



# Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

August of 2025



Photo taken by Devyn Wickson

*We apologize for sending our end-of-the-month, August Newsletter out so late. We had content we wanted to be included, and decided to wait and delay our newsletter's release.*

Greetings Kiowa District 7 Citizens,

As we begin the fall season, we welcome the cooler temperatures to our Kiowa lands. Your Kiowa Tribal Legislature has been hard at work monitoring government actions, crafting meaningful laws, and advocating tirelessly for the health and well-being of all Kiowa citizens. Together, we continue to honor our traditions while building a brighter future for generations to come.

I realize this newsletter is a little late; our staff has been waiting for more information from the Kiowa Indian Council Coordinator regarding the upcoming Special Election on September 27th. Stay connected, stay strong, and as always, Day own day aho (Thank you!)

Warren Queton

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# THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

## **Family Awareness in Our Communities**

Let's talk about our younger generations of not just Kiowa children but all Indian young people. Like you, I watched what happened in Minneapolis, Minnesota, with the mass on the first day of school. What can we do about what is turning out to be an everyday tragedy in this country? I have grown grandchildren, thank God, and four great grandchildren ages 3, 5, and 15 that I pray hard for every day, even when they go to school or any other after-school function. Can you imagine being scared to go to school because you might die? I thought being bullied was scary when I was a child but I overcame that by fighting back on the playground. Now we also have a big problem with this thing they call the social network on cell phones and computers among our children.

Our Indian children's suicide rate has increased to a level we have never experienced in the history of Indian Affairs. History didn't talk about suicide among our Indian adults, but today you hear and read more about this condition among our children. What the hell is going on in this society today? As grandparents, we sort of got left behind in the days of technology, never thinking that having a phone would be deadly for our children.

I have a big question for all our tribal communities in our districts-what is the tribe doing to address the societal evils confronting our communities, parents, and grandparents regarding the safety and welfare of our tribal students attending the public schools in our related areas? Football season is upon us, and we all know how much the Oklahoma public loves big football games. I don't know if I want my grandkids to go to the games because I worry about the crazies (Zs) who also go to the games. I encourage the tribe to get more engaged with our tribal communities and inform and encourage the parents and grandparents to be more cognizant of societal evils and to become actively involved with creating community action outside of the school to make daily life safer for our tribal children and families.

For Kiowa parents and grandparents, study and ask questions regarding the usage of communication technology today. For the tribal government, examine the needs for educational guidance using the cell phone and computer, especially paying attention to the social network concept. Visit with other tribal parents, community members, and relevant tribal officials (like your legislator), about the concerns with cell phones/internet technology and how it works, and its impact on tribal people in Oklahoma and the country. Get informed.

Listen to your children and get a better understanding of child psychology in your community and home. Pay attention to their usage of the cell phone and the computer without making them feel that you are invading their space. Visit the school and get a sense of what efforts are being made to confront the issues involving communication technology within the school environment. We always complain about the school culture invading our community and family culture too much. We need to understand that sometimes the home culture has its share of issues that the school must deal with on a daily basis as well. Work together as family, community, and schools for the good of all, with a focus on the younger generation (school-age children).

The tribal organization needs to consider investing more of its revenue/resources into expanding its Family and Community Services to include more of today's situations and conditions affecting our children. Our parents/grandparents need to get updated on the threats to the younger generation. We need all the assistance we can get when it comes to the safety and welfare of our children and younger generations.

I understand the federal government has a responsibility and obligation to do its share of resolving the issues. Our Indian population is less than 2 percent of this country's population and is growing older. We'd better take care of our younger people if we expect them to get older. Our tribal government can do more to protect our children by providing relevant services of prevention and intervention regarding the social network's impact on the lives of our younger generations.

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## Podcast Episode 18 is now available on YouTube and Spotify

### [Doñ:Gyá Episode 18 a conversation w/ Rick Waters



**RECORDED IN DENVER COLORADO**

#### **TOPICS OF DISCUSSION**

- DENVER INDIAN CENTER
- DENVER TRIBAL EMBASSY
- TRIBAL PROGRESS IN OKLAHOMA
- KIOWA'S OF COLORADO
- GOALS FOR THE FUTURE



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## Rocky Mountain Wayz by Devyn Wickson

Colorado was lucky to host the presence of three keen Oklahoma Kiowas recently, as District 7 legislator Warren Queton, District 7 communications intern Devyn Wickson, and Kiowa Tribal Historical Preservation Officer Amanda Hill made the journey to Denver, Colorado, at the end of August. Each with unique goals for the trip, as there were three days in Colorado were packed with meetings, podcast productions, citizen engagement, data collection, and greasy breads when time allowed.

