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Council House undergoes restoration



When Dr. Linda Cumberland, Director of the Language Department for Kaw Nation, was asked to administer a National Parks Service (NPS) grant to restore the Kaw Council House, she was amazed at how many cracks there were in the foundation of the old Council House.

This raised a great concern because she knew the Kaw Council House is on the National Register for Historical Preservation, and is a big part of the Kaw history.

She compared what she saw to photographs taken in 2008 by the Society for Historic Preservation of Oklahoma (SHPO). The cracks in the outside of the building were significantly longer and the inside walls had cracks in the plaster so large you could actually put your finger inside the cracks.

Even as she began exploring how to preserve the building, the glass from the windows in the kitchen area — the original glass, perhaps even predating the move from the town of Old Washunga — were falling out of their panes. Something had to be done quickly to save it from further deterioration.

Turn to **RESTORE, 4**



Top photo, Dr. Linda Cumberland of Kaw Nation Language Department and Matt Langston of Power Jack Foundation Repair. Above, the Kaw Council House after restoration was complete.

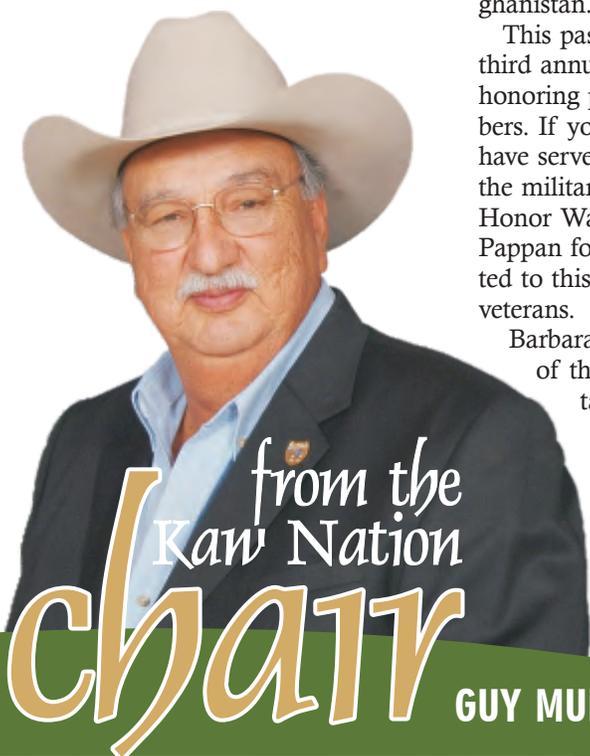
Right, a before photo shows panes of glass falling out of the kitchen windows.



Remembering those who served

Dear Friends,

As we get ready to celebrate Independence Day, let us not forget those service men and women who are fighting abroad for our right to be free.



Please include them in your daily prayers and ask for a safe journey home. We are very glad to welcome SPC Skyler Mathews back to work at KNED after completing his tour in Afghanistan.

This past month we celebrated our third annual Veteran Honor Dedication honoring past and present military members. If you are a Kaw member and have served or are currently serving in the military but are not listed on the Honor Wall, please get with Lloyd Pappan for assistance. We are committed to this project in honoring all Kaw veterans.

Barbara Stanbrough, past president of the "Friends of the Kaw Heritage," was given the Luther Pepper Achievement Award-2012, at the Washunga Days Powwow in Council Grove, Kan. Barbara has been a great Ambassador to the Kaw Nation and is well deserving of this award.

Mark your calendar these following dates:

- Quarterly General Council meeting July 15 at 10 a.m. at the Community Center
- Annual Kaw Nation Powwow Aug. 3-5
- "Voices of the Wind" production Sept. 14-15 in Council Grove, Kan.
- Fourth Annual Health Fair Sept. 21 in Newkirk, Okla., sponsored by the Kanza Health Clinic

Please check our website for times, dates, directions and changes in schedules.

Tribal Enrollment reports we now have **3,234** Kaw tribal members. This shows an increase of **78** new members over this past year.

Let us be grateful for the blessing that we have and give thanks to our Great Spirit as we continue forward in all of our endeavors.

Have a safe and blessed July Fourth.

*Guy Munroe
Kaw Nation Chair*

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Chairman Munroe,

I would like to personally thank you for your contribution to the United Nations Special Rapporteur James Anaya's consultation on May 3 here at the University of Tulsa College of Law.

Professor Anaya was impressed with the level of participation, the quality of the comments, the number

of high ranking tribal leaders that attended the event, as well as the additional statements presented by other Indian people and organizations.

We are compiling written testimony to send to Professor Anaya and post on our website as part of the proceedings of the consultations. We plan to post the proceedings along

with the video within the next two weeks.

Thank you again for your contribution to the proceedings; it is most appreciated.

G. William Rice
Associate Professor of Law
Co-Director,
Native American Law Center
The University of Tulsa College of Law

Correction

In "Most elaborate Indian wedding," reprinted from a 1914 issue of the Arkansas City Traveler and appearing in the Spring 2012 Kanza News, the name of the groom's family appeared as "Monroe" instead of "Monroe."



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Process for property enhancements nearly complete

After many years of trying to place property in trust, it is with great excitement to inform Kaw members that the fee-to-trust process for the Newkirk and Kaw City properties are nearly complete.

The deeds for both properties have been signed by the Southern Plains regional director. There are just a few more steps in the process to finalize the applications.

The fee-to-trust application for Kaw Smoke Shop II is at the public notification stage. After all environmental work has been completed and approved; it will be ready for the regional director to sign the

deed. Then it too will follow the final stages of completion.

The Trust Department has started the preliminary preparations for the Woodridge fee-to-trust application.

The Braman Trust application is still in Washington, D.C., waiting approval from the assistant secretary. We are hoping for an answer by the end of 2012. If the BIA/Oklahoma governor does not approve gaming on the property, Kaw Enterprise Development Authority has other plans for enhancing the Travel Plaza.

Per Cap trust fund accounts

The Trust Department re-

minds all minors who will become 18 years old this year and who have Per Cap trust fund accounts to request and withdraw their trust funds from RCB Bank.

You can request your funds the day following your 18th birthday. Once you turn 18, you have a time limitation period of six months to claim your trust funds. If you do not request your funds from the bank at that time, you will have to request a waiver of the time limitation period from the Tribal Council. If we are unable to contact you, your funds will be reverted back to the Kaw Nation.

It is imperative that you keep your mailing address and contact information updated. Contact Freda Lane, Kaw Nation Enrollment Officer, to update your contact information at 580-269-2137.

The Trust Department and Self Governance Department are combined into one department. The employees are Terri Humble, Director, and Cheryl Craig, Coordinator/Trust Officer. Our phone number is 580-269-2552, and our e-mail addresses are thumble@kawnation.com and ccraig@kawnation.com. Please contact us if you have any questions.

School clothes assistance available for Kaw students

School clothes assistance will be available to enrolled Kaw students from pre-kindergarten to 12th grade beginning July 16.

Qualifications for this assistance include the following:

- \$250 assistance available per Kaw student in grades pre-K to 12th grade. Enrollment will be verified by proof of Kaw Nation enrollment card.

- The only location that

the school clothing assistance vouchers can be used is at the Walmart in Ponca City, Okla. All eligible Kaw students must make their purchases at this location.

- As long as purchases are made at Walmart in Ponca City, there is no eligibility criteria for entitled service areas.

- All vouchers will have an expiration date imposed for management purposes.

It is important for members

to keep a current address on file with the enrollment office. Applications will be mailed to pre-K to 12th grade students living in Kaw City, Shidler, Ponca City, Blackwell, Braman, Peckham, Newkirk, Kildare, Tonkawa, Red Rock-Marland, Fairfax and Burbank from the addresses listed with the enrollment office.

Any member living outside of these areas may come into the education/social services

office to complete an application or an application can be mailed to you. Once an application is received, the Walmart vouchers can be mailed or picked up at the social services office.

