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By Neely Tsoodle & Adriel Clements

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McDaniels-Gomez Receives Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Patricia McDaniels-Gomez received the Teacher of the Year Award.

The Kiowa Tribe Museum Receives New Display

The Kiowa Tribe Museum received a donation from the United States Marine Corps (NAS) at their annual powwow held during the United States Marine Corps birthday which was founded in 1775.

The Kiowa Chairman fully supports the Bill of Rights as it reads in the Kiowa Constitution, Article 1- Section b:

The government of the tribe shall not make or enforce any law which prohibits the freedom of speech, expression, or of the press, or of the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for redress of grievances.
Kiowa Tribe Extends Their Support

From the desk of Kiowa Tribal Chairman

- Matthew Komalty

...will continue to make positive strides.

I was so pleased with the turnout and positive feedback that I had received. Folks in the district (7 sq. acre area), we have not forgotten you! I realize your needs and concerns are different from the other six districts being outside the official jurisdictional boundaries. Please reach out to your legislator or me on any concerns or comments you have. That goes for any tribal member. I have an open-door policy and I will take the time to visit with you. Your voice means a lot.

The youth basketball teams performed at different holiday events. The children performed Kiowa hymns and songs to entertain the crowds. You could see the pride beaming in all of the elder’s faces. Just watching that was something beyond words. I love the Kiowa language so much that I realized is not a language of our elders. It is very beautiful and I am so happy to see that the Kiowa language is preserved for many generations to come.

Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program.

The KHEGP Student of the Month

Isaac Roy Horse grew up in Carnegie, Oklahoma and graduated from Carnegie High School. His wife is Shanna and they have Bentley, Stanley, and Lantia Horse. He enjoys being a husband and raising his kids. Isaac attends Platt College in London, Oklahoma for Dental Assisting. He has been funded by the Adult Vocational Training Program since September 2019. The program has helped him financially and given him time to focus on school. His future goals are to do his best for his family and community. He says: “Proud of my tribe!”

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Supports Native Veterans

Washington Supports Native Veterans

The Kiowa Tribe was among many other tribes across the U.S. represented at the White House on Tuesday, November 19, 2019. The November event is part of National Veterans and Military Families Month which supports Native American Veterans. Jessie Svitak, U.S. Army and District 4 Legislator was an invited guest by Asian Fish, Senior Policy Advisor, and Tribal Liaison, Office of Intergovernmental Affairs. Angela McCarthy, District 1 Legislator was also in attendance. Natives serve in the U.S. military at the highest rates of any racial or ethnic group. Many Natives have felt often ignored. The issue was taken head-on by Vice President Mike Pence, Secretary Robert Wilkie, U.S. Department of Veteran Affairs and other members of President Trump’s Cabinet. The focus was matters that affect Native Veterans. The meeting left tribal leaders an opportunity to be heard first hand. Svitak said this was a networking event that allowed him to ask questions that would help our own Veterans program. The Kiowa Tribe is currently establishing its own Veterans program. President Donald Trump presented the tribes in attendance a proclamation. The proclamation can be seen in its entirety on www.kiowatribe.org.
Manny "The Dragon" Muro

Anadarko, Okla. – It has been a very successful time for Kiowa Tribal members in the sport world. Larry Waters III, Dominique Golightly, and Manny "The Dragon" Muro. Muro has strived for greatness and has achieved it at many levels. Manny Muro is a fellow Kiowa member, he resides in Anadarko, Oklahoma and has his own barbershop on Main street. Mixed martial arts (MMA) has his own MMA gym and has been training for a very long time to be a professional MMA fighter. Muro came in at (60.0 lbs) at his last weigh-in in the Lightweight class.

Muro has had ups and downs in his life but has overcome each obstacle that has been put in front of him. This year on October 26, 2019, he had a big fight in the Bellator MMA, Uncasville, Connecticut against Nick Newell. Manny wasn’t such a popular figure going up against a hometown fighter, but he overcame the odds and won. He won over a split decision. It was a hard-fought victory. Muro’s current MMA record is 11-6-0 (Win-Loss-Draw). He is ranked 9th of 1,392 active United States Pro Lightweight.

