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Kanza News



WAH-SHIN-GAH,
KANZA CHIEF



A Message From the Chair



Hawe' Kaa'Nze Nikashi'Nga

Greetings from the office of the Chair. I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits.

Due to the recent resignation of Chair Jacque Hensley I have assumed the position of Chair of Kaw Nation. An interim chair will be selected from the floor at the General council meeting per the constitution. I will then resume my position as Vice Chair.

I am pleased to report the Nation is financially stable and running smoothly. The gift shop has been moved to the library and is doing a very good business with summer and powwow season arriving. The gift shop will be open on Saturday during the powwow so go check out the new items. Kaw Nation was instrumental in bringing the five Chilocco tribes together to restore the cemetery grounds and repair the road. A grant has been received at no cost to Kaw Nation to build a monument memorializing the children who perished while attending the school. The Chilocco alumni was very appreciative of the efforts made by all.

Along that same note, I am glad that Kaw Nation was able to bring home one of their elders from an out of state burial location. The young ones do not remember Ted Thompson but I hope you will get to know him through the article presented in this issue.

We are excited that Kaw Nation will once again operate a daycare at the White Plume addition. Certified child development teachers are in place and set for an opening date of July 9. There are many happy children attending the CCDF summer program. Transportation is now provided for children living in Ponca City with a central pick up each morning at the Lowe's. The clinic expansion is closer to realization. Plans are 95% complete, all surveys have been done and the groundbreaking shovels should come out the end of August. Additions are a pharmacy drive up window, more exam rooms, separate pharmacy waiting area and in house x-ray. Oklahoma City area Office approved the provision of \$179,730 to purchase x-ray equipment.

The Nation has received many good comments about the installation of gas pumps at Southwind Express. Unfortunately the CNG is not operable due to low pressure from Kaw City.

September 9, 2018 is a very important date. Elections will be held for the Chair, Secretary and two council positions. The last day to order absentee ballots is August 10, 2018. All absentee ballots must be received by September 8. Please make your voice heard. All too often people do not use their right to vote and then complain when decisions are made that are not to their liking. Know your candidates. What looks good on paper does not always show the personality or integrity of the person.

In closing, be kind to your elders and those less fortunate. That is an expectation of our Creator.

WitoNbe ta mi'Nkhe

In Loving Memory

Billy Eugene Thompson
DOD: 02-19-2018

Guy Gene Munroe DOD:
04-16-2018

Virginia A. Plumley
DOD: 04-21-2018

Herbert G. Farnsworth
Sr. DOD: 05-01-2018

Betty J. Abenante DOD:
05-02-2018

Alexander Aaron Mabe
DOD: 05-04-2018

Addie Be Brave



Friday, May 22, 2018, we had an author from the Osage Nation come visit the Kaw Nation Library and Learning Center. Mindy Littleton Standley is the author of two children's books, Frybread for Addie and Addie Be Brave. The Osage author has now begun her third children's book that we look forward to adding to our library soon.

Mindy chose to read Addie Be Brave because it talked about when the Kaw Men gave the Ilóshka Drum to the Osage People. The Kaw Men were few and were struggling to keep the Ilóshka alive.

Addie Be Brave was a big success and we had over 25 children and adults combined who attended. The children also received autographed copies of the books.

Those who attended the event enjoyed punch and frybread made by our Kaá'ze Íe (Kaw Language) Teacher Storm Jones. The Kaw, Osage, Ponca, Omaha and Quapaw tribes were all one tribe known as the Dhegiha Siouan tribe. Even after we split apart we all speak the same dialect and can communicate to one another in our languages.

Interesting facts:

Ílóshka as said by the Osage (Wázhazhe)

Ilóshka as said by the Kaw (Kaá'ze)

Hethuska as said by the Ponca (Pá'ka)



Council Grove

Council Grove Powwow was a success!

We started out on Friday night with Crowning the Washunga Days Princess

Ayanna Clark which is also our Kaw Powwow Princess. We had a very fun

evening with dancing and laughter.

Saturday was a very busy day with the Morning Parade,

Luncheon at the

Mission, the afternoon Program and the Dance in the evening.

The Kaw Nation Event

Committee put on an afternoon Program featuring our Kaw Princesses and Kaw children. The

Program was a big success and we are all

very Proud of all the children of

the Kaw Nation.

We were also happy to have our Kaa'nze Language Princess Katzy

Buffalohead

in our Arena.

We also had a Kaw Nation

member that is a Vender show up with his Snow Cones

all the way from Ponca City OK, Mr. Graham Snelding and

daughters.

