



# Kaw Nation

## KANZA NEWSLETTER

January, 2008

### Chairman - Guy Munroe

New Year's Greetings to all Kaw tribal members and to our friends.

As we move into 2008, there are a number of opportunities and challenges for the Kaw Nation this year. But before we look at those, let's look back briefly at some of the achievements of last year.

In 2007 we completed the renovation of our Wellness Center. We also completed the expansion of our Health Center and will finish the renovation there in the next few days. KEDA has just opened its new Smoke Shop II and has constructed the building to house Tobacco Road, Inc. And we completed construction of the new Community Center building at the Pow Wow grounds.

As you can read in the articles included in this issue, we have had a very productive year. We have added (Child Support Services) or expanded (Eyeglass Assistance, Denture Assistance, Burial and Headstone Assistance and Elder Emergency Assistance) programs and services. It is particularly encouraging to see the attention devoted to our youth, as evident in the school grades improvement fostered by the Tribal Youth Program, in the accomplishment of our Kaw language students in statewide competition, in individual achievement of the young people featured in Youth in the News, and in the college success highlighted by our Education Department. You may note that among the improved benefits to tribal members is a description of additional scholarship opportunities.

Our Wind Energy and Water Rights/Land Acquisition efforts are moving forward.

The Kaw POW Wow this last August was again very well attended and quite a success. Also we're proud to announce that the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma has named the Kaw Nation / KEDA as "Company of the Year" for the north central chapter.

You may remember, that year before last,

our net worth grew by \$10.9 MM to \$43.6 MM. So we are anxious to see what the numbers say at this year's audit of 2007.

So that brings us to this year. While in 2008 we will have opportunities available to the tribe – opportunities to finalize any of our ongoing projects like Water Rights, Land Acquisition or the Braman Trust Land or the new projects like revising our constitution or building the new Learning Center – we will also have challenges this year.

As you know, other tribes have recently opened (or will soon) casinos in the area, including the Tonkawa, the Otoe-Missouria and the Osage. These casinos have affected the numbers somewhat at our South Wind casino. As a result, we are anticipating a plateau of our net earnings this year.

But don't misinterpret. Our profits are down but we are not broke – like some will lead you to believe.

However, because our revenues are down, our challenge will be to continue to provide the same services to tribal members through decreased revenues.

How do we do that? We do that by becoming more efficient, more productive. We do that by becoming more efficient and more productive in every facet of the Kaw Nation – from the enterprises to the government, from the Executive Council to the Boards and Committees, from the CEO to every employee. We do that by becoming more proficient in our roles and responsibilities. We do that by becoming better focused on our own particular areas of responsibility.

As your Chairman and CEO, that is what I pledge to you that we will do. We have recently been advised by our Supreme Court Judges, as well as our

tribal attorney, that we have three separate and distinct branches of government. I will ask our Executive Council, which is our legislative branch of government, to begin to look at our many ordinances, by-laws, and policies to find improved methods and procedures. I will also ask our Executive Council to review our budget process to see how we may best allocate our resources and eliminate unnecessary spending. As CEO, and head of the executive branch of our government, I will set up the processes to better evaluate the productivity of each department and each employee. And I also will evaluate our expenditures more closely.

And I would challenge KEDA to become more aggressive in its efforts to increase tribal income.

Kaw tribal members, with all the talk of a national recession, we're going to have to tighten our belts for a while. But the Kaw people have been in worse circumstances. And this is really an opportunity to become more streamlined, more productive and to move forward. And that is what we're going to do.

If you have any questions or comments on any aspect of the Kaw Nation, please feel free to contact me toll free at (866) 404-5297. And don't forget to visit our website at: [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com).



Thank you.  
Guy Munroe



# Kaw Nation Self-Governance Department

## Self-Governance Department Staff-

**Terri Humble**  
**Director**

**Cheryl Vazquez,**  
**Coordinator/Trust Officer**

**Tammy Wingo**  
**Secretary**

### Our accomplishments, 2007

Below are just a few of our accomplishments for 2007.

We have submitted all reports requested by the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs on time.

This is the first time since we've compacted, that this has been accomplished. We completed 2008 Indian Health Service negotiations during our initial negotiation meeting in September, 2007 with the Oklahoma City Area Office and the Office of Self-Governance.

We came in under budget on the Indian Health Service and Bureau of Indian Affairs 07 Administration budgets.

We also submitted one new trust application for 2007 to Southern Plains Regional Of-

fice for the fee-to-trust process and sent any needed documents on existing applications.

We also served on the National Indian Health Service Self-Governance Tribal Advisory Committee and on various other workgroups.

We have obtained funding through the Southern Plains Regional Office for improving and maintaining the Kaw Nation Cemetery.

### Our Goals For Year 2008

We will be researching new funding opportunities that may benefit the Kaw Nation.

One of our goals is to come up with a better process to collect data for reports that are to be submitted to the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

We will also submit fee-to-trust applications on two of our current fee lands to Southern Plains Regional Office.

Another focus will be on educating all new employees about Self-Governance.

We will prepare, negotiate and finalize 2009 funding agreements by the end of October, 2008.

## Title VI - Food Services

### Goals for 2007

For anyone who has spent anytime in the kitchen, you know there are always things to keep you busy.

So we thought it would be fun to show how many meals we prepare and distributed to our Tribal Members in one given year.

Current Tribal Members being served lunch in **one week** are as follows:

52 in Ponca City

17 in Newkirk

10 in Kaw City

### Total 79 meals a week

79 x 52 wks = 4,108 a year give or take a few holidays.

We also host a monthly Bingo for our Tribal Mem-

bers which is coordinated with Health Clinic services. This FREE Health Check includes blood sugar, blood pressure and cholesterol readings. This event usually takes place the last Thursday of each month.

### Goals for 2008

Our current Grant expires in March, 2008, so we are working with the Grant Department to receive more funding.

We thought it would be nice to start the year off with something just a little different. We will be adding a special recipe for each edition of the newsletter.

### Quiche - Ingredients

1 unbaked pie crust

8 oz. sour cream

2 eggs

Small chopped onion

1 cup cheddar cheese shredded

1 tsp. bacon bits

1 tbsp butter

Salt & pepper to your liking

**Directions** - Sauté onion in butter. In separate mixing bowl combine all ingredients, including onions and mix real good. Then pour it into your pie crust and bake at 350 degrees for one hour. Eat up and enjoy!



- **From our kitchen to yours!**
- **Ladoma Bryan**
- **Becky Roller**
- **Tommie Anderson**
- **Lee Ann Bond**

# Indian Community Development Block Grant

## Goals in 2007 -

The ICDBG Department was very busy in 2007!

