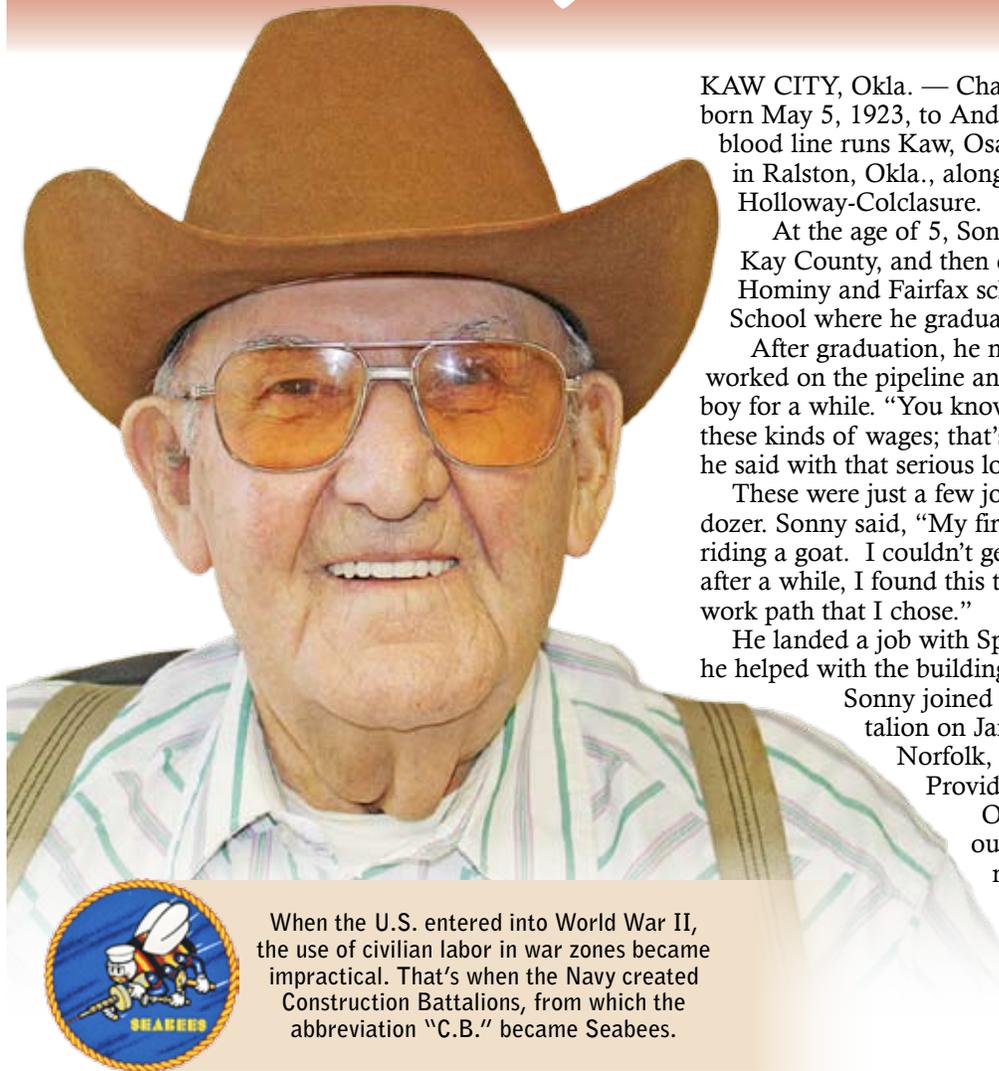




# Reflections: Sonny Holloway



KAW CITY, Okla. — Charles L. Holloway, a.k.a. Sonny, was born May 5, 1923, to Andrew and Mary Holloway. His Indian blood line runs Kaw, Osage and Potawatomi. Sonny grew up in Ralston, Okla., along with his younger sister, Mary Evelyn Holloway-Colclasure.

At the age of 5, Sonny started school at Big Beaver in Kay County, and then continued his elementary education in Hominy and Fairfax schools. He attended Webb City High School where he graduated.

After graduation, he mowed lawns for 50 cents an hour, worked on the pipeline and even bought a saddle and was a cowboy for a while. “You know people used to feed their families on these kinds of wages; that’s when 50 cents was worth 50 cents,” he said with that serious look in his eye.

These were just a few jobs he did before finding his Dad’s dozer. Sonny said, “My first experience on a D4-Dozer was like riding a goat. I couldn’t get the blade to go up and down. But after a while, I found this to be my natural niche, so this is the work path that I chose.”

He landed a job with Spicer Inc. out of Oklahoma City, where he helped with the building of Fort Gibson Dam.

Sonny joined the Seabees Naval Construction Battalion on Jan. 9, 1943, and was shipped out to Norfolk, Va., for basic training, then onward to Providence, R.I., for more advanced training.

On May 13, 1943, his unit was shipped out to the Aleutian Islands, a chain of more than 300 small volcanic islands in the Northern Pacific Ocean, for 16 months, and then onward to Ie Shima at Okinawa. The skills Sonny acquired on that Dozer would soon be put to use.

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When the U.S. entered into World War II, the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical. That’s when the Navy created Construction Battalions, from which the abbreviation “C.B.” became Seabees.



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# A message from the Chairman-CEO

Dear Kaw Tribal Members:

As the New Year gets underway, we have a lot of activities and goals to achieve. Make sure to visit our website for the time and date of the Open House for the Learning Center, Wahununga Days, and our First Veterans Honor Dance, just go to [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com) and follow the upcoming calendar of events.

I am extending a personal invitation to all tribal members and their families



**GUY MUNROE**  
Chairman  
and CEO,  
Kaw Nation

to attend our First Annual Veterans Honor Dance. It will be held Saturday, March 27, 2010, at the Kaw Nation Community Center located at the Powwow Grounds, North of Kaw City, Okla. All veterans and

friends are invited as well as family members of Kaw veterans whose portraits will be dedicated are asked to participate. Make sure to mark this date on your calendar. This event is hosted by the Kaw Nation Veterans Society and the Cultural Committee.

To help make communication easier, you are invited to call Kaw Nation Administrative Headquarters at any time to ask questions, share your concerns, request help, comment on tribal activities,

or share your family news and achievements with us. If I am unavailable when you call, please leave your name and number with a message on my voice mail, and I will return your call as soon as possible. My extension is 201, and our Toll free number is 1-866-404-5297 (KAWS).

Our business hours are Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

*Guy Munroe*  
Chairman-CEO

## LETTERS TO THE CHAIRMAN

Dear Mr. Munroe:

As a Kaw tribal member now just beyond the age of 65, I wanted to convey my thanks for the thoughtful words of the card that the Kaw Nation recently sent out, and for the elders' Christmas check that accompanied the card.

Prior to my relocation to southwest Texas in December 2002, I was in New York (City) for 34 years and consequently too distant to attend any tribal meetings or gatherings other than one Powwow in (1993). While in New York during those last few years, I did have the pleasure of meeting Jim Pepper Henry twice — before he moved to the Capitol (where the Museum of the American Indian was in the process of planning its new building on the Mall, and Jim joined the museum's repatriation program).

It feels "foreign" to now be addressed as an elder, when I consider the elders in my family. W.R. Colvin, my grandfather who, though much of his working career was spent with Stanolind Oil, was always a showman at heart, and before moving his family from Topeka to Tulsa, had organized All-Indian Rodeos in northeastern Kansas, where there are Sac & Fox and Potawatomi reservations; or his younger son Dick, who by his junior year at Tulsa High had trained a pair of midget mules to a professional level, traveling on the road with the Dan Rice Circus for a year, and then with the Pawnee Bill Wild West Show in its last season, from its base in Pawnee, Okla. (W.R. Colvin was Charles Curtis's nephew).

