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JIM PEPPER HENRY TAKES POSITION AS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER FOR THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM AT RASMUSON CENTER

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During the traditional Kaw ceremony, the tribe's able-bodied men dance around baskets of food, then distribute them to the elderly, young and sick. It's a gesture. But it speaks to a much larger Kaw philosophy: Those with strong shoulders have a responsibility to lift others.

It's a philosophy Jim Pepper Henry will bring to the Anchorage Museum. Pepper was appointed to this position in October, 2007.

"Along with his passion and ambition, Jim has this tremendous desire to connect people of all ages to history and culture," said Gloria O'Neil, an Anchorage Museum Association board member.

Most recently, Jim Pepper Henry was associate director at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian. As CEO of the Anchorage Museum, he'll oversee the facility's \$116 million expansion, slated to open in 2010.

"He's very respectful. He listens very hard," says Henri Mann, who is on NMAI's council of elders. "He possess a gentle and quiet strength."

Pepper identifies himself as "half Viking and half Indian." His mother is Kaw and Muscogee Creek, his father is of European descent.

The son of two teachers, Jim Pepper Henry grew up in Oregon but spent summers in Oklahoma, dancing at pow-wows and learning about the traditional Kaw lifestyle.

Jim Pepper Henry earned a degree in fine arts from the University of Oregon, where he focused on figurative sculpture and bronze casting. "Like many starving artists trying to subsidize my art. I needed an income but wanted to stay close to the field," he said. "I ended up working part time in museums, and eventually the museum part took over."

When the Kaw Tribe called him and wanted to build a museum, he moved to Oklahoma to help develop the Kanza Museum of the Kaw Nation, where he served as director from 1994 to 1998. Thanks to his previous repatriation experience, he was able to help locate, return and rebury many of his Kaw ancestors.

For the past 15 years, Jim has been active in Native American repatriation efforts. He has worked to promote Native American art, culture, and heritage as curator at the Institute of Alaska Native Arts in Fairbanks, Alaska and Interstate Fire House Portland, Oregon. "Thanks" Jim Pepper Henry for your continued efforts with Native American heritage. Portions reprinted from Anchorage Museum Press Releases



"Those with strong shoulders have a responsibility to lift others."

ANNA LEE COOPER BREWER -THE OLDEST LIVING KAW

Anna is in good health and very alert. One would not suspect that she is soon to be 102 years old. Her hair is still black, not grey. She is a beautiful person. Anna has never worked outside the home. She raised three sons. She still cooks three meals a day and enjoys gardening.

Anna was the last of 14 children born to William Cooper and Katie Adaline (Shroyer) Cooper. She was born on July 12, 1906 on her dad's Kaw allotment, the Cooper Homestead, along the Arkansas River six miles east and four miles north of Newkirk, Oklahoma. The house where she grew up still stands today. After restoration, it is in good condition.

About a half mile up the road to the north lived Anna's grandma (Roseanne James) and grandpa (John Cooper). Their house has been replaced, but the stone barn still stands. Roseanne's homestead is north of the Cooper Cemetery. The Cemetery is there today and is being maintained by the county.

Roseanne was one-half Citizen Band Potawatomi and one-fourth Kaw. Her dad was Joseph James, Jr., one of the 23 half-blood Kaw



Indians awarded a square mile of land on the Kaw River, site of present-day Topeka, by the Treaty of 1825.

Several of the recipients of this land were Chief White Plume's grandchildren. He had negotiated the half-blood allotments, fearing that the half-bloods would not be accepted in either the Indian or the white world and thus needed their own space. John Cooper's father, John R. Cooper, was white, of English and Welsh ancestry. He was in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Anna remembers that her grandma Roseanne smoked a

corn cob pipe every day after meals. She would cut off a plug of Tinsley chewing tobacco, rub it in her palm to crush it, and stuff it in her pipe. Her pipe is on display at the Kanza Museum.

One half mile south of Anna's home was the Cooper School. The Cooper, Thompson, Hardy, and James children, plus any non-Indian children in the area, attended Cooper School. Anna's dad would hitch a team of horses to a wagon and drive the kids to school. The school only went to the eighth grade. Today the stone steps of the school are still there, but the one-room building is gone.

Anna attended high school in Arkansas City, Kansas. She went to visit relatives in Nebraska, where she met Clark Brewer. She and Clark were married in 1934 and established their home in St. Francis, Kansas, where Anna lives today. They raised three sons: Wallace Clark of Farmington, New Mexico; Douglas Cooper, also of Farmington; and Dwight Edward of Tucson, Arizona. Anna's husband Clark died 28 years ago.

Article submitted by: Colleen Bellmard, Niece of Anna Cooper-Brewer

TRADITIONAL NATIVE LUNCH SERVED TO OVER 300 GUESTS AT THIS YEARS ANNUAL EAGLE WATCH EVENT



Luther Pepper speaks at Eagle Watch



Luther Pepper, Kaw Tribal Member provided insight regarding the Native American's respect, admiration, and appreciation of the Bald Eagle.

This bird has characteristics that need to be adopted by every human on this planet.

Luther talked about what we can learn from the eagle.



Kathy and Gary Siftar, Raptor Rehabilitators



Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservations

Pictured below is **Mark Howery, Biologist** from the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservations.

He shares some very interesting facts about eagles.

Did you know that an adult eagle weights between 7 to 14 pounds and has a 6.5 to 7 foot wingspan?



Guided Eagle Viewing Tours get underway with Wayne Mitchell coordinating this years' event.



Volunteer drivers took individuals visiting the Eagle Watch to the Kaw Nation Community Center just west of the Pow Wow grounds, by Washunga Bay, where they were treated to a **FREE** Native American lunch, compliments of Kaw Nation.

Ladoma Bryan, Director of Kaw Nation Food Services, spent many hours, along with others - Dona Ball, John Bryan, Gena Warren, Natasha Baugus - cooking up the traditional Kaw Native American lunch which included traditional corn soup, stir fry, fry bread and grape dumplings.

Thanks to all Kaw Nation employees for donating their time and energy in making this a memorable experience.

Ryan Van Zant from Sutton Avian Research Center with live eagle named "Fiona".



January is known as optimal eagle viewing time in the Sooner State. Kaw Lake has a special eagle viewing every year on the third Saturday of January, providing information about eagles and a chance to see some of the magnificent birds.

