



# Kiowa Tribe District 7 Newsletter

October of 2024



**Dear Kiowa District 7 Citizens,**

October has been a whirlwind of activity for us! With the Kiowa Black Leggings Ceremony now behind us, we reflect on the vibrant cultural expressions and deep communal bonds that came alive in our gatherings. We're incredibly grateful for the participation and spirit each of you brought to make it such a meaningful celebration.

We're now setting our sights on the upcoming events that mark the remainder of this year. Veterans Day offers us a moment to honor and remember our brave servicemen and women whose sacrifices preserve our freedoms. Meanwhile, the Crow Handgame Visitation will soon follow, promising a lively exchange of tradition and camaraderie between the Kiowa and Crow Nations.

As the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays approach, we look forward to

sharing these seasons of gratitude and giving within our community. These times remind us of the importance of unity, family, and cultural identity.

Warm regards,

Warren Queton

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## Thoughts from an Elder

It is voting time Kiowa people! Hopefully, our elders are able to cast their vote choice for President and Vice President of the United States. This election year has been the craziest one of my life but I am thankful I have a chance to vote especially as it relates to the platform of candidates. Not to get partisan but I want to make sure with my vote that this country has a president who will take care of my children, grandchildren and future generations of tribal people. It has been a wild ride.

I wonder how our younger people 18-30 will vote, if they vote at all? I understand many of them have not been happy with what the baby boomer generation left for them in terms of opportunity in this country. I have a 34 year old grandson, articulate, hard-working, proud, college graduate who is not afraid to express his perspectives and opinions about today's opportunities for his generation and he is disappointed with today's conditions for his age generation.

Respectfully, he asked me "grandpa, whatever happen to that concept called the American dream? Did your generation take it and not leave anything for us?" He makes me think hard and regret that he is victimized by inflation, low wages, racism, and other socio-economic situations and conditions of today. I feel that the baby boom generation did address relative issues and concerns in the past era and established safeguards (laws, policies, standards, processes, etc.) to assure continued progress for all citizens.

However, today these safeguards have diminish with the onslaught of extreme politics, and threaten any possibility of further positive opportunities for our grandchildren and great grandchildren. As responsible grandparents and parents of today we need to keep our younger people informed and encourage them to vote this election year. I provide guidance for my grandchildren in understanding what is at stake for their future and how they can shape this future with their right vote.

I have a big question for our tribal government officials: What is our tribal organization doing practically to encourage tribal members to become engaged in the election activities? With all due respect I have not read or heard from our tribal officials about anything related to the national or state politics of today. Docility is our worst enemy when it comes to progress for our people. Information is power and we as a tribe need more information for our tribal members about the politics of our tribe in relation to the state and federal governments.

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**Celebrating Tradition with the Kiowa  
Black Leggings Society**







The Kiowa Tribe's warrior societies have long been a vital part of its cultural heritage, dating back to before recorded history. These societies, with their unique songs, dances, attire, and ceremonies, have been pivotal in maintaining order during tribal movements, hunts, encampments, and even war actions. The Kiowa warrior structure, known as Yap-Pah-Hay-Gaw, has similarities with other plains tribes' organizations like the "Dog Soldiers." Historically, the Kiowa Tribe was divided into six leading warrior societies, each catering to different age groups and roles within the tribe:

- **Poh-Lah-Yee (Rabbits):** For young boys starting their warrior training.
- **Adle-Tdoe-Yope (Young Sheep Young):** For teenage boys honing their skills.
- **Tsain-Tdahn (Horse Headdresses):** For young men, warriors ready for battle.
- **Kiowa Black Leggings:** An esteemed society for older warriors.
- **Tdien-Pbei-Gaw (Gourd Society):** Another group for respected older men.
- **O-ho-mah (War Dance Society): A significant war-focused society.**

Among these, the **Qkoie-Tsain-Gaw (Real or Principal Dogs)** stood out, comprising only the ten bravest men in the tribe.

One of the most prominent societies still active today is the **Ton-Kon-Gaut**, also known as the Black Leggings Society. The exact origin of the name remains a topic of discussion. Some elders believe it refers to warriors returning from battle covered in black dust from the prairie burning, while others suggest it symbolizes their relentless spirit in combat. Despite these debates, the legacy of the Black Leggings continues strong.

The Ton-Kon-Gaut, led by two "Paw-Dtow-Qkie" leaders and younger members called "Aw-Dtow-Qkie," plays critical roles within the society. These younger members manage ceremonial duties, including maintaining the fire, serving food, and relaying messages among members. They often progress to leadership roles within the society.

