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The Kiowa Tribe Will Have An Election For The 2021-2022 Annual Budget

If the Legislative Branch fails to approve an annual budget on or before the date of submission of a proposed annual budget by the Chairman to the Legislature by February 1st, the Tribe’s Tribal Council will be deemed approved for the purpose of placing such budget before the voters for approval or disapproval. If a new amendment process is not enacted, the Tribe’s Tribal Council will be deemed approved for the purpose of placing such budget before the voters for approval or disapproval. If a new amendment process is not enacted, the Tribe’s Tribal Council will be deemed approved for the purpose of placing such budget before the voters for approval or disapproval. If a new amendment process is not enacted, the Tribe’s Tribal Council will be deemed approved for the purpose of placing such budget before the voters for approval or disapproval. If a new amendment process is not enacted, the Tribe’s Tribal Council will be deemed approved for the purpose of placing such budget before the voters for approval or disapproval. If a new amendment process is not enacted, the Tribe’s Tribal Council will be deemed approved for the purpose of placing such budget before the voters for approval or disapproval. If a new amendment process is not enacted, the Tribe’s Tribal Council will be deemed approved for the purpose of placing such budget before the voters for approval or disapproval.

The Kiowa Tribe Chairman’s 2021-2022 annual budget was presented by the Kiowa Tribe Auditor, Ciera Pothier, to the Tribe’s Legislative Branch on March 28, 2021. As a result, a memo was submitted and sent to the Kiowa Tribe Executive Branch for their review and consideration.

The year 2020 was stressful for the Kiowa government due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Several tribal payments were made with the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The Kiowa Tribe was recently contacted by the US Treasury OIG to respond to the agency’s Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, as well as to support the various expenditures it has made with the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

Besides the direct payments, a total of 14 questionable payments were made to tribal members. The OIG is requesting a detailed explanation and oversight of the receipt, disbursement, and use of Coronavirus Relief Fund (CRF) payments as authorized by Title VI of the Social Security Act, as amended by Section 601(d) of the Social Security Act, as amended by Title V of Division A of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act).

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The Kiowa Tribe has approximately 6,989 eligible voters. Of those, 1,641 voted for the approval of the budget submitted by the Chairman. The budget failed; 641 votes for, and 843 against. On August 22, 2020 the Kiowa Tribe had 1,719 votes cast for the approval of the budget submitted by the Legislature. The budget passed with 1,044 voting for the approval and 675 voting against.

The Kiowa Tribe has approximately 6,989 eligible voters who can participate in the elections. The numbers reveal that only 25-30% of tribal membership are exercising their right to VOTE. The budget process has been completed in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution and the last step is for the Kiowa Indian Council to vote for the budget. The Tribal Council will consider the results of the election.

Kiowa Tribal Members have been received by the budget election notice during the beginning of the week of April 23, 2021. Election ballots will be mailed on April 24, 2021. Polis will be available on election day, May 15, 2021.

Backlash about the budget has already begun by a few tribes, including social media to express their opinion and share how they feel about the situation. However, the concern is that this will happen if the Chairman’s budget will be approved by the Kiowa Indian Council. The legislation will be put into action when the Kiowa Indian Council votes on the budget.

The total revenue expected to be received by the Kiowa Tribe is $11,354,609 for the year 2022. The memo that was previously submitted by the Kiowa Executive Branch President, Mr. Redbud stated that the Chairman’s annual budget is $11,354,609. The memo that was previously submitted by the Chairman, Kiowa Tribe Budget Proposal, Budget Summary, the total amount of tribal budget is $10,366,460. That is a decrease of $988,149. The Kiowa Constitution states that it is not necessary to show how the assessment of need was performed unless the Kiowa Tribe will receive a reimbursement for the amount of tribal budget at $10,366,460.00. That is a decrease of $988,149.

The budget elections held last year will be approved in the Kiowa Tribe’s 2021-2022 annual budget. The Kiowa Tribe Executive Branch President, Mr. Redbud submitted a memo to support the various expenditures it has made with the Coronavirus Relief Fund. The Kiowa Tribe was recently contacted by the US Treasury OIG to respond to the agency’s Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, as well as to support the various payments the Tribe made with the Coronavirus Relief Fund.

