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A Message From the Chair



In Loving Memory

Michelle Gentry DOD: 7/21/18

Robert Woodring DOD: 7/30/18

Billy Kekahbah DOD: 8/7/18

Cynthia Schnauffer DOD: 8/27/18

Justin Williamson DOD: 8/31/18

Patricia Fox DOD: 9/19/18

Barbara Mathews DOD: 9/25/18

Donna Villa DOD: 10/4/18

Sherri Welch DOD: 10/13/18

Juanita Christian DOD: 10/24/18

Madeline Healy DOD: 2/19/18

Hawe' Kaa"ze Nikashi"ga

I pray this note finds your family in good health and spirits.

Summer has passed and fall is upon us. With each new season comes renewed hope for the future. At Kaw Nation that hope is beginning as we set a new tribal council. All elections are now final and we have a new Vice Chair, Secretary and two members. I want to thank those that supported me in my quest for Chair. I will do the very best I can for the people of Kaw Nation. I would also like to thank Roy Lee Ball for providing leadership while serving as the Chairman.

Kaw Nation pow wow was a huge success. Several of our out of state families made it home and the campground was full. Princess Kayle Williams is doing a good job as ambassador. She has attended local dances, parades and is becoming well versed in Kaa"ze Le.

The property that is adjacent to the current casino property in Bramen is progressing through the process to obtain trust status. The application is now in the Office of Indian Gaming. That is the second stage in the process. We finally received the report from the Corp of Engineers on the clinic expansion. We are meeting December 11 with the construction team to set the date to break ground.

I wanted to address some concerns that members that live outside the Kaw Nation jurisdiction have voiced. There was a question about the new grant we received for storm shelters. This grant is for community shelters not shelters for individual homes. A shelter will be built at our Newkirk location and Kaw City to protect our members and employees in those locations. All members that made application have received eye glasses, dentures and hearing aids. These services are open to members regardless of where they live. There are three different education programs that have specific criteria that must be met by the student and a deadline for submission.

Kaw Nation operates 50 different grants that have specific spending and employee criteria according to the plan in the grant and the funding agency. A training was provided to all programs that operate under a grant. This was very beneficial, especially to new grantees.

It is very important that all members keep their address up to date. During the elections there were many letters returned that were not deliverable.

As the holidays and New Year approaches my wish is that each and every family has an abundance of love and blessings.

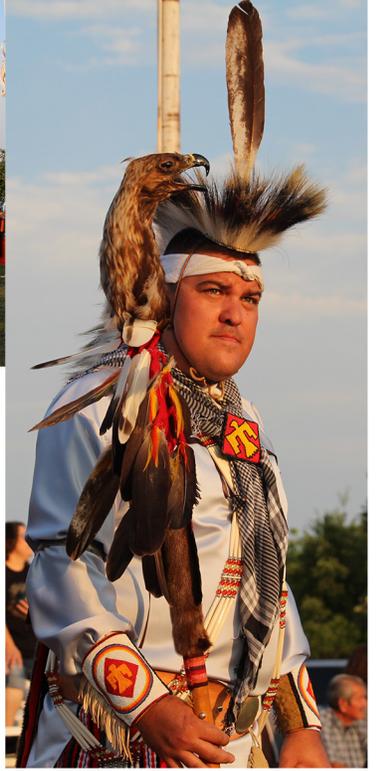
All Kaw Nation members please check with enrollment to make sure that your correct address is on file. This is very important so you will receive upcoming information.



