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If you have recently moved, please update your address with the Enrollment office and Tax Commission. Address change forms are available on the website and at the Tribal Complex.

WWW.KIOWATRIBE.ORG
(Click on Cauigu>Enrollment)
Forms can be mailed, faxed, or emailed upon request.

The Kiowa Tribe News is a monthly publication available to all enrolled adult tribal members by mail. The Kiowa Tribe News will also be available on the Kiowa Tribe Website.
The deadline to submit articles for the next edition is:
September 12, 2025
Articles can be submitted via email to PR@KiowaTribe.org or mailed to:
Kiowa Tribe Communications
PO Box 369, Carnegie, OK 73015

Kiowa Women Lead Climate Research and Restoration at Regional Symposium

OKLAHOMA CITY, OK - A formidable group of Kiowa women-students, professionals, and environmental leaders-gathered last week at OKANA Resort and Indoor Waterpark for the 2025 Community Climate Symposium, a three-day event focused on Indigenous-led climate adaptation and environmental research. Hosted by the South-Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (SCCASC) and Chickasaw Nation in partnership with the University of Oklahoma and the University of New Mexico, the symposium launched *Kinship for Climate: Towards Resilient Futures*, a National Science Foundation-funded initiative designed to strengthen Tribal capacity and elevate Indigenous students and knowledge systems at the heart of climate solutions.

Representing the Kiowa, Comanche, Apache (KCA) Reservation and the Anadarko area, the first Kinship for Climate student cohort presented research in bison and grassland restoration, Indigenous governance, and pollinator conservation. Codie Horse-Topetchy (Kiowa, Comanche, Otoe-Missouria) presented her work on bison restoration as a pathway to ecological and cultural renewal. Kellie Jo Lewis, MPA (Kiowa, Pawnee, Wichita), a doctoral student in political science at the University of Oklahoma, shared findings on pollinator patch development across southwest Oklahoma. Micah Cook (Kiowa, Cheyenne River Sioux), a student from Anadarko, presented research on native plants and pollinator restoration for Caddo Nation lands.

Three Kiowa professionals helped lead this year's program and supported the students' journey through the symposium. Atah Cocker (Kiowa and Tongan), based in Medicine Park, served as a mentor for the inaugural cohort, drawing on her background in climate strategy, land restoration, and Indigenous systems design. She is a longtime educator and consultant specializing in Tribal-led capacity building and culturally grounded climate work. Jennie Mosely (Kiowa, Comanche and Chickasaw), based in Ada, served as the Chickasaw Nation's official representative to the South-Central Climate Adaptation Science Center (CASC) and brought decades of experience in land management and is a strong partner in building Tribal-university research partnerships. Her leadership within Kinship for Climate continues to shape policy and institutional support for Tribal sovereignty in climate response. Donna Richey is the owner of the Native Bee Apiary and serves with the National Indian Education Association, where she works to advance opportunities for Native students in educational programs. Donna served as a lead mentor in the Kinship cohort.



Pictured left to right: Donna Richey, Micah Cook, Codie Horse-Topetchy, Kellie Jo Lewis, Atah Cocker, and Jennie Mosely. All are Kiowa women with strong ties to the KCA Reservation and Anadarko, leading in research, mentorship, education, and climate resilience as part of the inaugural Kinship for Climate cohort and program leadership team.

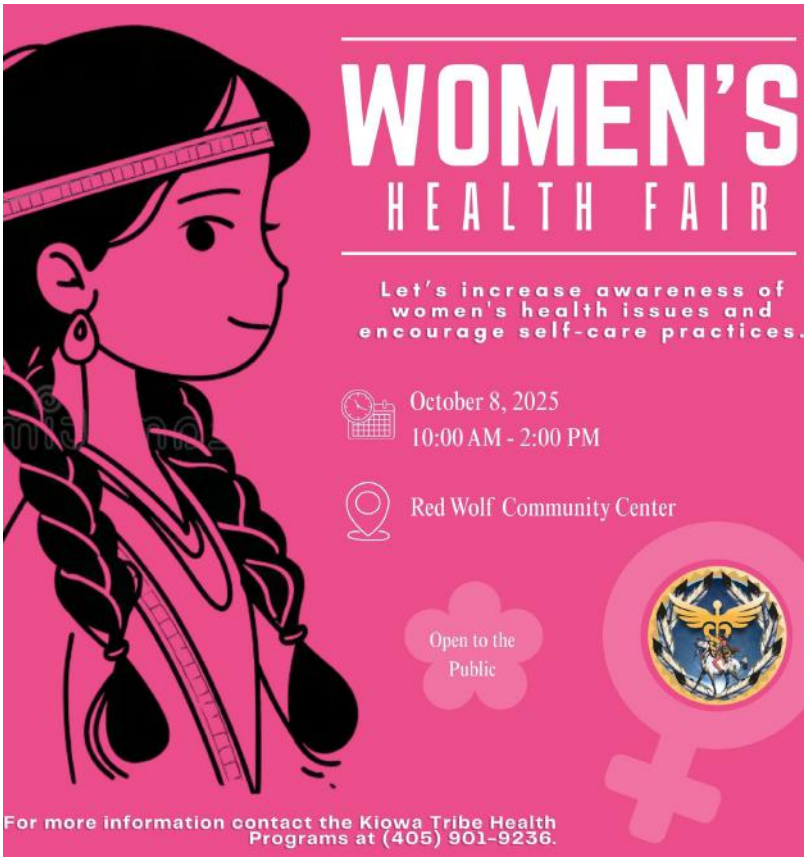
Though each participant brought a distinct lens to the symposium, they shared a common thread: all are Kiowa women with deep connections to the KCA homelands and Anadarko. Their presence represents that the future of environmental wellness, very well be Kiowa.

"This work is about remembering forward - carrying the knowledge and responsibilities passed to us and shaping the future in a way that honors that. We want our lands and people well and resourced. Our students are doing more than research. They're reconnecting, rebuilding, and leading with care and we are so proud."

As climate pressures mount across the Southern Plains, the combined efforts of these students and mentors represent more than individual achievement. They offer a collective response to the urgent needs of the land. Western Oklahoma faces increasingly severe drought cycles, declining soil health, and widespread loss of pollinator and native plant habitat. These challenges are felt across Tribal and non-Tribal communities alike, threatening the long-term productivity of farms, ranches, and ecosystems throughout the region. According to the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, agriculture and livestock production generate over $8 billion annually in the state. Yet that economic stability depends on the health of the land-land that is now more vulnerable than ever to heat, erosion, and biodiversity loss. The work led by this cohort-from reintroducing bison to rebuilding pollinator corridors and shaping policy rooted in Indigenous knowledge-offers practical, place-based strategies for ecological resilience.

Their leadership speaks not only to the needs of their own communities, but to the future of western Oklahoma and the Plains at large.

Written and submitted by the Kiowa Tribe Natural Resources









Hello friends and relatives!

With the support of my family, I am happy to announce I am vying for the title of Miss Indian Oklahoma. This is a very exciting endeavor for me in hopes of representing all of the diverse nations in Our Great State and the Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women organization by showcasing my own tribal knowledge through pageantry.

I would like to thank you for your outpouring of love and support! Mark your calendars to attend the Jr/Miss Indian Oklahoma pageant November 8, 2025.

Also, I am graciously asking for your support by purchasing a'Praise/Business Ad', to promote your business and/or candidate support; these will be published in this year's program booklet. Feel free to message me for information!

Department Spotlight

The Kiowa Education Agency (KEA) advances the learning, opportunity, personal development and the well-being of the Kiowa people. Kiowa cultural knowledge, language, and values permeate all aspects of operations and decision-making. Our goal is to empower citizens, families, and the greater Kiowa community through learning opportunities firmly rooted in Kiowa heritage, history, language, art, and contemporary life. By fostering knowledge, self-determination, and cultural continuity, the K.E.A. upholds education as an act of sovereignty.

To learn more about K.E.A follow their Facebook page 'Kiowa Education Agency Department of Higher Education'.









