Kanza News

A Message From the Chair

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I hope this note finds everyone in good health and spirits. Today is sunny and bright, much needed after the recent weather we have been experiencing in northern Oklahoma. Kaw Nation has taken a few hits this past few weeks, but we are coming out of the storm stronger than ever.

On May 5th lightning struck our headquarters building and took out the phone system. The system was so old there were no replacement parts available. The phone company was finally able to locate two boards that allowed us to have a few lines available. The good news is that the capital improvement line item that was put in place will provide the funds for a new system.

On the night of May 7th an F1 tornado struck the town of Newkirk. I am happy to report that there were no injuries. There was damage to multiple buildings, trees and fences. The roof was blown off the Domestic Violence office. The Kaw Nation community came quickly together and assisted with removal and storage of salvageable items. Wi'blaha to KN employees, maintenance and the Southwind Casino for all their help.

Duke Energy, a utility company that has a division for renewable energy has been in the local news. Duke built a wind farm east of Newkirk with plans to expand to lands surrounding Newkirk. Natural sources of energy are welcomed as a means of providing the power we need without the harmful effects of fossil fuels. Kaw Nation opposed the placement of turbines near Washunga Cemetery and the White Plume Housing addition. I am happy to report that those turbines have been removed from the project or pushed back from KN property. Kaw Nation also participated in the negotiation of the roads use agreement with the County commissioners.

Kaw Nation legal codes and policies continue to be updated with the help of the Attorney General's office. The hope is to have all online by the end of the year as well as having an online law library.

The tax commission has been busy updating the alcohol ordinance and writing regulations to keep within the parameters of the new alcohol law in Oklahoma. Kaw Nation now charges taxes on all sales that are on trust land. This has upset some people, but it is a common practice and will add revenue to the Kaw Nation. The tag office is staffed and have added the sale of farm tags.

Upcoming events are the Kaw Language dance June 1 and Washunga Days June 21-22. Hope to see some of you there.

As we approach Memorial Day remember it is not just a day off work but a time to remember those that made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom.

Upcomming Events

Chilocco Reunion: May 30 - June 2 2019
A blessing ceremony and groundbreaking will be held at 10:00 am on May 31

Language Powwow: June 1, 2019
Held at Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds. Dinner at 5:00 pm. Dance starts at 7:00 pm

Council Grove Powwow: June 21,22 2019
Held at Allegawaho Park. Registration is at 6:00-7:00 pm followed by grand entry at 7:30 pm.

General Council Meeting: July 14 at 10:00 am

44th Annual Kaw Nation Powwow: August 2,3,4 2019
Grand Entry Friday, Saturday and Sunday at 7:30 pm
Gourd Dancing Saturday and Sunday afternoon
Mourners meal July 28th at 10:30 am Title VI building
Veterans Lunch August 2nd 2:00 pm at Community Building

New Hires

Domestic Violence
Arleata Snell

Child Care Development Fund
Georgeline McKay
Jazmin Rocha
Leslie Kihega

Kaw Nation Business Services
Dakota Blakey
Misty Friberg
Rena Montgomery

Housekeeping
Dominique Hasty

Clinic Business Manager
Oliver Blackstar

Accounting
Cory Derion-Little Wounded

Social Services/Education
Teyonna Weasal Bear

Dental
Katelin Mapel
Dr. Nathan Parrish

IT
Harry Camero

Police
Alan Wilson

Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program

The Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program Spring Break 2019 activities included a tour of the METS lab given by Johnny Thornburgh, the Industrial Coordinator from Pioneer Technology Center. The METS Manufacturing Education Training System is a program developed by local manufacturers, Pioneer Technology Center, and the Ponca City Development Authority to educate about possible careers in the manufacturing industry in the local Kay County area. Karen Howe, Director of Education and Social Services at Kaw Nation, gave a presentation about available scholarship and financial aid opportunities to help the youth pursue their dreams for success in the future.

The Tribal Youth Program also participated in Fatal Vision® activities in the Johnny Ray McCauley Gym to promote safe driving and awareness of the dangers of impaired driving.

The Tribal Youth Program also enjoyed a field trip to the Grey Snow Eagle House at the Iowa Nation with a picnic lunch at Standing Bear Park in Ponca City.

Kaw Nation Child Care

On January 28th at Kaw Nation Child Care celebrated "Father Iniative" where the fathers painted birdhouses with their children, each family got to take home their finished bird houses.
We hosted family night on February 11, the children made Valentines to go in the Kaw Elders home delivered meals.

