



Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

September of 2024



Dear Kiowa District 7 Citizens,

Dear Tribal Citizens,

As we enter October, we focus on cultural preservation and values, two pillars keeping our community strong and vibrant. We are excited and proud this month as we prepare for the upcoming Kiowa Black Leggings Ceremony on October 12-13 at Indian City, U.S.A., located 2.5 Miles South of Anadarko, OK.

Our Kiowa Black Leggings Warrior Society honors and celebrates the bravery and sacrifices of our Kiowa Warriors. It is also a moment to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our tribe, just as those warriors who fought at the Palo Duro Canyon. Their stories and legacies inspire us to cherish and preserve our cultural heritage.

Let's unite to celebrate, honor, and commemorate our rich warrior tradition and history. Remember always to respect our past and reinforce our identity, which is rooted in our cultural values.

Warm regards,

Warren Queton

Thoughts from an Elder

District 7, Kiowa Elder Issues and Concerns

When I turn on the television all I see and hear about are the local, state, and national politics of today. The media reports what Republicans and Democrats are fussing about in terms of issues and which ones are of the greatest importance to the population. Inflation, immigration, abortion, democracy, governance, education, health, housing, etc., all have been mentioned, discussed, and cussed. The country's presidential candidates must tell us more about "how" he/she proposes to address these issues for us rather than hackling one another with the rhetoric of accusation and threats.

It makes me think about what the District 7 populations of the Kiowa Tribe think their greatest problems are as they relate to their lives today. Unfortunately, the tribal media coverage of tribal politics is far and beyond the D7 Kiowa population. As a result, we are subject to and guided in our information by social networks and outdated publications. I often stated that tribal governments are only as effective as the number of tribal members that participate in the government. As a D7 tribal elder, I believe the D7 tribal members are victimized more by the limited degree of tribal information.

I would like to ask D7 tribal elders to do a quick survey of what they feel are their needs, especially those that are not being addressed by the tribal government. Tell me what you think are the greatest issues of our District 7 Kiowa elders today and what we should/could do about them to make life better for District 7 Kiowa elders. I'll take the first step in this article discussion and say the following are my top six issues for our District 7 Kiowa elders. Please read and respond with your opinions. I will take your responses and give you a report on the results in our next Elder Thoughts article.

In no specific order, the following concepts represent my opinions:

-Elder Health (more focus and services on D7 elders' physical, mental, spiritual, and personal)

-Housing Support (refinement and expansion of all tribal housing-related programs).

-Transportation (assistance with local travel for D7 tribal elders)

-Home Care (home improvement services/assistance, mortgage assistance, rental guidance and payments, internet services, etc.)

-Formal Elder Representation in Tribal Government/Governance/Planning (membership among legislators, meaningful participation in decision-making bodies of the tribe, membership in tribal advisory boards for administration, education, culture, family, membership in community mentoring programs)

-Training in the use of computers/cell phones in communicating at all levels (personal, family, church, government, businesses, education, health care/services, home support).

District 7 elders need to engage our tribal government. More importantly, tribal governments must do more to engage tribal elders. It is good to do "out-reach" however, in this crucial time and prevailing conditions, it would be very helpful to our District 7 elderly citizens if the Kiowa Tribal government would "reach out" and reinforce the degree of knowledge and understanding of how our tribal governments can better serve all Kiowa elders. Reach out!

Legislative Update



Latest Legislature News

Legislative Update for Kiowa Tribal Citizens:

We are pleased to share the latest legislative updates that reflect our ongoing efforts to improve our community's well-being and preserve our cultural heritage. Below are the critical resolutions recently passed by the legislature:

1- Kiowa Tribe Joins Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC)

We are excited to announce that a resolution has been passed for the Kiowa Tribe to join the Inter-Tribal Buffalo Council (ITBC). This partnership aims to promote educational initiatives, environmental sustainability, and collaborative support to reintroduce a buffalo herd within our community. The Chairman has been designated the Kiowa delegate to the ITBC, ensuring our active participation and representation.

