



# Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

June of 2024



**Dear Kiowa District 7 Citizens,**

I hope this message finds you in good health and high spirits. I'm delighted to extend a warm invitation to all District 7 citizens for our Annual Gourd Celebrations around the 4th of July. This Kiowa Gourd Clan will have the annual ceremony on July 2, 3, and 4th at the Kiowa Tribal Dance Ground in Carnegie, OK. The Kiowa Tia-piah Society of Carnegie will celebrate July 2, 3, and 4th at the Apache Tribal Dance Grounds located on the Native American Veterans Road, west of Fort Cobb. The Tia-piah Society of Oklahoma will host its celebration on June 29th and 30th at Tia-piah Park in Lawton, OK.

The Kiowa Gourd Dance is more than just a celebration or typical powwow; it is a ceremonial dance that expresses our spirit and identity. Participating in the Gourd Dance embodies "Kiowaness," reflecting our people's deep-rooted traditions and

values. Historically, the Gourd Society served as our military police, upholding the warrior society's way of life, especially when we practiced the Sun Dance religion. My family and I are pleased to announce that we'll host a camp during the celebration at the Kiowa Tribal Dance Gourd in Carnegie. We invite all District 7 citizens to visit our camp, share in conversation, and grab something cool to drink. It will be a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with one another, honor our heritage, and foster a sense of community.

Whether you are new to the tradition or have been attending for years, your presence will enrich the celebration and strengthen our communal bonds. We look forward to seeing you there! Remember to hydrate!

Warren Queton  
District 7 Legislator

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## Thoughts from an Elder



## Let's Get More Engaged in the Tribal Government

I don't know how many of you older than 65 (just my age factor for elders) have access to a computer or a cell phone but it sure would be nice to hear your perspective(s) on what it means to be an elder of the Kiowa Tribe, especially those living in the District 7 areas. Heck, I would be pleased with receiving an old fashion post card stating what you would like to hear from the D7 podcast, TikTok, newsletter, facebook and other communication tools. It seems kind of

crazy that many of us still have the landline phones as our major tool of communication, other than word of mouth, but such is the life of an elder. Thank God for our grandchildren and their abilities to manipulate the computer software and cell phones these days, hàu? Please try to engage with our D7 communication activities as D7 staff try to inform you about tribal affairs while our D7 elected representative works hard to represent your best interest while conveying your ideas, needs, opinions, and perspectives to our tribally elected officials and service people. You have an excellent representative in Mr. Warren Queton. He does a good job of advocating for you and representing your lives outside the tribal service region. He uses the current communication tools and is always trying to learn how to utilize the new, advanced tools in order to let you know how much you are a vital part of our Kiowa tribe and its existence.

Please click the "**Read More**" link for the full article

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## Legislative Update



# Latest Legislature News

Hello Kiowa Tribe Members,

First and foremost, I am grateful for your support in approving the annual budget. Your trust and confidence mean the world to us as we continue to work towards improving our community. Additionally, thank you for re-electing me as the Kiowa Tribe District 7 legislator. I am humbled and grateful for this opportunity to serve you. As we start a new term and fiscal year, we will be conducting some survey work and strategic planning. Many Kiowa Legislature and Executive Branch members attended the Sovereignty Symposium in OKC city this week, exchanging ideas and thoughts on strategically bolstering our tribal sovereignty against the ongoing threats.

This month, the Kiowa Legislature has diligently worked on several resolutions and laws to enhance our community's governance and welfare. Here is a brief overview:

## **1. Kiowa Gaming Commission Ordinance Act of 2024**

On June 13, 2024, we met to discuss the new ordinance. This act aims to regulate and oversee gaming activities within our tribe, ensuring fairness and transparency.

## **2. Kiowa Tribe Executive Branch Four-Division Structure and Organizational Chart Act of 2024**

This act, sponsored by Anita Johnson (District 5) and co-sponsored by Michael Primus (District 2), proposes a new organizational structure for our executive branch. We're currently awaiting a public hearing to proceed.

### **3. First Amendment to the Employee Benefit Provider**

This amendment seeks to improve the benefits offered to our employees, ensuring they receive the support and resources they deserve.