Parents should bring a copy of their student's Kaw enrollment card if we do not have a card on file. Contact the Kaw Social Services office at 580-269-1186 if you have any questions.

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, July 15, 2012 • 10 a.m. to noon

Community Building • Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds

Lunch will be served for those in attendance

Visit www.kawnation.com for future notices

If you have questions, contact Elaine Huch, Council Secretary, at 580-269-2552



Above, Jessie Tatum of Power Jack Foundation Repair installs one of the 22 piers below ground to support the Council House's foundation. Right, a closeup of one of the piers.



Dr. Linda Cumberland and Language Department summer intern Vicki Sear stand in front of the newly restored Kaw Council House, the last standing building from the old town of Washunga. The banner announcing the preservation of the Council House was designed by Barb McKay of Southwind Marketing.

Restore

continued from the front

The existing grant from the NPS was to have an architect draw up plans for a restoration, so the first item on the list was to hire a historic preservation architect to complete a condition assessment, working plans and specification for the restoration of the Kaw Council House.

Sikes/Abernathie Architects based out of Tulsa, Okla., were chosen for the project. They specialize in historic rehabilitation and restoration. Mike Sikes, along with Project Director Kurt Gariss, visited the site several times. Their task was to meet the original objective of the grant and to produce a set of plans for the restoration of the Council House, including handicap access and a heating and air conditioning system, that will not interfere with the historical appearance of the building.

They also asked a structural engineer, Kevin Snowden of Snowden Engineering, to consult on the project, and he took a more up to date set of photographs of the condition of the Council House. A comparison of Kevin Snowden's pictures to the SHPO photographs from 2008 showed how rapidly the building was deteriorating.

"The foundation repair was not part of the original grant," says Dr. Cumberland, "but with the extreme drought last year and the consequent soil compression, the east end of the building settled so significantly that the integrity of the structure itself was threatened. Then, with a 5.7 earthquake reported last year, it was like kicking the dear old Council

House when it was, quite literally, down."

The structural engineer reported there was no point in pursuing a restoration before the foundation was stabilized. After several conversations back and forth with the National Parks Service in D.C., and our wonderful grants specialist at NPS, David Banks, they granted us a "Change of Scope," adding the foundation repair to the scope of the grant so we could allocate unobligated fund from the grant to the repair.

Six requests for bids went out, three proposals came back, two of which were based on personal visits from representatives of two different companies. After checking references, we settled on Power Jack Foundation Repair, from Norman, Okla., because they could start within two weeks, where others could not start for months.



Tony Cattom

Supervisor Tony Cattom, Matt Langston and Jessie Tatum started work on the project on April 9, installing 22 piers to the bedrock 18 feet below ground around the entire building. Within a week the foundation was stabilized. Their work carries a lifetime guarantee, so even if the soil shifts again, they will come back and readjust the piers.

We are now ready for the next step, which is to apply for a grant to do the restoration designed by Sikes/Abernathie so that the Council House can once again serve a variety of purposes for the tribe. The Kaw people can be assured that the Council House will stand firm for generations to come, not only to be used by the people, but as a testament to the determination and perseverance of the tribe itself.

For those who served

Kaw Nation celebrates veterans on Honor Wall

Kaw Nation celebrated its third annual Veterans Honor Wall Ceremony at the Community Center May 26. Lloyd Pappan gave a review of the wall and introduced the new inductions.

“Starting this year there will be a new custom,” Lloyd announced. “Upon the death of a Kaw Veteran, their photo will hang for one year on a ‘Special Wall’ and will rotate yearly. Chosen for 2012 is veteran Paul Hardy Jr., who passed away this last May.”

Paul Hardy Jr. obituary, page 20

If you have any information regarding a Kaw Veteran who has passed away and is not on the list below, please notify us so we may keep our veterans list current. Address your information to:

**Kaw Nation Veterans
Attention: Lloyd Pappan
P.O. Box 50
Kaw City, OK 74641**

Kaw Nation military veterans were recognized for their service during the ceremonies.

This annual event is sponsored by the Kaw Nation Cultural Committee.



Above, attendees of the Veterans Honor Wall ceremony May 26 included, front row from left, Billie Auld, Charles “Sonny” Holloway and Skyler Mathews; back row from left, Luther Pepper, Robert Allen, Guy Munroe and Lloyd Pappan.

Left, Rusty Partee, Marv Sandbek and Randy Teeter from the American Legion Post No. 259 located in Braman, Okla., presented the Pledge of Allegiance at the Veterans Honor Wall ceremony.

★ Honor Wall of deceased Kaw veterans ★

Babby, Kevin
Pepper, Alfred
Ballaugh, Kenneth (Bud)
Pepper, Dean
Bellmard, Jack
Preston, Corky
Bellmard, Sam
Sumner, Clay
Bowker, Frank Ross
Taylor, Houston
Bowker, Louis
Test, Dan

Burnett, Robert
Thompson, John E.
Clark, Elmer
Triplett, Larry Dean Sr.
Delano, Chuck
Delano, Thern
Delano, William B.
Farnsworth, John
Fronkier, Elton
Hardy, George B.
Hardy, Paul Sr.
Hardy, Paul Jr.

James, Lawrence Jr.
(KIA, Korea)
Kekahbah, Anthony
Kekahbah, Arthur
Kekahbah, Ernest Joe
Kekahbah, Walter
LeClair, Morgan
Littlewalker, Archie
Littlewalker, Bobby
Littlewalker, Eddie
Littlewalker, Newman Jr.

McCauley, Johnny R.
Mehojah, Joe
Mehojah, Ray
Mehojah, Willie
Means, Johnny
Means, Russel (Brother)
Munroe, Abram
(Ni-ja-an-gah)
Munroe, Clyde
Munroe (FNL), Hard Wind
(Tag-a-sug-gee)
Munroe, Guy G.

Munroe, Guy Jr. (Babe)
Munroe, Roy
Munroe, William Roy
Pappan, Bobby Jack
(KIA, Vietnam)
Pappan, Gene B.
Pappan, Henry (Big Henry)
Pappan, Jimmy L.
Pappan, Jonsie K.
Pappan, Louis (Big Louis)
Pappan, William Jr.
Pappan, William Louis

Speedy recovery



Kaw member **Evelyn Chouteau Kirkpatrick** is recovering from a fall which resulted in a broken hip. The family is hopeful that once she completes the physical therapy, she will be able to return to her home. Evelyn is currently in a rehab center for physical therapy.

Evelyn is half-Kaw and half-Oneida. She is the daughter of Forest (full-blooded Kaw) and Sophie (full-blooded Oneida) Chouteau. Forest was an interpreter for Chief Washunga.

Those who would like to send Evelyn a card wishing her a speedy recovery, you may do so to:

**Family Health & Rehab Center
Room 401
639 S. Maize Court
Wichita, KS 67209**

Submitted by Jo Anne (Kirkpatrick) Blomquist

Anna Lee Cooper Brewer is oldest living Kaw

Anna is in good health and very alert. One would not suspect that she is soon to be 106 years old on July 12. Her hair is still black, not grey. She is a beautiful person. Anna has never worked outside the home. She raised three sons. She still cooks three meals a day and enjoys gardening.

Anna was the last of 14 children born to William Cooper and Katie Adaline (Shroyer) Cooper. She was born on July 12, 1906, on her dad's Kaw allotment, the Cooper Homestead, along the Arkansas River, 6 miles east and 4 miles north of Newkirk, Okla. The house where she grew up still stands today. After restoration, it is in good condition.

