

# KANZA

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the world, we are...

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# from the **Kaw Nation** chairman/ceo

*Hó'ba yáli (Good day).*

This past December, I had the honor of representing Kaw Nation in Washington, D.C., at the second White House Tribal Nations Conference. This is the second such meeting the president has convened since taking office in 2009. There were 565 members from the federally recognized tribes in attendance.

The conference agenda included discussions about social, economic and political challenges that were specific to the Native American Tribes.

The President said, "For a long time, Native Americans were implicitly told they had a choice to make... either abandon your heritage or accept a lesser lot in life, that there was no way to be a successful part of America and a proud Native American. To accept it is to believe that we can't and won't do better, and I don't accept that."

He went on to say, "Ultimately, this is not just a matter of legislation — not just a matter of policy. It's a matter of whether we're going to live up to our basic values. It's a matter of upholding an ideal that has always defined who we are as Americans."

Another historical first was to help sponsor the newly elected Mary Fallin Preinaugural Ball at the Marland Mansion on Jan. 7 in Ponca City, Okla. Gov. Fallin is also pioneering a new trail, as the first woman governor of

Oklahoma. As some of us remember, E.W. Marland also had his inaugural ball back in 1934. Kaw Nation presented Gov. Fallin with a red shawl.

On Jan. 28, 2011, the State of Kansas Sesquicentennial (150th anniversary) was held at the State Capitol. A special invitation to be the Honored Guest at this event was very overwhelming. Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback was presented a Pendleton blanket embedded with the logo of Kaw Nation. As many of you know, the state of Kansas was named after the Kansa tribe, where our ancestors inhabited the area. The tribe's name is often said to mean "people of the south wind." It was an honor to represent Kaw Nation at this special event.

Please remember that my door is always open to share your concerns, ask questions, request help, and to share your family news and achievements with us.

*Wiblahá (Thank you).*

— *Guy Munroe*  
Chairman/CEO



**Kaw Nation presented Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin, center, with a red shawl at her Preinaugural Ball at the Marland Mansion Jan. 7 in Ponca City, Okla.**



**Kaw Nation Chairman/CEO Guy Munroe presents Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback a Pendleton blanket embedded with the Kaw Nation logo.**



## RELATED STORY **'The Voices of Kansas'**

Years after Native American tribes lived in Kansas, the influence of those tribes still remains. Turn to page 17.

**Sac & Fox, Kaw Delegation in Washington, D.C., 1867. Photo courtesy Kanza Museum.**

# Kanza warrior to be deployed

A young Kanza warrior, soon to be leaving for active duty, Skyler Aaron Mathews will be leaving his employment with Kaw Nation EPA Department to serve his country.

He is scheduled to be deployed to Afghanistan with the Army National Guard. He is the son of Rima Bellmard-Mathews and grandson of Kennis M. Bellmard I.

Skyler is enrolled with the Kaw Tribe. He has been employed with his tribe for the last six years. Skyler also served as a member of the Kaw Cultural Committee. Skyler is proud of his heritage, has danced for the last 15 years and has passed that understanding on to his daughter, Kimber Ryan Mathews.

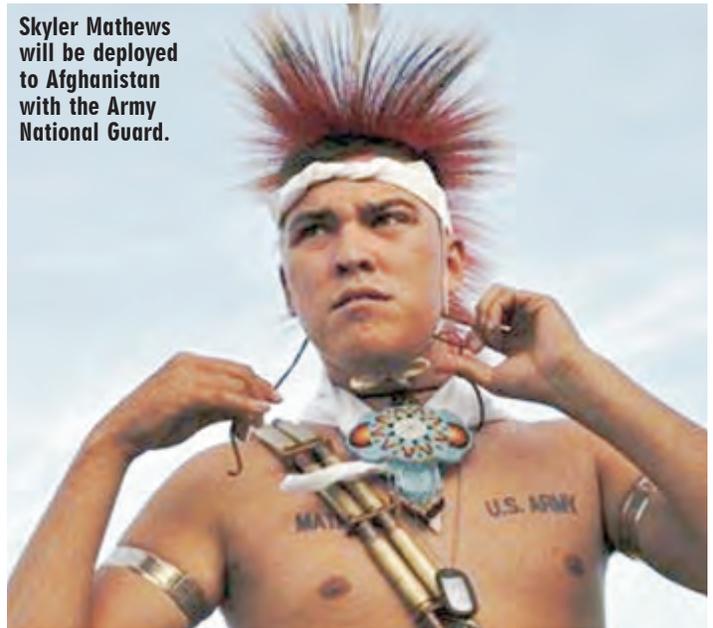
"I am very proud of Skyler; he has grown into a fine young man and loving father before my eyes. I have learned, watching his work ethic, that he will be the kind of soldier who would do his best to protect his fellow soldiers and country to the best of his ability.

"His family supports his dedication to service. He has chosen to give up life as he has known it, to follow in the footsteps of many family warriors before him.

"May the Creator watch over you and keep you safe. We will all miss you here at work and at home; your mother will burn the fire bright and await your swift return back home to us."

*Article submitted by  
Rima Bellmard-Mathews*

Skyler Mathews will be deployed to Afghanistan with the Army National Guard.



Skyler Mathews, seated lower left, with his co-workers at KNED.



## NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

### QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, April 10, 2011 • 10 a.m. to noon  
Community Building • Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds  
Lunch will be served for those in attendance

Visit [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com) for future notices

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



The photo identified as White Plume on page 11 of the December 2010 issue was incorrect. The correct information is "The Wolf," a Kansa Chief painted by George Catlin in 1832.

## Constitution Committee update

The Constitution Committee completed the first draft in the fall, and copies were mailed to all tribal members. Since completing the draft, the committee has held several public hearings. They are working to make some changes based upon these public hearings and the advice of attorneys.

The goal of the committee is to send the proposed constitution to tribal members for a ratification vote this summer. As soon as the ratification election is set, the committee will begin work on several policies and procedures, including a Freedom of Information Act and the Election Ordinance.

The committee still has lots of work to do, and if you are interested in joining this volunteer committee, contact us.

The Kaw Nation remains thankful to the Administration for Native Americans for providing us with the funding to undertake this project. If you have any questions about the constitution, draft or the reform process, visit our website, [www.kawcrp.com](http://www.kawcrp.com).

For more information, contact Aaron Carlson, Project Coordinator, at 580-269-2552, ext. 233.

# A soldier represents his country

Harley Wayne Farnsworth, a fifth generation Kaw Tribal member, was deployed to Korea in January to serve his country in the United States military.

Harley enlisted with the U.S. Army and completed his boot camp and Advanced Individual Training at Fort Sill Army Base in Lawton, Okla. He will serve his country in the capacity of a Patriot Missile Operations Maintainer.

Harley is the son of Herb Farnsworth Jr. and the grandson of 82-year-old Kaw Elder Herb Farnsworth Sr. Harley grew up and graduated high school in Houston, Texas, and has enjoyed attending his tribal Powwows during the summers. All of Harley's family is proud of him — particularly his grandfather, who is a proud Korean War veteran.

Our hopes and prayers are with Harley as he takes off to another country to defend his nation, and we wish him a safe return home. We are appreciative of his courage to serve, and as his family reminds him upon leaving... "Go, Army" and "Kaws forever!"



Harley Farnsworth

## Tag agency offering motorcycle plates

With the warm weather on its way, the Kaw Nation Tag Agency is pleased to announce we are now offering motorcycle plates. Be sure to bring the same documents as needed for vehicle tags: driver's license, CDIB, insurance verification, and title or dealer's paperwork. If you're a camper, don't forget we also tag RVs.

Along with the two standard plate designs, we also offer Veteran's tags and personalized tags.

*Please note:* If you are traveling a distance to conduct tag-related business, please call ahead to make sure someone will be in the tag office to tend to your needs. And please call if you have any questions about what to bring with you to complete your registration and get your tag.