The Kaw Nation Child Care had a busy April. We participated in the development of Oklahoma CAP Blue Ribbon Slideshow for Child Abuse Prevention Month. This slide show will debut at the CAP, Oklahoma Child Abuse Prevention 2019 conference.

The week of April 8th thru the 12th we celebrated "Week of the Young Child". The Tribal Police came and played kickball with the kids, ICW made slime and came back the next day for Mentos and coke explosions. We concluded with a talent show. The kids were given popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy, ice cream sundaes each day to help celebrate the children that are involved in the program. We would like to thank Mike Kihega for grilling hot dogs, Chair Lynn Williams, ICW, Tribal Police, TYP and the Domestic Violence program, for making our week a success.

Princess Kaylee Williams

Teen Dating Violence Awareness

February was Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. The Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center and Kaw Nation Princess, Kaylee Williams met with the youth to discuss healthy relationships. Communication is a key factor in building a healthy relationship. The first step is making sure you both want and expect the same things.

The following tips can help you create and maintain a healthy relationship:

• **Speak Up.** In a healthy relationship, if something is bothering you, it's best to talk about it instead of holding it in.

• **Respect Your Partner**. Your partner's wishes and feelings have value. Let your significant other know you are making an effort to keep their ideas in mind. Mutual respect is essential in maintaining healthy relationships.

• **Compromise**. Disagreements are a natural part of healthy relationships, but it's important that you find a way to compromise if you disagree on something. Try to solve conflicts in a fair and rational way.

• **Be Supportive**. Offer reassurance and encouragement to your partner. Also, let your partner know when you need their support. Healthy relationships are about building each other up, not putting each other down.

• **Respect Each Other's Privacy.** Just because you're in a relationship, doesn't mean you have to share everything and constantly be together. Healthy relationships require space.

Language Fair Winners

Makiah Brandt: 2nd Grade Newkirk Elem. (Spoken Language) Day 1. First Place

Maycie Brandt: 5th Grade Newkirk Middle School (Spoken Language) Day 1. Second Place

Jacey Pappan: 5th Grade Newkirk Middle School (Poster Entry) Day 1. Third Place

Katzy Buffalohead: 6th Grade Shidler Middle School (Individual Spoken Language.) Day 2. First Place

Brandy Wood: 7th Grade Newkirk Middle School (Individual Spoken Language) Day 2. Third Place

Kaydence Pitts: 2nd Grade Newkirk Elem. (Individual Modern Song) Day 1. First Place

Declan Clark: Kaá^ze Íe Immersion 3yo. (Individual Spoken Language) Day 1. Honorable Mention

Maudie Jones: Pre-K Shidler Elem. (Individual Spoken Prayer) Day 1. Honorable Mention

Austin Wood: 2nd Grade Newkirk Elem. (Individual Spoken Prayer) Day1. First Place /Honorable Mention for Poster

Library Activities

Starting in May we will be working with the Kaw Nation Child Care on Mondays 10:30 to 11:15 with book readings.

May 20: *Ancient Thunder*
June 3: Ms.Tallchief, instructor from the Osage Ballet, will be visiting.
June 6: *Fry bread for Addie*
June 17: *Addie Be Brave* and a special guest
June 24: *Addie Be Brave* and a special guest
July 1: *Jingle Dancer* and a special guest
July 8: *Thanks to the Animals*
July15: *Raccoon's Last Race*
July 22: *When the Turtle Grew Feathers*
July 29: *Ten Little Rabbits*
August 5: *Grandmother's Dreamcatcher*

The Library will be decorated with the theme of each book. A Kaw Language lesson as well as a special activity will be presented with each book. Occasionally special guests will visit.

Everyone is welcome!
All ages come and enjoy.

Kaw Nation New Storm Shelter

Kaw Nation is excited to have two new above ground community storm shelters. One is at the headquarters of Kaw Nation, east of the Museum and one placed in Newkirk, between the Clinic and Wellness Center. The shelters were fully funded by FEMA with a PDM (Pre Disaster Mitigation) grant, and are compliant with all FEMA standards. The 10x32x8 shelters may hold 64 occupants with sitting benches and a private room containing a chemical toilet and portable lavatory. The shelters are rated for EF-5 tornadoes with 250 mile per hour wind speed, and equiped with generater back-up power. The Shelters can be used by anyone in the community for their safety.

You can go to www.survive-a-storm if you want more details about the shelters.

