Kiowa Tribe Becomes 5th to Charter Bacone College

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

A Coach Bus for the Kiowa Tribe

DEVOL, Okla.-The Kiowa Casino has two new coach buses. In June of 2019, the Kiowa Casino Operations Authority purchased the buses for the casino and tribal use. The design was created by the casino marketing team and was recently wrapped with a colorful design highlighting the Kiowa logo embossed with the casino’s branding colors. Kiowa Tribal Chairman Matthew Komalty and the casino are proud to partner with each other to offer more activities for our tribal members and elders. To date, tribal elders took a trip to Albuquerque, NM, tribal members made a trip to Stillwater, Okla., to watch the OSU Cowboys play, and OU women’s basketball game to name a few of the trips made so far.
Approved was granted in mid-February. These approved rates, ranging between 29 and 37 percent of tribal revenue, are intended to secure the tribe’s ability to recover funding from other agencies, primarily the Indian Health Service, and will be available to the Kiowa Tribe over the next several months. The tribe will use the funds as released from grant agencies.

Serving time and reimagining into society can be a challenging task. The Kiowa Tribe has successfully implemented a program lead by David Lesieur from the Kickiwillow Finance Office and the Kiowa-Apache tribes. The Kiowa tribe’s Entry-Program’s mission is to reengage, reorient, and redirect offenders’ opportunities towards positive opportunities within the tribal communities.

So, there are nearly fifty (50) Kiowa tribal members that do not leave the state of Oklahoma or state prison. That’s one too many, that’s why we feel the opportunity to take our tribal members to reintegrate successfully.

Another program that has a new director is the Kiowa Tribe’s Lloyd Lesieur Tribal College. Nicky Knox comes to us from Topeka, Okla., and a member of the Choctaw and Apache Tribes. With this program, we hope to pay even closer attention to our young people.

You’ll notice work on the Transportation building has started, creating, painting, organizing the shop area and the transition into the building. Transportation is scheduled to re-establish its funding to start on main road and bridge work.

We also enhanced the Child Passenger Safety Technician, I enjoy attending local health and symptom management fairs to raise awareness about child passenger safety. I also serve as a Red Cross and a certified Child Passenger Safety Technician and we have a back-up plan (or two). I feel more secure, with much of my graduate funding also from the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education in 2012-2014 to help get my Masters degree. Without the funding, so it is always a good idea to have a back-up plan. There were some semesters where I didn’t have a back-up plan (or two). I feel more secure, with much of my graduate funding also from the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education in 2012-2014 to help get my Masters degree. Without the funding, so it is always a good idea to have a back-up plan.

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2) Years/Graduate School/College: 1997-2001/University of Rochester/College of Human Sciences and Education.

3) Degree Program: ___Ph.D. candidate in Cultural, Linguistic and Linguistically Responsive Practices (Doctoral in Progress)

4) College/University: University of Oklahoma in Norman.

5) Degree Program: ___Ph.D. candidate in Instructional Leadership and Academic Development.

6) Work experience: I have been helping her with the groundwork to get into the medical field. My future goal is to work in a hospital as an RN.

7) Honors/Scholarships: you have received

8) Kihepg Student of the Month

9) Current goals: I am a member of the University Oklahoma chapter of the Kiev Psi Phi International Honor Society in Business, and an active member of the Kiowa tribal leadership. I continue to serve on the Kiowa Tribal Council, and I am a member of the Kiowa Tribe. I also serve as a member of the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program. As I have progressed higher in my education, funding has become much more difficult to secure, with much of my graduate funding also from the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education in 2012-2014 to help get my Masters degree. Without the funding also from the Kiowa Tribe Higher Education Grant Program, it would have been tough to remain in school. I was funded up the completion of my Masters degree.

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Carnegie, Okla. — The Kiowa Tribe Food Distribution (KTFD) recently had an open house. Much needed renovations took place and a big part of the program’s foundation is Jeffrey Topaum. Topaum is the warehouse technician and has been with the program for almost 24 years. He started in September in the year of 1997.

Topaum is a laid-back kind of guy, who enjoys what he does. He is a family man with two daughters and one son and five grandkids. Family is important to Topaum, that’s why this job has been a part of him for the past two decades.

