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KIOWA BLACK LEGGINGS WARRIOR SOCIETY



Submitted by Randall Jake

ANADARKO, OKLAHOMA (October 3, 2025) — The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society will host their ceremonial on Saturday, October 11 and Sunday, October 12, 2025 at Indian City, located south of Anadarko. Both days will begin at 12:00 p.m. with a meal and the ceremonial will start at 2:00 p.m. Each evening the Ohomah Lodge will conduct a program. A local group of young singers, Ah-Kaw-Lay Singers, will participate in their program.

In addition to the traditional 2-day program featuring the society's historic songs and dances, highlights will include honoring distinguished Kiowa military veterans and celebrating ceremonial staff members. This year Vernon Cozad has been appointed Ceremonial Principal Singer. The public is invited to observe these time-honored traditions. Due to the sacred nature of the gathering, video recordings are prohibited.

The Kiowa Black Leggings continue the society tradition of favored girls, Audaymahtaunyigau and favored boys, Audaytahliyigau. They are unique members who are inducted at roughly eight years old and superseded around mid-teen years. Elnora Palmer and Evelyn Alice Kelela Cocker are the Audaymahtaunyigau. Hyshtiani James Kaulaity-Quintana and Nolan Parker are The Audaytahliyigau. This is the last ceremonial of Hyshtiani James' tenure as Audaytahliyigau.

The weekend will feature:

- The observance of the twentieth anniversary of Kiowa tribal members Joshua Jerald Ware and Anthony Ray Charles Littlecalf Yost who were killed in action in November 2005.
- The Society initiation of U.S. Air Force veteran Tommy Vincent Kopepasah.
- The induction of Kiowa Black Leggings Lyndreth Leon "Tugger" Palmer, Paujoqi/Commander; Blas Preciado, Paujoqi/Vice-Commander; Gene Evans Tsatoke and Charles Cozad into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor.
- Evening programs from the Ohomah Lodge.

The Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society also known in the Kiowa language as "Ton Kon Gau" is



more than two hundred years old. In 1958, after a 30-year period of inactivity, the society was revived by a group of WWII veterans, led predominately by Gus Palmer Sr. and with the advice of Kiowa elders who passed on the old society ceremony including songs, dance and regalia.

Keeping Great Traditions Alive

According to the organization's 25th Anniversary booklet by the late member Rudy Bantista, "Ton-Kon-Gaut," often pronounced as "Ton-Kon-Ga," means "Black Legs" or "Black Leggings" in the Kiowa language. Some Kiowa elders say that the name originated before the Kiowas had horses, when warriors would return from a war party with their legs black from their journey on the trail. Others say warriors' legs were blackened from running back into action after an enemy burned out an area in an attempt to repel their attack. No matter the origin, the name has been so revered since the beginning that it endured

even though Kiowa warriors became the best "horse mounted force" in the Plains in the early 1800s.

The Black Legs

When the Society was revived in 1958, long-standing traditions were renewed and continue to this day. Black legs from the knee down, even including the moccasins, if possible, are essential. Painting, wearing black knee length hose or using a black buckskin fringed covering are considered acceptable methods of continuing the tradition. They also continued wearing a black string shawl from the waist down.

The Red Cape

The red cape worn by all members honors Ton-Kon-Ga members of the past. Gulhei "Gool-Hay-Ee" meaning "Young Colt" or "Young Mustang" in Kiowa and family history as the Mexican captive Qa-ji-qi (Warrior) who distinguished himself in battle during the mid-1800's against Mexican troops. After Gulhei killed a Mexican officer in



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battle, he took the officer's red cape as a battle trophy and, thereafter, wore it. The red cape that the Black Leggings wear today is symbolic of that war trophy.

Gus Palmer Sr., who was instrumental in reviving the Kiowa Black Leggings in 1958, was a direct descendent of Gulhei and he, along with family members, authorized society members to wear the red cape in memory of Gulhei. The family song, known as the Gulheijedauga (Young Mustang song) will be sung during the ceremony.

Instead of gourds, rattles or deer hooves, members wear bells around the waist or just below the knees, depending on their personal preference. The ancient insignia in front of which members dance was also continued. The pawbon is a lance or spear curved over at the top and decorated with otter skin, eagle feathers and beads. Each member carries a lance decorated according to his individual deeds.

Today, the society functions much like that of old and is akin to Veteran Service Organizations such as the VFW, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans (DAV). As such, they are active in veterans affairs within the Kiowa Tribe and throughout the state. The Kiowa Black Leggings Color Guard is called upon regularly to participate in tribal, local, state and national veteran and non-veteran ceremonies.

Membership

The recruitment of new society members closely follows traditions and rules established when Kiowa Black Leggings was revived in 1958. The requirements for membership are (1.) Male Kiowa Tribal Member (2.) Military Service Veteran and (3.) Honorable Discharge. Honorable and acceptable forms of recruitment of potential members are: (1.) Black Leggings members, or relatives of a veteran can ask or send word to the society leaders that they want a veteran to be considered for membership, (2.) A veteran may approach a leader or member and ask about membership, and (3.) An officer or member of the society actively recruits a veteran. It is traditional but not required for a recruit to attend one of the

pre ceremony meetings and be introduced by relatives. Typically, the names of recruits are brought up during officers' meetings. There will be an announcement of the names of recruits and, if no objections, the recruit is approved for membership.

Members who live with challenges associated with military service find that participation in the ceremony provides various degrees of spiritual, physical and emotional healing.

Kiowa Black Leggings Officers & Ceremonial Staff

The current officers and ceremonial staff of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society are: Lyndreth "Tugger" Palmer, Commander, USN, Paujoqi; Blas Preciado, Vice Commander, USMC, Paujoqi; Darwin Palmer, USA, Treasurer, Ahdlejoqi; Tim Yeahquo, USA, Secretary, Ahdlejoqi; Goldie Kaulaity, First Vice Commander, USA; Patrick Tsotigh, Second Vice Commander & Chaplain, USA/OKANG; Randall Jake, Public Information Officer, USMC & USA; Hamilton Tongkeamha, Sergeant at Arms, USA; Randy Palmer, Program Director, USA; Dixon O. Palmer, former Aundaytahlee, Camp Maintenance Director; Elnora Palmer, Favored Girl, Audaymahtaun; Evelyn Alice Kelela Cocker, Favored Girl, Audaymahtaun; Hyshtiani James Kaulaity-Quintana, Favored Boy, Aundaytahlee; Nolan Parker, Favored Boy, Aundaytahlee; Vernon Cozad, Principal Singer; Cy Ahtone, M.C.; Echohawk "Pete" Neconie, M.C.; Eddie Onco, M.C.; Louis Maynohonah Jr., Evening Principal Singer; Tim Yeahquo, Evening M.C., assisted by Warren Queton and Blas Preciado.

Kiowa Black Leggings Ladies Auxiliary

Val Tate, President; Mary Pinezaddleby Zumwalt, Vice President; Glenda Palmer, Treasurer; and Gloria Tate, Secretary.

Saturday, October 11, 2025

The Kiowa Black Leggings continue the society tradition of favored girls, Audaymahtaunyigau and favored boys, Aundayahliyigau. They are unique members who are inducted at roughly eight years old and superseded around mid-teen years. Elnora Palmer and Evelyn Alice Kelela Cocker are the Audaymahtaunyigau. Hyshtiani James Kaulaity Quintana and Nolan Parker are The Aundayahliyigau. In honor of her son Hyshtiani James' fulfillment of his

role this year, Teresa Kaulaity Quintana will provide the noon meal on Saturday.

The ceremonial will begin at 2:00 p.m. with Vernon Cozad, principal singer. In addition to the customary ceremonial proceedings, Saturday's program will include a special presentation and the new member induction ceremony.

In observance of the twentieth anniversary of two Kiowa tribal members who were killed in action in November 2005. The Society will pay tribute to Joshua Jerald Ware and Anthony Ray Charles Littlecalf Yost with a special presentation to their families.

