Kiowa Tribe Places Nearly 200 Acres of Land into Trust

By Guest Writer Eric Tapaua

The Kiowa Indian Tribe has placed into trust 197.39 acres of land called Indian City, U.S.A., located south of Anadarko, Okla., with a goal of re-establishing tribal jurisdiction and sovereignty and for tribal self-determination.

The tribe applied for the fee-to-trust acquisition on July 26, 2019. Chairman Matthew Komalty said putting the property into trust also will help preserve and protect land, which is within the boundaries of the tribe’s reservation, which was established by the 1867 Treaty of Medicine Lodge.

“We are taking back our land little bit at a time,” Komalty told Tribal Business News.

Since Komalty became chairman, the Kiowa Tribe has placed nearly 280 acres of land into trust.

According to Komalty, the Kiowa Tribe was struggling five years ago and to have this land is a big accomplishment.

“Our tribe was in disarray,” Komalty said. “We were in debt, no money, no records, no audits for eight years and you can see the difference of how far we have come.”

In particular, the Indian City, U.S.A. property will open up opportunities for tribal economic development, Komalty said, noting the Kiowa Tribe plans to build a museum and other cultural programs at the site.

The tribe also plans to build an elder center in the Anadarko and Carnegie communities. Komalty sees elders as cultural holders and said the tribe needs to do more to help them and preserve their knowledge.

“We’re going to put our elders in a gated community to take care, watch over them and make them feel comfortable,” Komalty said.

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Manuel Muro, The Man Behind “The Dragon”

It was probably the most we ever spoke to each other; I was always the shy one. Meanwhile he was outgoing and seemed to be liked by everyone he met. Truthfully, I think the last time I saw Manuel Muro was at our high school graduation, Carnegie Wildcats, Class of 2005. Still it is fate that somehow lead us into having an interview to talk about his fighting career.

Since his debut in professional fighting, January 2015, Luis Manuel Muro has made the headlines with an impressive record of 12-6 thus far. However, what makes him outstanding and admirable is his character and persona, the man he is outside the ring.

“I originally hoped for a basketball career when I entered college,” expressed Muro, “I tend to have a competitive nature, which is why I wanted to play sports.” That desire was short lived because of his height. “In college sports they do require you be at a certain level because of the competition; I was good, but unfortunately, I didn’t make the cut because I’m small in comparison.” He continued by explaining that he fell into bad habits and started to gain an unhealthy weight because he wasn’t that active.

Muro then said he heard about MMA and how it helps individuals maintain a sense of well-being and healthy lifestyle, so he gave it a chance. During the first week, he fell in love with everything about it and began to train on a regular basis. That was when his sensei and mentor, Shaw Articheck, noticed his dedication and love for martial arts, which would lead him into earning his name, “Dragon.”

Muro said, “I received the name from my sensei, he told me, you know Manny, I have a name for you and I want to know if you would accept it.” When his sensei told him what it was, he felt very humbled by it because in martial arts, it is a very powerful name. Articheck stated that he chose the name for him because he saw a lot of the traditional values in him. Muro stated that he has a lot of respect for martial arts as well as his opponent when he steps into the ring. This is what his sensei noticed, his character, Articheck said that he could see the dragon within Muro and believed that he would uphold the name to best of his abilities. Muro said that he accepted and since then the name and its meaning just stick with him. “It’s funny sometimes because the name kind of has its own personas,” he said, “sometimes my friends and peers will call me Dragon.” He then expressed that while he thinks it’s cool, he sometimes feels strange because he has moments when he thinks that he is unworthy of the name. Still, Muro stated that he does the best he can to live up to it through his actions.

