



# Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

May of 2024



**Dear Kiowa District 7 Citizens,**

Our community is bustling with activity and pride as we usher in the vibrant summer days. This season is particularly special as we celebrate the remarkable achievements of our young Kiowa individuals graduating from high school and college. Congratulations to all our graduates—your hard work and dedication are a testament to the bright future our community can look forward to.

In addition to celebrating these personal milestones, we are excited to announce the launch of our Kiowa District 7 language classes. These classes are an excellent opportunity to reconnect with our cultural roots and ensure that the beautiful Kiowa language thrives for generations. The classes will be held in-person once a month and online twice a month, offering flexible options for everyone interested in participating. We hope to see many of you there!

We also want to take a moment to remind you that while our legislative office is tirelessly working to advocate for the needs of the Kiowa people within the constraints of our budget, it is important to note that direct services are provided

by the Kiowa Executive Branch. Our dedicated staff remains committed to representing your interests and ensuring our community's voice is heard.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Together, we can create a thriving and resilient Kiowa District 7.

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## Thoughts from an Elder

### Being a District 7 Kiowa Citizen (?)

*“To receive these services you must live in the Kiowa tribal service area”* are words that I read when I find myself being interested in participating in Kiowa tribal housing, social services, health support, family services, aging programs, and several other standard tribally advertised benefits for Kiowa tribal citizens. Of course this means that if you live outside a specific federal designated boundary, such as D7 Kiowa citizens, you are not eligible to receive specific services from the tribal government. In many cases you also must fall under specific financial guidelines meaning you must meet poverty level income status in most cases. Add to this condition is that the further away you live from the “tribal hub (headquarters)” the less you hear from tribal government and its existence. The Kiowa Tribe is a nation of segregation among its own citizens not by its choice but by the rules and regulations of the federal government. It segregates its own tribal citizens by federal guidelines but likes to refer to itself as a “sovereign nation”. The gist of our tribal government is determined by the federal government and yet we attempt to govern tribal citizens using a form of government which caters to those who “live around the headquarters”, not all tribal citizens.

This is a very difficult condition considering that a majority of currently enrolled Kiowa citizens live in the D7 region and our history of tribal service funding has been limited by federal guidelines to serving only those living in the “tribal service area”. The federal guidelines are out of date when it comes to the fulfilling trust responsibilities to tribes and their citizens. Until there is federal legislation to change these regulations tribes will continue to segregate its federally funding services to those who live within the tribal service area. Irony considering that the tribal population numbers used for appropriations include the out of tribal service area populations which make up the majority of our tribe. D7 citizens are counted for certain federal appropriations but not eligible for those related tribal services. This is still the norm here in Oklahoma. Some tribes have generated enough non-federal funds to include all the tribal members while adhering to the standard “tribal service area only” in its delivery of federal funded services.

Our current elected tribal officials need to address this condition and make efforts to afford all tribal services to all tribal members.

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## Citizen Spotlight, Martha Poolaw



# Kiowa elder, first language speaker, retires from OU as instructor

Brian D. King | Transcript Staff Writer May 4, 2024



Martha Poolaw is a first generation Kiowa language speaker. She has taught as an instructor for 11 years, and she was honored by multiple Kiowa leaders after she announced her retirement.  
Brian D. King | The Transcript



Congratulations to Martha Poolaw on her retirement. She has been a Kiowa language instructor at OU for 11 years. The Department of Native American Studies honored her with a potluck meal and acknowledgement in the Five Moons Lounge earlier this month.

She was featured in the Norman Transcript to honor her in her accomplished career, [https://www.normantranscript.com/news/kiowa-elder-first-language-speaker-retires-from-ou-as-instructor/article\\_4f42790a-0991-11ef-ba08-936231ad7b23.html](https://www.normantranscript.com/news/kiowa-elder-first-language-speaker-retires-from-ou-as-instructor/article_4f42790a-0991-11ef-ba08-936231ad7b23.html)

Dignitaries from the Kiowa Tribe made an appearance at the University of Oklahoma to honor the career of a retiring Kiowa instructor who is an elder and respected member of her tribal community.