Marine Cpl. Joshua J. Ware of Apache, Oklahoma was killed on November 16, 2005 by enemy fire during combat operations against enemy forces during Operation Steel Curtain in Iraq. He was 20 years old. Ware was assigned to Battalion Landing Team 2nd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, California. During Operation Iraqi Freedom, their unit was attached to 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force.

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Sunday's activities will begin at 8:00 a.m. when the flag of deceased Kiowa Black Leggings Chaplain, Reverend George E. Daingkau will be raised. Reverend Daingkau, who served in the Army during the Vietnam War, was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Valor device to denote his acts of heroism involving conflict with an armed enemy. The noon meal will be provided by the Cozad family and served by the Kiowa Black Leggings Ladies Auxiliary.

The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. Later in the afternoon, four members of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society who served in the Vietnam War will be inducted into the Oklahoma Military Hall of Honor (OKMHOH) by retired Army Col. Kelly Zachgo, the President of the Oklahoma Heritage Foundation (OKMHF) and Army Capt. John Farris, OKMHF Ambassador.



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Navy Yeoman 3rd Class Lyndreth Leon “Tugger” Palmer, Paujoqi (Commander) of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society, served in the Navy from 1970 to 1973. His duty stations included Naval Command Kodiak Alaska, then onboard the USS Constellation (CVA-64) where he was master of arms, ship investigator and air operations while deployed to the Gulf of Tonkin, “on the line” off the coast of Vietnam from October 1971 to July 1972. Palmer was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Citation Unit Medal with Palm and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device.

Marine Corps Sgt. Blas Preciado, Paujoqi (Vice-Commander) of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society. Sgt. Preciado served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1967 to 1970, and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve from 1985 to 1991 at Camp Pendleton, California during the Gulf War. Preciado’s awards include the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Service Stars, the Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device.

Army Spc. 5 Gene Evans Tsatoke, Senior Advisor to the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society, served in the Army from 1967 to 1970. He was deployed to Long Binh, South Vietnam with the First Logistical Command from Camp Davies from December 1967 to December 1968. A Classified Document Carrier, Tsatoke was often unaccompanied on his missions and regularly delivered documents into free fire zones. His awards include the Presidential Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Silver Service Star, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Citation Unit Medal with Palm and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device.

Marine Corps Cpl. Charles Cozad served from 1964 to 1968. He served at Camp Pendleton, California, Camp Lejune, North Carolina and on multiple deployments. On his first deployment to



Vietnam from June to November 1965, he was wounded by gunshot to the neck. He returned to Vietnam from July 1967 to February 1968 and sustained shrapnel injuries to his leg. Cpl. Cozad also served in the Philippines, Okinawa and the Mediterranean Sea. His awards include two Purple Heart Medals, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Presidential Unit Citation, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Service Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Citation Unit Medal with Palm Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 1960 Device.

Later in the afternoon, perhaps the most symbolic and historical of the Society’s dances will take place. The Turn Around or Reverse Dance, known in Kiowa as “Xakoigacunga” portrays the story of counterattack and is also known as the Encountering the Enemy Dance.

During the Turn Around Dance, Commander Lyndreth “Tugger” Palmer (Paujoqi, U.S.N.) will separate from the group and go to the center of the arena. He will place a long elk hide sash over his head and shoulder. After he stakes it down to the arena floor with his own lance, he will begin

dancing with the Society paubon, a lance or spear curved over at the top that is adorned with otter fur, eagle feathers and beads.

As the Commander dances, he keeps pace with the increasingly feverish tempo, creating an irresistible, spirited energy that overtakes the crowd and Society members. The spectacular ritual continues until another member takes the lance and places it on the drum to stop the drum. The startling silence is broken when the member shares a personal story about a harrowing encounter with the enemy. This year Tsatkoigha, Army Sgt. Maj. (ret) Ronnie Silverhorn, will stop the drum, and share his encounter with the enemy.

The Ohomah Lodge will provide the Sunday evening program.

The public is invited to enjoy the society’s historic songs and dances and observe the time-honored traditions of the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society.



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Shya Reynolds



Shya Reynolds, Kiowa Youth Council Vice President, was selected to present her work, "Conservation of the Whooping Crane: Cultural Significance and Ecological Importance" at the New York State Ornithological Association Conference in Ithaca, NY. Out of many submissions, she was chosen as one of only 8 presenters! She had the chance to share her knowledge with faculty and professionals at Cornell University, and this experience has also opened the door for her to apply as an Earth Ambassador for UNITY.

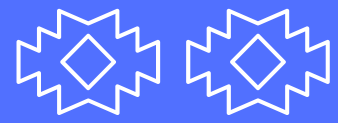
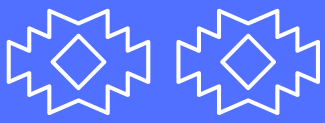
On October 1st, Chairman SpottedBird along with Executive Director Marland Toyekoyah were honored to accept art pieces from Kiowa Five artists Stephen Mopope and John Hokeah; "Eagle Dance" by Stephen Mopope 1979 and "Greeting of the Moon God" and "Buffalo Dance" by Jack Hokeah 1979 from Mr. Daniel Valtrakis and his wife. Mr. Valtrakis was compelled after learning the history of the artwork to return the items back to the Kiowa People, "It was my pleasure and my honor to be able to return the artwork to the Kiowa Nation where they belong. I am so touched by the kindness shown to my wife and I. As I told the chairman, I consider us friends now not only with Chairman SpottedBird, but with the Kiowa Nation."



The Kiowa Five included six artists: Spencer Asah, James Auchiah, Jack Hokeah, Stephen Mopope, Lois Smoky, and Monroe Tsatoke. In 1926, Asah, Hokeah, Mopope, Smoky, and Tsatoke moved to Norman, Oklahoma and began their art studies at OU. Smoky returned home to Verden, Oklahoma in late 1927, and Auchiah joined the group that year. In 1928, the Kiowa Five debuted in the international fine arts world by participating in the First International Art Exposition in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Dr. Jacobson arranged for their work to be shown in several other countries and for *Kiowa Art*, a portfolio of pochoir prints artists' paintings to be published in France.

The paintings come from the portfolio "Kiowa Indian Art: Watercolor Paintings in Color" by the Indians of Oklahoma", featuring 30 prints by a group of artists known as the Kiowa Five. The original portfolio was published by l'Edition d'Art, C. Szwedzicki in 1929 with Pochoir prints. The 1979 edition was published by Bell Editions, Inc. as lithograph reproductions that were created from #89/750 of the original 1929 edition. It also includes an introduction by Jamake Highwater, who also signed and numbered the booklet.

The pieces will be cataloged by the Kiowa Museum, preserving the gift of talented Kiowa artists and Kiowa history with intent to be eventually put on display. The themes of the artwork invariably depict cultural aspects of Kiowa life to be shared with future generations



2025 Rainy Mountain Tour



By D. Hadley

Spirituality is described as a broad concept encircling a sense of connection to something greater than oneself in search for the meaning or purpose of life. Native Americans often feel or experience a spiritual connection to places where their ancestors once prayed and held ceremony. Sépyáldá[ǵú, rain cliff, now known as rainy mountain, is a natural landmark that has both historical and cultural significance for the Kiowa Tribe. Many Tribal Members view it as a sacred place that ties oral traditions, ceremony, and migration stories.

Kiowa Tribal Member, David Anderson, recalls a time when he felt like giving up. The loss of his mother left him in a deep depression to the point he just wanted everything to end. He said, “I just wanted to give up; that’s when I took myself to the most sacred spot I knew to say goodbye.” Anderson expressed that no words could really describe the feeling he received after praying at Rainy Mountain; but he knew something was different. “I felt different,” he said, “...like everything was going to be okay, and just stayed with me.”

That feeling led to lifestyle changes and a different mindset. Anderson adapted to a healthy and active lifestyle and soon began to see results.

Not only did he lose the excess weight, he also felt more alive. Anderson often shares his testimony with others in hope that another may be inspired to make changes for the better. Eventually an idea struck his mind to try and start something for the community, a bike ride along the countryside to Rainy Mountain.