Title VI

Title VI is celebrating their 30th anniversary this year. The Kaw Nation started the Title VI program for the elders on July 26, 1989. The program began in the kitchen in our Kaw Nation Administration Building, later moving to the Justice Center and now resides in the W.A Mehoja Resource Center. LaDoma K. (Ball) Bryan, has been the Director/Cook for Title VI for 30 years. They started out with only serving 25 meals, and now they are serving 67 meals a day to our Ponca City and Newkirk areas. Not only do they serve elders they also provide meals to the Kaw Nation, if you are not an elder then you are charged for the meal. They also have bingo for the elders once a month and have a very good turnout. For the program to run LaDoma has an asistant cook Lori McBride, and her two drivers Tiffany Briley and Dona Ball. LaDoma said she has enjoyed working with the elders the past 30 years. If you would like any information on the Title VI program pleae contact LaDoma at 580-269-2552 ext. 249.

In Loving Memory of our Kaw Tribal Citizens

Stephen M Pappan - 12/23/2018
Brandy Deon Lowry - 2/13/2018
Mary Elizabeth Bryan - 2/20/2018
Tommy Lee Dyer - 2/13/2019
Kevin Forrest Kennedy - 3/11/2019
Bobbie Levi Wall - 4/5/2019
Danielle Marie Hines - 4/7/2019

Kaw Nation JOM Program

Hello my name is Teyonna Weasel Bear and I'm the new Johnson O'Malley Coordinator (JOM) for the Kaw Nation. I'm excited to be here and get things going for the JOM Program! I'm in the process of putting together a JOM Banquet in May to recognize our graduating seniors and those who participate in our incentive program. I've reached out to a few companies in regards to getting a graduation stole made for our seniors to wear.. I'm also in the process of getting some activities lined up for the summer so that we can keep the students active and engaged over their summer break. On April 19th we held an onsite fall enrollment event with Northern Oklahoma College to get students enrolled to use our computer lab that was established through the NASNTI Grant. In attendance from NOC we had Anna Scott, Distance Learning Specialist, Dr. Rae Ann Kruse, Dean of Academic Services/Title III Project Director for the NASNTI Grant and Gina Conneywerdy, Native American Advisor. I look forward to getting to know everyone and working with the students.

For more information about the JOM Program please contact Teyonna Weasel Bear at 580-362-1039.

Employee Appreciation Day

This year the Kaw Nation celebrated employee appreciation day with family, great food, games and music. Chair Lynn Wiliams handed out certificates of appreciation to all the employees who served 5+ years, 10+ years, 15+ years, 20+ years, 25+ years and our one and only 30+ years. Ladoma Bryan celebrates her award as the first employee to reach 30+ years of working for the Kaw Nation.

Employee Spotlight: Jim Sherron

I would like to introduce myself to the Kanza people. My name is Jim Sherron and I am the new Chief of Police for the Kaw Nation. I am a member of the Ponca Tribe coming from the Whitestar and Warrior family. I have been married to Sarah Sherron since 1982 and have 3 sons Daniel, Caleb and Luke. I graduated from Ponca City High School in 1982.

I bring to the table 25 years of Law enforcement experience. I joined the Newkirk Police Department in May of 1990 and resigned my position in April of 1992 to join the Ponca City Police Department. I spent 6 years in the Patrol Division and was promoted to Detective, where I spent the next 17 years.

I was Police Officer of the year and also received an award from the Oklahoma Association of Chiefs of Police in 1996. I was one of the first bicycle police officers in Ponca City, first Swat team member, and among the first Citizen Police academy instructors. I retired in 2015 from Ponca City and started as a Background Investigator with the Kaw Nation in August of 2018. I was appointed as Chief of Police in January of 2019. I have an Advanced Law enforcement certificate from CLEET and I am a CLEET instructor.

My goals for the Kaw Nation Police Department is to have a department that is approachable and diversified. I am a big supporter of Community Policing and I believe that without the help of the public and the citizens we are at a pure disadvantage. I have always depended on my ways as a Native American to be good to others and to always be there to help someone in need. Since I am Ponca I understand a lot of the Kanza language because our tribes both come from the Dhegiha linguistic family. I am grateful that I have been given the opportunity to serve a tribe that is related to my own. I moved to Newkirk in 1989 and have met numerous Kanza people young and old while living here. I want this Police Department to not only act as a servant to the community of the Kanza but also to provide a service that is second to none in the Law Enforcement Community. I am always open to suggestions and different ways my officers can best serve the public.