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New Officers Sworn-in



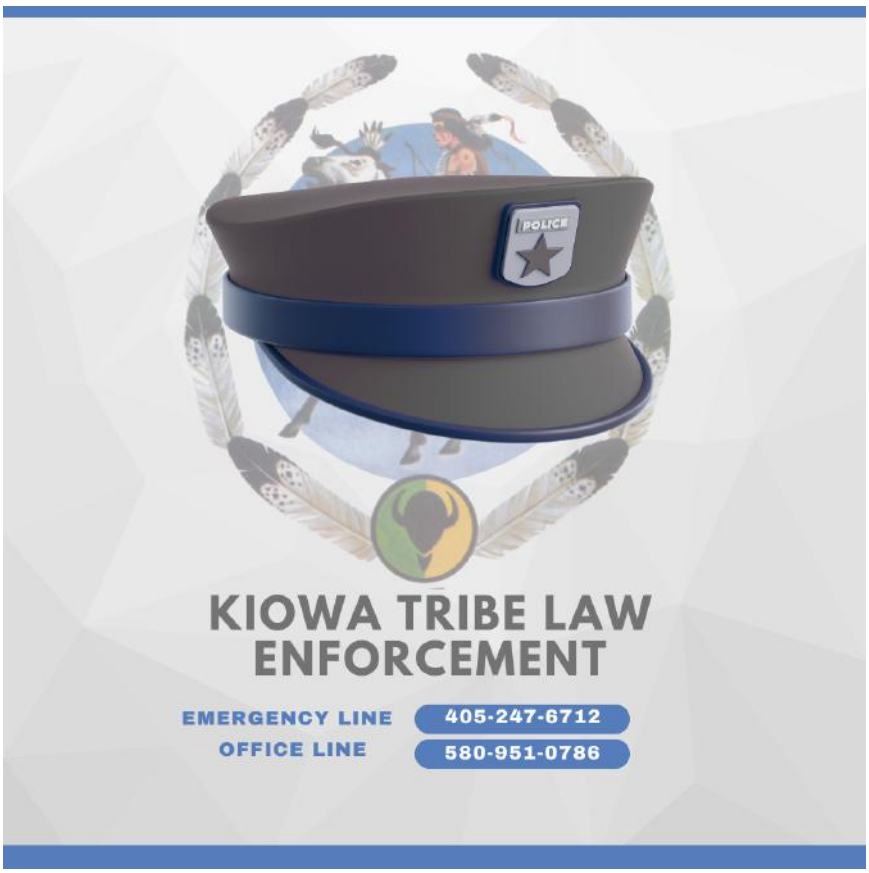
By C. Perez

On Wednesday, August 13th, two new officers were sworn in by Judge Heather Mitchell. Clay Farrington and Griselda Gonzales are the two new officers joining Kiowa Tribe Law Enforcement. Farrington and Gonzales join Kiowa Law Enforcement just 5 months after its official launch, and they are excited to be here. Gonzales will be at the Law Enforcement satellite office located in Lawton, and Farrington will join Officer Thurman at the satellite office in Hobart.









KIOWA ELECTION NOTICE 2025

2025 SPECIAL ELECTION – KIC RESOLUTIONS
SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Special Election will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025.

In Accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe, Article V – Kiowa Indian Council, Section 3 – Reserved Powers. Section 3 (iii) Amendment of the Constitution as well as Kiowa Constitution Section -5 Procedures, (C) KIC Resolutions, and in accordance with the Kiowa Election Ordinance, a Special Election has been called and will be held on Saturday, September 27, 2025. This Special Election will bring Resolutions passed at the Special KIC Election held on Saturday, June 21, 2025 to a vote of the Kiowa people.

A Special KIC Meeting was held on Saturday, June 21, 2025, and as a result of that meeting, the KIC Coordinator has submitted eight Resolutions to the Kiowa Election Commission to be put before eligible voters for approval/disapproval. Five of these Resolutions will require an amendment to the Constitution of the Kiowa Tribe. Resolution Titles are as listed below. A summary of each Resolutions is included as an insert with this notice.

To view the full text of each Resolution, use the internet and go to the tribe's website at kiowatribe.org. Click the KIC Tab (Kiowa Indian Council). The Resolutions are posted on this site. Any questions about the content of the Resolutions should be addressed to the KIC Coordinator, Joseph Granado. Mr. Granado can be reached by emailing kic@kiowatribe.org or by calling 580-425-0670.

RESOLUTIONS REQUIRING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT :

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0003-2025
Enrollment Blood Quantum by Descendancy.

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0006-2025
Reduce Enrollment Requirement to 1/8 Kiowa Indian/Captive Blood.

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0007-2025
Remove the 30% Voter Requirement to Amend the Constitution.

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0008-2025
"KIC Starter Amendment". A vacancy clause for the office of the KIC Coordinator.

Resolution Number KIC-CY-0009-2025
Enrollment amendment making all current Enrollees 4/4-degree Kiowa blood.

RESOLUTIONS NOT REQUIRING A CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT:

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0002-2025
Kiowa Cultural and Community Center Proposal.

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0005-2025
Tornado Siren/Storm Shelters for Rural Kiowa Churches.

Resolution Number: KIC-CY-0010-2025
Require the Legislature to Create a Revenue Allocation Plan (RAP).



Commissioners

Amanda Hill, District 2/Carnegie, KEC chairman
Kari Wahnee, KEC Secretary/no assigned district
Jolene Beartrack, District 3/Medicine Bluff
Deborah Schrock Wilson, District 5/Red River
Crystal Kelley, District 6/Elk Creek

Scan QR code for more information

ELIGIBLE VOTERS:

Tribal members who are 18 years of age on or before September 27, 2025, will be eligible to vote in the first Special Election. **Tribal members desiring to vote in the Special Election should update their address with the Kiowa Enrollment Office prior to Friday, August 15, 2025. Tribal members may also call 405-247-0477 for assistance with address updates. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters with a current address.**

VOTING PROCESS:

Voting for the Special Election will be conducted by mail-in ballot as well as on-site voting at 7 polling places:
District 1 Ah-Kaw-Lay/Anadarko – Office of the Legislature District 1, 125 W. Main ST, Anadarko OK
District 2 Zoletone/Carnegie - Kiowa Tribal Complex, 100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, OK
District 3 DoHau-doy/Medicine Bluff - Office of the Legislature Dist. 3, 101 Thomas Dr, Suite D, Elgin, OK
District 4 Qop-aydle/Jimmy Creek - Office of the Legislature District 4, 1621 SW Lee Blvd, Lawton, OK
District 5 P'au-aydle/P'au-gul/Red River – Sherwood Tsotigh Memorial UMC 501 7th ST, Cache, OK
District 6 Qocaui P'au/Elk Creek – Office of the Legislature District 6, 430 S. Main St, Hobart, OK
District 7 Cauigu/All Kiowa – Best Western Plus 4750 South I-35 Service Road, Oklahoma City, OK
The Polls will be open from 8 am til 5 pm on Saturday, September 27, 2025, for the Special Election.
Ballots for the Special Election will be mailed on Monday, August 18, 2025.
Address updates should be made by Friday, August 15, 2025.
You must have a current address on file with the Enrollment Office in order to receive a ballot in the mail. Tribal Members can call 405-247-0477 to verify your address is correct or to submit an address update. Once your ballot is received in the mail, mark your choices and return your ballot by mail as quickly as possible to avoid missing the deadline for counting on Election Day.
You MUST sign the affidavit on the back of the return envelope for your ballot to be counted.
Mail-In Ballots will not be accepted at polling places on Election Day; they must be mailed. If you are unable to mail your ballot in a timely manner, you can vote in person at any of the seven polling places.

ELECTION RESULTS:

Counting of mail-in ballots will begin at 11 AM on the Election Day. The counting will be conducted at the Kiowa Tribal Complex. **Unofficial** Election Results will be posted after the polls have closed and upon completion of the vote counting process. The Election Results will be certified by the Election Commission within 24 hours of the completed count. (Article IX. Section 13)

OFFICIAL ELECTION RESULTS WILL BE POSTED ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025:

Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Kiowa Election Commission at 405-247-0477
Email – election@kiowatribe.org

Big Bucks Sumi Appears On Press Your Luck

By D. Hadley

Sumatie Ramnarine is full of personality and a blast to be around. So, when she first informed me about her being on the television game show 'Press Your Luck', I was so excited for her and knew that I had to do a story about her and the experience. However, she did not tell me that it was a redemption episode nor that she won!!

"I'm so nervous,"said Sumatie at her watch party held at the Kiowa AOA center the night her episode premiered on August 7th, 2025. We barely had time to chat as everyone was beginning to show up and she served as host. Her family decorated the lobby with balloons and movie night accessories, making the event even more enjoyable. The table included special cupcakes and cookies with the'Press Your Luck' theme as well as her portrait. Sumatie wanted everyone to feel welcome and stressed that there was plenty of food; but to me the sweetest gesture was the rainbow popcorn that was sent by one of the other contestants. She later told me that she still has contact with the other contestants and they sort of became their own little family unit.

The filled room became quiet as soon as the show started at 8:00 pm; everyone cheered the moment we saw Sumatie on the big screen. It was so much fun to watch the episode with her. She had forgotten the majority of what she said on the show, which made the evening that more interesting as we watch her reactions. It was only during the commercial breaks that Sumatie was able to talk to us and ask what we thought so far.

One of the wins that stood out to me was the lifetime supply of pickles. She explained that her nephew is now under her custody and is her son. And he absolutely loves pickles; she said that she often has to buy a huge jar almost every week because he is always wanting one. Sumatie said that she is now at the point where she can't even stand the smell of pickles because of his obsession.