Though I will be unable to attend the quarterly meeting on Jan. 10, 2010, I will

appreciate remaining on the mailing list regarding future events.

After having not gotten any reports from Kaw City (other than a questionnaire) for most of the current decade, it's good to receive word once again.

*With sincere thanks,*  
**Bruce Colvin**  
Fort Davis, Texas

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The Honorable Guy Munroe:

Thank you for again blessing many Native American prisoners with your gift of calendars. Because of your generosity, these wonderful pictures and educational information will inspire the men who look at their calendars every day. From the bottom of their hearts, they say "Thank you!"

I will begin to distribute your gifts at the Creek County

Jail, and within a few weeks, Native American inmates at the Davis and Boley State Prisons will also receive their personal calendars from Kaw Nation. When visiting one of the prisoners, he said: "I can't tell you how much this calendar means to me, to have my very own calendar!" I can still recall his smiling face.

If I may quote from Matthew 25:34-36: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison, and you came to me."

May God bless you greatly in this New Year and in his new decade for the compassion!

*Sincerely,*  
**John R. Helstrom**  
Sapulpa, Okla.

## SUBMISSIONS

If you would like to submit a letter to the editor, please mail it to the *Kanza News*, Attn: Jennie Baker, P.O. Box 50, Kaw City, OK 74641; e-mail [jbaker@kawnation.com](mailto:jbaker@kawnation.com), or fax to 580-269-1161.

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## CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM



**Project Coordinator Aaron Carlson discusses potential constitutional changes with tribal members in Wichita, Kan.**

**The reform project has finished the first round of public hearings and will begin the first draft of the new Kaw Constitution in March.**

**If you need additional information or have comments for the reform committee, visit [www.kawcrp.com](http://www.kawcrp.com) or call Aaron at 580-269-2552.**

### **SONNY** *Continued from the front page*

I asked Sonny what was a “Seabee” and how did they get their name? He said: “Well it all began after the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entered into World War II, the use of civilian labor in war zones became impractical, that’s when the Navy created Construction Battalions from which the abbreviation “C.B.” became Seabees.

“The Seabees were recruited from civilian construction trades and were placed under the leadership of the Navy’s Civil Engineer Corps. The Navy wanted experience and skill rather than the physical abilities — the average age during the early days of the war was around 37 years of age. But I was a lot younger than those fellows; I was only 19 years old.”

He continued to explain that most of the construction work was needed to build major airstrips, bridges, roads, gasoline storage tanks, latrines, Quonset huts, ammunition sites and

mess halls.

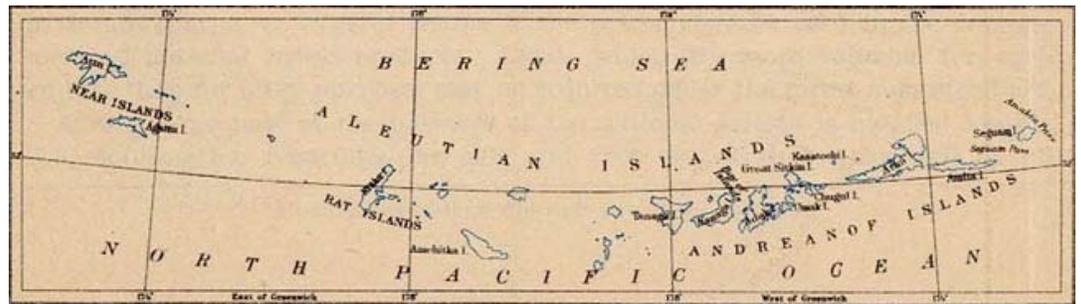
When asked if he had seen any live action, he stated: “Well, let’s just say that I helped carry out many men. We lost over 3 percent of our outfit (Seabee MU-509) and our unit received the Bronze Star. Some of the guys in our unit couldn’t handle

then my job took me out of town. I saved enough money to buy a ring and a \$20 bus ticket. Upon writing Blance a letter, asking her to marry me, I explained that if she wanted to take the \$20 sent to her to catch a bus out, that would be fine, but if she didn’t want to get married, she could just keep the \$20

seum Board.

When asking Mr. Holloway what advice he would give young men and women just starting out in the workforce today, he did not hesitate by saying, “Find another occupation other than dozing; it looks easy, but it’s harder than you think.”

It was an honor to



this, you know; it got stuck in their heads, but I was able to put that out of my mind each day by just being thankful I was still alive.”

After being discharged, Sonny came home where, he said, “I sowed my oats for a while, and that’s when Blance Harton came into my life. We dated for a while and

and have a good time.

“Well, needless to say, she was on the next bus out. We got married May 8, 1948, and were married for 57 years until her death in Aug. 14, 2005.”

Sonny owned and operated Holloway Dozier Service for 31 years. He also serves on the Kanza Mu-

interview Mr. Holloway; I found him to be sincere, witty, down to earth, and for those of you that have had the pleasure of visiting with Sonny, well then you know he can be a little ornery at times as well.

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Article by  
**JENNIE BAKER**



## GROUNDBREAKING FOR NEW WATER TOWER



Official groundbreaking took place Dec. 22, 2009, for a new 210-foot, 300,000-gallon water tower to be located at the Kanza Travel Plaza in Braman, Okla. The Kaw Nation is constructing the \$1,266,750 (75/25 percent grant match) tower which will provide improved water service for the City of Braman, and rural customers northward to the Kansas State Line. Completion is projected for late summer 2010. Pictured from left, J.E. Miller, Kanza Travel Plaza General Manager; Jerry Johnston, Braman Mayor; Luther Pepper, Kaw Elder; Kaw Executive Council members Lonnie Burnett, Marilyn York and Carol Hare; Gary Kinder II, Engineer for Mehlburger Brawley of Oklahoma City; State Sen. David Myers; and Bob Kennish of Mehlburger Brawley.

## Domestic Violence program begins

The Domestic Violence Program for the Kaw Nation officially began Nov. 30, 2009. This three-year grant was funded by the Department of Justice, Office of Violence against Women. A short overview of the new program includes the following:

The **first** year of the grant includes finding an office, building the supplies and resource materials for the office, organizing an Advisory Board, creating policies and procedures, Tribal Law Codes, and attending trainings. Conducting training for law enforcement, attorneys, healthcare workers, advocates and other Directors of Domestic Violence Programs will also be included in this first year of the grant.

Year **two** will be spent obtaining Memorandums of Understanding between Peach Tree Landing and the North Central Oklahoma Domestic Violence Shelter for the upcoming year. Another objective of the grant is to conduct trainings locally (in either Ponca City or Newkirk) for local law enforcement, trib-

al officers, and healthcare workers (both tribal and non tribal), advocates and anyone directly involved with Native American Domestic Violence cases, as well as continuing to build resource materials for future clients.

The **third** year of the grant will be spent taking new clients, and continuing to attend various trainings (locally and nationally). We will be conducting train-

ing locally, regarding Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault issues, along with building a database for statistical data.

The Program Office is located in Ponca City. The address of the office will remain confidential due to privacy issues for future clients and their families.

The Project Coordinator who has been hired for the position is Desiree R. Heskett. She has a passion for this pro-

gram and the Native American women, children and families this grant will serve because Desiree herself is a survivor of Domestic Violence.