“I just wanted others to have an opportunity to experience what I did when I went to Rainy Mountain to pray,” said Anderson, “I thought if someone could feel an ounce of what I felt that day, then it would be worth it.” After sharing his thoughts and idea with the Kiowa Tribe administration and executive branch, the Rainy Mountain Bike Tour came to life in 2024. The success of last year is what exceeded the event this year.

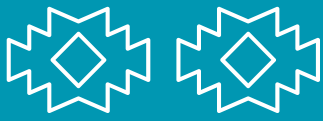
The 2nd Annual Rainy Mountain Tour was held on Saturday, September 13, 2025. A total of 20 bike riders participated, including friends from Norman, Stillwater, Elgin, Lawton, and Texas. The 32-mile ride featured 3 rest stops at miles 6, 10, and 16 along with the Kiowa Tribe Fasttrans available to shuttle the riders back to the starting point. The Kiowa Alcohol-Drug Abuse Prevention (KADAP) donated two new bicycles that were drawn at random for the participants. KADAP also held a booth to give

out backpack and other supplies to the community.

The route began in the Hobart Town Square in front of the Kiowa County Courthouse. Kiowa Veterans Lindsey (Bear) Bialas, Larry Tain, and David Anderson were part of the invocation and raised the American flag to the Kiowa flag song; followed by pastor Wil Brown, who gave the opening prayer for the safety of the bike riders.

5-year-old Brynnley, daughter of Synaka Deschaine and Tyler Mitchell, and granddaughter of Angela and David Anderson, led the bike route half a block south and was the first to return and cross the finish line. The others continued the 7 blocks south then turned left onto the Ozark trail headed east for approximately 15 miles to Rainy Mountain, crossing highways 183 and 54.

Anderson expressed that he would like to thank Chairman SpottedBird and Vice Chairman Sullivan for riding and leading the bike ride. Also, a huge thank you to all the Kiowa Tribe employees that had a part in making this year’s event a great success. Anderson said he is looking forward to next year, “...it just gets better and better.” And each year Anderson makes time to share his testimony and his appreciation for Rainy Mountain.



JOSEPH (WHITE EAGLE) TOAHTY



Written by: D.Hadley

The Kiowa Tribe Liaison Office for Veterans Affairs held their annual powwow on September 13, 2025, at the Red Wolf Community Center. The event began at 8:00 AM with the flag raising of Joseph Robert Toahy with breakfast served afterwards. Kiowa Elders had a special program titled 'Talk to Me Kiowa Language' followed by a cedar ceremony by Daniel Cozad. The gourd dance began in the afternoon at 1:00 and lasted till supper break; afterwards, an evening of intertribal dance and dance competition.

A special invitation was extended to All Gold Star Mothers and veterans and auxiliaries were all welcome. A number of color guard organizations were invited, including Kiowa Black Leggings, VFW Post 1015, 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, and Red Moon Gourd Clan Society.

What made this event extra special was the recognition for Joseph Le-Tuts-Taka (White Eagle) Toahy and his family. His flag was flown proudly throughout the majority of the day and a special table was set aside to display his photos, news articles, and other items for others to view and learn more about his military career.

Joseph Toahy was born December 3, 1919, to Dunn & Libby (Weeks) Toahy and was raised in Pawnee, Oklahoma and is half Pawnee and half Kiowa. He inherited the name 'Le-Tuts-Take' (White Eagle) from his grandfather and Pawnee Chief White Eagle, who was known for his distinguished service as a U.S. Army scout during and after the Civil War. Toahy enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard six months before the war in June 1941. He set several records of first throughout his military career, including the first Pawnee Native to go to sea; he was also the first Native American to participate in the U.S. naval offensive operation and the first Native American to set foot in enemy territory.

Toahy was deployed for Guadalcanal in 1942, the Allies' first aquatic operation of WWII. While at Guadalcanal, the U.S. Coast Guard established and operated its own Naval Operating Base (NOB). The NOB was the first and only time in its history to be completely operated by the Coast Guard with 50 officers and men, including Medal of Honor recipient Douglas Munro, Navy Cross recipient Ray Evans, Silver Star recipient Dwight Dexter, and 23-year old



Purple Heart recipient Joseph Toahy. All would later receive the Presidential Unit Citation for "outstanding gallantry" reflecting "courage and determination... of an inspiring order." The code name for its Coast Guard-run navy base was NOB Cactus.

The Coast Guard defenders at NOB Cactus served in the front line alongside the U.S. Marine Corps. Toahy and others provided infantry support, served marine artillery pieces, and endured daily bombardment from enemy warships, artillery attacks, and aircraft. Throughout the Battle for Guadalcanal, Toahy stood watch on several beaches for an expected attack by Japanese forces.

The primary mission for the NOB Cactus was to transport troops and supplies from anchored transports to shore; however, Toahy's unit done far more than just supply the marines ashore. He and his shipmates rescued thousands of U.S. sailors whose warships were destroyed in deadly battles fought in Iron Bottom Sound. The Coast Guard craft delivered marine units to islands as distant as 60 miles and would insert behind enemy lines led by the British Colonial Forces officers.

The NOB Cactus contained a collection of coconut plantation buildings with homemade shacks and tents along with log-reinforced dugouts used as bomb shelters. Toahy and his unit used the shelters most often due to the enemy bombing, naval shelling, and artillery fire directed at the beaches. During one of

these attacks, Toahy and seven others had to take cover in one of the large dugouts. They suffered a direct hit, only Toahy and one other survived the brutal attack. When Toahy finally regained consciousness, he was bleeding heavily from his nose, ears, and mouth. He was treated for a concussion and the bleeding at the Marine Corps infirmary but quickly returned to the beaches with no record of his wounds.

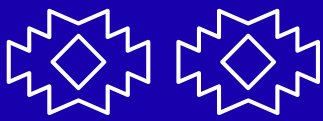
It would be another six months before Toahy was able to leave the islands in January 1943. The marines had the island secured and the U.S. Army would soon relieve them of the elements. Toahy would later be redeployed to New Zealand where the native Polynesians held a ceremony in his honor. Toahy said he was the first American Indian they had ever seen. He said the natives treated him well and one of the dances they performed was specifically for royalty. Toahy said it was hard for him to leave the village.

Like others Toahy caught malaria after the Guadalcanal campaign. His case was virulent and suffered recurrent attacks as well as hospitalization. Still, he extended his enlistment for another two years and returned from the Pacific to serve in the U.S. Toahy would soon become a War Bond Hero and was involved in drives throughout the U.S., including Back Salerno Airmada with movie star William 'Hopalong Cassidy' Boyd, and later toured alongside two Jima marine heroes Ira Hayes, Medal of Honor recipient and Audie Murphy, and the Hollywood Cavalcade consisted of movie stars.

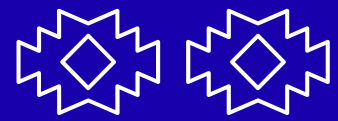
In 1945 Toahy received his honorable medical discharge and returned home due to his suffering with malaria and the frequent attacks on his health. At age 77 Toahy passed away at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. In 1984, the Coast Guard presented Toahy with four campaign medals never received for wartime service along with a much overdue Purple Heart Medal for the wounds he suffered from the direct hit at Guadalcanal.

Earlier this year, January 2025, the U.S. Coast Guard invited the remaining family members of Toahy to a special meeting to inform them that Joseph Toahy was chosen each and every time throughout several lengthy decisions to name a new U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Ship after him. This will be the very 1st U.S. Ship to be named after a Native American. His only living daughter, Mrs. Mary Louis Stevens was given 3 places to Christian the new ship. She ended up choosing the Gulf of Mexico close to Louisiana. The ship is expected to be completed by 2026.