We all wish the very best to Muro.

By Adria Cline

Record - 11-6-0 (Win-Loss-Draw)
Rank - 97 of 1,392 (Active US Pro Lightweight)

The Most Decorated Soldier

Pascal Poolaw

TULSA, Okla. – He is in the most decorated Native American Indian Soldier in U.S. history. Pascal Ch Lawson Poolaw Sr. was inducted into the National Native American Hall of Fame (NNAHOF) on Saturday, Nov. 2, at the Cherokee Hard Rock Hotel and Casino in Tulsa, Okla. The Master of Ceremony was noted multidisciplinary artist Randy Kemp (Cheyenne/Miniconjou-Crow-Esau). The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society presented the colors. The Anquoe Family (Kiowa) was the drum group.

Poolaw was a full-blooded Kiowa who enlisted in the U.S. Army during World War II. First Sergeant Poolaw earned more than forty medals and citations in his military career. Among his medals are four Silver Stars, five Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts. The Purple Hearts were received for valor in each of the wars he fought; WWII, Korea, and Vietnam.

Poolaw was known for the countless lives he saved in action. Putting lives and his job before his own safety is the way he operated. Sadly, Vietnam would be his last call of duty. It was there he lost his life during a fatal combat operation. Just before his death, he wrote a letter and said he rated his job as being more important than his life.

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Dear Santa,
My name is Kyana. I want a Batman, a Woody, a magician hat and cape, snakes, and cars.

Dear Santa,
My name is Jada. I want a Poppy Troll, books, a kitty, easy art crafts, and another tablet.

Dear Santa,
My name is Lain May. I want toys, purple toys, Lion King, and a bat.

Dear Santa,
My name is Megan. I want a Megan, Elsa, and Arna. Minnie Mouse, and a baby.

Dear Santa,
My name is Mia. I want Christmas, L.O.L. Dolls, Frozen toys, and a monkey.

Dear Santa,
My name is Judy and I want a motorcycle, not a broken robot a fixed robot, and a bunch of toys.

Dear Santa,
My name is Zayn. I would like PJ Mask toys, a teddy bear, and a heart.

Dear Santa,
My name is Avery. I want Sky from Paw Patrol, Chase and Rubble too. I like foam.

Dear Santa,
My name is Lieutenant Callahan. I want L.O.L. Dolls, Frozen toys, and a monkey.

Dear Santa,
My name is透. I want all the hulk toys for Christmas. - Misty

Dear Santa,
I would like a toy the Loin Guard, a new puppy a and a roll thing. Thank you Santa,

Dear Santa,
I want a toy, scooter, new bike, and a piggy-a real one. Merry Christmas, Kyndall

Dear Santa,
I would like a scooter for Christmas. I also maybe want a scooter for Jesus. Merry Christmas. Love, Payton Howell

Dear Santa,
I want a phone, gun, keys, and handcuffs for Christmas. - Jean Lopez

Dear Santa,
I want to go to Walmart and get Super man, a new game, Donkey Kong, and Mario. Love, Donnie Toip

Dear Santa,
I want a slide and swings for my room. I also want a bike maybe he like 6 bikes and also I know I a thing that goes around and around. Thank you, Matias Villegas

Dear Santa,
I would like PJ Mask, Spider man, trucks, and blocks for Christmas. Love, Hunter Toppah

Dear Santa,
I want a toy the Loin Guard, a new puppy a real new puppy not a fake one and I want a new bag. Love, Scarlett

Dear Santa,
I want Loin Guard, Werewolf, teddy bear, woody doll, and a new ball. Love, Savannah

Little Rabbit Center - Anadarko, OK

Dear Santa,
My name is Kynan. I want a Batman, a Woody, a magician hat and cape, snakes, and cars.