We are currently working on three grants from HUD. Construction began on the 5,061 square foot Kanza Health Clinic Expansion. This project has almost doubled the size of our existing clinic and has provided office space for a dentist. The Executive Council also approved a remodel of the existing facility to better serve the Clinic's clients. Both of these projects are near completion.

Pre-construction activities also have begun on a 500,000 gallon water tower in Braman, OK to service our Travel Plaza and the town of Braman. This should alleviate the problems of water shortage and low water pressure at the convenience store and the motel while also assuring better fire protection for the area.

Most recently, we received funding for an Education Learning Center in Kaw City. This will be a 4,200 square foot facility that will serve as a library and an educational, cultural learning center.

The facility will have a meeting room, research area, library, teleconference and audio/video capabilities. Two unique features will be the outdoor reading and story telling area and a walking trail focusing on a holistic family learning approach. Learning programs will encompass language, culture, environmental, job skill training and educational programs.

In 2008 we will continue our on going projects and help our grant writers bring in HUD ICDBG funds to expand Kaw Nation's facilities and Social Service Programs

For more information about these projects you can visit us on the website:

[www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com)

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# Kaw Nation Utilities Commission



**Murray Appointed to Utilities Commission**

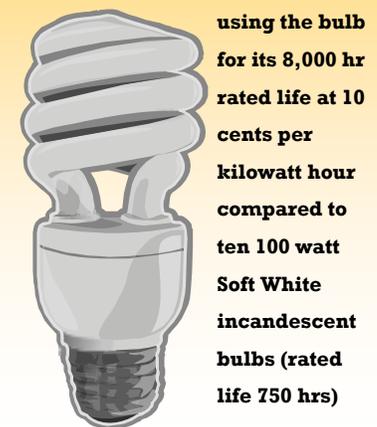
## Jason Murray

Resolution No. 07-63 was signed on November 17, 2007 by the Executive Council appointing Jason Murray to the Kaw Nation Utilities Commission Board to serve a term of (3) years.

We are excited to have Jason onboard and anticipate great things from him. Jason brings to the table fresh ideas on how to help his people. Jason's blood line is Kaw and Potawatomi on his father's side with Osage and Cherokee from his mother's side.

Jason currently works as "Floor Manager" at our SouthWind Casino. After moving back to Oklahoma from the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska where he managed a jewelry store named Murray Traders, Jason stated it was great to be back home. Jason previously worked three years for the tribe in the Maintenance Department after graduating from Shidler High School in Shidler, OK.

Jason also serves on the Constitution Committee for Kaw Nation and is a member of the Kenai Masonic Lodge. He is also a member of York Right, a Knight Templar, and a Shriner.



**"Did you know by changing out the light bulbs you currently have in your home, you can save up to \$56.00 a year per bulb?"**

**Electricity cost savings based on using the bulb for its 8,000 hr rated life at 10 cents per kilowatt hour compared to ten 100 watt Soft White incandescent bulbs (rated life 750 hrs)**



## KAW SMOKE SHOP AND TOBACCO ROW

We are nearing the completion of the interior of both the retail and wholesale facility and have installed a water diversion wall to the east and west to prevent run-off water invading our surrounding neighbors. The warehouse for Tobacco Row, Inc. is 10,000 square feet and the retail is 65ft by 40ft. We are looking forward to the removal of the existing retail outlet as traffic congestion is becoming an issue., which is to take place on January 8th of this month.

Steve Geske, our store manager, is working on an operational guide that will cover all aspects of the business, from products being shipped and arranged for efficient handling, to tax stamping, packaging, invoicing, delivery route development, payment collection and office practices.

As you might expect sales representatives will be a critical element for the wholesale operation .

### KAW NATION SMOKE SHOP



Still a youth at heart is Kim Jenkins, a graduate of Pawhuska High School in 1987. On July 20, 2007 Kim rode 11-year-old OSU Rock N Slide at the World Barrel Racing Productions race for a truck in Guthrie, Oklahoma. They won first place in the 5D class, which earned Kim a Martin saddle, prize money, and one key out of thirty-one that would open the door to a 2007 Dodge truck. Kim took OSU Rock N Slide to the WBR Finals in Waco, Texas in November. We are awaiting reports.

Kim is the daughter of Roy Lee and Diana Ball. She was raised on the OSU Pawhuska Research Station, where her father was Herd Manager, a position which he still holds at OSU's Stillwater Willard Sparks Beef Center. In 1989, Kim married Norman Jenkins. They live in Stillwater and raise performance horses.

### TOBACCO ROW, INC.



The prospective warehouse supervisor has been hired and we have hired one driver, along with an Administrative Assistant who has had previous Tobacco experience.

Two vans have been purchased. We have acquired the stamp machines and all pertinent information to operate them for the Wholesale portion of the warehouse.

We are looking forward to a terrific year ahead and many future years.

**KEDA -**

**Ron Feazel, Director**

### KIM JENKINS





# Tribal Enrollment

## IN MEMORY OF OUR TRIBAL MEMBERS

### POINTS OF INTEREST

**Freda Lane - Director**

- Our current membership for 2007 ended with eighty six (86) **new members**, now putting the total enrollment at **2,940**.
- **We have nine (9) members that live in Canada.**
- **We have six (6) sets of twins enrolled**
- **There is a total of thirty two (32) sets of twins**

We currently are trying to update our files and need your help!

We have a lot of tribal members who have changed their address. This makes it difficult to send important information, including the Newsletter, to tribal members.

We ask for all tribal members to contact **Freda Lane** at **580-269-2137** with updated information on yourself and your household.

Amelia Willard	DOD 02/12/07
Barbara Kammeyer	DOD 01/21/2007
Patti Adler	DOD 03/23/07
Marta McNown	DOD 05/11/07
Lewis Baird	DOD 03/24/07
Cornelia LeClair	DOD 05/03/07
Denise Michael	DOD 05/12/07
M'Leah Clepper	DOD 05/21/07
Erin Babby	DOD 06/09/07
Jack Cross	DOD 05/13/07
Whitney Murray	DOD 08/01/07
Harold R. Williamson	DOD 07/11/07
Joseph M. Pepper	DOD 09/24/07
Violet Stanford	DOD 10/06/07
Charles Parker	DOD 10/10/07
Mary Bollerman	DOD 10/30/07
Houston Taylor	DOD 10/20/07
James Rusty Jones	DOD 12/21/07
Dean Pepper	DOD 12/30/07
Bill D. Miller	DOD 12/07/07

## Child Care Development Fund

The Kaw Nation operates a child care center that is funded by the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Grant. The Kanza Child Care Center is licensed for forty-two children and is rated by the Department of Human Services, Child Care Licensing Division as a Two-Star Facility. The average monthly attendance for the year 2007 was 35 children. The Kanza Child Care Center is fortunate to have the Kaw Nation Wellness Center gymnasium and swimming pool for the children's use.