Reference: <https://nationalcoastguardmuseum.org/articles/joseph-toahy/>



2025 ELECTION RESULTS



KIOWA TRIBE
SPECIAL ELECTION
September 27, 2025



OFFICIAL RESULTS

	ANADARNO	CARNEGIE	MEDICINE BLUFF	JIMMY CREEK	RED RIVER	ELK CREEK	ALL KIOWA	MAIL IN	TOTAL	%	CERTIFICATION
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 1											
YES	51	24	7	27	5	5	17	1185	1321	87.02%	
NO	12	6	5	11	1	2	2	158	197	12.98%	
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 2											
YES	41	18	6	21	4	6	11	1007	1114	73.43%	
NO	22	12	7	15	2	1	7	337	403	26.57%	
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 3											
YES	30	15	10	25	6	4	15	972	1077	70.58%	
NO	33	15	3	13	0	3	3	379	449	29.42%	
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 4											
YES	53	23	8	28	4	6	14	1103	1239	81.89%	
NO	10	7	5	8	2	1	4	237	274	18.11%	
PROPOSED AMENDMENT 5											
YES	28	15	5	23	1	6	12	1034	1124	73.90%	
NO	35	15	9	15	5	1	7	310	397	26.10%	
KIC RESOLUTION CY-0002-2025											
YES	45	22	6	31	4	6	14	1132	1260	83.11%	
NO	18	8	7	6	2	1	5	209	256	16.89%	
KIC RESOLUTION CY-0005-2025											
YES	49	25	13	30	6	7	16	1120	1266	83.56%	
NO	14	5	0	6	0	0	3	221	249	16.44%	
KIC RESOLUTION CY-0010-2025											
YES	51	22	12	30	2	6	14	1210	1347	88.56%	
NO	12	8	1	6	3	0	5	139	174	11.44%	

SIGNED
 Kari Wahne
 Deborah Nelson
 Crystal Talley
 Jesse Beartrack

The Kiowa Tribe Special Election was held on September 27, 2025. No challenges were presented by deadline; therefore making the results official.

- Resolution 1: KIC Starter Amendment
- Resolution 2: 4/4 Blood Quantum
- Resolution 3: Qualifying Membership Requirement Reduction
- Resolution 4: Requirements for Passage
- Resolution 5: Blood Quantum by Descendancy
- Resolution 6: Kiowa Cultural & Community Center Proposal
- Resolution 7: Tornado Siren & Above Ground Walk In Storm Shelters for Kiowa Churches
- Resolution 8: Revenue Allocation Plan

(Full description and exact working of the resolutions voted on can be referred to the Kiowa Election Commission webpage at kiowatribe.org)

Upon the results becoming official, a great deal of confusion and misinformation regarding the process of amending the Kiowa Constitution. The KEC would like to clarify the steps involved.

- At the Special KIC meeting held in June, 2025, five resolutions were approved which call for amendment to the Constitution. Three of these resolutions were specific to enrollment and blood quantum requirements.
- Amending the Constitution is a two-election process. The first election asks the Tribe's voters if the Resolution should move forward to a second election which, if successful, would enact the amendment.
- The first Special Election in this process was held on September 27th. All five amendment resolutions received overwhelming "yes" votes, including the three resolutions regarding blood quantum. All five resolutions will now move forward to the second election.

- The September 27th Special Election was not a "run-off" election between the three blood quantum resolutions. It is not a "winner takes all" situation. Each resolution stands on its' own through the entire amendment process.
- The second election, which has not yet been scheduled, requires 30% voter participation to be declared a valid election. This means approximately 28-2900 voters will be required to cast a ballot in order for the election to be certified as valid.
- An Election Notice will be mailed, and postings will be made when the second election in this process is scheduled.
- Be careful about trusting information posted on tribal Facebook pages. Misinformation is flowing freely. If you have any questions, please call the Election Commission at 405-271-0477 or send an email to election@kiowatribe.org.



Self-Governance



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The Kiowa Tribe is on its way to self-governance. On September 9th, the self-governance meetings began with Chairman SpottedBird, Vice Chairman Sullivan, Executive Director Marland Toyekoyah, and multiple Tribal department/program directors and employees in attendance. "I am very excited with the BIA's recent approval of our self-governance status as a sovereign tribal nation," says Chairman SpottedBird, "We have accomplished much since that time and this status as a Self-Governance Tribe elevates us to the highest level that the U.S Federal Government treats a Tribe by honoring us in a true government-to-government relationship." Becoming a self-governed Tribe has been a part of Chairman SpottedBird's 10-year plan ever since he was sworn-in in 2022.

"Achieving Self-Governance status is a huge milestone for the Kiowa Tribe!" says Vice Chairman Sullivan. "I'm grateful to serve the people as the Vice Chairman during this time and witness this historic achievement. I appreciate the leadership of Chairman SpottedBird, who initiated and saw it through to this point. His 40+ years of experience working with tribes was instrumental in getting this in place for our people... While there is still much work to be done, it's time to celebrate this win, and then continue working toward future opportunities of economic growth and prosperity."

Both Chairman and Vice Chairman extend their gratitude to those who have played a key role in helping achieve self-governance, "I'm grateful and appreciative of the Finance Department and other key team members who put in the hard work to give us clean audits over the past three years!" says Vice Chairman Sullivan. "It took a lot of hard work and diligence of our administrative staff and our finance staff to work together to secure this status. We are now working on this same status with the Indian Health Services to position ourselves to manage our own health services and give our Tribal citizens the best healthcare that can be provided," says Chairman SpottedBird and he gives his closing remarks, "This is progress that I am proud of and it is only the beginning of the growth and development of the Kiowa Tribe as a sovereign Tribal Nation. Only with the blessings of Daukee has this happened and we will always acknowledge Daukee in our decisions each and every day."



WOMEN'S HEALTH FAIR

Let's increase awareness of women's health issues and encourage self-care practices.



October 21, 2025
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM



Red Buffalo Hall
100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, OK 73015

Open to the Public



For more information contact the Kiowa Tribe Health Programs at (405) 901-9236.



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WILD RICE



Makes 2-4 Side Servings

Cook Time: 45 Min Ready In: 50 Min

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cup of wild rice, dry
- 4 cups of water



DIRECTIONS:

- Add wild rice and water to a medium sized saucepan and bring to a boil.
- Once boiling, turn down the heat to medium and place the lid half on, letting the rice simmer.
- Let the rice cook for 45 minutes or until the rice kernels have opened up and are tender.

TIPS:

- Wild rice is Indigenous to Canada. To support local Indigenous harvesters you can purchase wild rice online. One Indigenous owned company in Ontario is called Black Duck Wild Rice.
- Use cooked wild rice in Elk Meatballs (see recipe), added to salads or soups, or have in place of rice, or mix in with cooked white rice for a healthier blend. See Smoked Fish and Rice recipe and Duck and Wild Rice Casserole recipe for more recipes using wild rice.

For 2 serves: Cal: 165 Fat: 0.5 Sg.S.Fat: 0g Carbs: 35 Fiber: 3g Sugar: 1g Protein: 7g Sodium: 5mg Potassium: 165mg Calcium: 1% Iron: 6% Zinc: 15%



Devil's Tower



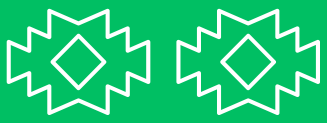
On September 24, 2025, the Kiowa Tribe Historic Preservation Office was invited to participate in the opening ceremony for the Devil's Tower National Monument's 120th anniversary. With sponsorship from the Devil's Tower Natural History Association and the Kiowa Education Agency, the Seven Sister's Celebration was coordinated as a symbolic tribal return to ancestral lands. The Kiowa THPO originally consulted with tribal elder, Leonard Cozad, Jr., as singer and storyteller but unfortunately Mr. Cozad was unable to attend the event. Mr. Cozad deeply regrets that he could not be present, but entrusted Micah Robedeaux to attend in his stead and sing for the dance exhibition. Our delegation of seven Kiowa women were honored to pray, camp, cook, and dance once again at sacred Ts oai (Big Rock). (Images from the dance exhibition will be displayed on a Kiowa informational panel within a current wayside project at the site.