It has been a long road for Topaum, but he enjoys what he does: “You’ve got to love what you’re doing, and I do. For the people they make my job.” Topaum said. To work at the KTFD you must be vigorous because of all the heavy lifting you do, and the added pressure you’re doing, and I do. For the people they make my job,” Topaum said. To work at the KTFD you must be vigorous because of all the heavy lifting you do, and the added pressure you’re doing, and I do. For the people they make my job,” Topaum said. To work at the KTFD you must be vigorous because of all the heavy lifting you do, and the added pressure you’re doing, and I do. For the people they make my job,” Topaum said.

And the best part is the grocery store. Topaum said the new look couldn’t be any better. It’s a $250,000 USDA grant for renovations. Now, Topaum and his co-workers have more space to do this twenty-something years.”

When fellow co-worker and warehouse assistant Jason Pacheco first arrived at the KTFD, Topaum was leaving shoulder reconstruction surgery. Topaum was out for 4 months, but he was supposed to be out for 6 months. Pacheco said it goes to show how much of a hard worker he truly is. “That’s just his nature. I was to describe him—Hard-working. He’s had to do this twenty-something years.”

Topaum has been doing daily stocking, cleaning, and carrying loads of food for clients by himself. This year, Topaum, he was the only warehouseman at the time. Pacheco said you must be at your best at all times. Before the renovations to the building, the workload was backbreaking.

Currently, the KTFD is without a director. Director W.L. Brown is currently undergoing total knee replacement surgery, and the acting duties were given to Topaum. “He’s the hardest worker we got, he’s the most valuable person here,” Pacheco said.

The working conditions at KTFD weren’t always favorable. That was before they received a $250,000 USDA grant for renovations. Now, Topaum and his co-workers have more space to do this twenty-something years.”

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For more information, contact the Food Distribution at (580) 654-6684.
The Kiowa Tribe holds monthly meetings every second Saturday of each month in accordance with the Kiowa Calendar. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM at the Kiowa AOA Building. All Kiowa Tribal Members Are Welcome!

Budget Modification

CARNegie, Okla. - The Kiowa Legislative Branch was in full session on February 22, 2020 for the Special Session for the Budget Modification. A few came prepared with plenty of questions concerning the $6M numbers needed to be well in order before the voting can begin.

A small Budget Committee, consisted of Mike Primus, Modina Waters, and Jessie Svitak; took on the task to understand the needs of the Kiowa Tribe and its programs. “This is a big deal for the Kiowa Tribe, it can change a lot of people’s lives,” exclaimed Kiowa District 4 Legislator, Jessie Svitak, as he added the final touches to the letter for the Election Commission and Kiowa Tribal Chairman, Matthew Kennedy, to sign.

A few tensions arose through the explanation of the numbers; however, according to the Budget Committee everything is accounted for when it comes to the needs of the Kiowa Tribe as a whole. The programs for example, are split into two categories: tribal and federal. The most common need for both is the need for equipment upgrades, that of course requires more than what is currently granted to the programs.

The changes in the economy also has an effect on the Kiowa Tribe and its people. A greater need is within the immediate assistance programs such as Social Services, Higher Education, Kiowa Housing Authority, and Indian Child Welfare. As the cost of living continues to increase so does the need to assist tribal members.

Kiowa Tribe Members have expressed before that it is not enough to just pay a utility bill once a year, life happens when you least expect it. Other topics that tribal members have discussed is per capita payment, the budget process, and an update for the Judicial Branch. Once the Kiowa Tribe is able to have a business mind set, great opportunities may begin. The Kiowa Tribe could begin to think outside the box, partnerships and franchise can begin.

The more exciting news for this budget modification is to put money aside for an economic development department. This will have the possibility to bring the Kiowa Tribe up to speed in terms of making key investments that will have a great pay off. In other words, if the program is invested in the right places, the tribe will begin to see a stronger cash flow. An increase of income could put the Kiowa Tribe in a position to begin searching for more possibilities to help its tribal members and maybe even a per captia payment.

The Kiowa Tribe provides a comprehensive benefits package including: leave benefits, health insurance plan providing eligible employees access to medical, dental and vision care insurance benefits, $25,000 Basic Life and $25,000 Basic A&D. It also has coverage at no cost to employees, and 3% employer contribution into the Employee Savings Trust Plan (401k.).

Qualifications:

To have a Bachelor’s degree in Native American/Indian Studies or related field or have at least 3 years experience working with a Native American Tribe. Knowledge of the Kiowa Language is preferred.

Closing Date: Open till filled.

Open to the Public

CARNegie, Okla. - Kiowa Transit ‘Fastrans’ is open to the public and is expected to offer toll free (855) 820-6164. To see fare prices and schedule visit www.kiowatribe.org.

