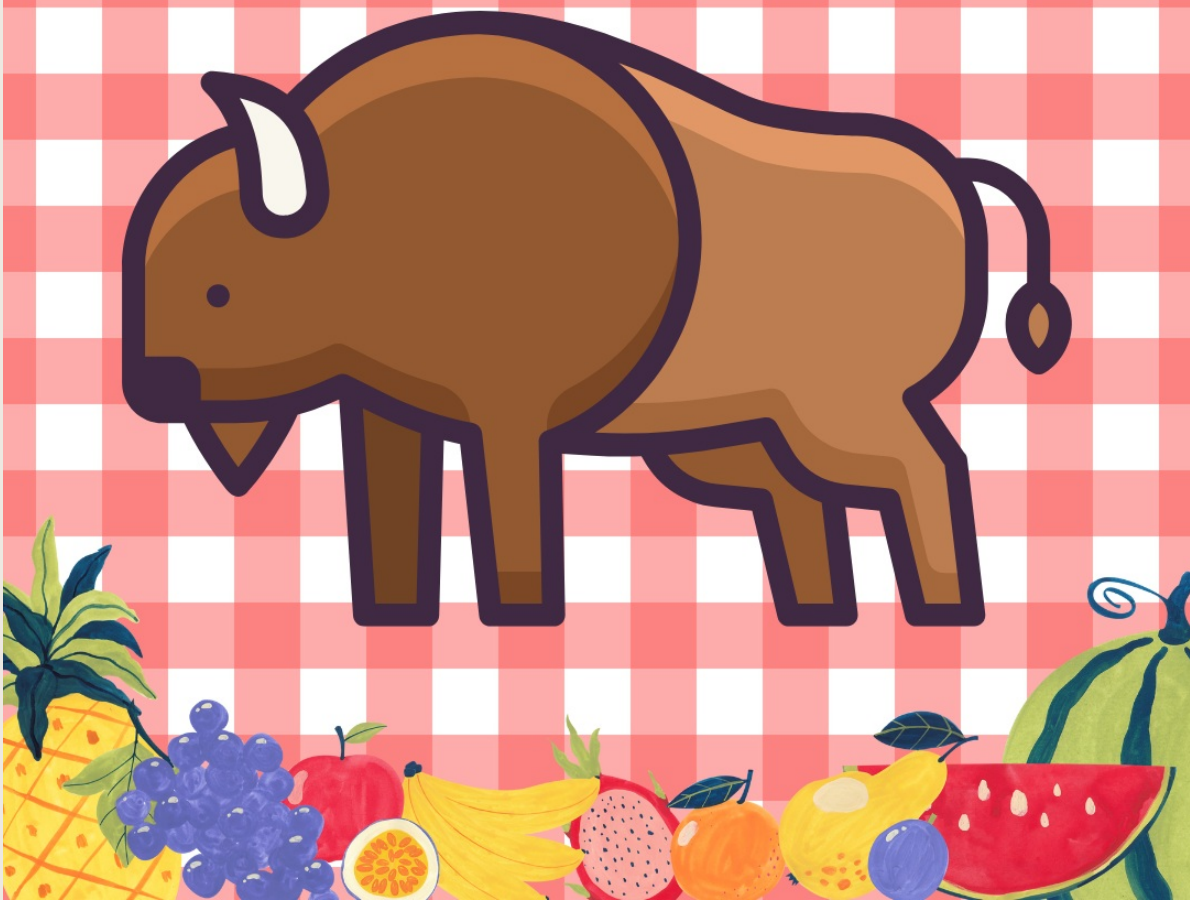




# Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

July of 2025

## District 7



Dear Kiowa District 7 Citizens,

Aho, Kiowa Tribal Members!

We hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. As we reflect on the vibrant celebrations of the Kiowa Gourd Clan, we want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to all who stopped by the District 7 camp to share in the joy, traditions, and fellowship. Your presence made the event even more meaningful, and it was a true honor to connect with so many of



you.

The strength of our community lies in the bonds we share and the traditions we uphold. Thank you for being a part of this cherished celebration and for continuing to honor the rich identity of the Kiowa people.