The Kanza Child Center provides many fun activities for the children, including field trips to Wichita, Tulsa and Oklahoma City Zoos, to educational facilities and libraries, to parks and farms, and also for bowling and skating.

The CCDF Grant provides a certificate program for eligible Native American families with children to receive child care assistance. Parent(s) employed or attending school and financially eligible are entitled to choose from the following child care providers; licensed child care centers, licensed child care homes, in-home care, and relative care. The Kaw Nation's CCDF service area includes Kay County in Oklahoma and Cowley and Sedgwick Counties in Kansas.

Our goals for 2008 include increasing our Child Care Development Fund participation with eligible parent(s) applying for assistance in our three-county service area. We also are hoping to open an additional child care center to better serve our Native American people.

**Amy Oldfield - CCDF Director**



## Child Support Services Team

The members of the Child Support Services Team are excited about the progress that is being made on the Kaw Nation Child Support Services Program. The projected target date to open the doors for service is July 1, 2008. The purpose of the child support program is to:

1. Establish the legal responsibility of parents to provide financially for their children's food, clothing, shelter, medical care, education and general wellbeing;
2. Establish as policy, an adequate standard of support for children;
3. Make support payments more equitable by ensuring consistent treatment of person in similar circumstances;
4. Make support payments based on the real earning capability of parents, as demonstrated in current and prior work history; and
5. Improve the efficiency of child support establishment and enforcement.
6. Assist parents in finding ways to overcome the obstacles they may have in making child support payments.

Services that are **not provided** by this program are:

1. Divorce
2. Legal advice
3. Property settlements
4. Visitation and custody issues
5. Attorney fees
6. Private consultations with Attorneys
7. Collection of medical bills unless court ordered.
8. Collection of day care expenses unless court ordered.
9. Representation in court proceedings other than in Kaw Nation Tribal Court.

For the convenience of the large majority of the people served, there will be an office established in Ponca City as soon as the program is in full swing.

If anyone is interested in finding out more information regarding the child support program and how it will benefit them or their child support case, they may contact **Amy Oldfield, Director, at 580-269-2003, Becky Hightower, Program Coordinator or Vickie Page, Program Assistant at 580-269-2552.**

Native American cases currently are being handled by the Chickasaw Nation and can be transferred to the Kaw Nation as soon as the Kaw Nation program development is complete.

## Kaw Nation Indian Child Welfare (KNICW)

The Kaw Nation Indian Child Welfare (KNICW) Program actively supported and provided services to Native American families and their children in 2007. Contracted services also were made available to our families through KNICW professional providers for counseling, parenting skills classes and legal services. The KNICW Program strived to keep our children who had been displaced from their immediate families placed with their relatives or in kinship care. The program staff also assisted families by monitoring and reporting on guardianship cases that were brought before the Kaw Nation District Tribal Court. The program legally intervenes in all child welfare cases and requests jurisdiction in those cases that are transferred to our tribal court.

The KNICW Program staff participated in the child protection Multidisciplinary Team staffing held at the Dearing House in Ponca City, OK. These meetings were held to staff child welfare/child abuse and neglect cases. Team members consist of community and resource providers, along with police department personnel, and the district attorney's office.

The KNICW Program staff were also members of the Kay County Alliance, which consist of community resource agencies.

The KNICW Program also administered the Promoting Safe & Stable Families (PSSF) Grant. These grant funds have assisted at-risk families that qualified for emergency utility assistance, clothing, food and fuel vouchers.





# Emergency Management

## **Intertribal Emergency Management Coalition (ITEMC)**

Founded by the Kaw Nation, this group continues to gain recognition among tribes and state and Federal agencies. FEMA headquarters and Region VI now seek our input on tribal participation. Pandemic Influenza Preparedness partners include the OU Health Science Center, Southwest Center for Public Health Preparedness, and Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board. Citizen Potawatomie and Muscogee Creek representatives joined Kaw Nation in a Denton, Texas presentation to the U.S. Military on the effectiveness of ITEMC in Oklahoma. By building relationships with all emergency responders we strengthen our abilities to survive great catastrophes.

### **Kaw Nation Safety Training**

- PowerPoint presentation and tri-fold brochure on outdoor fire safety for Kaw Language class;
- Brochures on West Nile Virus and tick-borne diseases
- CPR classes for the CERT team and for child care personnel;
- Blood-borne pathogen training for three child care personnel;
- Trained 31 SouthWind Casino housekeeping employees on protection from blood-borne pathogens and other potentially infectious materials. With the exception of Clinic staff, this group of employees is at highest risk of infection due to discard of diabetic and sanitary products and unsanitary practices at machines by Casino visitors.

### **Pandemic Influenza and Continuity of Operations Presentations**

- Two PowerPoint presentations each in Newkirk and Kaw City to Kaw Nation employees on pandemic influenza versus human flu and avian flu. Emphasis was on protection measures. The continuity of operations portions stressed pre-planning for catastrophic events to enable continued tribal operation.
- Similar presentation to the State Health Department. The Health Department incorporated the Continuity of Operations portion into their planning for continued operation if half their staff were ill.
- Presentations to the Eastern Oklahoma Region Homeland Security and Emergency Services Coordination Conference in Muskogee and to the Southern Conference in Oklahoma City.
- Presentation to teachers and staff at Newkirk School, which led to questions extending far beyond the allotted time.

### **Other Activities and Accomplishments**

- Great response to the combination "Shelter in Place" LEPC box, combining pandemic influenza preparedness materials and informational pamphlets with a first aid kit, N95 masks, and a blanket. Emphasis was on personal hygiene and social distancing as control measures.
- Provided traffic safety for Kay County Health Department's Seasonal Flu Drive-through at Lake Ponca. This is an important contact to insure access to their National Stockpile of drugs in the event of an epidemic.
- Named as point of contact for 38 tribes in developing a Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan compliant with state and federal plans. Kaw Nation was one of 12 tribes receiving a \$4500 grant. This was in response to the Preparedness Plan submitted to the Oklahoma City Area Intertribal Health Board on behalf of the Kanza Health Center.
- ITEMC plans two Preparedness Planning Workshops for 2008, at least one of which will address Continuity of Operations.
- Attended a one and a half day workshop on Workman's Compensation conducted by our insurance carrier, "First Americans." A new Kaw Nation policy is needed and will be developed by the Workers Comp Committee for Executive Council consideration.
- Named as one of 10 Emergency Management evaluators for Oklahoma State Health Department exercise.
- Will serve as one of 10 members of a Continuity Program Outreach Strategy for Tribal Nations focus group to be held in Phoenix in September.

**Article submitted by: Gary Robison, Director**



# KANZA MUSEUM

## NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Kanza Museum is pleased to announce our "New Board of Directors" for 2008. New members to our Board are Lana Burke, Secretary, Tammy Estes, Gay Munsell, Terri Pappan, and Larry Estes

Returning to the board is our new President, Traci Townsend, Vice President, Dona Ball, Sonny Holloway, Board Member and Wes Pappan, alternate Board Member.