Tribal Members Are Welcomed!

For those persons who wish to file an office, the filing period opens on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. The filing period closes on Thursday, April 2, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

Announcements:

Each candidate for elective office shall file a Nomination Petition with the Kiowa Election Commission (KEC). Each nomination petition shall contain at least 50 signatures of members of the Tribe who are qualified to vote in the respective District. Separation election results must be filed by the KEC. Resignations are available by the KEC located at the Tribal Complex. Resignations must be filed on or before March 1, 2020, the person will be excluded by request. Call 580-654-6350 to request a mailed petition. Petitions must be returned to the KEC Office by Thursday, April 2, 2020, prior to 4:30 p.m.

Filing Fee:

There will be a $150 non-refundable filing fee to be paid by Canvassing’s Check or Money Order. The fee should be included in the Candidate Petition submitted to the KEC.

Qualifications:

At the time of filing, each candidate for District Legislative shall be an enrolled member of the Tribe, shall be at least 18 years of age. Each candidate for District Legislative shall reside within the District from which they were elected for the duration of the term.

No person convicted of a felony shall be eligible to be a candidate for Legislative or Senate as a Legislative.

Each candidate for the Legislature shall be required to submit to a criminal background check conducted by the Elections Commission.

At the time of filing, each candidate for District Legislative shall reside physically within the District they were elected to represent.

A candidate for District Legislative shall reside within the District from which they were elected for the duration of the term.

No person convicted of a felony shall be eligible to be a candidate for District Legislative.

No Legislative shall be on probation or parole of any governmental entity.

The Legislative District 7 shall reside outside of the six voting districts.
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To have your love one featured inside the Kiowa Tribal newspaper email pijklkwobine@hotmail.com. Please remember to include the name of the Funeral home when sending information. "Hei jah biye okwah boilke" (We will be there again)

Taiya Grace Palmer 30 went to her heavenly home Tuesday, February 12th, 2020 in ANADARKO.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00 AM Wednesday February 19th, 2020 at Christian Nazarene Church, then to 7:30 PM at KIOWA's Crematory under direction of Comanche Native Funeral Home.

She was preceded in death by her parents; Raymond one on the way. Numerous other family and friends.

She is survived by her children; Lataveah George and Seamcindy Autoe. She attended school at the Kiowa and the Kiowa Blackleggins. She was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

Funeral Service will be 11:00 AM Friday February 20th, 2020 at Native American Relocation Program and graduated from Broxton. She also obtained her GED and went on to college at Highlands University obtaining her Bachelor's Degree in Social Science.

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2020-2021 Kiowa Princess Candidates

I, Misty Ware Beatty, as the Kiowa Tribal Director would like to announce that we will be having a Kiowa Tribal Princess Election Dance to take place May 17, 2020 in Carnegie, OK at Red Buffalo Hall. This year we have 3 contestants, those being Hozhona Post, Andrea Botone and Harley Lovell.

Hozhona Morningstar Post

Hozhona Morningstar Post is the daughter of Stephen Robert Post Jr and Melody Windom Redbird Post. She is the granddaughter of Timothy Whitleon Redbird Sr and Mary Yickland Redbird; the great grand daughter of Ernest Redbird Sr and Ruth Whitleon Redbird; the great great granddaughter of Whitefish (Adid Pai Gowey), the great great great granddaughter of Sayt Ak Pay Taw and is a descendant of Iseeo.

Miss Post is a 16 year old junior attending Anadarko High School where she studies involved with cultural activities.

“Being able to represent the Kiowa Tribe in this ambassador role would allow me an opportunity to build awareness in our Kiowa community and in Indian Country about our Kiowa culture. I would be a good role model for upcoming Kiowa youth, like my younger siblings. The Kiowa Princess role would also allow me to be a voice for Kiowa youth and advocate for issues in our community that today’s youth are struggling with. I do not just want to be a pretty face, I want to actually take action and be able to make a change for the better. It is important to me for Kiowa children to know our Kiwa language and culture. Through this role, I would be able to share the facets of Kiowa language and culture that I have already learned with other youth while also being able to expand on that knowledge.