Kaw Nation helps sponsor this annual event, along with Kaw City Chamber of Commerce, Kaw Lake Association, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation (ODWC) Payne County Audubon Society, U.S. Corps of Engineers, Sutton Avian Research Foundation, and Ponca City Energy.

Jennifer Lance (pictured below) is program director for Critter Tales Inc. "Yes", it's a real live skunk.



Dan Jack's collection of "Kaw Tribal History" was on display.



Kanza Museum features a variety of birds from Sam Noble Museum of Natural History located on campus at Oklahoma University.



Critter Tales, Inc. educating audience on animals in this area.





KAW NATION TRIBAL MEMBER ROLL STATUS CHANGE FORM

Dear Tribal Members:

If you have any changes on your Roll Status such as; address change, name change, divorce, marriage, adoption, death of a family member etc., we ask that you please fill out the form below and mail it to; Kaw Nation Tribal Enrollment, P.O. Box 50 Kaw City, OK.74641 or you may visit our website at: www.kawnation.com under Tribal Enrollment and fill this form out on line.

Remember, name and address changes not only affect your roll status, but your voter registration record, reimbursements you may expect from the tribe, and the receipt of the newsletter.

Please include a copy of your legal documents reflecting any changes such as divorce decree, adoption order, marriage license, death certificate etc. No alteration will take place until notification has been received by the Vital Statistic Office.

YES NO

There will be a \$1.00 fee for requesting a new membership card.

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Tribal Roll Status Change Form

Date: _____

Roll Number: _____

Name: _____

Social Security No. _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Birth: _____

As currently on Roll

New Changes

Name: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St. _____

City: _____ St. _____

Zip: _____ Phone: _____

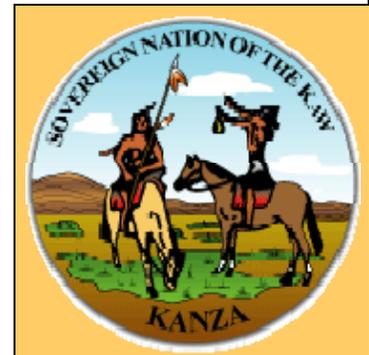
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Please mail to: Kaw Nation Tribal Enrollment

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APPROPRIATIONS - 2008

The 2008 Appropriations are being paid under an Omnibus Bill and there was a 1.56% rescission this FY. We have received \$1,127,372 for the Bureau of Indian Affairs Compact and \$1,355,529 for the Indian Health Service Compact.

The Indian Health Care Improvement Act was passed in the Senate in February and has been sent to the House. Hopefully, we will be able to get the Bill passed this year.

We will begin in March preparing the Bureau of Indian Affairs 2009 Funding Agreement. Negotiations will be held in June or July. As soon as we have finalized the Bureau of Indian Affairs Funding Agreement, we will begin preparing for the Indian Health Service Agreement. These negotiations are held in August or September.

PER CAP PAYMENTS

We have had some calls regarding Per Cap payments. Here is a brief history and information on Per Cap payments. The Kaw Nation has had three per cap payments. The first payment was May, 1995; the second was July, 1996; and the third was December, 2001. Only tribal members enrolled with the Kaw Nation during those years were eligible to receive per cap funds. If a member was under the age of 18 years, the funds are held in a trust account until they are 18 years old. The RCB/Pioneer Bank in Ponca City, Oklahoma will notify the member that on or after their 18th birthday they may submit a formal request for their funds. The request must be dated, signed, include copies of two forms of identification, current mailing address and phone number. The member's per cap fund will only accumulate interest up to the month of their 18th birthday. If you are entitled to funds, you need to request your funds as soon as possible. Leaving your fund in the account after your 18th birthday will not benefit you. If the bank is unable to find the member and/or the member does not claim their per cap funds, the bank must revert the funds back to the Kaw Nation. Should the funds be reverted back to the Kaw Nation, the member must petition the Executive Council. Also, it is extremely important to keep your mailing address updated!

UPDATE YOUR ADDRESS

Are you planning to move? Do you want to be informed of what is going on with the Kaw Nation? We need your current address! Please update your address by completing and sending in the change of address form included in this newsletter or by writing Freda Lane at the Kaw Nation Enrollment Office, P.O. Box 50, Kaw City, OK 74641.

If you know someone on the list of “missing” members, page 6-7, please ask them to call or write Freda with an update. You can reach her at 580-269-2137 or fredal@kawnation.com - email.

If we can be assistance to anyone, please contact us at the above e-mails or 580-269-2552.

Íe Wacéga (Language News)

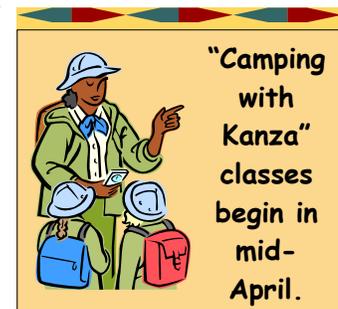
Language Department Staff

Classes

We've been holding weekly language classes on two separate nights since the fall. The Monday evening class is held from 6 to 7 at the Tribal Youth Program offices located at the east end of the Johnny Ray McCauley Multipurpose Center in Newkirk, OK. This is an ongoing class that can accommodate anybody, regardless of skill level. There are five regular students. The Thursday evening class is a little different. It's held from 6 to 7 in the Maude McCauley Clark Rowe Social Services Building in Kaw City, OK. This class is made up of a series of four-week modules. Each module is fully self-contained, features all-new content, and is targeted toward beginners. This format allows new participants abundant opportunities to opt in or out depending on their personal schedules, upcoming module content, etc. The five regular students have been studying prayers since January. For information regarding the next four-week module, please feel free to give us a call at (580) 269-1199 or drop us an email message at language@kawnation.com.

In addition to the Monday and Thursday classes, we've recently increased the number of learning opportunities for area children. This fall we were invited by the principal of Kaw City School to teach the language to all students from Preschool through 6th grade. We meet with them every other Wednesday. The students are a delight, and very fun to teach. Plus, we now teach at the Tribal Youth Program on Wednesdays from 4 to 4:30. The students there have taken to the language with great enthusiasm. Finally, we teach two advanced students at Kaw City on Tuesday afternoons.