The Museum Board has always consisted of Kaw Tribal Members. It is important that all collections and displays are kept as culturally accurate as possible.

We would like our contributors to know the collections they have donated are in the hands of tribal members.

## NEW FACE LIFT

Our first item of business for the new year is to give a face lift to the Museum. It's been over ten years and were looking a little worn. We think

you will like the new look in the upcoming months.

## D. JACK COLLECTION

We received a wonderful collection from the family of Dan Jack. He dedicated so much of his life to the history of his people. Kaw Nation is pleased to be the recipient of his work and dedication. This collection tells the story of the good times and the bad times and the struggles. It has taken some time to get his collection categorized and arranged in order, but in the near future, we will be displaying some of his work for the public to view.

The most wonderful part is the research we hope to have available in the future for the tribal members.

## ART CONTEST

The Kanza Museum would like to encourage our tribal youth with a Native

Art contest. Age groups will run from 5-9, 10-14, 15-18.

The 1st place winners of each age category will be displayed on Christmas cards, that will be sent out at the end of the 2008 holiday season.

Please contact **Crystal Douglas** at the Kanza Museum for more information (toll free number) **1-866-404-5297** . **We ask that the art depict a holiday design but, is only limited to your imagination.**

## WEB SITE

We are in the process of creating a museum web site and hope to have it up and running by the end of 2008. Visitors will then be able to view all the art work on display from our website.

## JOHNNY RAY McCAULEY

Beginning in January, 2008, we will be showcasing our newest piece of art. It is a full size picture of Johnny Ray McCauley in his dance regalia. The artist is Mike Weinbrecht, originally from New Jersey but now a resident of Topeka Kansas. This picture is created in a very old form of art called silver point. The drawing is sketched with a silver wire fastened in a handle. The metal flakes off on the painted surface looking similar to an ordinary pencil drawing. The metal begins to tarnish as the drawing ages giving it a soft hue of color and adding a special warmth to the character. If you have the opportunity to come to the tribal offices in Kaw City make sure you stop in the Museum and view all the wonderful items we have depicting the Kaw way of life.

Article submitted by:

**Crystal Douglas - Director**

## Maintenance Department

2007 was a wet year, to say the least. When there is rain, there's lots of mowing to be done, which kept us busy most of the spring and summer months.

In 2007, we have added 300 more roads to our inventory.

Some future roads we are looking to help develop are LA Cann Drive (by the Casino) up to the Cemetery by Highway 77 and the road from LACann Drive (by the Casino) up to Kildare Road.

Bridge number 248 (located 2 miles East of the Casino) is currently being worked on.

In 2008 we will continue to build bridges and blacktop roads.

**Raymond Ball - Director**

From all the staff, we wish all readers a Happy New Year!

## Accounting Department

The accounting department experienced a lot of changes in 2007. We just completed the accounting MIP software conversion. For anyone who has ever experienced a conversion, you know what it's all about.

We've undergone some cosmetic changes to our office. Basically our office was split in half, creating two offices that were needed for the procurement clerk and budget department.

In 2008 we will be doing the MIP payroll conversion which will replace the old time card system with a new Micro-Metric Scanner system which allows the employees to use a thumb reader for clocking in. This automatically sends the information to the system, therefore eliminating time cards.

**Yvonne Richardson - Director**

**Bogi Murray - Clerk**

**Cindy Stephens - Clerk**

**Carol Goodwin - Clerk**

**Mary Massy - Clerk**



# LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT

## 2007: A Year of Growth and Achievements

### *Language Department Staff*

**Winter** A hardy handful of campers turned out for our “Camping with Kanza” cycle. Language learning day camps were held on several weekends through the winter and the spring to prepare participants for overnight outings with semi-immersion Kanza language use. The first overnight outing coincided with the weekend of Kaw Powwow. Campers ranging from elementary students to adults built fires, cooked out, chowed down, and spoke the language. “Camping with Kanza” continues this year. If you or your family would like to participate in 2008, please contact the Language Department for more information.

**Spring** Congratulations to this year’s *Wajipha<sup>ny</sup>i<sup>n</sup>* (Camp Criers) Kanza language team! Coached by our Language Department and supported by the SouthWind Casino, they placed four times in five separate categories at the 5th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair held in April at OU’s Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman.

Storm Brave *Mio<sup>ba</sup> Mi* (Moonlight Woman)

1st Place, 6th-8th Grade Individual Spoken Language

2nd Place, 6th-8th Grade Literature

Dewey Donelson *Xuyá* (Eagle)

1st Place, 3rd-5th Grade Individual Spoken Language

1st Place, 3rd-5th Grade Literature

J. C. Pappan *Wakhá<sup>n</sup>* (Pumpkin)

Participation Medallion, 3rd-5th Grade Group Spoken Language

Katy Pappan *Wahóda* (Pretty)

Participation Medallion, 3rd-5th Grade Group Spoken Language



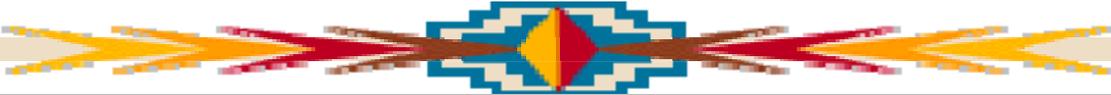
**Summer** The Saturday of Kaw Powwow was very busy for the Language Department. We started with an all-day Informational Fair at the Council House, exhibiting recent works and distributing language materials, and ended with an overnight “Camping with Kanza” camp. In our downtime, we also met individually with tribal members, assisted the Veteran’s Society with a Kanza language presentation, and offered language tapes for sale at the Gift Shop booth. It was a great experience, and one we’d hope to repeat this August. This summer we also welcomed our Language Coordinator Dr. Linda Cumberland back to full-time employment after a leave of absence.



**Fall** After two years in the works, we finalized and distributed our *Wajipha<sup>ny</sup>i<sup>n</sup>* Kanza Language Learning Application CD-ROM. This software package is a complete Kanza course on a single disc, with four units of language lessons, plus a 300-word lexicon, and an interactive video game for vocabulary practice. The software was distributed to all Kaw households free of charge in early October. There’s currently an unexpected glitch, but a correction will be posted soon. Please check [kawnation.com/languagesoftware.html](http://kawnation.com/languagesoftware.html) for the latest updates.

Also in October, we posted to the tribal website a large amount of new language material—including a English-to-Kanza dictionary—(see the Works section of our webpage at [kawnation.com/langhome.html](http://kawnation.com/langhome.html)), and began offering several new classroom opportunities for learning Kanza. We now have Monday night classes in Newkirk, OK, at the Johnny Ray McCauley Multipurpose Bldg., and Thursday night classes in Kaw City, OK at the Maude McCauley Clark Rowe Social Service Bldg. Please call ahead to participate. We have also resumed teaching Kanza language to all grades at Kaw City School in November.

