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## Washunga Days honors Kanza culture

Kaw Nation returned to Council Grove, Kan., to celebrate the Washunga Days Pow-wow on June 21 and 22, commemorating their culture in their one-time home.

"I have been attending and participating in Washunga Days since 1990 and have grown to love this area as I'm sure my ancestors did," Pauline Sharp said in a speech welcoming a pair of Kaw Nation exhibits near the Kaw Mission.

Sharp, who has been a member of the Culture, Museum and Library Committee since December, said after the speech that she had first learned about the event from a newspaper article.

"I read about it in the *Wichita Eagle* and thought, 'Washunga was my great grandfather. I need to go to that,'" Sharp said.

Before the dances began on Friday, Barb Stanbrough bestowed upon Donna Villa the Luther Pepper Award. Villa has served as the president of the CML Committee for two years and has been on the committee since 1996.

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Donna Villa and Luther Pepper during the Luther Pepper Award presentation.



Blair Roland and Kyleigh Warren



Pauline Sharp and Curtis Kekahbah at Santa Fe exhibit opening.



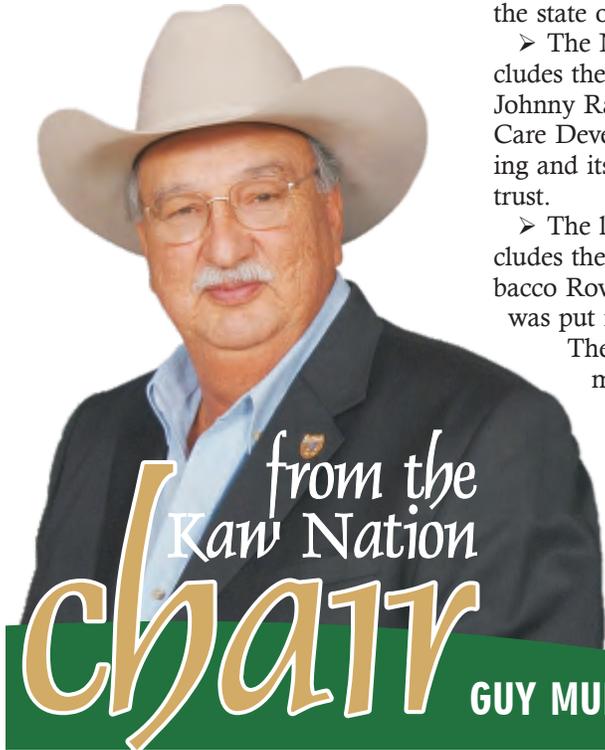
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Dear friends:

Independence Day is just around the corner. As we celebrate our country's independence, let's remember the Kaw men and women serving our country overseas.

Here are some accomplishments of Kaw Nation from the past few months:



➤ The gaming trust application for the Braman property has been signed by Assistant Secretary to Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn and Oklahoma Governor Mary Fallin. This had been in the process for 24 years. We are overjoyed with its completion.

➤ In March, we signed a tobacco compact and a burn ban compact with the state of Oklahoma.

➤ The Newkirk property, which includes the clinic, wellness center, Johnny Ray McCauley Gym, Child Care Development, Maintenance building and its adjacent field, was put into trust.

➤ The land in Ponca City that includes the Kaw Smoke Shop II, Tobacco Row and the Quonset building was put into trust.

The quarterly General Council meeting will be on July 14 at 10 a.m. in the community building at the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds.

Please feel free to come by and share any stories or concerns. My door is always open.



Kaw Nation and other tribes of the Council of Confederated Chilocco Tribes received recognition from University Multispectral Laboratories in March for contributions to national security. From left, UML acting deputy director Major Gen. Al Goodbary, Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe and Oklahoma Secretary of Science and Technology Stephen McKeever. Read the story on page 19.

I hope this summer treats you well and that you are able to enjoy the delights of the season.

*Guy Munroe  
Chair, Kaw Nation*

## Resume bank looking to promote your skills

Kaw Nation is looking for tribal members with technical, mechanical, science, information technology and other skills.

