



Kanza News

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From the desk of Jacque Secondine Hensley, Chair



A couple of months ago, July 13, 2017, to be exact, was my one year anniversary here at Kaw Nation. As most of you know by now, when I was elected, I said **TO-DAY IS A NEW DAY AT KAW NATION**, there will be positive changes. There have been a lot of changes. At the beginning, there was a lot of pushback to the changes. People resigned and some I had to let go. Employee issues are confidential but I CAN tell you in general terms why I had to let some people go. Generally, people were let go for bullying other employees, falsifying timesheets, falsifying purchase orders and after numerous “second

chances”, was unable to correct behavior/ infractions.

During my inauguration, I also talked about the concerns from tribal citizens that the administration needs to be more accountable and transparent. I believe the administration is more accountable and transparent. This is best shown by making it known to General Council that the Tribe has to pay back approximately \$277,000 to IHS and BIA due to the previous Chair, Elaine Huch, misappropriation of funds by eliminating indirect cost positions after numerous attempts by her staff warning her of the result of her actions. As well as, letting General Council know that a former gaming commission employee was using the Gaming Commission credit card to pay personal bills and other expenses.

With that being said, let me tell you about some of the positive changes that have happened in the past 12 months. If

you recall, the Kaw Nation was named as a plaintiff in a class action lawsuit and won \$1,093,679.35. Instead of putting the money into the general fund like in the past, the Tribal Council approved Resolution #16-134 which divided the Settlement money as follows: \$100,000 to Tribal Educational efforts; \$19,000 for Tribal newsletter for 2 years; \$500,000 to Social Services and the remainder in a CD account for a term of at least 3 months. This insured that Kaw Nation will be able to provide eyeglasses, dentures and hearing aids to tribal members until at least the end of December 2018. Another positive for the tribe is the budget is finally balanced for the first time in over 12 years! Just as a comparison, last year the budget was approved with a \$1.5 million deficit. We are currently working on the 2018 budget and I am confident the 2018 budget will be balanced!

2017 Kaw Nation



POW-WOW



Washunga Days in Council Grove



Welcome Kaw Nation Police Chief Nicholas Krug!!



Hi, my name is Nicholas Krug and I just recently began working as the Chief of Police of the Kaw Nation Police Department. I am honored and humbled to serve the Kaw Nation and I'm looking forward to meeting as many folks as possible in the coming days. Moving here has allowed my daughter Emily, age 5, and I to live closer to my grandparents and we are both very excited to be here.

I grew up just north of here in Cowley County and began my law enforcement career in 2004 as a Reserve Police Officer with the Wichita Police Department. Since then I've worked as a Deputy Sheriff / Canine Handler for the Hamilton County, Kansas Sheriff's Office and then as a Police Officer for the Lawrence, Kansas Police Department. In 2012 I returned to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office and served as the Undersheriff. I just moved here from Medicine Lodge, Kansas where I spent the last three years as the Chief of Police of the Medicine Lodge Police Department.

Please call me if there is anything myself or the Police Department can do for you!

Third Quarter New Hires

Dwight Pickering, 7/3, 477 Program

Bill Sprueill, 7/11, Maintenance

Jeremiah Payne, 7/24, Woodridge Market

Kristen Schofield, 7/26, Woodridge Market

Kelly Sober, 8/7, Language

Emily Douglas, 8/21, Janitorial

Ricky Strawn, 8/22, Southwind Express

Jodi Pappan, 8/23, Smoke Shop 1

Whitney Langdale, 8/27, Smoke Shop 2

Brandon Turner, 8/28, Police

Nicholas Krug, 8/29, Police

Dora Tanner, 9/4, Southwind Express

I.H.S. News

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE PROVIDES SAFE DRINKING WATER AND WASTEWATER FACILITIES TO NATIVE AMERICAN HOMES

PAWNEE—The Pawnee Office of Environmental Health and Engineering (OEHE) of the Indian Health Service Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction (DSFC) works in partnership with communities and Tribes to provide safe and adequate water supply and/or wastewater disposal facilities to Native American and Alaska Natives within the Pawnee ISH Service Unit area. The homeowner must be a registered member of a federally recognized Native American Tribe or Alaska Native Village and the home must be their primary residence to qualify for services.

