



Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

March of 2024



Dear Kiowa District 7 Citizens,

As the First Thunder of Spring echoes through our land, we are reminded of renewal and growth. Embracing this spirit, we welcome the new season with open hearts. Let us reflect on our ongoing efforts to enhance the well-being of our people and unite in our shared mission. This is an opportune time to reflect on the issues we are working on and continue to

collaborate within our Kiowa Tribe. Our elders would get excited to hear the first thunder, not as a celebration of a new year but as a time to prepare for our people to gather in ceremony and song. It was a time to check your camp stuff and prepare for the upcoming year's festivities. We wish you all the best for this upcoming Spring! Happy Easter!!

Thoughts from an Elder



Where Are We Going?

The Gap! Are you familiar with the term? I believe a significant number of Kiowa baby boomers have heard the term and know a little about what it means and how it came about. Let me tell you my version from a time in contemporary history. This version may reflect some differences among the older generation of Kiowa before the baby boom generation but it is representative of the change that occurs within cultures over time.

Saynday was coming along.....aye. The thoughts of the Gap and storytelling made me think of my grandparents back in my young days. Well, anyway, the Gap came about before the modern-day "highways" and used to be the route we took from the Carnegie area to get to Lawton and its surrounding area. It was a dirt road snaking through the foothills of the Wichita Mts., very scenic until you got used to traveling it, and then it got rather boring, especially for the young ones who rode in the backseat of our parents' 54 Plymouth. The Gap route, going south/southeast, ended up at the junction of the east Medicine Park road and the west Ft. Sill road, west of Mt. Scott about 8 miles. There, the two-lane highway started and took us south into Ft. Sill and the Lawton area. That unpaved road from our home 13 miles south of Carnegie through the route I just described was what was called "the Gap". Of course, we could have taken the paved road to Apache, then south to Porter Hill, Richard Spur, and into

Lawton, but it was quicker to go through the Gap to Lawton and the surrounding area (churches, families, gas stations, grocery stores, etc.).

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Legislative Update



Latest Legislature News

FY2024 Budget Modification Passed:

Our unwavering commitment to fiscal responsibility has led to the approval of the FY2024 Budget Modification. This thorough budget assessment ensures our district's readiness to tackle upcoming challenges while delivering essential services efficiently. For a detailed breakdown, please get in touch with the Chairman's Office with your request.

Revising the Kiowa Family Code:

The family unit is at the core of our community and deserving of legislation that reflects its importance. The Legislature is dedicated to revamping the Kiowa Tribe Family Code, aiming to fortify family bonds and effectively address modern family needs.

Voting on the Commission Standards Act:

Maintaining transparency and integrity within our commissions is paramount. The imminent

vote on the Commission Standards Act promises elevated accountability and effectiveness standards for commissioners in their esteemed roles.

Taking Action Against Westin Element Inc.:

The environmental welfare of Lawton/Fort Sill residents is a top concern amidst Westin Element Inc.'s Cobalt Refinery Operations. Definitive steps are being taken to mitigate these operations' impact on ecological health and citizen well-being.

Our pledge to keep you informed and engaged remains resolute. Join us in shaping a brighter future for Kiowa District 7 through active participation, feedback, and collaboration.

Thank you for your enduring support and involvement.

Budget Modification

Dear Members of the Kiowa Tribe,

We are committed to clear and open communication with our community, and we'd like to take a moment to clarify why a change to our annual budget is important and how it aligns with our constitutional guidelines.

Why Adjust the Budget?

Our financial landscape is continually shifting, prompting the need for our budget to evolve. Adjustments are essential to responsibly manage our finances according to the standards laid out in the Kiowa Tribe Constitution.

Reflecting New Funds

The budget process must include all revenue sources, such as government allocations, grants, business profits, and newly developed income streams. We have the good fortune of additional funds becoming available, providing us with more opportunities to invest in our people and services.

Constitutional Guidelines and the Importance of Approval

When new finances are acquired, they must be formally recognized and integrated into our existing budget. Our constitution ensures that every dollar is accounted for in a way that reflects our collective decisions and priorities.

Reasons for Budget Modification:

- **Integrating New Funds:** It's vital that we bring new resources into our budget framework.
- **Reallocation:** By reviewing financial resources, we can reallocate them to ensure they have the greatest positive impact.
- **Transparency:** We strive to provide clarity on our financial activities, reinforcing trust within our tribe.
- **Compliance with Tribal Laws:** Our tribe's laws are clear, and we must adhere to them in all financial operations.

Invitation to Participate

To implement these modifications, we will present them for our community's review and endorsement. Your voice is integral to this process and upholds the values we cherish as Kiowa people.

Staying Informed and Involved

We promise to keep you informed throughout this budget modification process. To offer further insight, we are planning an informative Podcast episode and a YouTube video that expounds on our budget considerations. If you have inquiries or need more detailed information, please reach out to the Kiowa Chairman or the Finance Department.

By staying actively involved and informed, we uphold the strength of our governance and the integrity of our Kiowa legacy.