We are here to serve Tribal members, and if you'd like for us to offer other types of tags and registrations, send your suggestions to [taxcommission@kawnation.com](mailto:taxcommission@kawnation.com) or call toll free at 1-866-404-KAWS (5297).



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FUN • FELLOWHIP  
and DANCING



# Kaw Intertribal POWWOW Washunga Days

Council Grove, Kansas

FRI JUN 17 SAT JUN 18



Grab your lawn chair and join us as we hear

**ARVEL BIRD,**

Native American violinist, flutist  
and storyteller, along with

**TERRYLEE WHETSTONE,**

Native American flute player,  
as they perform on the Kaw Mission lawn



## POWWOW SATURDAY EVENING

Head staff to be announced



Left, Kaw Dancer Kekabhah.  
Above, Donna Villa and Diana Ball.  
Right, 2010 Princess Bogahdah Nicole Murray  
and 2009 Princess Storm Brave.



All Kaw Mission activities are **FREE**, open to the public and presented in partnership with  
Kaw Nation, Friends of Kaw Heritage, City of Council Grove and area foundations

More info at [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com) and [www.friendsofkawheritage.org](http://www.friendsofkawheritage.org)

# Tax news for you: Individual tribal member information

Did you know the IRS is making it easier to get answers to your tax questions? The IRS website [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) makes it easy to get an answer to a tax question anytime during the year.

The site is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether you need a form or have tax questions, IRS.gov has a wealth of information. IRS.gov is accessible all day every day.

## Five reasons to visit IRS.gov

**Get the latest information on new tax law changes.** Several new laws have been enacted and there are provisions that affect almost every taxpayer.

**Calculate the right amount of withholding allowances on your W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.** The IRS Withholding Calculator will help you ensure that you don't have too much or too little income tax withheld from your pay.

**Search for charities.** Search Publication 78, Cumulative List of Organizations to find out if an organization is exempt from federal taxation and, if so, how much of your contributions to that organization are tax deductible.

**Get information about careers at the IRS.** No matter what your professional specialty, the IRS can offer you a variety of full-time or seasonal job opportunities.

**Get tax forms and publications.** You can view, download and order tax forms and publications any hour of the day or night.

*Remember that for the genuine IRS website be sure to use .gov. Don't be confused by Internet sites that end in .com, .net, .org or other designations instead of .gov. The address of the official IRS governmental website is [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).*

## Does the IRS owe you money?

The Internal Revenue Service may have money for you. Was your income below the limit that requires you to file a tax return? If so, you may still be due a refund.

If you have not filed a prior year tax return and are due a

refund, you should consider filing the return to claim that refund.

If you are missing a refund for a previously filed tax return, you should contact the IRS to check the status of your refund and confirm your current address.

## Unclaimed refunds

Some people may have had taxes withheld from their wages but were not required to file a tax return because they had too little income.

To collect this money a tax return must be filed with the IRS no later than three years from the due date of the return.

If no return is filed to claim the refund within three years, the money becomes the property of the U.S. Treasury.

There is no penalty assessed by the IRS for filing a late return qualifying for a refund.

Current and prior-year tax forms and instructions are available on the Forms and Publications page of IRS.gov or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Information about the Earned Income Tax Credit is also available on IRS.gov.

## Undeliverable refunds

Were you expecting a refund check but didn't get it?

Refund checks are mailed to your last known address. Checks are returned to the IRS if you move without notifying the IRS or the U.S. Postal Service.

You may be able to update your address with the IRS on the "Where's My Refund?" feature available on IRS.gov. You will be prompted to provide an updated

address if there is an undeliverable check outstanding within the last 12 months.

You can also ensure the IRS has your correct address by filing Form 8822, Change of Address, which is available on IRS.gov or can be ordered by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

If you do not have access to the Internet and think you may be missing a refund, you should first check your records or contact your tax preparer. If your refund information appears correct, call the IRS toll-free line at 800-829-1040 to check the status of your refund and confirm your address.

## Treatment of taxable per capita gaming distributions to minors

The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) explicitly provides that per capita distributions of income to tribal members from Class II and Class III Indian tribal

casinos are subject to federal taxation and reportable on Form 1099-MISC, Statement for Recipients of Miscellaneous Income, (25 U.S.C.A. section 2710(b)(3)(D)). This requirement applies even if the tribal member is a minor child, and the monies are placed in a trust rather than being directly distributed to the minor child, with one exception. Under the "safe harbor" rules detailed in Revenue Procedure 2003-14, amounts placed in an IGRA trust are not included in income until the monies are actually received.

A minor child has the same return filing obligations as any other individual. Any child who has sufficient income must file a federal tax return notwithstanding his minority status under the

local law. For 2010, a child who can be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return must file an income tax return if any of the following apply:

- Child's unearned income is over \$950.
- Child's earned income is over \$5,700.
- Child's gross income is more than the larger of \$950, or his/her earned income (up to \$5,400) plus \$300.

The child is responsible for filing his own tax return. However, if the child does not file, the parent or guardian of a minor taxpayer must file the return on behalf of the minor. The parent or guardian should sign the return with the child's name and then the parent or guardian's own signature followed by "Parent or Guardian for Minor Child."

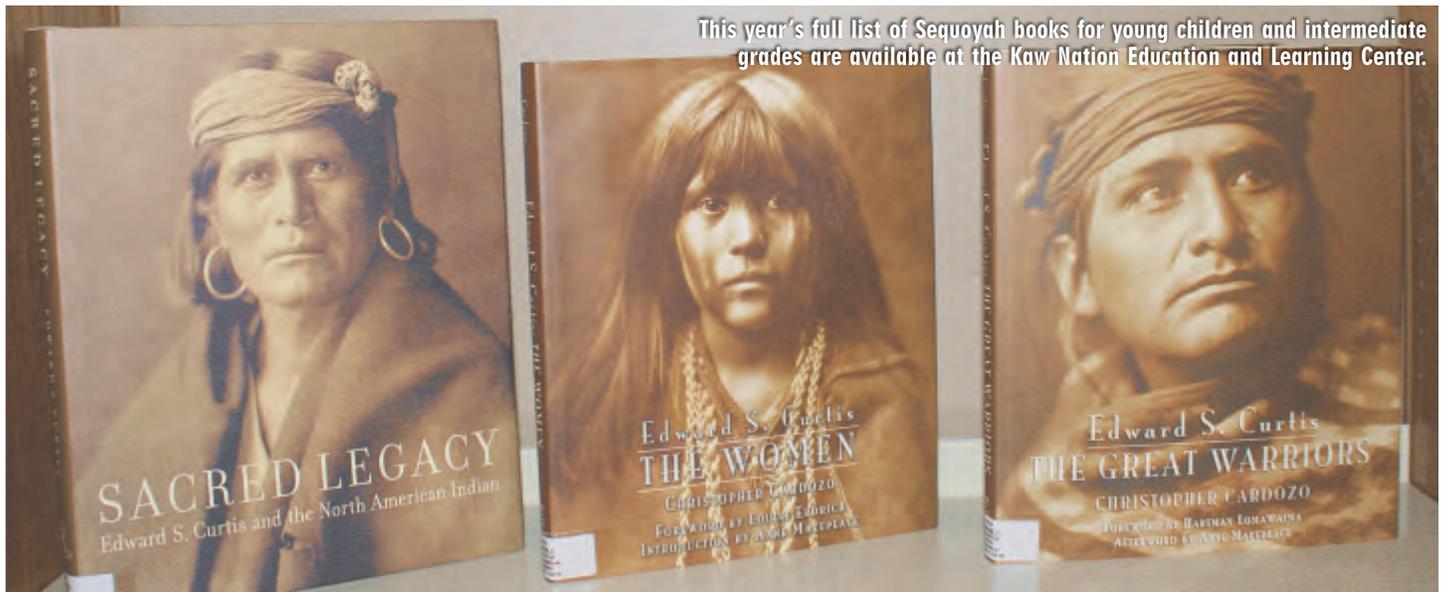
The election to claim the unearned income of a child on the parents' return under Internal Revenue Code section 1(g)(7) is not available for per capita distributions. This election applies specifically to unearned income such as dividends and interest.