Interested tribal members should send pertinent information, such as a resume, to Erin Kekahbah via e-mail at [ekakahbah@kawnation.com](mailto:ekakahbah@kawnation.com).

We will be compiling a resume bank as we are continually asked for this type of information from business contacts. This information will be kept confidential and will only be distributed to those who contact the tribe about people with particular skills.

## Free will clinic for tribal citizens

A free will clinic will be offered for Kaw tribal citizens by the Oklahoma University School of Law. Contact Tammy Wingo at 580-269-2552 or [execsec@kawnation.com](mailto:execsec@kawnation.com) for information and to register for the clinic. The date, location and time will be announced once enough people have expressed interest.



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# Wind farm project picking up speed

The wind farm project at Chilocco will soon be mobilized.

Construction on the project begins in July on land owned by Kaw Nation, as well as Cherokee, Ponca, Otoe-Missouria and Pawnee lands at Chilocco.

Ninety turbines will be placed on the various plots. That includes 12 on Kaw land.

PNE Wind USA, the operator of the wind farm, and the five tribes marked the groundbreaking with an Earth Day ceremony on April 22.

"This is an important day, not just for the project, but also for Oklahoma, for the tribes that are involved and, most importantly, for the Earth. We're in this business for a very important reason. We believe clean energy is our future. We believe in something that contributes to future generations, both for economic development and as a way to grow," said PNE

Wind USA Vice President Andre De Rosa.

Carol Wyatt, who wrote the early grants for the wind farm while working for Kaw Nation between 2000 and 2005, expressed her joy that her dream of a wind project is coming true.

"I'm really glad to see this is finally going to happen," Wyatt said. "It just makes so much sense because wind blows up here all the time."

Wyatt recalled the first wind energy grant she wrote.

"I even have the first grant I ever wrote. You guys didn't put it in the grant, I don't think, but Rita and I did a little put-together. I had an initial one with something in it about putting [a wind turbine] at the little quick stop in Kaw City and at the Kanza [Travel] Plaza and at different places and at the housing [authority]," she said.

The wind farm is expected to be operational early in 2014. It will produce 153 megawatts of power to resi-



Top photo, from left, Otoe-Missouria Chairman John R. Shotton, Ponca Chairman Earl Howe III, Kaw Chair Guy Monroe, PNE Wind USA Vice President Andre De Rosa, Pawnee Vice President Charles Lone Chief and Otoe-Missouria Vice Chairman Ted Grant. Left photo, Jason Murray and Skyler Mathews present Carol Wyatt with a blanket.

dents in the area south of Chilocco. PNE Wind USA estimates that it will offset the equivalent of 31,000 households' annual fossil fuel

usage. Energy from the wind farm will produce a 50 percent cost savings, which will be \$230,000 for Kaw Nation facilities.

## NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

### QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, July 14, 2013 • 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

Questions? Contact Elaine Huch, Council Secretary, 580-269-2552

*In loving memory  
of our Kaw  
Tribal citizens*

**Phillip Pappan**  
D.O.D. 02.27.2013

**Terussa Kennedy (Eads)**  
D.O.D. 02.07.2013

**Evelyn Kirkpatrick  
(Chouteau)**  
D.O.D. 10.03.2012

**Cecelia C. Miller (Allen)**  
D.O.D. 04.13.2013

**Maxine Cravens  
(Pappan)**  
D.O.D. 04.23.2013

**Charles B. Colvin**  
D.O.D. 04.23.2013

**Lois J. Petitt (Pickering)**  
D.O.D. 04.28.2013

**Fred Dilbeck**  
D.O.D. 06.24.2013



## Art museum taps Pepper Henry as director

The Heard Museum, a major Native American art museum in Arizona, chose Jim Pepper Henry as the first Native American director and chief executive officer in April.

“[Being the first Native American director] is quite an honor and to be Kaw and be the director,” he said.