The trip was financed through a travel grant courtesy of Rick Williams with the TREC commission, who is hoping to facilitate land back for the tribe. Legislator Queton was honored to cohost Episode 18 of [Dóñ:gyá with Rick Waters as the two discuss various plans for tribal relations and breakthroughs in the City of Denver.

Hill and Queton found themselves very busy on the third day of the trip as they were in meetings with city council people discussing how the tribe may be a part of the progressive agenda the City of Denver envisions, which includes the Kiowa Tribe. Thankfully, the turnout for the Denver Meet & Greet was a success! The room was filled with conversation, songs, government updates, and election discussion, and was also quiet when Kiowa Citizens shared a delicious meal provided by the Denver Indian Center and catered by Tecobe. We are pleased to report there were no leftovers! The future is bright for the Kiowa Tribe and the Rocky Mountains as we plan to bring back our wayz to the state of Colorado.

Photos taken by Devyn Wickson





## Memo from the KIC Coordinator Regarding the Upcoming Vote

*This memo/letter is for informational purposes and not intended to persuade anyone in their vote.*

Dear Voters,

Please note that if you haven't received an Election notice then your address may not be up to date with Election Commissions records. If so, it is your respective responsibility to inform the Election Commission and update your address as soon as possible.

Additionally, there have been many questions, confusion, and concerns pertaining to the upcoming Special



Election planned for Saturday September 27, 2025. Here, it will be explained as best as possible. However, if you have any additional questions, please reach out to the Office of the KIC, Election Commission, or your Legislature. Furthermore, this information is **NOT** to be misconstrued as coercion or persuasion by the Coordinator for the Office of the Council placed upon voters to vote for any resolution. This is simply provided as an information tool for understanding the process. It is vital that every voting member be well equipped when it comes to decision making when voting upon resolutions.

The main subject to be discussed, and still applicable to the other resolutions seeking Constitutional Amendment changes, are the three resolutions pertaining to blood quantum seeking a Constitutional Amendment change.

This upcoming and planned Special Election for Saturday September 27, 2025, does not require the 30% threshold to be met for passage of a Constitutional Amendment, as it is outlined in Article XIV Section 2 Requirements for Passage. Such threshold will be required in the event a resolution passes and is placed on a ballot of a Subsequent Election. Again, this upcoming and planned Special Election for Saturday Sept. 27, 2025, determines whether the proposed resolutions should go forward to another ballot of a different Subsequent Election.

For example, of the three resolutions pertaining to blood quantum, the resolution that is most favored would be the one to go forward to be placed on a ballot in a Subsequent Election. **IF**, for example, the results of the Election were to be as follows:

### Example

- KIC-CY-0003-2025 (Blood Quantum Descendancy)
  - Yes: 499
  - No: 500
  
- KIC-CY-0006-2025 (Qualifying Membership Kiowa Indian Blood Requirement Reduction; 1/8th degree)
  - Yes: 500
  - No: 499
  
- KIC-CY-0009-2025 (All Kiowas being of 4/4th Degree)
  - Yes: 500
  - No: 501

Then the results, in the example provided, would determine that the resolution KIC-CY-0006-2025 1/8th degree, would proceed to be placed on another ballot in a Subsequent Election. Again, in the example provided the resolution that would go to ballot in a different Subsequent Election would be “KIC-CY-0006-2025”, given that it passed with the most selected Yes’s that voted on it; while the other two received more No’s than Yes’s when selected. Notice, in the example provided, two resolutions received the same number of 500 Yes’s. However, “KIC-CY-0009-2025” received more No’s (501) than Yes (500), thus ruling that resolution dead.

If, for example, two resolutions received the same number of votes as follows:

### Example

- KIC-CY-0006-2025 (Qualifying Membership Kiowa Indian Blood Requirement Reduction; 1/8th degree)
  - Yes: 500
  - No: 499
  
- KIC-CY-0009-2025 (All Kiowas being of 4/4th Degree)
  - Yes: 500
  - No: 498

Then the two resolutions would go to an [ **insert proper terminology** ] to determine which one resolution should proceed further.