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

Roseanne was one-half Citizen Band Potawatomi and one-fourth Kaw. Her dad was Joseph James Jr., one of the 23 half-blood Kaw Indians awarded a square mile of land on the Kaw River, site of present-day Topeka, by the Treaty of 1825. Several of the recipients of this land were Chief White Plume's grandchildren. He had negotiated the half-blood allotments, fearing that the half-bloods would not be accepted in either the Indian or the white

world and thus needed their own space. John Cooper's father, John R. Cooper, was white, of English and Welsh ancestry. He was in the Union Army during the Civil War.

Anna remembers that her grandma Roseanne smoked a corn cob pipe every day after meals. She would cut off a plug of Tinsley chewing tobacco, rub it in her palm to crush it, and stuff it in her pipe. The pipe is in the Kanza Museum.

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

Anna attended high school in Arkansas City, Kan. She went to visit relatives in Nebraska, where she met Clark Brewer. She and Clark married in 1934 and established their home in St. Francis, Kan., where Anna lives today. They raised three sons, Wallace Clark of Farmington, N.M.; Douglas Cooper, also of Farmington; and Dwight Edward of Tucson, Ariz. Anna's husband Clark died 34 years ago.

Anna spends the winters with her son Wallace Clark in Farmington, N.M., and her summers with her other son Douglas Cooper at her home in St. Francis, Kan.



New faces on Tribal Council



Elaine Huch was sworn in as Tribal Council Secretary on March 7 by Supreme Court Justice Lisa B. Otipoby-Herbert.



Jason Murray was sworn in as Tribal Council Member April 24 by Chief Justice Court Judge Robert Don Gifford II.

Getting to know your Grants Department

Amanda Wamego-Buffalohead

Amanda Wamego-Buffalohead has been employed by the Kaw Nation for 14 years and has been a Program Development Specialist for the last nine years. In 2011, she successfully completed a course and is now a Certified Grant Writer® through the American Grant Writers Association.

Amanda, her husband Jason and beautiful daughter Katzy reside in Kaw City. Amanda's blood line is Kaw, Citizen Potawatomi and Kickapoo.

Peggy Suter

Peggy Suter has worked for the Kaw Nation Grants and Contracts Department as Administrative Assistant for 10 years. Earlier in her career, she worked 13 years in

the banking industry. Peggy attended Fort Hays State University with studies in administrative and secretarial.

Peggy and Don, her husband of 44 years, moved to Kaw City 34 years ago from Colorado. They have three children: Jade resides in Colorado, Joy and her husband John Reed live in California, and Bart resides in Kaw City.

Nick Endicott

Nick Endicott came to Kaw Nation Grants and Contracts Department in 2009. Nick holds a B.A. in Anthropology from Kansas State University and an M.A. in Linguistic Anthropology from Northern Arizona University.

Although Nick grew up in nearby Arkansas City, Kan., he has had the opportunity

to travel abroad to 23 countries, and has worked in South Korea and the Marshall Islands.

Nick and his new bride Beth Kennedy live in Ponca City. His interest includes all sorts of games, scuba diving and literature.

Bernadette Hicks

Bernadette Hicks started with the Kaw Nation in 2009 as the Grant Compliance Specialist. She was recently promoted to Grants and Contracts Director in 2011. She is a Certified Grant Writer® through the American Grant Writers Association.

Bernadette holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Computer Science and an emphasis in Accounting from Southwestern College. In addition, Bernadette re-



Front row, Bernadette Hicks and Nick Endicott; back row, Peggy Suter and Amanda Wamego-Buffalohead.

ceived her Educational Degree from Cowley College.

Earlier in her career, Bernadette worked as a buyer for GE Engine Services and as Accounting Director for First Intermark in Arkansas City, Kan.

Bernadette and her hus-

band Arty have been married for 20 years. They have three daughters, Tasha, Karlee and Kayla. Kayla and her husband Nick have a daughter, Chloe.

Bernadette's interests include motorcycle riding, softball, volleyball and outdoor activities.

New emergency management director for Kaw Nation

Jerry Evans came to us as a retiree from the Newkirk Fire Department/EMS after 20 years of service, spending 15 of those 20 years as the Fire Chief and Emergency Manager.

He brings with him a long list of credentials. Jerry is nationally certified as an EMT-I and Fire Instructor, along with certifications pertaining to CPR and First Aid Instructor, Code Enforcement, CLEET Reserve Officer and many other certifications pertaining to Emergency Management.

His department has just completed a mitigation plan and will be introducing it to the General Council upon

**On the Kaw Nation
Emergency Management
web page**

- 🔗 A tornado safety checklist you can download
- 🔗 A family disaster plan you can download
- 🔗 Links to flu.gov, ready.gov, fema.gov and redcross.org
- 🔗 Constant weather info for Kaw City, including radar

approval with plan. This plan should help avoid damage and economic loss to the nation and its members.

"I'm excited to be a part of the Kaw Nation family,

and I'm committed to keeping tribal members prepared and safe and to remind everyone that no matter where you live, it's best to be prepared for all seasons," Jerry said. "Each year, many people are killed or seriously injured by tornadoes and severe thunderstorms despite warning.

"I invite you to visit our website and learn more about how to prepare for every season. Log on to www.kawnation.com and click under **Departments** to find **Emergency Management**. There you will learn how to be safe and prepared no matter what part of the country you live in."



No matter where you live, it's best to be prepared for all seasons.

JERRY EVANS

Students learn about the Kaw

At Académie Lafayette French Immersion Charter School in Kansas City, Mo., part of the statewide curriculum is learning about Native Americans. The second graders made projects about various Native American tribes that were displayed in the hallways of the school.

Two of the second grade students, Skler Mirador and Che Sprehe, chose to do their projects on the Kaw Nation. They did an excellent job.

The fourth graders designed their own teepees using Native American symbols. Every year, fourth grade science teacher Erin Pouppirt dresses in her Kaw regalia and presents information about the Kaw Nation in French in the second and fourth graders.

The students learn about various traditions, learn to dance, explore the economy of the Blue Earth Village, discuss their ancestry, and learn a little bit of the Kaw language. They have a great time. They have fun dancing and modeling all of the artifacts that Pouppirt brings to class. This year, approximately 200 students learned about the Kaw.

The middle school students take a very interesting field trip around the Kansas City, Mo., area to discover the heritage and influence of the French fur traders and the Kaw Nation.

*Article submitted by
Erin Pouppirt*





Congratulations

The Business Professionals of America held its National Competition in Chicago April 28. **Olivia Secondine**, a junior at Owasso High School, took home first place in the 3-D modeling category.

Olivia has plans to pursue 3-D modeling and animation in college, and she plans to work within the industry, which includes 3-D animation, CGI in movies, commercials and video game platforms.

Olivia's father is Walt Secondine. She is the granddaughter of Dorothy Pepper Secondine and the great granddaughter of Ralph Pepper.



After graduating from Frontier High School in 2004, **Eugene Coble** attended Northwestern Oklahoma College where he earned his Associate's Degree. Eugene has now graduated from Northwestern University completing his Bachelor's Degree in Psychology.

Eugene is the son of Debbie Coble and the grandson of John and Cecilia Coble.

Eugene is grateful the Kaw Nation has assisted him to further his education so he could complete his degrees. He looks forward to the possibility of working for the tribe and says it will be his chance to give back to Kaw Nation.



Eleni Contogiannis
North Carolina State University,
Spring 2012.
Major in Psychology.
Minor in Sociology.



Andrew Moffitt II
Kansas Wesleyan University, May 2012.
Bachelor of Arts in History. Minor in Communications.



Kathleen McCormac
University of York, United Kingdom, Spring 2012.
Master of Arts in Community Music.



Clay Henderson
Oklahoma Baptist University,
Spring 2012.
Bachelor of Arts in Religion.
Cum Laude.
Currently enrolled in Master's Program.



Amber Price
University of New Mexico.
Received Bachelor's Degree May 2012.
Majored in Native American Studies with a concentration in Indigenous Education.
Minor in Anthropology.
Currently enrolled in Master's Program at UNM.