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Kaw Nation Powwow



2018-2019 Kaw Nation Princess Kaylee Williams

Daughter of Ida and Nathan Williams

Kaylee is a sophomore at Shilder High School



Kaw Nation Powwow



Golden Age

- 1st - Karen Haymond
- 2nd - Cheryl Arkeketa
- 3rd - Caren Pepper



Golden Age

- 1st - Mike Pahsetopah
- 2nd - Wes Hudson
- 3rd - Galen Springer

Cloth

- 1st - Tesa Haymond
- 2nd - Charl-See Cunningham
- 3rd - Brooklyn Kemble



Traditional/Grass

- 1st - Wesley Littlecook
- 2nd - Donnie Grant
- 3rd - Kyle Sine

Buckskin

- 1st - Sierra Toppah
- 2nd - Telly Springer



Fancy

- 1st - T. Thorpe Sine
- 2nd - Graycloud Lieb

Fancy/Jingle

- 1st - Hailey Nezzie
- 2nd - Tracey Moore



Straight

- 1st - O.J. Littlecook
- 2nd - Batt Derooin
- 3rd - Pete Littlecook



Junior Girls
1st - Mah-Ta Littlecook
2nd - Kinsley Springer
3rd - Juia Harvey



Junior Boys
1st - Nicholas Rodriguez
2nd - Ashkii Stumbling Bear
3rd - Aiden Jones



Teen Girls Cloth /Buckskin
1st - Katlyn Begs- His-Own
2nd - Marlene Goodman
3rd - Kylee Paschal



Teen Boys Straight, Traditional, Grass
1st - Amos Satpahoodle
2nd - Hingly Huber
3rd - Cameron Socle



Teen Girls Fancy/Jingle
1st - Marcella Hudson
2nd - Victoria Axman
3rd - Heaven Pahsetepole

KAW NATION TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM ATTEND GONA



The Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program and Kaw Nation Youth were fortunate to attend the Ponca Pathways Program GONA; Gathering of Native Americans for youth entering 7th through 12th grade at NOC campus in Tonkawa on August 1, 2, 3, 2018. Youth participated in healing circles at the GONA that gave insight as to how to bring positive changes to the overall wellness of Native Americans. Activities and training focused on building team and trust, generosity; cultural strengths, resiliency and mastery. There was an emphasis placed on the importance of giving back to others and to the community. Another focus was the importance of honoring teachers and elders who share knowledge with our future generations. Activities also centered around how important it is to recognize the many resources residing within the community that contribute to the overall wellness of the community.



Eighth Annual Native American Youth Leadership Day at NOC



Kaw students attended the Eighth Annual Native American Youth Leadership Day at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, OK. The Native American Youth Leadership Day is planned by the local area tribal education departments, youth programs, and Northern Oklahoma College Native American Counselor Gina Conneywerdy. The main focus of the event is culture and to encourage Native students to attend college after high school graduation. Scholarship information was given to 9-12 grade students in the College Hustle breakout session. Thank you to Dr. Cheryl Evans, NOC President and Gina Conneywerdy for the hospitality, technological assistance, and providing a delicious lunch and supper!

Peyton Weant, one of the students that attended the event, has recently graduated from Newkirk High School and plans to attend NOC.



Congratulations Graduates



Stephen McCauley
Career Major Certificate
Brick Mason Mid-Del Technology Center
Midwest City, OK



Haley Baker
Pioneer Technology Center
Cosmetology Master Instructor



Kennedy Forbeck
Valedictorian
Newkirk High School

Kaw Nation Police



The Kaw Nation Tribal Police Department has been busy over the last several months with multiple projects and special events. We would like to highlight a few of those here. Several department members have attended specialized training recently. Officer Scott King and Officer Sam Soutter attended the Indian Country Firearms Instructor Training Program at the Indian Police Academy in New Mexico. Chief Krug attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs Chief of Police Command School and Executive Command School. Not only do these specialized trainings benefit Kaw Nation, it also helps department members remain in compliance with federal and state training requirements. The department participated in several events recently including the Kaw Nation Annual Powwow, the Kaw Housing Authority Back to School Bash, Southwind Casino Summer Concert Series, and multiple events hosted by the Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center. Additionally, officers spoke with children at Kaw Nation Child Care Development about firearms safety. Most notably, Kaw Nation Tribal Police recently partnered with Kaw Gaming Incorporated to provide active shooter response training to all of our casino employees. The men and women of the Kaw Nation Tribal Police Department serve Kaw Nation with honor and dedication. If there is anything our department can do for you, please contact us at 580-767-9424.