Wishing you all a wonderful July & August filled with blessings, unity, and pride in our culture.

Aho,  
Warren Queton

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## THOUGHTS FROM AN ELDER

### Elder Judgments

#### *How Will the Current Federal Cuts Impact Our Tribal People?*

Unbelievably, I ran out of patience watching TV this past week. With all the streaming channels available, you could find one that suits your viewing entertainment/education. I remember when we got our first TV back in 1957 or thereabouts, my four brothers, 10 cousins, grandma/grandpa, mom, and dad sat there about an hour watching this still picture of a war bonneted, stereotyped, Indian man image. The older folks finally gave up on watching anything live and let us kids continue to sit here and watch the still image. We rabbits were more patient than our elders at that time, but finally fell asleep only to wake up in the evening with the local news on and the elders watching. Today, TV still has the news reporting, but it is fixated on two things: politics and commercials (making money).

I don't watch either too well, so I end up in my office writing these op-ed pieces on tribal affairs for various tribes and organizations. I don't mind hearing and watching Indian-related news, but little is offered by public TV except for those movies and sitcoms that have worn out from years of being the only Indian-related TV. We old folks know about every line of Dances With Wolves, Little Bighorn, and even Rez Dogs because they were the only media with a focus on Indianness. You sense that I am being Kiowa with you with my exaggerated tone about the limited Indian related viewing in media, hah?

How active is our Kiowa tribe in informing tribal citizens about what is going on at the state and national news levels, involving and impacting all of us as tribal, state, and national citizens? We need information with a tribal perspective provided by our tribal representatives and media. We are entitled to know how today's politics, policies, executive orders, state legislation, and even local municipal decisions will impact our tribal people, especially the elderly and those suffering from social illnesses and other social/political health movements. I must read the surrounding tribes' newsletters, or listen to their tribally sponsored media, to know what is going on for our elders and tribal people because we do not value information, as evident by our always late newsletter, and the "borrowed" radio time from the Anadarko "Country Time" radio people, once a week. Facebook? Come on! I hear the same gossip on Facebook, at pow wows, and other non-tribally related events every weekend—no news from the Kiowa Tribe except promised transparency, which never materialized, and crazy Facebook activity. The Kiowa Tribe must build a productive, contemporary information dissemination system for its membership.



I have been saying this on behalf of District 7 tribal members for several years, only to hear “it is in the budget” during the few political events and promises from our highest elected officials and tribal employees. I am tired of being patient. Our older adults need to know/understand how these crazy policies of the current administration are going to impact our lives today. Seems like tribal health, education, housing, economics, culture, all our daily lives, are threatened with discontinued funding from the federal government. District 7 tribal members are out of this island of mis/disinformation and scrambling to keep their balance and quality of life. Accurate, up-to-date, reliable information would help us prepare for the worst, if it comes about. I would encourage our elected legislators to stay informed about the latest tribally related national news and convey it to their constituents as much as possible. Many of the elderly District 7 members do not have internet access during a time of information crisis and must depend on the local news, which is dominated by national affairs. What about the promise of better communication from our tribal politicians for our communities? At least our District 7 legislator and his staff/volunteers have made a reasonable effort to provide a means of communication to the D7 constituency with its monthly podcasts, newsletters, and community announcements over the past year.

Not to be redundant, but we need to refine and enhance the tribe’s communication system. Our older adults have been saying this and asking for a better system for years. An informed tribal public will engage more with the tribal government toward more efficient tribal governance. When is it going to happen for the Kiowa Tribe?



### **Two Pieces of Legislation Passed this Month:**

#### **First Amendment to the Kiowa Tribe Leasing Code, Hearth Act**

The Kiowa Tribe is pleased to announce an important development regarding our community’s land management framework. The recent amendment to the Kiowa Tribe Leasing Code reflects a concerted effort to responsibly steward tribal lands, safeguard our cultural heritage, and promote long-term economic success.