American Indian Cultural Center and Museum

The Kaw Nation Chair Lynn Williams, Secretary Kim Jenkins, and Museum Director Crystal Douglas attended a Tribal Consultation with Jim Pepper Henry, the Director of the American Indian Cultural Center and Museum (AICCM) on April 30. All 39 tribes in Oklahoma will be represented. The museum is scheduled to Open Spring 2021. The Museum of the American Indian in Washington D.C. has agreed to send 3 items from the Harington collection for each tribe in Oklahoma. The Kaw Nation will be represented by beaded baby Moccasins owned by Silas Conn, a female ribbon work Shirt and the Otter breast plate worn by William A. Mehojah of the last full Blood delegation to D.C. in 1909.

Kaw Housing Authority

Kaw Housing Authority would like to announce that we now have a Facebook page! We will periodically be posting our policies, applications and any information or updates to new programs that become available.

The Kaw Housing Authority is housing for low income Native American families in our service area. We currently operate 132 homes, with 16 homes being rentals in White Plume. In addition to those 16 homes 116 homes are in ownership which includes our Nahasda and Mutual Help Homes.

Kaw Housing Authority is proud to serve our Tribal Members and we have many new programs that we have implemented.

Some of the programs we offer are:

Storm Shelters: Provided for all our homes in our inventory and any Kaw Tribal member in our service area that are low income. We have limited funding for Kaw Tribal Members that are non-low income in our service area Down Payment/Closing Costs(State of Oklahoma) for Kaw Tribal Members

Tenant Based Rental Assistance: (Service Area) for Kaw Tribal Members needing Emergency Housing

Youth Activities and Programs: Kaw Tribal youth that are low income and live in our service area and also for any Native youth that live in our homes managed by Kaw Housing and are low income.

Rehabilitation to Existing Home Owners: Low income Kaw Tribal members in our service area if you own your own home and meet certain criteria; and, any Tribal member living in White Plume Addition if home is paid off.

All the programs have limited funding and certain criteria has to be met before funds are distributed. We are very proud of the accomplishments Kaw Housing has made in the past few years and are looking forward to working towards implementing new programs that are needed in our community.

My door is always open to each of our Tribal Members and we will continue to work towards sustainability of our Housing.

Gunner McKinny

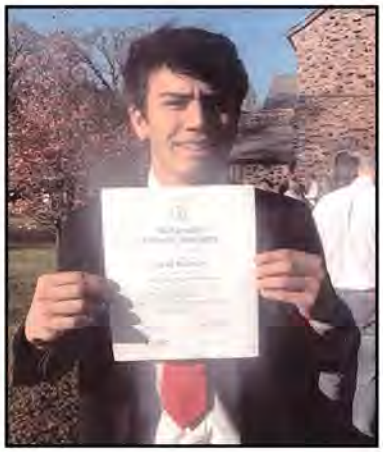
AB Gunner McKinney left for Lackland Air Force Base in San Antionio, Texas for Basic Training on April, 16, 2019.

Gunner is the son of Keesha McKinney and Sam L McKinney. The grandson of Carol Estes Hare and Walter Hare and the late Jeff Hansen. He is also the grandson of the late Sammie Lou Rhodes and Darrell McKinney.

He is the Great grandson of the late Dollretta Clark Estes and Francis Rhodes.

Student Spotlight

Peyton Weant
Vice-Presidents Scholar Honor Roll
Higher Education Grant Recipient
Freshman at Northern Oklahoma College



Brad Hensley
National Honor Society
Academic Scholarship Recipient
Cascia Hall Preparatory School
Will attend the University of Tulsa this fall

Madelynne Wall
Academic Scholarship Recipient
New York University
Major: Drama-Music Theater

Ashlynn Mercer

Ashlynn Mercer is a freshman enrolled in Cowley County College. She is a student athlete pursuing a degree in Physical Therapy, as well as playing softball for the Lady Tigers Softball Team as pitcher. She maintains a 3.0 gpa and hopes to make it to Nationals this year.

Ashlynn was named the Jayhawk Conference Division II Softball Pitcher of the Week. She struck out 14 batters without a walk while tossing six scoreless innings in a pair of Lady Tiger victories. Mercer tossed four no hit innings in a 9-1 win over Connors State before tossing a win over the Sterling College JV team.

She is the daughter of Jesse and Christina Mercer of Tonkawa, OK, and the granddaughter of Gary and Jackie Taylor of Ponca City, OK.

Ashlynn is a very hardworking and talented young Kaw Nation member, and wants all Kaw Nation Tribal Members to know she is proud to be Kaw and hopes to keep representing the tribe in a positive way.