Another admirable feature about him is how he advocates for his people, the Kiowa Tribe. Muro has caught the attention of several because he carries the Kiowa flag on his back at every match that he is in. “When I first began this career, I looked up to Comanche Boy,” he explained, “I admired how proud he was of his culture and heritage.” He continued by stating that as a young man he didn’t understand what it meant to be Native, or a Kiowa man. He said that a part of him almost felt embarrassed to say that he was Native American because of the stereotype of alcoholism, drug addiction, and domestic abuse. Then all of that changed as he got older and became more mature. “…as I’ve gotten older I began to understand how special and unique our Kiowa heritage is, our culture is so beautiful and special to me now,” stated Muro, “it is everything to me, and I am so humbled and honored to be Kiowa.” He explained why he carries the carry the flag, “carring the Kiowa flag with me is how I show the world who I am and where I come from.” He said that the Kiowa come from very proud and warrior people, to just know what the ancestors went through and how they survived is inspiring. Muro said that he hopes his actions will inspire the younger generation. “Everything I do and try to do is to motivate and inspire our people, I just want them to know that they break the barriers and accomplish their dreams.”

He then stated that in his youth was looked down as just a young Kiowa boy who lived down the road from the Carnegie Swimming Pool. No one would ever thought that he would have the opportunities or experiences he has now. “I was just a Kiowa boy from a small town, young and full of insecurities. Unsure of who I wanted to be when I grew up,” he said, “I say that because I want the young people to know that anything is possible if they work hard towards achieving their goals and chasing their dreams.”

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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 the right of the People peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for redress of grievance.

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Kiowa TRIBE UNVEILS A NEW BURIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

ANADARKO, Okla. – The Kiowa Tribe Rescue Program (KTRP) is announcing its newly established Burial Assistance Program funded through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021.

All burial assistance is currently being funded through this program and NOT FUNDED THROUGH SOCIAL SERVICES at the present time.

The burial allows for funeral costs that cover up to $8-thousand, with an allowance of $250 for flowers and up to $1-thousand towards a headstone.

Here’s how it works:

Once a loved one has passed, the KTRP designated phone line should be called immediately, before contacting the funeral home. Then, a Navigator will be assigned to your case.

Only one family member will be designated as the responsible party to work with KTRP.

KTRP will utilize a standard process to determine the amount and not to exceed the amounts mentioned above. This would include funeral expenses such as embalming, cremation, vault, and casket costs. It will also cover headstone and flower expenses. The money will be paid directly to the vendor.

Any excess over the amount suggested above will fall back on the family. The designated family member will turn in any receipts associated with the funeral.

The following eligibility requirements must be provided to receive assistance.

- Deceased must be a Kiowa Tribal Member
- Official Request Form (completed and signed)
- Certification of COVID-19 Related Death (completed and signed)
- Copy of Deceased Tribal I.D. card (verifying Kiowa enrollment)
- Death Certificate
- Proof of Funeral Expenses
- Copy of Funeral Home Contract

The Burial Assistance Program is the first of more than twenty programs the tribe is offering as part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds that was awarded to the tribe.

The application process is online at www.kiowatribe.org. For more information please call the COVID-19 Response Program Burial Assistance phone at 580-919-8851 or email burialassist@kiowatribe.org.

Contractors Wanted!!
The Caddo Nation Division of Housing is currently seeking contractors for projects that are located in the OKC metro area as well as our local service area. Prospective contractors must be licensed and insured. Please call the CNDH at 405-480-2100.

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All stories, pictures, and announcements may be sent to kiowanews@kiowatribe.org for publication inside Kiowa News.

Kiowa News is available at the following locations:

Carnegie, OK - Kiowa Tribal Complex, Carnegie Library, Hop n Sack, IHS Clinic, and the corner store by 4-way stop;
Anadarko, OK - IHS Clinic, Kiowa Offices, Kiowa Housing Authority, Apache Housing, Oklahoma Arts & Crafts, and Warrior Mart; Lawton, OK - IHS hospital, Kiowa District 4 Legislature Office, and Comanche Gift Shop;
Apache, OK - Hop n Sack;
Mt View, OK - Hop n Sack;
Hobart, OK - Sunny’s Convenience Store;
Oklahoma City, OK - Indian Clinic;
Norman, OK - Kiowa District 7 Legislature Office.