In attendance were Chairman Lawrence SpottedBird, Vice Chairman Jacob Tsotigh, and Ben Lucero Wolf, District 6 legislator.

Martha Poolaw, 84, was born in her family home in Carnegie, 30 miles north of the Wichita Mountains.

She said her grandmother never spoke English, so everyone in her family spoke only Kiowa at home.

“I grew up in a Kiowa-speaking home, and I was lucky enough to have that privilege because nowadays you don’t have that,” Poolaw said. “It was just something that you just did. You didn’t have to go to school and learn it. You never thought about it. It was just there.”

Poolaw is only one of a handful of first-language Kiowa speakers left, though thanks to her efforts, many are now learning it as a second language.

Boarding schools for Native students were established in Anadarko, Muskogee, Ardmore, Tishomingo, Chilocco, Concho, Marble City, Durant, Park Hill, Chickasha, and in other areas in and outside Oklahoma.

These schools, and others, forced assimilation practices. Children were forbidden from speaking their Indigenous languages on school grounds.

“Once you go to school, then you convert to English, and then that becomes your language. Slowly, you got away from your own language,” she said.

Poolaw graduated from Carnegie School in 1958, and while she never forgot her Kiowa, she said she didn’t realize the gift her family gave her.

“I realized how important it was to start speaking it, especially to younger people,” Poolaw said.



After she graduated from high school, she married her husband and followed him around the world as he was enlisted in the Marine Corps. After retiring in the late 1980s, she moved to Norman where she has lived ever since.

Eleven years ago, she was offered a job as a Kiowa language instructor where she has taught up until now.

“I just thought it was really important to preserve it because it’s who we are,” Poolaw said. “The Kiowa Tribe has a huge culture, and when I teach my classes here at OU, that is part of the curriculum, too.”

She said even among tribal leaders, there aren’t many who speak the language.

“I felt like I wasn’t hearing anybody speaking the Kiowa language. There used to be some older people who did,” she said. “You go there [tribal offices] and they are mostly talking in English. They’re not even speaking it.”

Poolaw said connecting with OU has been a blessing because administration did not pressure her to use any specific criteria or curriculum, and that it was at her discretion to teach how she wanted to.

“The other thing I liked about it was the fact that the Kiowa Tribe themselves did not have an input,” she said. “So they couldn’t tell me to change things or do things their way. It worked out well. I was totally independent.”

She taught her grandson, Dane Poolaw, how to teach the Kiowa language. He will continue teaching the language at OU.

Ben Lucero Wolf District, who serves as a tribal lawmaker, paid his respect to Poolaw because she has been instrumental to revitalizing the language.

“It’s an honor to be here to celebrate the retirement of Martha Poolaw, who is so important to our tribe. Our language is what makes us Kiowa. Without it, we are just lost,” Lucero Wolf said. “Her role has been critical for preserving our language, so I just wanted to thank her and congratulate her on her retirement.”

Manilla Whitehorse, outreach coordinator for the Kiowa District Seven office in Norman, said she came to visit Poolaw out of respect.

“My father was a full-blooded Kiowa as well, and that was his first language. I am learning to speak it myself, but to have elders

come in and educate us is great,” Whitehorse said. “I’m thrilled that they have been here a few years with OU, enlightening our tribe to pay attention to our heritage and language.”

She said it is important for the Kiowa Tribe to keep its relationship strong with OU.

“We have a lot of educators that went to OU,” she said. “It is important that we keep this language program going.