We will resume our "Camping with Kanza" classes this spring, beginning with a day camp in Kaw City sometime in mid-April. We're tentatively shooting for an overnight camp in May. If you or your family would like to join us for these, please just call ahead so we can get a headcount and an idea of which weekends work. Oh, and don't worry if you don't have any camping equipment. We can furnish tents, sleeping bags, folding chairs, dishes and flatware, and even a lantern. Just bring yourself!



Language Fair

Teams are currently in training for this year's Native American Youth Language Fair, scheduled for March 31 through April 1 in Norman, OK. This year we will take our largest team ever, consisting of nine young people competing over both days in individual and group categories. Two former winners will be competing again, as will a host of new faces.

Funding Opportunities

Just last month we received a grant from the Endangered Languages Fund (ELF) for the purpose of making a boxed board game to help teach the Kanza language. Based on our *Wajípha' yí'* software, the board game will help you learn and practice nearly 1,000 words. We hope to have the game and all related materials available for purchase by fall of 2008.

We are currently in the middle of the third and final year of our Administration for Native Americans (ANA) language grant. The grant has been a major success, giving us the opportunity to expand our local (classroom) and distance learning (software-based) educational efforts. We are applying for another ANA grant this spring to provide funds for the creation of an educational storybook. Called a *graded reader*, the book will feature traditional Kanza language stories collected during the late 1800s, arranged from simple to complex. It will contain all the vocabulary and grammar needed to read these stories in Kanza, and will come with an accompanying audio CD to help with the pronunciations. We should hear back on the status of the grant from ANA by early fall.

As you can see, we've got a lot going on, and much more in the works. Please feel free to contact us with questions and comments. We're always happy to hear new voices and see new faces. Also, please check out the many free resources available on our website, www.kawnation.com/langhome.html.

Wiblahá' !



ICDBG STATES "REMODELING IS NOW COMPLETE AT KANZA CLINIC"

Kanza Health Clinic Expansion and Remodel are complete.

With a HUD/ ICDBG grant and tribal funds, the clinic has doubled in size to 5,061 square feet.

Much needed office space was added, as well as a Dental Suite complete with a Lab and X-Ray room.

At the same time, parts of the existing clinic were remodeled and other parts received a face lift.

The Architects for both projects were Wilbanks & Associates. The Contractors were Builders Unlimited. Both firms are Native American owned.

Article and photo's submitted by: Traci Townsend - ICDBG



The above picture shows prep work before expansion. Photos below show Clinic after completion.

WAITING AREA



NEW RESTROOM



REMODELING IS NOW COMPLETE AT KANZA CLINIC



NURSES' STATION



LOBBY AREA



NEW OFFICE



NUTRITIONAL EDUCATION



NEW DENTIST CHAIR



DENTAL SUITE CORRIDOR



CULTURAL COMMITTEE

The Cultural Committee has been busy both in planning tribal cultural events and in learning and circulating among tribal members the Kaw Nation's history and traditions. Officers and Committee Chairs elected in January, 2008 are:

Chairperson - Naomi Wright

Vice Chairperson - Mary Butler

Secretary/Treasurer - Donna Villa

Standing Bear Pow Wow Representatives -

Tammy LeClair - Rima Bellmard

Native American Cultural and Educational Authority Representative - Sue Bellmard

The Committee's Policies and Procedures were reviewed, revised, approved in January, and applied in February/March. Our mission statement re-emphasizes both the preservation of cultural tradition, its adaptation to the present and future, and the sharing of cultural knowledge with all tribal members. Key sections of the Policies and Procedures simplify Pow Wow contest registration rules and emphasize the use of Kaw preference where possible in selecting Head Staff. Head staff selection for both Council Grove and Kaw Pow Wows currently is being completed in compliance with these procedures. **Be sure to mark your calendars for Washungah Days (Council Grove) Pow Wow on June 21 and 22 and Kaw Pow Wow on July 31 (Men's Iloshka Dance) and August 1, 2, and 3.**

We hope to see you at the April 13 General Council Meeting. The Cultural Committee is on the Agenda to share some information with you on Kaw Clan Structure. Printed handouts also will be available. After the Business Meeting and lunch, plan on staying for a traditional Hand Game. No, you don't have to know how to play--many Committee members are novices too.

Congratulations to the Kaw Cultural Committee members and friends who met the Ponca Post #38 Hand Game challenge on February 14 and WON!--five games to zero. Sue Bellmard proved to be an expert guesser, and we had a lot of fun, even though we had to learn as we went along. Yes, we will challenge Post #38 and its Women's Auxiliary to a repeat match on April 13. Starting time should be about 2:30 p.m. Cake walks, door prizes, and silly games will add to the fun.

We're very proud of two of our Kansas tribal members, Erin Blackshere Pouppirt and Pauline Sharp. Both ladies are great representatives of the Kaw Nation as they are invited to speak about Kaw history and tradition and about their Kaw family backgrounds. Pauline is a descendant of Lucy Eads, and Erin is a descendant of White Plume.

Erin also is a relative of deceased tribal member Dan Jack and got her speaking start filling in for him at the Lewis and Clark Tent of Many Voices. She has since spoken to groups as varied as DAR and Shawnee Mission and currently is on her way to France, where she has been asked to speak about Kaw Nation to a group of students. She also has been selected as a group facilitator by the Kansas Humanities Council for a series of book discussions on Native American themed novels.

Pauline has compiled a series of exhibits on Lucy Eads and her family roots. On April 6, she will present a program to the Santa Fe Trail Elderhostel group meeting in Council Grove. This is the third year for her presentation, which has been very popular with Elderhostel participants. Pauline also was the featured speaker in February at the Friends of Kaw Nation Annual Meeting at the Kaw Mission in Council Grove. She was selected as a member of the Board of the Wichita Indian Center. Now that she and husband Doug have moved to Wichita, she is close enough to attend General Council Meetings and has been an interested participant at the last two meetings.

It is great to see Kaw tribal members sharing their pride in their culture and history with interested groups! Hopefully, Cultural Committee members and other proud Kaws in Oklahoma, Kansas, and throughout the country soon will be increasing their tribal knowledge and speaking out--to other tribal members and to anyone with a genuine interest.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, there now is a sweat lodge available for use at Kaw Nation's Washunga Bay property. A second ceremony was held there on March 1. The Lodge is not the "property" of the Cultural Committee; it is available to anyone with a need. Printed on the next page is some information for those who are unfamiliar with this form of traditional purification.