SAFESTAR



Two of Kaw Nation's Family Trauma Healing Center's staff just returned from Tucson, Arizona where they attended the first Advanced SAFESTAR Training. In Tucson, they were able to learn Best Practices, how to sustain a SAFESTAR project in their Tribal Community, and collaborate with other SAFESTARS across the country. SAFESTAR stands for Sexual Assault Forensic Exam, Support Training, Access & Resources. Kat Jones and Ashley Hein completed the original SAFESTAR program curriculum back on June 12, 2015. A SAFESTAR is a specially selected woman who has completed the intensive 40-hour SAFESTAR training course. She is trained and qualified to provide emergency first aid, health care referrals, ongoing support, and forensic examinations to sexual assault victims. SAFESTARS take a stand against sexual violence in their communities and support all victims of sexual violence. SAFESTAR was developed by the Southwest Center for Law and Policy in collaboration with the International Association of Forensic Nurses, Tribal and Federal Victim Advocates, Criminal Justice Professionals, and Healthcare Experts. The curriculum incorporates many of the same components of the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) certification course, but is designed for laypersons in American Indian/Native communities. SAFESTAR is funded through the U.S. Department of Justice office on violence against women. Kat and Ashley were among 7 SAFESTARS that were trained in Oklahoma. They were the first group in the State of Oklahoma and 4th in the Nation to become certified SAFESTARS. Look for them at upcoming outreach events!



Congratulations Ashley Hein



On July 13, 2018, Ashley Hein with Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center graduated with her Certificate in Tribal Court Legal Advocacy. Ashley completed a 6 month online course with the National Tribal College, Center for Law and Policy, and the University of Wisconsin Law School. This training is supported by The United States Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. In July she attended the one week in person portion of the certification in Madison, Wisconsin and graduated with a class of 24. She is now able to practice as a Lay Legal Advocate in Tribal Courts for Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault.



Voices of the Wind People



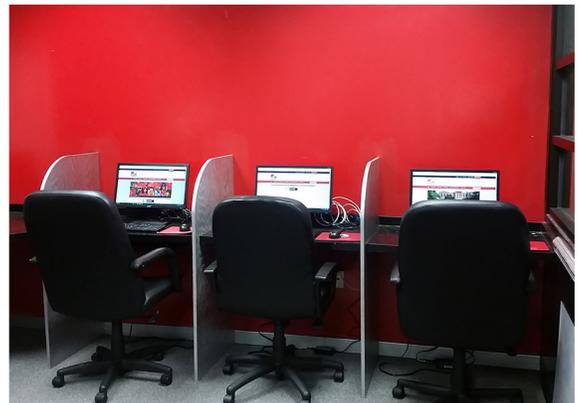
Voices of the Wind People was a success! This years performance marked the first time our fellow tribal member Curtis Kekahbah narrated the event! Many people showed up in support of the show and gave great praise!



ITV AND ONLINE CLASSES AT THE KAW NATION JOHNNIE RAY MCCAULEY MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER IN NEWKIRK



Local students can now take ITV and online classes through Northern Oklahoma College at the Johnnie Ray McCauley Multi-Purpose Center in Newkirk, OK. Spring enrollment for the access site opens on October 22 – November 2, 2018. NOC personnel will be on site to help get students enrolled for the 2019 spring semester. The agreement between Northern Oklahoma College and Kaw Nation is to promote postsecondary success among Native Americans and low-income students. Funding for this service is through a grant awarded to NOC by the United States Department of Education through its Title III Part F competitive grants programs.



Please contact the Kaw Nation education office at 580-269-1186 or e-mail khowe@kawnation.com for more information and enrollment.

AARP Award



Kaw Nation member James Pepper Henry was a recipient of the Indian Elder Honors award at the 10th Annual AARP Oklahoma banquet held on October 2, 2018.

Jim began a passion for art after his grandfather exposed him to the Gilcrease collection of Native American art and artifacts.

Today, Mr. Henry serves as the executive director of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum in Oklahoma City. In 2007, as associate director of the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, he signed the memorandum of understanding between the two institutions, which created the possibility of a long-term loan and collaborative programming opportunities.