Per capita distributions reported on Form 1099-MISC should be included on Line 21 for Form 1040, with a description of the source. The correct description will allow the return to process as quickly as possible. For paper or e-file returns, please enter one of the following descriptions on line 21: Indian Gaming Proceeds, Indian Tribal Distribution or Native American Distribution.

For children under age 18 (and certain older children), investment income over a specific amount is taxed at the parent's rate if the parent's rate is higher than the child's rate. For 2010, if the child's investment income is more than \$1,900, use Form 8615, Tax Rules for Children and Dependents.

You may obtain additional information by calling 1-800-829-1040 or from the Indian Tribal Government's website at [www.irs.gov/tribes](http://www.irs.gov/tribes).





This year's full list of Sequoyah books for young children and intermediate grades are available at the Kaw Nation Education and Learning Center.

# Grants helping library spread the word

Through an Enhancement Grant and a Basic Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the **Kaw Nation Education and Learning Center** is acquiring books and materials to better meet the needs of its patrons.

**Are you a teenager?** If so, we have ordered many selections especially to fit your needs, including books to help you prepare for the ACT. In addition to the learning materials we have on hand, we are always available to help you with your research and project needs. We have also created a reading room in which you and your friends can hang out. It is equipped with two computers, a sofa and chair, bean bags, and a café table and stools. We have personal CD players and audio books as well. We have the full set of Sequoyah books on the list this year – so come check them out.



**Librarian  
Lorrene Desbieh**

**Are you a younger reader?** Then you will want to check out our children's reading room. In addition to the bean bags, learning rug and canopy we have ordered, we have a Young Explorers computer system coming in the next couple of weeks. It seats two and is already loaded with learning programs and games tailored to fit your growing minds. We have the full set of DK Eyewitness books on the way, along with this year's full list of Sequoyah books for young children and intermediate grades. We have also ordered a listening center so you and your friends can listen to a book on tape together.

**Are you a teacher?** If so, we have learning materials that may interest you. In addition to the books we have ordered, we also have

learning materials on the way and are in the process of planning workshops and seminars we think are going to be very exciting and refreshing for you.

**Are you a parent?** Then please know that any learning materials available to teachers are also available to you. We



have storytelling materials and other learning center activities.

**Are you an adult patron?** Then we have something for you, too. We have both fiction and nonfiction sections. While we specialize in books by or about Native Americans, we are willing to order

other types of books, if there is a particular interest. This is *your* library.

In the very near future, we will be acquiring additional reference materials, maps, educational software, GED prep materials, and periodical and website subscriptions. We will also be adding to our collections with the purchase of additional books by and about Native Americans for all departments.

We are open Monday through Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and

Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

We gladly accept donated books and suggestions of all kinds, including suggestions about what type of workshops, seminars, etc., you would like to see in the meeting room. Please call us at 269-2738 with your wonderful ideas.

In loving memory  
of our Kaw  
Tribal members

**Terry Williamson**

D.O.D. 10.15.2010

**Naomi Wright**

D.O.D. 10.31.2010

**Ryan B. Lujan**

D.O.D. 09.03.2010

**Danielle Batterman**

D.O.D. 09.27.2010

**John W. Stubbs**

D.O.D. 12.07.2010

**Judy Enyart**

D.O.D. 01.06.2011

**James R. Benbrook**

D.O.D. 07.25.2002

**Stephen Bozyk**

D.O.D. 01.21.2011



## D.A.R.E. educates on dealing with dangers

D.A.R.E., Drug Abuse Resistance Education, was founded in 1983 in Los Angeles and has proven to be so successful that it's now being implemented in many schools around the United States and throughout the world.

D.A.R.E. is a police officer led program that is taught to students from kindergarten through high school, on how to resist peer pressure and live productive, drug-free and violence-free lives. The program currently provides education to children on things such as the danger of meth, over-the-counter drugs and bullying.



Let me introduce you to Daren the D.A.R.E. Lion. He is the program's mascot. For the past six years, I have taught the D.A.R.E. program and absolutely love doing it. I have a lot of faith in this program and believe it truly helps kids make good, healthy decision in their lives.

The program educates kids on facing the dangers of drugs, meth, over-the-counter drugs and bullying, but more importantly, it teaches them how to deal with those dangers.

For more information, contact Kaw Nation Police at 580-767-9424 and ask to speak with Trevor O'Brien.

## NYPD Camp Waluhili set for June 13-17

The Native Youth Preventing Diabetes Coalition (NYPD) is a Native American organization that hosts a series of events for the purpose of educating Oklahoma Native American youth ages 8-12, with the purpose of preventing Type 2 diabetes.

The summer residential camp is for five days and four nights. During camp, participants will be exposed

to a variety of classes such as nutrition, physical activity, self-esteem and diabetes prevention. In addition to these classes, participants will also be having a comprehensive health screening.

If you would like to have your children attend, contact Cindy Wilson, Public Health Nurse, at the Kanza Clinic at 580-362-1039. Contact us before April 1, as there are a

limited number of children who can be sponsored.



## LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Guy Munroe:

Your gift of Kaw Nation calendars will bless Native American inmates in Oklahoma jails and prisons. They are not just numbers, but men and women who are languishing in bondage and

isolation. Each one has a story to tell, a family they are missing, and a heart that aches for God's compassion. This little bit of kindness can keep one's heart from turning to stone, and can keep another one's hope alive. Thank

you from the bottom of our hearts!

May the blessing that God gave to Moses be poured out upon you and all the Kaw people: "The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make his

face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance on you, and give you peace." (Num. 6:24-26)

Sincerely,  
John R. Helstrom  
Ambassador for Christ

## Corrections, submissions and news tips

To submit a letter to the editor, mail to **Kanza News**, Attn: Jennie Baker, P.O. Box 50, Kaw City, OK 74641; e-mail to [jbaker@kawnation.com](mailto:jbaker@kawnation.com); or fax to 580-269-1161. Letters must be respectful and informative to the reader, and may be edited for grammar, clarity and space. **Kanza News** will correct factual errors in its news stories. Errors and news tips should be brought to the attention of the **Kanza News** at 580-269-2552, ext. 236, or e-mail to [jbaker@kawnation.com](mailto:jbaker@kawnation.com).



For those who served



**SECOND ANNUAL  
VETERANS HONOR DANCE**

**Saturday, May 28, 2011**

**Kaw Nation Community Center**

**Powwow Grounds • North of Kaw City, Okla.**

**Grounds open at 10 a.m. with Review of Wall and new inductions  
Lunch at noon • Dance at 2 p.m.**

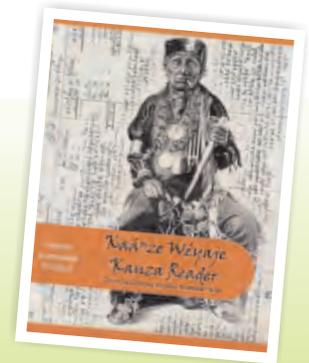
**Head staff to be announced**

**All veterans and friends invited • Family members of Kaw veterans are welcome to participate**

**Presented by Kaw Nation Veterans Society and Cultural Committee**

# Kanza Reader available for limited time

Above, Kira Mathews, Language Assistant, left, and Dr. Linda Cumberland, Language Director, right, present a copy of the Kanza Reader to Dr. Raymond J. DeMallie and Dr. Douglas R. Parks, Directors of the American Indian Studies Research Institute at Indiana University during a recent trip to Bloomington, Ind. The Institute was a partner with the Kaw Language Department for the ANA-funded project.