She has a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Psychology, with a minor in Substance Abuse, which she obtained from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. Her past experience includes

work in the areas of Child Welfare, Adult Mental Health, and Adolescent Mental Health. In addition, she has also worked with homeless men, and as an intern at the Kay County Domestic Violence Shelter. Her experience is eclectic and will be very useful in this position.

Desiree lives in Blackwell, is married, and has 3 children, ages 15, 11 and 6 months.





# Kanza Child Day Care Open House Christmas Party



On Dec. 3, the Kanza Child Care Center held an Open House for family and friends. The background was designed by the students.

As you can see in the photo, the Christmas tree, fireplace and stockings were all hung up in a roll.

The Toddler group performed first with "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer."

Next on the list were the preschoolers. They designed their own costumes, which consisted of Santa hats, and rang the bells as they sang, "Jingle Bells."



Last but certainly not least was the school age group. They read for the audience, and showed self-portraits drawings of how they actually saw themselves.



After the performances parents were invited to eat snacks and to make a family project together.

The turnout was great. We would like to say "thank you" to all the staff for making this a very special event. You are helping build memories for our kids.

— Mandy Karleskint, site coordinator



Mandy Karleskint, site coordinator, and Sarah Smith, master toddler teacher.



Alyn Hill, Lana Winburn and Megan Burke, teachers, and Kelli Burke, CCDF contact representative.



**It's hard to believe that spring is just around the corner. Oklahoma and other places in the country have such unpredictable weather, that we want to be prepared for anything that Mother Nature decides to send our way, especially tornadoes.**

# Tornado

There is no such thing as guaranteed safety inside a tornado. Freak accidents happen, and the most violent tornadoes can level and blow away almost any house and its occupants. Extremely violent F5 tornadoes are very rare, though. Most tornadoes are actually much weaker and can be survived using these safety ideas...

an underground tornado shelter or an interior "safe room."

## Know the signs of a tornado

Weather forecasting science is not perfect, and some tornadoes do occur without a tornado warning. There is no substitute for staying alert to the sky. Besides an obviously visible tornado, here are some things to look and listen for:

- Strong persistent rotation in the cloud base.
- Whirling dust or debris on the ground under a cloud base —t ornadoes sometimes have no funnel.
- Hail or heavy rain followed by either dead calm or a fast, intense wind shift. Many tornadoes are wrapped in heavy precipitation and can't be seen.
- Day or night — loud, continuous roar or rumble, which doesn't fade in a few seconds like thunder.
- Night — small, bright, blue-green to white flashes at ground level near a thunderstorm, as opposed to silvery lighting up in the clouds. These mean power lines are being snapped by very strong wind, maybe a tornado.
- Night — persistent lowering from the cloud base, illuminated or silhouetted by lighting — especially if it is on the ground or there is a blue-green-white power flash underneath.

## Prevention and practice before the storm

At home, have a family tornado plan in place, based on the kind of dwelling you live in and the safety tips below. Know where you can take shelter in a matter of seconds, and practice a family tornado drill at least once a year. Have a predetermined place to meet after a disaster.

Flying debris is the greatest danger in tornadoes, so store protective coverings — mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets, etc. — in or next to your shelter space, ready to use on a few seconds' notice. When a tornado watch is issued, think about the drill and check to make sure all your safety supplies are handy. Turn on local TV, radio or NOAA Weather Radio and stay alert for warnings. Forget about the old notion of opening windows to equalize pressure; the tornado will blast open the windows for you.

If you shop frequently at certain stores, learn where there are bathrooms, storage rooms or other interior shelter areas away from windows, and the shortest ways to get there.

All administrators of schools, shopping centers, nursing homes, hospitals, sports arenas, stadiums, mobile home communities and offices should have a tornado safety plan in place, with easy-to-read signs posted to direct everyone to a safe, close by shelter area. Schools and office building managers should regularly run well-coordinated drills.

If you are planning to build a house, especially east of the Rockies, consider

## What to do

**In a house with a basement.** Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection — like a heavy table or work bench, or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag.

Know where very heavy objects rest on the floor above — pianos, refrigerators, waterbeds, etc. — and do not go under them. They may fall down through a weakened floor and crush you.

**In a house with no basement, a dorm, or an apartment:** Avoid win-

Submitted by **GARY ROBISON**  
Director, Kaw Nation  
Emergency Management Program





# Season's coming

dows. Go to the lowest floor, small center room, like a bathroom or closet, under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands. A bathtub may offer a shell of partial protection.

Even in an interior room, you should cover yourself with some sort of thick padding — mattress, blankets, etc. — to protect against falling debris in case the roof and ceiling fail.

**In an office building, hospital, nursing home or skyscraper:** Go directly to an enclosed, windowless area in the center of the building — away from glass and on the lowest floor possible. Then, crouch down and cover your head. Interior stairwells are usually good places to take shelter, and if not crowded, allow you to get to a lower level quickly.

Stay off the elevators; you could be trapped in them if the power is lost.

**In a mobile home:** Get out! Even if your home is tied down, you are probably safer outside, even if the only alternative is to seek shelter out in the open. Most tornadoes can destroy even tied-down mobile homes, and it is best not to play the low odds that yours will make it.

If your community has a tornado shelter, go there fast. If there is a sturdy permanent building within easy running distance, seek shelter there.

Otherwise, lie flat on low ground away from your home, protecting your head. If possible, use open ground away from trees and cars, which can be blown onto you.

**At school:** Follow the drill. Go to the interior hall or room in an orderly way as you are told. Crouch low, head down, and protect the back of your head with your arms. Stay away from windows and large open rooms like gyms and auditoriums.

**In a car or truck:** Vehicles are extremely dangerous in a tornado. If

the tornado is visible, far away, and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of its path by moving at right angles to the tornado. Otherwise, park the car as quickly and safely as possible — out of the traffic lanes. (It is safer to get the car out of mud later if necessary than to cause a crash.)

Get out and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If in the open country, run to low ground away from any cars (which may roll over on you). Lie flat and face-down, protecting the back of your head with your arms.

Avoid seeking shelter under bridges, which can create deadly traffic hazards while offering little protection against flying debris.

**In the open outdoors:** If possible, seek shelter in a sturdy building. If not, lie flat and face-down on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Get as far away from trees and cars as you can; they may be blown onto you in a tornado.

**In a shopping mall or large store:** Do not panic. Watch for others. Move as quickly as possible to an interior bathroom, storage room or other small enclosed area, away from windows.

**In a church or theater:** Do not panic. If possible, move quickly but orderly to an interior bathroom or hallway, away from windows. Crouch face-down and protect your head with your arms. If there is no time to do that, get under the seats or pews, protecting your head with your arms or hand.

## After the tornado

Keep your family together and wait for emergency personnel to arrive. Carefully render aid to those who are injured. Stay away from power lines and puddles with wires in them; they may still be carrying electricity. Watch your step to avoid broken glass, nails, and other sharp objects.

Stay out of any heavily damaged houses or buildings; they could collapse at any time. Do not use matches or lighters, in case of leaking natural gas pipes or fuel tanks nearby. Remain calm



Damage from an F4 tornado in Moore, Okla., May 3, 1999. Photo by Mike Branick, National Weather Service

and alert, and listen for information and instructions from emergency crews or local officials.

For weather updates in your area, log onto [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com). Listed under programs you will find emergency management. Click on this site to keep you updated on weather, Pandemic Flu outbreaks, West Nile virus prevention tips and helpful hints for you and your family on weather related events.