Gabriel Roland recently placed second at the Oklahoma State Wrestling Tournament. Gabriel is the son of Alissa Kramer, grandson of Pattie Kramer and great-grandson of Wanda Stone.

Language Department intern

The Language Department has an exceptionally talented intern for the month of June. She is Victoria Sear, a rising senior at Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania.

Vicki comes well prepared to help with the Kanza Dictionary project because she has a double major in linguistics and anthropology. She has even studied the Osage language before she arrived here.

Vicki has been entering words and sentences into the database, participating in Kaw language classes, and has attended the Siouan Language



Vicki Sear

Conference at the University of Kansas with Language Director Linda Cumberland.

Vicki has spent her weekends attending the Chilocco Reunion powwow, participating in a sweat lodge, and visiting the Standing Bear Park and Education Center as

well as other parks and museums in Ponca City.

Vicki is finding Oklahoma very different from her home state of Connecticut. She says she finds the people friendly, the vistas beautiful and the experience on the whole exciting.



Kaw tribal member **Brent Ballagh** is valedictorian of the Newkirk High School class of 2012. Brent received many honors throughout his high school years: the Oklahoma Indian Honor Society the past four years, National Honor Society, Boys State, RYLA Leadership Camp and the Superintendent's Honor Roll all semesters. Brent was involved in football, FFA and Gifted and Talented. Brent is enrolled to attend Northern Oklahoma College this fall. He is the son of Jeff and Karen Ballagh.



Above, Luther Pepper was named Grand Marshall for this year's parade. Left, Mathe Anna Williams, 2011-2012 Kaw Princess.

Washunga Days

Right, Jason Murray, head dancer, with actors from the "Voice of the Wind" pageant. This year marks the pageant's 20th anniversary. Below, Kaw Nation members and guests ride the Kaw Nation parade float.



Above, Barbara Stanbrough receives the Luther Pepper Achievement Award from Luther Pepper and a representative from the Council Grove Chamber of Commerce. Left, American Legion Post No. 5 from Emporia, Kan., presented the colors both nights of the powwow.



Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe.



Barbara Stanbrough, Luther Pepper Achievement Award recipient.

Father's Day weekend held a special meaning at the Washunga Days Powwow for Skyler Mathews and daughter Kimber, near right, and Jim Warren and son Seth, far right.



Mathe Anna Williams
2011-2012 Kaw Princess

Washunga Days Powwow

Council Grove, Kan.
Dance winners

Tribe(s) listed after each name

Junior Girls

- 1st - Christian LeRoy, Omaha
- 2nd - Mathe Anna Williams, Kaw

Junior Boys

- 1st - Ross Victors, Ponca/Navajo
- 2nd - Daniel Scholfield, Potawatomi/Wintu
- 3rd - Haya Pelkey, Winnebago/Neb
- 4th - Dason Scholfield, Potawatomi/Wintu

Women's Cloth/Buckskin

- 1st - Toni Tsatcke Mule, Kiowa
- 2nd - Karen Wahaasuck, Apache
- 3rd - Cynthia LeRoy, Omaha

Women's Fancy Shaw/Jingle

- 1st - Josette Wahaasuck, Potawatomi
- 2nd - Brittany Pelkey, Winnebago
- 3rd - Shawdeen Smith, Navajo

Men's Straight Dancer

- 1st - Clark Pepper, Kaw
- 2nd - Robert McClellan Sr., Ponca
- 3rd - Josh LeRoy, Omaha

Men's Traditional Dancers

- 1st - Shannen Lieb, Omaha
- 2nd - Badger Wahabsad, Potawatomi
- 3rd - Josh LeRoy, Omaha

Men's Fancy Dancers Tribe

- 1st - Douglas Scholfield, Wintu
- 2nd - Thunder Lieb, Ponca

Head dancer Jason Murray with family.



Women's Fancy Shawls and Jingle dancers.



Friends of Kaw Mission held a luncheon for the powwow staff.



Ron Parks, right, historian and author from Manhattan, Kan., shakes hands with Donna Villa, president of the Kaw Nation Cultural Committee, and Lloyd Pappan, tribal elder.

Parks received a special recognition award from the cultural committee for his many years contributing to the "Voices of the Wind" pageant and for his short stories of the Kaws from 1858 to 1860.

This year marks the 20th anniversary of the "Voices" pageant.

To read Ron's stories, log on to www.kawnation.com, select "Culture," then select "Kanza Archives" from the dropdown menu.



Drummers from the Ponca Tribe, left, and the area director, Kinsel Lieb, above.

'A dream come true'

Discovery Center receives grand opening

After more than a year of planning and construction, the Flint Hills Discovery Center opened to great fanfare April 14.

Local and regional residents, city and state officials, Kaw Nation members and Discovery Center staff filled the Blue Earth Plaza near Third and Colorado streets to dedicate the newest attraction in Manhattan, Kan.

The ceremony included remarks by Kansas Gov. Sam Brownback, Mayor Jim Sherow, former mayor and Flint Hills Discovery Center Foundation President Bruce Snead and former Flint Hills Tourism Coalition President Suzan Barnes.

In addition, Curtis Kekahbah, Kaw Nation member, conducted a blessing of Blue Earth Plaza and the Discovery Center. Members of the Kaw Nation performed a dance to honor this new addition to the Flint Hills' regional community. The event concluded with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The project overview states that once a seemingly endless sea of tallgrass covered well over 150 million acres of what is now

the central United States, from Texas to Canada and Kansas to Indiana. Today less than 4 percent of the tallgrass prairie remains and it is in the Flint Hills of Kansas and the Osage Hills of northern Oklahoma.

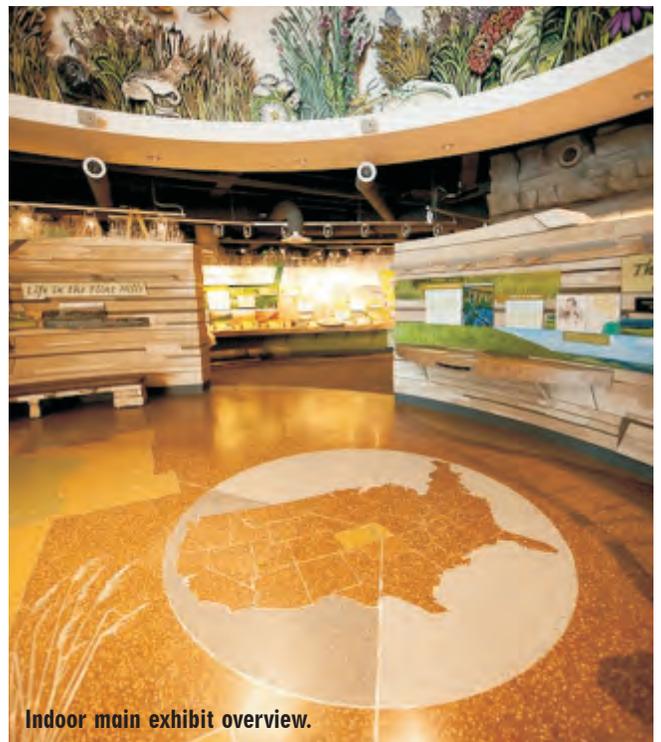
Through the presentation of its geology, biology and cultural history, visitors will learn the importance of this rare ecosystem and its rich biological diversity. They will also learn how the first Native peoples lived here in harmony with nature for 13,000 years and how Euro-Americans adopted grazing as the principal economy of the Flint Hills that has essentially saved it up to today.

The goal is to inspire people to celebrate, explore and care for the Flint Hills now and for future generations, because we are the custodians of the last stand of tallgrass prairie in the world.

With this 35,000-square foot facility at a cost of \$24.5 million, it is a must-see attraction. To learn more about the Discovery Center log on to www.flinthillsdiscovery.org.