Pepper Henry said that he wants to strengthen relationships between the Native American community and the museum.

“I want to make a strong connection here to the Native community in Arizona and connect with Native people across the country,” he said.

As the first enrolled member of a Native American tribe to lead the Heard Museum, Pepper Henry said that his perspective would help provide cultural context to artifacts and exhibits.

“What a native director can bring to the Heard is a strong understanding of cultural context,” he said. “When you see ethnographic items or historic items in a museum, they’re taken out of their cultural context. A person of a Native background has an understanding of that original context and can take the context back to the object or the collection. I think the Native director can work with the



staff to bring that context to the object. I think it’s about understanding that context and not just looking at it for its aesthetic value.”

The Heard Museum is one of the most prestigious Native American museums. More than 40,000 people visit the Heard Museum each year. Pepper Henry acknowledged how far Natives have come in the museum field.

“Thirty years ago you wouldn’t find Natives working in the museum field and Natives weren’t even welcome in a museum,” he said. “You could say that I was one of the first wave of Native Americans to go through the Smithsonian internship program. There aren’t many of us, but there are a lot more of us than there were before.”

Pepper Henry, who enters

his new position in July, said that one of the most exciting things about working at the Heard Museum will be the relative closeness to his family and the tribe.

“When I was in Alaska, I was five thousand miles away. I’ll be able to get back to Oklahoma in a day. Being closer to home, I want to get more involved with the tribe,” he said.

Pepper Henry is also an artist. He maintains an art studio in Anchorage and hopes to continue his artwork while in Arizona. Having gone from supplementing his income by serving in a museum early in his career to operating museums, he sees his museum work as an opportunity to assist other artists.

“I really enjoy helping artists,” he said. “I’m in the position where I can help other Native artists and give them a shot.”

Pepper Henry created the Kanza Museum. Afterwards, he worked at the Smithsonian Institute, becoming the associate director of the National Museum of the American Indian. He had been the director and CEO of the Anchorage Museum. He oversaw an expansion that doubled the museum in size.



Kaw Nation Police Chief **Tony Coleman** was named to the Oklahoma Association of School Resource Officers. Coleman becomes the first tribal representative on the board.

He will help the 10-person board oversee all of the school resource officers — police officers who patrol schools — in Oklahoma. The OKASRO

coordinates training programs for school resource officers, including Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) and Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT).

The OKASRO also prepares officers for active shooter situations in schools.

Coleman, who has led the Kaw

Nation force since 2007, will instruct officers on coordinating lockdowns. He’ll also help instruct students and staff at schools on lockdown procedures.

The KNPD assists with school resource support in Kay County as needed, responding to situations and providing other support.

# Cowboy up



Mark Branch, front, with back row from left, volunteer assistant coach Alex Rieder, senior wrestler McCade Ford and University of Wyoming wrestling director of operations Travis Shufelt. Photo courtesy University of Wyoming Sports Information.

## Kaw guides college wrestlers to another title

Kaw tribal citizen Mark Branch guided his University of Wyoming wrestling team to a fourth straight Western Wrestling Conference title, despite injuries to a few players and losing four of six dual meets in January and February.

"I think we finished really well," Branch said. "We did really well at regionals. A lot of those guys had to pull off upsets and they did that."

The Cowboys fought back from fourth place to first on the last day of the Western Regionals to win the title.

"It speaks to the elevation of the program. We hadn't won the conference in 20 years before 2009, and then won four straight years. To do it in that fashion shows the level of the program," Branch said.

Seven Wyoming wrestlers qualified for the national championships and two placed at nationals to earn All-American honors. Senior Alfonso Hernandez reached the quarterfinals

before losing twice and pulling out a win for seventh place in the 197-pound weight class.

Hernandez, who had back surgery two years ago, felt it seize up on him in January.

"We worked to keep him healthy, keeping him out of practice," Branch said. "It got the best of him. He went down in an uncomfortable position. Then, he came back with a win in the seventh-place match. I'm glad he was able to finish out his career with a win."