District 7 Podcast

EPISODE 2 OF [DÓN:GYÀ!



UPDATES FROM THE KIC



Episode 2 available now on Spotify and Youtube

District 7 now has a podcast on Spotify and YouTube. Episode 2 is now available. Links can be found on our Linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

Upcoming KIC Meeting



**ANNUAL MEETING
KIOWA INDIAN COUNCIL
APRIL 6, 2024
AGENDA
RED BUFFALO HALL
CARNEGIE, OKLAHOMA**

- **Welcome – Davetta Geimausaddle, Interim KIC Administrator**
- **Invocation**
- **150 KIC citizens must register for Quorum to officially call the Annual KIC meeting to begin. Quorum is also important to vote for the next KIC Coordinator. *Kiowa Constitution, Article V, Section 5. Procedures (a) A quorum of the Council shall consist of at least 150 one-hundred fifty Members of the Tribe age eighteen or older.***
- **Roll Call/Quorum count.**
- **Introduce the three KIC Candidates: Debbie Wilson, Lawton; Karen Tso, Lawton; and Steve Hopkins, Lawton.**
- **Vote for a 2024-2026, KIC Coordinator.**
- **Announce the elected KIC Coordinator**
- **Introduce Mr. Chairman, Lawrence Spottedbird and Mr. Vice-Chairman, Jacob Tsofigh; and Mr. Marland Toyekoyah, Executive Director. Reports to the KIC.**
- **Other Business**
- **Announcements**
- **Adjourn**

**Breakfast and Lunch will be provided. Raffles will be provided.
Transportation will be provided by Fast-trans**

Please visit, <https://www.kiowatribe.org/department/kiowa-indian-council>, to learn more about the KIC candidates

Transportation to KIC Meeting April 6th

We are still accepting RSVPs
<https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

Pick-up Site at Tulsa
River Spirit Casino

8330 Riverside Parkway,
Tulsa, OK
the South Parking Lot.

Departs at 6am.



Pick-up Site at Norman
District 7 Office

123 NW 24th Ave,
Norman, OK
Front Parking Lot.

Departs at 7:30am



For questions:
district7legislature@kiowatribe.org
539-525-0437

We still have space available for both the Norman and Tulsa vans. Please reach out to sign up or visit, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

Upcoming Events

Kiowa District 7 Language Class

APRIL 8TH

IN PERSON ACTIVITY BEGINS

@ 7:00PM

VIRTUAL CLASS BEGINS

@ 8:00 PM

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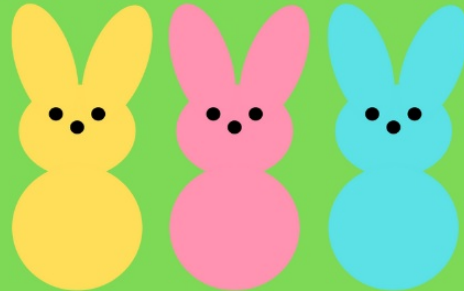
SPEAKERS

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 CONNY WERDY AT RHROADSCONNYWERDY@GMAIL.COM

Martial Jiu-Jitsu

Classes taught by 2nd degree Black Belt,
Prof. Redcloud Anquoe



Week 1: 5th & 7th

Week 2: 12th & 14th

Week 3: 19th & 21st

Week 4: 26th & 28th

1604 S. Baltimore Ave

Tulsa, OK 74119

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Classes are ongoing through the month of March

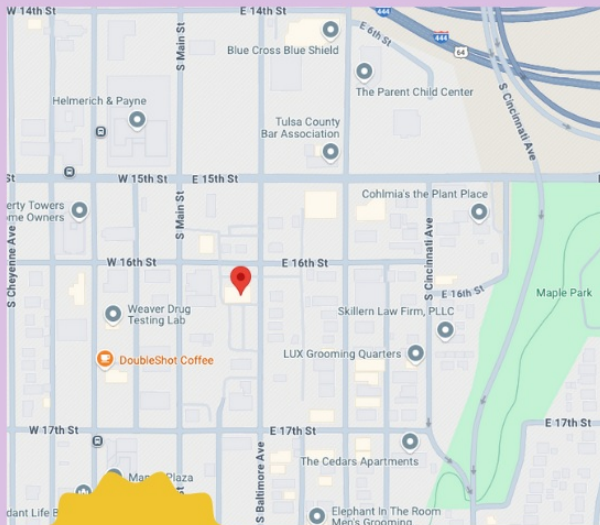
New Tulsa Language Class

Tulsa Beginning Kiowa Language Class April 23rd 7-8:30 pm



**CLASS INSTRUCTOR
WARREN QUETON**

**IN PERSON:
1604 S. BALTIMORE. TULSA, 74119**



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ON SITE**



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Our Upcoming Tulsa language class will begin on April 23rd
To Sign up please visit: [here](#)

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>

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Schedule a Meeting with Legislator Warren Queton

YouTube Videos

September Zoom Meeting (PW 381420)

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