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From the Desk of Chairwoman Jacquelyn Secondine Hensley



Hello Everyone! I hope this finds you and yours well and in good health. Although I don't read "fake news" internet sites, I need to address false rumors that are having an adverse effect on the Nation and its employees I have been told that rumors are circulating that I have been stealing from the Tribe and misappropriating Grant funds. I have been silent about the rumors until now but for the good of the Nation I must now directly address these false-

hoods. As most of you know, I am a retired Federal Agent, retiring from the Department of Defense Inspector General's Office with a Top Secret Clearance. After retiring from the Federal Government, I went to work for Governor Mary Fallin as her first Native American Liaison. After three years, I moved on to become Director Ed Lake's first Indian Affairs Liaison for the Department of Human Services. I was employed by Director Lake until my election of Chair. The positions I have held in the past were high level positions with honesty and integrity at the forefront. Why, would I now turn to stealing and misappropriating funds? It doesn't make any sense. For the record, I am not stealing or misappropriating funds. The Grants

Department at Kaw Nation is top notch and if something was amiss, they would attack the problem and make things right. I urge anyone that has a question about our grants to please call the Kaw Nation Administration Office. I am not seeking reelection. I will be gone by September. While I am here, I will be striving to make sure we have the funds to service our Kaw Nation citizens so that whoever is elected Chair will have a smooth transition. With that being said, Kaw Nation needs to focus on what is going to happen next. I urge those running for Chair and Tribal Council to attend the Tribal Council meetings and committee/board meetings to get familiar with what the true issues are at the Nation.

General Council Meeting
April 8, 2018

Consultant of the SouthWind Created by Todd Whipple



Although the first quarter of 2018 has been busy with a lot of new year tasks, one task that was priority was the relocation of the Indian on the Hill and his placement back to his home on the hill. With Chairwoman Jacquelyn Secondine Hensley's motivation and direction it finally happened.

Todd Whipple stated when the statue was originally being built that he made the horse for the hill and further said that it was 'made to look up to.' Mr. Whipple and Larry Myers began construction in 1998 and it was dedicated on June 20, 2000.

After contacting Mr. Myers of the upcoming move of the statue, times were coordinated with Kaw Nation Maintenance Department to ensure the it was completed without any damage. Scott Rennie, Maintenance Director, took the lead with the relocation to ensure the Indian on the Hill returned to his true home overlooking the Kaw lands and Kaw Lake.

As you drive toward Kaw Nation Headquarters on Highway 11 you will once again see the *Consultant of the SouthWind* on his hill.



Veterans Affairs by Rodney Akinson

The Kaw Nation now has a Indian Veteran Representative to assist vets with the below:

1. Filing claims for disabilities
2. Widows Pension
3. Pension for vets that are NSC
4. Medical Benefits
5. Education
6. Dependency Indemnity Compensation
7. Misc. Vet Info

The Veteran Rep is located in the Museum Building at Kaw City Tribal Headquarters every Monday, Wednesday, & Friday from 8:00AM To 3:00PM

Phone number: 580-269-2552 X225.
Drop by have a cup of coffee on me and sometimes a snack or two. *Ask for RODNEY!*
Come see what you might be missing out on your benefits or what you might now be entitled to.



REMEMBER: Benefits change from time to time. I'm a Kaw Nation Veteran wanting to serve any and all veterans.



In Loving Memory of Lost Kaws

Glenda Deanel Kincy January 14, 2018

Welcome New Hires

Jacob Williamson—January 3
Kelly Sober—January 15
Stephanie Cervantes—February 5
MaKailah McKinley—February 8
Trista Priest—February 14
Erin Kekahbah—February 19
Jazmin Rocha—February 26
Jeana Trevino—February 26
Alyssa Lake—February 27
Lori McBride—March 1
Vicki Corbitt—March 5
Samuel Soutter—March 10

Valerie Devol, Attorney General

As the Attorney General, we represent and serve all Kaw citizens. We understand that our elected position is to serve the best interest of all Kaw citizens in exercising the powers of a sovereign nation. In order to adequately serve the Kaw Nation, it is important for Kaw citizens to have an open dialogue with us. Therefore, we encourage all Kaw citizens to come ask questions, voice their concerns, and talk to us.