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A Message from the 2019-2021 Kiowa Tribal Princess

Hee daa ooe daa Baht 'akun gaw
Bhat boh. Simmopee Toppah Nih ah
dew. Dei Tose Say Hay. Aa Kii Khann.

My name is Simone Topph, my Kiowa name is Dei Tose Say Hay which means Blue Healing Water. It was normal for me to attend school for 12 years and powwows during the weekends. But since this pandemic happened, I have yet to be in person at school, dances, or any other social gathering. Covid-19 has affected my family in different ways, especially me. It seems like years that I’ve been able to take part in school or be home with my Kiowa family. Currently I’m taking online courses for school. I’ve also started projects such as sewing new dresses. (I keep praying and hoping for a new social season to begin soon. I enjoy doing these projects because it makes me feel at home, I often think about my friends and family in the arena when I do these things.

My first year as Kiowa Princess was exciting. I was able to go new places, travel to various powwows, ceremonies, and more. I even had the opportunity to meet new and old friends, make memories, hear the songs, and eat a lot of food as well!

The most memorable part of being a Kiowa Princess for me would have to be the 2019 American Indian exposition in particular the parade and showcase. I had the best of my life with all the other tribes pricipals, we each had our own little moment. It was unfortunate to not have the event in 2020, I’m sure it was hard for everyone.

When I first learned about keeping the Kiowa Princess title another year, I was happy. But as I began to process it, I realized that it was going to be different. I wouldn’t be able to go and represent my people for a while, which truthfully made me sad. My family and I love to travel, so this really was not something that we were ready for. Especially to not have the opportunity to be home all the time with our Kiowa people. Still, I try my best to represent the Kiowa Tribe the best that I know how.

I stayed connected to a lot of loved ones through social media. One day I came across a TikTok video that was called the brush (piaathubah), I found it to be inspiring because the creator was a Native and doesn’t exactly remember her name but the girls and I think she’s from the Kiowa Nation. So, I went on seeing this video, we, Andrea Botone, Juliana Wallace, Abigail Horse, and myself decided to create a TikTok with this song. The Cozad singers then came back up for this video clip.

The making of the video took a bit of time and patience. Having the girls try to be better each time a new attempt was made. The Kiowa News staff works hard and tries to be better each time a new assignment is given. It is our goal to fill these pages with news, stories, activities, and other information that we feel our audience would like to see.

If you have suggestions, ideas, or perhaps something you would like to share to be included in our production, please contact us. We would love to hear from you; our favorite people, our readers.

Again, “ah-ho” (thank you) for your endless support and requests, it means so much to all of us here at Kiowa News.

Stay safe, and please take special care of yourself. Keep our Kiowa Tribe in your prayers.

Get to know the Kiowa Tribe,

Sincerely,
Simone Topph, Kiowa Princess

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

The government of the tribe shall not make or enforce any law which prohibits the freedom of speech, expression, or of the press, or the right of the People peaceably to assemble and petition the government for redress of grievances.
Dear Kiowa Tribal Members,

As we welcome the spring season, we are grateful for many projects that we have completed and some that are nearing completion. I wanted to take this opportunity to update you on our progress.

The Kiowa Tribe was awarded $23 million to help with emergency assistance during this unprecedented time. Now development structurally is evident on the grounds at the Kiowa Tribal Complex in Carnegie, Okla. On December 21, 2020, a groundbreaking ceremony was held for a new COVID-19/Senior Activity Center located behind the complex and west of the dance and activity grounds.

Today, you can see a construction crew working through the elements, scaffolding towering a portion of the wall that has gone up. It’s a 20,000 square foot single-story building that falls under the CARES Act guidelines.

Its main purpose is to be a center-controlled facility operating as an emergency center under conditions that warrant.

The center and staff will be responsible for carrying out the principles of emergency preparations in the event of a lack of emergency conditions that can occur. It will also allow for a short-term fit for housing tribal members under emergency conditions, such as ice storms.

The center will be operated with critical communications and safety actions that are necessary and will be staffed with qualified individuals accordingly and depending on situations as they occur.

During the times when emergency conditions are not in operation, senior citizens may use the building to gather conditions are not in operation, senior citizens may use the building to gather necessary and will be staffed with qualified individuals accordingly and depending on situations as they occur.

I also don’t want to end without offering my sincere condolences and prayers to those who lost loved ones due to COVID-19. Much prayers go up for our Kiowa members. And due to COVID I did not attend much community events. However, before COVID I did attend O’C’s Indigenous People’s Day event and a few OU football games.