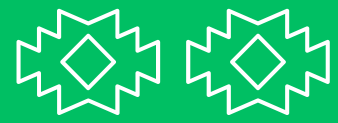
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DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Kiowa Language Department Staff:

- Lillie Pinnell - Language Director
- Lynda DeLaune - Language Materials Editor
- Lance White - Language Liaison
- Jeff Bear - Media and Communications Specialist
- Aykeemah Julia Noel-Woodard - Language Teacher
- George Woodard - Language Teacher



Back: Jeff Bear (Media/Communication Specialist), Lance White (Language Translator/Liaison), Velma Eisenberger (Credentialing Board Member), Dane Poolaw (Credentialing Board Member), Aykeemah Julia Noel-Woodard (Credentialed Kiowa Language Teacher – Anadarko School), George Woodard (Credentialed Kiowa Language Teacher- Carnegie), Lynda Delaune (Language Material Editor)
 Front: Carolyn Kauley (Credentialed Kiowa Language Teacher), Cricket Connywerdy (Credentialed Kiowa Language Teacher), Carlo Chalepah (Credentialed Kiowa Language Teacher-Lawton School), Delores Harragarra (Credentialing Board Member), Lillie Pinnell (Language Director), Dorothy Whitehorse Delaune (Credentialing Board Member)

The Kiowa Language Department is focused on its vision which is to ensure future generations are exposed to the Kiowa language. Protecting and perpetuating our language is an active priority of the Kiowa Tribe. The Gáuidóñ:gyà promotes Kiowa talk into daily life, and coordinates activities and host community classes that promote Kiowa language learning. In the year of 2025-2026, our mission is to bring to fruition the vision of the Kiowa Language department by developing and implementing a process to Credential Kiowa Language Teachers. A main goal for our department is to expand the availability of classes and learning opportunities of Kiowa language to all Gáuígú.

Kiowa Language Teacher Training program:

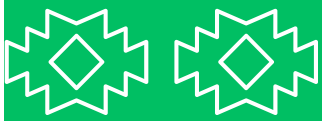
This program empowers Kiowa citizens to revitalize the Kiowa language by training them to become certified teachers. Certified teachers can teach the Kiowa language in public schools, community settings and early childhood programs, ensuring language preservation for future generations. The high school students taking the Kiowa language class will earn academic credit upon graduation. Credentialing process:

The Kiowa Language Teachers Credential process is done through our Kiowa Language Credentialing Board which is comprised of elders and mentors: Dane Poolaw, Delores Harragarra, Dorothy Whitehorse DeLaune, Velma Eisenberger, and Marion Kaulaity Hansson. We also partner with other departments to provide translations and incorporate our Kiowa language whenever possible, helping tribal members gain more

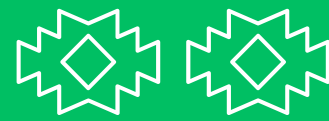


exposure to our language. On our Kiowa Language Department Facebook page, we post a “Word of the Day” which leads to a phrase at the end of the week. This is to help Kiowas use the language in everyday life or situations. Our department has also participated in outreaches that raise awareness of our program. Future outreaches, activities and events are currently being planned, in addition we are incorporating “Hand Talk” alongside our Kiowa Language learning/classes.



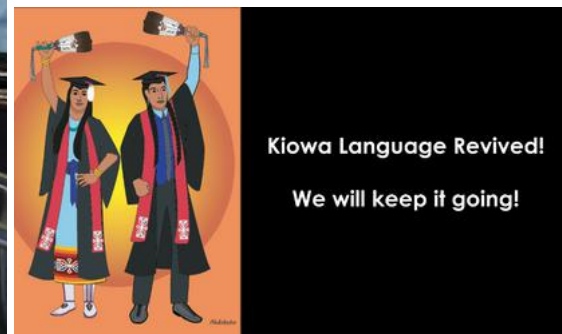


DEPARTMENT SPOTLIGHT



Community Classes:

- Melody Redbird-Post - Sundays and Wednesday's - via Zoom
- Kricket Connywerdy - 2nd Monday of the month - via Zoom & in person @ Sam Noble Museum - Norman
- Aykeemah Julia Noel-Woodard - Anadarko Community - Monday nights Facebook livestream
- Aykeemah - Anadarko Kiowa Hymns
- Warren Queton - In person & via Zoom - Tulsa
- Lance White – Kiowa Tribe AOA in person & Facebook Live Stream - Carnegie

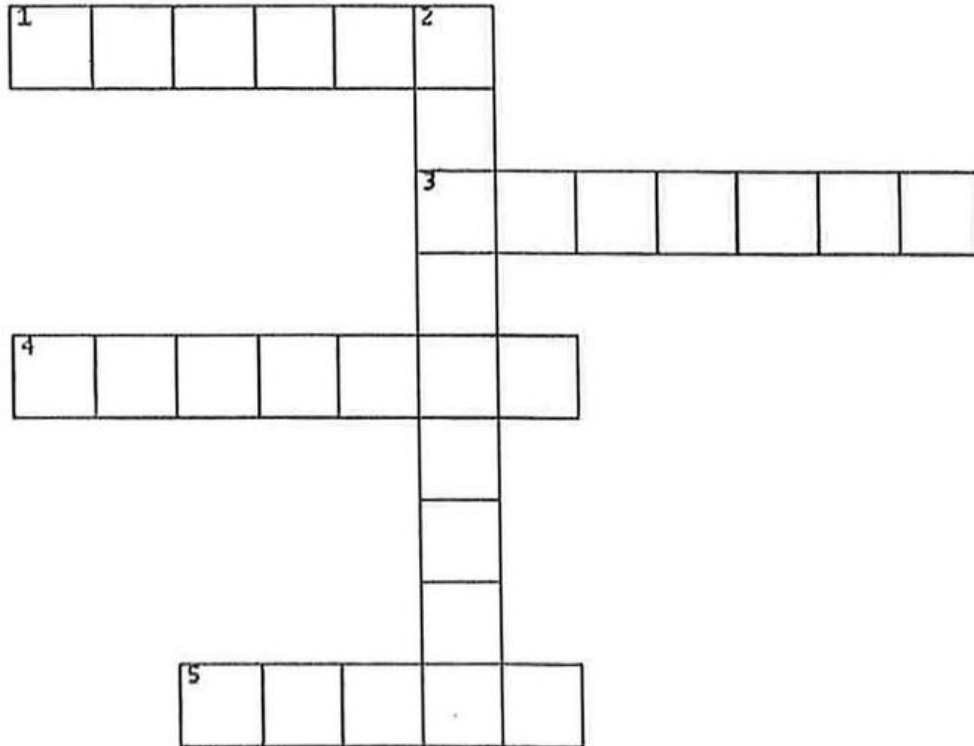


Language Classes: Public Schools

- Aykeemah Julia Noel-Woodard – Anadarko
- George Woodard – Carnegie
- Carlos Chalepah – Lawton
- Tim Yeahquo - Riverside
- Dr. Melody Redbird-Post – Weatherford

Total current Kiowa Learners = 200+

Pàu:óñ:gyà: Fall Season



ACROSS

1. ái:dèñ:



3. [gàuñ:k'ò[dàu



4. [Gáu:kiñt'ò:p'àu:



5. [dópk'àu:t:è:gàu



DOWN

2. T'àu:gúñ:òlp'àu:

T'ÀU:GÚÑ:ÓLP'ÀU: SEPTEMBER
[t'áw-guch-ohp'áw]

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
	1 Dakpa Dak pa	2 pi pi	3 páw paw	4 páw paw	5 Awk awk	6 Páw paw
7 páw paw	8 páw paw	9 páw paw	10 páw paw	11 páw paw	12 páw paw	13 páw paw
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28 páw paw	29 páw paw	30 páw paw	31 páw paw	Septèmèr		

T'ÀU:GÚÑ:ÒLP'ÀU:

SEPTEMBER 2025
TWELFTH MOON OF THE KIOWA

[t'aw-gooñ-ohl-p'aw]