*In loving  
memory of our  
Kaw tribal  
members*

**Margie Honn**

*d. Oct. 23, 2009*

**Melvin Crisp**

*d. Nov. 16, 2009*

**Thomas Hardy**

*d. Dec. 26, 2009*

**Marvin Pettitt**

*d. Dec. 25, 2009*

**James D. Pappan**

*d. Jan. 21, 2010*



**Kaw Nation  
is pleased to  
announce three  
new members  
to the Tax  
Commission:  
Bill Kekahbah,  
Carol Hare and  
Sarah Yanez.**

## Obama to Indian leaders: 'I'm on your side'

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama assured American Indians on Thursday Nov. 5, 2009 they have a place in his White House and on his agenda, telling tribal leaders their marginalized community deserves more from its government.

"I get it. I'm on your side," Obama told the largest gathering of tribal leaders in U.S. history.

Obama devoted part of his own time that Thursday and even more of his administration's attention toward renewing relations with American Indians. He opened a conference that drew leaders from 386 tribal nations, the first meeting of its kind in 15 years and he ordered every Cabinet agency to take more steps toward more cooperation.

The president returned to the event at the Interior Department late in the day for closing remarks, as scheduled, but he altered his message to address a deadly shooting rampage that occurred the same day at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas. He said his administration would get answers to every question about the incident.

Obama's outreach to tribal leaders amounted to a campaign promise kept from a president who got significant support from Native Americans on his way to the White House.

It comes as American Indians remain entrenched in a class-action lawsuit against the federal government, claiming the government has long swindled them out of land royalties. Obama said he

didn't blame tribal leaders for skepticism about another politician offering hopeful words. But said he has no interest in going through the motions of just holding a summit with them.

The president seemed to connect best when he told his audience that he was like them: an "outsider" who grew up without a father, moved around a lot, and understood what it was like to struggle and be ignored. "You will not be forgotten as long as I'm in this White House," Obama said to a sustained ovation.

Whether that promise results in action over the next few years will be the test. In a



question and-answer session, audience members pressed Obama for government help on a litany of matters, from more respect for sovereignty rights to environmental clean-up to concerns about offshore drilling.

One leader pleaded with Obama to find a way to make the federal commitment lasting, so that it would not be at the whim of White House elections.

In the process, the speaker predicted Obama would win reelection, which apparently stuck with the president as he pledged to enforce the laws of the land. "For the next eight years the next four years

at least, let me not jump the gun," Obama said, catching himself.

He finished the thought more narrowly by saying that for "the next three years and one month" of his term that he would ensure a new relationship is in place.

During the conference, agency officials and tribal leaders discussed problems facing American Indians, including economic development, education, health care, public safety and housing.

The president signed a memo calling on every cabinet agency to give him a detailed plan to improve the relationship between the government and tribal communities. He has made good on pledges to hold the summit and to give American Indians a prominent voice on his senior staff. "We respect you as a man of your word," responded Jefferson Keel, president of the National Congress of American Indians.

"I promised you a voice on my senior staff in the White House so that you'd have a seat at the table when important decisions are being made about your lives, your nations, and your people, and that's why I appointed Kimberly Teehee of the Cherokee Nation as my Native American policy advisor; and Jodi Gillette of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to work directly with all of you," Obama said. "That's why Secretary Salazar and I selected Larry Echo Hawk of the Pawnee Nation to serve as Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs here at Interior. And they are doing great work so far."



# Battle of the Plains Powwow Competition

DEWEY, Okla. — The “Battle of the Plains” Youth Powwow was held on Jan. 23, 2010, in Dewey, Okla.

This powwow was a contest between Operation Eagle Dancers from Bartlesville Schools and all Johnson O’Malley Program, and Title VII Native American Dance Groups. There were more than 300 youths who participated in this event from Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas, Missouri and Alabama.

Storm Brave and Dewey Donelson represented the Shidler Schools JOM Program. Former Kaw Nation Princess Storm Brave competed in Girls Cloth, ages 14-16,

while Dewey, her brother, competed in Boys Straight, ages 14-16. Dewey won first place in his competition, and Katzy Buffalohead, who is 2½ years old, competed in the Tiny Tot division.

The Osage Nation JOM ended up in second place with a total of 52 points. Osage Nation also coordinated the Shidler Schools JOM Program.

Storm Brave and Dewey Donelson are the children of Little Carol Clark, and all are Kaw Tribal members. Katzy Buffalohead is the daughter of Jason and Amanda Wamego Buffalohead and niece to Dewey and Storm.

## MILESTONES



Anna Cooper Brewer will turn 104 years of age this year. She was born July 12, 1906.

She is one of the oldest living Kaw women. She stays with her son during the winter months in Farmington, N.M., and during the summer she resides at her home in St. Francis, Kan.

“She is in good health and still maintains to be that beautiful person,” says her niece, Colleen Bellmard.

For those wishing to send her a card, her address is 914 DonRoven Lane, Farmington, NM 87401.

Left, Dewey Donelson, Storm Brave and Katzy Buffalohead. Below, Katzy Buffalohead, 2½, dressed for Tiny Tot competition.



## Regalia Fashion Show set during powwow



The Kanza Museum Board of Directors is hosting a Regalia Fashion Show, during the 2010 Kaw Intertribal Powwow. This event will be held at the annual Kaw Nation Intertribal Powwow the first weekend of August.

The Kanza Museum Board is requesting the participation of Kaw tribal members — male, and female, children and adult — who would like to participate in this event to contact Crystal Douglas, Museum Director, at our toll-free

number 1-866-404-5297, ext. 235.

The goal is to create an opportunity for you to exhibit your personal work, or that of a family member who is no longer with us. The traditions of the Kaw people should be celebrated and delivered with the style and pride of a great Nation.

This is a great opportunity to visit with tribal members that travel from other states to join us in this celebration, as well as visiting with friends and family.



# Learning Center

Kaw Nation broke ground on the new Education Learning Center, in May 2009. The Learning Center is located next to the Social Services Building at 803 Washunga, in Kaw City, Okla.

This 4,200-square foot building was partially funded by the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Development Grant Program.

This facility has a conference room, research area, library, kitchen, a meeting room with teleconferencing, and audio/video capabilities. One unique feature is a walking trail focusing on a holistic family learning approach. These learning programs will encompass language, culture, environmental, job skill training, and educational programs.

Jim Butler, Kaw Nation tribal member, was the Project Manager for the construction of this building, Wayne Mitchell, ICDGB Director, and Traci Townsend, ICDGB Administrative Assistant, assisted with coordinating this project.

It's only a matter of time before shelves will be stocked and computers will be up and running for your convenience. Stay tuned for an Open House date.





# To Bridge a Gap Conference

*Ninth annual to be held March 29 thru April 1*

The Muscogee Creek Nation will host the ninth annual "To Bridge A Gap" Conference, in collaboration with the National Forest Service.

This conference is designed to strengthen Government-to-Government relationships between the USDA Forest Service and federally recognized Tribal Governments with interests in our Forests.

The Forest Service and Tribal Governments have a desire and obligation to establish Government-to-Government relationships where there are mutual interests in managing the cultural, natural, or social resources of the National Forests.

The conference will be held at the Southern Hills Marriott Hotel in Tulsa, and will provide opportunities for Tribal and Forest Service leaders to share information about their respective missions, values, program activities, and interests.