As the show progressed, we cheered for joy as we watched Sumatie make it to the final bonus round. Unfortunately, she did get two 'Whammies', which made her lose some of the prizes, including the pickles. However, Sumatie did not end the show empty handed. She won 50 designer handbags and a total of $419,450 in cash and prizes, including a trip to Greece!

I couldn't help but be proud of her; she is the first Native American to appear on the show and I feel that she represented the Kiowa Tribe well. Sumatie bragged about how yummy our traditional food is and made a point to wear beaded earrings. Since the show aired, she has gained support from southwest Oklahoma and even got the opportunity to co-host on the radio, Coyote Country station (99.9 FM). Val the Gal and Jonathan Matthews welcomed her with open arms the early morning of August 15 to talk about the episode and learn more about'Big Bucks Sumi'; Jonathan descried her as an exclamation point because of her personality. And welcomed her to be a guest co-host again someday.

We giggled and chatted a good while once we were finally able to catch up with each other. Sumatie leads a busy life and I think it's great that my friend is able to have all these new opportunities and experiences. I'm really happy for her and glad that she still tries to attend our weekly Zumba classes, otherwise I'm not sure if I'd get to see her at all. During our last chat, she informed me that she is starting a new job with CompleteOK, hospice care. I think it's awesome, she loves being a registered nurse and caring for people. Sumatie will continue to mark in this world and in our community, that much I am sure of. Thankful for her friendship and for putting our small diverse town of Carnegie, Oklahoma on the map.



Sumatie comes from the Victor and Stella Rivera (Huntinghorse) family. She is a Registered Nurse and was the Director of Nursing at the Carnegie Nursing Home taking care of several Kiowa elders. She grew up in Texas but has lived in Carnegie, OK, for 23 years now. Sumatie has been on the show twice and said she gives God all the glory for the experience. "It was the royal treatment and a once…nope 2 times in a life opportunity," stated Sumatie.

You have a beautiful family. Thanks again for the invite. I enjoyed our chat and capturing these memories for you. - Dianna

Citizen Spotlight

PBS and OETA, respectfully, featured Kiowa youth, P'áu:[gyá tóñ:án: (P'aw-Kgya Tohñ Ahñ) Brings Water from the Creek, Lily Painter, in a short piece about civic engagement as an Indigenous youth, and recognized her as a civic leader. Painter was the 2023 Miss Indian Oklahoma, and is the daughter of AyKeeMah (Julia Noel-Woodard) & George Woodard, and represents the Quoetone, Toyebo, Toppah-Yellowhair, Kauahquo and Lonewolf families. She is a senior at OU double majoring in English and Native American Studies. Lily states,"In native communities, we take storytelling as something that is super important… they're things that hold power; they're things that transfer knowledge from one generation to the next."Please take a few moments to watch the short video clip of how P'áu:[gyá tóñ:án: helps to get thousands of books to secluded native communities across Indian country.





The Kiowa Youth Program is proud to have sponsored Fort Cobb-Broxton senior, Issac Tsonetokoy, as he represented at the 2025 Atlanta Braves Native American Showcase this past summer! Issac and his teammates are six-time Oklahoma Class B State Champions. He is the son of Marlin and Leatrice Goombi of Fort Cobb, the maternal grandson of the late Linda Tsonetokoy of Carnegie, and the paternal grandson of Ramona Goombi and the late Marlin Goombi Sr. of Fort Cobb.

We, the Kiowa Tribe Youth Program, are proud to support our youth as they continue to achieve great things both on and off the field!





Asa Worthington was selected to participate in a College Apprenticeship with the Flagstaff Fire Department in Flagstaff, Arizona, to develop methods and relationships with Native American Tribes this summer. His family is very proud of him.



Kyesyn Autaubo, who is one of our Adult Vocational Training students, is currently attending his 2nd day of Line Man Training at Caddo Kiowa Technology Center.

KIOWA TRIBE LIAISON OFFICE FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

POW WOW

September 13th, 2025

Red Wolf (Gui-gul-de) Building, 100 KIOWA WAY CARNEGIE, OK 73015

HEAD STAFF

Emcee: Tim Yeahquo-US Army
Head Lady Dancer: Randi Waters-Sunray-US Army
Head Singer: Jesse Hamilton-US Army
Head Gourd Dancer: Warren Queton-US Army
Arena Director: Hamilton Tongkeamah-US Army & Kylie Callahan-US Navy
Security: Alan Hadley-US Navy

Kiowa Tribe Veterans Office Princess: Allena Faith Kaudlekaule

INVITATION: Kiowa Princess – Tegan Gouge, All Tribal Princesses, All Veterans and Auxiliaries Welcome - Red Moon Gourd Clan Society, Comanche Little Ponies, Seminole Honor Guard and A Special Invite to All Gold Star Mothers.

COLOR GUARD: Kiowa Black Leggings, VFW Post 1015 Anadarko, OK, Kiowa Women Warrior Color Guard, Native American USMC, Choctaw Honor Guard, Concho American Legion Post 401, Sac & Fox Color Guard, Apache Warrior Society Honor Guard, Riverside Color Guard, Comanche Indian Veterans Association, Chickasaw Honor Guard, KCA Color Guard, Muskogee Creek Color Guard, Red Moon Gourd Clan Society

Flag Raising 8:00 AM
Joseph Robert Toahty – US Coast Guard
Breakfast to follow
"TALK TO ME "KIOWA LANGUAGE" 10:30 am
W/Dane Poolaw, Dorothy De Laune and Other Elders
Lunch to follow
CEDAR CEREMONY 12:45 PM
Daniel Cozad

Gourd Dance 1:00 PM
Flag Lowered
Red Moon Gourd Clan Society
Gun Salute – TBA
Supper 5:30 PM
Grand Entry & Inter Tribal 7:00 PM

Men – Fancy War Dance/Grass Dance Combined
1st - $300.00 2nd - 200.00 3rd - $100.00
Traditional Dance/Straight Dance Combined
1st - $300.00 2nd - 200.00 3rd - $100.00
Women – Cloth/Buckskin Combined
1st - $300.00 2nd - $200.00 3rd - $100.00
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Kiowa Tribe Recognized As Purple Heart Tribe

By D. Hadley



The Kiowa Tribe has officially declared August 7th as Kiowa Heart Day with a proclamation to honor and remember their veterans who have received the Purple Heart award. The Kiowa Tribe Veterans Office was inspired by the KCA (Kiowa, Comanche, Apache) Veterans organization to designate a Purple Heart celebration of their own. After a conversation with Mitchell Reed, commander of Oklahoma's Military Order of Purple Heart; the Kiowa Tribe began the process to make August 7th Kiowa Tribe Purple Heart Day with a Tribal Proclamation and event.

Kiowa Tribe Purple Heart Day is significant as it recognizes the bravery and sacrifices of Kiowa veterans who have been wounded or killed in action. The Kiowa Tribe Veterans Office has compiled a list of Kiowa veterans who received the Purple Heart, approximately 55 or more as the list is ongoing. Families are still calling in with their loved one's information to be added to the list.

Kiowa Veterans make up around 9.6% of the Kiowa Tribe population (10, 350 enrolled Kiowa citizens) and 3.9% of all Americans serving in the United States military. Over 55 Kiowa veterans were awarded the Purple Heart, including the eleven that were either killed in action, died of combat wounds, died in captivity, or were declared dead while missing in action. Records show that there were 30 Kiowas awarded the Purple Heart during World War II, 4 during the Korean War, 10 during the Vietnam War, 3 during the Iraq War, and 1 during the Afghanistan War. One Kiowa was awarded the Purple Heart three times, and four other Kiowa veterans were awarded the Purple Heart two times. Currently there are 7 living Kiowa Purple Heart recipients, including Robert Akeen, Jacob Bear, Charles Cozad, Randall Jake, Darwin Palmer, John Michael Palmer, and Robert Toehay.

Kiowa Tribe Veterans Director, LaRue Gouladdle, expressed the following: I am a soldier myself, 23 years, and coming back to my home tribe and being here, learning about all of our previous soldiers in different military branches… I just feel honored to be able to bring forth their names and let everybody know that they sacrificed a lot for us and to never forget what they did for us, the ultimate sacrifice. She continued by saying that she tried to begin a list since stepping into office and is delighted for the military families that are now contacting the office. Ms. Gouladdle explained that another updated list of the Purple Heart recipients will be released next year. She said the Kiowa Veterans Office hopes to do an annual event now the Kiowa Tribe is recognized as a Purple Heart Tribe.



Kiowa Veteran and Purple Heart Recipient, Darwin Palmer pictured with his daughter Bunny.