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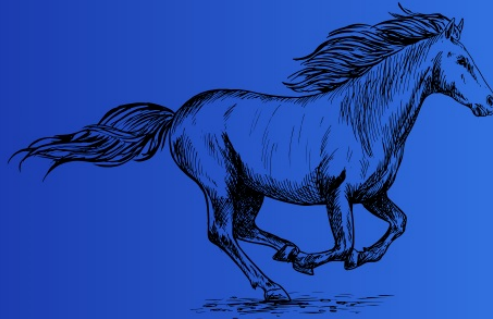
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## District 7 Podcast

## EPISODE 4 OF [DÓN:GYÀ!



### A CONVERSATION ABOUT KIOWA TORNADO STORIES



**Episode 4 available now on Spotify and Youtube**

District 7 now has a podcast on Spotify and YouTube. Episode 4 is now available. Links can be found on our Linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

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## Legislative Update



# Latest Legislature News

## **Legislative Spring Session Update**

Following Article VI, Section 7 of the Kiowa Constitution, the Kiowa Legislature held its annual Special Session on May 29-30, 2024, at the Kiowa Casino Hotel in Devol, OK. This essential gathering aimed to foster collaboration between the Legislative and Executive branches of our tribal government and engage with traditional leaders of Kiowa societies, cultural organizations, and community churches. This was not a secret meeting, held in public to hold discussion and dialogue about how the Kiowa Tribe can assist communities.

## **Key Stakeholders**

- Kiowa Legislature
- Kiowa Executive Branch
- Community Churches
- Kiowa Society Leaders

## **Objectives**

The primary objective of this Special Session is to collectively identify how the Kiowa Tribe can assist traditional societies, cultural organizations, and Kiowa churches with their activities for the next fiscal year. This collaboration ensures that our communal needs are met and supported effectively, underscoring the shared identity we all are a part of as Kiowa people.

## **Expected Outcomes**

By the end of the session, we had a more comprehensive understanding of the community's needs and a plan to establish clear priorities for supporting these efforts. The intended outcome is a well-coordinated plan that reflects the collective input of all stakeholders and aligns with the Tribe's resources and strategic goals.

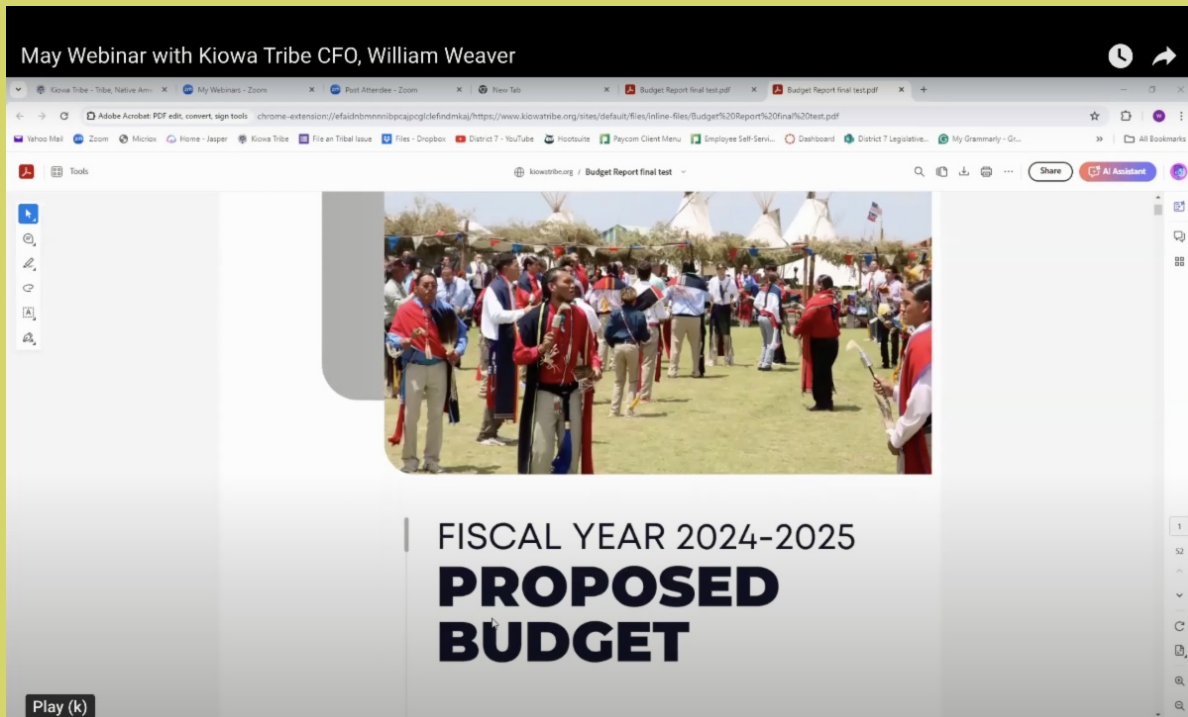
We deeply value and appreciate the insights and contributions of all involved parties in this important process. Your active engagement is invaluable and together, we will work towards enhancing the cultural, traditional, and spiritual well-being of the Kiowa community, emphasizing your integral role in this endeavor.