### **4. Minimum Commission Standards Act**

This act establishes minimum standards and guidelines for our commissions, promoting accountability and effectiveness in their operations.

### **5. Resolution Petitioning the Secretary of the Interior**

We have petitioned the Secretary of the Interior to issue a Federal Charter of Incorporation for Kiowa Inc. This will provide a legal framework for our business activities and enhance our economic development efforts.

### **6. Audit Authorization, Acceptance, and Responsibility Act**

Sponsored by the District 7 Legislator, this act outlines audit authorization and acceptance procedures, ensuring transparency and accountability in our financial operations.

## **New Resolutions**

### **1. Authorizing Bank of Oklahoma Bank Accounts, Signers, Powers Granted and Limitations**

This resolution authorizes the opening and management of bank accounts with the Bank of Oklahoma, specifying signers and their powers.

### **2. Authorizing Sovereign Bank Accounts, Signers**

Similar to the previous resolution, this one authorizes the opening and managing bank accounts with Sovereign Bank.

These events are great opportunities to engage with our community and learn more about our rich heritage and ongoing initiatives.

## **Conclusion**

Thank you once again for your unwavering support. Together, we are striving toward a brighter future for the Kiowa Tribe. Should you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Kiowa District 7 office in Norman or Tulsa. Visit us on our website <https://www.kiowatribe.org/district-7>, sign up for the district 7 newsletter, listen to our podcast, or visit our District YouTube channel.

