

The 2022 ARPA Direct Payment Disbursement

It takes a large amount of planning to arrange a 'Drive Thru Disbursement' event as well as a tremendous amount of teamwork. The cold temperatures created discomfort, yet the Kiowa Tribe triumphantly held three events for the 2022 ARPA Direct Payment.

This year the Disbursements were held in three locations; Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Carnegie. The lines were long but the process was steady as Tribal Citizens patiently waited to give their information and receive payment.

The employee staff was easily outnumbered by the hundreds at every event, yet they endured the cold temperatures and supported each other as they assisted every Kiowa Citizen one by one. The smiles and appreciation expressed is made their effort worth it. The acknowledgement that they are able to assist their Kiowa people in such a way during the holidays was the greatest motivation.



Harriet Sloan, "Thank you Kiowa Employees for your help attending to the Kiowa people in the cold elements. Blessings to each and everyone of you this Holiday Season." Another Tribal Citizen, Wynema Lozania, expressed her gratitude. She said, "Thank you Kiowa Tribe and to all who worked in the cold and helped passing out checks. Me and my brother went on Wednesday and got in line at 7:30 AM, we were out of there within 30 minutes. I thought it

was well organized and went fast and smoothly."

Payments for the Kiowa Citizens that live outside of Oklahoma, Kiowa District 7, were sent by mail prior to the disbursement events. Others who live in Oklahoma but didn't attend may expect his, or hers, to be delivered by mail. Any questions or updates may be directed to Angela Lamebull at (580) 654-6354; email alamebull@kiowatribe.org.



Introducing Lily Painter, 2022-2023 Miss Indian Oklahoma



Lily's Kiowa name is P'aw Gya Toeñ Ahñ, which means "Brings the Water." She is the daughter of Julia 'Ay Kee Mah' (Noel) and George Allen Woodard; grandparents are Gloria and the late Milton "Bubba" Noel. Lineage includes the Quoetone, Toyebo, Toppah/Yellowhair, Kauahquo, and Lonewolf families.

proud to have a remarkable young Kiowa woman representing us in such a way. Best wishes as she travels throughout Indian Country..." Chairman SpottedBird continued by expressing that Ms. Painter has an awesome responsibility representing all our Tribal Citizens from Oklahoma.

Ms. Painter is from Anadarko, pursuing a degree at the University of Oklahoma. She expressed the following:

Kee-Dah-Owñ! Lily Aliesse Painter ah kauñ, kgoiye yaw-kgoiye ah daw. P'aw Gya Toeñ Ahñ, ah kgoiye kauñ. Quoetone gaw Toyebo gaw Toppah/Yellowhair gaw Kauahquo gaw Lonewolf, tdape kgope nay daw. University of Oklahoma kgya, ah kgoot ahñ gya. Anadarko kgyah, ah kgeele. Greetings! It's a great day! My name is Lily Aliesse Painter. I am a Kiowa young woman and in my Kiowa language, my name means "Brings the Water." I am from the Quoetone, Toyebo, Toppah/ Yellowhair, Kauahquo and Lonewolf families. I currently attend the University of Oklahoma. I reside in Anadarko.

I am thankful to Daw K'ee for making me an Indigenous person, but especially a Kiowa. I was selected as the 2023 Miss Indian Oklahoma on November 12th, and I will uphold our Kiowa people, our ancestors, elders, teachers, and mentors, as well as all of the sovereign tribal nations in our state and across Indian Country with my utmost ability.

Haunday owñ day, baht aum gya! How wonderful it is we have our ways! Oh-bah-ah.

She received her crown and title at the 2022 Miss Indian Oklahoma Pageant held at the First American Museum on November 12, 2022. Ms. Painter's talent included the singing of a rabbit song in memory of her grandfather, who served as 'grandpa rabbit' for years.

Representing the 39 sovereign tribes within the state of Oklahoma, Lily has begun her ambassadorship by attending the White House Youth Forum held in Washington D.C. She was one out of twenty of the youth from across the nation that was invited. This event was especially important for the youth because it gave them an opportunity to witness democracy, make connections, and the chance for their voice to be heard.

First lady, Jill Biden, sent an invitation to Ms. Painter to attend the Tribal Nations Summit at the White House. This event was the first of its kind and part of the Native American Heritage Month Celebration. Ms. Painter said, "...I am so grateful for this experience, for the people I've met, reconnected with, and for the future we all are building for ourselves and those to come."

Among the Tribal Leaders that attended the Tribal Nations Summit was Kiowa Chairman, Lawrence SpottedBird. He said, "We are so very



SPECIAL MEETING OF THE KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL



Topic of Discussion:

Adjust the Blood Quantum, make every current enrolled Tribal Member 4/4 Kiowa.

*Door Prizes

*Entertainment

January 21, 2023

Red Buffalo Hall

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Registration begins at 8:30AM

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* & Much More



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



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

A Letter from the KIC Coordinator, Kristi Wolf Norris

Hello to all family and friends in the Kiowa Tribe,

I pray this letter finds you all in good health and spirits. I wanted to take a few minutes to share with you all the things that I have been doing, working on and where I have been traveling to. The hope is to have a monthly newsletter bringing insight and information. There are rumors and misinformation in many areas, my hope is to keep the Kiowa Indian Council (KIC) informed. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously since elected in April 2022.

Since April, I've met with Kiowa Districts 1, 4, 5, & 6, legislators at their offices to listen to their concerns, frustrations, and vision for their respective districts. I attended their meetings and got to meet several members of the KIC. All were nice and open talking with me and sharing their concerns. I took several notes and promised to take these concerns to the Executives when I meet with them. All their concerns are valid.

I often asked three questions when I meet a legislator: (1.) How do you communicate with your district? (2.) What is your greatest need in your district? (3.) How can I help you? According to the legislators, communication is a challenge, in particular with participation for events and keeping up to date with address change.

I was invited to Kiowa Districts 1, 4, & 6, meetings in April to introduce myself and listen to the concerns of the KIC. I also traveled with information and applications that I was able to make copies of. I am often invited to District 1 each month to participate and be part of Bingo night as the 'caller'. It is always fun and we enjoy good meals along with fellowship, plus there's activities and raffles. I like the opportunity to be a part and share the things that I've been doing and working on. District 1 keeps me informed and kept me up to date about the petition to call a Special Meeting to discuss Blood Quantum. I participated in collecting signatures while traveling to various events and the Kiowa districts.

In May & June, I visited the homes of KIC Elders in Carnegie and Anadarko. I wanted to listen to their concerns and visited with them. I also shared my ideas for a Resolution Committee that the KIC is allowed to have and gathered their ideas of how to put it together. I appreciated the willingness of the elders to invite me into their homes and I enjoyed listening to their stories. All of them were encouraging to me.

During July, I was able to attend the breakfast and prayer service for the new Kiowa Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It was powerful to hear Kiowa hymns and the message brought forward by a Kiowa minister. Everyone prayed for the new Kiowa Chairman and Vice-Chairman, may Daw k'ee continue to guide them and direct them as they lead the Kiowa Tribe into a new and prosperous direction. After I traveled to Carnegie to witness them take their Oath of Office. It felt great to witness such an occasion and to be among those that traveled to be there in person.

I also attended the Kiowa Gourd Clan ceremony on the fourth of July. I was invited to camp with Davetta and Bobbie Geimausaddle. It was so much fun and I was happy to be there to help cook kidneys and sere all the guests and family that came to the camp. Even though it was hot!

In August, I had a meeting with both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman at the complex. I tried not to take too much of their time for I knew that they were busy and I appreciated their time to meet with me. I shared all the concerns that were brought to me from the KIC. I was very pleased that all the complaints and concerns were already brought to their attention and they were actively addressing the issues at the moment. It was a good informative, amicable meeting.

I then traveled to Elgin to meet with the new District 3 legislator, Tim Satepauhoodle, in his office. It was nice to hear his visions and concerns for his district. After this meeting I traveled to Lawton to meet with the new District 4 legislator, Alana Quetone, at her office. She has a lot of good ideas for her district as well. I asked both of these legislators the same three questions I asked the others. Their answers were the same, Communication in their district and the participation of their constituents are challenging.

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Also, in August I was asked by the Chairman to become a committee member of the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache (KCA) Intertribal Land Use Board. So, I traveled to Lawton and listen to the ways this board oversees the land owned by these three tribes. It is very interesting. In the future I plan to visit the cemeteries owned by the Kiowa Tribe since this board oversees their upkeep. This is a monthly meeting and I will continue to attend. Thank you, Chairman, for the invitation.