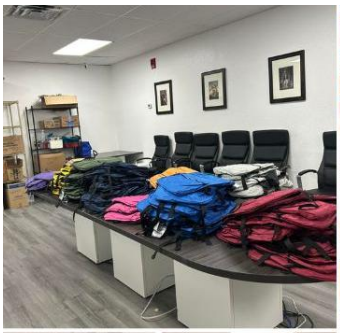


Above: Kiowa Veterans Director, LaRue Gouladdale, and Tribal Executive Director, Marland Toyekoyah, present Tribal Proclamation. Below Kiowa Veterans, Hamilton Tongkeamha & Alan Hadley





Community Connections









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TO ALL OF OUR STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS, ÀHÔ !

The Kiowa Education Agency Department of Education extends their sincerest gratitude to the wonderful employees and volunteers who worked together on two events. The Ready, Set, School Supply Drive, thank you to all of the programs and departments who gave donations, including the Kiowa Tribe Child Care Program, Higher Education, Career Development, Kiowa Youth Leadership Development/ Kiowa Youth Council, Kiowa Alcohol-Drug Addiction & Prevention (KADAP).

Thanks to the following for setting up information and resources: Kiowa Enrollment, Kiowa Indian Child Welfare (ICW), Kiowa Teen Prevention Network, Social Services, and Kiowa Tribe Head Start.

Big thank you to our Kiowa Tribal Princess for making an appearance and Gloria Tooahimpah for providing nearly 30 haircuts to area students. And of course we always can count on Security, Maintenance, and Custodial staff. Donations are always welcomed! If you would like to donate to the school supply drive for next year, please contact us!

We also appreciate the collaboration for the Back to School Clothing Assistance Program, which provides for 1000 students from Kindergarten through 12th grade (data provided by Kiowa Enrollment each year) from all over the state of Oklahoma and the U.S. Huge thank to the Kiowa Legislative Branch, Kiowa Executive Branch, Finance Department, and Kiowa Education Agency.

The Kiowa Education Agency (KEA) staff and Lawton Public Schools (LPS) faculty, Carlo Chalepah, participated in a meaningful discussion about contributing resources to the teachers to help meet state standards. The KEA is blessed to be able to represent for our students attending schools in the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache lands.





During the weekend of August 23, 2025, the Kiowa Chairman, Lawrence SpottedBird, and Vice Chairman, David Sullivan, made a trip to Vermejo, Ted Turner Reserves, Raton, New Mexico, along with 9 other tribes to part of the coalition for a Cultural Gathering to discuss planning for an Intertribal Management Agreement for the 50,000 acre Dawson Elk Valley Ranch which is next to the Vermejo Park Ranch. This allowed the Kiowa Tribe to be part of planning on how the tribes want to use the Dawson Elk Calley Ranch. Buffalo and horse herds could be a potential use along with other tribal cultural purposes.



ANNUAL
TRIBAL CHAIRMANS' CHALLENGE
GOLF TOURNAMENT

Benefiting the Kiowa Education Foundation

Presented by Kiowa Casinos

Monday, October 13, 2025

Oak Tree Country Club

Edmond, OK

*Foursome team must include one female member

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



ANNUAL TRIBAL CHAIRMANS' CHALLENGE GOLF TOURNAMENT

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025
OAK TREE COUNTRY CLUB

PRESENTED BY KIOWA CASINOS

We have carefully designed a range of sponsorship opportunities to cater to various levels of involvement and visibility. Each sponsorship level offers unique benefits and exposure for your business. Please visit ***tinyurl.com/chairmanschallenge2025*** for detailed sponsorship opportunities.

Payment through Golf Genius is preferred. If paying by check, please make checks payable to: **Kiowa Casino & Hotel - Kiowa Tribal Golf Tournament Attn Christopher Harris**

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

SIGNATURE SPONSOR $25,000

- Three Foursome Teams
- Title Sponsor
- Large logo on all items
- Recognition on all social regarding event

PHILANTHROPIST $15,000

- One Foursome Team
- Medium logo on all items
- Recognition on certain social regarding event

BENEFACTOR $10,000

- One Foursome Team
- Single line logo on select items
- Recognition on certain social regarding event

SPONSORSHIP LEVELS CONT.

CHAMPION $7,500

- One Foursome Team
- Small line logo on all items
- Recognition on certain social regarding event

HOLE IN ONE $2,500

Company logo displayed and special recognition as the sponsor for the "Hole in One" award at the ceremony

LONGEST DRIVE SPONSOR $1,500

Company logo displayed and special recognition as the sponsor for the "Longest Drive" award at the ceremony

- Male & Female

CLOSEST TO THE PIN $1,500

Company logo displayed and special recognition as the sponsor for the "Closest to the Pin" award at the ceremony

- Male & Female

HOLE SPONSOR $1,000

Company logo displayed at one of the holes during the tournament, recognition on all event banners and signage in the clubhouse lobby and at meals

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

BANQUET | $7,500
BREAKFAST | $1,500
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- Two golf carts
- Breakfast and awards banquet

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HOTEL

There is a hotel room block in place for Sunday, October 12, 2025 - Monday, October 13, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn Edmond/Oklahoma City North at 2833 Conference Dr, Edmond, OK 73034. Rooms are $119 per night. You may call (405) 285-0900 to book a room inside the block. Reservations must be made by Friday, September 12, 2025. Use block code: 25CGC

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Language Department

Anadarko High School Kiowa Language classes were recently blessed by Kiowa elder, Daniel Cozad, Sr. and Kiowa mentor, Denton Thomas, to help uplift and encourage them for a safe and successful school year and blessings for their families.

What an empowering feeling for all—for our students to proudly sing a Kiowa hymn, led by sophomore John Jay while the marching band played in the background!

háuñdè gyà sáu:mí (haunday gya saw-mee) "How amazing!"

As the school year gets into full swing now that it's September, we send the sâñdàu (students) in our native communities, best wishes for a productive, enjoyable, & protected school year.

àhôdè to Mr. Cozad and Mr. Thomas for their uplift through our sacred gúñ:[gí:n yí k'òp áu:hìñ (gooñ-kgehn-yee k'ohp aw-hehñ) "Longhorn cedar."



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Kiowa Language





The Kiowa Language Department took part in the summer solstice at the First American Museum (FAM) in Oklahoma City this past summer 2025. The collaboration with FAM was well received and the Kiowa Language Department looks forward to future events! The event allowed the Kiowa Language Department to share language materials, language learning opportunities, a children's craft table, Kiowa language slideshow, and fellowship/networking with other Indigenous people. The Kiowa Language Department staff said that it was great to see so many people interacting with their booth, and were very blessed by visitation with the elders. à:hôdè to the FAM for the invitation and hospitality.

Cornflake Chicken Dippers



Makes: 24 *Preparation Time: 10 minutes* *Cooking Time: 15 minutes*

Ingredients

- 250g chicken mini fillets
- 2 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tsp sweet paprika
- 1 egg, beaten
- 150g cornflakes, crushed
- 2 tbsp sunflower or light olive oil

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For the Dip:
50 ml sour cream
50 g cream cheese
few snipped chives (optional)

Directions

- Trim the chicken into equal finger-sized portions. Mix the flour and paprika together and spread into a plate. Put the egg into a bowl and beat it with a splash of water. Spread the cornflakes onto a separate plate.
- Dip the chicken in the flour, next coat with the egg, then cover completely in the crushed cornflakes. Set aside, well covered, in the fridge until you want to cook.
- Heat the oven to 350. Heat the oil in a frying pan. Once hot, add the chicken and fry for 3-4 minutes on each side until golden and crispy. They will cook more evenly if you do this in batches. Arrange the chicken on a baking tray, lined with baking parchment, and finish cooking in the oven for around 5 minutes.
- Meanwhile, cook or heat any veggies. Mix the sour cream and cream cheese and serve in a little pot alongside the chicken and vegetables.

NUTRITION PER PORTION		RDA
Calories	61 Kcal	3%
Sugar	0.7 g	1%
Fat	2.4 g	3%
Saturated Fat	0.8 g	4%
Salt	0.12 g	Row 4 - Cell 2
Protein	3.5 g	7%
Carbohydrates	6.3 g	2%
Salt	0.12 g	

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Sharon Gail Onco Komahcheet, Ho'eene'e "Earth Woman", 73, of Lawton, Oklahoma, lovingly known as Hy-Baby to her grandchildren and Stella or Sha'ron to special friends, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on December 15, 1951, in Hobart, Oklahoma, to Juanita Olive Howlingcrane Onco and Curtis Onco, Sr. Sharon lived a vibrant life filled with tradition, travel, and deep love for her Native heritage. Although she lived in many places, including Germany, Alaska, and Montana, she considered Lawton, Oklahoma her home.