This amendment, which authorizes extended leasing of trust lands, marks a significant step forward in the Tribe’s approach to land use and community advancement. By expanding the allowable lease duration, this change enhances opportunities for economic growth through partnerships with businesses and organizations that align with the Tribe’s values and collective vision. From infrastructure projects to business development, this amendment allows for the creation of agreements that maximize the potential of our lands while ensuring their continued care and integrity.

This measure also reinforces the importance of self-determination. By exercising our authority to manage trust lands through modifications to our leasing regulations, we are reaffirming our commitment to the well-being and prosperity of our people. These extended leasing provisions are not only practical but are deeply rooted in the principle of prioritizing our community’s interests—today and into the future.

These changes to the Kiowa Tribe Leasing Code demonstrate the adaptability and forward-thinking nature of our governance. By aligning with tribal and federal guidelines, this step



ensures continued progress while honoring the trust and responsibility bestowed upon us as stewards of our shared lands.

For further information or to learn how this amendment may impact future leasing opportunities, please contact the Kiowa Natural Resources Office.

### **First Amendment to the 2023 Charter of the Kiowa Casino Operations Authority**

The Kiowa Tribe has taken a significant step forward in strengthening the governance and oversight of its casino enterprises with the passage of the First Amendment to the 2023 Charter of the Kiowa Casino Operations Authority (KCOA). Sponsored by Michael Primus, District 2 Representative, this amendment reflects the legislature's commitment to ensuring the continued success and accountability of the tribe's gaming operations.

The 2023 Charter, originally enacted to establish and govern the Kiowa Casino Operations Authority, serves as the foundational framework for managing the tribe's profitable casino enterprises. The KCOA is tasked with overseeing operations, ensuring compliance with tribal and federal regulations, and maximizing economic benefits for the Kiowa people.

The First Amendment introduces key updates to the governance structure of the KCOA, specifically addressing the roles, responsibilities, and operational guidelines for the board that oversees casino operations. These changes aim to enhance transparency, improve decision-making processes, and align the authority's practices with industry standards.

Michael Primus, the amendment's sponsor, emphasized the importance of this legislative action, stating, "This amendment is a critical step in safeguarding the economic future of our tribe. By refining the governance of our casino operations, we are ensuring that these enterprises remain a reliable source of revenue and opportunity for the Kiowa people."

The legislature's approval of this amendment underscores its dedication to fostering sustainable economic growth while maintaining the highest standards of accountability and integrity. The updated charter positions the Kiowa Casino Operations Authority to continue thriving in a competitive gaming industry, benefiting the tribe for generations to come.

For more information on the First Amendment to the 2023 Charter of the Kiowa Casino Operations Authority, please visit the official tribal website, [kiowatribe.org](http://kiowatribe.org).

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**Episode 17 available now on  
YouTube and Spotify.**



# Episode 17 of [Dón:Gyà]



**A Conversation w/ District 7**

**Intern Devyn Wickson**

[Watch on YouTube](#)

[Listen on Spotify](#)

Links can be found on our Linktree, [linktr.ee/kiowaD7](https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7)

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## Legislative Regular Session





## KIOWA TRIBE

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OFFICE OF THE LEGISLATURE

# NOTICE

## KIOWA TRIBE LEGISLATURE

### LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION C-(100)

**Date:** Saturday, August 09, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

**Location:** Kiowa Tribe Complex, (Community Center), 100 Kiowa Way, Carnegie, Oklahoma 73015.

**ZOOM:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83380564359?pwd=VuLJRVbGbknpaRc9eoLmxgq1Xo41.1>

**Passcode:** 846225

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Kiowa Tribe Constitution, Article VI – Legislative Branch, Section 7. Sessions, (a) The Legislature shall convene at the Tribe Headquarters for twelve Regular Sessions of up to two consecutive days beginning on the second Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00 a.m.

The next session is happening soon, so set a reminder for the upcoming 2nd Saturday of the month. Check the Kiowa Legislature website or your local announcements for details on how to access the Zoom link.

We encourage you to join us and be part of this inspiring initiative to build a stronger, more connected community. Together, we can shape a brighter future!