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- Drilled water wells
- ADA compliant bathroom fixtures with doctor's recommendation

To apply for these services or for any additional information ,please contact:

**Pawnee Indian Health Clinic
Office of Environmental Health & Engineering
Pawnee Field Office
1201 Heritage Circle
Pawnee, OK 74058
(918) 762-6580**



One work day can
change a pet's entire life.



AG Rules for Kaw Nation Tags

The Office of Attorney General is diligently working on many projects for the Kaw Nation. Perhaps one of the most talked about projects concerns Kaw Tribal tags and titles.

In 1993, the United States Supreme Court ruled, in *Oklahoma Tax Commission v. Sac & Fox Nation*, that the state of Oklahoma could not subject Tribal members living in Indian Country to state vehicle excise tax and registration. Since then, several Tribes, including the Kaw Nation, have issued their members Tribal tags and titles.

The general rule is that a Kaw tag and title may only be issued to enrolled Kaw Nation Tribal Members living in Oklahoma. However, the Kaw Nation has authorized certain first degree relatives and co-owners subject to a lien, to be on the title of the vehicle, in addition to the enrolled Kaw Nation Tribal Member. There are four primary requirements Tribal Members should be aware of.

First, a spouse of a Kaw Nation Tribal Member may be added to the title of the vehicle so long as the applicant can provide either a certified copy of a marriage license, or the original marriage license. There are many purposes for this requirement. One reason is most spouses prefer to jointly title their property and may continue to

receive Kaw Nation tags if they do so. Additionally, this ensures the recipient of the tag and title is indeed a Member of the Kaw Nation and the non-Member is not applying under false pretenses.

Second, a common law spouse may be added to the title if the applicants can provide a signed copy of their most recent joint tax return showing the names of both enrolled Kaw Nation Tribal Member and the common law spouse. A signed copy of the most recent joint tax return will be required each time the tag is renewed. Common law marriages do not have marriage licenses; rather the parties hold themselves out as spouses to the public. Please be aware that like any decision regarding marriage, there are legal consequences to claiming a common law marriage. For example, if parties claim to be common law married, they cannot just break up. They must receive a court issued divorce decree in order for the common law marriage to be dissolved. Until a divorce decree is received, no subsequent marriage will be legal of record for most purposes, including subsequent Kaw tags.

Third, a Kaw enrolled child, who is of legal driving age, may be added to the title with the enrolled Kaw parent so long as a certified copy of the

birth certificate or certificate of adoption is produced.

Finally, if the vehicle is subject to a lien or loan all person(s) subject to the lien are deemed to be owners of the vehicle for the purposes of Kaw Nation tags and titles. As the loan is paid-off and the vehicle is no longer subject to a lien, the rules stated above will apply.

Remember, nothing in this article creates a legal relationship between the reader and the author. Readers are encouraged to seek independent legal counsel if they have any questions, including, but not limited to, issues of marriage, or loan obligations. Note also, if your situation is unique, the Kaw Nation employees designated to issue Kaw Nation tags and titles, may request guidance from our office. Please be patient while we work through this process. It is our goal to protect and serve the citizens of the Kaw Nation. Hopefully, this clears up some confusion and will make obtaining Kaw Nation Tribal tags and title easier and more beneficial for all Kaw Members. If you have any questions you may contact our office at 405-225-2300 or one of the following emails: vdevol@devollaw.com, tshowman@devollaw.com, or yholand@devollaw.com.

In Loving Memory

Kaw Members Lost

- *Doris Mae Boone-5/8/2017*
- *William Bruce Pappan-6/10/2017*
- *Douglas Craig Allen -6/17/2017*
- *Hayden Cole Gottman-7/8/2017*
- *Eleanor Sue Clinton-7/20/2017*

Kaw Nation Language Department

News Letter Article August 2017

During the month of May the Language Department was very busy recruiting new students and returning students to our Ponca City Beginners Level 2 classes. These classes are held at the Standing Bear Museum during the summer, and tend to be fairly decent in size. The start date on this class was May 30, 2017 so we had the whole month of May in order to prepare, recruit, and revitalize our curriculum from the previous semester held in White Plume.