**Winter 2008 and Beyond** There are now more opportunities to learn and use Kanza than at any other time in the last twenty-five years. But we still need **your help** to bring the language back for good. Want to get involved? Maybe even become a Kanza language teacher yourself? Please call us at (580) 269-1199, or email us at [language@kawnation.com](mailto:language@kawnation.com). Meanwhile, please check the webpage for news and updates.



# KAW NATION ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

## **BIA - Bureau of Indian Affairs - 2007**

- Environmental summer Internship Program.
- Conducted an Environmental Review on the Kaw Nation Education and Learning Center.
- Conducted Environmental Assessments on the Social Service Building and Braman water infrastructure.
- Completed the Quality Management Plan.
- Constructed and submitted the KNED website design to the Webmaster .
- Prepared an inventory of septic tanks and lagoons on Kaw Nation's sites and sent the information to the U.S. EPA.
- Continued mold and radon sampling for Tribal members.
- Dispensed reverse osmosis machines to Tribal members.

## **ERE - Environmental Regulatory Enforcement - 2007**

- Developed Food and UST Codes.
- Certified Renée Vickery as a National Food Manager/Inspector and trained all Kaw Nation food handling employees.
- Conducted a controlled burn at Beaver Creek wetland site.
- Created the Kaw Nation Environmental Commission (KNEC) and Kaw Environmental Protection Commission (KEPC).
- Purchased and installed a water tank and pump for fire emergencies.
- Conducted food inspections at Kaw Nation's food establishments.



## **GAP - General Assistance Program - 2007**

- Developed a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and Solid Waste Code for soil sampling to clean up solid and hazardous waste. Cleaned up 3 identified sites.
- Conducted inspections of the underground storage tanks.
- Conducted outreach services in the field of water quality and wetlands with area school children.
- Supplied financial assistance to area schools for the purchase of environmental teaching materials.
- Purchased solid waste self contained trash compactors for KEDA.
- Distributed 30 "Don't Litter" signs within the Kaw Nation service area.
- Attended Environmental Summits.



## **OCP - Outdoor Classroom Program: - 2007**

- Wetland restoration is 60% completed. Progress was limited due to the weather.



# KAW NATION ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

## WQM - Water Quality Monitoring

- Regularly conducted water sampling and analysis on the Arkansas River, creeks and Kaw Lake (11 sites).
- Conducted biological sampling including fish, macro invertebrate and mussels with Oklahoma State University and Fish and Wildlife Services.
- Participated with other Tribes in developing Tribal Water Quality Standards.
- Conducted sediment sampling and analysis for toxic contaminants.

## WR - Water Rights

- Prepared maps, historical background and program reports for future claims.
- Participated in developing the Economic Development Plan.
- Conducted several meetings with dignitaries and governmental representatives to establish a Kaw Nation presence and engage their interest in our water rights issues.

**Prepared and submitted quarterly and annual reports to funding agencies for all the mentioned programs. Prepared grants for new programs and existing programs.**

**From all of us in the Environmental Department**

**We wish you and your family a safe and blessed New Year!**

**Dejene Alemayehu - Director**

**Renée Vickery - Administrative Assistant**

**Skyler Mathews - Water Technician**

**Justin Mehojah - Intern**



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Our department applied for a Tribal Resource Grant in 2007. We received notification it was approved, and we should be receiving our new 2008 Ford F-150 4x4 truck at the end of January or the first part of February.

We want to welcome our newest employee, **Wade Locke**. Wade comes to us experienced having served as a Deputy and Jailer with the Sheriff's Department.

We are currently looking for one more employee. If you are interested in this position, you can go to our website [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com) and fill out the application on line, or stop by our Tribal Headquarters in Kaw City, OK.

We currently have five employees who patrol all tribal land and Kaw Nation properties.

- **Roy Childs - Director**
- Tex Golay - Patrol Officer
- David Palmer - Fire Arms Instructor - Patrol Officer
- Tony Coleman - Patrol Officer
- Wade Locke - Patrol Officer
- Contact number for Emergencies (580) 767-9424





# KAW NATION POW-WOW - 2007





# Kaw Nation Grants and Contracts Department

The Grants and Contracts Department for the Kaw Nation is responsible for the submission of outside funding for programs that will serve tribal members within the jurisdictional area. The funding comes from federal agencies and private foundations.

The Department also monitors the tribe's current grant programs of approximately \$6 million to maintain compliance with the goals and objectives of each grant.

The Department employs six staff members:

**Cindy Grounds, Director**

**Dawn Briner, Grants Compliance Specialist**

**Sandra Parker, Program Development Specialist**

**Peggy Suter, Administrative Assistant**

**Sharl Taylor, Sr. Program Development Specialist**

**Amanda Wamego-Buffalohead, Program Development Specialist**

In 2007 the Grants and Contracts Department submitted grant applications focusing on Women's Health, Child Support Enforcement, Library Services, Environmental, Social Services, and Information Technology.

The focus for 2008 will be to continue to research for outside funding that will enhance current tribal programs and possibly develop new programs.

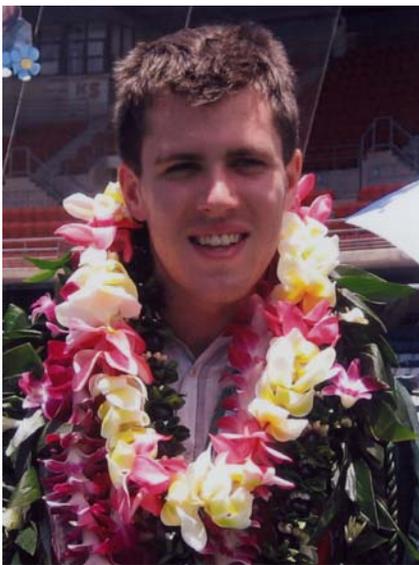
The Kaw Nation has proven success in obtaining outside funding due to Directors and Coordinators working collaboratively with the Grants Department in achieving their stated goals for their department.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact the Grants and Contracts Department at: (580) 269-2552.

# Kaw Nation Academic Scholarships Recipients

## William M. Cavert

William Matthew "Matt" Cavert graduated May 13, 2007 from the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, Hawaii, where he received his BA degree in Political Science with a minor in History.



Matt was on the Dean's List, swam on the UH Warrior Swim Team his freshman year, and was a founding brother and an active member and officer of Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

Matt also was involved in Student Association and National French Honor Society, and has worked part-time the past two years for Starbucks.