Kiowa Tribe Executive Branch will continue to keep the public informed of projects of the CARES Act emergency funding and other tribal businesses. I wish you all the best and continue to encourage you to wear your masks and practice social distancing.

Sincerely,
Matthew M. Komalty
Kiowa Tribal Chairman

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Follow us on Facebook page: Kiowa Higher Education Grant Program.
Given me the opportunity to teach classes and work with my kids. Being a parent is a full time job.

1) Name: Cyanne Skye Horne
2) Kiowa Name: Yi Pa
3) Hometown: Houston, Texas
4) High School: Sam Rayburn High School
5) Family: Tepouma-Eagleheart
6) College/University: University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
7) Major/Degree: English
8) Cultural Activities/Hobbies/Clubs/Events you attend or are involved in: I am studying Native American literatures and my anthropologist has also given me the opportunity to teach classes centered around Native lit.
9) Community Events you attend or are involved in: I am also involved with the Native American & Indigenous Student Organization at UIC.
10) Honors/Scholarships you have received: I was also offered/accepted into ASU.
11) Future/Career Goals: I am hoping to become a professor once I complete my PhD.
12) How long has the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program funded your education? Since fall of 2016.
13) How has the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program helped you to get to where you are? By providing funding for much needed school expenses, equipment, daycare and so much more. With this assistance I was not where I am today.
14) Please state anything else that you would like to share: I appreciate the amount of assistance provided by the Kiowa Tribe and hope to someday help students succeed academically as well. Having the support of my tribe made it to where I can obtain the education for a promising career. Aho

15) How has the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program helped you to get to where you are? It has provided me with a pathway to receive my higher education through providing financial assistance for my books, tuition fees, transportation and meal plans.

16) After completion of my MIHA, I plan on continuing in the Human Resource field to reach a district or regional Human Resource Manager level. I eventually would like to return to Haskell Indian Nations University with a Bachelor in Business Administration. I am currently on the Presidents Honor Roll.

17) Future/Career Goals: I am also involved with the Native American & Indigenous Student Organization at UIC.

November 2021 - Sara Johanntoberns
Name: Sara Johanntoberns
Kiowa Name: Gih-gah ta'nah-mah (She Came Early in the Morning With a Message)
Hometown: Tucson, Arizona
High School: Canyon del Oro High School, Oro Valley, Arizona
Daughter of Kimberly (Daingkau) and Derrin Biegov and Mark Johanntoberns. Granddaughter of LaDonna and the Late Rev. George Donjuan and Karen (Bushido) and the late Thomas Kanauky. Descendant of Tanakh, Kionut, Blue Hawk and Whitefolds - Odlepahquote.
College/University: Northern Arizona University (NAU) Flagstaff, AZ
Majors/Eagle - Bachelor of Sciences in Indian Country Criminal Justice

Future/Career Goals: I am hoping to become a professor once I complete my PhD. I am also involved with the Native American & Indigenous Student Organization at UIC.

November 2021 - Joshua Haunpo
Name: Joshua Haunpo
Kiowa Name: Cyanne So-lo-li Topaum
Hometown: Broken Arrow, OK
High School: Anadarko High School
Daughter of Kimberly (Daingkau) and Karen (Redbird) and the Tribe and the Higher Education Grant Program for providing funding to me and other Kiowa tribe members and for helping me to pursue a higher education.

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Future/Career Goals: I will graduate in the Fall of 2021 with a Bachelors in American & Indigenous Student Association and other Native American organizations across campuses. I enjoy participating in these Native American events and meeting inspiring Indigenous people.

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, running and watching movies/TV Shows. I recently started backpacking and I am looking forward to expanding my creativity skills.

Common Events you attend or are involved in: In the past, I presented at the Native Education Alliance Tuscon’s Native Youth Warrior Symposium event and the Landscapes language event. I also participated as a college mentor for the Arizona Indian Education Association’s Protecting Our Land Summer Youth Camp.

Honor Scholarship recipient. I have assisted Dean’s List for Spring 2020 and Fall 2020 - Northern Arizona University. Thomas J. and Delores C. Ballweiler Scholarship

In honor of the 25th Year of the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program funded your education? Since fall of 2016.