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Greetings Tribal Members,

We are near the close of the individual lump-sum disbursements of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) for 2021. I am happy to make that announcement because it means that the Kiowa Tribe is in a much better place than the previous year. The immediate needs for Tribal Members are now taken care of.

The Covid-19 Pandemic has caused a great concern for many of us and forced some to be in tough situations. For this reason, I am proposing that we begin to create and build programs that will enable us to assist our Kiowa Tribal Members long-term, additional help for those who need assistance outside of their immediate needs.

The first is the Burial Assistance Program. The burial assistance is now funded through this program instead of the Social Services Program. This change allows the Kiowa Tribe to cover funeral costs up to $8-thousand with an allowance of $250 for flowers, and $1-thousand for a headstone. Any expenses that exceed the $10-thousand amount will be up to the responsible party.

With that said, I kindly ask you to call the burial assistance program (580-919-8851) first before seeking a funeral service. A Navigator will assist you through the process and ensure that you are taken care of.

As for the minor checks and gift cards, they are currently being disbursed and near the end of being complete. We do ask for your patience and cooperation as we have no control of the U.S. Postal system or the length of time it takes for delivery.

The ARPA is experiencing a few delays with some of the remaining minors’ applicants who still have not received their check or gift cards; the reason is because of inaccurate information or incomplete applications. The Navigators are now assigned to these files and are making individual calls to have them completed and begin the remaining process. Again, they are asking for your patience in this matter. We assure you that you will be taken care of once the file is completed with all correct information.

Now to change the subject to something that I am very proud of, something that has never been done in the history of our Kiowa Tribe. Our land base has grown, we added 200- acres into trust land! Indian City, U.S.A., that is located southeast of Anadarko, is now Native American land; even better, it’s Kiowa land.

The land acquisition application was attempted years ago, but never completed until now, under the current Administration. This historic landmark has so much to give and we have plans to restore it and bring it back to life. It is my goal to work with the seven surrounding tribes and re-establish the village, museum, gift shop, and cultural center. Indian City will once again be the tourist’s attraction for visitors, giving us the opportunity to capitalize on it and bring in revenue for the Kiowa Tribe.

Also, it was in March that we acquired an 11-acre parcel in Hobart, Oklahoma. The Kiowa Tribe is working towards the reclaiming of our ancestral lands, even if it’s just one acre at a time.

Please remember to practice social distancing and wear a mask. I strongly encourage you to get vaccinated if you haven’t already. It is vital that you do everything you can to protect yourself and the people around you. The more people get vaccinated, the closer we are to coming out of this pandemic and Covid scare. Thank you and keep our Kiowa Tribe in your prayers.

Matthew M. Komalty
Kiowa Tribal Chairman

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**2021 KIOWA TRIBE ELDERS PAYMENT**

For Enrolled Kiowa Tribal Members Age 62 or Older by December 31, 2021

If you haven’t had any name or address changes since last year’s elder payment, then you don’t need to fill out this form. If you are a tribal member that have either recently moved or had a name change. It’s the tribal member’s responsibility to ensure they update any name or address changes with the Enrollment Office at 580-654-6327. If this is your first elder payment you don’t need to sign up for anything as the elder payment is an automatic computer-generated report. The amount of this year’s elder payment along with the check distribution information will be announced at a later date.

****Deadline for all updates is October 29, 2021****

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**Tribal Member’s Signature Is Required**

MAIL TO:
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FAX TO: 580-654-2527

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The Carnegie Public School and Kiowa Tribe Wears Orange to Support Every Child Matters Movement

CARRIGE, OK - Since 2013, Orange Shirt Day, September 30, is a day of remembrance, reflection, action, and learning. It is a day to recognize the tragic history and long-standing effect of residential schools.

The history of this day begins with Phyllis Webstad, a 6-year-old girl who was excited about her first day of school at St. Joseph’s Residential School in Williams Lake, B.C., in 1973. Her grandmother bought her a new, bright orange shirt for the occasion. However, upon arrival at the residential school, run by the church, she was stripped of her clothes and forced to cut her beautiful long hair.