He is currently residing in Honolulu, working full-time for Starbucks as an Assistant Manager and plans on travels to

Japan and Europe before beginning graduate school in Fall

## Lacey Maltby

Lacey Maltby graduated from Kansas State University In May, 2007 with a degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Lacey accepted a position at Heights High School in Wichita, KS, teaching Food Science, Food I, Food II and Foods III.

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**Stephen J. Price** graduated from Fort Lewis College, Durango, CO., with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology. Stephen is now attending San Diego State University in California working toward a Masters Degree in School Psychology. Stephen was recently selected as a Scholar on San Diego State's Native American Scholars Projects, which supports development of a specialization in work with Native youth and communities and especially with those identified or at risk of identification with special education needs.



# Happy New Year from the Kanza Health Clinic Staff

## Kanza Clinic Restoration Complete

We at the KHC wish a healthy New Year to each of you and encourage each of our clients to standby for an Open House announcement.

As many of you know, the Clinic is under restoration in the old office area. It should be complete by the end of January. As well, the new addition has been completed and we are just awaiting the final inspection for our pharmacy to be moved and opened. So stay tuned for further developments on the newly remodeled Kanza Health Clinic opening.



The clinic has several programs under its wing which are not a part of the Indian Health Service compact programs. While our focus as the Clinic has been to serve our clients' medical needs by providing the Diabetes clinic, medical examinations and referrals to specialists, the Kanza Health Clinic has been busy servicing many of our tribal nation members through various other programs and activities. Some of these programs are Domestic Violence against Women, the Kaw Nation Women's Health Project, and our Faith Based Counseling project. These programs are conducted of course in conjunction with our clinic activities and referrals by our physician, Dr. Veal.

## Wellness Center

Another program that is important and has been in operation for quite sometime is the Injury Prevention program. It is located in the gymnasium building in Newkirk, just east of the clinic. We also want to invite and encourage our many friends and relatives to visit the Wellness Center where we can all work on those new resolutions to keep our 'weight' in check.

## Substance Abuse Program

Also we have the American Indian Substance Abuse program which is located in Ponca City. This program has been active and flourishing now with assistance to many of our tribal members who are working hard to make progress in their daily lives combating the crippling effects of substance abuse.

We encourage each of our readers to come and visit us not just for your medical needs but also to refer a friend or relative whom may need assistance the Kanza Health Center can offer.

## Future Goals

We continue with our desire to offer dental services to our patients. However, it will take some time to plan and acquire funds to staff the program, so please be patient with us and we will have a plan by late spring on how we will offer dental services to our clients.

We plan to move into our new office space by the end of January. The Clinic will continue with the Well Clinic Days sponsored by our Women's Health Project and continue with the Friday Diabetic clinics which are so ably coordinated by our PHN Cordelia Clapp.

We recently added another 30 persons to our roster who are now regular patients. This necessitates searching out new funds for the services of another doctor, or physician's assistant, to provide medical evaluations to our patients.

The upcoming year will be a major milestone for the Kanza Health Center. Stay tuned for the announcement of the upcoming Open-House and Blessing Ceremony.

Again we wish a Healthy, Safe and Happy New Year to all of our readers.

**Michael Burgess - Director**



## Health Woman Day Participants



For more information on Kanza Health Clinic hours of operation, plus other services offered at the Clinic, visit our website.

[www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com)



# TRIBAL YOUTH PROGRAM

Trip to Woolaroc - 2007



Days of Champions Camp - 2007



Trip to Lake and Nature Walk



Weekly trip to Newkirk Library studying the History of Newkirk

Tribal Youth Programs are the greatest!





## Tribal Youth Program , 2007

The Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program has had an average attendance of 12-16 youth during the after-school program and of 12-22 youth during the summer months. Our after-school program raised average grades by 12%. Our chief goals are to raise the GPA (grade point average) and to decrease the dropout rate of our Native youth. The TYP Director and staff work very closely with the youth and parents as well as with school counselors and teachers to help youth with their problems. We work daily to help them understand and enjoy school. An incentive program increases rewards for more attendance and more effort. A TYP certificate is awarded every week, as is a TYP of the Month award.

During the summer months we are open four days a week, averaging 22 youth per day. Lunch is provided, this year through the Newkirk Public Schools. Tutoring continues through the summer, since reading and math levels regress if not actively pursued. Transportation is provided for youth attending summer school through June. Older youth attending act as mentors for the younger attendees. This helps build confidence and self-esteem for all.

delinquency prevention and intervention services through a network of safe, culturally relevant and traditionally sensitive project activities. It provides alternatives to delinquent behavior through exposure to new and varied experiences.

Field trips serve as incentives for attendance and positive behavior. 2007 trips included: swimming; exploration of Kaw Lake for arrowheads and wildlife study; Days of Champions camp; exploration of Wolaroc Museum and nature trails; study at the Kanza Museum; planting flowers and making planters for Earth Day, and much more.

Each summer week has a different theme. We have at least two weeks of Native American history, teaching youth of many different tribes about their heritage. Culturally relevant activities continue throughout the year. Stories of ancestors and family history always are a big hit. During a week of study about food types around the country, the youth divide into groups, pick foods they want to learn about, and cook the food for all to share. This teaches team work, hygiene in food preparation, reading recipe directions, math in measuring ingredients, and responsibility in cleaning up.

Our two summer lock-ins are very popular and encourage working together to build a positive atmosphere.

Different speakers throughout the year teach the youth avoidance of at-

The TYP is designed to address the needs of at-risk youth ages 10-17 by

### Kaw Code Talkers

Books have been written and movies made about Indian code talkers of various tribes in World War II. Recently deceased Kaw elder Houston Taylor named for his daughter, Naomi Wright, the Kaw who carried on this method of confusing enemies trying to intercept conversations. He listed Tom Conn, Theodore Sumner, Harry Stubbs, Dan Test, and Jim and Harry Wynoshie. Kaw Nation honors these heroes of World War II.

Few people realize that this strategy actually began during World War I. Mose Bellmard, one of the last hereditary Kaw chiefs, is credited with the idea. The Germans had been able to break every American code. American officers appealed to Bellmard, who suggested that an Indian sender and receiver be stationed at each dispatch point. They communicated in unwritten Indian language, which the receiver then translated back into English. Bellmard was promoted to the rank of captain for his suggestion.



## KAW HOUSING AUTHORITY

The Kaw Housing Authority has completed and closed out the 2007 grant; with this grant we were able to house 8 Kaw Tribal Member Families. We are currently waiting on the 2008 Grant. The Housing Authority is still offering the Down Payment Assistance Program. This program is designed for Kaw Tribal Members who are purchasing their own home. The assistance is a \$2,000 grant that is applied to the closing costs of the purchase of a new home. For more information on this program for or any other questions, please feel free to contact **Marilyn Springer or Jessica Thompson** at (580) 362-6264. **The Housing Authority is open from 8:30-4:30, Monday - Friday.**



# KAW YOUTH IN THE NEWS

Kaw Nation has reason to be proud of its youth, just a few of whom are pictured here. They excel in scholarship, sport, and family life. They represent the present and future of a proud tribe. If you have pictures and/or accomplishments to share, please forward to: Editor, Kanza News, P.O. Box 50, Kaw City, OK 74641.