An enrolled member of the Kiowa Tribe, Sharon took immense pride in her Kiowa and Cheyenne/Arapaho ancestry. She was a descendant of Cheyenne Chief Black Kettle and a Descendant of the Survivors of the Sand Creek Massacre, a legacy she carried with honor. She was crowned Arapaho Princess in 1969 and served as Kiowa Director of the American Indian Exposition in 1999. She was a respected Head Lady Dancer at countless family and tribal events, and especially loved dancing Southern Cloth at powwows.

Sharon inherited her grandmother Jeanette Howlingcrane's artistic talents and proudly carried on her legacy as a beadwork artist and traditional doll maker. She had a fondness for collecting owls?despite it being a Native taboo?which became a beloved and quirky part of her personality.

Witty, outspoken, and full of humor, Sharon was known for her feisty spirit and a heart that loved unconditionally. She was always willing to help anyone in need. She shared joy to many through her cooking, loved to dance to her favorite Motown songs, and brought laughter to everyone.

Sharon is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Bobby Komahcheet, of Lawton, OK; her stepfather Ralph Tahah of Lawton, OK; sons Floyd "Bo" & Sharon Littlecook, Bobby D. Komahcheet, and Nehemiah Jayden Komahcheet; daughters Juanita Jo Sanchez and Koby Guerra, all of Lawton, OK. She is also survived by her brother Michael Leo Onco Jr. of Naples, FL; sisters Pamela Lunceford of Cameron, NC; Terri Mack McClung of Medicine Park, OK; and Anita "Penny" Mack of Prague, OK. She leaves behind 13 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren, and one great-grandchild on the way, along with a host of beloved nieces, nephews, and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Michael Leo Onco Sr., Curtis "Pete" Onco Jr., Ouida Sue Haughney, and Mitchell G. Onco Sr.; granddaughter Mikayla Cozad; and her beloved grandmother Jeanette Riggs Howlingcrane. Sharon Gail Onco Komahcheet's legacy of love, culture, and community will continue to shine brightly in the lives of all who were blessed to know her.



Asha Amalia Marie Harjo, 40 years old, of Ada, OK, passed away on Saturday, July 12, 2025, at home, in Ada, OK. She was born September 18, 1984, to Shereen Denise Wilson & Randy Harjo, in Wichita, KS. Asha grew up in Wichita, KS, and attended school at Chisholm Elementary & Mayberry middle school. She was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma & Creek Tribe of Oklahoma. Asha is a decedent of Chief Stumblingbear and comes from the Hall-Zotigh family. Asha's favorite hobby was to sing. Singing was her most beloved thing to do everyday. She had the most beautiful voice in the world. Asha was such a loving soul, she was always there for her brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, and our kids. Aliciana & Cristiano were her world. As she got older she made it very clear her love for our creator.

Asha is survived by her parents: Randy Harjo, Sr. & Shereen Wilson, brothers: Randy Harjo, Jr. & Cody Jones, Wichita, KS. Son: Cristiano Harjo, daughter: Aliciana Mendez, all of Ada, OK.

She is preceded in death by her brother: Anthony Asetamy, maternal grandparents: Francetta Stumblingbear-Segovia, and Frank Segovia, paternal grandparents: Emily & Glen Harjo, 2 Uncles, and 1 aunt.



Ronald“Ron”Clay, 73, of Holdenville, Oklahoma, crossed peacefully into the presence of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 15, 2025, surrounded by family.

Born on October 1, 1951, in Baytown, Texas, to Levi and Rowena Clay, Ron was rooted in family from the beginning. After moving back to Oklahoma as a child, he grew up in Oklahoma City and graduated as a proud“Spartan”from Southeast High School in 1969.

From a young age, Ron’s life revolved around faith, family, and sports. He had a natural talent and passion for athletics – excelling in football, basketball and especially baseball. Coached by his father, Levi, who played professional baseball, Ron became a force on the pitcher’s mound and earned recognition throughout the metro area.

While attending the University of Oklahoma (Boomer!), Ron met the love of his life – Carolyn Cook. They built a home, and a life grounded in faith, loyalty, and deep love. Together, they raised their family with strong roots and open arms.
Ron had a heart for service and nowhere was that more evident than in his work with individuals with special needs. There, he was a mentor, coach, and a fierce advocate. He helped develop programs, led clients in meaningful work, and coached competitive

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basketball and bowling teams in the Oklahoma Special Olympics. His players – the Warriors and the Wildcats – weren't just teams to him, they were family! Under his guidance, his teams won state championships and more importantly, felt seen, valued, and celebrated. Ron also felt a deep spiritual calling to share the love of Christ. He served Christ through mission work with multiple churches and played an important role with the formation of The Four Winds, a tribal outreach and prayer group rooted with an agape love.

He was proceeded in death by his beloved wife, Carolyn; his daughter, Robin; his parents, Levi and Rowena; and his in-laws, Joe and Helen Cook.
He leaves behind a legacy of love, laughter, and a quiet strength. He is survived by his son, Dan Clay and his wife Kellie of Shawnee, OK; his daughter, Shiela Clay of Oklahoma City, OK; and grandchildren: Marquis Moore, Stephanie and Bryce Wilkinson, Dacia Sloan, Brent and Carolina Clay, Kelsie Gibson, Kaitlynn Gibson, Taran Clay, Kalista Kennedy, Samara Cobb, and Adaia Jones. He was also blessed with eight great-grandchildren. He is lovingly remembered by his sister and brother-in law, Cynthia and Darryle Rattler of Moore, OK; nephews, Kevin and George Rattler; niece, Autumn Rattler of Moore OK, and her son, Blake Rattler; numerous cousins and friends; and his loyal dog and constant companion, Henry – lovingly called "Good Boy".
Ron's life was a true celebration of love, faith, and service. He was a devoted father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend. He loved deeply, laughed often, and never passed up an opportunity to share his love for sports, the Lord, or a good story. His legacy lives on in the many lives he touched – not only through family, but through every athlete he coached, every person he encouraged, and every heart he helped heal.



Jackie Morrow, beloved Wife, Mother, and Grimace passed away on July 13, 2025 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. She was 79 years old. Born on April 9, 1946, in Lawton Oklahoma, Jackie was a woman who loved her family and enjoyed life and all that it brought. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Marie Davis, who raised her in a loving home with a strong faith in her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, the love of her life, Hus band Tony Morrow, her son and best friend Billy Jack Phillips, and her precious grandsons Garret Walker and Brett Yocham. Jackie is survived by a loving family including her daughter Jerri and husband Bo Yocham, daughter Jodee Walker and husband Phil Nevore, daughter Janie Stoner, son Daryl Phillips and wife Tammy, son Tad Morrow and wife Tisha, and daughter Robin Keen and husband Neil.

Grandchildren, Jackie Marie and husband Alberto Vara, Mandy and husband Matt Eastep, Maryann Yocham, Dani Yocham, Reece Walker and wife Kaylee, Ciera Wyrick, Leeza Davis and husband Joe Koehler, Ryan Davis and wife KaDee, Joshua Dodge, Alexandria Morrison, Luke Morrow, Nora Morrow, Irie Ewers and Isaac Ewers. Great Grandchildren Andress, Gianna, Joslyn, Carter, Hailey, Ashley, Chan dler, Chase, Presley, Rylee, Beau, Brantley, Weston, Clara, Lainey, Greyson, Oliver, Phoenix, Abel, Valentina, Karson, Raiden, Haven and Caden. Great-Great Grandchild, Oakley. Jackie's life was defined by strength, love, car ing, friendship, understanding, and a deep faith in her savior, Jesus Christ. She will always be remembered and forever loved.