The Language department also held the first ever Youth Language Powwow in our tribe's history. We also had two very honorable speakers Mrs. Jacque Secondine Hensley from the Kaáⁿze Níkashiⁿga (Kaw People), and Mr. Geoffrey Standing Bear from the Wazhazhe Níkashiⁿga (Osage People). These two speakers brought light to some of the problems that stand in our way with our language revitalization efforts. They both are from different tribes one being Wazhazhe and the other Kaáⁿze, but we both face the same battle each day with our language. This

dance was an eye opener and revealed all the people who really stand behind our language/ youth. Our cooks planned for a hundred people, but were shocked when around one hundred fifty came for supper. This dance definitely exceeded what I had expected, and I can't wait to do it all over again!

Our Immersion Class continued throughout this month along with our Pilot Class. Both of these classes are improving with each class held. One in particular would be our Immersion Class. The Pilot Class is also pretty steady in progressing in their language skills too. The Language Department was also thankful to receive another opportunity to teach a very large class that is held at the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds at the Outdoor classroom. This class was around forty students ranging from one year old up to twelve years old. Some of them are students from the Kaw Nation Child Care Facility, and are already very advanced in Kaáⁿze Íe. When teaching these students that are all ranges in language skills it is very common for the more advanced students to reinforce the lan-

guage and push the more novice speakers to learn. The Outdoor Classroom continued through the last week of July 2017. The last week of this class was focused on archeology which was made possible by the Kaáⁿze Museum.

We ended our lengthy summer schedule with the Kaáⁿze Wachiⁿ (Kaw Powwow) where our Kaáⁿze Íe Princess, Ms. Kyleigh Warren was able to attend and represent the Language Department very well.

I am excited to inform all of the Kaáⁿze Níkashiⁿga that we will soon be starting a Second Level Beginner's Class here at the Kaw City classroom located at the Kaáⁿze Library and Learning Center! This class is scheduled to begin on September 26, 2017. **I would also like to remind all parents that I am available for private tutoring on Monday afternoons if you need something to do with your kiddos after they get out of school!!!**

Wíblahaⁿ, for all of your interest and participation within our Kaáⁿze Íe Department!

Kaáⁿze Íe



Hawé Kaáⁿze Níkashiⁿga,

I am pleased to announce the Kaáⁿze Íe (Kaw Language) Department will begin their Kaw City Beginner's Level Two Course on September 26, 2017!

All Levels are welcome to attend!

This class will target beginner's level conversation and sentence structure so we can better our communication skills!

Every Tuesday beginning on September 26, 2017 for twelve weeks!

When: September 26, 2017

Time: 4:30p.m.

Where: Kaw City, OK at the Kaw Nation Library and Learning Center

Questions contact Storm Jones 1580.269.2739

Kaw Language Youth Pow-Wow



Kaw Nation School
Age Enrichment
Center

Welcome!!!
LaVina Clark
CCDF Director



Ha've my name is LaVina Spotted Bear-Clark, I'm an enrolled member of the Osage Nation, Pawhuska District (Steele family), I am also from the Ponca tribe, (Roy and Walking Sky families), Oglala Sioux (Spotted Bear family) and Kaw Tribe (Pepper family). I am a War Mother, my son Jeremy Spotted Bear has had 2 tours, a lady singer and I love to participate in our Osage Ceremonial dances in June. My youngest son, Cory Spotted Bear is the Kaw Drumkeeper, my tribal traditions has been very important to me and I have tried to install them in my sons and grandchildren. My middle son is Robert Spotted Bear and he has 7 of my grandbabies and 1 on the way. I also have a daughter Tomasita Little Crow, who is a cook and another son Francis Mendia who sings with his dad, my husband James (Jasper) Clark. I have worked with Federal grants for the past 15 years and have managed over a million dollars in grants with much success, I started working for the Kaw Nation in September 2016 as the Indian Child Welfare Caseworker and just recently been blessed with the CCDF Director position starting May 22, 2017. My first month has been a wonderful experience and I am looking forward to the years to come and love working with our little blessings, I love seeing their faces light up when they come thru the door and receive their hugs.

Title VI News by Ladoma Bryan

Kaw Nation's Title VI program delivers 25 meals to Newkirk and 39 meals to Ponca City. We offer bingo once a month. On, the same day as bingo the Kanza clinic nurse comes to Title VI and checks blood pressure, blood sugar. Title VI program has been operating for 27 years. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Eligibility for the Title VI Program.

- ◆ You must be 55 years or older
- ◆ Spouses are included
- ◆ Must be enrolled on a native American Indian Roll
- ◆ Live in our service area
- ◆ If you are disabled and not over 55 yrs. old and live with an Indian Elder

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If you have any questions about the program please contact Ladoma Bryan @ (580) 269-2552 ext. 249.