Topics for this year's To Bridge A Gap will include:

- GPS (Global Positioning System), and GPR (Ground Penetrating Radar) for preservation.
- We Are Distinctly Unique Peoples and Cultures
- Tribal Consultation Best Practices
- Tribal and NFS Collaborative Programs
- Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA) and Vandalism Issues
- Native American Graves Protection

and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)

- GIS (Geographic Information System): Benefits for Preservation
- Tribal Environmental Programs and Issues
- National Tribal Historic Preservation Program: Updates and Application Process

Guest Speaker will be Jefferson Keel, Lieutenant Governor of the Chickasaw Nation and President of the National Congress of American Indian.

Several federal and state agencies will be present including National Forest Service from various regions, Army Corp. of Engineers, State Historic Preservation Offices, National Park Service, and National Resources Conservation Service.

The To Bridge A Gap Conference is a wonderful opportunity to discuss tribal relations and cultural preservation issues, and participate with others whom are dedicated to improving this relationship.

For more information including registration forms, contact Joyce Bear, MCN, Cultural Preservation Department at 918-732-7731; or Johnnie Jacobs at 918-732-7835, [johnniej@muscoegenation-nsn.gov](mailto:johnniej@muscoegenation-nsn.gov).

Conference registration and hotel information can also be found on the Muscogee Creek Nation website at [www.muscoegenation-nsn.gov](http://www.muscoegenation-nsn.gov) under Bulletins on the homepage.

## KAW WOMEN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

Kaw Women's Health Program wants to remind all women to please schedule your clinical breast exam, Pap test and mammogram.

Mammograms are recommended to begin at age 40. If you are younger than 40, with a family history of breast cancer, a baseline mammogram between age 35-40 is recommended.

Breast cancer, if diagnosed early, can be cured. Pap test detects cervical cancer which can be prevented. Early diagnosis can lead to a cure.

Remember you need to take care of yourself so you can take care of your family.



Kaw Women's Health Staff  
Lana, Lisa, Ginger and Mary

# NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

## QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

**Sunday, April 11, 2010 from 10 a.m. to noon**

**New Community Building**

**Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds**

**Lunch will be served at noon**

**Please go to our website at [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com) for future notices**

Should you have questions, contact Carolyn Delaney, Executive Secretary, Kaw Nation, 580-269-2552



# The Ultimate *Eagle* Watch

KAW CITY, Okla.  
— With heavy fog in the forecast, this was not the best viewing conditions for the Ultimate Eagle Watch tours. However six to eight Bald Eagles were spotted at Pioneer Cove.

Unfavorable conditions did not stop the 500 visitors from pouring in and filling each session. A variety of programs were available at the Kaw Nation Complex and the Kaw City Community Center. There were people from Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Perkins, Oswego and Bartlesville, Okla., and Independence, Kan. This sets a new record for attendees at this annual event.

Kids and adults both filled the room as Ryan Van Zant and Jennifer Reeder of Sutton Avian Research Center presented the “Live Eagle Program.” In the center photo, Reeder holds Fiona, the live eagle that always draws a big crowd.

In the bottom left photo, Kathy and Gary Siftar, of Raptor Rehabilitators, gave a very educational presentation on how raptors are injured and then brought to them for healing. Kathy and Gary take care of these animals out of passion and the love of their work. No funding is given to them; it’s strictly by donations only.





Mark Howery, Biologist with ODWC, presented the history of the eagle, while Luther Pepper, Kaw Tribal Elder and Executive Council Member, told about the significance of eagles to Native Americans. Dave Hensley, Kaw Nation Environmental Program, presented a slide show on "The Water Eagles."

Cinnamon Valley Exotics, and Jennifer Lance of Critter Tales, top photos, both brought live animals for everyone to see. From hedgehogs, snakes, owls, to porcupines and fur pellets, everyone seemed to be in awe.

A new addition was added to the programs this year. The Oklahoma Falconers Association, led by Kent Carbaugh of Bartlesville, Okla., brought in live falcons and told us everything you ever wanted to know about falcons.

Middle photo, from left, State Rep. Ken Luttrell, wife Brenda, and Wayne Mitchell, Director for Kaw Nations ICDGB Program, also attended the Eagle Watch.

Last but certainly not least was the free Native American luncheon served at the Kaw Nation Community Center, bottom photos. From corn soup, fry bread, boiled potatoes and grape dumplings, it was absolutely yummy.

The Ultimate Eagle Watch is sponsored and presented by the Kaw Lake Association, Kaw Nation, Kaw City Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sutton Avian Research Foundation and Ponca City Energy.

A special "thank you" to everyone for making these programs such a success, and we encourage you, your family and friends to join us next year.





## OUR NEWEST U.S. MARINE



Patrick Kevin Simpson graduated from Cordova High School in Sacramento, Calif., in May 2009 and with Honors.

Patrick enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps, graduated from Boot Camp (MCRD) in San Diego, Calif. on Dec. 18, 2009. He was Charlie Company Platoon 1055, which was the "Honor Platoon" of all six platoons.

Private Simpson is now completing his Infantry School at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and will graduate on March 10, 2010.

Patrick is the great-grandson of the late Edgar Pepper. He is the proud grandson of Jo Ann Pepper-Thomason and son of proud mother Kelly Babby-Simpson.

We are very proud of Patrick and his accomplishments of becoming a U.S. Marine. The fact that he is so willing to sacrifice it all in this great need to fight, and defend our country, pretty much says it all.

His parents and numerous relatives are very proud, and know that he can fulfill his obligation with the strength he has already shown.

Let us do our part and pray for Patrick, and all of our troops every day. Just remember that the Marines have our back; they all do!.

Semper Fi.

Article submitted by  
**KELLY SIMPSON**  
Proud Mom

## KAW NATION SELF-GOVERNANCE DEPARTMENT

The Braman Trust application is finally moving forward. Comments have been submitted to the Bureau of Indian Affairs from the local officials and tribes on putting the land into trust.

The Southern Plains Regional Office will have to prepare a Findings of Fact and Determination, and the Office of Indian Gaming will review and make modifications, if necessary. Then the application will go to the Solicitor's Office for final approval before it goes to the Assistant Secretary. After the Assistant Secretary approves the package, it has to go to the Governor of Oklahoma for concurrence.

The Governor will have to concur before the land can be used for gaming. There is no way of knowing how long this process could take.

The 2010 Census form contains 10 questions and will take less than 10 minutes to complete. Census results will determine how

these funds — over \$400 billion — will be allocated to communities across the country.

One of the questions is race and also includes a place to put what tribe you are a member of. This is very important to fill out.

The Census forms will be mailed out in March 2010 and should be returned by April. The Census takers will be visiting households during the months of April through July for any individuals who have not yet returned their forms.

The Kaw Nation Self-Governance Department uses this data to submit reports to the Indian Health Services, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

You may reach the Self-Governance Department by calling

580-269-2552.

*Terri Humble, Self-Governance Director*

*Cheryl Vazquez, Self-Governance Coordinator/Trust Officer*

*Tammy Wingo, Self-Governance Secretary.*



IT'S IN OUR HANDS

## KANZA MUSEUM WORD SEARCH

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- Migration
- Missouri
- Neosho Valley
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- William Clark



# Kanza Wellness Center

Hello again from the Kanza Wellness Center:

More than ever, people are pressed for time. The daily demands on all of us seem to be ever-increasing. This has resulted in a strong desire, even from those with a solid commitment to exercise, to achieve the greatest good from the smallest amount of time. In response, the fitness industry has given rise to a new trend. An effort to bring the most comprehensive training techniques with a custom-focused sensibility has resulted in the fusion class.