Sadly, there are many other stories like hers throughout the United States, especially at the Carlisle Indian School in Pennsylvania (1879-1918). It was the first government-run boarding school for Native American children. According to research, approximately 200 died. Many of its first students became ill with diseases, such as tuberculosis; others suffered severe punishments such as beatings, malnutrition, and sexual abuse. Their reason? Civil War Veteran Richard Henry Pratt’s belief and the school motto, “Kill the Indian, Save the Man.”

The project forced assimilation to the Euro-American culture (cultural genocide). The students learned English and how to read and write; but, they also suffered horrific treatments if they were caught speaking their Native language.

Upon its establishment, Carlisle served as a model for more than 300 similar institutions across the country. Between 1869 and the 1960’s, the government coerced, and forced, Native American families to send their children to residential schools run by federal administrators and religious organizations such as the Roman Catholic Church.

To this present day, the effects of this historic trauma still exists. Family members of some of the deceased children have been advocating for the remains’ to be returned for years. Office of Army Cemeteries, Barbara Lewandrowski, stated that Native families have formally requested that their relatives’ remains be returned since 2016.

Hope Worthington, Carnegie Public Schools Indian Education Coordinator & JOM Director, explained that this is the first year that the school is participating in the ‘Wear Orange Day.’ She said, “I am so proud of our high school, the Native American Heritage Club members, who volunteered to go in the classrooms and share information about the story behind Orange Shirt Day and why it’s important to recognize that Every Child Matters.” She continued by saying that these students did a great job and she knows that they will continue to use their voices to promote positive change within the school and community for years to come.

The Kiowa Tribe also participated in the event and showed their support with Tribal Chairman, Matthew Komalty. He encouraged the students by telling them how proud he was of their efforts. “It makes me feel good to see all of you here, representing your people.” He continued by explaining that it is important to know where they come from. Komalty shared his story about his grandparents who attended boarding school. He said, “Always remember that it is because of them, their struggles, and survival that we are able to have opportunities available to us [Indigenous people] today.” He encouraged the students to continue their education and strive to be the best that they can be. He said, “Every Child Matters, especially each and every one of you; use that to your advantage. And use your voice to raise awareness and help your people.”

Plans for next year are already in the making. Mrs. Worthington stated that she is hopeful for the Kiowa Tribe and the school to work together in the near future and get others involved. She said, “…this is only the beginning. Many of the students who didn’t know or understand what this day meant are now doing their own research and raising awareness.”

The Kiowa Tribe Employee Association (KTEA) scheduled a ‘Wear Orange Day’ in support of Every Child Matters movement and the Carnegie Public School. “By working together, we will raise awareness of the residential school experience, and ensure that Every Child Matters as we focus on our hope for a better future by empowering and helping each other.”

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Phonic description: Gkoy-bay-goo ate mau-hay(n)-mau
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.

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Fall Season in Kiowa Worksheet 3

Fall in Kiowa Worksheet 2

Pets in Kiowa Worksheet 1

Farm Animals in Kiowa Worksheet 1

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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. All Kiowa Tribal Members Are Welcomed to Join!

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

**Kiowa District 4 Legislator, Jessie Svitak, took part in Indigenous People's Day by visiting the Lawton Public Schools, MacArthur High School Highlanders. The Native history students enjoyed Svitak's visit; he shared his knowledge and encouraged the students to learn as much as they can and be an asset to their respectable tribes.**

**Job Title: Procurement/Property Assistant**

**Job Summary:** The Procurement/Property Clerk will involve clerical work such as: filing, overseeing/logging all incoming/outgoing mail, pickup/delivering of mail, ordering supplies for the office, prepare letters for the Director. Is also responsible for maintaining record of all employees that are eligible to operate Tribal/GSA vehicle. Responsible updating/maintaining the Micros Requisition Module with adding users, resetting passwords, assigning account codes and creating workflows. Responsible for maintaining monthly billing for the Tribe. Will serve as an alternate for purchasing/updating cell phones for the Tribe. Will also be an alternate to add new vendors to the MIP Accounting systems.