Dáu:kídá	Dáu:kíkyáhĩn	Sépkì:dà [bàl]	Sépkì:dà	Sépkì:dàtàu:	É:zènkì:dà	Dáu:kísàn
	1 [bá:gàu: pbah-gaw	2 yí: yee	3 páñ:ò: pahñ-oh)	4 yí:[gyá yee-gkyah	5 áunt'áu awn-t'aw	6 máusáu maw-saw
7 pánséñ: pahn-sayñ	8 yátséñ yaht-sayñ	9 [gáutséñ gkawt-sayñ	10 [gáu:kiñ: gkaw-keeñ	11 [bá:táñ: pbah-tahn	12 yí:táñ: yee-tahñ	13 páñ:òtáñ pahñ-oh-tahñ
14 yát[gyátáñ: yaht-gkyah-tahñ	15 áunt'áutáñ awn-t'ah-tahñ	16 máusáu:táñ maw-saw-tahñ	17 pánséñ:táñ pahn-sayñ-tahñ	18 yátséñ:táñ yaht-sayñ-tahñ	19 [gáutséñ:táñ gkawt-sayñ-tahñ	20 yí:kiñ: yee-keeñ
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Fall in Kiowa Worksheet 2

_____ à káuñ



Tàlì: à káuñ. I am named Tàlì:
Let's learn more Kiowa! Practice
the nasal sounds. Air flows through
your nose when you say nasal
sounds. Say the words: "so" and
"comb". Can you hear the "nasal
o" in comb? That is the **óñ** sound.
When you see **ñ** it is telling you
that the vowel is nasal. **óñ**



- Pàu:óñ:gyà:**
(paw-ohñ-gyah) 1
- [gàuñ:k'ò[dàu**
(gkawñ-k'oh-taw) 2
- ái:dèñ:**
(igh-dayñ) 3
- [gáu:kiñ't'ò:p'àu:**
(gkaw-keeñ-t'oh-p'aw) 4
- Tóñ:kóñgaut**
(tohñ-kohñ-gaut) 5

[Gáui[dòñ:gyá'



Kiowa Language

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KEA COLLEGE & CAREER FAIR



On behalf of our event leader and Academic Advisor Deanie Lucero, we want to thank all of the teachers, school administration, J.O.M. and Indian Education staff, chaperones, and bus drivers who made the 2nd K.E.A. College and Career Fair a wonderful success. We aim to bring more opportunities to our students in rural and southwest Oklahoma school districts and we hope to strengthen partnerships for the benefit of our students.

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EVERY CHILD MATTERS

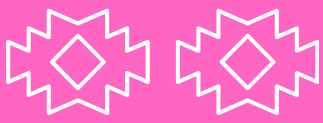


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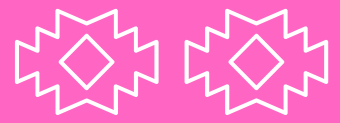
It was orange shirt day for the Kiowa Tribe on September 30, 2025, as the Kiowa Tribe Head Start (KTHS) raised awareness for Every Child Matters. KTHS also held their annual march at all three centers, some of the children carried posters to honor those that never made it home from the boarding schools.

The Kiowa Education Agency, Child Care Program hosted a small gathering to inform the children about the importance of orange shirt day and tell a little about the history of Indian boarding schools. The Kiowa Tribe Youth Coordinator and Kiowa Language Department collaborated together to sponsor t-shirts for Anadarko and Carnegie Public Schools.





IN LOVING MEMORY



Teacher and food service manager for Belcourt High School.

In 1971, Barbara was offered a position in Gallup NM within The Bureau of Indian Affairs as an Education Food Specialist for the boarding schools on the Navajo Indian Reservation. Her work would take her many miles into reservation land to oversee the operations, policies, guidelines, and to implement changes for Improvements for all school food service programs for Navajo children. She enjoyed her work immensely. In 1982, her work would take her on special assignment to Washington D.C. where she enjoyed the subway, restaurants, outings, and especially the zoo where her favorites were, the pandas. Her career also brought her to Hawaii and New Orleans, both of which she enjoyed and longed to return to Hawaii. "They have some of the best coffee in the world" Barbara would say.

In 1983, Barbara would return to teaching at Ft. Wingate High School for four more years. That would end her tenure of 37.5 years of government service with the Bureau of Indian Affairs with retirement in Sept. 1988.

Barbara loved fashion, sewing, crafting, indian jewelry, reading, classical music, and photography of which she won awards for. She loved Gallup. She loved beautiful things. A woman of extraordinary kindness and courage will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents, Bessie Meakah and George Bointy; sisters, Annette Bointy, Thelma Stumblingbear, Audrey Carter, Marilyn Mae Spottedhorse, and Buena Jean Jones; brothers, Thomas Keahbone and Byron D. Bointy.

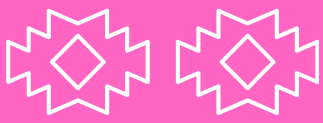
Barbara is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Roberts; nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews.



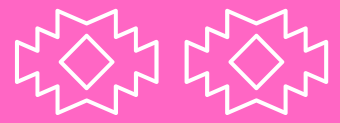
Myra L. Toyekoyah-Smith (Annie), of Carnegie, Oklahoma, passed away on August 24, 2025, in Carnegie. She was born on May 25, 1949, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Evelyn Komalty Toyekoyah. She grew up and attended school in Carnegie, OK graduating from Carnegie High School in 1967. Myra ran track, played softball and played basketball. Myra later attended Haskell Junior College, obtaining her associate's degree. She later married Jackie Smith. Myra took interest in what her kids enjoyed which allowed her to relate to each one individually. She loved watching basketball, and her favorite players and teams were Michael Jordan and the Bulls and Tim Duncan and the Spurs. She also loved music, some of her favorites were the Temptations, B.B. King, and Smokey Robinson. She was very eclectic in her musical taste and it ranged from country, R&B, Soul, Blues, Reggae, and even Rap. She enjoyed watching movies and at times would have 3 or 4 on rotation, playing over and over again. She also enjoyed going to the casino.

Survivors include: Children: Kelli Rae Turtle & husband, Tim; Jacqueline Renee Smith; Corey Smith & wife, Jacquelyn; Devan Ray Toyekoyah. Grandchildren: Colin Kopepassah, and wife, Ashley Kopepassah, Zachary Kopepassah, Kristopher Kopepassah, Evelyn Kopepassah, Gabriella Kopepassah, Morgan Smith, Aubreanna Smith, Kenslee Smith, and Corey Smith II. Great Grandchildren: Madden & Maisen Kopepassah. Nephews: Bernie Toyekoyah, Jr. & wife Kimberly; Marland Toyekoyah, Jr & wife, Sha; AJ Toyekoyah. And many other family members. Preceded in death by husband, Jackie Smith, Mother: Evelyn Komalty Toyekoyah. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

Barbara Ann Bointy Roberts of Carlsbad N.M. passed away at home on August 5th 2025 with her daughter Stephanie by her side. Barbara was born February 26, 1931 in Lawton Oklahoma to Bessie Meakah and George Bointy of Fletcher OK. Being raised in the heartland of America, she would spend many a hot summers, beginning at the age of five years old, helping with the tedious chore of picking cotton, which was her least favorite thing to do. With sweat pouring down her face and with a 5yr olds defiance, would suddenly stop, look to the clouds and dream. It would take her mother to snap her out of her upward gaze and get her back to the arduous chore of picking that cotton. For mother, feeding the farm animals and helping with other chores wasn't so bad. Anything but the cotton. Those were the typical days of the Great Depression. Food and necessities were not available in great quantities and coming from a family of 10, eight siblings, mom and dad, well let's just say there weren't a lot of things to go around most of the time. Barbara, affectionately known as Bobbie Ann and her family would persevere. Vigilant to the task of hard work, dedicated parents and a little girl who loved to dream. Barbara's determination and strength of character would be there always through to the end of her life. Graduating from Lawton High school in 1949, Barbara would pursue higher education and was the first in her family to graduate with a BA in Home economics in 1953 from OCW then known as Oklahoma College for Women and is now the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma (USAO). Her journey right after college would lead her to her first employment in Pine Ridge S.D. then onto Belcourt N.D. for the Turtle Mountain Indian Reservation where she served as a Home Economics



IN LOVING MEMORY



On Monday, August 18, 2025, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Bertha (Saumty) Coates of Edmond, Oklahoma, left this world surrounded by love at the age of 73.