In September, I traveled to District 6 to share my idea for a Resolution Committee. I took items from the Kiowa Gift Shop for them to use for raffle. They were so happy to receive such donations. It was fun. During discussion at this meeting the idea was brought up to give the Resolution Committee a gift card to pay for gas. It was a good idea by Ben Wolf, I am currently working on it in the KIC budget. The whole Resolution Committee idea will be voted on by the KIC in the future. Currently it is an idea. More about that will come in the future. After this meeting, I traveled to Lawton to support District 4 at their meet and greet. It was a good visit.

I also met with Anthony Asetamy at the Tribal Courthouse. I heard the courtroom was under construction and I wanted to see what it looked like. Mr. Asetamy was happy to let me in to see the work that is being done. He first gave me some details about the work done. He had drawn out the design of the courtroom and one of the employees that work with him did the building. When I walked into the courtroom, it was beautiful. It already looked official and it's not completed yet. I was impressed with the work. He stated that the seats were going to be recovered with native print material and native paintings were going to be on the walls. He showed me around the rest of the courtroom building that will be used. It will have judge's chambers and offices, a room for visits for Child Welfare, and etc., there is a kitchen, a jury room, and bathrooms. They have worked on it tirelessly and it is really a beautiful work being done for our tribal court. I am thankful to Mr. Asetamy for his devotion to our tribal court system and all the work staff there had done to make our courtroom and facilitates ready when it opens.

Also, in September I traveled to Dallas to be at the district 7 meeting with newly elected District 7 Legislator, Warren Queton. It was a great turnout and

there was a good discussion about the concerns and needs of the Kiowa Citizens. They were very grateful to all of us who came down to visit them. Again, I took raffle items and the petition for the KIC who attended to sign if they wanted to. I don't always have to speak although I will introduce myself but my reason for being at different places is because I want to be with the KIC wherever they are and to listen and hear what they want and need to tell me.

In October I was at the district 7 meeting here in my home town Tulsa. I was happy to be invited by Mr. Queton. There was a good turnout and Mr. Queton was very informative about the meetings that he attended. Once again, I collected signatures for the petition. I had raffle items for the people there and it was a very good meeting.

On October 28th, I attended the Halloween Safe House at Red Buffalo Hall, the KIC had a stand. We had a call toss and gave our candy. There was a good turnout and it was so fun to see all the kids and people who showed up for the event. Thank you to Lily and Jamie for helping me with the game and passing out candy. My helpers were dressed as Dalmatians and I was a stick of dynamite! It was a good time! Thank you to everyone who came out!!

November 2, 2022, I met with Kiowa Elders in the home of Libby Hall. I wanted to share with them the idea of the Resolution Committee and we had four hours of discussion about our Tribe, what's new and the information I had ready. They were so kind and had lots of questions that I answered the best I could. They were fun, shared a lot with me and were encouraging to me. We had lunch together and I appreciated their ideas, questions, and encouragement.

This is a short list of the things I have been doing as KIC Coordinator, I will try to go to all the place I'm invited to and most people have been very nice and encouraging to me. I have enjoyed being invited to events, meetings, and the chance to get to know all of you. I appreciate your desire to stay informed and I will continue to let you know what I've been doing as KIC Coordinator.

Many ahos.

Kristi Wolf-Norris
KIC Coordinator



Kiowa Tribe Sponsors Rock Your Mocs

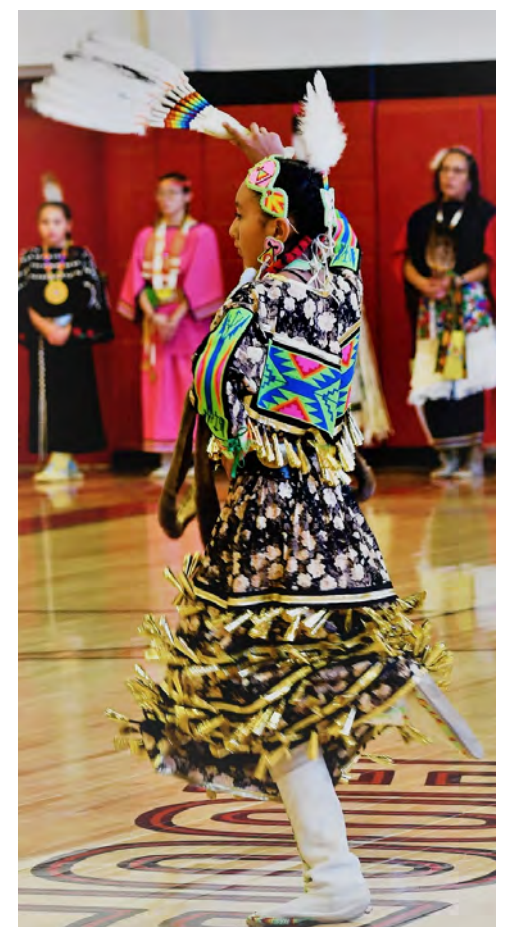


CARNEGIE, Okla. – The Rock Your Mocs event is the highlight of Native American Heritage month for the Carnegie Public Schools (CPS) each year. Thanks to the partnership with the Kiowa Tribe, the Indian Education Coordinator, Hope Worthington, is able to plan a short program that includes tribal singing, dances, and special guests along with the sponsorship for the students' t-shirts.

The event began with the drum, songs led by Aaron Jones. The gym came to attention as the Kiowa Warrior Women lead the processional, followed by a parade of various Tribal flags to exhibit the different tribes the students represent. Special guests included Kiowa Tribal Chairman, Lawrence SpottedBird, Kiowa Vice-Chairman, Jacob Tsotigh, Apache Chairman, Durell Cooper III, and Kiowa District 2 Legislator, Michael Primus. The Kiowa Tribal Princess, Kyla Tsoodle, and Apache Tribal Princess, Peggy Maynahonah, were also present and participated in the demonstration of dances performed by the students of the Native American Heritage Club.

Professional MMA fighter and athlete, Manny “The Dragon” Muro, was selected as the keynote speaker this year. Muro is a Class of 2005 Carnegie graduate and was once a part of the Kiowa Summer Youth Program (SYSP). He captivated his audience by saying, “I am not here to impress you; but to inspire you, because you can be anyone you want to be if you put in the hard work.” Muro continued by sharing his personal testimony about his humble beginnings and the blessings of his success.

Randy Turney, CPS Superintendent, said the following: The Carnegie Schools would like to say a huge thank you to the Kiowa Tribe, Chairman SpottedBird, Vice Chairman Tsotigh, Angela Lamebull, and so many others who joined us as partners for this year’s tenth anniversary of Rock Your Mocs Event! We are so thankful for the partnerships we share with the many agencies of the Kiowa Tribe and so blessed to have the opportunity to work together to bring awesome opportunities like RYM to our students, staff members, and schools! Thank you and thanks again to each and every person who had a hand in making this year’s RYM a HUGE Success!



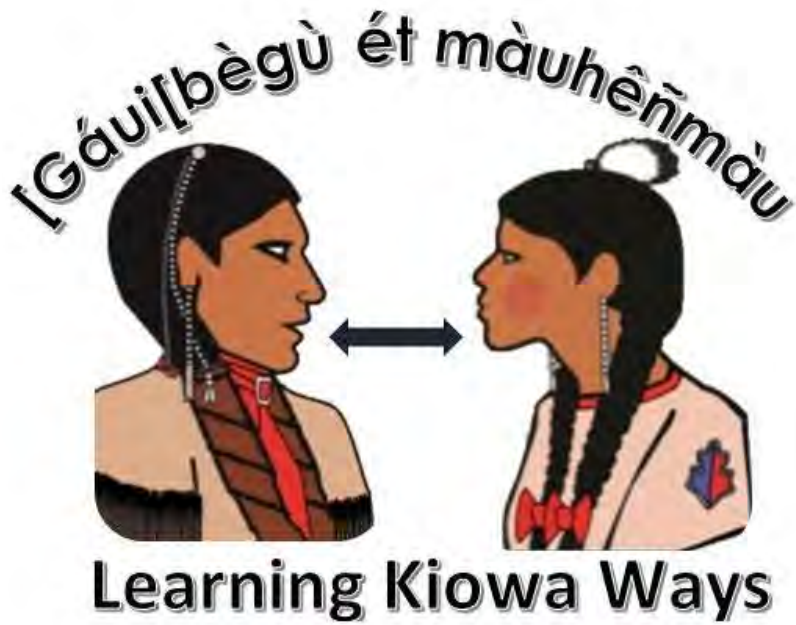
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Kiowa man and woman graphics were made by Dean Ahdokobo for the Kiowa Language Program; Reformatted August, 2020