## Jeffrey (J.R.) Voyles



J.R. was drafted by the New York Mets. He is playing rookie ball in Port St. Lucie, Florida. J.R. leads his team in average RBI's.

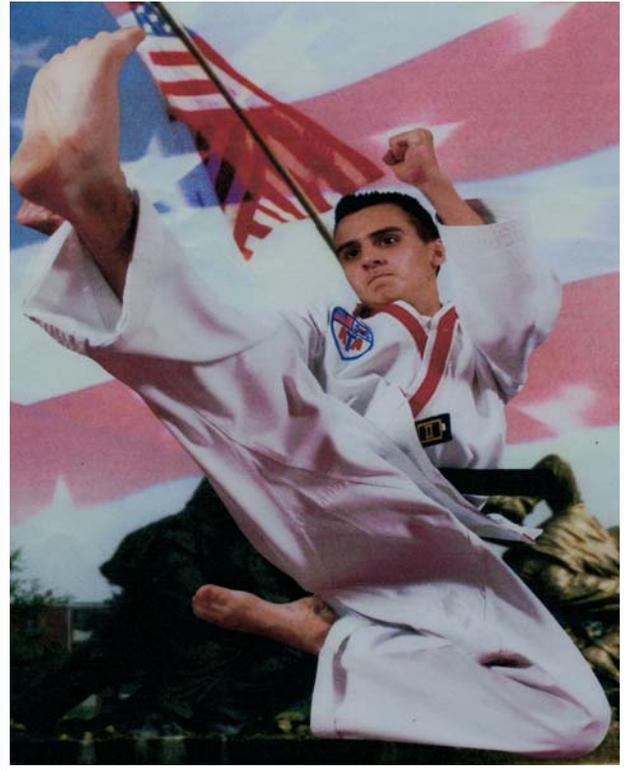
He is the Gulf Coast

League leader in runs scored and 5th in RBI's. He played baseball for the University of Texas at San Antonio and broke an over-all college record that had been held for 20 years.

J.R. is the son of Richard and the late Mary Kay Voyles. He is the grandson of June Bowker and the late Frank Roscoe Bowker.

## Cisco Villa

Cisco Villa, the son of Raymond and Darlene Villa, received a 3rd degree black belt. This was an excellent accomplishment for a 17-year old.



## Skyler Matthews

Here's a look at a proud father and his daughter.

Kimberly Ryan was born on August 27, 2005 and is pictured with

her father, Skyler Matthews, during her first year.

Hard to believe she is now almost 2 1/2!

Skyler is employed as a Water Quality Technician in the Kaw Nation Environmental Department and is awaiting call-up to the National Guard.



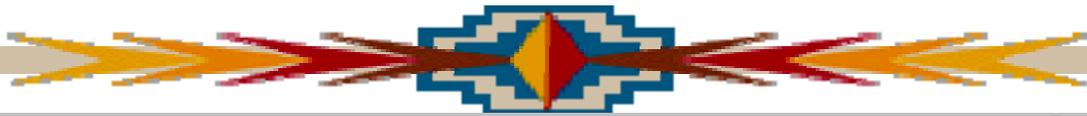
## Kira Jade Matthews

Kira participated in the ACA National Cheerleading Competition in Fort Worth, Texas where Ponca City Senior High School placed second in the nation.

Kira Jade enjoys attending pow-wows and dancing jingle dress. She also enjoys playing soccer. She is employed by Mr. KEM at KEMS Gym as a student instructor teaching tumbling.

Kira is the daughter of Rima Bellmard-Matthews and Brett Bauman. Her grandparents are Kennis M. Bellmard and Lily C. Bellmard of Ponca City.





# Family History



## FAMILY HISTORY - Judy Lambe

Greetings to all Kaw tribal members from Ellensburg, Washington. My name is Julia (Judy) Kennedy Lambe. I am a proud 1/4 blood member of the Kaw Nation. My father was Forrest (Chief or Bud) Glenn Kennedy, a 1/2 blood member. My grandmother, Serena Farnsworth Kennedy Newman, was a full-blood. My great-grandparents, John Farnsworth and Bah-Meh-Shu-Sh-He were of the Deer Clan. They died in 1898 and 1895 respectively. They both lie buried somewhere on sacred allotment land. Their children were Hun-Kah-Me-Che-He, my grandmother, and Lucien Farnsworth.

Serena was orphaned at age 9. Forrest Chouteau became her guardian. She was raised by her uncle (Tah-Jee-Ca-Wah) and his wife, Is-sis-sy. At age 16 Serena married Leon Kennedy in Roswell, New Mexico. Their children were Forrest Glenn Kennedy and Edith Thelma Kennedy Minor Miller. Serena and Edith were buried in Washunga Cemetery. Forrest and his wife Sybil were buried in Casper, Wyoming. Forrest married Sybil Thacker. Their daughter Judy (me!) married Jack Haney and had a son, Kevin, who is a proud 1/8 Kaw Indian.

Grandmother later married Jim Newman, about whom I know very little. If anyone knows where he was buried or has other information, please notify me.

Before my Aunt Edith died at age 78, she spoke of people in the Tribe, including Talbert, Johnny, Viola, and Herbert Farnsworth and Uncle Coug Pitts and wife Susie. Are these people relatives? Thank you for any information you can give.

She spoke of Vern Goodrich, a famous trick rider, and of Bill Pickett, who made bulldogging into a rodeo special event. Did any of you know or know of them?

I live in the beautiful Kittitas Valley near Ellensburg. From our home we see the magnificent Stuart and Cascade mountain ranges. I am retired at age 64, and spend my time housekeeping and working in my garden and flower beds. I also belong to two pinochle groups, the Genealogy Society of Kittatis County, and a Red Hat Club.

Through a Kanza News article, I got acquainted with fellow Ellensburg resident and CWU professor Dan Jack. Prior to his death, we had a wonderful time discussing our mutual cultural heritage.

Thanks both to previous Chairperson Wanda Stone and current Chairman Guy Munroe for great achievements and making us proud of our Tribe. Best wishes to all our Tribal members everywhere!