Sophomore Tyler Cox placed eighth in the 125-pound weight class.

"Having Tyler Cox as an All-American at 125 pounds — that was huge," Branch said.

Branch said that his young team grew more mature throughout the season.

"We overcame losses on the team level and individual level. We beat guys at nationals who beat us in the regular season. They prioritize wrestling. They

go to school, they wrestle and that's it. We have great chemistry in the wrestling room," Branch said.

Branch expressed great optimism looking towards the 2013-14 season, having had four sophomores wrestling in the national meet.

"They're getting that experience and they have two more years. These things are very positive. It reaffirms that we're doing the right things in training. This was a building year. We had guys red-shirt. We had guys wrestle out of their weight class. We'll have guys coming back healthy and in their weight class. We'll have an exciting team on the mat."

Branch said that he hopes to continue building the Wyoming program and take it to the next level.

"I have a lot of support right here. I enjoy the clean living. I enjoy living in the town of Laramie. The athletic department is behind us. I'm focused on building the program," he said.

# Traveling timeline exhibit to start its summer tour

The Kanza Museum received a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in 2010 designed to create a timeline permanent exhibit. It was very successful and prompted a second grant to extend the timeline to the general public. We hoped to take the story of the Kanza people into the territories that they inhabited and renew the importance of tribal history.

The focus for this story was Kansas and Missouri. But it became clear that in order to tell this story, we had to also present in the place we ended up.

The tour will then travel to Kansas to show in the Kansas Historical Society Museum in early July. Then, it will find its way to Van Meter State Park in Missouri at the end of July.

We will travel to Emporia, Kan., in August, where the Lyon County Historical Society will show the timeline. The next stop will be the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kan., at the end of August.

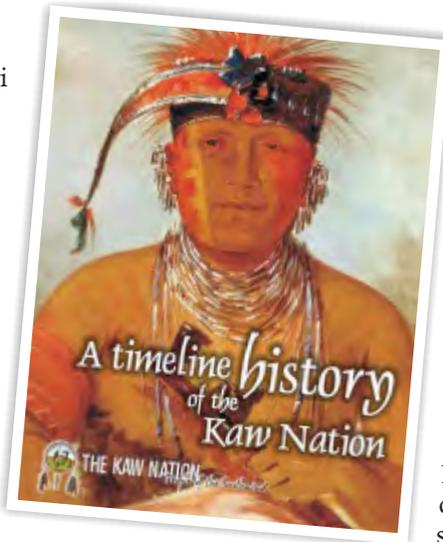
We will then proceed to Salina, Kan., to be hosted by the Salina Historical Society. We'll return to Oklahoma to show at the Kay County Fair the second week in September. The final stop will be Council Grove, Kan., at the end of September.

The timeline covers the Kanza people from the 1500s through 2012. This is a story of success to near destruction to success once more. In 1500s, the Spanish were looking for gold and met the Kanza in Kansas. We see religion on the plains in the late 1500s and early 1600s. Explorers find Blue Earth Village and camp with the natives that called themselves the *Konza*.

In the early 1700s, the population is

in villages with 1,500 living structures along the rivers and millions of acres of hunting lands. In the late 1700s, you have the French traders on the Missouri River, and the once self-supporting tribes are now trading for copper, iron, wool and weapons.

In the 1800s, white settlers looking for lands encroach on the plains and the rich soils of northern Kansas. This story becomes very familiar when you look at the large plains tribes being ravaged by western diseases. Then, in 1825 came the move to the first reservation, in 1846 the move to the second reservation and in 1873 the movement to Oklahoma.



This is a wonderful story of a very interesting people. We hope you find the time to go to one of our locations and learn more.

The Kanza people have a long history with the Kansas area, and the exhibit will be shown in most of their territories that are covered in the timeline. We hope only to help educate the people of Kansas on a people that may have been forgotten over time.

We also have a history with Van Meter State Park, past and present, and wish to show our support for all that they have achieved in bringing together the indigenous people and nature.