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

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



INSECTS IN KIOWA

Insects are a type of animal with six legs, a body, thorax, and abdomen. Many insects also have wings.

 k'áu:láutkáuýí (k'au-laut-kau-yee) grasshopper	 èmhāñmé (aym-hah-may) ant	 pàu:k'ò[dé (pau-k'oh-dtay) caterpillar	 káu:t'àiñ: (kau-t'igh) bumblebee
 [bólk'áuñ:t'áiñ (bpohl-k'au-t'oy) beetle	 kàuibá[dòlé (koy-bah-dtoh-lay) butterfly	 pá:sèñ[bòl (pah-say-bpohl) stink bug	 [gául:t'áu:dè (gkaul-t'au-day) praying mantis
 [ból (bpohl) bug (any species)	 kíñ:tàl (kee-tahl) moth	 káuik'áunhól (koy-k'aun-hohl) dragonfly	 áu:ts'òñ: (au-ts'oh) tick

Kiowa consonants	Consonant in English
[b]	blend of b and p as in "spin"
[d]	blend of d and t as in "stop"
[g]	blend of g and k as in "skip"
ts	ts as in "cats"
ts'	ts' signals a "popped" ejective ts' sound (no English equivalent)
p'	p' signals a "popped" ejective p' sound (no English equivalent)
t'	t' signals a "popped" ejective t' sound (no English equivalent)
k'	k' signals a "popped" ejective k' sound (no English equivalent)
These consonant sounds are the same: B,D,G,H,K,L,M,N,P,S,T,V,W,X,Y,Z	

REPTILES IN KIOWA










A reptile is a type of animal that usually has dry, scaly skin and breathes air. Most reptiles lay eggs.


 sà:néau:t'áiñ (sah-nay-au-t'oy)	 [dógúlt'á:dè (dtoh-gool-t'ah-day)	 k'áunkíñ: (k'aun-kee)
 pá:sèñ (pah-say)	 tón:k'áunkíñ: (toh-k'aun-kee)	 séñhàn (say-hahn)
 sà:nékòñ:gyà (sah-nay-koh-gyah)	 sà:néhiñ: (sah-nay-hee)	 [bé:sà:né (pbay-sah-nay)
 sà:né (sah-nay)	 tón:sà:né (toh-sah-nay)	 zém:áutk'ù:né (zaym-aut-k'oo-nay)

à káuñ éñ:hàudèki

SORTING MAMMALS AND REPTILES

Cut out the pictures below and glue them into the correct box.

MAMMALS	REPTILES
 sét:tséyò:	 sà:né
 k'áunkíñ:	 tségùn
 tsèñ	 áuñ:gául[bìñ:
	 zém:áutk'ù:né
	 ts'ó:[dógúlt'á:dè
	 pòláñ:yíñ



Language learners often speak of experiencing criticism from others or shame about their pronunciation or limited speaking ability. When learning your native language, making mistakes is necessary and should be expected. Do not be afraid to make mistakes. It is a natural part of learning. As a community, what we need more than critics are people who stand behind and embrace anyone attempting to restore language use.

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KIOWA LEGISLATURE

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All Seven District Legislators can be reached by the numbers listed below:

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The Kiowa Legislature holds monthly meetings every second Saturday of each month in accordance with the Kiowa Constitution. Meetings are scheduled to begin at 9:00 AM. *All Kiowa Tribal Members Are Welcomed to Join!*

CLOSINGS



December 23-26

January 2

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Job Opportunities

Please visit the Kiowa Tribe website, kiowatribe.org to view or download job announcements, fillable job applications forms, and obtain information on how to apply. You may also contact the Human Resources office at 580-654-6317 or 6335.

NOTE: The Kiowa Tribe provides a comprehensive benefits package including: leave benefits, (13) paid holidays, health insurance plan providing eligible employees access to medical, dental and vision care insurance benefits, \$25,000 Basic Life and \$25,000 Basic AD& D insurance coverage at no cost to employees, and 3% employer contribution into the Employee Savings Trust Plan (401k.)

Position: **Treasurer**

Job Summary: The Treasurer oversees the financial affairs of the Kiowa Tribe and ensure the organization adheres to all legal accounting practices. To maintain and improve the company's financial standing by guiding financial policies, assessing risks, determining funding opportunities, and advising on investment opportunities.

Position: **Chief Financial Officer**

Job Summary: The Chief Financial Officer will direct and oversee the financial activities of the corporation, direct the preparation of current financial reports and summaries, and create forecasts predicting future growth.

Position: **Executive Director**

Job Summary: Under the direct supervision of the Kiowa Tribal Chairman, the Kiowa Executive Director is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the Kiowa Tribe in accordance with applicable policies, rules and regulations. Oversees the management and coordination of all tribal activities for the Kiowa Tribe including, but limited to, tribal and program budgets, cooperative agreements with all funding agencies, appropriate staff training and development, foster new financial opportunities and overall tribal growth.

Position: **Director of Human Resource**

Job Summary: The Human Resource Director will plan, direct, develop, and coordinate the policies, activities, and staff of the Human Resource (HR) Department, ensuring legal compliance and implementation of the Kiowa Tribe's mission and talent strategy.

Position: **Compliance Officer**

Job Summary: The Compliance Officer works with tribal programs and administration to ensure compliance with federal and tribal regulations or applicable funding guidelines and financial accountability. Identifies potential areas of compliance vulnerability and risk. Provides guidance on how to avoid potential situations in the future. Coordinates trainings for employees to ensure knowledge of legislative or regulatory issues and requirements, policies and procedures. Consults and coordinates Program Directors, and Finance regarding compliance processes and activities under the direct supervision of the Executive Director.

Position: **Law Enforcement Specialist**

Job Summary: The Incumbent will be responsible for supporting operations and administrative policies, procedures, systems, programs and areas such as acquisition, procurement, property and personnel management.

Position: **Information Technology (IT) Specialist**

Job Summary: The IT Specialist performs analytical, technical, and administrative work in the planning and installation of new and existing personal devices and workstations; diagnoses and resolves problems in the response to employee reported incidents; confers with employees to determine types of hardware and software required; installs new hardware and software and maintains existing components; trains end users in the use of equipment and software; troubleshoots and resolves issues with user devices and peripheral equipment located throughout organization; prepares progress reports for all work performed; evaluates products for compatibility, expandability, and recommends to management the support or nonsupport of evaluated products.

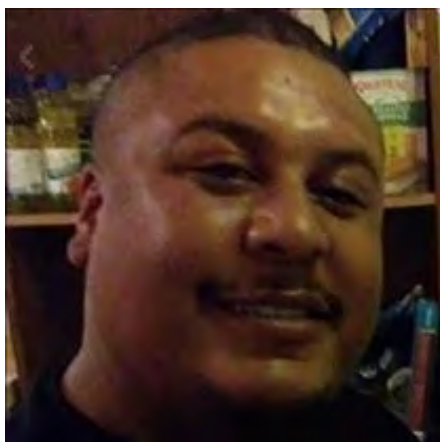
Position: **Teacher's Aide**

Job Summary: The Teacher's Aide is to provide a warm, nurturing, safe and loving environment where self-concepts are enhanced, independence is encouraged and individually is respected. Assist lead teachers with curriculum planning, supervision, and teaching of children in a classroom setting; assist in presenting and reinforcing learning concepts.

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KIOWA OBITUARIES

To have your loved one featured inside the Kiowa Tribal newspaper email pr@kiowatribe.org. Please remember to include the name of funeral home when sending information. "Hai gah may oye bone tah" (We will see them again)

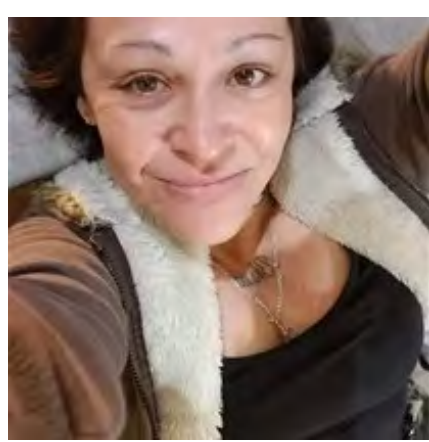


Travis Royce Wells-Zotigh, 34, passed away peacefully on Nov. 27, 2022, in Comanche, Ok. He was born to Yvette Zotigh and Kevin Wells, Sr. He is the grandson of Darlene Hovakah Wolf and Spencer Zotigh Sr., and Vera Wells. In his early years Travis was raised in California with his 4 brothers where he would /Reunion Concert and Toys for Tots for Native communities. He attended the Long Beach Unified School District. He was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. Travis eventually moved to Oklahoma. He attended Riverside Indian School where he enjoyed playing football. Travis lived life to the fullest. In recent years, becoming a father to his 5-year-old twin daughters Hailey and Kailey whom he loved very much. Travis married his beloved wife Rakeesha Graham Zotigh on December 23, 2018, in Oklahoma City, OK. He loved all his brothers and sisters very much. Each with their own special bond.