As Kiowa Princess, it would be an honor to attend every Kiowa event I could on behalf of our Kiowa people. It would be an honor to be able to have the title Kiowa Tribal Princess, especially since as I was growing up, I’ve always looked up to the previous Kiowa Princesses and have always wanted to be able to have that experience. Thank you for your time and consideration, Ah-hoh,”

Andrea Botone

Andrea Botone is a daughter of Kevin Botone Sr and Robin (Kaulity) Botone. Her maternal grandparents are Daryl Whitehorse and the late William “Dink” Boydville and the late Robert Kaulity Sr. Her great grandparents are the late Laveda Ona, Mathew Whitehorse, Margaret Blankenship and Madelot Kaulity. Her paternal grandparent is the late Clay Botone.

Miss Botone is a 16 year old junior attending Anadarko High School due to Graduate May 2021. She served as the 2019-2020 Anadarko High School Indian Club Princess and an active member of the Native American Club at Anadarko High School. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

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Harley Renee Lovell

Harley Renee Lovell is the daughter of Lanee and Gunmay Lovell. Her grandparents are Terry and Charlene Tartsah Taylor and Jim and Donna Lovell. Her maternal great grandparents are Walter Taylor and Florence Whittenbor Taylor. Her paternal great grandparents are the late Rev. Lincoln Tartsah Sr and gthe late Laveda Anderson Tartsah.

Miss Lovell is a 17 year old senior attending Norman High School. She is an active member of the Native American Club at Anadarko High School. She has served a cochair of the Native American Club at Anadarko High School. She is also a member of the National Honor Society.

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**PASTA SALAD**

1 1/4 cups macaroni, uncooked
1 cup celery, chopped
1 cup onion, chopped
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped
1 cup tomato, chopped
1/4 cup celery, chopped
1/4 cup Italian dressing

Fill a 2-quart saucepan two-thirds full of water; bring to a boil. Add macaroni and reduce heat. Cook 10-12 minutes, until tender. Drain and rinse with warm water. Chop vegetables. Add macaroni and vegetables to a bowl. Pour Italian dressing over pasta; mix well. Cover and refrigerate. 

**Variations:**

- Use any pasta shape, even broken spaghetti.
- Other vegetables that can be used are cucumbers, shredded carrots, beans, and corn.
- Canned green 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.
- Cook twice as much macaroni as you need for the salad and save half in the refrigerator for a casserole the next day.

**Food Safety:**

- Keep hands, utensils, and cutting surfaces clean to help avoid bacteria. Refrigerate salad as soon as it is made.

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**Kiowa & Apache Elders Attend OU Game**

**NORMAN, Okla.** Cancer strikes everywhere, no matter who you are. It doesn't discriminate. The Kiowa Tribe is no exception. That's why the Kiowa Administration on Aging (AOA) and the Apache AOA teamed up and took a pleasant trip to watch the Oklahoma University women's basketball team play the Kansas State Wildcats during the breast cancer awareness and survivor game on Sunday, February 16, 2020.

More than thirty women and men from both senior programs arrived at the game in a luxury coach bus compliments of the Kiowa Casino. The artwork could be seen for miles. The motorcoach is one of two in the casino’s fleet.

Billy Harris, Apache AOA director, and Kiowa Tribal member plotted the trip some months back. He took a lot into consideration. They will pass away due to breast cancer in 2013 and the growing number of cancer victims and survivors in the Native communities.

Harris approached Kiowa Tribe AOA director Darin Zitzhik and Chairman Matthew Komalty about teaming up for a trip with the elders. Without hesitation, Komalty approved the use of the bus and all arrangements.

Fullblood Kiowa tribal member Margie Davilla was on that trip. “I have a praise report for the tribes (Kiowa). I thank Chairman Komalty for making it possible for us to attend. Thank you chairman for all you do to please your people,” said Davilla.

Trips like these may seem simple for many, but for Davilla, it’s a great blessing. She’s a six-time cancer survivor. AOA programs were created to ensure the older population stays positive and independent like Davilla.

Harris said the seniors he serves are about 80/20. 80-percent Kiowa and 20-percent Apache. He feels that there are more Kiowas in the Anadarko, Okla., area (where the Apache AOA facility is located) than Apache tribal members. Not only that the Kiowas are a much larger tribe. “I believe it’s very, very important that they [elders] get the chance to get out as often as they can. They need exercise and fellowship,” said Harris.

Both Kiowa and Apache AOA federal programs serve many weekly to approximately one-hundred seniors a day and can fluctuate throughout the year. Both also offer daily activities such as: referral services, home-delivered meals, board games, exercises, and birthday and holiday events.

“Love and respect. That is the way I was brought up. So I want the elders to know that someone truly cares about them and that they are important,” said Harris.

The Sooner women lost to the Wildcats in overtime 87 to 84.

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