Key Benefits:

- **Educational Programs:** Access a wealth of resources and knowledge about buffalo conservation.
- **Environmental Sustainability:** Collaborative efforts to restore and maintain buffalo herds play a crucial role in our ecosystem.

- Cultural Preservation: Strengthening our cultural identity through the re-establishment of buffalo herds.

2- Repeal of the Kiowa Tribe Employee Benefits Provider Selection Act of 2017

To provide more cost-effective insurance plans for our employees, the Legislature has passed a resolution to repeal the Kiowa Tribe Employee Benefits Provider Selection Act of 2017. This repeal allows the tribe to explore and identify better insurance options that will benefit our employees and reduce the tribe's financial strain.

Key Benefits:

- Cost Savings: Potential for reduced insurance costs, freeing up funds for other essential services.
- Improved Benefits: We can offer our employees more competitive and comprehensive insurance plans.

3- Collaboration with the First Americans Museum

A resolution has been passed for the Kiowa Education Agency to collaborate with the First Americans Museum. This partnership will focus on developing educational materials that highlight the rich history and culture of the Kiowa Tribe. The goal is to provide our youth and broader community with resources that celebrate our heritage and educate future generations.

Key Benefits:

- Educational Resources: Access high-quality materials accurately representing Kiowa history and culture.
- Cultural Education: Empowering our youth with knowledge of their heritage, fostering a sense of pride and identity.
- Community Engagement: Strengthening ties with the First Americans Museum and other tribal communities.

We encourage all tribal members to stay informed and involved in these initiatives. Your participation and support are vital to the success of our efforts. If you have any questions or would like to get involved, don't hesitate to contact the Kiowa District 7 Outreach Office.

Addressing Kiowa Tribal Citizenship Criteria:

The Kiowa legislature is considering a legislative order calling for an Amendatory Convention to address the criteria for Kiowa Tribal citizenship. Recognizing the history of oppression faced by our tribal nations' citizens, we are committed to protecting their rights to determine citizenship requirements and ensure equality and equity for all.

Key Objectives of the Legislative Order:

- Protect Sovereignty: Allow the Kiowa Tribe to determine lawful citizenship and safeguard our sovereignty and self-determination.
- Inclusivity: Protect the rights of all tribal members.

Proposed Special Meeting:

We propose a Special Meeting of the Kiowa Indian Council (KIC) to discuss and refine our criteria for tribal membership. This meeting will provide a platform for making more informed decisions and collaboration on potential amendments to be presented on a tribal ballot.

Discussion Options:

- Maintain the blood quantum at one-fourth of Kiowa blood
- Decrease the Kiowa blood quantum to one-eighth
- Decrease the blood quantum to one-sixteenth
- Accept a lineage blood quantum with no specific requirements for citizenship.
- Increase current members' Kiowa blood quantum to 4/4s
- Aggregate all Indian blood and convert verified Indian blood into Kiowa blood

This topic has been a significant concern for many citizens, and progress has been slow. A Special Meeting will allow us to collaborate, discuss effectively, practice convening the KIC, and narrow our choices to one amendment regarding our Kiowa Tribal criteria for citizenship.

District 7 Podcast



Episode 8 coming soon on Spotify and Youtube

This month we had Kiowa historian, Joe Fish, on our podcast

Episode 8 is coming soon. Links can be found on our Linktree,
<https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

Chief White Bear Shield Repatriation





We are incredibly honored and excited to announce the transition and repatriation of a significant piece of Kiowa culture: the war shield belonging to Kiowa Chief White Bear (Sét-tháidè). This momentous occasion was commemorated on September 23rd at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City, marking the shield's proud homecoming to our community.