Travis, we love you. We know you're in heavens clouds with the angels smiling upon you. We know you shall light up heaven's lights the same way you lit up our lives. You shall be truly missed.

He is survived by his wife: Rakeesha Graham Zotigh, OKC, OK
Twin daughters Hailey and Kailey Zotigh of Medicine Park, OK.
Son: Jovian McNeal of OKC, OK
Mother: Yvette Zotigh and Nick Hutchins of Medicine Park, Ok.
Father: Kevin Lee Wells Sr. and Deann Wells of Comanche, Ok.
Siblings: Roderick Zotigh and Mercedese Guoladdle of Altus, Ok.
Kevin Lee Wells Jr. And Erin Zotigh of Colorado Spring, CO.
Glen Ahhaitty of Kansas City, MO.
Melvin Ahhaitty of Kansas City, MO.
Dani Wells, Hobart, OK
Jordan Carl, Riley Ivie of Comanche, OK; Michaela Cambell of Hobart, OK; Nastachia Wells, OKC, OK
Aunt: Jerry Lynn Wells, OKC, OK
Uncle: Benjamin Lucero Hovakah Wolf.

And a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.



LaTonya Marie Dean, 43, passed away on November 22, 2022, in Oklahoma City, OK. She was born September 20, 1979, in Oklahoma City, OK to Bobby Dean and LaRuth Tsotaddle.

LaTonya is preceded in death by her: mother, LaRuth Tsotaddle; sister, Chasity Marie Dean; brother, Bobby Dean Jr; grandmother, Patsy Haury; grandfather, Lonnie Tsotaddle

She is survived by her:
Son: Santori Dean, Clearview, OK
Siblings: Keith Dean, Phoenix, AZ; Paula Tsotaddle, OKC, OK; Christopher Martin Dean, OKC, OK
Uncle: Buddy Allen Tsotaddle, Tecumseh, OK; Lonnie Tsotaddle, Carnegie, OK

Numerous cousins, nieces, nephews', and family.



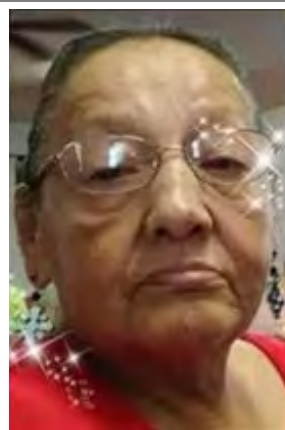
Rowena Pewenofkit was born on July 8th, 1962 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Burnett Pewenofkit Sr. and Mary Lucille Daugomah. Rowena passed from this life on November 22, 2022. She graduated from Riverside Indian School in 1980. Rowena then got an associates degree from OSU-OKC in sociology in 2001 and then finished her studies by earning a bachelors degree in sociology from UCO in 2003. Rowena was a member of the Kiowa tribe and active at Angie Smith United Methodist church.

Rowena was a devoted and loving caregiver for her family. She loved OU football, KC and the Sunshine Band and Earth, Wind & Fire. You could often find Rowena playing games at the casinos or watching true crime and TLC reality shows. Rowena took pleasure in decorating for the holidays and organizing family gatherings. Rowena was sorely missed by her family on Thanksgiving this year.

Survived by
Grandchildren: Kaydence Rae Creek, Aiden Edward Bennett, Jaxon Lee Creek, Carsyn Lucille Murphy
Children: Stephanie Bennett and Spouse Rex of Tulsa, OK
Kimberly Little Axe of Norman
Don Murphy Jr. of Oklahoma City,
Cory Murphy of Norman
Chad Murphy of Norman
Siblings: Douglas Pewenofkit and spouse Billie of Wichita, KS
Kimberly Pewenofkit of El Reno, OK
Burnett Pewenofkit Jr. and spouse Alicia of Burkburnett, TX
Lisa Pewenofkit, Anadarko, OK
Aaron Betsey of Oklahoma City, OK;
John Daugomah of Oklahoma City, OK;
Arthur Landin of Oklahoma City, OK;
Candelario Landin of Lawton, OK;
Roberto Landin of Clewiston, FL

Special Friends: Suzanne Wise of Oklahoma City, OK
Special Brother: Eric Flores of Norman, OK

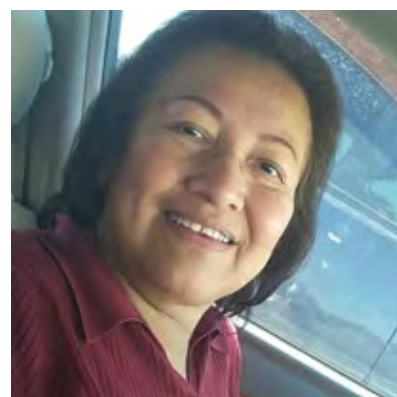
Preceded in death by:
Parents: Burnett Pewenofkit Sr and Mary Lucille Daugomah
Stepfather: Fred Walker Sr
Brothers: Michael Ray Daugomah, Freddie Lee Walker Jr. and MC Pewenofkit



Deborah Ann Starr of Oklahoma City passed away on November 21st, 2022. Deborah was born in Lawton on September 26th, 1949 to Richard Buffington Horse Sr. and Nell Rose Smith. Deborah met the love of her life, Rudolph Silas Starr Sr. and they were together for 48 years. She was a devoted homemaker and raised four beautiful children. Deborah was the last living sister of the Horse family. She was a member of the Kiowa tribe and was also a member of the Angie Smith Church.

Deborah is survived by: Daughters: Mary Elizabeth Iacobucci of OKC and spouse Robert Iacobucci; and Andrea Dawn Starr and spouse Donald (Chebon) Mayfield
Grandchildren: Patrick Starr, Michael Starr, Martin Mayfield, Cora Mayfield, Larry Mayfield Jr., Rudy Starr, Deanna Starr, Keagan Starr, Kyla Starr, Christin Starr, Christopher Starr Jr., Serenity Starr, Casey Botone, Hochen (Bubba) Botone, Rossi Harjo Jr., Ali'Ana (Lollie) Calvillo, Rafael (Rafa) Calvillo 18 great-grand children and 2 great-great grandchildren
Brothers: Richard Buffington Horse Jr. and spouse Alva of Cushing, OK; And other family members on her Horse and Topaum side. Deborah had a large extended family as well. Two daughter-in-laws Jacqueline Tenequer of OKC, Shanda Marie Starr of OKC And a loving friend/ sister: Donna Starnes

Preceded in death by: Parents: Richard Buffington Horse Sr. and Nell Rose Smith
Husband: Rudolph Silas Starr Sr. Sons: Rudolph Silas Starr Jr and Christopher Michael Starr
Brothers: Dewey Horse and Dennis Horse. Deborah was a good wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, sister and friend. She will truly be missed.



Ramona Chaddlesone was born on Sept. 25, 1950, in Lawton, OK. Born to Kenneth Chaddlesone and Leatrice Stumblingbear Doyeto. Ramona was 72 years of age and passed away in Oklahoma City, OK.

She enjoyed spending time with relatives and friends. She also enjoyed hearing the word of her Lord Jesus Christ. Her life was spent in various situations in life which she considered experiences good and bad, which she endured

Thanking her Savior. After she graduated high school she attended school in Santa Fe, NM, then later at Draughon's Business College in Dallas, TX. She was employed by the Kiowa Tribe and later by the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Anadarko. After 33 years of employment she retired from the BIA.

When helping people with what she may have owned or material needs, her favorite saying was, "Can't take it with you, let someone have it who needs help." "Treat people the way you want to be treated."