The *Kanza Reader* has arrived. *Kaánze Wéyaje/Kanza Reader: Learning Kanza Literacy through Historical Texts* is a set of readings that starts out with a simple lullaby and becomes progressively more challenging as you become familiar with the written language.

The stories are from some of the last generations of native speakers of the Kanza language. The selected readings have been annotated to acquaint users with the fundamental principles of Kanza literacy. Brief exercises are provided to allow users to test their understanding of the explanatory material.

Also included are a Kanza-to-English glossary with more than 700 entries and an addi-

tional 10 stories that have been translated but not annotated.

An electronic version — book contents and sound recordings — is available at no cost at [www.kawnation.com/langhome.html](http://www.kawnation.com/langhome.html). A print version of the book, including a CD featuring audio recordings of the 10 annotated texts, may be purchased by contacting the language department at 580-269-1199.

Retail price is \$24.99, but enrolled tribal members may purchase their first copy for \$5. Postage is an additional \$4.95 — USPS flat rate — if you would like us to mail it to you.

*Only 500 copies have been printed, so get your copies now.*

“The image is of Kanza Chief Washunga, and the text is an Osage prayer in Kanza (thus the title Kanza/Osage). I deliberately erased some of the text to symbolize the loss of our language and traditions, but Washunga is there, waiting for us to come back.”

This piece was awarded first place for drawing at the Eiteljorg Museum Indian Market Indianapolis, June 26-27, 2010, and second place for drawing at the Santa Fe Indian Market, Aug. 21-22, 2010.

— Chris Pappan  
Kaw tribal member

## New Kanza dictionary project gets under way

The Administration for Native Americans (ANA) has awarded the Kaw Language Project with a two-year grant to produce a Kanza Language Dictionary.

We will once again be working with Dr. Robert Rankin to assemble every word that is known to have been documented for the Kaw language and present them in a compact and easy-to-use bilingual dictionary.

In January, Language Director Linda Cumberland and Language Assistant Kira

Mathews traveled to Washington, D.C., to participate in a grantees’ conference hosted by the ANA, to meet with representatives of other tribes working on similar projects.

There was even a little time for a quick visit to the National Museum of the Native Americans and to the Lincoln Memorial, with the Washington Monument in the background.

Language Director Linda Cumberland and Language Assistant Kira Mathews



# 1.5 million Tribal members represented at meeting

I have addressed the Kaw People on previous occasions with the Historic Preservation side of my job; however, I thought you might like an update to the process of protecting the prehistoric members of the Indian people.

Most of you have heard about the **Native American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA)** passed in 1990. What you do not know is the law was all but ignored by a good number of federal agencies that felt it was not important to their progress. After the election of President Obama, there came a new focus on this law, and those agencies have been given a time limit to comply or else.

With this new interest, the Highway Department in the State of Missouri decided that the Memorandum of Agreement we have been working on since 2005 was in the “or else” category, and they are complying with some of our demands. Hopefully, we will have a document that will protect and provide the most important part, which is your right to make decisions on remains that cover the time your ancestors were in their state.

The State of Illinois came to the table late in the game, but it is farther along with its negotiations than other states. These negotiations started back in 2009. We believe this document is a good one because we participated in helping write it. It is scheduled to be sent for signature soon.

There are still a lot of remains out there in museums and institutions, and some day we will get them all back, but it will not happen overnight. We will get all that we can, and will fight for the rest.



My involvement began with a group that started with the Choctaw Nation in October 2010. The Southern Tribes in Oklahoma brainstorm each year to see what they can do to make Historic Preservation a smoother process. This year, an invitation was extended to the remaining tribes to join them at their conference. A letter was sent to the United States Attorney General's Office asking him to look at NAGPRA and added a list of our concerns — some being the current law does not work towards the intended goal.

Over 1.5 million tribal members were represented at this October meeting. It was an impressive request and was very successful. As a result, the Attorney General made it his personal objective to look into these issues.

So where do we go from here? In January, we consolidated as the **“Oklahoma Southern Tribes Collation on**



**Historic Preservation”** and elected a President, Vice President and Secretary. The committee was assigned the duty to write our “Mission Statement.” A meeting is scheduled for March, where the task of writing goals and objectives will take place.

This was one of the best efforts I've seen where the tribes are moving forward to change the way the federal government sees Native American Indians.

I have volunteered to help write this mission statement, and hope to be very involved in the group as it progresses. They need to know in Washington, D.C., that you are a force to be reckoned with. You

no longer depend on their charity for your survival — so let's show them what you want and go after it with the force of 1.5 million voices to back it up.

If you have any suggestions, comments, or wish further information on this collation, we encourage you to get involved. Changes in the way people think are the hardest change to enforce, but it has been the history of the United States to change, and every change has come by the voice of the people. It's your voice that needs to be heard.

Please contact me at 1-866-404-5297.

— Crystal Douglas  
Director, Kanza Museum



Enthusiasts gathered at sunrise for the Ultimate Eagle Watch on Kaw Lake.



# Kaw Lake is the setting for the Ultimate Eagle Watch

Fiona, a southern sub-species Bald Eagle, is a big favorite amongst visitors. Ryan VanZant from the George Miksch Sutton Avian Research Center, located in Bartlesville, Okla., is shown in this photo as Fiona stays perched on his arm.

You could have heard a pin drop as Ryan told everyone of his journey into the Grand Canyon while shooting a documentary for the Discovery Channel. Apparently, an eagle flew away and was lost for several days in this deep canyon.

It was a fascinating story, and the documentary should be released sometime in the year 2012.





Inside the Kaw Nation Museum Building, Kent Carbaugh, left, Jonathan Coleman and Mark and Cole Runnels, above, brought their hybrid falcons and young red-tailed hawks for the audience to see. They are members of the Oklahoma Falconers Association.

Right, Michele Walenciak from the Cinnamon Valley Exotics in northern Oklahoma offers the public a closeup look at exotic animals while providing education about these animals and their environments. Michele always brings fun and excitement with her variety of animals.



Eugene Young, Northern Oklahoma College Biology Professor, discussed the habitat of eagles along the Arkansas River from Arkansas City, Kan., to Kaw City, Okla., during its migration, wintering, and breeding season. Great photos of eagles were shown throughout his presentation.



Young said that some of the eagle nests found in the Alaska area weigh up to 2 tons, and that cottonwood trees are the favorite nesting tree of choice. The life span of eagles is around 20 years.

Eagles by nature do not like humans, but in Mulvane, Kan., nests have been spotted close to urban housing and some are as close as 100 yards from a very busy and large gravel pit. To view eagles live in their nest, log on to [www.suttoncenter.org/pages/live\\_eagle\\_camera](http://www.suttoncenter.org/pages/live_eagle_camera).



Several hundred guests once again enjoyed a complimentary Native American meal of corn soup, grape dumplings and traditional fry bread, provided by the Kaw Nation. A big thank you goes to "I Am Outdoor Cooking Catering Group" and the ladies who spent many hours preparing this wonderful traditional meal. Pictured at left serving are Donna Barron and Natalie Gray.

As word spreads about this fantastic Ultimate Eagle Watch Program, the attendance keeps growing in numbers every year. Kathy Tippin with the Kaw Lake Association said, "There were over 520 individuals that registered at the door."

The number of attendance has surpassed anything we have had in the past, so if you did not get a chance to see the eagles this year, mark it on your calendars for 2012.

# Taylor graduates from OSU



Rebecca Lynn Taylor graduated from Oklahoma State University on Dec. 18, 2010. Her degree is a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a Major in Accounting, along with a Minor in Economics.

Rebecca is continuing her Master's at OSU and works for Short-Brewer Carpet One, in Stillwater, Okla., as an Office Manager.

Rebecca is a Kaw tribal member and the daughter of Charles and Lori Taylor of Stillwater.