Mr. Henry has also served as executive director of the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, director and CEO of the Heard Museum in Phoenix, AZ and executive director and CEO at the Anchorage Museum at Rasmuson Center. In 2010, he oversaw the development of the Smithsonian Arctic Studies center. Congratulations to Mr. James Pepper Henry



Attention all Veterans



It's been a privilege to be serving as your new Veteran Service Representative of the Kaw Nation. My name is Rodney Atkeson, I've been here for around 200 days by the time you are reading this newsletter. Your department has seen over 50 veterans with all types of benefits. Several have been Kaw, some others tribes, and some not indian, but all are veterans. Of that 50 or so I had one FULL BLOOD from the Cherokee Nation. I have a direct line to Ms. Mary Culley which is the VA Tribal representative for the office of Tribal Relations. She lives in Oklahoma and serves 8 states. She is a great deal of help not only to me but to the tribes in her area. I service the Kaw Tribe the last Wednesday of each month between the hours of 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm. If I can help any of you Kaw veterans who might be reading this newsletter I am located in Kaw City area at the East side of the administration building. Check in at the administration building prior to seeing me to obtain a visitors badge.

My phone number is 1-405-269-2552 ext, 225. I work Monday, Wednesday and Friday between the hours of 8:00 am to 4:00 pm each week to serve you. I'll be serving coffe and snacks while we chat!

Election Results



**Judge Gifford swears in
Lynn Dunson as the new
Kaw Nation Chair.
September 18, 2018**



**Colt Donelson elected Vice Chair for the
Kaw Nation. He was sworn in on November
14th 2018.**



**Kim Jenkins sworn
in as Tribal Council
Member**



**Debbie
Lewman
sworn in as
a Tribal
Council
Member**



**Wesley
Pappan
sworn in as
Tribal
Council
Member**

Newkirk Fire Department



On Wednesday, November 7, 2018 a big assist was provided to the Newkirk Fire Department by Kaw Gaming, Inc in the form of a generous \$25,000 donation to go toward the purchase of much needed airpacks. The department is currently using 20 year old airpacks that are past their safety use. Pictured presenting the check are members of KGI board of Directors, Newkirk Fire Department and Chairwoman Lynn Dunson.



On May 26th 2018 Ted Thompson (Ta Si Jeska) came home to Oklahoma and was buried in the Washunga Cemetery. Ted was Born February 25, 1905 and died April 12, 1982. He was living in Greenville Illinois at the time of his death and was laid to rest in the Lake View Memorial Gardens in Fairview Hights Illinois. His daughter Donna Villa with his grandsons Irving and Raymond have been looking for him for years. Irving and his wife Michelle located his burial spot recently and with the support of the family requested a repatriation back to Washunga Cemetery in Kay County Oklahoma. The Kaw Nation agreed to assist in the repatriation and, on May 24, 2018 Crystal Douglas, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Kaw Nation, met with Ray Villa and the Lake View Memorial Gardens staff in Illinois to exhume Mr. Thompson. On May 26, 2018 Donna, her family and 20 guests were there to celebrate the homecoming. Years ago he was the caretaker of the Washunga Cemetery and that is where he wanted to be buried.



Ted Thompson was born in Kay County Oklahoma to Oliver and Lucy Thompson. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and a son, Ernest Ted Thompson. He was survived by his daughter Donna Villa, 4 grand children, 15 great grand children and 22 great great grand children. He died in Illinois and was lost to his family 36 years ago. Ted was reentered at the Washunga Cemetery north of Newkirk Oklahoma in Kay County On May 26th 2018.

Ted Thompson was Known in Kay and Osage County for working with horses. He Trained Race horses and traveled to different tracks around the State. He was well known for his expertise in shoeing horses. The Kaw Nation with the help of NAGPRA (Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation) brought Mr. Thompson back to Oklahoma to be reinterred with his family. He is beside his brother Emmitt and his parents in the Washunga Cemetery. His Daughter Donna Villa asked this of the tribe and with the Help of the tribal burial fund and a reburial grant they received in 2015 they executed this reburial. NAGPRA was developed to repatriate native remains that have been displaced due to excavation including highways, land development, or erosion. Most of these remains end up in repositories until the tribes can be notified. Ted was kept from his family when he became ill and the burial location was kept from them as well. With the help of the Lake View Memorial Gardens Staff in Fairview Heights we were able to bring him across 3 state lines with all the permits in place and deliver him home.



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