Ramona was survived by her: sons, Brian Chaddlesone and Michael McAdams of Anadarko, OK, and Timothy Blackstar Hamm of OK. Her daughters, Jeanice Mitchell and Anitra Mitchell of Anadarko, OK. Survived by her sisters Carla Chaddlesone of Anadarko, OK, Fronalee Soto of OKC, OK, Elaine Doyeto of Anadarko, OK; brothers Robert Doyeto at Chickasha, OK, Timothy Doyeto of Anadarko, OK, Glendel Doyeto of Chickasha, OK. Grandchildren Eli McAdams, Mosiah Ware, Michelle McAdams, LeeAnna Chaddlesone, Alexis Mitchell, Marissa Mitchell, Valerie Chaddlesone, Aiden Callueng, Loren Franco, Krisiah Ware, and Jasper Arellano.

She was preceded in death by her: mother, Leatrice Doyeto; father, Marion Doyeto; brother, Lester Chaddlesone; nephew, Antonio (Tony) Jimenez; niece, Reyna Chaddlesone.



Kyra Amor Haunpo was carried away in the arms of angels in Lawton, OK 11/10/2022 She was born 11/10/2022 to Amber Haunpo.

She was preceded in death by: Great grandmother Mary Haunpo; Grandparents, Robert, and Joquetta Redbird; Aunts: Crystal Redbird, Flory Haunpo; Uncles: William Redbird, Darrick Haunpo

Kyra is survived by her:
Mother: Amber Haunpo, Anadarko, OK; Sister: Kynleigh Adams, Anadarko, OK; Grandfather: James Haunpo Jr, Anadarko, OK;
Grandmother: Cora Haunpo-Redbird, Anadarko, OK
Great Grandfather: James Haunpo Sr, Anadarko, OK; Aunts and Uncles: Josiah, Benjamin, April, James III, Lindsey, Tristen, Novon, Zathia.

Kyra is loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins, family, and friends

"I carried you every second of your life and I will love you every second of my life." Anonymous





Lenora Cozad, 65, affectionately known as Wa-Wa or Wo-Wa of Carnegie, Oklahoma passed away on October 31, 2022. Lenora was born on November 15, 1956, in Lawton, Oklahoma to Lenny Nez and Vera Cozad Buffalomeat. She attended high school at El Reno graduating in 1975. She then attended Okmulgee Technology obtaining an Associates degree and later attended Oklahoma City University. Lenora has one daughter, Rikki. She was a proud Kiowa tribe member and was also of the Navajo Nation. She was an avid hand game player. Lenora was a member of the No Shame Hand Game Team. She will be missed by those who knew and loved her.

Lenora is survived by her father, Lenny Nez
 Daughter: Rikki Len Cozad
 Grandchildren: Nalijah Ripley, Kamiya Faith Cozad, Winter Hulbinah Ripley, Jamila Malkia Moore
 Sisters: Sharon Pena, Donna Geionety and husband Ricky; Ernestine Berryhill; Jeanette Standing; Vivian Nez;
 Brothers: Lawrence Buffalomeat; Raymond Buffalomeat; Uncles: Gerald Cozad; Leonard Cozad Jr. Charles Cozad; Lewis Cozad Daniel Cozad; Andrew Cozad Vernon Cozad; Russell Cozad; Aunts: Karen Pewo; Kathy Pewenofkit; Victoria Marie Ahhaitty; Ruthie Boyiddle
 Grandmother: Nona Kodaseet
 Adopted Daughter: Betty Kodaseet;
 Adopted Grandchildren: Kyesyn and Jacoby Autaubo, Marlin Keahbone, and Nehemiah Kodaseet-Collins; Numerous Neices, Nephews and Cousins.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Vera Cozad; Buffalomeat, Sister Marla Cooper Redbone, Brothers Marvin Nez and Leonard Nez, Grandmother Carrie Ahhaitty Stumblingbear, Grandfathers Elvin Tinetiah and Ray Cozad, Nephews Ricky Pocowatchit, Ivan Evans, Nieces Adawnya Geionety Yellowhair, Chandra Sharee Berryhill, and Cousin David Cozad.



Cara Lynn (Muffin) Dupoint Peteet, 48, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on October 29th, 2022 in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Muffin was born on April 12, 1974, to Phil Raymond "Joe Fish" Dupoint and Sondra Beaver Dupoint.

She grew up and attended school in Carnegie and Anadarko. Muffin graduated from Riverside Indian High School. After high school Muffin went to Trade school at Caddo-Kiowa Technology Center and received her certificate as a Teachers Assistant and also as a Certified Nurse Aid. Amongst many skills and trades, Muffin enjoyed being a nurse at different facilities and loved to help people. She leaves behind four beloved children and seven grandchildren. Muffin will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Survivors include:
 Daughter: Bethany Jo Dupoint and her companion, Dillon Moore and their three kids; Sons: Drake Vanzel Dupoint and his three kids; Micco Savyon Dupoint
 Daughter: Kenna Nika Dupoint and one child; Mother: Sondra Lynn (Beaver) Dupoint, Anadarko, OK; Father: Phil "Joe Fish" Dupoint, Carnegie, OK; 3 Sisters: Shelly McDaniels, Anadarko, Oklahoma
 Cayle Klinekole and her husband Ronald Klinekole, Elgin, OK; Nadine Hill and her husband Tobe Hill, Shawnee, OK
 7 Grandkids: Lamayah Waterbird Moore, Rozen Redhawk Moore, Onnyx GoldenEagle Moore, Uriah Dupoint, Hereis Dupoint, Eisley Dupoint, and Luvlynn Williams

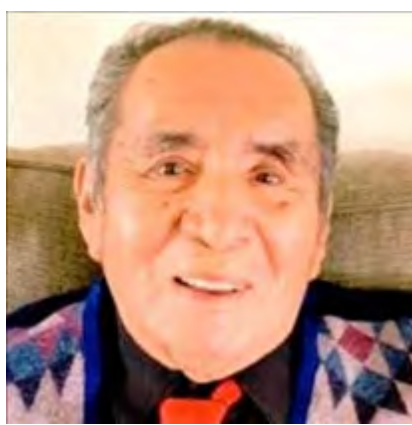
Muffin also has five nieces and six nephews as well as many cousins that she loved a great deal. She was preceded in death by her beloved brother Andrew "Drew Boy" Supernaw.



Melvin Ray (Thausebah) Cizek Sr., 83, of Del City, Oklahoma passed away on October 21, 2022 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was born on May 31, 1939 to Mike and Julia (Daingkau) Cizek in Lawton, Oklahoma. Melvin grew up in the Carnegie area and attended school at Cedar Dale. Melvin enjoyed camping, drawing and was an avid wood worker, one of his favorite things to do was keep his Cadillac polished and slicked up for the road. Melvin also enjoyed playing pool and was a member of the Kiowa Tribe of Oklahoma. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include his companion Tracy Jordan, Del City, OK; Daughters, Cherry Nikkel & husband Ken, Del City, OK
 Julia Rock & husband Mike; Son, Melvin R. Cizek Jr.; Floyd Cizek & wife Cortne, Oklahoma City, OK; John Cizek & wife Tasha; Sisters: Katherine June Daingkau, Carnegie, OK; Hazel (Daingkau) & Thomas Silverhorn, Carnegie, OK; Brother, Elliott Daingkau; Grandchildren: Tjay, Tossha, Laquana, Michelle, Little Melvin, Nicole, Little Floyd, Lydia, and Greyson. 13 Great Grandchildren; Nephew: Tony Littlecalf, Flint, Michigan; and an extended family of friends.

Preceded in death by his wife; Brothers: Donald Gene Oyebi, George Daingkau, Clyde Daingkau Jr., and Spencer Tsatoke; Sisters: Margret Jane (Daingkau) Tahpay Hazel Musick, and Claudette (Daingkau) Autaubo; Grandchild: Kathy Cizek; Maternal Grandparents: Ki-he-to-baum-mah (Tanedooah) & Na-hoy Daingkau.



Rev. Thomas Burke Woodard, 83, of Carnegie, Oklahoma passed away peacefully on Friday October 21, 2022 at the Chickasha Nursing Center. He was born on May 3, 1939 to Oliver and Pearl Woodard in Lawton, Oklahoma. Thomas grew up in Carnegie/Anadarko while attending Riverside Indian School. He was united in marriage to Bertalee Seahmer in 1964 until she passed away in 1989. He then met Ruby Mae Ahhaitty and they were united in marriage on December 31, 1990 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Thomas was passionate about serving his Lord, surrendering to preach in 1965. Thomas was a proud member of the Kiowa Tribe. Kohn loved all of his grandkids, little brothers, and little sisters tremendously. I know that being around his loved ones was what kept his life full and happy. So we know when the good Lord called him home, his journey on this earth was complete. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him. We will not say goodbye, instead we say Hai-Gah Aim Aui Bohn Thaw.