Warm regards,  
Warren Queton  
Kiowa Tribe District 7 Legislator



# EPISODE 5 OF IDÓN:GYÀ!



## A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE KIOWA GOURD CLAN



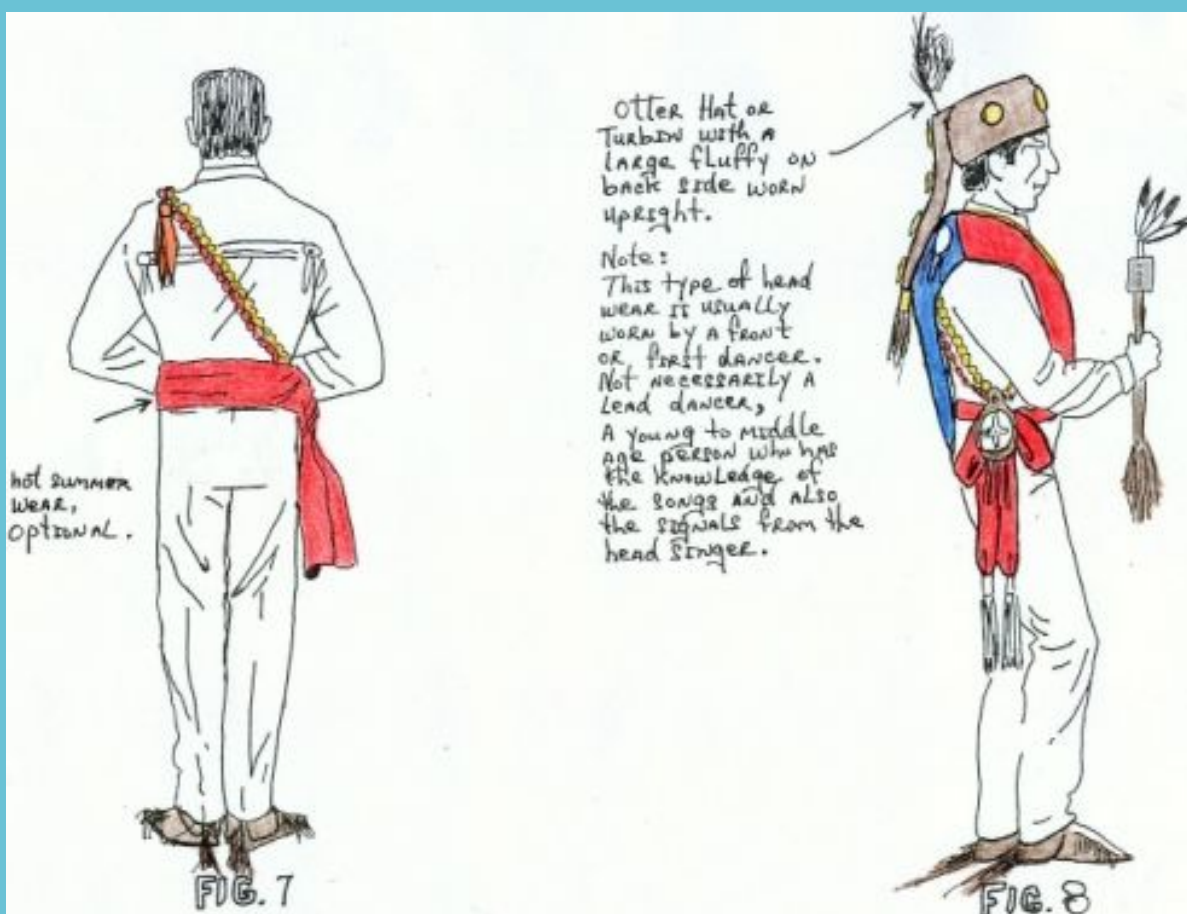
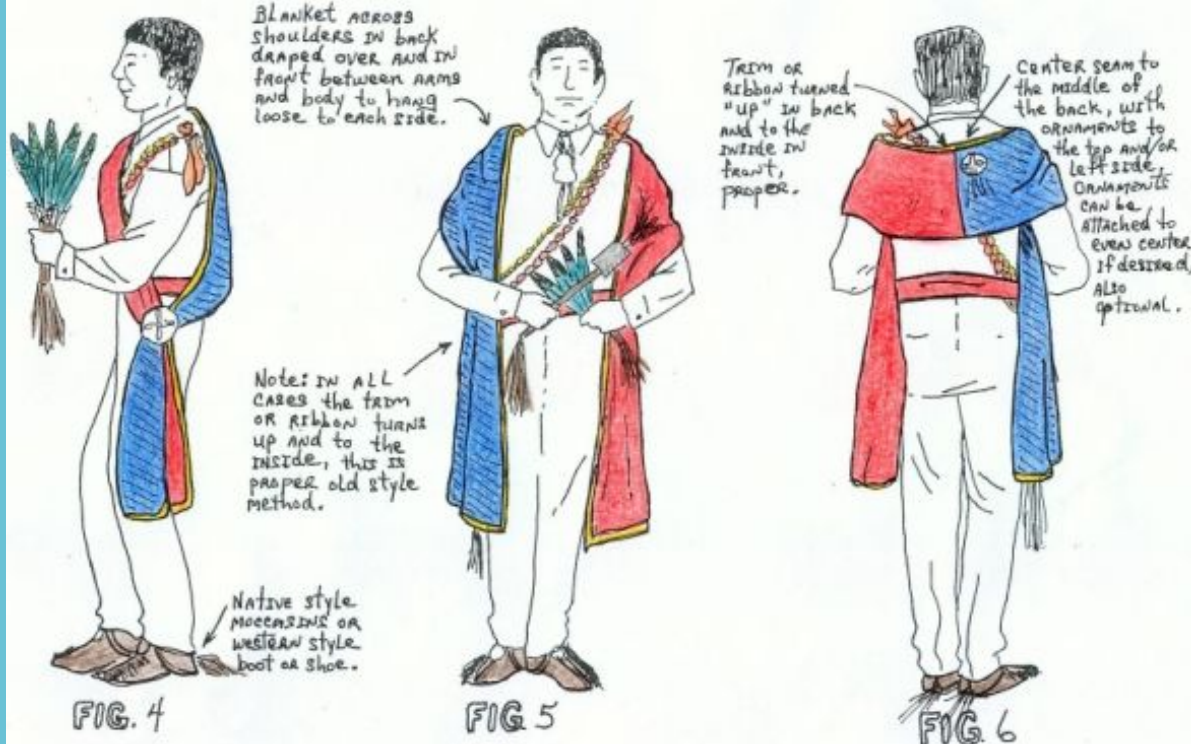
**Episode 5 available now on Spotify and Youtube**

This month we have Kiowa Gourd Clan President Tim Tsoodle on, and we talked about the Kiowa Gourd Clan celebration coming up in July.