Darren Geimausaddle, 65, of Holdenville, OK, passed away at home on July 15, 2025. He was born on December 1, 1959, to Dave and Melva Gene (Tinetiah) Geimausaddle in Los Angeles, CA. Darren was the youngest son/brother in our family. During our relocation years, Darren grew up in Mountain View, OK, and Bell Gardens, CA, graduating in 1977. He played basketball for Bell Gardens High School. He attended Indian Revival Center, Bell Gardens, CA. While in CA, he grew up with our loving Valliere and Taylor families. Darren's first job was with the Postal Service. He was a mailman in L.A. County. After calming too many dogs and walking too many miles, he was ready to train as a firefighter in 1989 with the US Forest Service, Northern Region. He then decided to attend Haskell Junior College in KS and received his AA Degree, 1990. He worked as a Librarian Technician at the Haskell Indian Nations University. He also worked at the Palo Duro Canyon Museum in 1994. During his years in Lawrence, KS, he was a contributing writer for the Kansas State University Alliance school newspaper, where he received his BA degree in 1996. In 1997, the Kiowa Tribe appointed him to serve on the Kiowa Museum and Resource Board. When our Parents retired to Sugar Creek/Mountain View, Darren returned to OK to work for the State of Oklahoma, Great Plains Correctional facility as a corporal correctional officer. Then transferred to L.A.R.C., DOC in Lexington, as a Parole Investigator, Case Manager. He retired in 2018. He was very happy to receive his Kiowa Christmas elder payment when he celebrated his 62nd birthday. Darren was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe. He appreciated dancing with Dad at the Gourd Clan during the 4th of July. He was also an avid Lakers and Kansas State Jayhawks fan. Darren loved our family and his dog, Tilly. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors Include: Sisters: Davetta Geimausaddle, Chickasha, OK, and Bobbie Jean Geimausaddle, Lawton/Cache, OK. Cousins who are our brothers and sisters: Rhonda Jean and Aaron Ahhaitty, Colleen Feather, and Tami White, Mountain View, OK. Larry and Ruthie Edmonds, Lake Elsinore, CA and Lenny Edmonds, Mountain View, OK.
Uncles & Aunties: Randy and Bonnie Edmonds, San Diego, CA. Sam and Ruby Horse, Del City, OK., Art Geimausaddle, Shawnee, OK, Wanda Geimausaddle, Hobart, OK, Pamela Justice, Georgia, Bruce Geimausaddle, Mountain View, OK, Denise Garcia, Carnegie, OK.. Georgia Kopaddy, Hobart, OK, and David Geimausaddle, Mountain View, OK.
Nephews & Nieces: Joshua and Jerricka Aragon, Chickasha, OK, Isaiah Trujillo, Anadarko, OK, and Michael Trujillo, OKC, OK., Sunni (Kathleen) Geimausaddle, Norman, OK. Larry Tain Topaum, Lawton, OK, TyeDoe Topaum, Carnegie, OK., Bethany Ahhaitty, Mountain View, OK.
He was proud of all our precious Grandchildren, especially awesome Peanut and our precious Great-Grandchildren.

Family who we miss dearly are our loving Parents: Dave and Melva Gene (Tinetiah) Geimausaddle
Precious Brothers: David Keith Geimausaddle,

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Darrell Keith Edmonds, Wally Feather Loving Niece and Nephew: Tshante (Goingsnake) Gonzalez and Isaac Jimenez Loving Uncles and Aunties: Bobby Geimausaddle, Red and Scrapper Prentiss, Russell Geimausaddle, Eva Marie Geimausaddle, Flora Geimausaddle, Keith Tinetiah, Buddy & Betty Tsonetokoy, John & Delores Thomas, and Wanda Marie Hummingbird. Loving Grandparents: George and Beatrice Geimausaddle, May (Apekaum) Geimausaddle, Bell and Julia (Tsonetokoy) Lonewolf, Elvin and Mattie (Tsonetokoy) Tinetiah.



It is with profound sadness that the family of Felicia Dawn Lipps, (Fli, Snow Walker, Flips) 33, announces her passing on July 17, 2025. Felicia will be remembered for her infectious laugh, her deep love for her dogs, music, Pokémon and her ever-growing collection of stuffies.

Felicia was born on May 7, 1992, in Englewood, Colorado, to Shauana Doyebi and Robert Lipps II. A lifelong resident of Denver, she attended Denver South High School and built a life full of love, joy and adventure. Felicia wasn't here for a long time, she was here for good time, every time!

Felicia was a devoted spouse, daughter, sister and aunt. She met her beloved partner, Eliass Trujillo in middle school and the two shared a strong bond that spanned over many years. Their journey together included unforgettable trips to Las Vegas, the Grand Canyon, mountain fishing and countless other adventures.

She is survived by her loving spouse Eliass Trujillo; her sister Cheri Lipps-Brindle (J Michael Brindle), her cherished nephew Johnny Brindle III, and niece Marley Brindle; Robert Lipps II, Michael Alexander, Michael Lipps II and many cousins, relatives and loved ones.

Felicia was preceded in death by her Mother, Shauana Doyebi; Grandparents Sharon Doyebi Mary Lipps and Robert Lipps; her Godparents Don and Linda Koehler; and her Uncle Michael Lipps. The Family of Felicia wishes to extend heartfelt thanks to The Kiowa Tribe, AdventHealth Porter Hospital, and to the Trujillo, Aceves, Perry and Robles families for their love and support.



Melvin "Sonny" Daniel Bates Sr. was born February 25, 1975, in Lawton, OK to Melvin and Cynthia (Upchego) Bates. He passed away on July 24, 2025, in Watonga, OK at the age of 50. Melvin currently works at Divine Cultivation in Calumet, OK. He also worked as security for the Feather Warrior Casino in Watonga. OK. He was also the caretaker of his mother in her advanced years. He enjoyed spending time with his dogs, Sir Duke and Falkor. He married Marilyn Redhat on December 19, 2014, at Concho, OK. He is a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. He is also of Ute and Arapaho descent.

Survivors include: his wife Marilyn Bates of Watonga, OK, his children, Corey Bryant Tyson Bates of Chester, OK and Melvin "Doxy" Daniel Bates, Jr. of Flute Springs, OK , His siblings, Waylan Upchego and wife Nikole of Geary, OK, Leslie Sugar Bates, Sr. of Geary, OK, Gari Lynette Bates and husband Jordan of Geary, OK, Jamie Leah Bates of Geary, OK, Geneva Raynell Guzman of OKC, OK, Deanna Gardipes of OKC, OK, Johnny Bates of Lawton, OK, Marie Pribble of Colorado Sprints, Co, grandchild, Raven Bates of Billings, MT, stepmother Angie Bates of Geary, OK, as well as nieces, nephews, many other relatives and friends.

Melvin is proceeded in death by his parents, Melvin and Cynthia Bates, his grandparents, Otis and Maggie Bates, and Hon. Henry and Elaine Upchego.



Rosalie (Rose) Kaulaity LaFerr, a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and proud member of the Kiowa Tribe, was born on June 9, 1940, and entered eternal rest on July 26, 2025, at the age of 85, surrounded by her loving family.

On September 30, 1967, Rose married her best friend and lifelong companion, Don LaFerr, Sr., in Wichita Falls, Texas. Together, they built a life rooted in love, faith, and family. Their union blessed them with a large and loving family, which became Rose's greatest joy.

Rose lived a life of grace, strength, and unwavering devotion to those she loved. She never met a stranger and opened her home to many, making everyone feel welcome and loved. Her kindness and selflessness touched countless lives.

Education was one of Rose's passions. She earned her Bachelor's degree from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in Chickasha and later obtained her Master's degree in Special Education from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Her career reflected her heart for others- she devoted herself to helping and teaching those in need.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don LaFerr, Sr.; her parents, Manfred and Margaret Blankenship Kaulaity; her children, Vanessa Weeks and Dusty LaFerr; her sisters, Verla, Marilyn, and Sunbeam; and her brothers, Robert Lewis, Gary, and Walter.

Rose is survived by her beloved children: Tracy and Clara Prather, Oklahoma City, OK. Grandchildren: Talia Prather Morgan, and great granddaughter Delanie Morgan (and brothers Ethan and Oliver

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Morgan), Edmond, OK. Jade Prather Hines and husband Jaymes and children Jamyson and Harper, (Montgomery, AL) David Weeks, Lahoma, OK. Stephanie Settle, Norman, OK. Grandchildren: Seth James Settle, (Norman, OK) and Luke Thomas Settle and Shelby, (Oklahoma City, OK). Sonny Talas and Dawn, Oklahoma City, OK. Grandchildren: Matthew and Laquita Talas, (Bozeman, MT) Stuart Talas, Norman, OK. Grandchildren: Rachel Talas and child SJ, (Plano, TX). Donny and Kristi LaFerr, Duncan, OK. Grandchildren: Devin LaFerr, Karsten LaFerr (Edmond), Micah LaFerr, and Kenney Coulston (Duncan). Granddaughter Gabby LaFerr, McLoud, OK. Kurt and Marcy (LaFerr) Wages, Edmond, OK. Grandchildren: Marlie LaFerr and child Brooklyn (Huntington, AR); Dusty LaFerr and Jayden King, (Edmond, OK). Chris and Krista LaFerr, Huntington, AR. Grandchildren: Bradyn LaFerr and Chloe and children Azra, Aiden, and Auggie (Anadarko, OK) , Tyler LaFerr and Taylor (Anadarko, OK), Logan LaFerr and Vanessa and child Ryker, (Anadarko, OK), Cash, Vanessa, Jax, Elizabeth (Lizzie), and Linkin (Huntington, AR) Holly LaFerr, Anadarko, OK. Grandchildren: Kinnady Grabil, (Oklahoma City, OK) and Kaiden Eden, (Anadarko, OK).

She is also survived by her special son, Juan Gallegos, siblings Ewan, Doris, MaryLee, Ouida Jean, Alexandria, Moses, Joshua, and Isaac, as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family who all held a special place in her heart.