Survivors include:
 2 sons: Gordon Woodard & wife Deanna, Oklahoma City, Ok
 Thomas Woodard Jr. & companion Sandy, Lawton, Ok
 1 Daughter: Pearl Edge & husband Jr, Carnegie, Ok
 Grandchildren: Kristopher Toppah, Brandon and Baylee Edge, Megan Edge of Jay, OK. Larry Woodard, Angel Monzon, Allahna Woodard of OKC, OK. Bertalee Woodard of Carnegie, OK. Damien Woodard of Lawton, OK. Shaina Woodard- Lebret of WA.; Little brothers & sisters: Brayleigh, Brooklyn, Quentin, Chayson, Kaiden, Cameron, Blaine, Hazel, Anthony, Larry Jr, Brexton, and Kylan.; Sister: Loretta Scantin of Norman, OK. Brother: Joe Fish of Anadarko, OK.

Preceded in death by his First wife: Bertalee Woodard, Second wife: Ruby Woodard, Daughter: Mary Woodard, Son: Willis Woodard, Parents: Oliver & Pearl Woodard, Siblings: Phil Bohay, George Botone, Lena Bohay Kaulaity, Allene & Allen Woodard, & Marcus Woodard Jr. Grandson: Jacob Woodard.

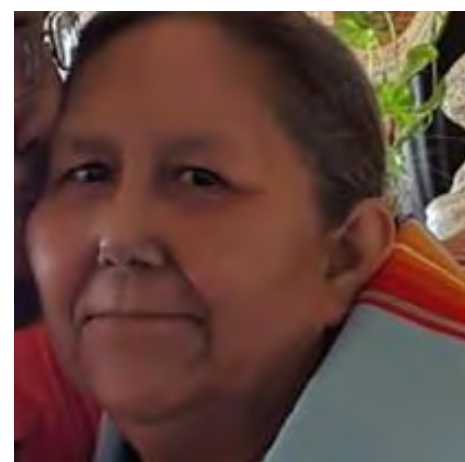


Lavena Jo Horse, 64, of Carnegie, Oklahoma passed away peacefully in her home on October 12, 2022. Lavena was born to Billy and Dorita Horse on November 1, 1957, in Lawton, Oklahoma. She was a member of the Kiowa Tribe. She was the fourth oldest of eleven siblings. She attended Fort Sill Indian School graduating in 1975. Lavena worked as an in-home caregiver for many elderly patients while living in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and came back to Carnegie, Oklahoma to help take care of her father in his last days on this earth. She remained in

Carnegie until her passing. Lavena will be missed dearly by those who loved and knew her.

Survivors include:
 Children: Earl Littleman, Jr., California
 Edgar Littleman, Kansas
 Billie Jo Shropshire, Kansas
 Sarita Horse, Washington
 Carlos Torres, Fort Cobb, OK
 Eight grandchildren and one great grandchild.
 Siblings: Sarah Horse, Ada, OK
 Alpha Goombi, Nebraska
 Bessie James, Norman, OK
 Cathy Horse, Oklahoma City, OK
 John Horse, Carnegie, OK
 Matthew Horse, Florida
 Charles Horse, Carnegie, OK
 And a host of nieces, nephews, family, and friends

She is preceded in death by her parents Billy and Dorita Horse, Grandson Kemper Shropshire, Siblings William Evans Horse, Mary Jane Montgomery, and Helen Horse.



Mable Jean Shepherd 68, of Mountain View, Oklahoma passed away on September 14, 2022, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Mable Jean Shepherd was born on April 16th, 1954, to Edward Clayton Palmer and Barbara Ellen Yeahquo in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Mable Jean grew up and attended schools in Ft.Cobb -Broxton. She also attended Caddo Kiowa vo -tech studying horticulture. She married the love of her life Joe Ben Shepherd and together they had three children, William, Felicia, and Joe Jr. Mable will be dearly missed by all those who loved and knew her.

Mable is survived by Children: William Shepherd of Mountain View, Oklahoma; Felicia Oyebi of Mountain View, Oklahoma; Sisters: Felicia Perrin of Apache, Oklahoma
 Larue Medrano of Lawton, Oklahoma
 Brother: Byron McCurtain of Santa Fe, New Mexico; 4 Grandchildren
 2 Great Grandchildren, & a host of extended family and friends.

She is preceded in death by husband Joe Ben Shepherd, parents Edward Clayton Palmer and Barbara Ellen Yeahquo and son Joe Ben Shepherd Jr



Deborah Coleen Spore, 71, resident of Espanola, NM passed away August 24, 2022, at the hospital with family by her side. She was a strong Kiowa woman who fought hard but succumbed to a long battle of illness. She was born March 4, 1951, to Hawley Tsoodle and Mary Ruth (Redbird) Tsoodle in Lawton, Oklahoma.

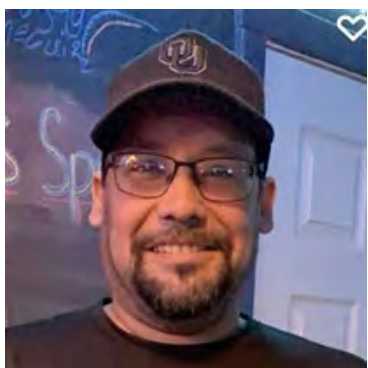
Debbie met Jay in the 8th grade in Newkirk, Oklahoma. They were married in Newkirk on August 28, 1969. They were the love of each other for 53 years. To this union they have

two daughters Candace Katrina and Wife Carol of Frederick, Maryland, and Rachel Lorraine of the home.

Debbie completed her degree as a Licensed Practical Nurse in Idaho Falls, Idaho in the 1980s. She was a world traveler and a Harley Davidson enthusiast. In recent years Debbie had grown to love her dog Harley, a Shih Tzu from Maryland.

Debbie is preceded in death by both parents, her brother Terald Tsoodle, and her maternal and paternal grandparents.

She is survived by her brother Lindrieth Tsoodle, and sisters, Brenda Chaddlesone and Donna Bass. If people are looking for a fund to donate to in honor of Debbie Coleen Tsoodle Spore, please consider the Boys Ranch Town Edmund. This organizations goals to help support young children in Oklahoma was dear to her heart.



Benjamin "Ben" Parker Horse was born November 8, 1976 to Larry Keith and Frances Kay (Ahtone) Horse and passed away on August 14, 2022.

Ben graduated from Fort Cobb-Broxton High School and was a long-time member of the surrounding community. After high school, Ben worked as a Wildland Firefighter on the Kiowa Engine Crew as well as construction with Lee Wilson Homes. He then worked with Ahtone Construction until 2019 when he and his cousin KB started doing work under the name K&B Cabinetry. Ben was a simple man who didn't ask for much. He had his small group of friends who he considered family and enjoyed spending time with them playing in dart tournaments and just enjoying their company. He loved his nieces and nephews and always encouraged and guided them as best he could. Ben enjoyed online gaming and had many friends from across the United States.

He was preceded in death by his: parents, Larry and Frances Horse; grandparents, James Myers Horse and Agnes Twohatchet Horse, Quannah Parker Ahtone and Cynthia Iron Ahtone.

Ben is survived by his: Brothers: Michael Duane Horse & wife Lynn, Anadarko, OK Christopher Horse, Anadarko, OK Sister: Katherine Beaver & husband, Glenn, Anadarko, OK Sons: Tony Perez & Lance Sanchez, Wichita Falls, TX. Son's mother; Vanessa McCurtain Uncles: Perry Horse & wife, Eva, Albuquerque, NM; Billie Horse & wife, Paula, Carnegie, OK; RC Ahtone & wife, Karen of Anadarko, OK, Aunts: Jeannie Lindley & husband, Tom, Anadarko, OK; Donna Ahtone, Anadarko, OK; Carrie Horse, Carnegie, OK Nephews; Terrance Lonewolf, Joseph Beaver, Charlie Beaver, Brayden Beaver, Uriah Beaver, Dante Beaver, Demetrius Beaver, Tristen Hainta, Dakota Josh, D'Artagnan Wilson Jr.; Nieces: Candace Lonewolf, Michelle Horse, Lauren Horse, Mariah Beaver, Raniah Beaver, Miah Beaver. Many other cousins, relatives, and friends. He loved them all.



Cindy Lois Twohatchet, 53, passed away August 12, 2022, in OKC, OK. She was born March 14, 1969, in Clinton, OK to Donna Sue Twohatchet McGirt.