On behalf of the Kaw Event Committee and Kaw Dancers we

were honored to see

that several Kaw Elders, Jan Newlin, Terri Weatherly, Clark

Pepper, Terri

Pepper and Our Chair Lynn Dunson and her family.

Thank you, to all the Elders who attended and were eager to help

in anyway.



Rock the Block



Friday June 8, 2018 the Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center hosted, "Rock the Block," in Lions Park in Newkirk. This event was geared to bringing awareness to the Underserved populations. The speaker for the event was Cruz Maldonado. He spoke on the importance of serving the Elders and how LGBTQ populations are often overlooked or unable to access services. Chair Lynn Dunson read the Proclamation declaring June Elder Abuse Awareness Month. Karaoke was the entertainment for the evening with over 95 people in attendance. Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center provided food, tee-shirts, giveaways, and Pendleton drawings to a attendees.



Congratulations Graduates



Katelyn is a first generation graduate from the University of Central Florida as of May 2018! Her degree in Business Management should serve her well as an aspiring entrepreneur. Katelyn's passion for non-profit work has led her to secure a full-time position at a non-profit career college. Here, she assists other students in their search for higher education, as others have done for her. She expresses her eternal gratitude for the support she has received from the Kaw Nation and would like to thank the Scholarship Board for making the decision to invest in what she hopes will be a bright future.



**Goldie Pappan
Doctorate from the
University of Kansas
Goldie accepted a position
as a clinical audiologist in
Wasilla, Alaska.
She will be working for
Southcentral Foundation at
the Benteh Nuutah Primary
Care Center where she will
serve Alaskan natives.**



**Cyntia Lloyd
Enid High School**



**Peyton Weant
Newkirk High School
Newkirk, OK
Enrolled at Northern
Oklahoma College for
the 2018 fall semester**



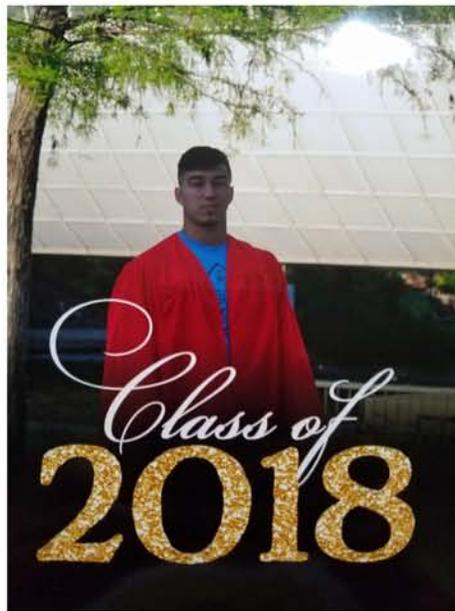
**Sydney Hurst
Program Specialist
Administration for Native Americans - Washington, D.C.
Sydney manages a portfolio of grants that serve Native Americans, Native Alaskans, and Pacific Islander communities. The grants range from language preservation projects to social and economic development. Sydney received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science from Oklahoma State University majoring in International Studies. Sydney is the daughter of Kindra Hall and granddaughter of George Munroe.**



**Payden Cloud, son of Shane and
Toni Cloud of Ponca City,
graduated Summa Cum Laude with
a Bachelor of Science degree in
Biomedical Sciences from the
University Of Central Oklahoma on
May 05, 2018.
He is currently a student at
NSUOCO pursuing a Doctor of
Optometry.**



Lynn Dunson is proud to announce her grandson Daniel Romero enlisted in the US Army. He is scheduled to leave on July 16 for Basic Combat Training at Fort Jackson South Carolina. Daniel is a 2018 graduate of Newkirk High School. He is the son of Frankie Littledeer.



Darien Monhatwa is a 2018 graduate of Del City High School. He is the son of Jeff Monhatwa and Pearl Walton and grandson of Lynn Dunson.



Kyla Power is a 2018 graduate of Ponca City High School. She is the daughter of Stuart and Nora McCartney and granddaughter of Lynn Dunson and Everette Power. She plans to attend Oklahoma State University in the fall.



2018 graduate of Ponca City High School. Daughter of Rebecca Monhatwa and Rudy Garcia. Julissa was an academic scholar and lettered in basketball and soccer. Julissa received academic and sports scholarship to Tabor College in Hillsboro, KS. She is working this summer for the City of Ponca City.