How has the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program helped you to get to where you are? I am a student living in a city, the KiTEGP has provided a pathway to receive my higher education through providing financial assistance for my books, tuition fees, transportation and meal plans. Unfortunately, a higher education isn’t free and the financial assistance provided by the KiTEGP helped tremendously and has carried me through my entire higher education journey.

Please state anything else that you would like to share: Before I started my higher educational journey, I had a mentor tell me that the degree doesn’t belong to me, but to the Kiowa, the people of Indian Country and to generations to come. I hope that my decision and determination can inspire future generations to receive an education. I pray that you continue to water the seeds generations before us planted, in order to make a positive difference for Indian Country. Lastly, I want to impart something in relation to my short educational journey: I have made so many sacrifices to get where I am today. Sometimes it is sleepless nights, working two or three jobs and keeping climbing the ladder until I reach the top.
We express our sincere gratitude for this proposal.

The acquisition of this property for the benefit of the Kiowa Tribe restores land to the Tribe in one of its most important areas. The tract is located within the external boundaries of the Tribe’s original reservation set aside pursuant to the Treaty of 1867 and many Kiowa people still live in the Hobart area.

The Tribe worked with the Hobart Economic Development Authority for several years to arrange for land within the City of Hobart’s industrial park to be conveyed—free of charge—for the benefit of the Tribe. The acquisition has broad support from the Hobart community, which provided dozens of letters voicing their support for the acquisition.

In making the decision to take the land-into-trust for the tribe, Assistant Secretary Sweeney stated “The cooperation of tribal, city, county and state officials paved the way to a win-win situation not only for the Tribe but for the region as well with the promise of new jobs and revenues. I congratulate all those involved in bringing this part of the process to a successful conclusion.”

The trust acquisition is the first ever for the Kiowa Tribe, and believed to be the first in the region for gaming purposes. Conner & Winters LLP in Tulsa, Oklahoma, assisted the Kiowa Tribe with the fee-to-trust application, which was submitted in April 2018. Negotiations within the tribe goes back even further than that, 2009.

The deadline for Fall 2021 Applications is July 1, 2021. Contact the Kiowa Higher Education office at (580) 654-6324, or email: highered@kiowatribe.org, for more information, questions, or concerns.
Kiowa Tribe Provides Services During Winter Snow Storm

CARNEGIE, Okla. - The winter storm of 2021 that blew into Oklahoma was not. From February 11 until 13 the state was covered in snow and sub-freezing temperatures. For days folks around the state were snowed in, without power, heat, and water.

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It was worth it all.” Zotigh talked about a gentleman and his young son who drove up and his car was barely running and kept dying. Once she put the food in his possession, he lit up. “His gratitude, makes me want tocry,” Zotigh said.

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The cars were lined up for approximately four miles, around 1,350 boxes were given. Benny Gray from Carnegie said he waited in line three hours. “The cold kept us in for a long time. It’s not good. So, this is a lot of help.”

Darin Zotigh the Administration on Aging Director for the tribe was another volunteer. He had tears on his eyebrows because it was so frigid. “Even though it was cold outside, I had a warm feeling in my heart. It was good to see everyone deny themselves and their comfort and get out there and work together,” said Zotigh.

The tribe was closed on President’s Day and the rest of the week looks grim because of the winter storm. “We are monitoring the storm and doing the best we can to get help to those most in need,” said Chairman Matthew Komalty.

“We are clearing driveways to those in rural areas with extreme emergency needs to get in and out.” The Kiowa Tribe is also offering firewood to tribal members who need it most, households with elders are a priority.

Then there was the rescue that tugged at our heartstrings. A young tribal member anxious to get home on Valentine’s Day turned into a nightmare. A trip from Tulsa to the outskirts of Carnegie was a trip Doug Stumblingbear Jr. will never forget. It almost took his life. Just miles from his home, his truck hit a snowdrift, not once, not twice, but three times. Each time, except the third time, he dug himself out. After a cry for help to authorities, to no avail. On a chance, a relative called the Kiowa Tribe. Within moments, a Kiowa crew was on the way. After a near-death experience, Stumblingbear was rescued after hours under the freezing snow. You’ll hear more of Stumblingbear’s story and his emotional gratitude to those that rescued him on that fateful journey at www.kiowatribe.org or @thekiowatribe on Facebook.