Manhattan Mayor Jim Sherow cuts the ribbon held by Gov. Sam Brownback during the grand opening ceremony for the Discovery Center.



Indoor main exhibit overview.



Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kan.



Exhibits in the Flint Hills Discovery Center include, clockwise from top left, a tallgrass prairie display, the Discovery Burrow Family Fun zone and a video presentation. Discovery Center exhibit and building photos provided by Jaclyn Collins, FDHC.



Inside the Discovery Center.



Above, Jason Murray leads a group ritual dance during the Discovery Center's grand opening ceremony.

Left, Donna Villa, President of the Kaw Nation Cultural Committee, speaks during the Discovery Center's grand opening ceremony while Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe and Manhattan Mayor Jim Sherow look on.



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Chad Chrisco, bottom row, petting the dog, is a Kaw tribal member and Haskell Indian Nations University student.

Haskell students to visit D.C.

Promoting site preservation, raising awareness of threats to sacred sites

A group of Haskell Indian Nations University students and cultural rights advocates began a caravan journey to the nation's capital May 13.

One of the Haskell students is **Chris Chrisco**, a Kaw tribal member and former summer intern with the Kaw Nation Environment Department.

The 58-day journey is called "The Trail of Broken Promises." It will travel through 44 towns, bringing attention to the preservation of sacred sites and to raise awareness over the Wakarusa Wetlands. Millicent Pepi-

on, a member of the Navajo and Blackfoot Nations, is a junior at Haskell, and one of the event's organizers. She says the movement is about more than just cultural preservation.

Pepion says the group will also try to schedule a White House visit after arriving in Washington, D.C., July 9.

Once the group gets to Washington, leaders hope to present members of Congress with a bill that would protect sacred sites.

This expedition will not only represent the

battle they are having over the Wakarusa Wetlands, but it will also create a voice for all lands being threatened across the country — issues that are not being listened to but overlooked in the name of progress.

They will be carrying a draft piece of legislation, approved by the National Congress of American Indians, which is aimed at protecting sacred places such as the Wakarusa Wetlands. We hope others will join. We hope there are other lands spoken for on our journey.

"We believe people must be aware of the continuing travesties and ethnic cleansing that are products of a failure to keep people informed, and stand up for the rights of all Americans — especially the indigenous people who have already lost so much and continue to suffer the echoes of genocide, as well as realize and propagate positive connections that we all share and in which we all have stakes. ...

"This summer, which many students spend relaxing and partying, we journey across the land of our forefathers to learn and appreciate what it holds, and share our stories, histories, gifts and reverence, proud of our Native American heritage.

"In understanding of that which came before and hope of shaping a better, more culturally conscious America that is yet to come, we are more than willing to contend with blisters, bug bites and bureaucracy."

Chris Chrisco

To read more about their journey, follow the links listed below including Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/#!/pages/Trail-Of-Broken-Promises/300284686671395>

<http://www.kansascity.com/2012/05/14/3612652/students-protest-south-lawrence.html#.T7POh1b0cR4.facebook>

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The United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Consultation

May 3, 2012, at the University of Tulsa's Native American Law Center

Ya'ah teh. Shey ya Millicent Pepion enshiiye. Todikoshi inslev'. Blackfeet bushachiingi. Tachiini a da shi chey. Billagana a da shi noli. Hos do da' na sha. A he' hee onoostso.

Greetings, everything is good. Who I am called is Millicent Pepion; that is my name. The Bitter Water People from Whipper Well are my maternal and first clan. The Blackfeet People are my paternal and second clan. My great grandmothers are Their Forehead is Red People. My great grandfathers are white people. I'm from the really hot area of the world (Phoenix, Ariz.). Thank you, all of you who came through this doorway, and will leave out the same doorway.

I am a student at a tribal university originally founded in 1884 as the United States Indian Industrial Training School, an off-reservation Indian boarding school. The Haskell Indian Nations University community has introduced me to the practice of showing higher levels of respect for all of my relations. This summer I, with other Haskell students and supporters from Lawrence, Kan., will journey from the Wakarusa Wetlands, a sacred, endangered place located directly behind our campus, to Washington, D.C., on what we are calling the “**Trail of Broken Promises.**”

This is a spiritual issue. We believe that Congress needs to address specific legislation to protect sacred places in an inclusive manner for all people whom those places affect. To make this point known, we will carry the Protection of Native American Sacred Places Act. By walking the Trail of Broken

Promises, we call attention to the spiritual interconnectedness that we as human beings have with our environment and all elements within it.

We declare that a mutual respect and dignity be given to Native American people in concerns that affect our home communities. We respectfully request that the U.S. government adhere to our cultural, social, medical, environmental and spiritual interests that the “Trail of Broken Promises” members seek to protect.

Article three of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples supports self-determination for indigenous communities. Certain policies have granted us the right to exercise self-determination in our education system's design and curriculum. We yearn for the opportunity to teach the next generation how to build positive relationships with the environment through language revitalization, traditional storytelling, and ceremonial and traditional cultural practices that enrich traditional ecological knowledge essential to surviving collectively in harmony with all life. We insist the U.S. government acknowledge and adhere to treaty and trust obligations that exist, legally binding contracts that safeguard our right to education.

In addition, we contend that respect is given to the children. Seventh-generation teachings are applicable to all life and explain that the future is directly proportional to its history. Our children need guidance, support and love as they grow in the education environments that we have created. We need to protect the ecolog-

ical and social habitats of these special places. Our foundation of learning must include lessons specific to the stories and histories of Indigenous peoples throughout the Americas and all over the world.

“The Trail of Broken Promises” seeks to educate the general public about a history of human beings who once thrived in this beautiful country abundantly and with social cultural practices more peaceful than our present situation. We seek to foster positive life-enhancement systems for plants, animals and all our relations. Collective human action is needed to provide adequate consideration for future generations of all cultures.

A balance between Native science and Western science can be achieved for the betterment of all life. As a Native American woman, I have been told I must walk honorably on a middle ground centered between two paths: the red road and the black road. I must respect both worlds equally and simultaneously. This means in order to stabilize my existence I must incorporate my traditional teachings into a modern society.

Since I have attended Haskell University, I have learned that the Wakarusa Wetlands were formed 700,000 years ago at the end of the Ice Age, when the last Kansas glaciers melted. The White Plume People once inhabited the wetlands and were named after the Snowy Egret. My instructors have also showed me the Wakarusa Wetlands are a place where I can talk with Mother Earth and realign the balance between myself

and my environment through prayer and meditation. The Wakarusa Wetlands are a sacred place.

In Kansas, most of the wetlands have been drained or lost at a rate that parallels the decline in population of Native peoples indigenous to Kansas. “The Trail of Broken Promises” is asking for help from local, state, tribal and federal agencies in the hope that they will endorse policies that protect our land and cultures. Our children are counting on us.

I forgive the U.S. government for what they did to my people. I forgive those who deliberately inflicted inter-generational trauma to my family. I offer forgiveness to all walks of life in hopes better relationships can be attained. I hope my offering is received in the spirit that it is given as we enter an era when it is most crucial to alert ourselves about the respect and understanding of adopting these standards for the benefit of all of our relations. It is the Trail of Broken Promises' responsibility to educate all peoples of Mother Earth about this issue.

The “Trail of Broken Promises” leaves Sunday, May 13, and will arrive in Washington, D.C., on Monday, July 9.

A he' hee shi ma nahvstav bilasthlini. I want to thank Mother Earth's children, meaning all of everything that Mother Earth has made: the mountains, tree people, plant people, winged people, four-legged people, insect people, human beings, all water, rocks, fire, clouds, air — everything that was given to us by Mother Earth. Thank you for listening. *A he' hee.* Thank you.

By Millicent Pepion



Area students tour Beaver Creek Wetlands



Top of page, Blackwell Middle School students attended a study tour of the Beaver Creek Wetlands.