**Qualifications:** High School diploma and/or some college courses Knowledge of computer hardware/software, web-base databases and other computer programs, Knowledge of MS Office suite, Outlook email, Micros Requisition Module and MIP Accounting, Knowledge of various office machines and equipment (postage machine, copier, fax, telephone, label maker, etc.).

**Job Title: Construction/Maintenance Superintendent**

**Job Summary:** The Construction/Maintenance Superintendent will be under the direct supervision of the Transportation Director. He will be in charge of field projects, duties, and work crew of road construction projects. The Transportation Director will be available for discussion of situations not covered by instructions to determine appropriate course of action. The Construction Superintendent will collaborate with the Transportation Director.

**Qualifications:** Must posses a valid drivers license. Must have previous road construction experience and able to operate heavy equipment. Must be able to read road construction plans. And must have a High School diploma or GED.

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Scotty Ray Kopepassah was born in Carnegie, OK on December 29, 1976, to Jackie BigBow and Dennis Kopepassah. He spent his childhood in Mountain View Cemetery. Scotty’s early years were spent in Mountain View with his Grandma Nona Quitosome, Aunt Bertha, and numerous other family members. Scott later moved to Carnegie, OK where his parents built a home next to his grandparents Harding and Pearl Kopepassah. He was close to them visiting them daily and making a path between the two houses, by carting rock and back and forth. He enjoyed spending time with his cousins, Angel and Lamellah and John Lamullah. They were the three musketeers, doing everything together and in order to remain close during special times together. Scott was happy and blessed to become a big brother to Tykle Kopepassah and Angel Bligh. Scotty loved them both with all his heart and supported them in every way possible. Scott was there for all their important events in their lives, from graduations to their weddings. Upon graduating high school Scott found a career that gave him purpose. He became a Wildland firefighter. This allowed him to meet different people from various Tribes across the country. Scott felt very special to this firefighting family (his brothers) with love and admiration. Scott was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe. He represented them in all he did with fireocity. During his career as a firefighter Scott was blessed with two boys, Eric Kopepassah and Rob of OKC, OK. Scott loved and devoted husband. Scott took pride in raising his children and loved them unconditionally. His inspiration when he fought fires was his family. Scott was a loving and devoted husband. Scott met the love of his life, Lillian Baker. They were united in marriage on September 22, 2018. They created a family together. Lillian had three boys and six grandchildren, joining Scott’s two boys. Scott had a loving and devoted husband. Scott took his children to events around the park and the mountains. He also loved going out to eat together. Scott was a lover of life and beauty. Even when he was not fighting fires, he would choose to go to the Wichita mountains and enjoy time outdoors with his family. When Scott was home, he would attend family dinners at his home with his siblings in Carnegie. Scott’s family was one thing he valued the most. From work to his everyday life Scott valued the previous relationships he formed. He is preceded in death by his Grandparents, Harding and Pearl BigBow; Grandmother Nona Quitosome; Aunt Delores BigBow; Uncles: Elton Quitosome, Lelbert Kopepassah Jr., Teddy BigBow, and Eddie BigBow. He is preceded in death by his mother; Jackie BigBow, Carnegie, OK Father; Dennis Kopepassah, Carnegie, OK Brother Tykle Kopepassah and wife Claire, Carnegie, OK Sister Angela Bull and husband, Nick and Nona Amilah, Lawton, OK Adoptive sister; Debra O‘Malley, Lawton, OK Special Aunt Bertha and Uncle Marland, Lawton, OK Aunt Barretta and BigBlow and Rhinued BigBlow Numerous aunts, nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Christopher Michael Starr, 48, was born on November 23, 1972 to Rady Starr Sr. and Deborah (Noot) Starr in Lawton, OK, Chris passed away on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Chris was an enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe. He grew up in Oklahoma City and attended River Side Indian School. He played softball and basketball well into adulthood, then began coaching his son and nephews softball teams. He also enjoyed playing frisbee golf. He spent a lot of time cheering on his favorite team - the San Antonio Spurs and his beloved Miami Dolphins. Chris married his betrothed, Shanda Rollin, on July 13, 2013 at Cherokee Hills Baptist Church (where Chris was baptized) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In their blended family, they shared eleven children and seven grandchildren along with Yvette Benton and Ronald Harris. They all worked very hard to become one big loving blended family. Chris and Shanda enjoyed spending time together going on breakfast, lunch, and dinner dates as well as rock concerts.