Bertha was born on Christmas Eve, December 24, 1951, in Lawton, Oklahoma, to Calvin and Marjorie (Mowatt) Saumty. From the very beginning, her warm spirit and quick smile brought joy to those around her. She graduated from Classen High School and went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education from Oklahoma Baptist University-fulfilling her lifelong calling to teach and inspire others.

For more than 30 years, Bertha poured her heart into teaching elementary school, with a special love for her fourth graders. She had a gift for connecting with children, encouraging them to dream big, and reminding them of their worth. Her influence didn't stop at the classroom door-many of her former students kept in touch with her throughout their lives, a testament to the lasting impact she made.

Outside of teaching, Bertha's greatest joy was her family. She adored being a mother and grandmother, and nothing made her happier than time spent with her daughters and her beloved grandchildren, who affectionately called her "Grammaw." Whether cheering on her grandkids, sharing stories of her childhood, or simply offering a listening ear, she filled her family's lives with love, laughter, and unwavering support.

Bertha will be remembered for her kindness, her strength, and her devotion to her family, friends, and students. She leaves behind a legacy of love and encouragement that will continue to ripple through the many lives she touched.

She is survived by her daughters, Cara Coates-Rose and husband Michael of Noble, OK, and Andrea McClimans and husband Edward of Edmond, OK; her cherished grandchildren, Payson Rose, Sawyer "Bubba" Rose, and Harper McClimans; along with many nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Calvin and Marjorie (Mowatt) Saumty; siblings Ronald Gene Saumty, Gerald Wayne Saumty, Cheryl Elaine (Saumty) Enriquez, Charlene Janice Saumty, Calvin Saumty Jr.; and her nephew, Michael Wayne Saumty..



Stephanie Renee Daugomah Kaiyou, 64, passed away Sunday, August 24, 2025 at Portneuf Medical Center. Stephanie was born April 21, 1961 in Los Angeles, California, the daughter of Arthur Knowels Daugomah and Roselinda Poog. Stephanie grew up on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, being raised by her grandparents, Clarence and Nina Poog. She was a member of the Faith Baptist Church. In her younger years, she attended the Native American Church. Stephanie was a homemaker and mother, and loved being a grandma and watching her grandchildren grow. She loved attending her church and helping her loved ones.

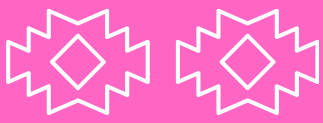
Stephanie is survived by children, Rachel Kaiyou, Levi B. Kaiyou, Sarah Kaiyou and Micah D. (Mariel) Kaiyou, all of Pocatello, Idaho; her sisters, Jessica Daugomah of Nebraska, Debbie Daugomah of Oklahoma and Rhonda McMillin Hunt of Texas; and 15 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Arthur K. Daugomah and Roselinda Shay Poog; her husband, Phillip Kaiyou Jr.; and her grandparents, Clarence and Marlene Poog.

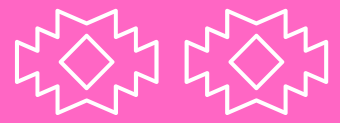


Frances Marie Oheltoint passed away on August 27, 2025, in Oklahoma City, OK, at the age of 91. She was born on March 4, 1934, in Lawton, OK, to Frank and Cecilia (Belgarde) Jones. Frances lived a full life, one centered around love for her family and dedication to her work. She attended Riverside Indian School, where she made friendships that lasted a lifetime. Later, she attended Antioch School of Law in Washington, D.C during the 70's where she received her paralegal degree.

Remembering Frances Oheltoint's advocacy for tribal sovereignty: 1978 was a year to remember. Prior to that year a few Native Americans had graduated from law school and had begun working on tribal legal issues that plagued our people. From the lack of tribal self-government to no recognition of tribal jurisdiction, to questions about tribal authority - our sovereignty was essentially not recognized. Among those who were one of the first advocates in earnest was Kiowa Tribe member, Frances Oheltoint. Frances was not a licensed attorney, but she had a unique insight into tribal legal issues, and few know that she was instrumental in bringing about the restoration of tribal sovereignty for tribes in Oklahoma. Frances attended Antioch School of Law in Washington, DC and participated in its Indian Paralegal Program. She is the one who first recognized the facts and circumstances in a critical legal case, State v. Littlechief, which would ultimately become a bellwether decision reestablishing tribal sovereignty and jurisdiction for all the tribes in western Oklahoma. She contacted the defense attorney who was court appointed in the case after recognizing



IN LOVING MEMORY



that it posed an opportunity to challenge the illegal jurisdiction asserted by the State of Oklahoma over Indian country trust lands in criminal cases involving Indians. Once the case was won, and tribal jurisdiction was re-recognized after it had been ignored since statehood, she did not stop there but went on to assist in establishing the Court of Indian Offenses or "CFR Court" system for the tribes. That court system had not been in operation since Quanah Parker, Lone Wolf, and Black Goose served as its judges in the late 1890s and early 1900s. The Court of Indian Offenses was the predecessor to many tribal courts and is still in operation today. Frances was the first Native female sworn in as a Tribal Court Advocate during that initial swearing in ceremony. She was an Assistant to the Prosecutor and in that capacity worked for the CFR Court system for many years. She continued her work as a legal advocate for the people and became the Kiowa Tribe's first employee in its Legal Aid program in the early 1980s. She assisted many tribal attorneys with cases supporting tribal sovereignty and challenging the state's illegal jurisdiction over tribes and their members. Frances was never one to want attention, but she definitely deserved it. Without her, modern tribal sovereignty in Oklahoma might still be in question and the tribal bingo halls, casinos, car tags, tribal police, tribal courts and other governmental authority that followed from that single case may just have been a dream. Her early work remains a lasting legacy. She was last employed and retired as a tribal government specialist with Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Frances was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe and very proud of her Turtle Mountain Chippewa side of North Dakota and her French-Canadian blood as well.

More than anything, Frances was devoted to her family. She was happiest when surrounded by loved ones, and she will always be remembered for her warmth, kindness, and steady presence.

Survivors include: Husband: Barney Oheltoint Jr of the home. Siblings: Nellie Garcia, Las Vegas NV. Children: Donna Ahtone & Late Terry Ahtone, Claudia Wheeler & Late Elwin Wheeler, James Coverdale & Anika, Kenneth Parton & Ida, Cecelia Tsatoke & Rani Lonewolf, Frank Oheltoint and Laura Oheltoint. Grandchildren: Michael Gooday, Robin Davis & Bivin, Kenneth Boynton & Angie, Dustin Boynton, Wallace Ahtone, Joseph Parton & Myeasha, Herbert Blackbear and Angel, Matt Lonewolf, Joshua Lonewolf, William Lonewolf, Heath Poafpybitty, Jared Wheeler, Pearl Oheltoint, Mindy Poafpybitty, Eric Coverdale, Marita Hofmann and Kim Ahtone.

Great grandchildren: Michelle Josh & DaKoda, Alysia Vasquez & Austin Messner, Drew Vasquez, Taneya Lonewolf & Kayden Passi, Delos Lonewolf, Isaac Lonewolf, Laura Parton, Leia Parton, Whit'Lee Wheeler, Greyson Wheeler, Alex Boynton, Jacob Poafpybitty, Haylee Poafpybitty, Tyler and Tanner Blackbear, Eric Ahtone, Damon and Mouse Daily. Great-great grandchildren: Adriel Messner and MacNeil Passi

Preceded in death: by her parents, Frank & Cecilia Belgarde Jones, two sons - William Henry Oliver Oheltoint and Buddy Tsatoke, two brothers - Matthew (Sonny) Jones and Thomas Jones and one grandson, Barney Oheltoint III
Frances was the paternal granddaughter of Tommy Jones (Guola) and Tomah Twohatchet and maternal granddaughter of Gilbert Belgarde and Sarah Premeau.

She had many friends but one special one was Ryland Rivas Sr. and Arvo Mikkanen, who she thought of as a son.