Judy Kennedy Lambe, 3030 Thrall Road, Ellensburg, WA 98926, 509-962-3033. E-mail: [jjcatranch@elltel.net](mailto:jjcatranch@elltel.net)

## New Telecommunications System for Newkirk and Kaw City

### 2007 I.T. Completed Projects Lindy Merz—Director

- Below is a recap of 2007 events.
- Replaced the bad cat5 cables at Kaw City and Newkirk.
- Replaced refurbished computers that were not working half the time with new Dell computers.
- Replaced old printers with new ones.
- Upgraded all the software on the computers.
- Negotiated T-1 lines from the phone companies so Newkirk and Kaw City will be tied together and reduce long distance charges.
- Installed a new phone system at Newkirk and Kaw City. We will be able to have digital phones and a more secure internet and network system.

### 2008 I.T. Plans

- Finish installation of the T-1 lines and phone system.
- Get a Cell Tower put up in the Kaw City area.
- Keep the computers updated with new software.
- Increase security on the new network and implement a security policy and procedure for the computers.
- Get a software program that will tie all the information for and about Tribal members together for statistical purposes.





# Kaw Nation Tribal Social Services

## Kaw Nation Executive Council Approves

### Increase for Social Services

**Karen Howe - Director**

The Kaw Nation Executive Council recently approved increases for the tribal social services programs. Tribal programs receiving an increase in benefits to tribal members are the eyeglass program, denture assistance, burial and headstone assistance and elder emergency assistance.

Tribal members applying for eyeglass assistance are now eligible to receive up to \$350.00 for an eye exam, glasses/contacts. The tribe previously paid \$250.00 for this service. The denture program, which covers crowns, partials, braces, bridges and root canals, changed from \$300.00 every four years to \$300.00 every **two** years. The hearing aid benefit will remain the same at \$1,000.00 every five years. To be eligible for the eyeglass, denture, and hearing aid assistance, **tribal members must apply and be approved before services are received.** The burial and headstone program was increased from \$2,000 to \$3,000.00 for burial assistance and from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for headstone assistance. No maximum income limit is imposed on those seeking eyeglass, denture, hearing aid, or burial/headstone assistance. These programs are benefits available to all Kaw tribal members.

In addition to the above services, the Executive Council approved additional funds to assist Kaw Nation tribal elders (fifty-five years old and up) who are on a limited income. These funds will be used to further assist tribal elders who are experiencing hardships due to health, death of a spouse, etc. Applicants must provide proof of their monthly household income.

For an application or for more information on any of the above programs, you may contact the social services department at (580) 269-1186 or visit our website at [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com).

## Academic Scholarships Available

The Kaw Nation Executive Council recently approved funding and the criteria of an additional higher education program for Kaw students. The program was designed to assist students who would not otherwise be eligible for a BIA grant or a tribal scholarship.

Previously, the Kaw Nation offered educational assistance through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Eligible students must show an unmet financial need. Student eligibility is determined by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students eligible for this program qualify for a PELL grant, Work-Study, or loans but still show a financial need. The second program, the Kaw Nation Academic Scholarship Program, is based on merit. Students must show a high school or college transcript with a 3.0 grade point average or above. These students do not have to show a financial need.

Students who do not qualify for the BIA Grant or the tribal Academic Scholarship, may now apply for the Kaw Nation Tribal Grant Program. To be eligible a student must be an enrolled member of the Kaw Nation, a high school graduate or GED equivalent, approved for admission on a full-time or part-time basis by a college or university, give reasonable assurance you will be successful in completing a four-year degree program, apply for FAFSA to determine financial status and maintain a 2.00 gpa.

Funding for the new educational program will become available beginning January 2008.

For more information, please contact Karen Howe at (580) 269-1186.

The Eyeglass, hearing aid and denture program has moved to the Maude McCauley Rowe Social Services Building in Kaw City, OK. To apply for the above services, please contact Karen Howe at 580-269-1186 for an application.

## Congratulations to Kaw Nation Academic Scholarship recipient Alison Arrington



Kaw Nation tribal member Alison Arrington is a graduate from Oklahoma State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Human Nutrition/Dietetics and a recent graduate from the University of Central Oklahoma where she received a Master of Science in Human Nutrition and Food Management. Alison is employed with the Indian Health Care Resource Program in Tulsa, OK and will be assisting American Indian children, youth, parents, and elders who are at risk for diabetes and obesity to lead healthier lifestyles. Alison is the daughter of Gerald and Carla Arrington.

(Reprinted from IHCRH Healthy Spirit)

**Sonya Munsell** graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Master of Science degree in Special Education.

**Sarah (Ball) Yanez** graduated from Colorado Technical University with a bachelor's degree in accounting. Sarah is now working in the financial aid office at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater and plans to pursue her master's degree.





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**If you have not received your Newsletter by mail,  
please contact Freda Lane in Tribal Enrollment or you may call our  
toll free number 1-866-404-5297**

**Happy New Year!**

## Cultural Committee

The Kaw Nation Cultural Committee now has 15 enthusiastic members who see as their primary purpose the preservation of Kaw heritage and culture and the education of all tribal members in tribal tradition and history. Language Director Justin McBride also has been confirmed as an ex officio member of the Committee, as Kaw language is an essential part of the culture

The Cultural Committee has finalized and approved its Bylaws and is revising its Policies and Procedures to stress the primary mission stated above. One decision is to actively educate tribal members to their history, through regular articles in the Kanza News and on the website. A cultural presentation will be made at each General Council Meeting, either verbally or by means of a handout, or both. As a start, a brief Kaw tribal history is being distributed to attendees at the January General Council Meeting.

After successful 2007 Washungah Days and Kaw Pow Wows, the Cultural Committee is busily planning for the comparable 2008 events. Head staff members are being chosen, and details are being fine-tuned to ensure quality events. This year also will include the Voices of the Wind People Pageant in Council Grove, September 12 and 13, and participation in the annual Standing Bear Pow Wow.

The active participation of all Committee members, plus any willing volunteers, is needed to make these activities occur smoothly. The help of Executive Council members was needed and appreciated greatly at the 2007 Kaw Pow Wow.

Culturally significant construction activities also have occurred in 2007 and already in January, 2008. With the help of a grant from the Atchison County, Kansas Historical Society and volunteer efforts coordinated by Dave Mitchell, Manhattan, Kansas, a model Kanza earth lodge was erected at Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park. The exterior of the Lodge is completed and awaits further volunteer help to finish and furnish the interior.

Under the direction of Curtis Kekahbah, a traditional sweat lodge was erected on our Washunga Bay grounds on January 5, 2008. Between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., a group of willing workers labored to erect the willow framework and cover it with blankets and a tarp. Workers included; Curtis, his nephew Curtis Charles Kekahbah, Skyler Matthews, Sonny Holloway, David Parks, and Justin McBride. A sweat lodge ceremony conducted by Curtis Kekahbah followed, with twelve participants sharing prayer and traditional learning. A primary purpose was to share concerns and seek the Creator's blessing for Skyler Matthews, who is entering military service. The Lodge framework remains at Washunga Bay and is available for ceremonial purposes.