The war shield, previously held on loan for the past twenty years at the Post Army Museum at Fort Sill, is a cherished symbol of our legacy and the bravery of those warriors and chiefs who defended our tribe. Due to recent changes in Army regulations, it was determined that the shield should be returned to its rightful place within the tribe. This return was made possible through the collaborative efforts of the Kiowa Historic Preservation Office, the University of California Berkeley, the Oklahoma History Center, and Fort Sill.

A deeply moving ceremony marked the homecoming of Chief White Bear's war shield. The Oklahoma History Center was a fitting venue for this historic event, providing a space to honor and reflect upon our rich cultural identity. The Kiowa Singers present played a pivotal role in the ceremony, using Chief White Bear's gourd dance songs to commemorate the shield's return.

This event would not have been possible without the collaboration and support of several key organizations. The Kiowa Historic Preservation Office worked tirelessly to ensure the shield's return was handled with the utmost respect and care. The University of California Berkeley provided invaluable assistance in repatriation, and the Oklahoma History Center offered resources and a venue for the ceremony. The Sét-tháidè shield must acclimate to the facility but will be available for viewing to tribal members in the future.

The return of Chief White Bear's war shield is more than just an event; it is a significant milestone and exemplifies the work of several chairmen and historians in their ongoing efforts to preserve and protect our history. This homecoming serves as a reminder of the importance of our cultural heritage and the need to maintain our Kiowa identity.

The shield is being stored at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City during its transition until the Kiowa Tribe has the facility to care for it back in Kiowa country properly. In the future, the Kiowa people may view the shield once the transition is complete.

Citizens may contact the Kiowa Historic Preservation Office in Carnegie for more information.

Upcoming Events

MEET & GREET RECEPTION

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

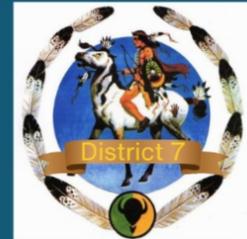
MEET & GREET RECEPTION



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1ST

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 Monday, Sep. 30th at (303) 936-2688 extension 200

"VOICES"



NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

2024

ART // COMMUNITY // CULTURE

**PARADE
AT 11 AM**

14 OCTOBER 2024

DREAM KEEPERS PARK
1875 S. Boulder Park Dr. Tulsa, OK 74119

SPECIAL PERFORMANCE BY
OSCAR NOMINATED OSAGE
COMPOSER // **SCOTT GEORGE**

FEATURED ARTIST | **CARLY TREECE**
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INDIAN HEALTH CARE RESOURCE CENTER



Yale
Young Global Scholars

Virtual Info-Session



LIVE WEBINAR
with Diana Onco-Ingyadet
Navajo, Kiowa, and Comanche

Wednesday

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TIME: 12 PM MST/
1 PM CDT



TIME: 11:15 AM MST/
12:15 PM CDT

OCT.
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Thursday

Must RSVP to access Zoom link
Target Audience: High school Sophomores,
Juniors, Parents, Counselors, etc.



TULSA BEGINNING KIOWA LANGUAGE CLASS

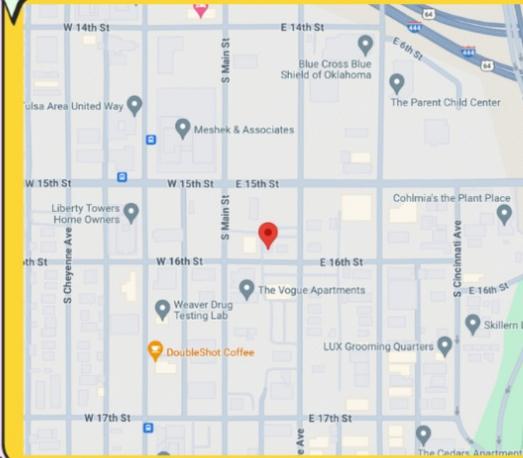
**LET'S LEARN
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:
WARREN QUETON**