Generally, someone from our office comes to Kaw Nation Headquarters once a week. There is not a set day we attend, as these days revolve around Tribal Council meetings and other activities of the Kaw Nation. However, we do attend all Tribal Council meetings and we would be happy to meet with any Kaw citizen before or after those meetings. Another great time to meet with us would be on Kaw Nation District Court days - the fourth Tuesday of each month. We generally have some cases in the morning, however, feel free to stop by our office to visit with us after court. On weeks when there are not Tribal Council meetings or court, someone comes to Kaw Nation Headquarters for office hours. We try to give a week's notice on what days we will be in the office. We are usually there between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. However, you can always call us to see what days our office hours will be.

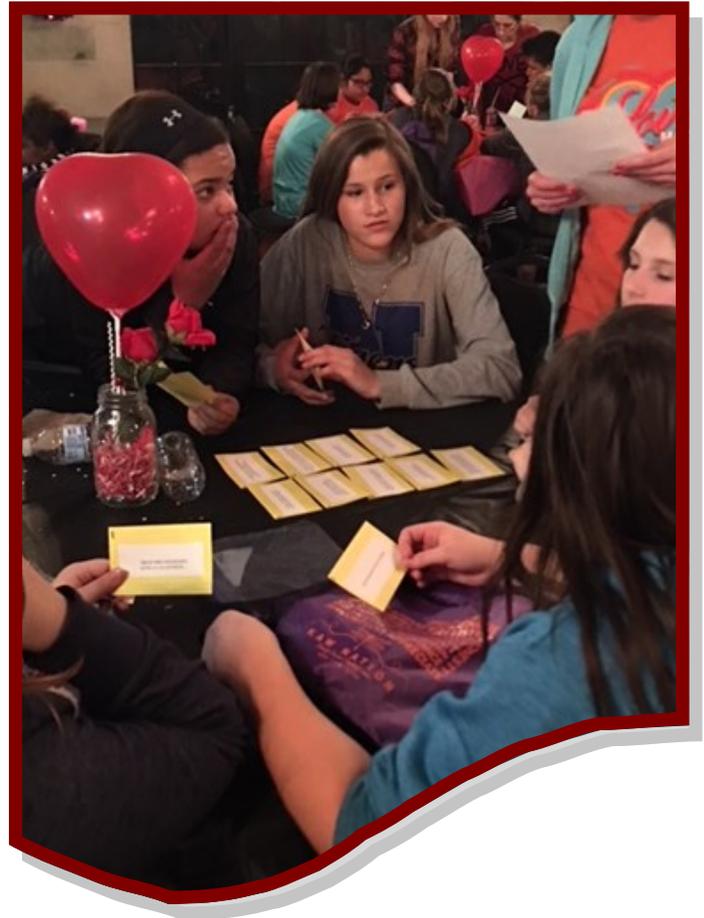
We understand that some Kaw citizens might have a hard time getting to Kaw Headquarters to meet during the hours we are there. We value every Kaw citizen's opinion and we would be happy to schedule a time to meet in either Newkirk or Ponca City in lieu of meeting in Kaw City. Please reach out to our office to schedule an appointment with us if you are not able to meet us in Kaw City.

We can also be contacted via phone or email. Our office phone number is 405-225-2300. Valerie's email is vdevol@devollaw.com, Tori's email is vholand@devollaw.com, and Thomas' email is tshowman@devollaw.com. If you find yourself in Edmond, feel free to come to our office. We are located at 15205 Traditions Lake Parkway, Edmond, Oklahoma 73013.

We would love to hear from the people we represent. We hope to be more accessible to all Kaw citizens moving forward.