He is survived by his wife: Shanda Rollin Starr of the home; Children: Keagan Starr of Kansas City, KS Ky’a Star of Oklahoma City, KS Christin Starr of Kansas City, KS Christopher Starr II of Kansas City, KS Harley Dale Allen and brother, Eduardo Lopez of OKC, OK Jason Alexander of OKC, OK Curtis Alexander of OKC, OK Emily Alexander of OKC, OK Serenity Starr of OKC, OK Ronald Harris Jr. of OKC, OK Roman Harris of OKC, OK Mathew: Deborah Starr of OKC, OK Sisters; Mary Jacobacci and husband, Rhod of OKC Anna of Atlanta, husband, Cheleton of Mustang, OK Grandchildren: Ky’an Stall Kacee Catori Marcone Racamna Elf Numerous uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews and other relatives. He is preceded in death by his father, Rady Starr Sr.; brother, Brady Rady Jr.; aunt, Emily Topsum.

Lucille Anne Doyah, 80, passed away peacefully in her home on October 4, 2021, in Anadarko, OK. Lucille Anne Doyah was born at Kiowa Indian Hospital on April 6, 1941, in Lawton, OK to Jasper and Beatrice (Cheyenne) Doyah.

Lucille Anne Doyah was married to Charles Leon Toyobo Jr. for 15 years. She never remarried and kept her maiden name. Lucille had five children: Wanona, Duman, Edward, Alice, and David Toyobo.

Lucille Anne Doyah loved her family dearly. She was known to be an irreverent person, spending the majority of her time with her grandchildren, who she adored. Lucille loved long walks, she would often visit family in different cemeteries. She also enjoyed long drives, scenic routes, and traveling to places that was what she liked to do. Lucille was a house wife most of her life until her children were old enough to be on their own. She pursued a career at Parker Bell in California, and spent the majority of her time in Anadarko with her daughter and granddaughter. Nicole Rae. They shared lots of love and time. Lucille grew up in Anadarko with her grandparents who she held up so high. Lucille will be missed by all.

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Lucille Anne Doyah loved her family dearly. She was known to be an irreverent person, spending the majority of her time with her grandchildren, who she adored. Lucille loved long walks, she would often visit family in different cemeteries. She also enjoyed long drives, scenic routes, and traveling to places that was what she liked to do. Lucille was a house wife most of her life until her children were old enough to be on their own. She pursued a career at Parker Bell in California, and spent the majority of her time in Anadarko with her daughter and granddaughter. Nicole Rae. They shared lots of love and time. Lucille grew up in Anadarko with her grandparents who she held up so high. Lucille will be missed by all.

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2 Great-grandchildren: Duane Patrick Stecker, El Reno, OK, and Mark Steven, Silverhorn, Amarillo, OK.

Velma Charlotte Silverhorn, 96, passed away peacefully on October 11, 2021, in Chickasha, OK. Velma was born in Steh, Oklahoma on September 16, 1925 to James Silverhorn and Clara (Tsulie) Silverhorn. After high school, she attended a series of National renown professors. Her adult life was dedicated to working at railroad tracks in Chicago, Galap and Flagstaff. A native of the Boone-Apache area, attended school at Fort Sill Indian School in 1931. She was a Kiowa name named after her mother. She was raised in the Black Crow Indian Reservation, attended school at Boomer, St. Patrick’s Mission, and graduated from Fort Sill Indian School in 1931. She went on to attend Southern in Durant, University of Oklahoma, and Hills Bros. School in Oklahoma City. While an art student at OU, she was selected as princess of the Sequoyah club, and was a favorite local model. During her teen years, Ida was a champion War Dance, very accomplished for her time. She also loved to shake shells and later in life, she shook shells and beaded for a living. She was an artist with her beaded works and paintings and drawings are exhibited in museums throughout the United States.