In days gone by, it was common to go to one group exercise class for cardio, another for strengthening, and yet another for toning and flexibility, but no longer. Today, the fusion class is taking the best from a variety of disciplines and creating a comprehensive workout experience. Classes like cardio kickboxing and spin aerobics have become staples of group exercise.

We here at the Kanza Wellness Center are no stranger to this endeavor. For the last few years, water aerobics has been taught in our heated pool by our very own, in-house, certified instructor. It has combined the well-documented



benefits of aerobic exercise with the ease of movement and support that water provides. We are going to continue this trend in offering a brand new fusion class: Piloga.

Pilates and yoga, though focusing on different benefits, are natural complements to each other. Pilates is all about strengthening the body's core. Yoga seeks to quiet the mind and improve flexibility. Blending the two creates a workout focused on proper breathing techniques, building strength, and improving flexibility and focus. In short, it's a complete package. In addition, every move can be modified to suit every fitness level. You can reduce stress, increase peace of mind, and even re-

habilitate from injury.

We are excited to bring this new class to the Wellness Center. I want to personally invite you to come by the Wellness Center, and let our staff introduce you to the lasting benefits a commitment to exercise can make. Give Piloga, water aerobics, or personal training a try.

Begin your journey to personal health and wellness, and be the better for it.

*Good Health,*

*Ryan Smykil, Manager*

## FROM THE KANZA HEALTH DIRECTOR

These past few months we have been very busy and many good things have been happening.

We received the American Recovery Reconciliation Act (ARRA) Stimulus monies and we have completed the landscaping and refurbishing projects and implemented the Domestic Violence Program with the funds.

The Kanza Clinic projects included refurbishing the front lobby bathrooms, repairing the clinic front water drainage problem and landscaping, replacing the air conditioning and heating units on the front half of the clinic, installing soft water systems in the clinic and wellness center, and re-



placing the patient examination tables with new hydraulic Hi-Lo tables.

Nov. 30, 2009, we hired Desiree Heskett, B.S., M.C.P. as Project Coordinator for the Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program. The program's main focus will be to create awareness through education and training, prevention of domestic violence, and to provide services and assistance to victims and families of domestic violence within the Kaw Nation Service Area.

Many good things are happening and we look forward to the good things to come.

*Jackie Dodson,*

*Kanza Health Director*

# PRIDE

## National Diabetes Program

### What is PRIDE?

PRIDE is a diabetes education program offered to patients of the Kanza Health Clinic.

Our mission is to provide culturally appropriate diabetes care and education. PRIDE is being, Proud, Responsible Indians with Diabetes Education.

### Cultural competence

PRIDE's curriculum is based on the Indian Health Service's National Diabetes Program, "Balancing Your Life and Diabetes". This tested and effective curriculum provides culturally sensitive information about diabetes self-management and health care practices.

### PRIDE Classes

Education topics include:

#### Session One

What is diabetes?  
Blood glucose monitoring  
Balancing your blood sugar

#### Session Two

Making Healthy Changes  
Knowing Your Numbers: ABC

#### Session Three

Moving to Stay Healthy  
Diabetes: Mind, Spirit and Emotion  
Healthy Eating

#### Session Four

Diabetes Medicine Overview  
Taking Care of Your Feet  
Staying Healthy with Diabetes

Classes are offered in group or individual settings.

We encourage participants to have a family member or friend attend all sessions and meetings with them. The PRIDE program believes patients are more likely to have a positive attitude about learning when family members are supportive and enthusiastic about diabetes education.

Call Cindy Wilson, PHN, Diabetes Coordinator to schedule, 580-362-1039.



## KEDA · KAW ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

### Tobacco Row plans Second Annual Trade Show

On Wednesday, Feb. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tobacco Row will host its second annual Trade Show at SouthWind Casino.

Potential customers from throughout Oklahoma and Kansas have been invited to the show where its suppliers, including Amcon and Shepherd Oil, will be displaying their products.

Tobacco products that will be featured at the show include: American Spirit, Carnival, Echo, Kentucky's Best, Wildhorse, Roger, Wave, Commonwealth-USA-Sonoma, Cheyenne, Prime Time, No Limit/Bogar, Zig-Zag and Smokeless Delight E-Cigarettes.

Additional products like lighters, novelty items, tar blocking filters and beef jerky will also be on display.

The goal of the trade show is to gain new customers for our Tobacco Row wholesale division.



### KTP employees form Kanza-Kazzis

Led by team captain Nikki Simmons, employees of the Kanza Travel Plaza dressed in their colorful finest to play in Braman's First Annual Dodge Ball Tournament.

The event was a fundraiser by the parents and grandparents of Braman students with a goal of providing matching warmups for the students.

While the Kanza-Kazzis didn't place, much fun was had by all who participated.

### Woodridge Expansion coming soon

Plans to expand Woodridge Market are well under way as the first step of receiving bids was completed on Jan. 15.

Potential contractors had until the end of business that day to supply KEDA with their bids for the expansion which includes enlarging the kitchen and freezer/display areas.

### Changes at SouthWind Casino

The year 2009 was a year of change and improvement for SouthWind Casino. If you haven't been inside lately, now is a great time to visit.

First, the blackjack pit was moved to the extension area right outside the bingo hall. New tablecovers were installed and new games like Dead Man's Hand and Ultimate Texas Hold 'Em were brought in.

Next a wall was built around the poker area — but not just any wall. Custom glass with Native American themes was ordered from New Horizon Designer Glass. This gave the room privacy and protection from the sound of machines while still allowing in light. New lighting fixtures, table covers and custom cabinetry completed the room, which is a hit with our customers.

Next door to the poker area is our new off-track betting facility. SouthWind Casino is the only place in North-central Oklahoma where horse racing fans can participate in parimutuel betting. Com-

plete with more than 20 big screen TVs, our OTB area offers customers a way to watch and wager in style.

The SouthWind Bar is next to off-track betting. Currently the bar is able to offer beer and wine coolers. But a unique bar menu is also being developed that includes noodle and rice bowls with an Asian flair. The bar offers plenty of seating and is a great place to watch sports and racing.

And next to the bar is the SouthWind Roost. Serving chicken, shrimp, gizzards and more, the SouthWind Roost has become a popular place for area residents to get take-out or grab a quick meal.

And finally, Bingo has enhanced their schedule. In addition to playing on weekends, SouthWind Casino now has bingo on Thursday and Monday nights as well.

- Thursday — Minis at 6 p.m., session 7 p.m.
- Friday — Warmups at 5 p.m., session 7 p.m.
- Saturday — Warmups at 11 a.m., sessions at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., late nights after-evening session
- Sunday — Warmups at 11 a.m., sessions at 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., late nights after-evening session
- Monday — Minis at 6 p.m., session at 7 p.m.



## NATIONAL SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION PROGRAM

Currently the Kaw nation does not have a sex offender program in place. However, thanks to a federal grant, we are in the process of setting one up.

This program is used to protect tribal members and their families from convicted

sex offenders. This program will identify convicted sex offenders living in, and working on Kaw Nation tribal lands and within the Kaw Nation service area (Kay County, Oklahoma).

This Registry Program will be in compliance with the Sex

Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA), and should be up and running within the next few months.

The National Sex Offender Registration Program (NSORO) will be coordinated by Javier Yanez.