Young Love Matters by Ashley Hein

On February 14, 2018, Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center hosted, "Young Love Matters," an event hosted for teens to raise awareness of Dating Violence. Local churches, Kaw Nation Child Support, Kaw Nation Tribal Youth, Kaw Nation Emergency Management, and Kaw Nation Police Department all participated to make the event possible! Little Carol Clark began the event with prayer, and Mark Busch from Connect Church ended the event with a prayer. Patricia Bennett from Healing Hearts and Mind Counseling was the speaker for the event. The youth were each given cinch bags with educational information and t-shirts. Pizza was provided. The kids played games such as Cross the Line, and Find Someone Who which helped them recognize what a healthy relationships look like. There were also Pendleton drawings. The event had over 110 youth participants from the community.



Election Board by Kim Jenkins



Hello, my name is Kim Jenkins and I am your Election Board Commissioner. I would like to update everyone on a few things: September Election, Absentee Ballots and Fax Line.

The first being that we have an Election coming up on September 9th for the Chair, Secretary and two Tribal Council members.

The Tribal Council is in the process of getting a fax line for the Election Board so that we can receive Absentee Ballots requests, and it be in a secure room. We will circulate the phone number for that fax machine as soon as it becomes available. We ask that you do not send Absentee Ballot requests to the fax number at the Kaw Nation Administration building. If you would like to put

your phone number on the fax we will call you to let you know we have received it.

Election Notices, Election Ordinance Corrections and Attorney General: We also will be sending out an Election Notice the first of May. The Election Board has been going over the Election Ordinance and making corrections so that the Election Ordinance follows the Constitution of the Kaw Nation. One of those corrections is why we will not have an Attorney General election at the April General Council meeting. The Kaw Nation Constitution states that "When the Attorney General position is vacant the Tribal Council shall present three (3) candidates for Attorney General to the General Council who shall select one for a term of three (3) years."

The Election Ordinance stated in Section 22. Vacancies, that "A vacancy may occur in position of the Tribal Council or *Attorney General* due to death, recall, resignation, or by other circumstances." The Election Ordinance goes on to describe how to fill the positions for the unexpired term of the vacant position.

The Election Ordinance is incorrect and not consistent with the Constitution. The Constitution states in Article IX: Election, section 4. Vacancies, "A vacancy in the office of either an Executive Officer or a Tribal Council member, which results from death, resignation, forfeiture, removal, or recall shall be filled as follows:". This section of the Constitution covers only Executive Officers (which include the Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary) and Tribal Council, not the Attorney General.

The revised Election Ordinance if passed at the April 8th General Council meeting will amend Section 22 to read: "A vacancy in the office of either an Executive Officer or a Tribal Council member, which results from death, resignation, forfeiture, removal, or recall may occur." This revision will make the Election Ordinance consistent with the Constitution of the Kaw Nation.

You will be able to find this information on the Kaw Nation website also. If you have any questions please call me at 405-880-4686.



Women's Health Program by Terri Wilson, APRN FNP



KAW women take control of your destiny. All women are at risk for cervical cancer.

It occurs most often in women over age 30. Each year, approximately 12,000 women in the United States get cervical cancer. The human papillomavirus (HPV) is the main cause of cervical cancer. HPV is a common virus that is passed from one person to another during intercourse. Most sexually active people will have HPV at some point in their lives, but few women will get cervical cancer.

Cervical cancer used to be the leading cause of cancer death for women in the United States. However, in the past 40 years, the number of cases of cervical cancer and the number of deaths from cervical cancer have decreased significantly. This decline largely is the result of many women getting regular Papanicolaou (PAP) tests which can find cervical pre-cancer before it turns into cancer. Because cervical cancer is the easiest gynecologic cancer to prevent with regular screening tests and follow-up, it is also highly curable when found and treated early.