Article submitted by: Betty Durkee



CULTURAL COMMITTEE

SWEAT LODGE PROTOCOLS

The sweat lodge is a place of purification, healing, and shared support. It is part of the tradition of many tribes; indeed, of many cultures. It is used by many area tribes and has been requested as a part of current-day Kaw culture and spirituality.

It is a means of purification, communion with the Creator, and sharing with and supporting all participants.

Kaw Nation now has a sweat lodge on the grounds of our Washunga Bay property. It was constructed and first used on January 5, 2008. The initial ceremony asked for protection for tribal member Skyler Matthews as he prepares to enter the United States military service. Tribal member Curtis Kekahbah supervised the construction, conducted the ceremony, and has agreed to conduct or oversee any future ceremonies. Anyone may request a sweat lodge ceremony as needed for healing or spiritual support for others or for oneself. The procedure will be explained before and during the ceremony.

Certain protocols are common to all sweat lodge ceremonies which will be conducted here.

1. **Anyone may request a ceremony.**
2. The requestor and all participants must approach the lodge, enter the lodge, and participate showing the proper respect and following the instructions of the person conducting the ceremony.
3. While some people may be invited to participate in a particular ceremony, participation is open to anyone.
4. Participants should wear loose, minimal clothing with no metal parts or jewelry. Eyeglasses and contact lenses should be removed before entering the lodge. Appropriate dress for women is a long loose cotton dress or shorts. Men may wear shorts or loose swimwear.
5. Participants should bring two towels, one for use in the Lodge and one for drying off afterward. A change to dry clothing will be necessary after the ceremony.

6. The prayers and individual stories told within the Lodge can be personal, and we respect the privacy of those shared stories.

7. A potluck meal is shared by all after the ceremony.

This is a very important part of the process! All participants should bring some food to share.

8. Participants will be using the Lodge and using the Kaw Community Building for changing clothes and for eating the meal. An important part of the sharing is helping both with preparation and with cleanup of all the areas that are used. Continued use of the site depends on leaving it in as good or better condition than it was found!

9. The Lodge ceremony usually starts at sundown. Explanation and instruction will be provided for those unfamiliar with sweat lodge ceremonies.

10. Specific dates and times will be communicated as widely as possible as soon as possible after a ceremony date is set. Do realize, however, that some ceremonies may be requested on little or no notice to fill a particular need.

11. **POTLUCK!!**

Article submitted by: Betty Durkee

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR KAW TRIBAL MEMBERS	
Corie Lee Martin	DOD - 01/13/2008
Julia Elliott	DOD - 02/02/2008
Cleta Gay Duvalle	DOD - 1/10/2008
Joe Mehojah	DOD - 02/04/2008
Freda May Williamson	DOD- 02/22/2008
Jerry J. Wentworth	DOD - 2/01/2007

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

An influenza pandemic

An influenza pandemic occurs when a new influenza virus appears against which the human population has no immunity, resulting in several simultaneous epidemics worldwide with enormous numbers of deaths and illnesses. With the increase in global transport and communications, as well as urbanization and overcrowded conditions, epidemics due to the new influenza virus are likely to take hold quickly around the world.

A new influenza virus: how it could cause a pandemic

Annual outbreaks of influenza are due to minor changes in the surface proteins of the viruses that enable the viruses to evade the immunity humans have developed after previous infections with the viruses or in response to vaccinations. When a major change in either one or both of their surface proteins occurs spontaneously, no one will have partial or full immunity against infection because it is a completely new virus. If this new virus also has the capacity to spread from person-to-person, then a pandemic will occur.

Outbreaks of influenza in animals, especially when happening simultaneously with annual outbreaks in humans, increase the chances of a pandemic, through the merging of animal and human influenza viruses. During the last few years, the world has faced several threats with pandemic potential, making the occurrence of the next pandemic just a matter of time.

Consequences of an influenza pandemic

If an influenza pandemic appears, we could expect the following:

- Given the high level of global traffic, the pandemic virus may spread rapidly, leaving little or no time to prepare.
- Vaccines, antiviral agents and antibiotics to treat secondary infections will be in short supply and will be unequally distributed. It will take several months before any vaccine becomes available.
- Medical facilities will be overwhelmed.
- Widespread illness may result in sudden and potentially significant shortages of personnel to provide essential community services.
- The effect of influenza on individual communities will be relatively prolonged when compared to other natural disasters, as it is expected that outbreaks will reoccur.

Preparing for an influenza pandemic

Assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit. Make sure that you consider the needs of family members with special needs. The Kit should include the following items:

Water and food supplies. During a pandemic, you may not be able to get supplies from stores, so it's important for you to have extras on hand. This can be useful in other emergencies, such as power outages.

At least a 30 day supply of important medication. Ask your doctor and/or pharmacist if you can get an extra supply of your regular prescription drugs.

Non prescription drugs and other health supplies. These include pain relievers, stomach remedies, cough and cold medi-

cines, fluids with electrolytes (e.g. sport drinks), and vitamins, Band-Aids, antibacterial ointments, tap and gauze.

For more plans of preparation for a pandemic influenza visit our website at www.kawnation.com

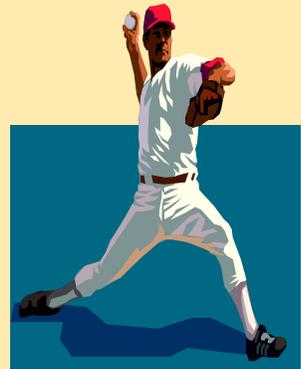
CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Under programs and services enter [Emergency Management](#); from there you will find a variety of information from severe storms to weather updates, etc.

Should you have a questions on any of these topics, you can contact Gary Robison, Emergency Management Director.

Article submitted by: Gary Robison-Director

Jacob Ellsbury, who plays for the Boston Red Sox, is the first Navajo to play professional baseball and now the first Navajo Indian to play in a World Series game.



Ellsbury was born in Arizona but grew up in Warm Springs, Oregon. This special event took place in 2007, when the Red Sox took on the Colorado Rockies.