Zoom link can be found on the legislative webpage, <https://www.kiowatribe.org/legislative>

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## [Cauigu Return to Colorado

Tribal Embassy Partnership with The City of Denver

District 7 Legislator Warren Queton, The Kiowa Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer Amanda Hill, and District 7 intern Devyn Wickson will be making a trip to Denver, Colorado, to visit with the city of Denver, host a meet and greet, and build relationships from August 25th through the 28th. The trip is made possible by the TREC Report Grant (Truth, Restoration, and Education Commission), which is made possible to assist tribes in developing strategies to restore treaty rights and address economic loss for the tribes of Colorado. The Kiowa Tribe, being one of those tribes, and with Colorado falling into District 7, we see an opportunity to build relationships and the potential for future tribal travel to various regions of Colorado. Amanda Hill and Warren Queton will take the lead in planning for our future in Colorado and discussing our plans for ancestral lands. Devyn Wickson will follow along to document the trip and build a report for all [Cauigu. We will host a Community Meet & Greet on Tuesday, August 26th, at the Denver Indian Center from 6:00pm – 8:00pm. See flyer below for details

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## Upcoming Events





# D7 NORMAN OFFICE IS CLOSING



**AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> WILL BE THE LAST DAY**  
**THE EXECUTIVE SIDE OF THE**  
**NORMAN OFFICE WILL BE**  
**RELOCATING TO OKC**  
MORE DETAILS TO COME

D7 WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE THE  
TULSA LOCATION  
15 E 16<sup>TH</sup> ST  
TULSA, OK 74119





# ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT BACK-TO-SCHOOL ASSISTANCE

Parents & Caregivers of  
KIOWA School-Age Children:

We have heard from many of you and we recognize how **essential** it is for children to begin a new school year, fully prepared and **equipped**. We know that back-to-school assistance is a basic service that tribal nations routinely and annually provide to families of **young and growing children**.

We want you to know that our K.E.A. Executive Director and all of our staff **advocate** for your **needs**, and in **cooperation** & full **support** from both the **Executive** and **Legislative** Branches, we are glad to announce that Back-to-School clothing cards have been ordered and will be issued in the month of August, 2025.

Many area schools begin as early as 8/7/25 so our hope is that school enrollment verification can be easily obtained, which is required. Applications will be available Monday, August 4<sup>th</sup>- 29<sup>th</sup>. Please be mindful that any services provided are not guaranteed in the next fiscal year and must be approved through the budget process. Services and amounts are based on limited funds and must account for the projected eligible population to be served as provided by the enrollment office. Amounts may be decreased to accommodate more applicants if necessary.

VERIFICATIONS  
REQUIRED:

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CHILD'S KIOWA  
ENROLLMENT #

SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENT:  
KINDERGARTEN  
TO  
12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

OPEN TO ALL  
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# TULSA BEGINNING KIOWA LANGUAGE CLASS

**LET'S LEARN  
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:  
WARREN QUETON**

**AUGUST 18TH  
6 TO 7:30 PM**



**PIZZA  
DRINKS  
WATERMELON**

**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)**



**(539) 525-0437**



**[DISTRICT7LEGISLATURE@KIOWATRIBE.ORG](mailto:DISTRICT7LEGISLATURE@KIOWATRIBE.ORG)**



# MEET & GREET RECEPTION

Please join Kiowa District 7 Legislator,  
**Warren Queton** at the Denver Indian Center for a

## MEET & GREET RECEPTION



**TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH**

**6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**

at the Denver Indian Center,  
4407 Morrison Road, Denver CO



**ENJOY AN EVENING  
OF FOOD AND  
FELLOWSHIP WITH  
OTHER KIWAS.**



**WARREN QUETON**

**MEET YOUR  
REPRESENTATIVE  
AND ASK  
QUESTIONS!**

Please RSVP by Friday, Aug. 22nd at (303) 936-2688 extension 200





District 7



# TOWNHALL 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)

539-525-0437

## Social Media Platforms

### YouTube

District 7 has a YouTube channel. We aim to record and upload our webinars and different events so everyone can stay involved.