In the four-day winter spell, the Kiowa Tribe was able to assist more than 70 families in the immediate area of the Kiowa Tribe Complex. Not counting the numerous assistance given to those alike. Here’s a look at the numbers:

- Driveway cleanup – 20
- Lodging – 34
- Propane – 1
- Water – 3
- Wood – 9

Freida Satepeahtaw headed up the emergency assistance operation. “The numbers do not reflect the big picture. Because of the urgency, many circumstances we responded to were not recorded.” Satepeahtaw had three hotlines open for calls. “As soon as the emergency phone numbers went live, the phones went wild,” said Satepeahtaw. “We had to prioritize the calls and really screen the situations. Of course, the elders in the home were a priority. Unfortunately, the bulk of the calls had to do with folks on hold to get to those in need.”

In all, Satepeahtaw said this was a learning experience. One that brought light to help in similar situations in the future. “I know many tribal members suffered and still recovering. Just know the tribe is here for you and when in doubt as in Stumblingbear’s case, you never know? We will do our best to assist you.”

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Kiowa Tribe Fastrans

The Kiowa Tribe Fastrans is a program that gives Kiowa Tribal members, and non tribal members transportation around the Carnegie, Hobart, Anadarko, and Lawton areas. Open to the public. Tell Your Friends!

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Food Giveaway

CARNEGIE, Okla. – Under sub-degree weather conditions, whipping wind on the open plains of the Kiowa Dance and Activity grounds, more than twenty Kiowa Tribe employees volunteered and braved the bitter circumstances to hand out food boxes to anyone who showed up on Friday, February 12, 2021.

Nearly 45-thousand pounds of food was handed out on this cold day and it didn’t deter folks from showing up. Glenn Powell, a non-native was the first car in line. The only problem, the truck delivering the boxes was out of Tulsa where the wicked weather driving conditions already set in. It was delayed more than two hours. Powell waited in line for four hours to get his food. He said Covid-19 is no joke, “real bad bind. I lost my job and everything, needing money and food and everything.” Powell was so grateful that he was able to put something on his table.

Ahnawake Tsoodleehkah stood in the front lines directing the two-lane traffic. She volunteered to help make this day happen rain, sleet, or snow. “Honestly, I wasn’t cold at all. I used to live in Pennsylvania so this was nothing to me.” Tsoodleehkah never took a break to warm up as the cars backed up for miles lined up to grab a box or two.

The food box giveaway contained dairy, protein, vegetables, and fruit. It’s part of a Farmers to Family and USDA grant Lahoma Zoitigh applied for the tribe. A community grant that serves anyone, not just tribal members. She braved the cold and never stepped indoors to get a break and get warm, “even though it was cold and a lot of sacrifices, to see the people’s joy on their faces.

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The approximate translation is "We are learning Kiowa ways" or "We are learning the Kiowa way of doing things, thinking, and speaking." In the early phases of the program, it was decided that, when possible, we will use the Kiowa name for the program (as opposed to the English name). The elder mentors at that time decided that having language knowledge was not the only thing at stake. We were also learning about the "Kiowa way" of doing things and Kiowa thinking. It was decided that this title encompassed all of those ideas.

The seventh month of the Kiowa Calendar is Áïdeñp'áu: It spans the end of March through beginning of April. Áïdeñ means leaves. P'áu: is the word for moon (or month). On the Kiowa Calendar, “Leaf Moon” was depicted by a tree with circles symbolizing the fullness of leaves covering the branches.

Spring Nature Walk

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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 on Zoom (contact legislators or the tribal website at kiowatribe.org for information). All Kiowa Tribal Members Are Welcome.

The New Face for Kiowa District One

Kyle said that he still remembers the phone call, he described it as a joyous and wonderful moment. He was on his way to check on his boys who had been fishing because they couldn’t take the wait and suspend. “The lady on the phone was trying to tell me of the outcome of votes but I just heard say congratulations, I won,” he said, “I literally got out of my vehicle, jumped, shouted, and danced around like I had ‘the moves’.” Kyle also mentioned how his boys were watching, wondering what was going on. It was awesome.

He continued by expressing that there are three joyous moments in life thus far, when Lana became his wife, when he became a father, and when he became an advocate for his tribe and district. Kyle is very compassionate for the people in his district and has already begun to offer his assistance.