It’s also been expressed on Facebook posts that there was no option to keep the current requirement of ¼ degree as is. Please understand that if ANY voter wishes for the current requirement to stay the same to vote NO. By not voting (leaving the fill in the blank empty) on the resolutions pertaining to blood quantum it does nothing to keep the resolutions, pertaining to blood quantum, from *potentially* going forward. That’s IF ANY voter wishes to keep the current blood quantum requirement as is. For example, if majority voted to keep the

requirements of 1/4 degree as is and the results were as follows:

Example

- KIC-CY-0003-2025 (Blood Quantum Descendancy)
- Yes: 299
- No: 400
  
- KIC-CY-0006-2025 (Qualifying Membership Kiowa Indian Blood Requirement Reduction; 1/8th degree)
- Yes: 399
- No: 500
  
- KIC-CY-0009-2025 (All Kiowas being of 4/4th Degree)
- Yes: 499
- No: 600

Then if the results, as provided in the example were as follows, such an example would determine that NO resolution pertaining to blood quantum would go forward and thus the resolutions would be dead.

The same is applicable to any resolution seeking a Constitutional Amendment change.

Additionally, for ANY voter not certain which resolution to choose VOTE!!

It must be reiterated and stressed again that voters participate and VOTE and know that by NOT Selecting Yes or No on the ballot for any resolution, that it doesn't help if one wishes for a resolution to pass or fail. VOTE! VOTE! VOTE!

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## Upcoming Events



# **DISTRICT 7 SERVICE WEBINAR**

**TOPIC:**  
LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

**GUEST SPEAKER:**  
LILLIE PINNELL

**SEPTEMBER 16TH 12-1:00 PM CST**



**FOLLOWED BY A Q&A SESSION  
WITH LEGISLATOR WARREN QUETON**  
Zoom Meeting: <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>



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**539-525-0437**



# "SENIOR DAY"



KIOWA AOA WILL BE TAKING KIOWA ELDERS TO THE OKLAHOMA CITY STATE FAIR. THIS ELDER ACTIVITY IS OPEN TO ALL 7 KIOWA DISTRICTS.

**MUST BE 60yrs or OLDER TO GO WITH ID VERIFICATION.**

ON WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025. WE WILL BE LEAVING FROM THE KIOWA AOA CENTER AT **9:00am SHARP.**

CALL THE MAIN NUMBER TO THE KIOWA AOA CENTER AT 405/910-9231 TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT OR SIGN IN AT THE KIOWA AOA CENTER. RESERVATIONS ARE BASED ON A

"FIRST COME - FIRST SERVE BASIS" FOR THE FIRST 42 CALLERS.

**MUST PRESENT YOUR ID AT THE FRONT GATE TO VERIFY AGE FOR FREE ADMISSION. WITHOUT YOUR ID YOU WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR OWN ADMISSION FEE.**

**THE ONLY WAY A CAREGIVER IS ALLOWED TO GO IS IF THEIR ELDER IS WHEEL CHAIR BOUND & REQUIRES THEIR FULLTIME ASSISTANCE. IF A CAREGIVER IS 55 OR YOUNGER THEY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN ADMISSION FEE.**

**LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED AT 11:00am.**

TIME OF RETURN TO AOA WILL BE 5:00pm

"OPEN TO ALL TO 7 DISTRICTS OF THE KIOWA TRIBE"



District 7

# TOWN HALL MEETING

**DATE**  
**SEPTEMBER 18TH**

**TIME**  
**6:00 – 8:00 PM**

**Meet with Legislator Warren Queton**  
**Find out the latest D7 news**



**Community activity:**  
**Indian tacos**  
**Bingo games**

**1604 S. Baltimore Ave**  
**Tulsa, OK 74119**

[district7legislature@kiowatribe.org](mailto:district7legislature@kiowatribe.org)