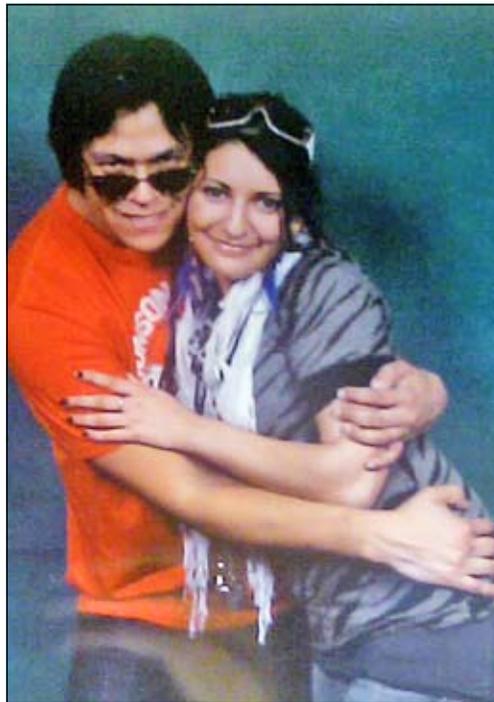
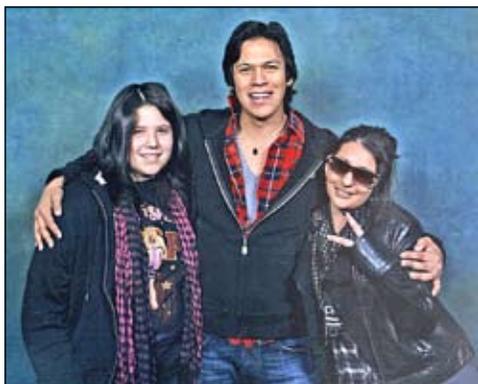
"As a father of four (all of

them being Kaw tribal members), I am very proud to be part of this program," Yanez said.

Should you have any questions concerning this program, contact Yanez at our toll-free number 1-866-404-5297, or 580-269-2552, ext. 214.



# Tribal members run with the Wolf Pack



Trip of a lifetime would easily be the description Jaelin Kent, described for her recent trip to Seattle, Wash.

Flying in an airplane for the first time was definitely an adventure, as well as riding Seattle's new Light Rail (train), seeing Mt. Ranier and touring the Space Needle.

However, the excitement was just building for the 12-year-old fan of the popular book and movie series, the Twilight Saga.

She went to Seattle to meet the actors known as the Wolf Pack.

They were the all-Indian cast members of the latest movie in the Twilight Saga, "New Moon," where certain members of the local Quileute Indian tribe shape-shift into wolves to combat vampires.

Jaelin's cousin, Brittany Dias, has a long-standing friendship with the lead character in the Wolf Pack, Chaske Spencer, who is originally from Tahl-equah, Okla.

Upon his suggestion to meet up in Seattle for the first Wolf Pack reunion since the movie premier, Brittany also decided to bring her mother, Kayla Kramer, and her cousin, Jaelin, along.

The three-day event included question-and-answer sessions with all of the actors answering questions submitted from the crowd, a formal dance and a breakfast meet-and-greet with the Wolf Pack actors: Chaske Spencer, playing Sam Uley; Kiowa Gordon, playing Embry Call; Bronson Pelletier, playing Jared; and Alex Meraz, playing Paul.

Not only did Jaelin walk away with pictures and autographs from all the actors and a stack of memories bigger than Mt. Ranier, she now has a new friend in Chaske Spencer.

Jaelin is the daughter of Kelly Test. Brittany Dias is the daughter of Kayla Kramer. Kayla and Kelly are the daughters of John Test and Carol Estes Hare.



## SOCIAL SERVICES *and* EDUCATIONAL NEWS



Kaw Nation Higher Education student Allison Box of Cushing, Okla., had the opportunity to visit France recently. Allison attends school at Oklahoma Baptist University. Her major is International Business with a minor in French.



**OSU BOUND.** Kaw tribal member Sydney Hurst is looking over a Kaw Nation higher education grant application for the 2010 fall semester. Sydney is a senior at Blackwell (Okla.) High School and is enrolled at Oklahoma State University this fall. For more information about the education programs, contact the education office at 580-269-1186 or e-mail [khowe@kawnation.com](mailto:khowe@kawnation.com).



Pictured with Karen Howe are Kaw tribal members George Sewell, left, of Emmett, Idaho, and Lonnie Glenn, of Wichita, Kan., who stopped by the Maude McCauley Rowe Social Services building in Kaw City. Mr. Glenn wanted to thank the Kaw Nation for the educational support provided to his daughters Lauren Glen, a scholarship student at Wichita State University, and Ashley Glenn, a graduate student at Harvard.



Student Caroline Miller is pictured reviewing FAFSA information to complete the Medical Assisting course at the Pioneer Technology Center in Ponca City. Caroline is a full-time employee at Sonic, and attends school part-time.

### SUBMISSIONS WELCOME

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Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space.



# Congratulations to these Kaw Tribal members



**Thaddeus Ball**  
Pioneer Technology Center  
CLEET phase I and II



**Keesha McKinney**  
Pioneer Technology Center  
Pharmacy Technician



**Carol Clark**  
Pioneer Technology Center  
Full-charge Bookkeeper

## Kaw Nation Tribal Social Services

The Kaw Nation provides several types of assistance to enrolled Kaw tribal members. The eyeglass, denture, hearing aid, burial and headstone assistance are benefits available to all enrolled Kaw tribal members no matter where you live. We serve Kaw tribal members all across the United States, in Europe and in Canada.

For eyeglass, denture and hearing aid assistance, members must first complete an application and receive an approval letter before receiving services. Tribal members may use any care center that will accept the Kaw Nation approval letter. Members may also use the Indian Health Service clinic in their area. Any amount over the approved amount is the responsibility of the tribal member.

It is our pleasure to assist members through the social services programs. For more information or an application, please contact the social services office at 580-269-1186 or visit the website at [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com).

### A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR GRANTS DEPARTMENT

The Kaw Nation's Diabetes Program is growing and going strong.

We have just received a continuation grant of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and I would like to thank the Grants and Contracts Department for being so knowledgeable and helpful. They worked very closely with Dr. Veal and me, as we put this grant together. The teamwork that was displayed will provide our patients with valuable resources, education, and the care to help prevent diabetes and to care for their diagnosis of diabetes.

*Cindy Wilson, RN  
Public Health Nurse  
Newkirk, OK 74647*

# KANZA LANGUAGE CLASSES

## SPRING 2010

Kaw tribal members, families, and community members welcome

Adults and children 12 and up welcome

Beginners welcome

Call (580) 269-1199 or write to [language@kawnation.com](mailto:language@kawnation.com) for more information

Classes held on Thursday nights, 6:00-7:30 pm, at the Maude McCauley Clark Rowe Social Services Building in Kaw City, OK.

Each module will focus on a traditional Kanza language story as narrated by a fluent-speaking Elder from the past.

Each module will feature independent content spread out across four weeks, so students can opt to take one or more modules.

A final pot-luck meal will give all participating students a chance to meet together and discuss what they've learned.