Kiowa Tribe Head Start

Kiowa Tribe ECA Head Start - Lawton

Dear Santa, My name is Zaila. I want a Warehouse, a new game, and a new truck. Thank you.

Faith Brown - baby
Alexander French - Paw Patrol
Christian French - Spider man
Azriel Goulet - baby doll
Jordan Hemoinckly - dinosaur
Alyssa Lopez - baby
Caiden Miller - a hockey toy, my favorite Spider man
Lillery Milton - Gummy bear toy
Anora Morton - Kitchen
Justin Negron - Santa Claus to come
Gabrielle Phillips - Paw Patrol
Tysyn Roberts - a truck
Alydia Weahkee - a kitchen
Briar Whish - a tree
Hain Kah K'ee Daw

Happy Holidays from the Kiowa Tribe
KIOWA NEWS

KIOWA LEGISLATURE

Get Involved, Call Your Representative

All Seven District Legislators can be reached by the numbers listed below:

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Tribal Cell: 580-699-6868

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District #3 - Medicine Bluff
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JESSIE SVITAK
District #4 - Lawton Area
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ANITA JOHNSON
District #5 - Red River Tribal
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BENJAMIN LUCERO WOLF
District #6 - Elk Creek Tribal
Cell: 580-919-9235

MODINA WATERS
District #7 - All Kiowa
Tribal Cell: 580-699-4017

The Kiowa Legislature holds monthly meetings every second Saturday of each month in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM at the Kiowa AOA Building. All Kiowa Tribal Members Are Welcome!

Featured Jobs

Job Title: Kiowa Tribe Head Start - Classroom Assistant (3 positions-Carnegie, Lawton, & Anadarko)

Job Summary: Provide a warm, nurturing, safe and loving environment where self-concepts are enhanced, independence is encouraged, and individuality is respected.

Assistant with implementing learning experiences that advance the intellectual and physical development of children. Improve the readiness of children for school by developing their literacy, phonemic and print awareness, their understanding and use of increasingly complex and varied vocabulary, and their appreciation of books. Also, improve children's understanding of early math and science, problem-solving abilities and their approaches to learning.

Qualifications:

- High School Diploma or GED, and should be Computer literate
- Closing Date: 12-23-2019

Job Title: Receptionist/Office Assistant

Job Summary: Works under the supervision of the Human Resources Director and/or assigned supervisor; is responsible for performing secretarial and clerical duties for the Kiowa Tribe. To be successful in this role, be on time and have a good attendance record. Must be well spoken and able to communicate effectively with pleasant front desk receptionist skills to greet and direct tribal members and guests by phone or in-person.

Qualifications:

- High School diploma or GED, prefer an Associates Degree and/or certificate/training
- Minimum 1-2 years experience of secretarial skills and duties
- Average knowledge of English grammar, standard office practices
- Skilled in computer operations and proficient in Microsoft applications
- Ability to operate basic copier, fax, scanner and other office machines
- Ability to lift and carry materials up to 40 pounds
- Demonstrate ability to apply good judgment and professional integrity
- Closing Date: 12-16-2019

For more job opportunities, visit the Kiowa Tribe website at kiowatribe.org

Word Search

How to say colors in Kiowa

Created by: Dianna Hadley

Special “Thank You” to Phil Dupoint & Myrna Tillman for their input and advice.

ANSWERS

Yellow - Goot Koh
Red - Goodle
Purple - Sate aye
Brown - Bodl kohn
Orange - Pry goodle

Search for words in bold:

TPBEADLILTT
AGOODLEGAI
EOOLYEAHDG
SATAYETEH
KOHNIGHBBBD
OSAWHAYOOA
KOHNGEEDAW
PYEGOODLET
AYGOOLTKEE
WAGOOTKOHABA
SAYAOLDAHST
OAWHGEYNP
HWIHNWOBH