KAW NATION ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT

Article written by: Renée Vickery

We have been extremely busy with numerous projects. Highlights include:

- The new General Assistance Program (GAP) started in January. Eligible activities include planning, capacity building, and development for implementation of environmental protection programs.
- Our Outreach Services are focusing on inclusion of area school children, tribal members, and the Executive Council.
- We are working closely with the BIA, KEDA, and Self Governance to put all Kaw Nation fee land in trust.
- The Hunting and Fishing Licensure Code is completed, pending Executive Council approval in April.
- The completed Braman Biological Assessment has been sent to the Fish and Wildlife Service.
- The Blackwell Soil Risk Assessment has been completed. All contaminants were shown to be below EPA screening levels.

KNED is working hard to finish the Outdoor Classroom at Beaver Creek wetland. Northern Oklahoma schools and communities will be encouraged to utilize our unique wetland habitat.

Our department is cooperating closely with the Grants and Contracts Department to submit for approval grants which will improve the Tribe's management capacity and expand its resources for the health and safety of tribal members.

Our team continues to collect samples and analyze water samples, fish, and invertebrates from Kaw Lake, creeks, and rivers. The results are entered into a database that is submitted to the EPA.

In addition to all this, Dr. Dejene Alemayehu works on budgets, writes letters, conducts research, investigates future proposal opportunities and.....the list goes on! There's never a dull moment in our department.

From all of us in the Environmental Department to all of you....

May you be blessed and Ne yiⁿge maⁿy iⁿ!

We would like to invite you to visit the Kaw Nation website. www.kawnation.com You will find many interesting links to click on for information. Especially, please visit the Environmental Program web link. We have many services that you might want to sign up for including Radon and Mold testing which is free to Tribal members.



**Dejene Alemayehu
PhD
KNED Director**



**Renee Vickery, B.S.
Administrative Asst.
Food Safety Manager**



**Dave Hensley, M.S.
Environmental
Specialist**



**Skyler Mathews
Water Technician**

Kaw Nation Environmental Department Program Update



Food Safety

Kaw Nation Environmental Department is regularly inspecting the quality of food served at Kaw food establishments (Casino, Title VI, Woodridge Market and Braman Travel Plaza). Our Food Inspector, Renée Vickery, reports that all the food establishments passed their inspections this quarter. We are proud that the Kaw Nation food handling service employees have done such a good job keeping our environment safe. We are now planning another training session for new employees. We will keep you posted on the upcoming schedule for the training.

Health Tips: Recognizing Food Borne Illness

It can be difficult for people to recognize when harmful bacteria in food have made them sick. For instance, it's hard to tell if food is unsafe because you can't see, smell or taste the bacteria it may contain.

FACT

Sometimes people think their food borne illness is caused by their last meal. In fact, there is a wide range of time between eating food with harmful bacteria and the onset of illness. Usually food borne bacteria takes 1 to 3 days to cause illness. However, you could become sick anytime from 20 minutes to 6 weeks after eating some foods with dangerous bacteria.

A lot of times food borne illness is confused with other types of illness. If you get food borne illness, you might be sick to your stomach, vomit or have diarrhea, or symptoms could be flu-like with a fever, headache and body aches. If you become ill after eating out, check with your doctor and call Renée Vickery so she can investigate.

PREVENTION

1. **Clean:** Wash hands and surfaces often.
2. **Separate:** Don't cross-contaminate. Don't clean, cut or chop your vegetables with or around meat.
3. **Cook:** Cook to proper temperatures. Foods are safely cooked when they are heated for a long enough time and a high enough temperature to kill the harmful bacteria that cause food borne illness. General rule is to heat everything to 165°F.

Chill: Set your home refrigerator to 40°F. Don't leave food out to thaw. After eating, put leftovers in the refrigerator after cooling. Food should not sit out longer than a maximum of 2 hours. At room temperature, bacteria in food can double every 20 minutes. The more bacteria there are, the greater the chance you could become sick.

Remember to always follow the four basic rules: CLEAN, SEPARATE, COOK AND CHILL



Kaw Nation Environmental Department Program Update

Kaw Nation Environmental Department continues to take water samples from the Arkansas River, Little and Big Beaver Creeks, Bear Creek and Kaw Lake. The water samples are analyzed by Skyler Mathews in our laboratory as well as Accurate Laboratories in Stillwater. The samples are analyzed for bacteria, mussel types, pesticides and toxic heavy metals. We then study the impacts of fertilizer that runs off into the lake during spring and summer times.



There will be Town Hall meetings this summer in Shidler, Kaw City, Newkirk and Ponca City. We will notify all tribal members by mail when the meetings will occur.

SEE YOU SOON

We have collected four soil samples from the Lafferty's Field's, Haymaker's and Murray's backyards to determine the level of toxic materials due to Blackwell Zinc Smelter. The samples show no major toxic materials that would affect the health and safety of our Tribal members.



DUMPING AT WASHUNGA BAY AND CHILOCCO



Currently, the Environmental Department has cleaned up two dump sites. One was at Washunga Bay by the Community Building at the Pow Wow Grounds and the other was at the Chilocco Kaw Nation property. Hopefully, by eliminating the trash from the dump sites, people will discontinue dumping at those sites.



KAW NATION CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES WANTS YOU

Article submitted by: Becky Hightower - Child Support Program Coordinator

The Kaw Nation Child Support Services Program staff is doing all they can do to carry out the mission statement to "Provide a pathway toward strengthening family responsibility and thereby empowering children with opportunities for emotional, spiritual and physical well being."

Child Support Services has moved to a new location to make child support services more accessible to all. We would like you to come by the office to visit with us. **We are now located at 400 E. Central Suite 301 E in Ponca City. Our new phone number is 580-765-9952.**

- If you have a child support case with the state of Oklahoma and would like your case transferred to tribal court, give us a call.
- If you do not have court ordered child support but would like to have a court order established, give us a call.
- Give us a call if you need help finding employment or training so that you can pay the child support which has been court ordered.
- If paternity needs to be established for your child so that you may receive child support, give us a call.

We are here to help you and your children receive the child support that is essential for your children's' needs. If you have any concerns, please give us a call and we will do what we can to get your case into tribal court. The Kaw Nation child support office officially opens July 1, 2008 but we would really like to start helping you now.

The Child Support Team soon will be expanding. We are looking for a case specialist who has a degree in social work or the equivalent who is interested in child support services and who is interested in serving the public. If you would be interested in working for Kaw child support services, please call the **Human Resources Department at (580) 269-2552.**



KAW NATION HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Kaw tribal member Elizabeth Sorenson. Elizabeth received a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from Utah State University. Elizabeth is the daughter of Judith (Graham) Van Duzor who is working toward her masters degree in library science.