Today, the Ton-Kon-Gaut honor those who have distinguishedly served the tribe and the U.S. military. The society also includes two young boys known as "Aw-Day-Tah-lee" and two young girls called "Aw-Day-Mah-Tdaun." These children are central to the organization, and society honors and recognizes their families. On October 12-13, 2024, the Kiowa Black Leggings Society held its annual ceremonial at Indian City, USA. This event continues to celebrate the rich traditions and honor the brave individuals who protect and preserve the Kiowa Tribe's enduring warrior spirit.

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## Legislative Update



# Latest Legislature News

## Legislative Update for October 2024

We are pleased to provide you with the latest legislative updates from our regular Saturday, October 12, 2024 session. Below, you'll find a summary of the resolutions and orders discussed.

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

The Legislature sponsored a resolution to enact the Kiowa Gaming Commission Ordinance Act 2024. This act ensures our gaming operations' continued growth and regulation, aligning them with the tribal and National Indian Gaming Commission.

### **Petition for Federal Charter of Incorporation for Kiowa Inc.**

Sponsored by Michael Primus of District 2, this resolution petitions the Secretary of the Interior to issue a Federal Charter of Incorporation for Kiowa Inc. This move aims to enhance economic development opportunities and provide a structured framework for business operations.

### **First Amendment to the Kiowa Code of 2017**

Sponsored by Michael Primus, this resolution proposes the first amendment to the Kiowa Code of 2017. The proposed changes address current challenges and streamline administrative processes, ensuring the code remains relevant.

### **Confirmation of 801 Wynan Court, Anadarko**

This order, sponsored by Michael Primus, confirms procuring property at 801 Wynan Court, Anadarko. The intent is to provide private office space for the Kiowa Alcohol and Drug Abuse Program.

### **Kiowa Tribe Membership with the National Congress of American Indians**

Also sponsored by Michael Primus, this order seeks to establish membership for the Kiowa Tribe with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI), fostering stronger ties and collaboration with other American Indian tribes nationwide.

### **Support for the Truth and Healing Commission on the Indian Boarding Schools Policies Act**

This resolution expresses our support for the Truth and Healing Commission on the Indian Boarding Schools Policies Act. It underscores our commitment to acknowledging historical injustices and promoting healing.

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## **Legislative Report on the Trip to Consult with the City of Denver Regarding Tribes October 1-4, 2024**









This report summarizes the consultation trip to Denver, focusing on the ongoing dialogue between the city and the tribes historically inhabited the Denver area. The primary aim of this consultation was to foster partnerships, acknowledge historical injustices, and outline collaborative approaches for supporting Native communities today.

### **Partnerships and Storytelling**

The City of Denver committed to being allies and partners with tribes, notably the Kiowa Tribe. The city aims to tell the story of indigenous peoples and ensure historical reflection on Denver's origins. Recognizing its foundation on indigenous land, Denver is considered an "illegal city," highlighting the importance of this

dialogue.

### **Housing Initiatives**

An Indian Housing Program is in development to provide low-cost housing to Native people, illustrating Denver's effort to support its indigenous population practically.

### **Broader Tribal Engagement**

Numerous tribes were consulted, including the Southern Ute Tribe, Yankton Sioux Tribe, Northern Cheyenne, Northern Arapaho, Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation of Oklahoma, Pawnee Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux, Jicarilla Apache, Tesuque Pueblo, Comanche Nation, and Ute Mountain Ute.

### **Incorporating Youth and Traditional Knowledge**

Recommendations emphasized involving young people in consultations and focusing on traditional Indigenous and educational knowledge programs.

### **Ongoing Presence and Programs**

The message "We are still here" underscores the continued presence and vitality of Native Nations. There is a recognized need to formulate a State of Colorado Tribal Historic Preservation Program.

### **Findings of the Truth, Restoration, and Education Commission (TREC)**

TREC, in collaboration with the People of the Sacred Land (PSL), examined Colorado's untold history, focusing on land displacement and genocide. The commission aims to restore the status of Tribal Nations, providing a vision for cultural restoration and wellness over the next seven generations.

**TREC Recommendations: Website:** <https://peopleofthesacredland.org/trec-reports/>

### **Restoration**

- **Land Restoration:** Recommend that CSU return 19,000 acres of land from the original land grant to the respective Tribal Nations.
- **Treaty Honor:** Urge the State of Colorado and its Department of Natural Resources to honor treaties by restoring tribal hunting and fishing rights.

### **Reparations**

- **Compensation:** Advocate for compensating the Northern Cheyenne and Northern Arapaho for illegal occupation.
- **Real Estate Fee:** Propose a 0.01% fee on real estate deals to rectify unlawful land transactions, using proceeds to mitigate historical injustices Native communities face.

### **Reconciliation**

- **Public Audit:** Call for a full public audit of the Public-School Fund and Colorado State Land Board.
- **Cultural History Center:** Recommend that Colorado and Denver collaborate to build an American Indian Cultural History Center to serve as a hub of information and offices for Tribal Nations with ceded land.