Cindy attended school in Anadarko, OK and OKC. She had 5 wonderful children Tre, Randy, Kaylee, Anna Rose, and Jady. Cindy was an avid OU fan, loved listening to music, and loved cooking for her family. She loved spoiling her grandchildren and family gatherings. Cindy loved A.J. Johnson and they were together for 17 years.

She was preceded in death by her: mother, Donna McGirt; son, Jady Michael Attocknie; Grandparents, Spencer and Peggy Twohatchet; Aunts: Vickie Tsotigh, Rosalie Quetone, Sandra Twohatchet; Uncles Gerald Lee Cook, Van Dwayne (Stick-O), Lewis Frank Twohatchet

Cindy is survived by: Companion: AJ Johnson, OKC, OK Children: Tre Twohatchet, OKC, OK, Randy Twohatchet, OKC, OK Kaylee Twohatchet & companion, Nichols Finney, Norman, OK Anna Rose Attockie, OKC, OK Grandchildren: Devin Slagel, Amariss Twohatchet, LaLanah Twohatchet, Marla Black, Kameron Twohatchet, Kiowa Region Finney Dear Friend: Rozanna Attockie Siblings: Ramona & Tony Austin, Apache, OK; Mervela Zumwalt Anadarko, OK; Finis & Regina Twohatchet, Watonga; Joann Twohatchet, OKC, OK. Cindy was loved by a host of family and friends.



Orin Claude Davenport, 67, of Mountain view, Oklahoma passed away on Monday, August 1, 2022, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was born to Howard Orin Davenport and Gladys Komalty Davenport on August 24, 1954 in Tucson, AZ.

Orin graduated from Riverside Indian School, Anadarko, OK in 1974. Later on he went to S.I.P.I. in Albuquerque, NM for Photography and attended S.W.O.S.U. and Paradise Valley Community College in Phoenix, AZ.

Orin worked as Restaurant Manager for many years. He was Forever Fan of the Oklahoma Sooners, Dallas Cowboys and Phoenix Suns. He loved the Sprint and Nascar cars and would rebuild his own models.

Orin is survived by: Sisters: Theresa C. Davenport, Weatherford, OK Ginger Ann Davenport and her children, Phoenix, AZ Gaynell Kay Butler and her children, Mesa, AZ Niece: Candee Kiley, and grandchildren and great grandchildren, and pups, Clyde and Max of the home. A host of numerous nephews and nieces and grandchildren.

Preceded in death by his parents, nephew Shawn Nunez-Davenport, grandson Benjamin Paul Delgado.



Josephine Wynee Guevara, 41, of Tulsa, passed away on Monday, October 17, 2022, in Tulsa. She was born on May 31, 1981, in Lawton, Oklahoma; the daughter of Joe Guevara and Lori (Autaubo) Hockey. Josephine worked many years as a caregiver. She enjoyed watching movies and spending time outdoors. She enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her kids and grandbabies. She also had a special love for her dogs, Lulu, Scooby, and Keifer. Josephine loved to laugh and had a smile that could light up the room. She leaves us much too soon and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, October 21, 2022, in the St. John Lutheran Church in Pryor. Burial will follow in the Fairview Cemetery with Bray Cook, Sr., Paul Henry Pitchford, Leonard Aguila, Dustin Stancell, Howard Haunpo, Geoffrey Haunpo and Buddy Vineyard serving as casket bearers. Honorary casket bearers will be Samuel Barnes, Johnny Barnes, and Bray Cook, Jr. Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Thursday, October 20, 2022, at Shipman's Funeral Home in Pryor. To leave her family a message, please visit her Tribute Wall at www.shipmansfuneralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Shipman's Funeral & Cremation Service.

Josephine is survived by her mother, Lori Hockey of Ozark, Arkansas; father, Joe Guevara of Amarillo, Texas; son, Micah Barnes and wife Karah of Pryor, Oklahoma; daughters, Elissa Barnes of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Kelsey Barnes and Bray Cook of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; life partner, Brandon Sawney of Tulsa; brother, Nathan Guevara and Suguey of Victoria, Texas; sister, Maria Guevara of Chickasha, Oklahoma; 3 grandchildren, Samuel Barnes, Johnnie Barnes, and Bray Cook, Jr.; and many other relatives and friends. She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Vester and Claudette Daingkau-Autaubo; paternal grandmother, Carmen Arroy and Andrew Guevara; and brother, Vincent Guevara; niece, Aniyah Jernberg; and nephew, Matthew Guevara.



Stephen Gregory Smith, son of Donald & Mary Helen Deer Smith was born February 26, 1964, in NYC at Women's Hospital. He was a citizen of the Kiowa tribe and was also Muscogee Creek and specifically from Arbeeka Church. On Monday, December 12, 2022, the Creator placed a hand on Steve's shoulder to begin his final journey at Mercy Hospital. His Kiowa name is Pau-Auh-Tda (Walking Buffalo), given to him by his great-grandfather Linn Pauahy, who was the nephew of Red Buffalo. He was a lifetime member of the Tia-Peah Society. Stephen read voraciously his entire life. His grade schoolteacher said, he often started with the phrase, "I read a book..." He had photographic memory and could

converse with anyone, on any topic with in-depth knowledge of the subject. He would include detailed facts AND he always had a backstory. Mrs. Dominguez, who was his childhood babysitter, had a thick Cuban accent. At age four, Steve could often be heard correcting her English pronunciation. His grandparents became friends with a Yakima family, and they nicknamed him "Yaka-Too-Much" for his constant talking. His father was a sportswriter for NY magazine. Steve was also a great writer. His dad served as his respected editor. Growing up in NY, the Smiths were lonesome for Indians back home. This is when they met the Thunderbird Dancers and established life-long friendships. This was around the time of the American Indian Movement (AIM). At that time, there was a conscious effort for Native people to be represented in a proper manner. Mifaunwe known as "Miffy," who was the daughter of Joe Shunatona (Otoe-Missouria Tribe) and from Oklahoma and who was in vaudeville. Miffy lived in NY and introduced Steve, Kevin and Judy Tarrant to the Sesame Street producers when they were looking for Native kids to be appear on the show. They were featured on November 23, 1970, in episodes 140 & 141. Steve also did some photographic modeling. The Deer/Smith's moved back to OKC in 1974 to care for his great-grandparents where he finished his high school education. The family then moved to Dallas in 1990. After moving to Dallas, Steve and his brother Christopher worked for Texas Rangers baseball and appeared on a few episodes of Walker, Texas Rangers. Steve worked for years in the hospitality business where he could engage in riveting conversations and make memorable moments with guests. Steve moved back to Oklahoma around 2005. He began attending tribal council meetings and later served as an elected representative of the Kiowa tribe's business committee, where he attended NCAI. He made friends across the country. He was voted in as the SW Area VP around 2010. He loved learning about federal policy and how it applied to many Tribes. He and his brother Chris worked together as professional videographers, where they walked inside the ropes with golfers at PGA & USGA major tournaments, worked the sidelines of NCAA & NFL football, and were ringside for World Championship Boxing, next to the dugout at Texas Ranger MLB games, and practically any other sporting event that is televised. Steve and Jewel's love story began as teenagers. Life took them on different paths but when they reunited it was like they never missed a beat. They spent the last ten years loving each other and living together in the Wichita Mountains area. He was blessed with the love of his companion and best friend in life. They lived in Meers, OK for 20 years where he treasured his roots. One of their great pleasures in life was living in the Wichita Mountains where they could observe the stars, serenity of the lake and the wildlife. In the last several months, Steve was overwhelmed with the caring nursing staff and the generosity of the Catholic ministries at Mercy hospital. He grew up in the Catholic faith and these recent outpourings of love and comfort, renewed his faith in a way he hadn't felt in many years. He is survived by his mother, Mary Helen Deer Smith, companion Jewel Tsatoke and children Jeremy, David, and Alyssa. Brother, Linn David Deer. Sisters, Rachel Escobar, Georgia & Genny Deer, Ayla Medrano, Shoshana Wasserman, Judy Fields, Lisa Tiger. Uncle, Alvin Deer. Aunts, Melinda Deer Bohnett, Andrea Deer, Judy Knifechief, Sandra Medrano. Niece Tvske Billy and Sagee Nokose Springer. Numerous nephews, nieces, & grandchildren and great grandchildren from the Deer family. Now he is rejoicing with his father, Donald Smith and reunited with his brother Christopher Smith. He is also preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Harry & Marjorie Smith; maternal grandfather George Deer Jr., maternal grandparents Roy & Fern Sluder; Maternal great-grandparents Linn & Edna Pauahy, George & Lillian Deer, Uncle Melvin Deer and Aunt Laura Deer.