KAW NATION TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM UPDATE by Kathy Alward, Tribal Youth Program Coordinator



As we continue to move forward in a good way with the Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program, a program that focuses on Kaw Nation, Native American, and all 12 through 18-year-old youth, I am grateful for the opportunity to have attended a NAFFA conference for Fatherhood is Sacred™ and Motherhood is Sacred™ in Mesa, AZ, this quarter. One goal of this program is to strengthen relationships within the family structure, and all who attend this program are trained and receive certification to become a facilitator for this program. One of the premises of this training is the belief that our potential is linked to our past. That is an important concept that the Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program reinforces as we continue to develop a program that focuses on endeavors to teach youth culturally appropriate skills needed to choose the right path in life that will lead to their success.

One way that Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program has helped and can continue to help youth is by the counseling referrals that we receive. We are able to help youth who may be in need of counseling to assure that our youth can foster positive relationships with their peers and adults and resist substance abuse, teen pregnancy, or school drop-out, and move forward in the best way possible. We have a Memorandum of Understanding with two highly respected counselors in the local community who offer their counseling services to youth between the ages of 12 and 18 years old. These counselors can also help our youth who have made wrong choices to find their way back to the right path.

Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program has worked diligently at building positive relationships with local schools and community organizations, so that we can work together as a community to support our youth. We also work with other Kaw Nation Programs, such as the Kaw Nation Law Enforcement, who has the Injury Prevention Program SIDNE, that involves students in a custom-built electric cart that allows drivers and passengers to experience what can happen when operating a vehicle while impaired or distracted. We look forward to working together by taking this program into the school setting in the upcoming school year.

Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program continues to develop field trips to encourage positive relationships with peers. We also have been working with the Tribal Liaisons at local universities, such as Oklahoma State University and University of Oklahoma, to develop field trips that encourage the pursuit of continued education and staying in school with hope for a bright future. We also look forward to continuing our relationship with the Pioneer Technology Center as they plan to use their METS Trailer to help educate our Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program about local manufacturing job options that are available in our area.

As Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program continues its endeavor to strengthen relationships within the family structure, we continue to develop cultural cooking classes, where our youth will learn the importance of cooking traditional Native American dishes and then sharing what they cook through our Title VI Program, who will then serve Kaw Nation elders the food that our youth has prepared for them.

As we continue to move forward to keep cultural traditions alive and develop our potential that is linked to our past, we are always looking for mentors who can teach our youth culturally appropriate skills. Please call the Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program Coordinator, Kathy Alward, at 580-362-1045, or stop by the Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program office at 3251 East River Road in Newkirk, OK, if you would like to share your wisdom and skills with our youth.

Happenings at Kaw Nation Child Care



Since the last Newsletter, the Child Care Program held their, "Week of the Young Child" event. Chairwoman Dunson came on April 16, 2018 to kick off the event. She came and visited, enjoyed hotdogs, games with the kids, and participated in a balloon release. Tuesday- We had Tribal Police come and play kickball and enjoy sundaes with the kids. Wednesday- Tribal Youth and Emergency Management Dept. came and were the judges for our talent show and afterwards enjoyed pizza with us. Thursday- Kaw Nation Child Support came and made slime and enjoyed Ice Cream with us. Our final day was with Indian Child Welfare. They came and played in the Bouncy house and watched the kids get their faces painted. They also got to enjoy snow cones. Thank you to the Osage Nation Child Care Department for lending us their snow cone machine. Since then, we have purchased our own snow cone machine. While the Newkirk teachers participated in the "walk out", the Kaw Nation Child Care program was open to receive any children that needed care, while parents were working.