Domestic Violence: Back to School Beach Bash



Kaw Nation's Tribal Youth Hosted a Back to School Beach Bash at Ponca Lake on August 4, 2017. Erin Kekahbah provided the opening prayer and Dwight Pickering spoke about the importance of education for tribal youth. Ryan Smykil was the DJ for the event and played fun songs for the kids. They danced and had a great time. The event incorporated different water games including: slip and slide kick ball, shaving cream twister, volleyball, and other fun activities for the youth.

By Ashley Hein

Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program would like to announce the date for the 6th Annual Six Nations Walk Against Domestic Violence October 26, 2017 at Ponca Lake from 1-3pm. Details to come.

Domestic Violence: National Elder Abuse Awareness Day



Kaw Nation Domestic Violence teamed up with Title VI and surprised Kaw Nation Elders with Flowers on June 15, 2017, which was National Elder Abuse Awareness Day. Approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60+ have experienced some form of elder abuse. Some estimates range as high as 5 million elders who are abused each year. KNDVP staff made a Honoring our Elders board with pictures of Elders over the years and displayed in the Title VI building. Journals and informational sliders were passed out during Bingo to bring awareness to Elder Abuse.

By Ashley Hein

SCHOOL CLOTHING ASSISTANCE

Funding for school clothing was made available for the 2017 school year. To keep within the 2017 annual tribal budget and to keep services available, a limited amount of \$50,000.00 was set aside to help Kaw members in need to purchase school clothing for their children.

To be eligible for clothing assistance the student must be a member of the Kaw Nation, student and family must live within a 150 mile radius of the Kaw Nation in Kaw City, OK, student must be in grade Pre-K through 12.

HUD Section 8 Low income guidelines were used to determine need and eligibility. After Kaw families in need were served first, families that exceeded the income limits were able to apply and receive assistance until the \$50,000.00 was exhausted. Families received a \$150.00 Wal-Mart voucher or a JCP Gift Card per eligible child.

Clothing applications were available for download on the Kaw Nation web page at www.kawnation.com.



EXCITED for school! Kaw students Emmaline(1st grade), Avery(PreK) and Macon Hall(PreK)



JOHNSON O'MALLEY

One hundred thirty-seven (137) Native American students attending school within the Kaw Nation service area were assisted through the Kaw Nation JOM program. The JOM program assists families with educational items needed to complete daily coursework in the classroom. The program encourages parental support throughout the year and activities for student success.

Native American Youth Leadership Day

Native students of the seven North Central Oklahoma tribes attended the Seventh Annual Native American Youth Leadership Day at Northern Oklahoma College on July 6, 2017.

Tribal leadership and NOC Native American Counselor Gina Conneywerdy met regularly the last several months coordinating guest speakers and activities for the day.

Che Deer, Kickapoo/Otoe/Ponca, from Red Rock, OK, served as Emcee. Che is a former NAYL Day attendee and is currently a junior pre-medicine student at Oklahoma State University. Guest speakers for the day were Cedric Sunray, (MOWA

Band of Choctaw) and Tatanka Means (Navajo, Omaha, Oglala Lakota).

Mr. Sunray serves in the Native American Program at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, OK. He taught at the pre-K, elementary, middle school, high school and collegiate levels. Mr. Sunray holds a Bachelor of Indigenous Studies, from Trent University in Ontario, Canada, a Master of Indigenous Nations Studies from the University of Kansas and a Master of Legal Studies in Indigenous Peoples Law from the University of Oklahoma College of Law. Mr. Sunray kept the students entertained with

his hands on and humorous approach of learning to navigate the many aspects of scholarships and financial aid.

Tatanka Means is an award-winning actor, stand-up comedian and motivational speaker from Chinle, AZ. Recent movie credits include season one of the new series *The Son* with Pierce Brosnan, *Saints & Strangers* for the National Geographic Channel, and *A Million Ways to Die in the West* with director Seth Macfarlane. Tatanka can also be seen guest starring in the second season of *Banshee* on Cinemax, NBC's *The Night Shift* and in the newly released series *Graves* with Nick Nolte on the EPIX Channel.

He appeared as Lakota Chief Crazy Horse in Steven Spielberg's TNT miniseries *Into the West* and guest starred in the Disney ABC series *Scoundrels*, Lionsgate's *The Burrowers*, *In Plain Sight* on USA and the *We Shall Remain* documentary series on PBS by director Chris Eyre.