The previous months, when the ice storm came through, Kyle showed up to help out, he and his family helped as many as they could by volunteering to clear and remove tree limbs for their neighbors and elders. Lana explained that they did not have the emergency materials but they’re willing to use the tools they had, an axe, machete, and rope. She said, “we were so happy to find volunteers to join our efforts; to this day I don’t know how we did it with what little we had but we did it.” She added that her husband’s experience turned out to be a blessing for the people because they were able to meet and help them.

Now that the season has changed, Ataddlety has begun to offer his assistance by mowing yards. Thus far he and his helpers have moved 20 yards. Each time Kyle extends an invitation for the tribal elders to call over their families and have a small meeting with him, their tribal elders begin to show up. Ataddlety takes the opportunity to answer their questions and offer his assistance. Kyle said he loves to be able to speak to these families and hear their questions, “...I feel that I am making a difference,” expressed Ataddlety.

The new Kiowa District 1 office is expected to open at the end of May. The location is near 127 West Main Street in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Ataddlety stated that he is utilizing an office space at the previous DHS building located at 208 Hardee Street in Anadarko, Oklahoma. Tribal members are more than welcome to schedule an appointment or meeting and may contact his cell at (580) 951-0235.

Job Title: Records Management Director

Job Summary: The Records Management Director performs duties under the general supervision of the Executive Director. Incumbent streamlines compliance with Federal Laws, regulations, guidance and advise staff on any records management issues. Ensures that the program supports the tribal organization’s mission and goals, provides management and oversight over the entire records information life cycle, establishes files management systems, creation of documents, organization, determines the life span of records, archives, and produces records for external request. The program must ensure the tribe’s records are preserved and protected. Provide and manage records and offer a support function. Must have a Bachelor’s degree in related field such as Business Administration, Finance, Accounting, Information Technology. Experience in records management.

Qualifications:
- Must have a Bachelor’s degree in related field
- Experience in records management
- Ability to communicate effectively in oral and written format.
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- Ability to communicate effectively in oral and written format.

Closing Date: Open till filled.

The Kiowa Treasure Election Commission (KTEC) received the proposed 2021-2022 Annual Budget from Chairman Komalty on March 29, 2021. The Legislative Budget was not submitted to the KIEC. Chairman Komalty will present the budget to the Kiowa Indian Council. THE VOTING PROCESS: Voting for the Annual Budget Election will be conducted by mail-in ballots as well as a vote-in by 7 district polling places. The Polls will be open from 8 am to 5 pm on Saturday, May 15, 2021. Mail-in Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters with a valid mailing address on the Kiowa Enrollment Office rolls. In-person voting will be held at the Kiowa Enrollment Office on May 15, 2021. Tribal members wishing to vote by mail in the Annual Budget Election will need to have a current address on file with the Kiowa Enrollment Office prior to April 21, 2021. Call 580-654-6525 for assistance with address updates.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS: Contact the Kiowa Election Commission at 580-654-6525, visit the tribe’s website for more details at kiowatribe.org.

For more information on the available positions, please visit the Kiowa Tribe website, kiowatribe.org to view or download job announcements. Native American applicants are encouraged to apply.

NOTE: The Kiowa Tribe provides a comprehensive benefits package including: leave benefits, (5) paid holidays, health insurance plan providing employees, employees, and their families with medical, dental and vision care insurance benefits, $25,000 Basic Life and $25,000 Basic ADD insurance coverage at no cost to employees, and 401(k) with employee contribution into the Employee Savings Trust Plan (401(k)).
Those we lost in 2020

Hai gah may oye bone tah

- We will see them again

Together We Mourn,
Together We Rise.
Kaylee Borden

Congratulations to Kaylee Borden from Anadarko, Oklahoma. She signed her National Letter of Intent to the University of Nevada on November 11, 2020.

Kaylee is a Senior for the Lady Warriors, Class of 2021. She is Kiowa and Comanche and an outstanding athlete. But most of her is an amazing student.

Awesome job KeKe, we are proud of you. Best of luck for all your future endeavors.

Landry Allen

Congratulations to Landry Allen, Tuttle High School, Tuttle, Oklahoma. Landry is a Kiowa and was recognized as the most dominant player in every game she played during the Oklahoma State Basketball Tournament. Landry averaged 20.6 points, 10.3 rebounds, and 4.3 blocks a game to lead Tuttle to its first girls title Tournament MVP. Landry is a from the Kiowa Tribe and Comanche and an outstanding athlete. But most of she is an amazing student.