The travel for the Kanza timeline does not end here. We will continue to travel, and hopefully we will tell the story of the Kaw Nation to many more places in the future.

For the exact times, dates and locations of timeline exhibitions, contact Kanza Museum Director Crystal Douglas at 1-866-404-5297 or e-mail to [crystal\\_douglas@kawnation.com](mailto:crystal_douglas@kawnation.com).

## Kaw history, culture to further their digital presence

The Kaw story is about to arrive in a new format. Deb Pryor, a media production specialist in the Kansas State University Department of Communications and Agricultural Education, is working on a Kaw Cultural Heritage project that will include an interactive DVD and an e-book.

Pryor looks to document the Kanza people as part of the cultural diversity of the state of Kansas. She hopes to display visually and in print the cultural traditions of the tribe.

Part of this project includes use of the Kaw language by some tribal members.

Pryor conducted interviews with tribal members during the Washunga Days powwow in Council Grove, Kan., in June. She will hold additional interviews during the Kaw Powwow in October and at other times as

needed. These will include video interviews with tribal members in regalia.

Pryor is looking to have any interested tribal members speak the Kaw language in interviews.

The DVD is expected to be complete in December and the e-book should be published in January.

Once the e-book is complete, people will be able to find it on the Kaw Nation and Kaw Mission websites.

Pryor said that she hopes that the video helps make the Kaw story visual and interactive for tribal members of today, as well as future generations.

Pryor has carried out several projects related to Kaw Nation in the past 20 years. For her master's degree, which she earned from KSU in 1997, she researched, designed and maintained the Kaw Mission website. Also, Pryor created a Facebook page for the Friends of Kaw Heritage where people can view a timeline of important events in the tribe in the last 200 years.



Deb Pryor

## Congratulations, graduates



Shane Reisinger graduated from Madison-Grant High School in Fairmount, Ind.

His activities included National Honor Society, A-Team, task associate at Kmart. He is an enlisted soldier in the Indiana National Guard.

Shane will attend Purdue University and study aerospace engineering. He will be assigned to the Purdue ROTC program and will commission as a second lieutenant upon graduation from college.

Shane would like to build and design aircraft and air defense weapons for the U.S. Army.



Tecumseh Kekahbah graduated from Rocky Mountain High School in Fort Collins, Colo. Tecumseh is 18 years old.

Tecumseh plays ice hockey and enjoys hiking in the Rocky Mountains. He dances traditional southern straight style.

He will attend Colorado State University in Fort Collins next fall.

# Braman gaming project receives approval

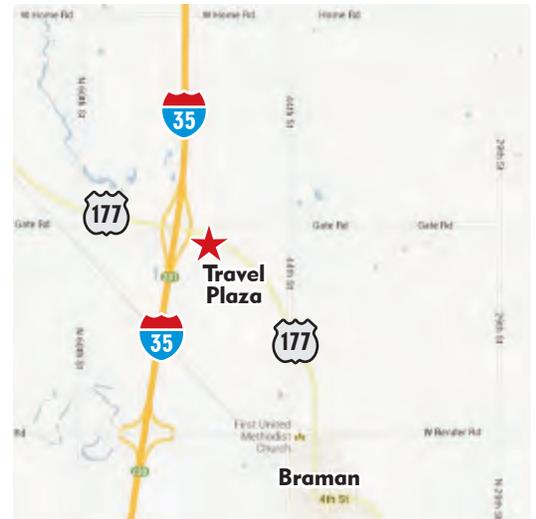
After a process that began in 1990, the Bureau of Indian Affairs has approved an off-reservation casino application for the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma.

The application was approved by Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn on May 17, 2013 under the two-part determination provisions of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Oklahoma Gov. Mary Fallin concurred with the BIA approval on May 23, 2013.