District 7 now has a podcast on Spotify and YouTube. Episode 5 is now available. Links can be found on our Linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

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## Kiowa Gourd Clan Dress



Diagrams taken from <https://gourddancing.homestead.com/BasicRegalia.html>

## Upcoming Events

All tribal offices will close early Monday, July 1st at 2:30pm and will remain closed through Friday July, 5th for our Annual Kiowa Ceremony.

We will resume normal business hours Monday, July 8, 2024.



The Enrollment office, Tag Office, and Gift Shop will remain open from 10:00am to 2:00PM daily the week of July 1st-5th.



## KIOWA GOURD CLAN CEREMONIALS

**JULY 2, 3 & 4 2024**

KIOWA CEREMONIAL GROUNDS IN CARNEGIE, OK

HS Tia-Pa-Gah     Mike Topaum  
HS O-Ho-Mah     Eric Bohay  
HMD O-Ho-Mah     Hubert Kaulity  
HWD O-Ho-Mah     Codie Horse  
MCs Tia-Pa-Gah     Cy Ahtone, Joe Fish  
MCs O-Ho-Mah     Tom Phillips, Pete Neconie  
ADs                     Carlo Chalaph, Lindy Toppah

**Special Invite to the Kiowa Princess**  
**Daelena Tsonetakoy**

### SCHEDULE

July 2, 3, 4     Flag raising at sunrise  
July 2 & 3     Rations 9:00 AM  
July 3 & 4     Rabbit Dance 10:00 AM  
July 2, 3, 4     Brush Dance 11:30 AM  
July 2, 3, 4     Gourd Dance 2:00 PM  
July 2, 3, 4     Supper Break 5:30 PM  
July 2, 3, 4     Processional, Evening Gourd Dance  
                         followed by O-Ho-Mah Dance

### Flags to be flown:

1st Day KGC Flag  
2nd Day John Randolph Moore IV  
3rd Day KGC Flag



SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. KGC IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, THEFT OR LOST ITEMS. NO VENDORS, FIREWORKS, FIREARMS, ALCOHOL/DRUGS.  
NO RVs IN THE CAMPGROUND. SECURITY PROVIDED. FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT KGC OFFICERS.





# KIOWA TIA-PIAH SOCIETY ANNUAL CELEBRATION

Apache Tribal Dance Grounds

Native American Veterans Memorial Indian Road South of Fort Cobb, OK



July 1st: Cedarling 6 P.M.  
Potluck

July 2nd-4th: 8 A.M.- Flag Raising  
10 A.M.- Little Rabbits  
1 P.M.- Brush Dancing  
2 P.M.- Gourd Dance  
5 P.M.- Supper  
6 P.M.- Gourd Dance