Blue – Sey yay
Green – Saw kay
Black – Kohn gee daw
White – Tigh daw
Gray – Aw sibh
Janice Dean Ball was born on April 28, 1929, in Anadarko, Oklahoma. She attended the University of Oklahoma. After high school, she spent the summer of 1953 with her older sister Gaylyn Fairview, where she met the love of her life while waitress. On August 25, 1953, she married Dorman Ball in Wichita Falls, TX, and they made their home in Thomas where together they raised their family. Janice and Dorman had three children, Dorman “Ray”, Robert, and Janice. Janice is survived by her husband, Dorman Ball, their three children, Ray and Becky Ball, of Wichita Falls, TX and they made their home in Thomas where together they raised their family. Janice and Dorman had three children, Dorman “Ray”, Robert, and Janice. Janice is survived by her husband, Dorman Ball, their three children, Ray and Becky Ball, of Wichita Falls, TX and they made their home in Thomas where together they raised their family. Janice and Dorman had three children, Dorman “Ray”, Robert, and Janice. Janice is survived by her husband, Dorman Ball, their three children, Ray and Becky Ball, of Wichita Falls, TX and they made their home in Thomas where together they raised their family. Janice and Dorman had three children, Dorman “Ray”, Robert, and Janice. Janice is survived by her husband, Dorman Ball, their three children, Ray and Becky Ball, of Wichita Falls, TX and they made their home in Thomas where together they raised their family. Janice and Dorman had three children, Dorman “Ray”, Robert, and Janice.
Worthington Signs with North Texas

Dominique Golightly

Meet Dominique Golightly, a Kiowa Tribal member and Senior at the Abilene Christian University in Texas. Dominique has excelled both on the court and in her academics. She is expected to have a great season this year and is becoming quite the role model for the Kiowa Youth. She is the daughter of Eric and Melanie Golightly of Chickasha, OK.

The Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports & Activities expressed how extremely proud they are of Janie. The dedication, sacrifices, energy, and time is something everyone can aspire to. "Good luck and congratulations on all of your accomplishments."

Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports & Activities Program

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NCAI Honors Jaunita Daugomah Ahtone

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - The Kiowa Tribe stood on the oldest and largest stage that impacts Native American tribal sovereignty and rights, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI). A strong delegation of Kiowa tribal members journeyed to Albuquerque, NM to be a part of NCAI honoring the late Jaunita Daugomah Ahtone on October 24, 2019. This year marked the 76th time the NCAI met for its annual conference. Every year, for more than 45 years, Ahtone played an instrumental part as a volunteer and Elections Committee Chair. If any of you have ever attended one of these conferences, you’ll know it’s fast-paced and attended by the tribe’s highest leaders, backed by hundreds of Natives across North America.

On this day, bi-annual election results for NCAI Executive Board seats were at stake. The crowd waited anxiously, then it was announced Ahtone would be honored at that moment. The hustle and bustle of the event came to a crawl and all eyes turned to the stage. Kiowa tribal members who came to be a part of this day made their way to their places up front. Ahtone’s nephew Burnett Pewenofkit humored the crowd by remembering his aunt’s character. Pewenofkit talked about her stern, yet witty way she used to carry herself. Pewenofkit said he did not want to stand up there and brag about his aunt’s character. Pewenofkit asked the crowd to join in this opportunity as a job," said Pewenofkit. The Lord’s Prayer was presented and offered by the elders who made the trip. There was not a single dry eye in the audience.

In closing, Pewenofkit thank the NCAI organization and family for taking care of his aunt for almost fifty years. He stressed that his aunt would want everyone to know that her time with NCAI was "fun, exciting and memorable and that she did not see this opportunity as a job," said Pewenofkit.

The Lord’s Prayer was presented and Pewenofkit asked the crowd to join in and hold hands, something that Ahtone would want to see. "Sometimes we can’t see her language. She turned herself into an icon.”

