see them smile, it makes it all worth it.

If you have the will to nurture & protect a child[ren] call the Kiowa Tribe Indian Child Welfare (ICW) at (580) 654-2349 or (580) 654-6309, email: icw@kiowatribe.org.

CARNEGIE, Okla. - It’s a program that has been around since the early 2000s. The Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports Program or KTYSP serves children from fourth grade all the way to their senior year. They historically have been a sports driven program, now it offers a healthy, educational and cultural component.

Derek Tofpi grew up in the program and is now the program’s manager. “I’m happy to come to work each day,” said Tofpi. He got the program to where it is now and sees its success under his direction today. This is the first time in history of the program that it’s included in the annual budget and is fully funded by tribal allocations. It’s also the first time working closely with surrounding public schools.

In 2019, KTYSP has donated a new backstop to the softball facility, co-sponsored a football camp with the Anadarko Warriors, completed two basketball clinics with Lindy Waters III of the OSU Cowboys and provided monetary assistance to Fort Cobb-Broxton and Carnegie Public Schools to assist with their boys and girls travel and junior varsity programs.

Tofpi also sponsored the Carnegie All Sports Banquet and received Sponsor of the Year. “Both programs have those relationships with the schools in our community,” Tofpi said. “I feel the kids and parents approve of the teamwork we are building.”

Coming soon in the late fall 2019, Tofpi is finalizing the plans for the first ever, Kiowa P.R.I.D.E. (Perseverance, Respect, Integrity, Dignity, and Excellence) After School Program. Tofpi knows life is tough. “Many of our young people don’t have the support system at home that is needed to not give up in the classroom or extracurricular activities available such as sports and school. I want kids from different types of households, two parent, single parent or grandparents who raise a lot of youth growing up, to have a place to go. Our goal is to keep them off the streets.” Tofpi said.

The after school program will be headquartered in the newly refurbished Red Buffalo Hall (RBH). It is currently receiving a face-lift. Once it is completed, students will be able to come every day after school for a learning and interactive experience. “We’ve realized in this happens for our youth. It’s like a domino effect. If we don’t start in the early grades, kids will have addictions and run into trouble. We don’t want them living in a community that we are building.” Tofpi said.

If you have an old photo of Kiowas that you would like to have featured in Kiowa News, email pr@kiowatribe.org.
Did you know that the Kiowa Tribe had an understanding of storms before scientists made their discoveries about tornadoes? Every year I find myself getting asked by researchers or foreign scholars about the Kiowa connection to nature. The questions are different yet the same because of their curiosity about the elder by Haugnonah Silver Horn.

As I have stated before, the Kiowa have an oral tradition of passing down the history and culture from one generation to another. One of those myths includes the story of “Maun Koye Ee” (man serpent). A creature described as both a horse and serpent. Haugnonah’s artwork of Maun Koye Ee is the most recognized and continued to capture the attention and interest of others near and far.

According to the story, long ago a few Kiowa were outside the camp-molding clay into a horse. Using only their hands, the clay began to take the shape of a horse’s head and part of the body. Suddenly the figure came alive and sprung out of control. It was a terrifying thing for it was part horse and part something else with its serpent tail. The creature stayed hidden in the clouds, but its tail dipped onto the prairie causing a whirlwind to form and destroy everything in its path.

Frightened, the Kiowa camp ran for shelter and began to talk to it. Asking for it to pass by them. Suddenly the figure came alive and sprung out of control. It was too late for myself to seek shelter plus I found myself answering phone calls and coloting a few of my family members. I told them that everything was going to be okay and to just pray. After a few moments later the electricity came back on and I quickly tuned into the weather channel. I watched in amazement as I saw on News Channel 4 that the cell split and went around Carnegie, Oklahoma. Social media allowed me to see that there were several postings and pictures of some Kiowas who did pray and placed a knife in the ground.

It is a good feeling to know that some of those old teachings are remembered. Hopefully the younger generations will be able to learn the Kiowa language and speak to Maun Koye Ee like the elders before them.

Topping:
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
2 tablespoons sugar

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Line 12 muffin cups with paper cups or spray well with nonstick cooking spray.

In a large bowl, stir together flour, sugar, nuts, baking soda, cinnamon, and nutmeg.

In a small bowl, combine apple, applesauce, oil and egg. Mix until just combined. Stir until well, then add to dry ingredients. Stir until just combined. Batter will be lumpy. Divide batter evenly among prepared muffin cups.

Mix cinnamon and sugar for topping and sprinkle a small amount on the top of each muffin before baking. Bake 18-23 minutes or until evenly browned. Cool for five minutes in the pan. Then gently turn muffins onto a rack to cool.

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Did you know…?

In 1902, within a year after the Kiowa Comanche Reservation was opened to non-Indian settlers. The town’s history revealed that several Kiowa Indians warned the settlers to move their town to a nearby secluded valley because of peculiar weather. The town’s people thought it was a scare tactic to shy them away and finished building. A short 3 years after the town was established, a tornado passed through and destroyed everything. Digging further I learned that this small town has had nearly 21 tornadoes in or near since 1905-present. This sparked by curiosity because we may not know the exact location where the Kiowas built Maun Koye Ee; however, it is a known fact Rainy Mountain and the land surrounding it was a favorite camping spot for them when they were still able to roam freely.

This past spring, May 8, 2019; the town of Carnegie (location of the Kiowa headquarters, Kiowa Tribal Complex) experienced a tornado warning. Sirens blasted throughout the entire town during the 1 o’clock am hour once rotation began southwest of the town. It was too late for myself to seek shelter plus I found myself answering phone calls and coloting a few of my family members. I told them that everything was going to be okay and to just pray. After a few moments later the electricity came back on and I quickly tuned into the weather channel. I watched in amazement as I saw on News Channel 4 that the cell split and went around Carnegie, Oklahoma. Social media allowed me to see that there were several postings and pictures of some Kiowas who did pray and placed a knife in the ground.

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1 3/4 cups all-purpose flour

1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup oil
1 cup + 2 tablespoons unsweetened applesauce
1 cup peeled apple, shredded
1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup nuts, finely chopped, optional
2 tablespoons sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup + 2 tablespoons unsweetened applesauce
1 cup peeled apple, shredded
1 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup nuts, finely chopped, optional

Materials:

- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 cup + 2 tablespoons unsweetened applesauce
- 1 cup peeled apple, shredded
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/8 teaspoon nutmeg
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