Velma had several children: Sarah Silverhorn, Kathy Silverhorn, Shirley Silverhorn, Billie Silverhorn, Michael Silverhorn, Craig Clark, and Jeff Silverhorn. She was a loving and caring mother and grandmother to all her children, children, great- grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, and recently a great-great-great-granddaughter who she didn’t get to meet. Velma was also grandmother to the first triplet born to the Kawza Tribe.

She was a nurse aide during her years that she worked at Friendship Manor. Velma worked there for many years until she retired. In her later years, she spent her time at home where she enjoyed when family would meet for dinners. As a child, she would always enjoy saying her grandchildren enjoying themselves during the holiday gatherings.

Velma is preceded in death by her parents, James Silverhorn and Clara Tsulie Silverhorn; brothers, Billy Jo Silverhorn, Stewart Silverhorn and Bob Silverhorn; sisters, Ruth Silverhorn, Beatrice Allied, Roselyne Silverhorn, sons, Michael Sullivan and Craig Clark Silverhorn, grandchildren, family members, and many friends.

Velma is survived by her Children: Sarah Silverhorn, Anadarko, OK, Rodney Silverhorn and wife, Martha, Anadarko, OK, Billie Silverhorn, Anadarko, OK, Kenny Silverhorn and wife, Ladonna, Oklahoma City, OK. Jeff Silverhorn and wife, Gigi, Pauls Valley, OK. 17 grandchildren, 41 great-grandchildren, 11 great-great-grandchildren, and recently a great-great-great-grandson.

Ida Laura Auds Jones, better known as Batou, was a native of Oklahoma. She was born on July 3, 1925 to Edward Wayne Toyebo, San Diego, CA. Muro chooses to keep moving forward. I can’t let my past define me. If I choose to keep moving forward, no matter what happens, I won’t let it define me. Muro shared that有种地狱般的痛苦和挣扎，但我想出了一个解决办法。他与他的团队和家人一起克服了这个挑战。他感谢他们在他经历逆境时的支持和鼓励。他说，他在跳水和游泳中找到了乐趣，这对他在训练和比赛中的表现都有所助益。Muro希望继续推动这项运动的发展，并为那些可能因种族或性别障碍而被限制的人提供机会。他相信这个运动的潜力是无限的，他将继续为之奋斗。
The Kiowa Casino Hosts a 9/11 Memorial Ceremony

“Twenty years ago, we mourned together as a community and as Americans,” stated Jon Peters, Chief Operating Officer, during the opening of the 20th anniversary tribute of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. “the Kiowa Casino & Hotel is honored to bring this special event to Devid to honor the victims and our brave servicemen & women together.”

The Kiowa Casino & Hotel was the tenth stop for the mobile exhibit presented by the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum. The exhibition began on September 1st and has traveled to various locations throughout the state of Oklahoma. Artifacts such as a piece of a steel beam from the Twin Towers was included along with a Fireman’s uniform and helmet, a flashlight used during the recovery by New York Fireman, Bill O’Keefe, and photos of the Museum permanent exhibit, located in Hobart, Oklahoma, that is dedicated to telling the story of 9/11.

Kiowa Tribal Chairman, Matthew Komalty, said, “As Americans it is during our lifetime that we have experienced tragic moments. From the take over at the capitol, to the bombing in Oklahoma City, the pandemic, and 9/11.” He continued by stating that as a former history teacher, it is these types of events that affects him the most. “You can’t ever forget such things, there were so many lives lost. But out of that you saw the heroes that came.” Komalty stated that he remembers watching the attack on television and seeing the first responders going in without hesitation. “They came to the rescue and did all they could at the very beginning without a second thought, to me that is a definition bravery and selflessness.”