Photos Taken from the 2019 Hand Games at Red Buffalo Hall

Photos by courtesy of Jaygine Big Eagle
Kiowa Cradle Boards

Kiowa cradleboards are well known because of the intricate designs and beadwork. The use of color and geometric designs make the Kiowa cradleboard easy to identify. Traditionally a prayer is said before the work to construct one begins. Older cradleboards have two different designs, each side to represent the father and mother’s family. On top is the “pay-pote” (umbilical cord) pouch shaped like a diamond, across the top is a piece of red wool usually decorated with antique sequins. Often such objects determined the person/family status within the Kiowa Tribe.

The cradleboard also symbolizes the collaboration of both man and woman; each has their own role/duties but not one is more significant than the other. Men create weapons out of bodark wood which is another reason men carve the cradles; at the same time the women use the bodark wood to honor life as this will serve as the infant’s first home.

The infant is wrapped in a blanket then place inside the cradle which is strapped to a specially designed flat board or wood plank. Originally the cradle was made out of buckskin and lined with soft furs; the use of beads began as a result of trading with settlers. Presently the use of cradle boards is still vivid and being made; however, materials such as blankets or Pendleton are used instead of buckskin.

Challenges about the cradle board have been made over the years, claiming that it is hazardous for the baby. Research however has proven that no damage or harm is placed upon the infant once inside the structure. Swaddling aides in the development of the baby’s tiny muscles meanwhile the items adorn on the cradle board allow the child’s eyes to focus which also aides in the infant’s eyesight.

Special thank you “ah-ho” to Lahoma Horse-Zutlic and others for their stories and input in directing my research.

Kiowa Elders Thanksgiving 2019

CARNEGIE, Okla. – Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful for our many blessings. Out of respect for our elders, the Kiowa Tribe Administration on Aging (AOA) held its annual Thanksgiving Dinner for tribal elders. The event was held at the AOA building, Carnegie, Okla., on Thursday, November 21, 2019. More than 230 elders were in attendance, which is the largest recorded elders Thanksgiving to date. Tribal Chairman Matthew Komalty, Vice-Chair Rhonda Ahhaitty and legislators from six districts were in attendance. The day’s event included the Anadarko Kiowa Children’s Kiowa language group. The children sang Christmas and traditional church hymns in the Kiowa language. They also performed sign language.

Kiowa Cradle Boards

Corn & Potato Chowder

INGREDIENTS:
1 med ONION (chopped)
1 stalk of CELERY (chopped)
3 cloves of GARLIC (minced)
3/2 cups of CHICKEN BROTH
1/2 tsp. CUMIN
3 1/2 cups of CHICKEN BROTH
1 stalk of CELERY
1 med ONION (chopped)
1 cup of POTATO (peeled and diced)
1/2 cup CORNSTARCH
2 cups of ROSEMARY (crushed)
1 tbl CORNSTARCH
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1 tbl CORNSTARCH
1 cup of NONFAT MILK
SALT & PEPPER to taste
Small amount of Veg OIL or cooking spray

PREPARATIONS:
Spray a heavy saucepan with vegetable oil, or cooking spray; add onion and celery, brown for 2 to 3 minutes. Add broth, celery, thyme, and bay leaf; bring to boil. Reduce heat to low and simmer, uncovered, for 10 minutes. Add corn and potatoes; return to a simmer and cook until all vegetables are tender, 5 to 10 minutes.

Place cornstarch in a small covered container. Slowly add milk and shake until cornstarch is dissolved. Stir into the soup and return to a simmer. Cook, stirring, until thickened. Season with salt and pepper. Makes 6 (1/2 cup) servings.

VARIATIONS:
- Can add corn to be substituted for Mexicorn but does not have the same eye appeal or flavor.
- If desired thyme is not available, substitute other dried herbs such as crushed rosemary or basil.

HEALTH TIP:
Mixing extra strength dry milk creates a creamer soap without the harmful animal fat found in whole milk or cream. To mix dry milk, add 1 part dry milk (1/2 cup) to 2 parts of water (1 cup).