## Dates set for Kaw Nation Powwow

The Annual Kaw Nation Intertribal Powwow will be held Aug. 5-7 at the Powwow Grounds in Kaw City, Okla. For more information, contact Rima Bellmard at 580-269-1150.

## Kaw Nation announces 2010 graduates



**Breanna Maltby**  
Ft. Hays University,  
May 2009  
Bachelor of Science  
Major: Medical Diagnostic  
Imaging  
Washburn University, May  
2010  
Radiation Therapy

Employed part-time with Chalmers Cancer Center and teaching in Hutchinson, Kan.



**George Fields**  
DeVry University,  
June 2010  
Bachelor of Science in  
Computer Information  
Systems  
Major: Database  
Administration  
Minor: Web Application  
Development

Employed with Kaw Nation EPA Department



**Darci Ladd Smith**  
University of Oklahoma,  
fall 2010  
Bachelor of Arts  
Major: Advertising  
Minor: Sociology

**Jessica Lynes**  
University of Texas at Arlington, fall 2010  
Bachelor of Science  
Major: Nursing  
Minor: Communications

**Karl Lynes**  
Southwestern Oklahoma State University  
Master's in Education Administration  
Employed with Ponca City High School

**Gregory Linn Shaw**  
University of Arizona, May 2010  
Master of Business Administration

**Rachel Schmeidler**  
Southwestern College, May 2010  
Master's in Education/Curriculum and Instruction

**Melanie Aronhalt**  
Regis University, May 2010  
Master's in Nonprofit Management



**Tony Carr Lloyd III**  
Autry Technology Center  
Surgical Technology

Submitted by Karen Howe  
Director, Education and  
Social Services



To Kaw Nation:  
Thank you for the \$50 essay award scholarship given in honor of my grandma Elizabeth Thornburg through KEDA. She would be proud.

I have a school trip to Washington, D.C., in May and this will help.

*Thank you again,  
Braxton M. Wadley*

# Kaw Nation Education and Social Services service areas

Kaw Nation Social Services provides various programs to assist Kaw tribal members. Below is a brief listing of the **BIA (federally funded)** and **tribal** education and social services programs, area of service and criteria. Contact Education and Social Services at **580-269-1186** or visit [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com) for more program information.

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 Kaw City, OK 74641  
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	Any Kaw member may apply	Kaw Nation service area ONLY	Income-based program	Available to ALL Kaw members	MUST show need
<b>B I A F E D E R A L L Y F U N D E D P R O G R A M S</b>					
Higher Education Grant Program	✓				✓
Higher Education Graduate Program	✓				✓
Adult Vocational Training Program	✓	✓			✓
Adult Education	✓	✓			
Johnson O'Malley Educational Support	✓	✓			✓
Johnson O'Malley Incentive Program	✓	✓			
General Assistance	✓	✓			✓
Miscellaneous Assistance	✓	✓			✓
<b>K A W N A T I O N T R I B A L P R O G R A M S</b>					
Kaw Nation Academic Scholarship Program	✓				
Kaw Nation Tribal Education Grant	✓				
Kaw Nation Graduate Assistance	✓				
Eyeglass Assistance	✓			✓	
Denture Assistance	✓			✓	
Hearing Aid Assistance	✓			✓	
Emergency Utility Assistance	✓		✓	✓	✓
Emergency Utility Deposit Assistance	✓		✓	✓	✓
Emergency Transportation Assistance	✓		✓	✓	✓
Emergency Medical Assistance	✓		✓	✓	✓
Tribal Elder Utility Assistance	✓		✓	✓	✓
Burial Assistance	✓			✓	
Headstone Assistance	✓			✓	

## New program developed for Child Support Services

**Mike Brenn** has joined the Child Support Services team. Mike is an experienced social worker with the Kansas SRS and is excited about working with the Kaw Nation Child Support Services.

He is in the process of developing a program called **STEPP** or Supervised Tribal Enforcement Payment Program. This program will offer an alternative to serving jail time for non-custodial parents who are guilty of failing to

pay court ordered child support. Parents are given the opportunity to seek employment as they stay in touch with the STEPP coordinator.

Children are so important to families and need all the support that both parents can possibly give to them.

**Dawn Briner** has completed an extensive mediator course in hopes that she can help many of the parents put their own disputes aside and

work together to meet the needs of their children.

**Aimee Turner** is now a case specialist and has been to training on the legal system and how it works. The child support process is very technical, and Aimee has done a good job in working with the parents in getting to court in a timely manner and making sure that the child support is getting to the children.

Kaw Nation Child Support Services is now in its third year of operation. Our child support collections have more than tripled since the first year we opened. The Child Support Specialists will help the families in many ways to help them meet their obligations to their children.

If you have any child support questions or needs, please feel free to call Dawn, Aimee or Mike for assistance at 580-765-9952.

## Child Care Development Fund gives families opportunities

It's not a secret: Child care is very expensive. Families typically pay up to 25 percent of their family income for it — a devastating stretch for families living in or near poverty.

However, for many who are unable to stay at home to care for a child, this expense is not optional.

For low-income families, the pressures can be tough. Without reliable child care, parents face significant challenges in keeping and advancing in a job or educational program.

Without work, the family's chances to move out of poverty can be insurmountable.

**The CCDF response.** To give these families the opportunity they need, CCDF offers Child Care Financial Assistance, a program for low-income Native American families living in Kay County, Oklahoma, and Cowley, Sedgwick and Sumner counties in Kansas.

In 2010, this program covered cost for approximately 91 children, totaling 10,737 days of care, making it possible for parents to work, take classes, or in some cases, search for a better job.



Kelli Burke  
CCDF Representative



Approximately 12 children in the preschool class attended the Marland Mansion for a Tea Party sponsored by the Ponca City Library. This is an annual event where the children dress up and go to the mansion and have tea and crumpets. The children and teachers had a great time getting ready, choosing their dresses and jackets, decorating their hats and preparing for their visit.



Each week our preschool class traveled to Newkirk Library and/or Ponca City Library once a week to attend their reading programs. This program encourages the children to read and enjoy looking through books. It was also a fun time teaching them to sit attentively.



"Let us put our minds together and see what kind of life we can build for our children."  
Sitting Bull, 1876

Kanza Child Care Center  
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101 Charles Curtis Drive  
Newkirk, OK 74647

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Cell 580-716-9044  
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Kanza Child Care staff and teachers are committed to providing the best possible opportunity for development for the children entrusted in our care. In order for us to maintain our 2-Star status and to be licensed by the state, our teachers are obligated to receive at least 20 hours of continued education training a year.

The state provides many opportunities. We also encourage our staff to enroll in other training provided, in particular that offered by the Cherokee Tribe as its training is more culturally oriented.

Currently we have 16 staff members, 11 of whom are of American Indian ancestry and five being Kaw Tribal members.

There are 67 children in care, 40 of whom are of American Indian ancestry and 24 being Kaw Tribal members.

We received a letter from teachers at Newkirk Public School stating **our preschool children were more prepared than most children who enter the school system from other areas** — other daycares, babysitters or in-home daycares.

— Juskwa Burnett,  
Director

## Congratulations

Gabriel Rowland won first place in the Regional Wrestling Tournament and will be competing in the State Wrestling Championship. He is 7 and the son of tribal member Alissa Kramer and Justin Rowland, grandson of Patti and Bob Kramer, and great-grandson of Wanda Stone. Gabriel is one of our afterschool kids, and we are so proud of his accomplishment.

"I was born on the prairie where the wind blew free and there was nothing to break the light of the sun. I was born where there were no inclosures and where everything drew a free breath. I want to die there and not within walls."

Comanche Chief Ten Bears,  
at the 1867 Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty

# The Voices of Kansas

By **Beccy Tanner**  
Wichita Eagle

Go anywhere in Kansas and the influence of the Native American tribes who lived on this land is there.