Risks for cervical cancer –

- ◆ Having HPV – there are certain strains more likely to cause cancer called high risk strains: 16, 18, and 45.
- ◆ Smoking
- ◆ Having HIV (the virus that causes AIDS) or another conditions that makes it hard for

your body to fight off health problems

- ◆ Using birth control pills for a long time (five years or more)
- ◆ Having given birth to three or more children

Cervical cancer may not cause signs and symptoms in the beginning, but advanced cervical cancer may cause bleeding or discharge from the vagina that is not normal for you, such as bleeding after intercourse. If you have any of these signs, see your doctor. The PAP test looks for pre-cancers, or cell changes on the cervix that can be treated so that cervical cancer can be prevented. The PAP test also can find cervical cancer early, when treatment is most effective. The PAP test is recommended for women aged 21-65 years old.

Human papilloma virus (HPV) is the most common cause of cervical cancer and can be tested for along with the PAP test after age 30. HPV is a virus that can cause precancerous cell changes and cervical cancer.

- ◆ 12.54 – 15.08 of 100,000 Oklahoma women get HPV related cervical cancer in their lifetime.

Females age 11-26 may be vaccinated against HPV. Statistics have shown a downward trend since 2013 in HPV related cervical cancers in women who were vaccinated.

How to prevent cervical cancer –

- Schedule yourself for a well woman exam including a clinical breast exam and PAP test at Perkins Family Clinic with *Kaw Women's Health* if you are uninsured, and with your provider if you are insured.
- Follow up with your doctor if

you have abnormal PAP results

- Get the HPV vaccine to protect against the most harmful types of HPV.
- Don't smoke or quit smoking
- Use condoms during intercourse
- Limit your number of sexual partners

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States and the second most common cause of death for Native American women.

Getting mammograms regularly can lower the risk of Women 50-74 years old should have a screening mammogram every year. Average risk women who are 40-49 years old should have a baseline screening mammogram and discuss with their provider how often to continue mammograms.

Risk factors for breast cancer include:

- Getting older – the risk for breast cancer increases with age; most breast cancers are diagnosed after age 50
- Genetic mutations – inherited changes to certain genes, such as BRCA1 and BRCA2. Women who have inherited these genetic changes are at higher risk of breast and ovarian cancer.
- Early menstrual period – Women who start their periods before age 12 are exposed to hormones longer, raising the risk for breast cancer by a small amount.
- Late or no pregnancy – Having the first pregnancy after age 30 and never having a full-term pregnancy can raise breast cancer risk.
- Starting menopause after age 55 – Like starting one's period early, being exposed to estrogen hormones for a longer time

Women's Health Program continued

later in life also raises the risk of breast cancer.

- Not being physically active – Women who are not physically active have a higher risk of getting breast cancer
- Being overweight or obese after menopause – Older women who are overweight or obese have a higher risk of getting breast cancer than those at a normal weight
- Having dense breasts – Dense breasts have more connective tissue than fatty tissue which can sometimes make it hard to see tumors on a mammogram. Women with dense breasts are more likely to get breast cancer.
- Using combination hormone therapy – taking hormones to replace missing estrogen and progesterone in menopause for more than five years raises the risk for breast cancer. The hormones that have been shown to increase risk are estrogen and progestin when taken together.
- Taking oral contraceptives (birth-control pills) – Certain forms of oral contraceptive pills have been found to raise breast cancer risk.
- Personal history of breast cancer – Women who have had breast cancer are more likely to get breast cancer a second time.
- Personal history of certain non-cancerous breast diseases – Some non-cancerous breast diseases such as atypical hyperplasia or lobular carcinoma in situ are associated with a higher risk of getting breast cancer.
- Family history of breast cancer – A woman's risk for breast cancer is higher if she has a mother, sister, or daughter (first degree relative) or multiple family members on either her mother's or father's side of the family who have had breast cancer. Having a first-degree male relative with breast cancer also raises

a woman's risk.