**Enrollment**  
**will be in**  
**attendance**

**539-525-0437**



KIOWA TRIBE DISTRICT 7

# **ENROLLMENT WILL BE VISITING**

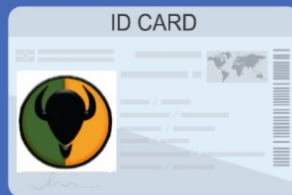
## **D7 TULSA OFFICE**

**SEPTEMBER 18TH 6PM-8PM**

1604 S. BALTIMORE AVE  
TULSA, OK 74119

WE WILL BE HAVING A TOWN HALL MEETING  
DURING THIS TIME/LOCATION

ACROSS THE  
STREET  
FROM THE  
D7 OFFICE



**SEPTEMBER 19TH 10AM-1PM**

15 E 16TH ST  
TULSA, OK 74119  
PHONE NUMBER: 539-525-0437

EMAIL  
DISTRICT7LEGISLATURE@KIOWATRIBE.ORG





# TULSA BEGINNING KIOWA LANGUAGE CLASS

**LET'S LEARN  
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:  
WARREN QUETON**

**SEPTEMBER 29TH  
6 TO 7:30 PM**



**LIGHT  
REFRESHMENTS**

**Kiowa  
District 7  
Tulsa Office:**

**15th E 16th Street,  
Tulsa OK 74119**

**ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM**

Zoom link available on our Linktree:

**[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/KIOWAD7](https://linktr.ee/KIOWAD7)**



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## KIOWA TRIBE LIAISON OFFICE FOR VETERANS AFFAIRS

### **POW WOW** **September 13th, 2025**

Kiowa Community Center, 100 KIOWA WAY CARNEGIE, OK 73015

#### HEAD STAFF

**Emcee:** Tim Yeahquo      **Head Lady Dancer:** Randi Waters-Sunray  
**Head Singer:** Jesse Hamilton      **Head Gourd Dancer:** Warren Queton  
**Arena Director:** Hamilton Tongkeamah & Kylie Callahan  
**Security:** Alan Hadley  
**Kiowa Tribe Veterans Office Princess:** Allena Faith Kaudlekaule

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

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

#### ARTS AND CRAFT VENDORS WELCOME \$30.00

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

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

Men – Fancy War Dance/Grass Dance Combined  
 Traditional Dance/Straight Dance Combined  
 1st - \$400.00 2nd - 300.00 3rd - \$200.00  
 Women – Cloth/Buckskin Combined  
 1st - \$400.00 2nd - \$300.00 3rd - \$200.00  
 Teen Boys – Fancy War Dance/Grass Dance Combined  
 1st - \$200.00 2nd - \$150.00 3rd \$100.00  
 Teen Girls – Cloth/Buckskin Combined  
 1st - \$200.00 2nd - \$150.00 3rd - \$100.00  
 For Info: LaRue Guoladdle (580)-919-1315

For Info – Pershing Yeahquo 405-274-2426

LaRue Guoladdle – 580-919-1315

Not Responsible for any accidents, injuries, lost or stolen items, drugs and alcohol prohibited.



# Kiowa Tribal Princess Sorority

## 2ND ANNUAL HONOR DANCE

### October 4th 2025

[GÛIGÚL]DÈ - RED WOLF COMMUNITY CENTER - CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA

2 PM - GOURD DANCE  
5 PM - SUPPER BREAK  
6 PM - WAR MOTHERS'  
+ CLOSING GOURD SESSION

HEAD LADY:  
*Kiowa Tribal Princess*  
1968 & 1969

7 PM - OH HO MAH  
10 PM - CLOSING SONG  
10:05 PM WAR JOURNEY SONGS

HEAD SINGER:  
*Charlie Horse*

CO-MC:  
*Warren Queton*

CO-MC:  
*Carlo Chalepah*

CO-HOST:  
*Comanche Nation Princess Sorority*

*Kiowa Tribal Princess*  
Tegan Gouge

*Sharon Tsatoke Gritts*



HEAD MAN:  
*Terry Tsotigh*

ARENA DIRECTOR:  
*Marshal Williamson*

SECURITY:  
*To Be Announced*

CO-HOST:

*Apache Tribal Princess Sorority*

SPECIAL INVITATIONS:

*Comanche Nation Princess*  
Isabela Ramirez

*Apache Tribal Princess*  
Abigail Killsfirst

THE KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS SORORITY IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES TO ALL PARTICIPANTS, VOLUNTEERS, AND STAFF. WE STRIVE TO CREATE AN INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL ENVIRONMENT FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED. THE KIOWA TRIBAL PRINCESS SORORITY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY LOSS, THEFT, OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL PROPERTY DURING THE EVENT. ATTENDEES ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR BELONGINGS AND MUST TAKE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS. BY PARTICIPATING, YOU AGREE TO HOLD THE SORORITY HARMLESS FROM ANY LIABILITY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION + VENDOR REQUESTS, CONTACT SORORITY OFFICERS AT: KIWAPRINCESSES@GMAIL.COM

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