Rose's life was a testament to love, resilience, and faith. She leaves behind a legacy that will live on through her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and all who were blessed to know her.



Funeral Services for Allen Delano Armstrong will be at 10 AM on August 1, 2025 at Rock Springs Indian Baptist Church, Anadarko with Pastor John Smith and Gary Tomahsah officiating. Prayer Service /Wake Service will be on Thursday, July 31, 2025 from 7 to 9. Visitation will be from 12-4 PM at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Red Stone Cemetery under the Comanche Nation Funeral Home.

Allen Delano Armstrong went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2025. He was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe and a descendent of Comanche, Cheyenne, and Wichita.

He was born to Victor Delaware and Josephine Armstrong Williams on July 26, 1983 in Lawton, Ok. He received a childcare certificate in September of 2017.He enjoyed cooking, working on cars, pow-wows, teasing always helping people out, he talked to everyone he met, he loved all his nieces and nephews, free-styling, loved to gourd dance, camping, and family time. He had the biggest heart, and showed the most compassion to everyone, and a fierce protector as a big brother would. He was always helping anyone in need especially native people mainly our elders. He always knew how to make a bad day good, by joking around.

He is survived by his mother: Josephine Armstrong Williams; his Companion: Ni'vynuaka Poemoceah; Brothers: James Delaware and wife, Tasha Delaware, Travis Delaware and companion, Arielle Morales, Alfred Delaware, and fianc? Nadia, Benjamin "Music" Armstrong, Vincent Delaware; sisters: Melissa Anita and companion, Fernando Ortega, Martina Delaware and companion Hamal, Byllye "BJ" Delaware, aunts: Toni Armstrong, Phyliss Delaware; uncles: Mitchell Armstrong, Marvin Delaware, Tah-wee Delaware; children; Cali Jo, Kevin Poemoceah, Devin Poemoceah, Jaylin Wayne Armstrong, Joshua Daryl Williams, Arianna "Tank" Armstrong, Emerald Rayne Poemoceah "Baby Doll"; grandchildren: Kimora Diana Poemoceah, Mother-in-law: Jenetta Gooday; father-in-law: Adrian Gooday; special aunt: Phyllis Donahue; Godsons: Baby Timothy; Honorary Member: Annie Underwood



Margaret Ann Hummingbird, 58, of Wewoka, Oklahoma, passed away on July 27, 2025. She was born on July 23, 1967, to Jerome Hummingbird and Mary Yumnit.

Margaret spent her early years in Carnegie, Oklahoma, before making her home in Wewoka for the past 21 years. She attended the Pentecostal church, where her strong faith and love for worship flourished. She was deeply devoted to the Word of God and found great joy in praising the Lord alongside her church family.

Margaret was known for her creative spirit and generous heart. She loved crocheting, working on puzzles, and exploring arts and crafts. She also had a passion for teaching sign language and found joy in sharing her knowledge with others. Margaret cherished time spent with family, enjoyed listening to all kinds of music, and was known for her playful insistence that no one"bother her stuff."

She is survived by her loving siblings: Karen Thompson and Robert of Carnegie, Oklahoma; Gaynell Stonecalf and Contastino of Cement, Oklahoma; Eddie Hummingbird of Lawton, Oklahoma; and Mary Thompson and David of Sacramento, California. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, all of whom brought her great pride and joy.

Margaret was preceded in death by her parents; her brother Carmen Smith; and her nephew Christopher Smith.



Linda Sue Bruner, 76, Anadarko, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully on July 29, 2025, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. She was born on January 16, 1949, to Robert Guoladdle and Wanda Mae Kodaseet in Lawton, Oklahoma. Linda grew up and attended

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school in Wichita, Kansas, and graduated from Tulsa Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in 1967. After high school, Linda attended Tulsa Business School. She received her training to be a drug and alcohol abuse Counselor through CASA. Linda worked for the Wichita & Affiliated Tribe in Anadarko as a Counselor, retiring in 2019. She was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe. Linda will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Preceded in death by parents, 1 Sister, Donna Squires, 3 Brothers: Jimmy Guoladdle, Frankie Guoladdle, Michael Guoladdle, Grandson, Spencer Bruner.

Survivors include: Son: Christopher Bruner and wife Alisha, Tulsa, OK. Sisters: Theresa Carter, Anadarko, OK. Buena Hunter, Anadarko, OK, Roberta Sparkman, OKC, OK, Brenda Heapofbirds, Wichita, KS, Carla Clark, Anadarko, OK. Host of Nieces, Nephews & Grandchildren



Lisa Marie Toppah-Redburn, age 45 of Lawton has gone on to be with the lord on July 29th, 2025, peacefully at home. She was born on December 5th, 1979, in Tulsa, OK to Debra Toppah and Ted (Chink) Toppah. She was raised in Carnegie most of her early life before moving to Buras, Louisiana. She attended Carnegie Schools up to her freshman year and graduated in 1999 from Buras, LA. She played basketball and was in the high school band.

She worked as a CNA/CMA for nearly 10 years in Tulsa. She attended Faith Indian Baptist Church in Carnegie where she was baptized. She loved fishing and playing pool.

Lisa is survived by her father, Ted Toppah and wife Rosalyn of Carnegie, her daughter, Stephanie Toppah and fiancé Perry of the home, her son Joseph Darrell Hartzog Jr of Picayune, MS, brother, Terry Toppah and wife Kimberly of Broken Arrow, sister, Brandy Escobar of Carnegie, brother, Brad Jones of Louisiana, sister, Carol Lujan and husband Carl of Broken Arrow, sister, Danielle Toppah and husband CJ Pipestem of Tulsa along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Debra Toppah, grandmothers, Shirley Brown and Carol Joyce Toppah, great-grandmother, Lola Hardridge and nephew Tyrie Burks.

Services for Harry Floyd "Jake" Ricker, Jr., 61, of Ada are 2:00 p.m. Monday, August 4, 2025, at Sallateeska Baptist Church in Shawnee. Mr. Levi Fischer and Mr. Bud Saumty will officiate. Burial will follow at Johnson Cemetery in Shawnee. A wake service will be held on Sunday from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Criswell Funeral Home in Ada.

Mr. Ricker passed away Wednesday, July 30, 2025, in Oklahoma City. He was born February 19, 1964, in San Francisco, CA, to Harry Floyd Ricker, Sr. and Helen Joyce Jones Ricker.

On November 7, 1992, he married Marcine Denise Lyda. He earned his Associate Degree and was a police officer until his retirement. Mr. Ricker also served in the United States Army.

Survivors include his wife, Marcine, of the home; three sons, Stephen McPherson of Ada, Kyle Ricker of the home, and Keaton Ricker and Amber Coplen of Ada; two daughters, Stephanie Black and husband Bryant of Ada and Stormy Fischer and husband Levi of Mountain View, OK; one brother, Michael Ricker and wife Karen of Oklahoma City; and one sister, Joyce Fish and husband Alex of Cromwell, OK; 20 grandchildren; and one great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Bearers are Keaton Ricker, Kyle Ricker, Stephen McPherson, Tahlee Pewewardy, Sean Ricker, Kayden Ricker, Gavin Fischer, and Deland Cobb. Honorary bearers are Michael Ricker, Ben Lyda, Zachary Ricker, Caleb Cobb, Mason Ricker, and Roger Williams.





Funeral Service for Justin Roy Jones will be on Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 1 p.m. at Comanche nation Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dorothy Van Horn officiating.

Burial will follow at Mt. Scott KCA Cemetery under the direction of Comanche Nation Funeral Home. Visitation will be on Monday, August 11, 2025, from 1-7 p.m. at Comanche Nation Funeral Home Chapel. Justin Roy Jones entered into eternal rest on July 29, 2025, in Lawton, OK. Justin was born on December 22, 1983, in Lawton, OK to Camelia Gibson.

Justin attended school in Lawton; and earned his G.E.D. He went on the work for Goodyear Tire Company for 11 years. Justin enjoyed playing darts and pool in his free time. Justin kept to himself most of the time, but "if he terrorized you, that meant he liked you". Justin loved music and was a self-proclaimed metal-head. He was also an avid sports fan; he almost always wore his San Francisco 49ers gear.

Justin was survived by his mother: Camelia Gibson; Brother: Jamie Gibson and companion: Amber; Nephews: Dondon Gibson and Dominikk Gibson; nieces: Jaymelynn Gibson, Margaret Deak, Kellen Deak, and Ambo Gibson; dearest friend: Dianna Murphy; great nieces and nephews: Detric Deak, Emery Deak and Maylani Deak.

He is preceded in death by his father: Elton Roy Jones; grandmother: Marie Lortzeno; brother: Donavon Lee Gibson.



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Randy Ahhaitty Sr., 65 of Seminole passed away August 9, 2025 in Midwest City, Oklahoma.