Domestic Violence Announces New Elder Abuse Program

Arleata Snell is the Enhanced Training & Services to End Abuse in Later Life Program Coordinator with The Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center in Newkirk. This grant will be collaborating with the Kaw Nation Attorney General's Office, the Kaw Nation Police Department, R.S.V.P. a division of the United Way, and the Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center. This multidisciplinary team will work together to provide an Elder Abuse Curriculum to Law Enforcement, Direct Service Providers, Prosecutors and Judges in Kay County to begin to combat Elder Abuse together as a community

Arleata is an enrolled member of the Assiniboine (Nakoda) Tribe of Fort Belknap Montana. She has over 20 years of experience working closely with youth, families and communities in several Tribal entities, identifying family strengths and needs to encourage healing and empowerment and has facilitated many support groups, talking circles, trainings, workshops and presentations on Domestic Violence and Family Healing and Wellness. She is familiar with and has the utmost respect for the traditional way of life.

Guns and Domestic Violence

It is with a heavy heart, that Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center would like to honor and recogonize Danielle Marie Machael Hines, age 43 of Helena, Alabama who lost her life on April 7, 2019, due to domestic violence. Danielle was a Kaw Tribal Member and is survived by two children.

When it comes to gun violence against women, the United States is the most dangerous country in the developed world. Domestic violence affects millions of women across the country, and guns in the hands of domestic abusers can turn abuse into murder. The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more likely that the woman will be killed. And the deadly mix of guns and domestic violence is exacerbated by America's weak gun laws. Women in the U.S. are 16 times more likely to be shot and killed than women in other developed nations.

Common sense laws that keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers by requiring background checks for all gun sales and ensuring that prohibited abusers relinquish guns in their possession just make sense. And for victims of domestic abuse, it's a matter of life and death.

Guns and domestic violence are a deadly and all too common combination.

• The presence of a gun in a domestic violence situation makes it five times more likely that a woman will be killed.

• Women in the U.S. are 16 times more likely to be killed with a gun than women in other high-income countries, making this country the most dangerous in the developed world when it comes to gun violence against women. Every year American women suffer from 5.3 million incidents of intimate partner violence.

• In an average month, 50 American women are shot to death by intimate partners, and many more are injured. Nearly 1 million women alive today have been shot, or shot at, by an intimate partner.

Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center is here to help victims in time of need. We have a 24 hour hotline (580) 716-8156 or facebook page.

Kanza Clinic Expansion

The expansion is not yet done here at the Clinic. It is scheduled for completion at the end of June, first part of July this year. It will add an additional 1,800 sq ft of space and contain additional exam rooms, 2 clinician office spaces, and a new pharmacy with a drive-thru. We're also revitalizing some of the space in the existing clinic. The old pharmacy is going to convert to an x-ray room and the nurses' station is being redesigned. Finally, we're adding on to the parking lot with additional parking spaces and new exterior lighting. The expansion is being funded through an ICDBG grant through Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The architectural plans were created by Minko Design and the builder is Thompson Construction, both out of Tulsa. Many local subcontractors are also being used on the project.

Washunga Days Powwow

The Kaw Nation is celebrating our annual Washunga Days Powow this year in Council Grove Kansas. The Powwow will take place June 21-22 at Allegawaho Park. Registration is at 6:00-7:00 pm followed by grand entry at 7:30 pm.

Dance categories are:

- Tiny Tots ages 1-6 years old
- Junior boys and girls ages 7-17 years old
- Adult men and women 18-54 years old
- Golden Age Men and Women ages 55 and older

Depending on the number of contestants some catgories may be combined. All dancers, with the exception of tiny tots, must be in full regalia to recieve prize money. Prize money will be awarded at the close of Saturday evening's program.

Chilocco Reunion

2019 Chilocco reunion will be held May 30 – June 2. Former students come from across the United States to attend the activities and reminisce about their days at the school. The class of 1969 will be the honored class, marking the 50th anniversary of their graduation. A blessing ceremony and groundbreaking will be held at 10 o'clock on May 31 at the cemetery to honor the lives of those children that were lost while attending the school. Many thanks to the tribes that participated in making this memorial and dedication happen. Special thank you to Chairwoman Lynn Williams, Councilman Cruz Maldonado and Historian Crystal Douglas for initiating and working on this project.

Kaw Nation Gift Shop

The Kaw Nation offers Pendleton products in the new gift shop.

The gift shop is located in the Kaw Nation Headquarters Administration Building

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