**This month, we have uploaded the following:**

- Episode 17 of [Dóñ:Gyà featuring special guest Devyn Wickson
- Tulsa July language class recording

To access these videos, please visit our linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>





# Kiowa Tribe District 7

@kiowatribedistrict7

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Welcome ...more

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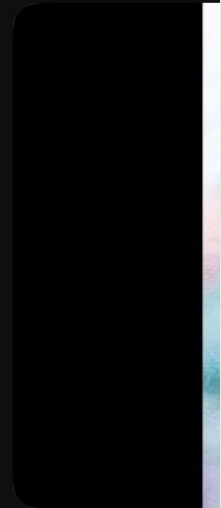
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## For You



Episode 16 of [Dón:gyà! A conversation with Dr. Toni Tsatoke-Mule  
7 views · 1 hour ago







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TikTok

Please check out our TikTok, we post videos of events, Kiowa hymns, and Kiowa words and phrases




# Kiowa Tribe District 7


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1,877  
Followers


8,626  
Likes



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Official page of the Kiowa Tribe District 7 Legislature.


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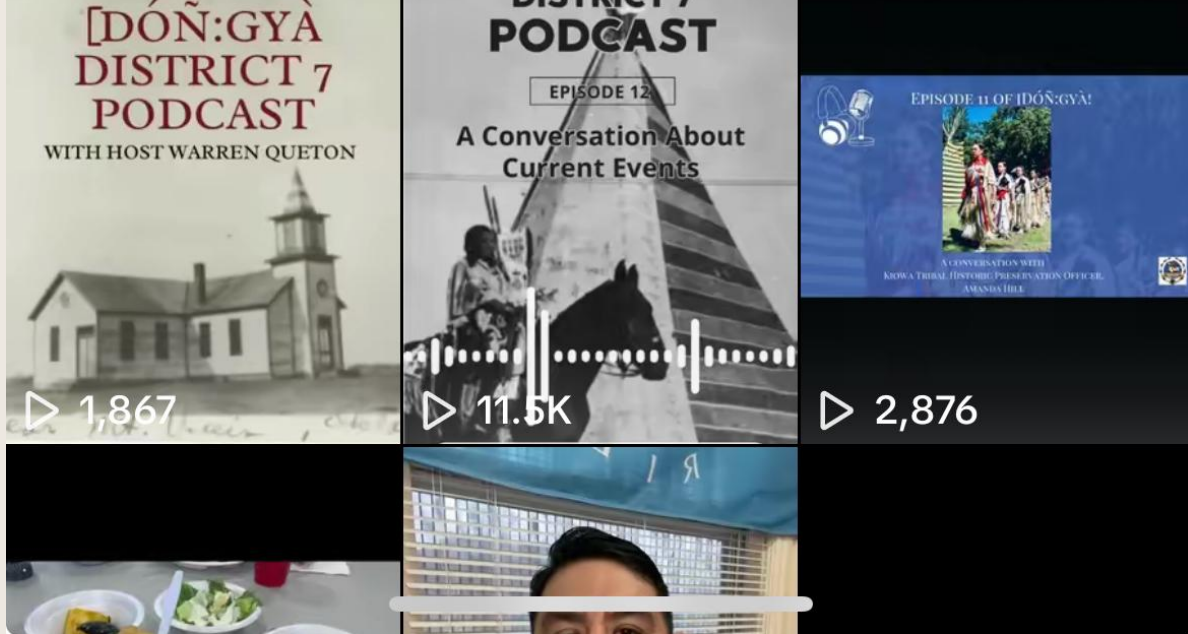
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KIOWA TRIBE DISTRICT 7

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DISTRICT 7





**THE KIOWA TRIBE HAS UPDATED SOME PHONE NUMBERS!**



KIOWA COMPLEX  
(405) 901-9229

TAX COMMISSION  
(405) 901-9271

ENROLLMENT OFFICE  
(405) 901-9239

JUDICIAL COURT  
(405) 901-9237

HIGHER EDUCATION  
(405) 648 -0916

SOCIAL SERVICES  
(405) 648-0417

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**Website**



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**Schedule a Meeting with Legislator Warren Queton**

**YouTube Videos**

**September Zoom Meeting (PIN 381420)**

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