- Previous treatment using radiation therapy. Women who had radiation therapy to the chest or breasts (like for treatment of Hodgkin's lymphoma) before age 30 have a higher risk of getting breast cancer later in life.
 - Women who took the drug diethylstilbestrol (DES) – which was given to some pregnant women in the US between 1940 and 1971 to prevent miscarriage, have a higher risk. Women whose mothers took DES while pregnant with them are also at risk.
 - Drinking alcohol – Studies show that a woman's risk for breast cancer increases with the more alcohol she drinks.
 - Smoking, being exposed to chemicals that can cause cancer, and night shift working also may increase breast cancer risk.
- How to reduce risk –**
- Keep a healthy weight.
 - Exercise regularly – at least four hours a week.
 - Increase night time sleep.
 - Avoid alcohol intake.
 - Avoid exposure to cancer causing chemicals.
 - Limit exposure to radiation such as X-rays and CT scans.
 - Discuss with your doctor about the hormones you may be taking and change to reduce risks.
 - Breastfeed any children you may have, if possible.
 - Have regular screening mammograms.

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Kaw Language Update by Desiree Storm Jones

Hawé Zaáni,

I would like to give a little update on the Kaáⁿze Íe Department and the hard work and dedication our students have put fourth this previous semester.

Kaw City Beginner's Level Three ended in December with fifteen students in attendance which is a great success for the Kaáⁿze Níkashiⁿga (Kaw People). In the end of December the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair students or Team Tajé Sage began their efforts in preparing for the competition that will take place on April 2nd and 3rd 2018!

In the midst of preparing for competition Newkirk Family Beginner's Class Level Three started on January 24, 2018. This is the largest class with twenty-two students in attendance and we are very proud of the Kaáⁿze Níkashiⁿga and their interest in learning their language.

Immersion students Declan Clark and Maudie Jones are into their second year with perfect attendance. These students have exceeded all expectations and will be vital in our future language revitalization efforts. I am also very pleased with their dedication and especially their parent's dedication to learning Kaáⁿze Íe.

Pilot Class is still every Thursday at 5p.m. and all levels are welcome!!!

I am honored to announce I; Storm Jones will be the Key Note Speaker opening day at the upcoming Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair in Norman Oklahoma at the Sam Noble Museum of Natural History. This is a huge honor and I hope to make my people proud. I would like to thank everyone that has encouraged me and guided me along the way. Wish me luck!!!



Education by Karen Howe



Callie Case

Pioneer Technology Center

Practical Nursing

Kaw member Callie Case satisfactorily completed 1500 hours of instruction in Practical Nursing in October 2017. Callie is currently working at Mercy NW Family Clinic in Oklahoma City. Callie is planning to go back to school in the fall to get her RN.

CONGRATULATIONS!

MARY KEKAHBAH—EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION—COMMUNITY CARE COLLEGE

CONGRATULATIONS!



Addison Murray

OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE
POLITICAL SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY

Parents: Shaun and Tiffany Murray

Congratulations!

ASHTON VOGT

HESSTON COLLEGE

ASSOCIATE APPLIED ARTS/SCIENCES
NURSING

Congratulations!



Kaw Nation Child Care by LaVina Clark

WONDERFUL THINGS ARE HAPPENING AT THE KAW NATION CHILD CARE

We have been busy these past months, we had Boot Camp with the Wellness Center, Valentine Party, Family night that everyone made Valentines for a Kaw Elder that resides in a Nursing home in Ponca City. We took the kids to the Science Museum in Oklahoma City. We had Dr. Seuss's Birthday with Kaw elder and Vice Chairperson Lynn Dunson reading to them. The children introduced themselves to Ms. Dunson in our Kaw Language. We will be introducing Class Dojo at our March Parent Meeting, this is an app on your computer or phone that shows your child's accomplishments, behavior for the day and the parents can interact with their child's teacher. We will have a St. Patrick's Party and Easter Party.

We love our School Age Coordinators!



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