WHEN

**OCTOBER 28TH
6 TO 7:30 PM**

WHERE



Kiowa District 7
Tulsa Office:
**15th E 16th Street,
Tulsa OK 74119**

**PARKING
ON SITE**

ALSO AVAILABLE ON ZOOM

Zoom link available on our Linktree:

[HTTPS://LINKTR.EE/KIOWAD7](https://linktr.ee/kiowad7)



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Palo Duro Commemoration Photos









Successful Commemoration of the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon

The Kiowa Tribe, Comanche Nation, Southern Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, and Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana, in partnership with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and Texas Tech University, gathered in a powerful and heartfelt event to mark the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon. The event was held on September 28th at Palo Duro Canyon State Park; this commemorative event was a reflective blend of history, culture, and community.

Celebrating History and Culture

The commemoration featured a series of traditional dances, each with deep cultural significance. The tribes danced the Gourd Dance and Round Dance performances. These dances not only paid homage to the rich traditions of the participating tribes but also

celebrated their vibrant cultures and enduring legacy.

In addition to the dance performances, educational and craft booths were set up near the Mack Dick Pavilion. Visitors had the opportunity to learn about the histories and cultures of the Southern Plains tribes with informative displays and engaging activities that brought the past to life.

Remembering the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon

The Battle of Palo Duro Canyon, a pivotal event in the 1874-1875 Red River War, significantly shaped the region's history. This battle was part of the largest U.S. military campaign west of the Mississippi River. Five columns of troops converged on the Texas Panhandle with the intent of forcing the tribal warriors onto reservations.

The Kiowa, Comanche, Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes fought valiantly to preserve their traditional way of life and protect the bison herds, which commercial hide hunters decimated. Seeking refuge from the military, the tribes took shelter in Palo Duro Canyon. However, on September 28, 1874, Colonel Ranald S. McKenzie led troops in a surprise attack on their villages, marking a tragic chapter in the tribes' history.

Honoring Cultural Significance

The 150th anniversary event was a testament to the resilience and strength of the Kiowa, Comanche, Cheyenne, and Arapaho tribes. It provided a platform for these communities to share their stories, celebrate their heritage, and educate the public about the historical significance of the Battle of Palo Duro Canyon.

The commemoration was more than a remembrance of a historic battle; it was a celebration of cultural survival and continuity. It highlighted the importance of acknowledging and honoring the past while looking forward to a future where these rich traditions thrive.

Join the Community

Events like these are a reminder of the importance of preserving and celebrating cultural heritage. They offer a unique opportunity to connect with the past and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of the diverse histories that shape our world.

If you missed this year's event, mark your calendar for future commemorations and join us in celebrating the enduring spirit and cultural richness of the Southern Plains tribes. We can ensure these stories and traditions are passed down to future generations.

Kiowa Tribe Housing Survey

Kiowa Tribal Member Survey

The Kiowa Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) is conducting a study of housing needs in Kiowa Tribal members. The purpose of this survey is to learn more about housing assistance currently provided through the KTHA and where additional assistance is needed. We would like you to complete this questionnaire. Some of the questions will ask you about the condition of your housing and how satisfied you are with your current housing situation. The answers we receive from you and others completing this survey will be reported only as a group, used only for research purposes and to assist in planning for future activities.

Your participation in this study is voluntary, which means you do not have to answer these questions. However, we want you to know that your opinions are very important to improving housing programs. If you complete this questionnaire, you will help us to learn more about housing needs.

The questionnaire takes about 10 minutes to complete. Information you provide will remain anonymous. Your answers will not be linked with your name or anything that could identify you

Kiowa Housing has a survey available for all citizens to submit. They want to understand your needs better. This can be submitted anonymously.

Link to survey can be found on our linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

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:

- September Webinar with Kiowa CHR Director, Jeanie Granado

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

D7 Links



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September Zoom Meeting (PIN 381420)

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