If you would like more information or questions, you can contact the Kiowa Legislature office.



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# District 7 YouTube Channel



District 7 has a YouTube channel, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>.

We have recently uploaded the recording from our May webinar where we had Kiowa Tribe CFO, William Weaver, and we discussed the Annual Budget.

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## Upcoming Events

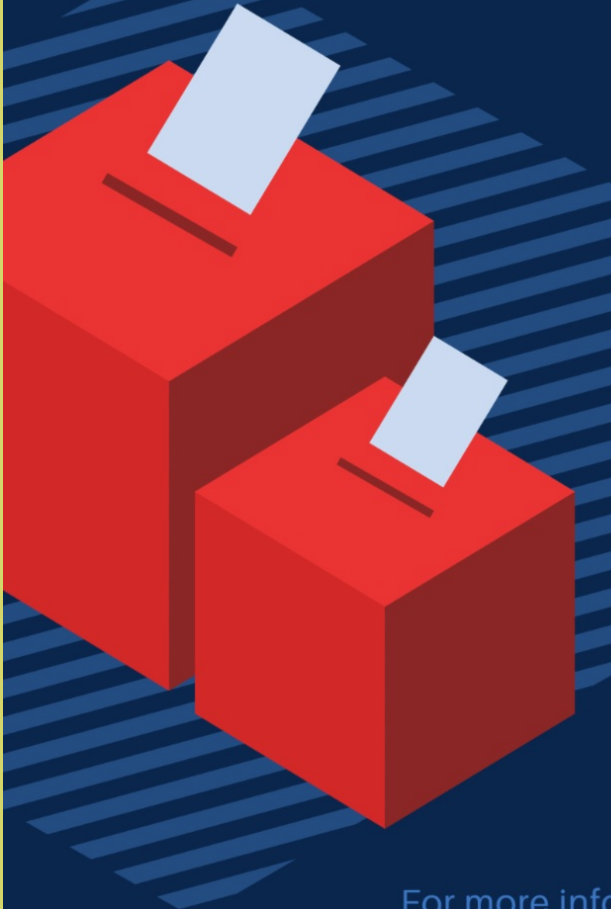




Kiowa Tribe General Election

# VOTING BOOTHS WILL BE OPEN

Saturday,  
June 1st  
8am-5pm



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**DISTRICT 7  
CAUGU/ALL  
KIOWA**

123 24th Ave NW,  
Norman, OK

**Bring Your  
CDIB**

For more information:

**405-857-8408 [district7legislature@kiowatribe.org](mailto:district7legislature@kiowatribe.org)**

[www.kiowatribe.org/district-7](http://www.kiowatribe.org/district-7)

# Kiowa MMIP Chapter All Gourd Dance

June 8, 2024

1:00pm-8:00pm

Red Buffalo Hall  
Carnegie, OK

## Head Staff



**MC...Rochelle RedBone Arebalo**

**HS...Levi Hulett**

**HM...John Jay**

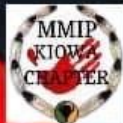
**HL...Kaylen Svitak**

**AD...Kiowa MMIP Youth  
Co-Host**

**Kiowa Tia-Piah Society &  
Kiowa Club OU**

Concession Stand  
Cake Walk  
Raffle Items  
Silent Auction

Supper Will Be  
**SOLD.**  
No Vendors.