## July 2,3,4, 2024

**2023-2025 KTPS Princess**

**Peggy "Da-Tah-Hay" Maynahonah**  
**Special Invite**

**2024-2025 Kiowa Tribal Princess**  
**DaeLena "Tse-Mah" Tsonetokoy**

Flags To Be Flown

July 2nd: Leibert "Ears" Kopepassah

July 3rd: Truman "CrazyHorse" Ware

July 4th: KTPS Flag

Honored Elders

**Myers Wahnee Jr.**

**Theresa "Judy" Carter**

### HEAD STAFF

MCs: David Geimusaddle  
Alonzo Chalepah

Head Singer: Robert Tehauno

KTPS Headsmen Will Serve As HGD

Head Lady: Ruthie Wetselline Bert

Arena Directors: Coleman Josh  
Gunnar Bointy

Co- Hosts: Carnegie Victory Club

Tia-Piah Society of Oklahoma

Texas Gulf Coast Tia-Piah

Kiowa Chapter MMIW/ MMIP

Chalepah Family

Security: Artie Nuckols

Allen Ahdokobo



Headsmen

Theodore Toppah: (580) 530-2375

Dennis Kopepassah: (580) 678-5476

Lance Queton: (512) 536-0400

Rudolph Ahdokobo: (405) 933-4501

CAMPING WILL BE AVAILABLE

NO ELECTRICITY PROVIDED

NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED

CLUB & LAND OWNERS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR

THEFT, ACCIDENTS, OR PERSONAL INJURIES

ABSOLUTELY NO FIREWORKS



# TIA-PIAH SOCIETY

*of Oklahoma*

*57th Annual Pow Wow Celebration 2024*

**JUNE 29<sup>TH</sup> & 30<sup>TH</sup> AT TIA-PIAH PARK**

8 MILES NORTH OF LAWTON-EXIT MEDICINE PARK

GOURD DANCING STARTS AT 2:00 PM

SUPPER AT 5:00 PM

GOURD DANCING 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM

## HEADSTAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONIES: DAVID GEIMASADDLE

TIA-PIAH SOCIETY PRINCESS: SHAUNDA GOODSON

IN COMING TIA-PIAH SOCIETY PRINCESS: ZOE JO "WHITE ROSE" BAKER

HEAD MAND GOURD DANCER: CHRIS WHITEWOLF

HEAD LADY DANCER: LARUE GUOLADDLE

HEAD SINGER: LEONARD COZAD (DAY) DANIEL COZAD (NIGHT)

CO-HOST: COMANCHE INDIAN VETERANS ASSOCIATION (CIVA)

KIOWA TIA-PIAH SOCIETY OF OKLAHOMA

CHAHSENAH FAMILY

HONORED GUESTS: KCA VETERANS

HONORING ELDERS ON SATURDAY: VIRGINIA SAHMAUNT & ROSE NAUNI

FLAG RAISING 7:00 AM: JOHN TSATOKE (SATURDAY) & LEONARD COZAD SR (SUNDAY)

HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

ARTS/CRAFTS CONTACT: (580)678-8435 OR (580)355-1021

NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, THEFTS OR INJURY. NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS ALLOWED

SUPPER WILL BE SERVED BOTH DAYS



# Kiowa District 7 Language Class

## JULY 15TH

**IN PERSON ACTIVITY BEGINS**

**@ 7:00PM**

**VIRTUAL CLASS BEGINS**

**@ 8:00 PM**

POTLUCK! PLEASE BRING AN ITEM TO SHARE!

### SPEAKERS

DELORES HARRAGARRA  
VELMA EISENBERGER  
MARTHA POOLAW

**Location : Kiowa District 7 Office**  
**123 24th Ave NW**  
**Norman, Oklahoma 73069**

### ZOOM OPTION

Meeting ID: 876 3205 2759  
Password: kiowa



FOR ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CLASS CONTENT PLEASE  
CONTACT KRICKET CONNYWERDY AT [RHODSCONNYWERDY@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RHODSCONNYWERDY@GMAIL.COM)

## YouTube Channel

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:

- June Webinar with Indian Child Welfare Director, Davetta Geimausaddle.
- The June meet for the Tulsa Language class.
- Episode 5 of our podcast. We met with Kiowa Gourd Clan president, Tim Tsoodle.

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

## Learn More About the Cobalt Refinery



YouTube Search

### TIMELINE – WESTWIN ELEMENTS, INC.

- Westwin Elements, Inc. formed on April 7, 2022
  - Jurisdiction: Oklahoma
  - Entity Type: Domestic For-Profit Business Corporation
  - Current Status: Dissolved
- Westwin Elements, Inc. was incorporated on June 15, 2022
  - Jurisdiction: Delaware
  - Entity Type: Foreign For-Profit Business Corporation
  - Current Status: Active
- Westwin Elements, Inc. – OK formed on April 28, 2023
  - Entity Type: Foreign For-Profit Business Corporation
  - Branch of Westwin Elements, Inc
  - Jurisdiction: Delaware

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March Webinar with Comanche Citizen, Brandon Parker


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On March 12th, we had a webinar with Comanche Citizen, Brandon Parker. He gave a very detailed presentation on the Cobalt Refinery. You can watch this recorded webinar on our YouTube channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@kiowatribedistrict7>

## D7 Links


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**YouTube Videos**

**September Zoom Meeting (PW 381420)**

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