IT'S ALL FOR THE KIDS!



The month of December was especially busy for the Kiowa Tribe Head Start (KTHS). The staff and volunteers went above and beyond this year as they planned and organized a Winter Ball and Toy Drive.

The Comanche Nation Community Center in Apache, Oklahoma, became a Winter Wonderland on December 4, 2022, with Christmas trees and decorations. DJ Kenneth took center stage and played a variety of music for the kids to enjoy and display their best moves. Door prizes and refreshments were all provided by the KTHS along with a variety of free books for the students to take home.

BlueSky (Jaylene Tosee), Comanche Nation Jr. Princess & the 1st Native American Toys for Tots Ambassador, joined the students for

story time and read Gingerbread Man. She also served as this year's advocate for the Toys for Tots. BlueSky helped set up several donation boxes in Carnegie, Anadarko, and Lawton. Over 2,950 toys were collected within weeks, just in time for Christmas!

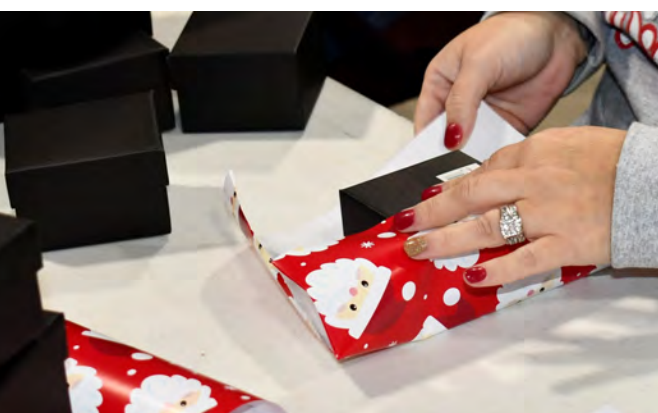
The KTHS staff and volunteers spent an entire week sorting and wrapping gifts for the Toy Drive Giveaway that was held December 17-19. Parents and grandparents from the surrounding areas came to Red Buffalo Hall and picked something special for their little ones.

These events were important to KTHS because they wanted to give their students and parents something extra for the holidays.

THANK YOU

The **Kiowa Tribe Head Start** extends a sincere & heartfelt "thank you" to everyone who participated in the 2022 US Marine Corps, Toys for Tots Giveaway. All contributions were greatly appreciated. Together we successfully provided over 2,954 gifts to children, making their Christmas a little more merrier.





THE NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS MEMORIAL

The Kiowa Tribe was well represented in Washington, DC, thanks to the enthusiasm of a few good men and women. The Kiowa Chairman, Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society, Kiowa Warrior Women's Color Guard, and other Kiowa Veterans, traveled to the National Native American Veterans Memorial.

The memorial first opened in 2020 on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. This past November 2022 it was dedicated with a procession and ceremony on the National Mall.

This was the first time that a multitude of Native heroes were recognized on such a grand scale. Every United States military branch was represented by all the Indigenous Tribes and Nations that graciously accepted the invitation.

It was especially important for the Kiowa Tribe to be represented well, one of the reasons Chairman SpottedBird extended the invitation to the Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society and others willing to make the trip by charter bus, provided by the Muscogee Nation. The Kiowa War Mothers Chapter 18 furnished sack lunches and snacks for the journey.

The group departed from Carnegie, Oklahoma, on November 7, 2022 and arrived in Memphis, Tennessee, later that evening. From Tennessee they traveled through Cherokee, NC, and Crystal City, VI, before arriving in Washington on November 10th.

The Kiowa Veterans wore their colors proudly and marched together in union behind the Kiowa and American flag. The moist weather and cool air tested their endurance, yet the processional was uninterrupted. The parade was a marvelous display of the warrior pride and strength that all Native American Veterans earn through their courage and bravery.

The Kiowa Veterans also took a moment to honor Pascal Poolaw, the Kiowa who served in the US Army during WWII, Korean War, and Vietnam War. He is the most decorated Native American with 42 medals and citations, including four Silver Stars, five Bronze stars, and three Purple Hearts for each war. It was a noble gesture for the Kiowa Veterans to recognize the bravery and service of Pascal Poolaw through song.

The Kiowa Veterans made their way home after the events, arriving safely in Carnegie on November 14. Each participant returning to their loved ones with special memories and an experience of lifetime.



(Photography by Adriel Clements, AC Media)



The Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports & Activities Programs Attend OKC Thunder Game



Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports Program attended the Oklahoma City Thunder Native American Heritage Night game vs the San Antonio Spurs on Wednesday November 30th in OKC.

KTYSP took a group of youth to the event as an incentive for them participating in the Young Warriors Fitness and Basketball Skills Sessions that was hosted by the Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports Program and Kiowa Tribe Fitness Center. These are some of the boys and girls that came in and put in work for 8 weeks. We have many missing and will make that up to them. We seen them all push themselves to the limit and learn new techniques to stay fit and be healthy. To top things off they got to take a picture on the court with the cast of Reservation Dogs. How awesome is that? A big shout out to them for taking the time to take pictures and sign autographs for our youth, they don't know the impact they have on them. Was a good night for our Kiowa kids. Seen lots of smiles and heard a bunch of laughter. For most of them it was their first time at a game. We plan to do more activities and outreaches for them.

Be on the lookout for classes, trainings and skills session coming up for the youth and adults this new year. We want to do everything we can to help promote a healthy lifestyle for our people and communities. We believe it starts with our youth. If you want your child to be a part of the program please feel free to contact the office at 580-654-6375 or by email at ktysp@kiowatribe.org. Ahho



The Kiowa Tribe Youth Sports & Activities Program



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

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L.E.A.D.: Live well, Eat well, & be Active with Diabetes



Live well, Eat well, and be Active with Diabetes (L.E.A.D.) is an active training program designed to help people manage their diabetes and promote healthy lifestyles. The L.E.A.D. program was brought forward through the partnership of the Kiowa Community Health Representatives (CHR) & the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Extension as part of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians (SDPI).

Statistics reveal that the fight against diabetes in the United States has grown intense over the past few years. The rate of people diagnosed with diabetes has increased at an alarming rate; in 2019, 37.3 million Americans (11.3% of population) had tested for diabetes, this includes about 244,000 children & adolescents that were diagnosed with Type 1. Native Americans, or Indigenous communities, are especially affected with this illness.

Megan Monteith, OSU's Family & Consumer Sciences, explained that the four-week course provides tools and resources as well as hope for individuals dealing with Type 2 diabetes in the state of Oklahoma. The program focuses on four researched modules, the aspects of living well, eating well, and being active. The four-week course trained heavily on meal planning and strategies for modifying recipes.

Participant Jeffrey Bear said that he felt like the program was beneficial. He especially remembers the Live well aspect because it introduced the plate method. The idea behind the plate method is to divide a nine-inch plate into three sections to balance the intake of carbohydrates and sugar; 1/4 for protein, 1/4 for starch, fruit or dairy, and at least 1/2 for non-starchy vegetables.

The Eat well module is designed to incorporate healthier substitutes in otherwise the traditional unhealthy foods that we people usually consume. Implementing healthier options into cooking is a beneficial tool because it reduces the amount of carbohydrates and sugar. The being Active with Diabetes is a resource of helpful tips on how an increase of physical activity can reduce the chances of nerve damage. The program accentuates how moderate exercise, like casual walks and household chores, can make a difference. Monteith advises to speak to a physician and to start slow with moderate activity and gradually increase to other physical activities such as dancing, bicycling, and running.

The Kiowa CHR stated that plans for another course are underway and will be announced soon.

Visit Facebook page: **MMIP - Kiowa Chapter** to learn how you can help and join the effort; Message, or contact through email: mmip.kiowa.chapter@gmail.com



The 2022-2024 Kiowa Tribal Princess, "Beanmah," Kyla Tsoodle, sponsored an art contest. She said, "I would like to encourage the creativity of our Kiowa youth." She continued by saying that the past few years have been the hardest for us Kiowas, losing so many people in our community. The holidays are a reminder that we don't have the people we want with us. It is why we keep busy with crafts and such. I encourage all of us to look after one another and check up on each other. Be kind to one another, I pray for each one of you.

The theme for the contest is 'Kiowas Still Standing,' draw, paint, color, mold, and create! There will be prizes for Kiowa Youth ages 3 to 7 & 8-13. Take a picture of the creation and send to kylagail6@gmail.com. *Submission Deadline is the end of December 2022.*