Above, students climb the Observation Tower.

Right, KNEED Water Technician Blane Stacy shows the students macroinvertebrate sampling.



The Kaw Nation Environmental Department, in close cooperation with Newkirk and Blackwell middle schools, conducted a study tour of the Beaver Creek Wetland project site from May 7-10.

Under the leadership of Marcie Rutter and Kayla Ailey, 76 students from Blackwell and Newkirk middle schools visited the Kaw Nation Wetland Project. At the site the students learned about wetland soil types, their functions and properties, and upland and bottom land vegetation characteristics.

The students also learned and had hands-on exercises on identifying various macroinvertebrates, insects that live in water. They also learned the importance of aquatic insects in relation to water quality and pollution tolerance levels. The students were exposed to various kinds of gaming fish. KNEED employees advised to lower the fish consumption frequency due to the pollution of methyl mercury seen in some fish species.

The students were also allowed to tour Kanza Museum. They learned about the history of the Kaw Nation before the tribe was moved to Oklahoma. The students were also shown various videos on global climate change and greenhouse gases.



Top photo, Newkirk Middle School students tour the Beaver Creek Wetlands. Above, KNED Director Dejene Alemayehu, Ph.D., explains the functions of wetlands to students on tour. Right, KNED Environmental Scientist Justin Bush explains soil functions to students.

Meet the KNED 2012 summer interns

Angie Reish received a Bachelor's degree in Zoology from Oklahoma State University in 2007 and a Master of Science in Zoology from OSU in 2011. Angie has worked at the OSU Tick Rearing Facility and completed an internship with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Angie will be assisting with wetland maintenance, water sampling and water quality analysis, and will be processing research data.

She enjoys birding, hiking, camping, scuba diving, horseback riding, rock climbing and spending time with her husband.



Kristofer Russell graduated from Ponca City High School in May 2012. Next year, Kristofer plans to attend Northwestern State University to study computer programming.

Kristofer has always enjoyed programming and has spent a lot of time programming in Java. His main inspiration for wanting to become a programmer is Markus Persson, an indie game developer responsible for the popular game "Minecraft."

In his free time, Kristofer is spending time with friends, fixing computers and playing games on the computer.

Kaw SouthWind Energy joint project update

SouthWind Energy recently completed its second off-grid green lighting project.

Installed to light the Warrior statue at the Kaw Nation offices in Kaw City, the environmentally friendly system uses no electricity, transformer or metering — reducing fossil fuel consumption and eliminating pollution.

Powered 100 percent by the sun and wind, the system generates power 24/7 with no electric bill and uses high-efficiency cool-white LED lighting. This vertical-axis unit features a 300-watt turbine and an 85-watt solar panel.

Kay Electric Cooperative provided assistance, with its crew gaining experience with the newest foundation systems and partnering in its first green energy project.



Ken Luttrell of Kaw SouthWind Energy and Sarah Clinton of Kaw SouthWind Casino at their booth with handouts and information during Ponca City Day at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

Kaw Nation Enterprises featured at State Capitol

Kaw SouthWind Casino and SouthWind Energy were recently on display in the rotunda of the State Capitol in Oklahoma City.

These enterprises, joined by 11 other businesses and attractions local to the Ponca City area, manned booths providing information, litera-

ture and giveaways to legislators, staff and visitors during Ponca City's Day at the Capitol on April 18.

Ponca City's Day at the Capitol was a welcome opportunity by Kaw SouthWind Energy to raise awareness of the business's wind and solar lighting systems.

Kanza Travel Plaza debuts remodeled deli, expanded menu

The Kanza Deli, formerly the Grab 'n Dash, is sporting a new look after being remodeled last summer.

The deli side of the Kanza Travel Plaza now has a larger work area, new cabinets and a new range and grill. New cooking equipment has also been added for the expanded menu featuring Champs Chicken.

The Champs menu offers a wide range of items from bone-in-fried chicken to chicken dippers to shrimp and fish. The menu also features side items such as macaroni and cheese, green beans, corn and mashed potatoes and gravy.

All of the items are prepared several times daily to ensure they are always hot and fresh.

Along with Champs Chicken the deli still carries its traditional items for breakfast, along with hamburgers, subs, chili, pizza, side items and salads. The deli also serves Sadler's smoked brisket on Mondays.

Diners can also choose from a wide variety of combinations so they can enjoy the items they want.

The Champs menu offers individual and family diners, snack packs and daily specials. The deli also offers promotional deals which gives the customer the best value.

The Kanza Deli is open daily from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m., and call-in orders are welcome.

Lynn Walker
Kanza Deli

Casino spring events



SouthWind Casino hosted a blood drive May 16 in the Non-Smoking Bingo Hall. "We were very pleased with the turnout and hope to hold this again in the future," said Jessy Dershem, event coordinator from the Oklahoma Blood Institute.



SouthWind Casino held a Cleanup Day April 17 as volunteers gathered with gloves and plastic bags to help beautify this one-mile stretch of road running from the casino into Newkirk. Thanks to all the volunteer who helped with this project: Pam Shaw, Nick Hartman, Jeff Washko, Sarah Clinton, Brenda Adams, Kyle Albee, Barb McKay, Marci Meyer and her Revenue Audit team, Rick Hudson and Bingo team, Joe LeClair and the "A-Team," Beth West Cherie King, Marlene Bailey and Margie Stinson.

KANZA MUSEUM

In June 2012, Fool Chief's Village in Kansas on the north side of Topeka located in Shawnee County will become the site of the Kansas Archeology Training Program field school.

This field school will rescue the portion of Fool Chief that will be encroached upon by Kansas Highway Department expansion.

Before you get too excited, Fool Chief's Village is privately owned and not in our power to control. We have been working with the Highway Department and the Kansas Historical Society to salvage the endangered area and to protect the larger portion of the site that will not be damaged by the highway.

The area of the site being excavated is very near the river. Erosion has caused a lot of damage for the last 180 years.

Fool Chief's Village is one of the villages established under the 1825 treaty with the new government of America. It also established American Chief and Hard Chief's villages. Fool Chief and Hard Chief still exist, while American Chief does not.

Fool Chief was occupied

from 1830 to 1844. Fool Chief is one of the villages George Catlin visited during his Arts Tour of the Plains Indians.

In my research for the Kanza Museum, I found a George Catlin drawing of Fool Chief's wife dated 1832. Fool Chief was "Kah-he-ga-wa-ti-an-gh," translated to mean "brave and courageous, even to rashness," according to Kanza historian George Pierson Morehouse.

Fool Chief established his village between the Kansas River and Soldier Creek. This was an ideal location for trade, making Fool Chief the principal Kanza village. Records of the time listed a population of 700 to 800 people and 30 to 50 lodges.

In 1957, State Archeologist Roscoe Hall Wilmeth recorded Fool Chief's Village. In spring 2006, the Kansas Department of Transportation requested a survey of the area for a proposed improvement project of U.S. Highway 24. They discovered three areas of interest. In 2007, testing was done in this area where the encroachment is developing. The surveys did not produce any features. The survey that was conducted

with metal detection did produce artifact concentrations up to 30 feet in diameter. The area is a working agricultural field and is heavy with rodent activity, which caused some difficulty in determining the location of the main site.

In June and July 2011, Dr. Margaret C. Wood of Washburn University conducted an archeological field school on the property. The field school resulted in the location of two features that were not identified in 2007.

The Kansas State Historical Society, Kansas Archeology Association, Kansas Archeological Training Program and KDOT are working together during June 2012 to salvage this site in order to learn all they can before the construction moves forward. This information will help put together a understanding of the Great Plains Indians' culture.

Tricia Waggoner will head up the excavation as the principal investigator for this project. Tricia, an archeologist with the KSHS, hopes to answer a few questions:

➤ Historical accounts indicate that the Kanza lived in

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earth lodges and bark lodges. Which style was found in Fool Chief?