Everyone in attendance joined together in a moment of silence to remember what happened the morning of 9/11. The drum sung a memorial song to honor the lives that were lost as the audience stood in silence. The emotions written on each face as they remembered where they were when they first heard the news of what happened that tragic day. It’s been 20 years, but no one can ever forget how they felt on 9/11.

Fire Safety Week at the Kiowa Tribe Head Start

CARNEGIE, Okla. - The Carnegie Fire Department visited the Kiowa Tribe Head Start on October 6, 2021, for Fire Safety Week. The Gkoo-thot hern(n)-ee, Little Eagles, & Goodl-ee, Little Buffalos, were greeted by Carnegie Fireman, Donnie Bointy, who demonstrated and taught the students the dangers of fire and what they can do to stay safe if they are ever in a situation.
The Kiowa Tribe Welcomes the First Americans Museum

The Kiowa Tribe was among the 39 tribal nations that were represented during the grand opening of the First Americans Museum (FAM) in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on September 18-19, 2021. The festivities included a parade lead by the Ton-Kon-Gah, Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society, a poem read by 6th grader, Rainee Stumblingbear Riddle, honored guests, and other activities.

The second day was consisted of tribal dancing to showcase the uniqueness of each tribe through their songs and style of dance. The Kiowa Tribe held a special part in the afternoon program with the Cozad singers and Kiowa women who scalp and victory danced.

James Pepper Henry, FAM Director & CEO, stated, “We are thrilled to share with the public the premier venue that is dedicated to the history, art, and cultural lifeways of the First Americans in Oklahoma.” He continued by saying that those in attendance were among the first to experience a national treasure that will be enjoyed for decades to come.

The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum chose the name and brand FAM because of their mission to serve as a dynamic center that promotes awareness and understanding of the cultural diversity, authentic history and contributions of all 39 First American Tribal Nations that are in Oklahoma today.

What makes FAM so unique is how it welcomes all Native Americans as family and non-natives as guests. Everyone is greeted warmly and more than welcome to explore; however, there is a difference, non-natives are guests only. They are not charge or telling the stories because it is not their space. This is a dramatic change from the colonial history of institutional storytelling in America where for over 100 years white people have been telling the Native American story in museums (Forbes.com).

The First Americans Museum is located at 659 First Americans Blvd, OKC, OK 73129. They are open Monday, Wednesday – Friday from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM; and Saturday and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The FAM offers hands-on learning on weekends from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Tickets are available online (famok.org) and on-site with Military and Senior Citizen discounts, children 3 & under are free.

By Dianna Hadley

Images on bottom left is a photo of a ‘Thank You’ card sent to the Kiowa Tribe by Sandra from the First Americans Museum.
The Carnegie High School Girls placed Runner-Up at the Hobart Meet. Pictured Left to right: Sicily D’Angelo (Kiowa), Keidy Chavez, Sybil Washoe 16th (Sac and Fox), Isabel Budl 2nd (Kiowa), Kailyn Saddleblanket (Kiowa) and Breanna Nish (Kiowa). Congratulations, we are proud of you!

These Carnegie High School, Kiowa boys, all medaled to bring home the Championship plaque from the Hobart Cross Country Meet today. Pictured left to right: Bryson Longhat 11th, Justice Hayden 22nd, Asa Worthington 2nd, and Charles Boettger 4th. Congratulations!

The Kiowa Tribe Gift Shop features Kiowa Tribe branded merchandise from clothing apparel to office products. We also feature Pendleton products, Teton trade broadcloth, locally hand-crafted unique beaded items, clothing, and silversmith work, and much, much more! Stop by & visit us; remember to bring your CDIB for 10% Off total purchase!

Open Monday - Friday 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM
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Visit Facebook page: MMIP - Kiowa Chapter to learn how you can help and join the effort; Message, or contact through email: mmip.kiowa.chapter@gmail.com

The MMIP-Kiowa Chapter will be one of the panelist on November 10, 2021 (see details below) at Rose State college in Midwest City, OK. Come join in to sit, listen, and check out the vendors. Free pizza and cookies too!!