#### **"Battle between the Kansas & Cheyennes"**

*A Tribal War Story – Pahá'le Gáxli*  
March 11-April 1



#### **"War Customs"**

*A Tribal Funeral & Warpath Account – Waxóbe K'i'i*  
April 8-29



#### **Module Review**

*Recap Dinner*  
May 6

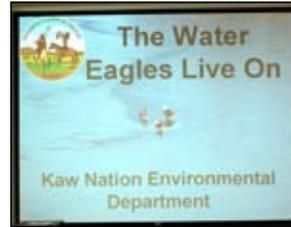


# KAW NATION ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS



## Eagle Watch

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department participated in the Kaw Eagle Watch on Jan. 16, 2010. Dave Hensley, Kaw Nation Environmental Specialist, gave a presentation on water quality



monitoring program focused on Kaw Lake entitled "The Water Eagles Live On." Additional live animal presentations by Critter Tales Inc., Oklahoma Falconers Association and Sutton Avian Research Center were all big hits. Although the day started out foggy, there were Bald Eagles spotted by the end of the day. Kaw Nation provided a traditional Native American free lunch, with more than 400 guests being served.



## Beaver Creek Wetland with Oklahoma State University

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department is working with Dr. Joe Bidwell and Dr. Craig A. Davis of Oklahoma State University to study Beaver Creek Wetland's plant and animal life. Dr. Bidwell has conducted a macro-invertebrate (bug) survey of the wetland, and Dr. Davis has conducted a vegetation survey. The professors will continue working with Kaw Nation Environmental Staff to conduct soil profile and wetland delineation. These efforts are funded by a USEPA grant to study the Beaver Creek Wetland. The overall goal of the project is to enhance, restore, and effectively sustain the wetland, and to identify, record, and continually monitor the plants and animals in this watershed. The site is an outdoor classroom where the Tribe can conduct classes on the environment.



## Dump site cleanup

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department has worked with D&P Tank Service Inc. to clean up a dump site just north of the Kaw Nation Pecan Grove. This is part of a continuing effort to protect the Tribes lands free from environmental degradation, which is funded by Tribal General Assistance Grant from the USEPA.

If you are aware of any dump sites that need to be cleaned up, please feel free to contact the Kaw Nation at our toll free number: 1-866-404-5297.



## Air quality

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department conducted an emission inventory of air pollution sources within a 50-mile radius of Kaw Nation Headquarters in Kaw City, Okla.

The six criteria of the emissions data gathered are air pollutants, ozone, particulate matter, carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, sulfur dioxide, and lead.

This data can hopefully be used to determine the health risk to local Tribal members.

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## Environmental Exchange Network

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department has made its first submission, of the water quality data, to the USEPA web exchange database. All of the water quality monitoring data from 2009 has been successfully uploaded. Kaw Nation Environmental IT Developer, George Fields, gave a presentation at the USEPA Region 6 Tribal Environmental Summit, over the Environmental Exchange Network, to tribal environmental staffs from Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana. George also traveled to Anadarko, Okla., to share our experience with the Environmental Exchange Network with Western Oklahoma Tribal Environmental Council, which includes the Caddo Nation, Apache Tribe, and others.



## Outreaches

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department staff, Renée Vickery, George Fields and Jamie Elmore, took the eighth grade Blackwell Middle School to the Oklahoma Aquarium in November — all 77 students.

The Blackwell Middle School eighth graders were first escorted to the educational room where they were presented an educational program by the name of “Turning the Tide.” The program focused on the ocean and how it has been viewed as a vast never ending resource, but we are gradually beginning to realize that the oceans are actually fragile and have been seriously impacted by human interaction. Marine life has been seriously depleted. Some species have become extinct and many ecosystems have become seriously imbalanced. This program is designed to acknowledge the problems the oceans are facing, but also focuses on what can be done.

The Oklahoma Aquarium has nine different rooms to explore. Over 95 percent of all animals on earth are invertebrates. The Biodiversity Gallery gives you a rare look at sponges, jellies, sea

urchins, corals, sea stars and many other spineless wonders along with the interactive Reasor’s Shrimp Boat Exhibit. In the Fishes of Oklahoma Room, you can see a 120-year-old alligator snapping turtle, 7-foot long gars, and many other amazing animals.

The students’ favorites were the Hayes’ Family Ozark Stream with river otters, beavers and raccoons, and the Oceans Room with the touch tanks that had stingrays and small sharks. The second best sight to walk through is the Shark Tunnel. The dome — all around and above — allows you to see the largest bull sharks in captivity swimming alongside you — and even right over your head.



With the help of the General Assistance Program Grant, the Kaw Nation Environmental Department supports area schools by giving funds for environmental teaching materials. Guy Munroe, Chairman—CEO of Kaw Nation, is shown presenting a check to Blackwell Middle School Principal Jaylene Soulek. Kaw Nation Environmental employee Skyler Mathews is shown presenting Superintendent John Herzig and Science Teacher Brooke Golay of Shidler High School a check. Currently in the works are presentations of funds to Kildare and Newkirk schools.



# KAW NATION CHRISTMAS DINNER *and* PARTY



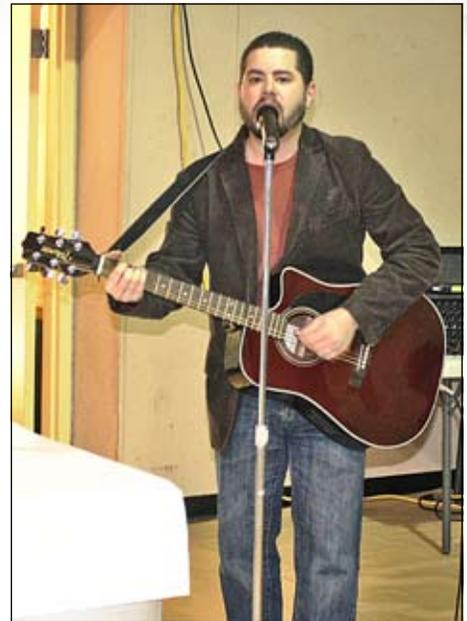
NEWKIRK, Okla. — More than 400 people attended the Kaw Nation annual Christmas dinner and party on Dec. 13, 2009. Kaw tribal members and their families enjoy a full day, starting with a festive meal, gifts, music and a visit from Santa Claus.

Middle left, Gena Warren, Human Resource Director for KEDA, received a silver platter for 25 years of service with Kaw Nation.

Middle right, Ryan Smykil, Wellness Center Director, sang for the audience.

Below, Connie Kiser and Tammy Estes gave tickets away and handed out Kanza calendars for gifts.

Opposite page, Santa Claus, a.k.a. Gary Robison, Emergency Management Director, asked each child what it was he or she wanted for Christmas. He told me he had a lot of request for I-Pods, MP3 players, and even a request for a car. It was a joyous day of fellowship and fun for all who attended.







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# FIRST ANNUAL VETERANS HONOR DANCE



*Kaw Nation Veterans Society  
 and Cultural Committee Present*  
**First Annual Veterans Honor Dance**  
 Saturday, March 27, 2010  
 Kaw Nation Community Center  
 Powwow Grounds, North of Kaw City, Okla.

*Schedule of Events:*  
 10:00 AM Dedication of Portrait Wall  
 12:00 PM Lunch  
 2:00 PM Dance

*Head Staff:*

<b>MASTER OF CEREMONIES</b>	Lonnie Burnett
<b>HEAD SINGER</b>	Jasper Clark
<b>HEAD MAN DANCER</b>	Skyler Mathews
<b>HEAD LADY DANCER</b>	Terry Pepper
<b>HEAD GOURD DANCER</b>	Herb Farnsworth
<b>ARENA DIRECTOR</b>	Paul Hardy
<b>WATER BOYS</b>	To Be Announced

*All veterans and friends are invited to attend.  
 Family members of Kaw veterans whose portraits  
 will be dedicated are asked to participate.*