The Kaw Nation Academic Scholarship deadline date is May 1, 2008. Student applying for a scholarship must be an enrolled member of the Kaw Nation, a high school graduate or GED equivalent, approved for admission on a full-time basis by a college or university, show a high school or college transcript with a 3.0 gpa or above.

The deadline date for Higher Education Grant and the Kaw Nation Tribal Grant Program is June, 1, 2008.

Students applying for a higher education grant must be an enrolled member of the Kaw Nation, a high school graduate or GED equivalent, approved for admission on a full-time basis by a college or university, apply for FAFSA and show an unmet financial need. Students who do not qualify for a higher education grant may qualify for the tribal grant.

Grants are also available for graduate students. For more information, please contact the education department at **580-269-1186** or email : khowe@kawnation.com



Article submitted by: Karen Howe - Director



SouthWind Industrial

SouthWind Industrial will seek to be the first Native American 8(a) and HUBZone tribally owned industrial distribution business to offer value-added solutions to government and prime contractors. The US Government by statutory goals is to spend 23% of its annual contracting budget of \$377 Billion with small businesses as prime contractors. Small Disadvantaged Businesses are 5% of the prime and subcontracts. Women Owned Small Businesses must be 5% of the prime and subcontract awards and HUBZone are 3% of prime contracts. Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Businesses are 3% of the prime and subcontracts. Veteran Owned Small Businesses are 3% of the prime and subcontracts. \$30.2 Billion is the size of the 5% Disadvantaged & 3% HUBZone pool of U.S. Government spending.

The hardest goals for government and prime contractors to meet are SDB, HUBZone and Service Disabled Veterans. Native American tribes have a clear advantage over individually owned 8(a)/SDB businesses in acquiring sole-source government contracts. By creating a tribally owned 8(a) and HUBZone industrial distribution business, we can consolidate Government spending for hose and gaskets by using the corporate contract concept with the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). Major target customers in Federal Procurement are: Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Department of Transportation, and Department of Justice. The initial goal is to secure a corporate contract on hose and gaskets with the Corporate Contract Team of the Defense Logistics Agency for the DOD. Below indicated the market size for these products:

- Hose & Fittings – Market size with DOD is 8384 contracts for \$179,036,749.
- Gaskets & Packing – Market size with DOD is 5224 contracts for \$118,974,772.
- O-rings - Market size with DOD is 515 contracts for \$13,752,048. Market the corporate contract for hose & fittings, gaskets & packing and of-rings to other Government Agencies.

SouthWind Industrial will pursue Government Prime Contractors in Oklahoma, Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Louisiana and Mississippi. Eventually contracts will be pursued in Texas, New Mexico, and other states. **SouthWind Industrial** will leverage the Tribe's relationships to secure local business with the State Government and local governments selling safety supplies to all major manufacturing/construction industries.

The **President** of this new company will be **Warren Jennings, a Native American**, with 38 years experience in the industrial distribution industry. He is an entrepreneur who founded and served as President of American Hose and Hydraulics in Louisiana in 1977 and sold it to Samson Industrial (a Tulsa based industrial distribution company) in 1993. He then moved to the Tulsa area as Vice President of Operations and remained with Samson Industrial when Meier Holding acquired it from Samson Investment in 2003. Mr. Jennings remained with Meier Holding until 2007 at which time he decided to pursue a business opportunity with the Kaw Enterprise Development Authority. He has extensive experience in all facets of the distribution business. He is an advocate of The Total Quality Process and is prepared to implement it at **SouthWind Industrial**.

KEDA, through its Human Resource Department, will seek qualified tribal members willing to learn the knowledge, skills, and abilities to operate the business of **SouthWind Industrial**.

KEDA named 2007 Company of the Year

The Kaw Enterprise Development Authority (KEDA) was honored as the 2007 Company of the Year of the North Central Chapter of the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO). The award was presented to Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe at the annual AICCO awards ceremony on December 6, 2007 at the Sheridan Hotel in downtown Tulsa. Brad Burris, KEDA Business Developer, also attended the event with Chairman Munroe. KEDA is a member of the North Central Chapter of AICCO and Brad Burris serves as secretary of that chapter.

Article submitted by: Brad Burris - Business Developer Kaw Enterprise Development Authority

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KANZA HEALTH CLINIC - NEWKIRK

KANZA HEALTH CLINIC

We at the KHC wish a healthy and prosperous year to our dear friend and colleague, Mrs. Cordelia Clapp. Many of our clients and tribal members are aware, Cordelia has left our employ after a wonderful stint of more than seven years, serving the Kaw Nation and surrounding community members as our Public Health Nurse. One of the many activities where she truly will be missed is the Diabetes project which she ably served and through which so many clients came to appreciate her services.

While Cordelia will be missed, we wish her well. She already is busy serving on boards and committees, which is keeping with her commitment as a nurse to serve the American Indian community and surrounding friends.

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.

WELLNESS CENTER

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. As many of our readership know the Wellness Center had experienced some difficulty with keeping the pool at our prescribed temperature of 83 to 86 degrees. But, now, with the moving of the water heater near the pump and with the water flow at the proper level, our pool is pristine and warm.

The Wellness Center pool is now open! Mrs. Jolene Krueger now has water aerobics classes. You are all welcome to come by and take part in the program. As of now there are 5 to 10 students attending classes on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

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

Article submitted by: Michael Burgess - Director



Pictured with Cordelia are Ms. Debbie Baker, Pharmacy Tech, J. Neal Smith, Pharmacists, Cordelia and Ms. Lea Lake, Billings/Payments Clerk.

CHILD CARE CENTER - GETS A NEW ROOF

Kaw Nation Child Care Center gets new pitched roof. Photo on left shows flat roof. After several attempts to patch and fix this roof, a new corrugated roof seems to be the solution to the problem.





LETTER FROM GUY MUNROE – CHAIRMAN/CEO

Greeting fellow Kaw tribal members.

As spring finally nears, I wanted to give all our tribal members an update on Kaw Nations recent activities.

Probably the most noteworthy development is the lawsuit filed by the Kaw Nation against the State of Oklahoma regarding the State's "wrongful interference with the Nation's federally sanctioned economic development activities of the Kaw Nation." This is in respect to the State of Oklahoma attempting to increase the tobacco tax that already had been compacted in 1998. The State of Oklahoma, as the suit claims, is attempting to coerce the Kaw Nation to accept unreasonable terms for a new Compact.