"We are still here. The first people of Kansas, the people who gave Kansas its name, we are still strong and growing stronger all the time," said Jim Pepper Henry, a Kaw tribal member who has spent his career specializing in indigenous tribe historic preservation. He is director of the Anchorage Museum in Alaska.

"Wherever we live in the world, we are the first Kansans," Pepper Henry said. "It is in my blood. My roots are in Kansas. I am always going to be a Kansan, though I have never lived in Kansas as a citizen. My people weren't given the choice of staying."

His sentiment is echoed by the descendants of other tribes. Although most Native American tribes were forced out of Kansas in the late 19th century, the state today recognizes four tribes with land: the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, the Prairie Band of Potawatomi Nation, the Kickapoo Tribe in Kansas and the Sac and Fox Nation. All are located in eastern Kansas.

But for those tribes the military forced to leave in the late

19th century and move into Indian Territory — now Oklahoma — some of those wounds run deep a century later.

Some were nearly decimated. The Pawnee went from a population of nearly 30,000 to 600 in a 70-year period, said Richard Gould, site curator at the Pawnee Indian Village near Republic.

"They suffered from smallpox, cholera and measles. They didn't have any immunities to the diseases," Gould said.

"That's why it is so important to maintain a Native American presence in Kansas, Pepper Henry said. The Kaw Nation nearly slipped away. At one point, the Kaw claimed a territory that covered roughly two-fifths of modern Kansas and parts of Nebraska and Missouri."

In 1873, when the tribe was forced from Kansas, it had fewer than 500 members. By 1902, fewer than 200 were on the tribal rolls. Today, the Kaw nation has nearly 3,500 members.

Each June, Council Grove hosts Washunga Days as a time to celebrate the Kaw legacy to the community. "It is like a welcome home," Pepper Henry said.

But nearly a decade ago, when the Kaw began acquiring land around the community to

establish the Allegawaho Memorial Heritage Park, the sentiment changed, he said.

"People were worried we would build a casino in Council Grove," he said. "It was like it was 130 years ago. We were wonderful and beautiful as long as we stay out of Kansas. If we try to reclaim our traditional land, then the sentiment changes quickly."

Some Native Americans view Kansas today with mixed feelings. But without a doubt, the Native American influence is still here.

"The Keeper of the Plains statue was given in goodwill between the Indians and non-Indians of Wichita," said Milton Youngbird Hamilton, a Cheyenne. "A lot of times, people think the Indians were nothing but killers and out to no good. But the real history is that they wanted peace. They didn't want killing and all that. They tried every which way to foster peace. When the tribes were forced from Kansas, most spent decades forbidden to speak their native languages or dance traditional dances."

The children were sent off to

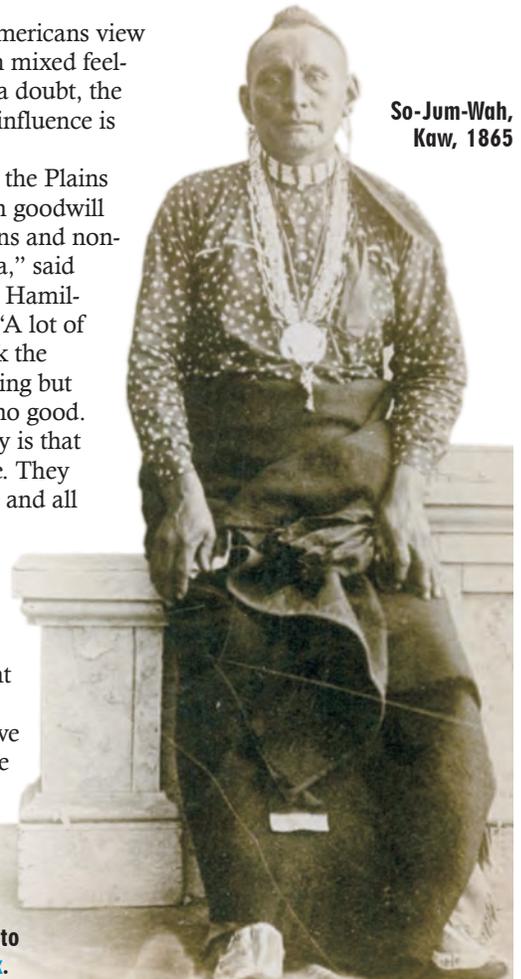
boarding schools to learn "how to be white," so much of the culture of each tribe was lost said Lloyd Pappan, a Kaw who lives in Wichita.

"As far as history goes, we can look back and say how bad everything was, but I believe good always comes from bad," says Harjo, who is Choctaw and Creek heritage.

Jim Pepper Henry has spent his career specializing in indigenous tribe historic preservation.



So-Jum-Wah,  
Kaw, 1865



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**Environmental Commission meeting**



**KAW NATION ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

*preserve. protect. improve.*

Kaw Nation Environmental Department hosted its final Environmental Commission meeting Dec. 29, 2010 at Zino's Restaurant in Ponca City, Okla.

Dr. Dejene Alemayehu, KNED Director, discussed the annual progress

and achievements his department reached in 2010, and of the upcoming grants KNED will pursue during 2011.

Dr. Dejene also distributed and discussed the final draft of the 5-Year Strategic Plan and the 5-Year Energy Plan.

The meeting ended with discussions of plans for developing renewable energy sources. Dr. Dejene brought everyone up to date on the status of acquiring Wind Turbines to be placed on Kaw Nation land.



### Water Quality Monitoring

Kaw Nation Environmental Department finished the water quality monitoring on Kaw Lake, Ponca Lake, Little and Big Beaver Creeks and the Arkansas River for 2010.

KNED was forced to abandon one of the creek sites, Bear Creek, but will be selecting a new one for 2011.

Monitoring the creeks is very important because most of the pollutants that reside in the lake come from the creeks and rivers that flow through Kaw Lake. KNED plans to submit a new Water Quality Monitoring grant to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to continue monitoring Kaw Lake and surrounding water bodies.

### Dumpsite cleanup

Kaw Nation Environmental Department received a General Assistance (GAP) grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The main focus of the grant is to clean up dumpsites in the Kaw Nation service area.

Dumpsites are "small landfills" where people dump unwanted things in isolated areas. Dumpsites can be very hazardous to the environment by polluting soils and water, which in turn can harm the health and well-being of wildlife, fish, and even humans.

Dumpsites are located by driving around the service area or by tribal members or citizens. Once a dumpsite is found, KNED contracts the cleanup to local businesses. After a dumpsite is cleaned, and if pollution still exists, KNED remediates (cleans) the site until all pollution is eradicated. An anti-litter sign is then placed once the dumpsite is completely cleaned.

In November 2010, KNED cleaned up a potentially harmful dumpsite located on Coon Creek, close to Coon Creek Campgrounds on Kaw Lake. After the site was cleaned, the soil and water were checked to make sure there were no pollutants left.

In 2010, the KNED cleaned up five dumpsites in the Kaw Nation service area.



## Energy Five-Year Strategic Plan

In 2010, KNED received a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop a Five-Year Energy Strategic Plan for Kaw Nation. In close cooperation with Oklahoma State University, KNED completed a Five-Year Energy Strategic Plan.

The plan breaks down all of Kaw Nation's current energy costs and suggests ways to cut energy costs over the next five years. Kaw Nation will be able to identify energy efficiency issues and develop retrofit

projects for multiple facilities using the Energy Plan.

In order to have a five-year energy master plan for all the Kaw Nation facilities, Kaw nation has contracted a Phase 1 program with consultants from California.

Kaw Nation is also working closely with the DOE and Department of Agriculture to get more funding for the energy grants and loans. The plan will help Kaw Nation with the tools and knowledge to develop renewable energy sources in the future.