➤ Were there horses and dogs at Fool Chief's Village?

➤ How does Fool Chief compare to Blue Earth Village, the Fanning site and Council Grove villages?

We hope the information recovered gives a new interest in the Kanza people and reminds the Kansas population that there were people residing on these lands beforehand. Kansans owe their name to their predecessors.

Maybe in the future the land owners will not be so quick to give the Highway Department permission to destroy. But until then, all we can do is watch and make sure that we are there when the opportunity comes.

Crystal Douglas
Kanza Museum Director

In loving memory
of our Kaw
Tribal members

Douglas Lynn Pappan

D.O.D. 03.16.2012

Paul Hardy Jr.

D.O.D. 05.07.2012

John E. Eads

D.O.D. 03.26.2010



T R A N S I T I O N S

Paul Warren Hardy Jr., Kaw City resident, died Monday, May 7, 2012, in the Ponca City Medical Center. He was 67.

The son of Paul Warren Hardy and Mary Elizabeth Johnstone Hardy, Paul Jr. was born Aug. 17, 1944, in Oklahoma City. He grew up and received his education in the Oklahoma City area and attended Midwest City High School.

On Sept. 4, 1962, Paul entered the United States Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam. He was transferred to the Marine Corps Reserve Oct. 27, 1966, and honorably discharged from the Marine Reserves May 24, 1968.

Paul worked in construction in Texas, and later he began oil rig sand blasting and painting.

On Aug. 17, 1978, Paul and Ella Mae Bertrand were



married in Orange, Texas. They made their home in Vinton, La., moving later to Gueydan, La. They moved to Newkirk, Okla., in 1986, and in 2006 they moved to Kaw City, Okla., where they have since resided.

A member of the Kaw Nation, Paul was on the cultural committee of the Kaw Tribe, as well as an employee for the Kaw Nation Library & Learning Center. He en-

joyed reading, fishing, hunting and storytelling.

He is survived by his wife, Ella; two sons, Jake Hardy of Early, Iowa, and Albert Hardy of Ponca City, Okla.; his mother, Mary Hardy of Enid, Okla.; one sister, Hazel Wright of Enid; and two grandchildren, Lindzee Hardy of Kaw City and Danikka Hardy of Ponca City.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Tom Hardy.

A graveside service was held at 1 p.m. May 10 in the Newkirk Cemetery with Danny W. Cornish officiating. Miller-Stahl Funeral Service was in charge of arrangements.

Serving as casket bearers were Curt Johnstone, Bill Neibaum, Brent Johnstone, Scott Johnstone, Bob Johnstone, Wes Pappan, Russ Hardy and Robert Hendon.

Call to duty

Christopher Thomas has been accepted into the Navy and will report for duty Sept. 1 in San Diego, Calif.

Christopher graduated from Ponca City High School in 2009. His parents are Vicki and Jonathan Thomas. His maternal grandparents are the late William Richard Jones and Phoebe Diamond Jones. His paternal grandparents are the late Phyllis and Kenneth Kemble. Christopher's siblings are Marcos, Kaylie and Thomas.

*Submitted by
Vicki Thomas*

New Kanza museum acquisition

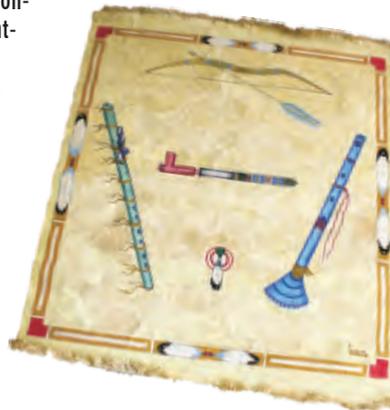
John Koopman Sr. has donated a painting to the Kanza Museum in Allison Koopman's name.

The painting was created by William K. Lessert. Lessert was born in 1889 and died in 1961. He studied music in Chicago and studied painting in Colorado Springs, Colo. The painting was then passed down through the Dennison family. After Tommy passed away, his brother Leonard Dennison gave the painting to Marie Lessert Koopman, who was William Lessert's daughter.

John Koopman Sr., who donated the painting, was Marie's son. John turned the painting over to his granddaughter, Allison Koopman, who requested the painting be donated to the Kanza Museum for all the Kanza people to enjoy.

Allison, your donation is very generous, and the Kanza Museum will have this painting on display for all to enjoy. The Kanza Museum will be open Saturday, Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. We invite everyone attending the powwow to stop by and say hello.

Crystal Douglas
Kanza Museum Director



The Town of Braman dedicated the new town clock in honor of Jerry and Marilyn Johnston "for their many years of faithful service to the Braman Community" on Memorial Day.

Jerry Johnston served 28 years as Braman mayor beginning in 1983. He and his wife Marilyn, who passed in 2009, served on numerous boards, commissions, civic organizations and on local, county, state and federal levels over many years.

Speakers at the dedication noted the significant impact to the betterment of Braman by the Johnstons' involvement and sustained efforts.

Jerry currently serves on the Kaw Enterprise Development Authority Board of Directors as secretary.



Jerry Johnston

William L. Pappan memorialized in New Mexico

The 21st Annual Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service was held by the Bureau of Indian Affairs May 3 in Artesia, N.M.

“Every officer memorialized here worked on behalf of the United States, tribal communities and for the people living and working in Indian country,” key speaker Del Laverdure, Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs, said.

Federal Agent William Louis Pappan's name was added to the stone tablet monument this year. He was killed on Dec. 4, 1935, while checking the beer license at The Sheridan Club, in Tulsa, Okla.

ATF Deputy Assistant Director John Torres attended the memorial service and provided remarks honoring my grandfather. “ATF is proud to join in paying tribute to William Pappan’s dedication and service,” Torres said. “His bravery and courageous service on behalf of his country will never be forgotten.”

Following the service, Agent Pappan’s son Steve was presented with an American flag in honor of his father.

My grandfather was also honored again this year at



the 44th Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial Ceremony held in Oklahoma City May 18. A local television station interviewed me after the ceremony. I was asked what this service meant to me. I conveyed that it gives me peace to see his name on the Oklahoma monument and all the others.

All these years his story was just lost. But Mr. Lippe,

chairman of the Oklahoma memorial service every year, has followed the story of what happened to Louis Pappan. He decided to add the information about what happened to the OLEM website, and it was there that ATF found their fallen agent.

It is amazing that what happened on Dec. 4, 1935, was finally discovered. Not just recognized, but he has been

honored and memorialized in so many ways — from Washington, D.C., now to New Mexico and home in Oklahoma, where it all began.

Rest in peace now, grandfather. Now the truth has been written in Kaw history and the United States history — never to be forgotten again.

*Claudia Crow Hof
Granddaughter of William
Louis Pappan*



The honor ceremony at the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial in Oklahoma City May 18. Photos provided by Claudia Crow Hof.

Inside an IED blast

Spc. Skyler Mathews, Kaw tribal member, has arrived home safe but not unharmed. As you read his story, you sense the closeness and respect he has with his fellow Delta Company members.

When the Ponca City native and Kaw Tribe member shares details of his Afghanistan deployment, his sentences are peppered with “ticks” (heavy fire fights), “clicks” (kilometers) and “dismounted” (walking instead of riding in a vehicle).

Although reluctant to go into detail about his deployment with Oklahoma Army National Guard’s 45th Infantry, 1/179th Battalion, he quickly smiles when talking about his fellow Delta Company members.

Mathews enlisted in the Oklahoma Army National Guard at the urging of a friend.

“Drills are like a high school reunion, not a bad gig,” he said.

Growing up hunting, fishing, skeet-shooting and just about anything else outdoors, Mathews’ skill with weapons earned him a specialist designation as a marksman. The weapons assigned the sniper were the Barrett .50-caliber and M-14 Enhanced Battle Rifle, both offering semi-automatic firepower with sniper weapon accuracy over great distances.