“I think you have to have something extra to learn our crazy language. It is hard,” she said.

WhiteHorse said Zengel picked up even the most difficult Kiowa sounds easily. Even the way she carried herself was true to the Kiowa way, WhiteHorse said.

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The Kiowa language has a lot of nasal sounds and syllables that sound “spit-out,” WhiteHorse said, but Zengel picked it up. WhiteHorse called her “a wonder child.”

WhiteHorse still teaches Kiowa to students. In her mind, her role in the making of “News of the World” highlights her urgency to pass on her knowledge and wisdom to the next generation.

There’s not too much time because with this movie, I’ve even had several Kiowas say ‘give me your autograph’ and I say, hey, I’m going to be 88 years old. I have no ambition anymore about trying to do something but the least I can do is tell you about it so you can go on and learn it. Learn our language, learn our history, and keep on,” she said.

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Kayelle Komalty said. “She is our royalty and a tribal treasure, her teachings and knowledge are irreplaceable. We hold her in high regard and most of all we are proud of her and her accomplishments.”

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A Celebration of Life

CARRIEGEE, Oklahoma – It looks strange, feels a little different, but it’s home; most importantly, it’s a celebration of life.

A birthday handgame tournament was held on February 6, 2021 at the Carnegie Park for siblings, Vera Buffaillonie & Lewis Cozad. Twelve teams entertained the afternoon and evening for nearby listeners, including the neighborhood on South Carnegie Street. ‘The place was jammin,‘ as the kids say. Face masks and social distancing were required as stated on the flier. The host family done an outstanding job at ensuring PPE was available throughout the building at different locations.

“This is good for our people,“ expressed Louis Maynahonah Jr as he and others stood outside to listen. His statement became true once a prayer was said and visitors were fed, a custom many are familiar with. The meal included stew, chilli, and frybread; all provided by the family in honor of their mother and uncle. Once everyone broke bread together, the first to teams began to take their places for the first game. The minute that the drum made its sound, and song began was the moment the place became alive.

‘K’yalhnome bah,“ it was a beautiful moment to witness. The people may have worn face coverings, yet it was obvious for a watchful eye to see how happy they were to play handgame again.

The Kiowa Gourd Clan will have a cedaring ceremony for its members on Sunday April 25, 2021. The ceremony will begin at 1:00 pm and will be held at the Kiowa Tribal Danceground in Carnegie Ok. This ceremony is for those members and their families who have lost loved ones this past year. A meal will be served afterwards. Members families are asked to bring a side dish or dessert for the meal. Meat to be furnished by the Kiowa Gourd Clan. Bring your own chairs. CDC Regulations will be followed, masks and social distancing are strongly encouraged. The Kiowa Gourd Clan will not be responsible for accidents. For further information contact the Kiowa Gourd Clan Officers.

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PASTA SALAD

Fill a 2-quart saucepan two-thirds full of water; bring to a boil. Add macaroni and reduce heat. Cover and cook 10-12 minutes, until tender. Drain and rinse with warm water. Chop vegetables. Add cheese just before serving as cheese softens and breaks down if left in the dressing for long periods of time. Serves 6.

Variations:
• Use any pasta shape, even broken spaghetti.
• Other vegetables that can be used are cucumbers, shredded carrots, jicama, and corn.
• Cannellini beans work well in this recipe, as well as legumes such as black, kidney, pinto, and garbanzo beans.

Time Savers:
• A quick cooking trick is to keep certain staples on hand. Pasta and canned beans of all types are “cupboard supplies” that can be used to make salads, main dishes, and more.

Food Safety
• Keep hands, utensils, and cutting surfaces clean to help avoid bacteria. Refrigerate salad as soon as it is made.
COVID VACCINE CLINIC

May 4th & 25th, 2021
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m
Kiowa Tribe Red Buffalo Hall
Carnegie, Oklahoma

Give the vaccine a chance because we want to dance!

Vaccination is an important tool to help stop the pandemic.

If vaccinated you are 98% less likely to be a transmitter of Covid.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

#protectourpeople

SAVE THE DATE

MMIW National Day of Awareness

Wednesday, May 5, 2021
OKC State Capitol
10:00am - 5:00pm

Public Invited
Security will be provided
Covid Safety Measures will be taken