### Special Invitation

To Each Family Member of:

**Silas Lambert, Roy Sink, Wallace "Hokeah" Bointy, Benjamin Keith  
Wagner Zotigh, Zachary BearHeels, Lena Jean Bohay, Henry Hunter,  
Cindy KaudleKaule, Duskie Murrow, Antonio "Tony" Jimenez &  
Brandon James Kaseca Sr**

Not Responsible For Any Thefts, Injuries or Accidents.  
Any Questions Please Contact Fawn Tsatoke @ (580) 291-1010



# Kiowa District 7 Language Class

## JUNE 10TH

**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)







## Huntinghorse/Tsatoke and Kiowa Tribe Art Contest

July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 3<sup>th</sup> 2024  
Art Work Received July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024  
at 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

**Winners announced July 3rd  
at 11:00 a.m.**

A reception will follow  
announcement of winners for all art  
contestants.

### **Artwork released at 12:30 pm July 3rd, 2024**

- All artist pick up art work July 3<sup>rd</sup> between 12:30 p.m. and 2:00 p.m.
- Winners need to be present to receive ribbons and prize money.

### **Viewing of art work**

Monday July 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11: 00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(2) Entries per individuals accepted

Artwork must have been done in the last two years.

All art work accepted through Kiowa Tribe Descendant.

Any questions contact numbers: (580) 291-1116 or (405) 760-3317



Each contestant will fill out a form to enter art work into a  
contest



1<sup>st</sup> place-\$20.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place-\$15.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$10.00

### **Youth**

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$100.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$50.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$25.00

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### **Adult**

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#### **contemporary style**

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1<sup>st</sup> place- \$400.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$300.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$200.00  
4<sup>th</sup> place- \$100.00

#### **original style**

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$400.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$300.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$200.00  
4<sup>th</sup> place- \$100.00

### **Senior/masters**

#### **Contemporary**

1<sup>st</sup> place- \$600.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$400.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$200.00  
4<sup>th</sup> place- \$100.00

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1<sup>st</sup> place- \$600.00  
2<sup>nd</sup> place- \$400.00  
3<sup>rd</sup> place- \$200.00  
4<sup>th</sup> place- \$100.00 ☐

### **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Huntinghorse/Tsatoke and Kiowa Tribe Art contest**

**July 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Kiowa Tribe Red Wolf Center, Carnegie, Oklahoma

July 1<sup>st</sup>- entries taken from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

July 1<sup>st</sup>- viewing of artwork from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

July 2<sup>nd</sup> viewing from 10.00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

July 3<sup>rd</sup>- announcement of winners from 11:30 p.m. to 12:30 p.m.

- Reception following announcement of winners.
- Release of art work 12:30 p.m.



Each contestant will fill out a form to enter art work into art contest.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Kiowa Tribe CDIB \_\_\_\_\_ Kiowa Tribe Descendant \_\_\_\_\_

Category:

children \_\_\_\_\_ (up to 10 yrs. old)

youth \_\_\_\_\_ (11 yrs. old to 17 yrs. old)

adult \_\_\_\_\_ ( 18 yrs. old to 50 yrs. old)

contemporary \_\_\_\_\_ original style \_\_\_\_\_

senior/masters \_\_\_\_\_ (51 yrs. old and older)

contemporary \_\_\_\_\_ original style \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Artwork name: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Category: children \_\_\_\_\_ youth \_\_\_\_\_ adult \_\_\_\_\_ senior/master \_\_\_\_\_