Randy was born in Lawton, Oklahoma to Bessie (Silverhorn) and Reverend Reuben Ahhaitty Sr. He was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Randy met the love of his life Laura Henneha in 1991 at NSU. In their time together they would have five children. Randy was affectionately known as Big Randy, RA and Uncle Randy to many. He was the cook of the family, the jokester, and loved to tell stories. He never met a stranger; he was loved by many especially his nieces and nephews. Randy graduated high school from Anadarko high school. Randy also graduated college from NEO and East Central University and became a drug and alcohol substance abuse counselor. He would later become a transit driver for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma until 2021. Randy also was a fastpitch softball player, he would later continue coaching his wife, daughters and nieces'teams. Randy was a lifelong OU football fan. He loved to attend all of his nieces and nephews ball games, track meets, and cross country meets. He will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife, Laura Henneha, children: Morgan (Aletha), Randy, Drew, Etta, and Ina. Grandchildren Tamia, Mandy, and Ayo. Siblings: Donnie & Margaret Ahhaitty, Tuttle, Oklahoma. Verna Fitzpatrick, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mary & Virgil Ahhaitty-Jones, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Jody Tiger, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Carol & Darrell Ahhaitty-Wetselline, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Cindy Satoe, Ada, Oklahoma. Aunts: Mary-Lou Tselee, Anadarko, Oklahoma. Iris Silverhorn, Chickasha, Oklahoma. Sister-in-law: Barbara & Chris Harjo, Holdenville, Brother-in-law: Charles Henneha Jr. & Sharon Tiger, Coweta. Randy also leaves behind many cherished nieces, nephews and other family members.

Randy is preceded in death by his parents: Reuben & Bessie Ahhaitty, siblings: Reuben "Punkie" Ahhaitty, Kay "KA" Ahhaitty, Geary Ahhaitty, Charlie Ahhaitty, and Deborah Jean Ahhaitty, niece: Tonya Ahhaitty, grandpa: James Silverhorn, aunts: Velma Silverhorn, Rosalyn Stevens, Phyllis Calcaterra, and Ruth Tofpi, uncles: Robert "Bo" Silverhorn and Billy-Joe Silverhorn, brother-in law: Eugene "Sonny" Tiger, father-in-law: Charles Henneha Sr., nephew: Michael Mithlo Jr., great-nephew: Silas Long.



Gerald Lee Cozad, 91, passed away on August 11, 2025, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He was born June 9, 1934, in Carnegie, Oklahoma, to Ray Cozad and Carrie Ahhaitty Stumblingbear. Gerald grew up in Carnegie, and never forgot where he came from. He was a graduate of Riverside Indian School in Anadarko, later joining the United States Army. He was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe and a descendant of Red Tipi. Gerald was also a member of the Native American Church Kiowa Chapter. Over the years, Gerald worked in carpentry, farm labor, and just about anything that needed to be done. He was the kind of man who could fix, build, or lend a hand, and he always did it without fuss. He will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include: Nieces: Sharon Pena, Carnegie, OK; Donna Geionety & husband, Ricky, Mountain View, OK; Ernestine Berryhill, Carnegie, OK; Jeanette Standing, Anadarko, OK. Brothers: Leonard Cozad, Jr., Charles Cozad, Lewis Cozad & wife, Mabel, Daniel Cozad & wife, Lee, Andrew Cozad & wife, Cheryl, Vernon Cozad, Russell Cozad & wife, Tiffany, Anthony Ahhaitty, Aaron Ahhaitty, Dwayne Kodaseet. Sisters: Kathleen Pewenofkit, Karen Pewo, & Victoria Ahhaitty. Aunt: Nona Kodaseet Children: Kenneth Cozad, Howard Cozad, Shelly Cozad, Tina Wahkinney, Michael Whitecloud. Special Grandson: Elvin Berryhill. A host of other family & friends.

Preceded in death by his son: David Lee Cozad, parents: Ray Cozad & Carrie Ahhaitty Stumblingbear, Sisters: Vera Cozad-Buffalomeat, Naomi Svitak, Marie Moses, Ora Charcoal, May McKeithan, Beverly Cozad, Leora Cozad, Brothers: George Ray Cozad, James Cozad, Larry Cozad, Joseph Cozad, Nieces: Lenora Cozad, Marla Redbone, Grandchildren: Adawnya Yellowhair, Ricky Pocowatchit & Chandra Berryhill.



Blanche Elaine Creepingbear, 72, passed away on August 12, 2025, with her family by her side. She was born January 18, 1953, in Lawton, OK, to Newton Purdy and Christine Twohatchet, and was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe.

Blanche grew up in Fort Cobb and graduated from Fort Cobb High School. She was married to Tim Nestell early in life, and later married the love of her life, Theodore Creepingbear.

Blanche had a creative spirit and loved making beautiful things-beadwork, paintings, and sculptures were some of her favorite ways to express herself. More than anything, she loved her family. She was happiest when surrounded by them, sharing meals, stories, and laughter. Her kindness, humor, and creativity touched everyone who knew her.

Survivors include: Children: Blanche Elaine Creepingbear, Anadarko, OK; Marian Gail Creepingbear, CA; Grandchildren: Jodicee Kossechony, Daniel Creepingbear, Damon Nimsey, Anthony Creepingbear, Mary Castro, Maggie Castro, Shikhoda Lee Nestell & Makayla Nestell. Siblings: Marian Kay Hasson, Evangeline Kaulaity, Larry Kaulaity, Goldie James, Val Tate, Cynthia Parton, John McAdams; A host of other family & friends

Preceded in death by her husband, Theodore Creepingbear, Son: Anthony "Tony" Lee Nestell, Parents: Newton Purdy and Christine Twohatchet, Sister: Lelonnie Kaulaity, Nephews: Richard Tartsah & Donald "Slick" James Bread

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Barbara Woelk passed away August 10 in Austin, Texas. She was born on November 22, 1948 in Hartselle, Alabama. She was the daughter of Albert Fowler and Ruth Fowler who preceded her in death. She is survived by her husband, Darrell Woelk; son Matthew Woelk; sisters Kim Carraway and Anita Schwarzkopf; and brother Kenneth Fowler.

Barbara grew up in Hutchinson, Kansas where she met and married her high school sweetheart, Darrell Woelk. They have been married for 56 years. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a Bachelor Degree in Sociology and from Texas State University with a Master Degree in Healthcare Administration.

Barbara was a member of the Kiowa Tribe and was active in the American Indian community in Wichita, Kansas and Austin, Texas. Her mother was raised in southwestern Oklahoma and Barbara always loved returning to Oklahoma to visit with family there. She helped form the Mid-American All-Indian Center in Wichita in 1969 and was an employee and docent there for many years. She moved to Austin with her husband in 1985. There she became involved in the American Indian community and helped start the Great Promise for American Indians organization and the Austin Powwow over 25 years ago.

She was an active member of the Austin Woman's Club for many years. She attended the weekly luncheon meetings and she was a speaker at some of their meetings about American Indian flat painters, American Indian cradleboards, American Indian storytellers and American Indians in the military. Her talks included stories about the role of her family in American Indian history in Oklahoma.

Barbara loved animals, especially horses and dogs. She owned a horse wherever she lived and she was happiest when she was able to spend time with them. Barbara and Darrell owned four dogs throughout their marriage and each one was considered part of the family.



Sharon L. Guoladdle Bigman, 80, of Anadarko, Okla., passed away Sunday, August 17, 2025, at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK.

Sharon was born January 3, 1945, in Lawton, Okla., to Edgar Newton Guoladdle and Birdie Tawkoyty (Frizzlehead) Guoladdle. She attended school in Mountain View, Okla. Sharon lived most of her life in Mt. View and Carnegie area. Sharon was a member of the Little Red Church, Carnegie, OK, and also a member of the United First in Christ Fellowship. Sharon was a singer of the Kingdom Messengers singing group.

She is survived by her husband Roy Bigman; one daughter Seneca Rubin Westelline; two sons Alvin Reeder and Kevin Patone, all of Anadarko, OK; special grandson Joe Yeahpau; and granddaughter Michelle Angel Kaubin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edgar and Birdie Guoladdle; 8 brothers: Spencer Guoladdle, John Horse Guoladdle, Bobby J. Guoladdle, Buddy Tsoneko, Morgan Guoladdle; and 5 sisters: Maggie Kay Atkerson, Gloria Jean Labrada, Ruth Marie Komalty, Maxine Guoladdle Atison, Cynthia Guoladdle. Also preceded by two daughters: Rhonda Ann Reeder, Cynthia Reeder; three sons: Eugene Kaubin, Spencer Reeder, Randell Reeder.

Do Not Stand At My Grave & Weep by Mary Elizabeth Frye

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there; I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow,
I am the diamond glints on snow,

I am the sun on ripened grain,
I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,
I am not there; I did not die.

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