In the arid mountains of Afghanistan, both attributes are appreciated by their operators.

Mathews is a member of Delta Company, 1st Platoon, 2nd Squad. The band of soldiers were split off from other Delta Company platoons and assigned to a remote outpost in Alangar.

“Alangar Police Headquarters was an example of COIN [counterinsurgency] operations, pretty much a Petri dish for COIN,” said Sfc. Joseph Zook,



“Hellbilly tested, hellbilly approved.” Spc. Skyler Mathews stands by the vehicle he was traveling in when it was damaged by an IED in Afghanistan Nov. 30, 2011. Mathews, six of his fellow soldiers and their interpreter were injured in the blast. Photo provided by Skyler Mathews.

Ponca City. “You’ve gone from pretty much a kinetic battle to mentoring, guiding Afghan police to guide them in gaining control over their area.”

According to Mathews, Alangar was the first place where the Afghan National Army, Afghan uniformed police and U.S. troops all lived in one compound for the entire deployment.

“It went all right,” Mathews shrugged. “There were some tense moments. Havin’ us there was like havin’ their big brother there to go out and fight for them.”

Sgt. Grant Potter, Ponca City, member of Delta Company’s Specter Platoon assigned to Mehta Lam, remembers seeing Mathews occasionally and feeling appreciative of his own comparatively cushy conditions.

“No running water, no working toilets,” MREs for months. These guys were further out of contact and lived a much harder life,” Potter said.

Tasked with training the

Afghans to defend their own space, Mathews said another imperative was to deny enemy movement. This meant a lot of patrols through very rugged terrain at an altitude ranging from 4,000 to 7,000 feet.

Even though the Delta Company is considered “mounted,” meaning “with vehicle” and heavy weapons, Mathews said, “We were pretty much dismounted on everything. We did route clearance with trucks but cleared around the AO [Area of Operation] on foot to talk to the locals and to get a U.S. presence felt.

“There were a quite a few roads, but you wouldn’t want to walk them just to go bobbing.”

That’s because surviving the constant presence of improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, meant making the smallest target of yourself while searching for the bombs and their trigger men. Riding in a vehicle made for a much larger target with the possibility of many casualties instead

of few.

Despite the precautions, on Nov. 30, 2011, the squad was hit by an IED while moving through Sangar Valley.

They were moving in behind Charlie Company, who was acting on intelligence of Taliban insurgency action.

According to Mathews, the squad hooked up with Charlie Company, and conducted the search. Once complete, the troops began moving back through the same route — the only route — available to the mission’s two trucks to get back to base.

The IED was detonated under the second truck. Six U.S. soldiers — Mathews, John Hill, Eric Walker, James Ramsey, Joe Sisco and Lt. Joseph Stoy — and their interpreter were injured.

“The IED was detonated by a push button as we drove over it. We heard the actual explosion and felt the truck go straight up — nose up — and then slam back down into the crater. Spc. Hill and Lt. Stoy were up front and took the brunt of the blast. Both had broken legs and were trapped.”

Besides crushing the doors, the blast ruptured the fuel tank upon which Hill was sitting, and diesel fuel blew into the cab. Getting everyone out before a fire could erupt became Mathews’ focus.

While others managed to escape through the turret, a piece of military equipment nicknamed “Duke” blocked the exit for Hill and Stoy.

The powerful 6-foot, 1-inch Mathews stayed to wrestle the equipment out of the way in order to extract Hill while the others rescued Stoy.

Despite a badly broken leg and the blanket of diesel fuel, Mathews said Hill took the situation in stride. “He’s the

young guy that everybody took care of, but he was handling it pretty well.”

The first truck escaped detonation, so its crew piled out to pull security “so nobody would take pot shots at us.” At the same time, the walking wounded, like Mathews, began investigating the IED circumstances.

“Charlie guys did dismount and sweep the route [before traveling the road],” he said. “But the IED had been there for several months. The wires ran to a farm, and a crop had grown up around it, so with one way in and one way out, all the dude had to do was hook up a battery and press a button.”

In addition to evacuating the injured, the U.S. Army makes it a priority to recover downed vehicles.

“The Mehta Lam Company came to link up with us and take the downed truck back to Mehta Lam. It was Potter’s group that arrived to load the truck on a flat bed and take it out.”

Mathew’s injuries included a traumatic brain injury, several herniated discs and a pinched spinal cord. But he stayed behind to help provide security.

It was the second major IED attack to strike the local soldiers. On Aug. 6, 2011, barely a month after arriving in country, an IED detonated, injuring Ryan Vermillion along with Walker and Sisco.

It was Walker and Sisco’s second go-round with surviving an IED, being medevacked,



Top of page, from left, Eric Walker, the squad’s interpreter, Lt. Kyle Stoy and Sgt. Paul Stoksbury. Above left photo, Spc. Tolles and Spc. Ryan Vermillion. Above center photo, Eric Walker and Joe Sisco. Sisco is now employed with SouthWind Casino. Right photo, Sfc. Joseph Zook, platoon sergeant. Photos provided by Skyler Mathews.

and living to tell the story.

Two days after returning to Alangar, Mathews was persuaded to be evacuated for treatment of his injuries. He promised to behave (take it easy) so that he could stay with Delta Company in country.

One benefit of recuperating in Mehta Lam? Food.

Alangar didn’t have a kitchen to cook in or food to cook with. The group was fed family-size Meals Ready-to-Eat that came in a giant pan.

“When we’d get the chance

to go down to Kaldush on route clearance, or Mehta Lam, we’d fight over who’d get to go and eat real food,” Mathews said. “Might get blown up or shot up, but if you get there, you get to eat.”

As members of the 45th began arriving back in the U.S. this spring, Mathews’ return didn’t happen until May 16. He transitioned through the military’s San Antonio, Texas, hospital for treatment of his wounds. While there, he crossed paths with John Hill,

the soldier he saved. Though that definitely would not be Mathews’ words, it most certainly is according to Hill.

“I got a call Easter Sunday from John,” said Rima Bellmard-Mathews, Skyler’s mother. “He wanted me to know exactly what happened Nov. 30, and that it was Skyler who saved him.”

Mathews and Hill are among the soldiers of the 45th Infantry to receive Purple Hearts and Army Commendations.

DV Program course raises awareness of strangulation

The Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program held a training course June 18 at the Kaw Learning Center.

This course was designed to increase awareness of the lethality of strangulation and addressed identification of the subtle signs and symptoms of

strangulation, the anatomy of strangulation, investigating strangulation cases and documenting the evidence for a successful prosecution.

Special emphasis was placed on steps of successfully interviewing the victim. This training was designed

for law enforcement personnel, judges, prosecutors, advocates and others who respond to domestic assault calls and serve victims of domestic violence.

The course instructor was Investigator Gary Carter (Ret.), Domestic Violence

Unit, Oklahoma City Police Department. Materials and equipment were provided by the Oklahoma Regional Community Policing Institute.

These classes were CLEET Certified, No. 12-3765, for eight hours, which included two mental health hours.

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Fall in for Boot Camp

For six weeks from April to June the trainers on staff at Kanza Wellness Center presented their first Boot Camp.

Twenty-one participants ran, swam and exercised their way to better health.

Boot camp is an intense way to quickly get into better shape through a variety of exercises designed to push participants to the next level. Exercises are built around timed stations, with participants moving quickly from one station to the next.

The dedicated group of boot campers came from a variety of fitness levels and a wide range of ages. They flipped tractor tires, used battling ropes, ran a 5K and crawled through a rope obstacle course just like the Marines — and that was just one session.

In all, 17 participants conquered the camp. We're proud of the commitment they made to their health and the dedication they showed.

Do you think you're up to the challenge? This September, we'll begin our second boot camp. We invite you to come, be challenged, have fun and change your life through fitness.