Thank you to Northern Oklahoma College for providing the space, the delicious lunch and dinner, and refreshments throughout the day!



Kaw Nation student Peyton Weant attends the NAYL Day every year! Peyton is a senior this year at Newkirk High School and plans to attend Northern Oklahoma College and the University of Central Oklahoma after high school graduation!



Group picture with actor and comedian, Tatanka Means.



NOC sophomore, Kaw Higher Education Grant recipient and Northern Thunder Club member, Jaelin Kent worked the NOC booth for the NAYL day. Jaelin is a member of the Kaw Nation.



Julissa Garcia (Kaw) received the 2017 Kaw Nation NAYL Certificate of Academic & Cultural Achievement. Julissa is a senior at Ponca City High School, an honor roll student and plays on the varsity girls basketball and soccer teams. Julissa served the past year as the 2016-2017 Kaw Nation princess. Julissa is the daughter of Rebecca Monhatwa and granddaughter of Lynn Dunson.



CONGRATULATIONS KAW NATION COLLEGE GRADUATES! SPRING 2017



KIRSI WILLIAMS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
MAJOR: MERCHANDISING
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
KAW NATION ACADEMIC
SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT



JOSEPH LEVEN
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
MAJOR: ATHLETIC TRAINING
MINOR: HEALTHCARE MANAGEMENT
SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY
KAW NATION HIGHER EDUCATION
GRANT RECIPIENT
CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN GRADUATE
SCHOOL THE 2017 FALL SEMESTER



STEPHEN LASARGE
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
MAJOR: NUCLEAR MEDICINE TECHNOLOGY
GALVESTON COLLEGE
KAW NATION TRIBAL GRANT RECIPIENT



DINO CONTOGIANNIS
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
MAJOR: SPORT MANAGEMENT
MINOR: BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION
NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY
KAW NATION ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT
CURRENTLY WORKING FOR CITY PARKS, RECREATION & CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPT.

Not Pictured

ADRICK MILLER
POST BACCALAUREATE
MAJOR: EDUCATION
STERLING COLLEGE
KAW NATION HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENT
CURRENTLY TEACHING HIGH SCHOOL SCIENCE

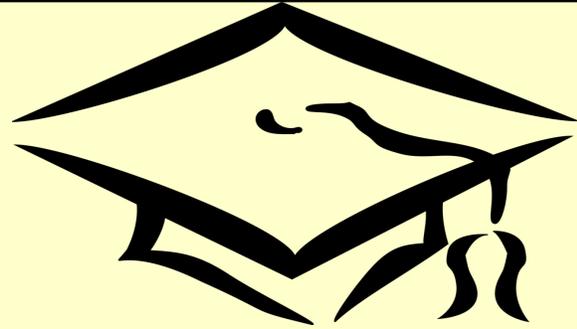


Pictured above is Charles Villa, Range Aid/FireFighter for the Hopi BIA Agency. Charles was in Yakama, WA, this past weekend for fire support. In the background is Mt. Adams.

CHARLES VILLA
ASSOCIATE OF APPLIED SCIENCE
MAJOR: EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND OPERATIONS
MESA COMMUNITY COLLEGE
KAW NATION ADULT VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAM
RECENTLY ACCEPTED FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT AS A
WILDLAND FIREFIGHTER WITH THE BUREAU OF INDIAN
AFFAIRS.



In the Spotlight



HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENT KYLER JOHNSON

Kyler is a sophomore at Oklahoma State University. He will graduate with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering and a minor in mathematics. Currently, Kyler carries a full load earning fourteen to nineteen credit hours per fall/spring semesters and stays busy with full-time summer school classes as well. He serves as OSU Community Council Treasurer, is a mentor for the College of Engineering and the Association of Computer Machinery, a National Resident Hall Honorary and Honor Society Inductee. Kyler is the son of Whitney & Brad KillsCrow, grandson of Patti & Bob Kramer and great-grandson of Wanda Stone.



KAW NATION TRIBAL ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT CORLEY LOVETT

Corley is a junior at the University of Texas @ Austin. She plans to graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Corley received university honors last semester with a 4.0 GPA and was just accepted as an internal transfer to the University of Texas Nursing Program. Corley is the daughter of Connie Wright.



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