The suit, which was filed on March 7, 2008, is against the State of Oklahoma, Governor Brad Henry, State Treasurer Scott Meacham, and the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

Also, of note, there has been some movement toward getting the Nation's land at the Braman exit on Interstate 35, placed in trust. As you may remember, the Kaw Nation previously had completed an Environmental Assessment of the Braman Property. Last week, the Nation met with the representatives of the Bureau of Indian Affairs regarding that document. The BIA is now reviewing that document and soon should have a determination of what, if anything, more be needed.

Otherwise, the Kaw Nation is conducting business as usual.

Please remember that our next General Council meeting is scheduled for 10:00 am on Sunday, April 13, 2008 at our new Community Center at the Kaw Pow Wow grounds. Please try to attend.

Guy Munroe
Chairman/CEO
Kaw Nation



FAVORITE NATIVE AMERICAN INDIAN RECEIPES

GRAPE DUMPLINGS

INGREDIENTS

- 3 cups flour
- 3 cups purple grapes
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 tbs. butter

DIRECTIONS

Smash grapes in a sauce pan. Add butter and sugar and cook on high heat until it boils good.

Let cool.

Slowly add your flour until it turns in to a dough.

Then just fry it in oil at 350 degrees. Enjoy!

FRY-BREAD

INGREDIENTS

- 1 egg
- 1 ½ cups of **warm** water (add as needed)
- 1 teaspoon of salt
- 1 tablespoon Baking Powder
- 3 cups of flour
- 1 tablespoon of sugar

DIRECTIONS

Making the dough:

In good size bowl, mix all ingredients together, (except water). Add the water slowly and mix, then knead the dough. Let the dough sit for 20-25 minutes. (dough should be sticky yet doesn't stick to the hands.)

Making the fry-bread:

Roll out the dough, flatten it to about 1 ½ inches. Then put a hole in the middle.

Frying:

Add 1 ½ cups of butter. Then 3-5 cups of oil into a frying pan. After the oil gets done boiling, (350 degrees) put the fry-bread in. It should float right away, then flip it over until both sides are golden brown. Drain excess oil by putting fry-bread on a paper towel.

CHILI CHEESE SQUARES

INGREDIENTS

- 3 Cups Monterey Jack Cheese
- 1 1/2 Cup Cheddar Cheese
- 3 Eggs beaten
- 2 Tablespoons Flour
- 2 Tablespoon Sugar
- 10 Chilis

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. First lay 10 chilis on bottom of a (9x13") pan. Spread both types of cheese over chilis. Mix together eggs, flour, sugar and spread over chilis and cheese. Bake 40-45 minutes. Serve immediately.

Receipe submitted by: **Becky Roller**

“The Great Spirit is in all things. He is in the air we breathe.

The Great Spirit is our Father, but the earth is our Mother.

She nourishes us that which we put into the ground, she returns to us in abundance.”



Author Unknown

Note:

Fry-bread should never be made in advance. The only way to enjoy it is sizzling hot from the skillet. Try drizzling its crusty golden skin with honey or dust it with powdered sugar; great for breakfast or addition to soup or a stew meal.

**KAW NATION ENTERPRISE
DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Kaw Smoke Shop II and Tobacco Row, Inc. are now in their new buildings. The Old Smoke Shop Building has been torn down and replaced with Concrete for extra parking. All the Concrete work for the new Parking lot has been finished, and new signs have been erected. The interior of the Smoke Shop has elements from the old Smoke Shop built into it, and is a very beautiful and efficiently designed store. The improved drive through is greatly appreciated by the customers.



The employees for Tobacco Row, Inc. have been busy setting up the warehouse. We are now on contract with 3 tobacco companies; Amcon, JTI, and Santa Fe. We have received our initial order of cigarettes from JTI and soon will be ready to supply retailers. We are looking forward to rapid growth. **Article submitted by: Roxane Cooper**



TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Lindy Merz, Kaw Nations IT Director held classes in 2007 for those employees who wanted to become more proficient with their computer skills

Merz, along with Pioneer Technology Center, Ponca City, OK coordinated to teach the following classes.

- **Microsoft Excel Level-I**
- **Microsoft Word Level-1**
- **Microsoft Access Level-1**
- **Microsoft Power Point**

The upcoming classes, along with dates and times will be announced by the IT Department for Spring, 2008.

- **Microsoft Access Level 1**
- **Microsoft Excel Level II**
- **Microsoft Word Level II**
- **Microsoft Access Level II**
- **Adobe Acrobat**

Upon completion of each class, participants received a certificate from Pioneer Technology Center. Merz stated more than 30-35 individuals from different departments signed up for these classes. **“We’ve had a lot of positive feedback on these classes” stated Merz.**

Classes are funded by a three year ANA-SEDS Grant that was rewarded to the IT Department in 2005.

Merz stated that plans to eliminate long distance service between Kaw City and Newkirk are nearing completion. This should save the tribe major bucks in long distance service between the two locations plus upgrade the data along with the voice connections during the upgrade.

Reminder

- **When applying for eyeglasses, denture, or hearing aid assistance, please remember the following:**
- **Upon request, you may receive an application by mail or you may download any of the social services application at www.kawnation.com**
- **Please do not forget to sign your application**
- **Your application must be approved before professional services are received.**



FAMILY HISTORY - JULIE EMALINE PAPPAN



**Grandma Julie - Written by:
Erin Blackshere (at age 12)**

The great, great-granddaughter of the Kaw Indian Chief, White Plume, was born in a log cabin five miles north of Washunga, Oklahoma. It was November 19, 1892 when Julie Emaline Pappan arrived in the world to Lucy Matney and Big Henry Pappan. Her mother was French and her father was Indian. She lived in her birthplace until it burned down when she was eight years old.

Grandma Julie had eight brothers and sisters. Four of them were stepsisters and brothers. After her father died in 1896, her mother remarried. Her two stepfathers were Charlie Clark and later, George Pappan.