### **Conclusion**

The consultation highlighted Denver's commitment to acknowledging and addressing historical injustices faced by Native tribes. There is a concerted effort to support and empower indigenous communities through partnerships, housing programs, and educational initiatives. The recommendations stress the

importance of restoration, reparations, and reconciliation, paving the way for a more inclusive and equitable future. Further engagement and collaboration with the involved tribes and younger generations are essential steps forward in this ongoing process.

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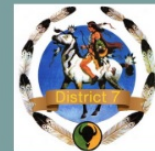
## District 7 Podcast



### EPISODE 9 OF [DÓN:GYÀ!



### A CONVERSATION WITH THE OU KIOWA CLUB



Episode 9 is available now on Spotify and Youtube

This month we had students from the OU Kiowa Club join us on the podcast

Links can be found on our Linktree, <https://linktr.ee/kiowaD7>

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## Upcoming Events

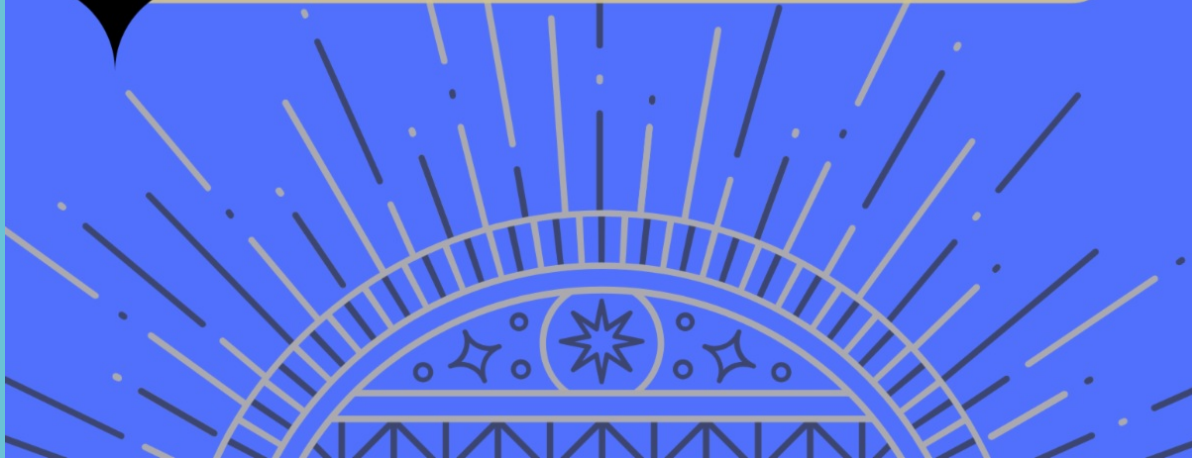


# NATIVE AMERICAN CHURCH SINGING

**Join us at our  
District 7 Tulsa Location  
11/2 starting at 4pm**

**We will have light refreshments:  
Taco soup and chips**

**Located at: 15 E 16th Street, Tulsa.  
For questions, please call our Tulsa office:  
539-525-0437**



# Kiowa District 7 Language Class

## NOVEMBER 11TH

**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)





Kiowa CHR & IHS Public Health  
presents

# Flu Vaccine Clinic



November 12th

11am-3pm.

123 24th Ave NW

Norman, OK 73069



KIOWA TRIBE  
HEALTH PROGRAMS

For more info contact

The Kiowa Tribe Health Program: 580-654-2216

District 7 Norman office: 405-857-8408





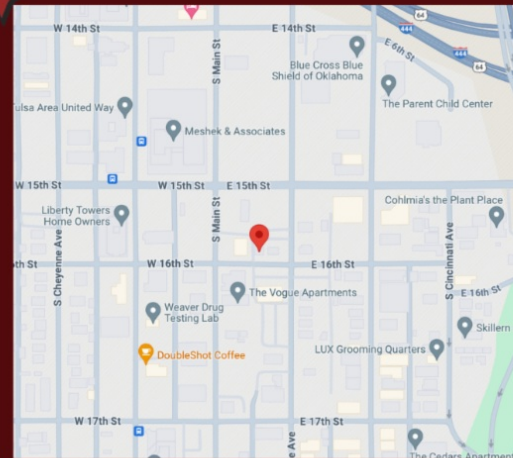
# TULSA BEGINNING KIOWA LANGUAGE CLASS

**LET'S LEARN  
KIOWA!**

**INSTRUCTOR:  
WARREN QUETON**

**WHEN**

**NOVEMBER 18TH  
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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## 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 the following:

- October Webinar with Kiowa Tribal Preservation Officer, Amanda Hill
- Our October Tulsa language class

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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