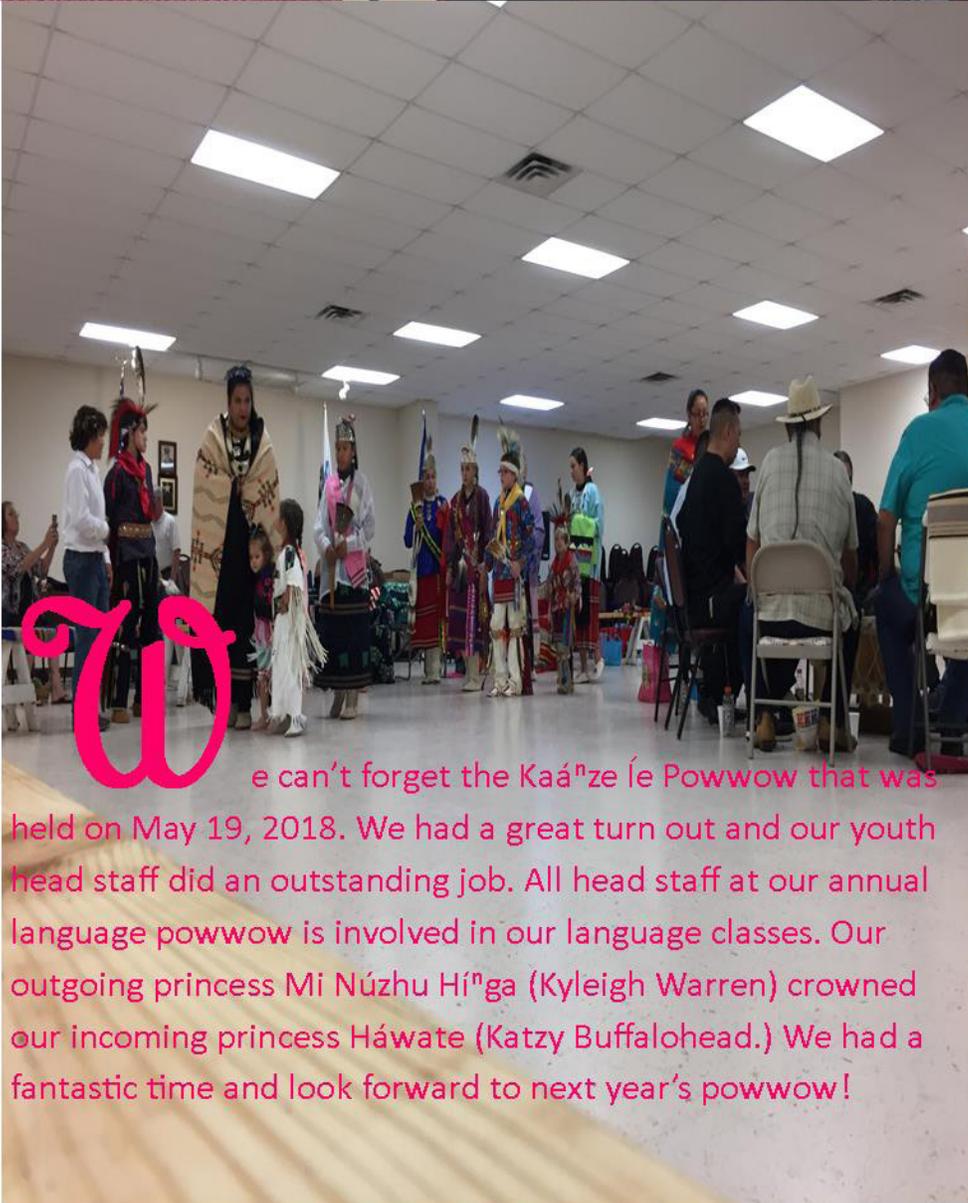
CCDF Director and Contact Representative traveled to Wichita, KS on May 9th for their Kansas Provider training from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. We catered their meal and visited with each provider about upcoming changes within the program.

The Child Care program started their summer program on May 14th and this year we offered, for the first time, pickup in the mornings for any child that resides in Ponca City, OK.

We have divided the children up into 2 groups, each with 2 teachers. Children from 4 yrs. to 7 yrs. are under the care of Alyssa Lake and Jazmin Rocha, while children from 8 yrs. to 13 yrs., is under the care of Bailey Young and (vacant).

We have implemented our Day Care and are receiving children 1 to 4 years old. The 1 to 2 yr. olds are under the care of Master teacher Christina Spruiell and Lindsey Spotted Bear and the 3 to 4 yr. olds are under Keli Barton and Amanda Anderson. Our new employee, Candace Mitchel will be taking care of our meals as our new cook.





We can't forget the Kaá'ze Íe Powwow that was held on May 19, 2018. We had a great turn out and our youth head staff did an outstanding job. All head staff at our annual language powwow is involved in our language classes. Our outgoing princess Mi Núzhu Hí'ga (Kyleigh Warren) crowned our incoming princess Háwate (Katzy Buffalohead.) We had a fantastic time and look forward to next year's powwow!

Hawé Kaá'ze Níkashi'ga,

The Kaá'ze Íe Department is in full swing with summer classes, immersion class, and language learning activities. Our Immersion Class has grown this summer and now has nine students! The Kaá'ze Íe (Kaw Language) is now on a steadier track of revitalization more than ever. With more young people becoming interested in learning their language we now stand a chance in passing our language down to many generations to come.



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