Contemporary \_\_\_\_\_ original style \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_





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## RED WOLF COMMUNITY CENTER

### RENAMING CEREMONY & POWWOW

📍 100 Kiowa Way Carnegie, OK 73015; building located southeast of AOA

## June 16, 2024

10:00 AM – Flag Raising

10:15 AM – Dedication

10:30 AM – Welcoming Speakers

12:00 PM – Lunch

1:00 PM – Scalp & Victory Dances

2:00 PM – Gourd Dance

5:00 PM – Supper Break

5:30 PM – Rabbit Dance

6:00 PM – War Mother Songs

7:00 PM – O Ho Mah

#### HEAD STAFF

MC's: Chris White &  
Dr 'Joe Fish' Dupoint

HGDS: Vernon Cozad

HWDS: John Hamilton

HLD: Dae Dae Tsonetokoy

HMD: Eagleboy Whiteshield

AD's: John David Hainta &  
Walter Wauqua

Kiowa Tiah-Piah Society of Oklahoma

Kiowa Tiah-Piah Society

Kiowa Gourd Clan

Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society

Kiowa War Mothers

Carnegie Victory Club

Purple Heart Club

Kiowa Princess Sorority

Kiowa Rabbits Society

O Ho Mah Lodge Singers

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contact Dr 'Joe Fish' Dupoint at 580/654-6370 or 405/933-3048.

# Kiowa Tribe to Dedicate New Community Center in Honor of Leonard Cozad Sr., 'Red Wolf'

In a heartfelt tribute to one of its most revered citizens, the Kiowa Tribe will dedicate a new community center in honor of Leonard Cozad Sr., known by his Kiowa name, [Gui-gul-[de (Red Wolf). The dedication ceremony, which will take place on June 16, 2024, promises to be a significant event, bringing together all Kiowa societies in celebration and remembrance.

## Honoring a Legacy

Leonard Cozad Sr. was a renowned figure within and beyond the Kiowa community. Best known as a world-class singer and composer, he made lasting contributions to the tribe's cultural archive. His compositions for the Gourd Dance, Black Leggings, War Dance, and Native American Church music have preserved and enriched traditional Kiowa music, leaving an indelible mark on the tribe's heritage. Furthermore, Cozad Sr. served honorably as a Kiowa Code Talker during World War II, employing his Kiowa language to encode and transmit secure military communications.

## The Dedication Ceremony

The dedication of the community center, aptly named the [Gui-gul-[de (Red Wolf) Community Center, will be a grand event reflecting the unity and rich cultural heritage of the Kiowa people. The ceremony will unite all three Gourd societies, Rabbit Society, Kiowa Black Leggings, and Kiowa O-ho-mah Lodge. This convergence of societies is a testament to the profound respect and admiration held for Cozad Sr. across different segments of the tribe.

### Event Details:

- **Date:** June 16, 2024
- **Location:** Kiowa Tribe Community Center, Carnegie, OK
- **Live Stream:** Details will be available on the Kiowa Tribe Facebook page

The dedication of the Leonard Cozad Sr. Community Center is not just the inauguration of a new building; it is a profound acknowledgment of a man whose life's work has significantly shaped the cultural and historical landscape of the Kiowa Tribe. As the Kiowa people gather to honor [Gui-gul-[de (Red Wolf), they not only celebrate his memory but also reaffirm their unwavering commitment to preserving and promoting their rich cultural heritage for future generations. This commitment, shared by all attendees, instills a sense of responsibility and duty in the audience.

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## New Tulsa Language Class

We have had two Kiowa language classes so far in Tulsa (and Zoom). We have uploaded the video and we encourage you to attend our next class. Details on the sign-up or to access the Youtube video, please visit our Linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

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## Learn More About the Cobalt Refinery



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### 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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