When she was six years old, her mother put her in the Mission School at Kaw Agency. Kaw Agency was later renamed Washunga after the Kaw Chief at that time. She played hide-and-seek, button-button-where is the button?, and a clap in and clap out game with her school-mates. They also had spelling matches and foot races. At the first half of the school day she studied math, reading and writing. The second half of the day, she sewed, mended and cooked. Julie had to stand on a stool while learning to cook because she was so small. The school had a "white lady" cook who taught the girls how to make breads and pies. When learning to sew, Grandma had to treadle with her hands before she could use her feet on the sewing machine.

The children went home for

Christmas vacation. The Pappan family hung their stockings around the fireplace. Julie always got a doll with a china head. Her mother prepared Christmas dinner while the kids made popcorn balls. They also strung cranberries to put on the tree. Her sister, Laura, played the organ "by ear" while everyone else sang along.

At school, Julie had to make her own bed and keep her room clean. Occasionally the children picked wild flowers to decorate the graves. She went home every two weeks for the weekend. The Indian families often attended Indian Pow Wows. Grandma was so excited about seeing real Indians. But when she got there, she said, "There's so and so, but where are the Indians?"

Grandma had a cousin whose wife had died. According to Indian customs, he took off all his clothes and put on a loincloth and a blanket. He painted his face and shaved off his hair. Then he stayed out in the woods all alone for three weeks. That scared Grandma Julie.

Julie attended the Mission until she was twelve. From there, she went to school in Newkirk for two years. Grandma then attended Haskell Institute at Lawrence, Kansas for three years. At that time, she was fourteen, but looked younger because she was short for her age, dark and skinny and had black, curly hair. Haskell was full of Indians—Cherokees, Seminoles and Cree. The Cree, according to Grandma, were a mean lot. There were also a lot of half-bloods and quarter-bloods.

Grandma shared a room with four

other girls. There would be a bugle roll call in the morning and she was always late for breakfast. They had their meals in a big airy room. There was also a shack where they could go and have junk food. At the school, the boys and girls never did anything together, except for socials. That was when the boys and girls got together in the circle. (At Haskell it was built in a circle.)

Saturdays were town days. The girls went one Saturday and the boys, the next. Grandma liked to go to basketball games. One day she went to town and saw a fight. The girls started acting crazy so they had to go back to school. Once a month,, there was a dress parade. The girls stood at attention and the boys marched forward and saluted the flag. Grandma also enjoyed going to the picture shows and band music. Grandma went to school for half a day and then to work. She was a good student. Some of her courses were Domestic Art and Science Art (actually cooking.) Punishment for bad behavior was standing in the corner or sewing carpet rags. That's when she had to tear old clothes into strips, sew them together, and then, weave them into rugs.

Some of Grandma's recollections from her teenage days were of stealing apples from a nearby orchard and getting caught. And of skipping Sunday school by hiding in the blanket room and getting caught when another girl sneezed. Also, her mom didn't let her date until she was sixteen years old. She only had one boyfriend.

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FAMILY HISTORY - JULIE EMALINE PAPPAN



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Julie remembered knowing Washunga, the Chief. She call him "Old Wash." He looked like a woman. He died when he was 100 years old. She also remembered Charlie Curtis, who was Vice President of the U.S. under Herbert Hoover. He was her first cousin.

While at a ball game in Washunga with a bunch of kids, Julie met her future husband. He was dark, tall and skinny. His name was Joseph Henry LeClair. Six weeks later, they got married. Her husband was part Potawatomi, Ponca and French. He was raised on the Ponca Reservation and spoke Ponca. He worked nearly thirty years for the Shell Company. He also worked on the 101 Ranch located in Marland, Oklahoman as a handyman. When they first married, they lived in an isolated farmhouse. Later, they moved around, depending on Grandpa's job with the Shell Company.

When she was very young, Julie gave birth to her one and only child. The parents couldn't figure out what to name their first-born, so they placed names in a hat and drew out Loretta. Julie was a good mother, according to her daughter. She was always cooking. Pies were one of Grandma's favorite pastries. What she is famous for in our family is cherry pie and I've eaten a lot of them. They are excellent.

Grandma's driving career began and ended with a Model T Ford. On their way to Marland, Grandma and her daughter were crossing Salt Fork River and they ran into the bridge. A man helped them out and fixed the tire. Fortunately, neither of them was hurt. But, that was the last time she ever drove.

One day, the family was going to a dance where Henry was to play the fiddle and Julie was to accompany him on the piano. They were driving along the side of the railroad tracks when the horse got frightened. Henry tried to stop the one-horse buggy and got knocked off his pins. Grandma had both of her ankles caught and she was dragged for a little way. She sprained both ankles. Julie had to use crutches for about three weeks.

Television didn't seem real to Julie. She like to watch it though. Grandma also liked radio a whole bunch. She listened to it most of the time. Grandma didn't have a lot to do with World War One because Henry didn't pass the physical due to a bad right eye. The War ended on her daughter's birthday. Little Loretta thought all the celebration was for her. She was only four years old.

When her daughter was in high school, Julie weighed about 200 pounds and was short, fat and dumpy. She

started losing weight when she had all of her teeth pulled. She just went down to the Pawnee Indian Agency and zap. She was forty-four years old.

In 1936, her one and only grandchild was born. Grandma and Grandpa took my dad all over with them on vacations. They went to Texas, Old Mexico, Eagle Pass, Pike's Peak and many more places. They camped all over the country. Every year they did something. Shortly after my dad's birth, Julie's mother died. She was seventy-eight.

In 1968, Henry died of a heart attack right before his fourth great-grandchild was born. My great grandparents had been married fifty seven years.

Grandma Julie is now eighty-six, a little hard of hearing and resides with her daughter in Arkansas City, Kansas. They live right next to her old house, which she helped to build with my Dad and her husband. She helps her daughter with hemming clothing from downtown department stores. Once in a while, they come to visit us or my family goes to visit them. Its is a five hour trip, so we don't make it that often, except for special occasions. She still cooks, too, and always has a pie ready for us. She's my very special grandma.

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CROWNING OF A PRINCESS

This picture was taken around 1957 or 1958. My papa and mama were part of the pow-wow club at that time. My blood line is Ponca and Otoe.

I was a contestant in the Princess contest and just happened to win that year. My mother made my costume for this event and I still have it to this day, which I cherish.

The elder putting on my plume is Newman Littlewalker. (Kaw)

The boy in the background is Pee-Wee Clark, Ponca Tribe.

The pow-wow was held across the river on highway 60 in Osage country. The properties belonged to a man called Bitsy White (Osage Tribe).

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