## Energy audits

Part of the Department of Energy grant awarded to KNED was to conduct energy audits on at least 50 tribal members' homes. In cooperation with the Kaw Nation Maintenance Department, KNED conducted 50 energy audits on tribal members' homes. The energy audits will allow tribal members to see where they are losing energy and give advice on how to correct those losses.

Each tribal member who participated in the auditing was given Compact Florescent Light bulbs (CFL) to replace all incandescent light bulbs. The CFL bulbs will help tribal members be more energy efficient.



## Kaw Nation environmental magazine

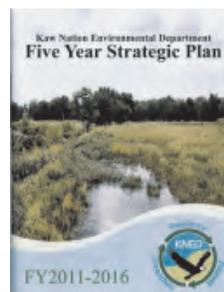
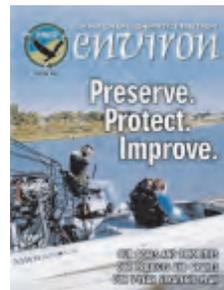
KNED published its first environmental magazine, *Environ*, in December 2010. The magazine includes KNED's goals and priorities, projects and grants, and the Five-Year Strategic Plan. KNED's magazine was distributed to all enrolled tribal members.

## KNED Five-Year Strategic Plan

In December 2010, KNED published the final version of its Five-Year Strategic Plan. Developing the strategic plan was a tedious, year-long process. The Five-Year Strategic Plan was funded by the Administration for Native Americans (ANA).

Four Kaw Environmental Protection Commission (KEPC) meetings were conducted throughout the development of the plan to get input and advice on the plan.

The strategic plan includes all of the goals and objectives KNED will focus on over the next five years.



## Taking a different path

**Dave Hensley** started with Kaw Nation in January 2008. Dave received an Associate's Degree in Chemistry from Tulsa Community College in 1999; a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from Northeastern State University from Tahlequah, Okla., in 2003; and a Master of Environmental Science from the University of Oklahoma in 2007.



During his time with the Kaw Nation, Dave has been involved in most of the programs and assisting Dr. Alemayehu with analyzing data that have been collected.

Dave has taken a new job with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Dallas. His last day was Feb. 11. Dave will be greatly missed at Kaw Nation, which wishes him the best of luck in his new assignment.

**Skyler Mathews** started with Kaw Nation as an intern in the summer of 2004. He did another internship the following year, and then was hired as the Water Tech in September 2005.

Skyler has certificates of training for Ground Water Sampling, Water Laboratory, Watershed Assessment, Global Positioning Systems and Underground Storage Tank Systems. He is a member of the Oklahoma Army Nation Guard and a Kaw Tribal member.



Skyler is being deployed to Afghanistan with his unit. His last day was Feb. 11. Skyler will be greatly missed at the Kaw Nation. We wish you a safe return from your combat tour.

**Renée Vickery** started with the Kaw Nation in July 2006. Renée has a Bachelor of Science Degree from Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Okla., in 1993.

Since Renée has a teaching degree, she helps with outreaches to the surrounding schools in this area. She is the KNED Administrative Secretary and assists Kaw Nation Environmental Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu in all secretarial duties. In addition, Renée is the Kaw Nation's Certified Food Inspector for all of Kaw Nation's eateries.



Renée resigned in January to help assist her husband in his beef business. Renée will be greatly missed at the Kaw Nation, and we wish her and her husband the best of luck with their new business.



Bingo Manager Rick Hudson assists novice bingo players Ken and Karen Dye at the Newkirk Main Street BBQ & Bingo event hosted by SouthWind Casino Feb. 15. More than 170 people turned out for the event, which included a barbecue dinner catered by SouthWind Casino and 10 games of bingo for prizes donated by Newkirk businesses. The final game of the evening was for \$1,000.



## SouthWind sees updates, upgrades

If it seems like every time you walk into SouthWind Casino something is just a bit different, you are right. The staff at the casino has been busy in the last several months upgrading, updating and improving the casino floor for our guests and employees to enjoy.

It all began with the new Player's Club location at the main entrance of the casino. The new Player's Club features custom cabinetry, concrete countertops, plus improved office and storage space. The staff of the Player's Club is now able to greet guests as they enter through the front door. They also have easier access to promotions, drawings and machine tournaments.

The Bingo Hall also

received a facelift. New burgundy paint and gold wallpaper made the room much more attractive and provided a backdrop for large-framed prints of historic photographs provided by the Kanza Museum. Next, the room benefitted from new tables and chairs, plus new Bingo boards and television monitors. Finally, an upgraded sound system put the finishing touches to a room that we can all be proud of.

The Off-Track Betting room was expanded into the old Poker Room, and additional monitors and desks were added. The room is currently being decorated with framed historic photos provided by our loyal guests.

Two of the art glass panels from the old Poker

Room were put on display in a special wall built to showcase their beauty next to the Blackjack and Table Games area.

The SouthWind Cafe now boasts a new stove and dishwasher plus more open space and storage. It continues to be a work in progress with a revised menu and delicious daily specials debuting soon.

The maintenance staff is currently working on re-vamping the old Smart Money Club area in the West room to provide additional office space for Recon and HR. Plus, plans are being formulated to create a High Limit slot machine area.

Keep your eyes open for more improvements as we strive to make SouthWind Casino a place the Kaw Nation can be proud of.

Tobacco Row hosted the **Third Annual Trade Show** at SouthWind Casino Feb. 16.

Each year, the purpose of the show has shifted — reflecting the growth and change in the company's focus. In 2009, the show was developed to build awareness of the fledgling company and to provide potential customers with a peek at the products Tobacco Row planned to offer.

In 2010, the show was geared towards building a larger customer base, especially with other Native American tribes.

This year, the goal was to encourage current customers to purchase a larger variety of products from our sales team consisting of Jason Murray and Kevin Forbeck.

The event started at 10 a.m. and featured a lunch of Indian tacos arranged by TRI employee Little Carol Clark.

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Each Saturday night in February and March, 10 lucky SouthWind Casino guests will win \$500 Cash, plus an invitation to come back April 2 for a chance to win a new 2011

Dodge Ram Quad Cab Truck in the "Mystery Moneybags" promotion.

The 80 finalists will each have the opportunity to choose a moneybag from a special game board. The moneybags contain free play, cash and prizes — and one contains the keys to a new truck worth nearly \$25,000!

To enter the drawing, just use your Player's Club points to purchase entries. Each entry is 5 points with a limit of 10 entries each day. Then be present at 10 p.m. each Saturday night when 10 names will be drawn.

## Q&A with new SouthWind Casino GM Pam Shaw

The last five weeks have been extremely busy for new casino General Manager Pam Shaw. Pam started her new position in mid-January and has been working hard to learn as much as she can about the casino, the guests and the employees she now leads.

Pam is well versed in the casino industry, having worked for the Osage Million Dollar Elm in Sand Springs in several capacities. Although she has been extremely busy, Pam took the time to answer a few questions:

**Tribal affiliation:** Osage, Ponca, Pottawatomie.

**Hometown:** Sand Springs, Okla.; now living in Fairfax.

**High school and college:** Charles Page High School, Sand Springs; St. Gregory's University, Shawnee, B.S. in Business.

**What were your previous position(s) in the casino industry?** Started my casino career in marketing as Marketing Coordinator, Marketing Manager and Marketing Director. I then served as GM of the Osage Sand Springs Casino — most recent position Director of Guest Service Assurance and Player Development.

**What was your first impression of SouthWind Casino?** Loved it! Before I accepted the position, I made several trips and "secret shopped" the property to ensure that I was a good match for SW — and SW was a good match for me. I immediately felt at home and feel my skill set and experience will benefit SW casino operations.

**What is/was your first order of business as the new GM?** Familiarize myself with every aspect of the operation, including getting to know the employees. I am very proud to call myself a member of the SW team.