Luana Joyce (Whitehorse) Clark, 78, was born November 27, 1946 to the late Matthew "Mac" and Lucille (Otis) Whitehorse in Lawton, Oklahoma. She passed away at Carnegie Nursing Home with family surrounding her on September 1, 2025.

Luana married Gary Lynn Clark on November 7, 1964 at the old Ware's Church. They had 5 children together Kimberly, Tracy, Lee, Chance and Willie. She followed the Bustle of the Oh o mah Lodge, a Chief Satanta (White Bear) Descendant and was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe.

Luana was the Kiowa War Mother's Chapter 18 President for 2 terms (2004-2008), Chapter 18

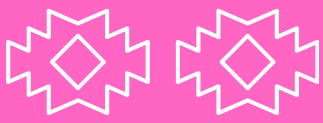
Correspondence Secretary (2007-2009), Oklahoma State War Mother's Recording Secretary (2007-2009) and the National American War Mother's Chaplin (2011-2013). She was part of the Native American Marine Corps Association Auxiliary (2002-2011). She was one of the driving forces, biggest supporter, dress maker and advisor to the Kiowa Women Warriors.

Luana would always be found helping out in the kitchen with her frybread, chicken salad sandwiches, or whatever was needed at funerals, powwows, or family get togethers. She loved sewing for her family and attending varies powwows. She was always fixing and straightening out the Kiowa Women Warriors dresses before every event until her stroke. She called the Comanche Indian Veterans Association (CIVA) veterans her babies whenever she seen them. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.

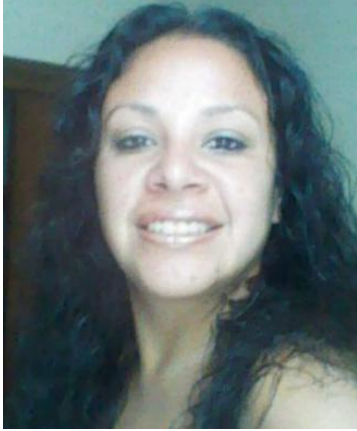
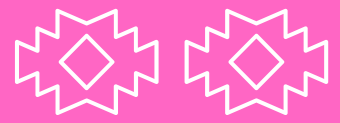
Luana was a loving and beloved mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother. She is survived by her daughters Kimberly Toyekoyah and husband Bernie, of Anadarko, OK; Tracy Pewo and husband Bill of California, one son Willie Clark of Lawton, OK; adopted daughters Tavia Torralba, Darlene "Faye" Sankadota and LaRue Guoladdle; adopted son Randall Jake and wife Jeanine; sisters Rowena Whitehorse, Donna Jean Tsatoke and Beryl Boyiddle; brother Wraydell Beartrack, Aunt: Dorothy Whitehorse DeLaune; grandchildren Christopher Toyekoyah, Kalee Toyekoyah, Billy Pewo Jr., Malia Pewo, Akhyka Pewo, Arianna Clark, Koda John (KJ) Clark, Kaiden Clark; Chloe Clark, John Lawrence, Walter Torralba, and John Henry Lorentz; great grandchildren Rylee Pewo, Ava'rhi Pewo, Angelena Pewo, Kiya Pewo, Azalea Pewo, Eloi Pewo and Le'Ksi McAdams-Pewo.

She is preceded in death by her parents Matthew and Lucille Whitehorse, loving husband Gary Clark; siblings Karen Whitehorse, Letitia Whitehorse, RoSharon Archilta, Ethel Pennah Subieta, Patricia Redbone; sons Chance Clark and Lee Clark; Grandson Ricky Lee Clark; Great Grandson Delson Pewo.





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Robin R. Guoladdle-Navarro, 48, was called home on September 5th, 2025, with her family by her bedside. She will be greatly missed.

Robin's passions in life included going to Pow-Wows, participating in arts and crafts, anything family oriented, and float trips on the river. She was a Kiowa Tribal Member, attended New Life Covenant Church in Wichita, and received her Associates Degree from Cowley Community College and her Bachelor's Degree in Communications Science and Disorders from WSU.

Robin was preceded in death by her father, Robert R. Guoladdle; grandparents, Robert and Wanda Guoladdle; and many other loving aunts and uncles.

She is survived by her spouse, Justin Wallace; mother, Nancy Tiger; children, Robert Navarro, Julian Velasquez, Kiona Jackson, and Kobe Jackson; sisters, Anita Cordoba (Benjamin), Julie Grayson (Shawn), and Jolene Guoladdle; grandchildren, Ryhel, Isabelle, Gabrielle, Lorenzo, Laylani, Luciano, Legaci, Dayvon, and Amariana; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Memorial contributions can be made to: The Arthritis Foundation of Kansas, 1999 N. Amidon, Wichita, KS 67203. Share condolences at www.cozine.com. Services by Cozine Memorial Group-Broadway Mortuary.



Mrs. Fleetwood died Saturday, August 30, 2025 at MercyOne-Genesis Medical Center, Davenport surrounded by her family.

Linda Cheryl Miller was born on October 23, 1948 in Clinton, Oklahoma, a daughter of LeRoy and Ruby (Cleveland) Miller. She was a member of the Kiowa Tribe and was very proud of her Native American Heritage. Linda was united in marriage to Ronnie J. Fleetwood on April 18, 1969 in Rock Island.

Linda retired from Kraft Foods in 2005 following over 36 years of service. Linda cherished her family, sharing her loving of cooking with them, she would host Sunday dinners and festive holiday meals as well. She loved playing bingo (playing multiple times a week if time allowed) and watching movies and the Lifetime Network.

Those left to honor her memory are her husband, Ronnie, Davenport; children: Raymond (Rebecca), his children: Ryan, Hali, Raymond, and Christian (Maleya), his grandchildren: Eason and Paxton; James Miller; Christina (Mike) Sanchez; her children: Brandon (Abby) Emilio, Jordan; her grandchildren: Milah and Kinsley; Ronnie, and his son, Travis "T.J." (Emilie); Lindsay (Juan Morales); her children: Alyana, Alycya, Alyania; her grandchildren: True and Ayana; Stacy Miller; siblings: Jerry (Ann) Miller, Janice Miller, Debra (Jack) Fifer, Jeff Miller, Gwendolyn (Ralph) Miller-Vega, LeRoy Miller, Jr., Leslie (Sue) Miller, and Richard Miller; sister-in-law, Rhonda Miller; many nieces and nephews; as well as close friends of the family, Shellie Heinen, Brandi Ross (TJ's Mother), and Maria Miller (Raymond's children's mother).

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Susan (G.G.) Sierra and Robert Miller, and her best friend, Addie Nunn.

The family would like to thank everyone at Mercy-One Genesis who accompanied her on her journey and provided loving and compassionate care.



Alvon Paul Crosslin was born April 16, 1943, in Fort Smith, Arkansas, to Paul and Vivian Louise (Diffie) Crosslin. He passed away on August 29, 2016, at his home in Tahlequah.

Alvon began school in Gans, Oklahoma until moving to Tahlequah where he attended Sequoyah Elementary, Tahlequah Junior High and Tahlequah High School.

Alvon was a 1961 graduate of Tahlequah High, where he participated in sports, and played quarterback for the football team. It was also the year he and Billie married. After graduation he enrolled at Fort Scott Community College where he played quarterback for them. He then attended Northeastern State University and went on to OSU to complete his DVM and began his career with horses.

Alvon was an avid fisherman who loved horses and was a well respected Equine Specialist.

Alvon is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Vivian; and a brother, Randy Crosslin.

He leaves behind his wife of 55 years, Billie Jean Crosslin of the home; three children, Sandy Crosslin-Young and husband David of Tahlequah, Oklahoma, Alvon Paul Crosslin II and wife Marsha of Tahlequah, Oklahoma and Patti Buhl and husband Shannon also of Tahlequah, Oklahoma; five grandchildren, Noah, Mandi, Dustin, Payten and Jackson; three great grandchildren, Quinton, Kennedy and Finley; his faithful companion, Buddy, his dog; and many other extended family members. Friends and loved ones.





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- October 6 - Kiowa Chiefs Day
- October 13 - Indigenous Peoples Day
- November 11 - Veterans Day
- November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving

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