**Tell us more about you. What is your most memorable achievement?** Successfully making a career change after 17 years in the corporate world to the casino industry. Everyone thought I was crazy, but it's been extremely rewarding, and my only regret is that I did not make the change sooner.

**Favorite food or restaurant:** PF Changs.

**The last book you read:** "The Carrot Principle."

**Any pets?** I have a grand-dog named Baxter. He is a Brussels Griffon and I'm pretty sure was the inspiration for the Ewoks.

**Birthday:** June 28

**Tell us about your family:** Along with my husband, John, I have three wonderful sons. Derek, 22, just graduated from OU and is in the job-hunting process. While at OU, Derek was a four-year member of the OU football team and has some really nice hardware to show for it.

Burgess, 19, is a freshman at East Central University in Ada, where he plays football as well. Burgess is majoring in Education and wants to teach high school English and coach football and wrestling.

Kirk, 15, is a sophomore at Charles Page High School, plays football, and runs track. He is looking forward to obtaining his license later this month — watch out!

My hubby, John, is also in the casino business and is General Manager of the Osage casino in Hominy, Okla. We are both extremely competitive and I look forward to crushing him in the marketplace.

# TITLE VI FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

## Incredible Peach Cobbler

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 (15.6 oz.) pkg. cranberry quick bread
- 2 tablespoons grated orange peel, divided
- 2 (29 oz.) cans peach slices in light syrup, drained, reserving 1 cup liquid
- 1 large egg
- 1/3 cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 1/3 cup sugar
- Vanilla ice cream (optional)



### PREPARATION DIRECTIONS

Heat oven to 357 degrees. Place butter in ungreased 13-by-9-inch pan. Place in oven until butter is melted. Remove from oven. Combine quick bread mix, 1 tablespoon orange peel, 1 cup reserved peach liquid and egg in large bowl; stir 50 to 75 strokes with spoon until mix is moistened. Drop mixture by spoonfuls over butter in pan; spread slightly without stirring. Arrange peaches over mixture. Sprinkle with cranberries.

Combine sugar and remaining tablespoon orange peel in small bowl; mix well. Sprinkle over fruit.

Bake 45 to 50 minutes or until edges are deep golden brown. Cool 20 minutes. Serve warm with ice cream, if desired.

**For high altitude (above 3,500 feet):** Add 1 tablespoon flour to dry mix. Bake as directed above.

Prep time 15 minutes • Cook time 50 minutes • Yield 15 servings

## Beef Stroganoff

### INGREDIENTS

- 1½ pounds sirloin steak
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 4 tablespoons butter
- 1/2 pound fresh mushrooms, thinly sliced
- 1 medium onion, sliced thin
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup evaporated milk
- Hot cooked buttered noodles



### PREPARATION DIRECTIONS

Cut beef into thin slices. Season with salt and pepper. Melt butter in large skillet. Add meat, mushrooms and onions. Cook and stir until thickened. Serve buttered noodles.

Prep time 10 minutes • Cook time 20 minutes • Yield 4-6 servings

Submitted by Ladoma Bryan, Director

# Continuing telling the story

Kaw tribal member Erin Blackshere Pouppirt, top, enlightened the audience as she shared her story of the cultural and historical connections between the Kaw, Quapaw, Osage, Ponca and Omaha tribes.

It was standing room only at the Kaw Mission State Historic Site in Council Grove, Kan., as she began speaking in languages of French, Kaw and English. Her use of three different languages throughout the presentation made it fascinating to hear.

She became inspired from her cousin, the late Dan Jack, who was the Kaw spokesperson for many years. Erin has completed several years of research on her Kaw ancestors, and she became inspired to continue telling the story of the Kaws.

Erin has been in the teaching field for 24 years and is currently a fourth grade Science French Immersion teacher at the Academic Lafayette Charter School in Kansas City, Mo. She also does presentations for schools, organizations and individual groups. Erin resides in Leawood, Kan., with her husband.

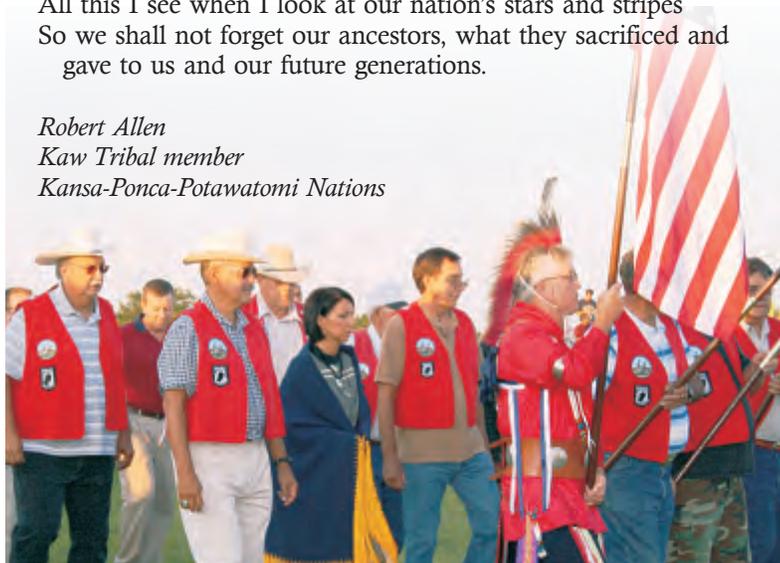
Bottom, Erin shows off her cheeseburger hat for her fourth grade classroom.



## Sovereign

Long ago when the earth and a people were one, they lived proud and true  
 Their eyes sparkled like the bright stars on a dark blue night  
 Their hearts were pure as the pale plains  
 Their blood rich as the red clay  
 All this I see when I look at our nation's stars and stripes  
 So we shall not forget our ancestors, what they sacrificed and gave to us and our future generations.

*Robert Allen  
 Kaw Tribal member  
 Kansa-Ponca-Potawatomi Nations*



# WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU



The Kaw Nation Enrollment Office needs your help in locating the correct address for these individuals. If you know the location of one or more of these individuals, contact **Freda Lane** at **580-269-2137**. You may also e-mail her at [fredal@kawnation.com](mailto:fredal@kawnation.com).

Allen, Anthony Andrew  
Allison, Jimmy Lee  
Allison, Kendall Leann  
Amezcu, Maria Sue  
Andrea, Tholan Eugene  
Arand, April Dawn  
Austin, Douglas Wayne  
Babby, Rachel Lynne  
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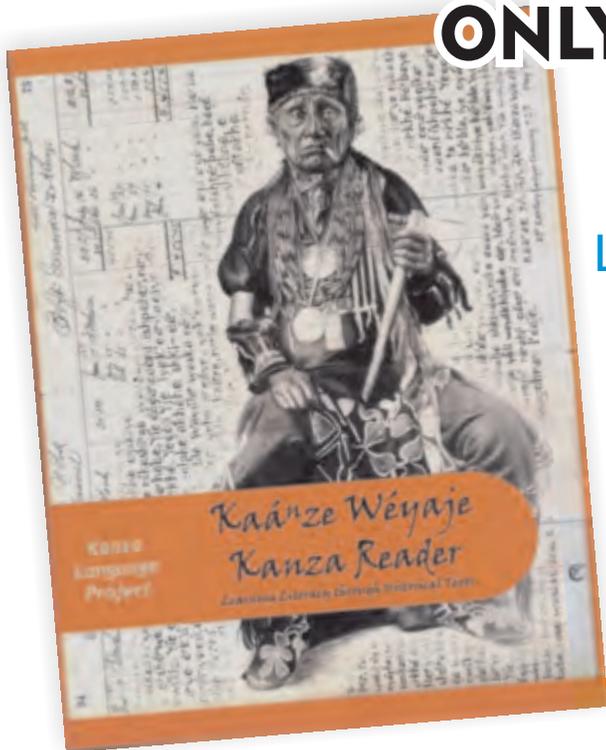
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