"After a careful and thorough review of the Kaw Nation's gaming application, the tribe's application satisfies the rigorous standards contained in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act and our regulations," Assistant Secretary Kevin Washburn said in a press release. "The tribe has had a presence in north-central Oklahoma since its relocation there from Kansas in 1872, and this decision will assist them to build their economy for the benefit of their tribal members and the surrounding communities."

There have been very few off-reservation gaming approvals in the United States since 1988, and this is the first two-part determination approved in Oklahoma.

Kaw Chairman Guy Munroe hailed Washburn's decision and Gov. Fallin's concurrence, stating, "The Kaw Nation has worked very hard to get to this point on the



Braman project, many people over many years have worked long hours to get us to this point. This accomplishment is testament to the determination of the Kaw people and will be beneficial to the Kaw Nation for many years to come."

The project construction at the present location of the Kanza Travel Plaza located at the Braman exit off Interstate 35 is set to begin pending final environmental approval and after careful review of market factors that will determine the size of the project.



Post 259 Women's Auxiliary member Reba Redelman shakes hands with Boys State Representative Dewey Donelson.



American Legion Post 259 Women's Auxiliary Member Reba Redelman, Post 259 Adjutant Rusty Partee and Boys State Representative Bryce Murray.

## Kanza youth represent Legion at Boys State

Two Kanza youths, Bryce Murray and Dewey Donelson, represented Braman American Legion Post 259 at Boys State in Oklahoma City from May 26 to June 1.

Post 259 Commander Marv Sandbek praised Donelson as a hard worker. "I went out to find him and he was work-

ing out in the field," Sandbek said.

Sandbek said that he saw in Murray an aspiring young man.

"He's going to run for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court [at Boys State]. You can tell his ambitions," Sandbek said.

Reba Redelman of the Post 259

Women's Auxiliary gave Donelson and Murray each scholarships to cover the costs of their trip.

Murray and Donelson took classes on government. After elections were held, the collective of Boys State delegates participated in mock government exercises.

# Spread the word: Kaw Dictionary is here

Hurray! The Kaw Dictionary is here! We ran into a few bumps in the road along the way, but the finished product is a wonderful, attractive volume that will serve the Kaw Nation for decades to come.

Many people worked hard on this project. It would be impossible to list them all, but I want to specifically name the members of the Community Advisory Group, who reviewed many possible layouts and read many sections of the book in its various versions.

The committee consisted of five Kaw tribal citizens, Jimmie Benbrook, Curtis Kekahbah, Rima Bellmard-Mathews, Kira Mathews and

the late Paul Hardy.

Also, the constant participation and oversight of Dr. Robert Rankin of University of Kansas, whose early research and work with the last speakers of the Kanza language and continuing interest and involvement in the language program here, were indispensable.

My thanks to them and to everyone else who made contributions — some large and small — but all of them important.

Several institutions, such as the University of Kansas, the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History and the Kansas State Historical Society use the Kaw Dictio-

## Kaw Dictionary available now

**\$5 for tribal citizens**  
(add \$5.60 postage, by mail)

**\$12.95 plus postage for non-tribal citizens**

To order, e-mail [lcumberland@kawnation.com](mailto:lcumberland@kawnation.com)  
or call the Language Department at 580-269-1199

nary in their libraries and classes. They've all expressed appreciation for receiving a copy.

"On behalf of the entire Native American Languages Department, I would like to say thank you to you, Guy Munroe and the rest of the Kanza Language Project for your generous gift of *Kaá'ze Íe Wayáje: An Annotated Dictionary of Kaw (Kanza)*," Nicolas Wojcik of the Sam Noble Museum said. "Congratulations to you and Dr. [Robert] Rankin for producing such an invaluable piece of work."

So, what comes next?

The mission of the Kaw Language Department is to promote, enhance and revitalize the Kanza language through documentation, education and publication. Much of our time for the past two years has gone into the documentation and publication portion of our mission, as we worked on the dictionary.

Now, we will focus additional attention on the areas of education and revitalization. The Thursday evening language class in Kaw City has been running without interruption for eight years, making it available to anyone —

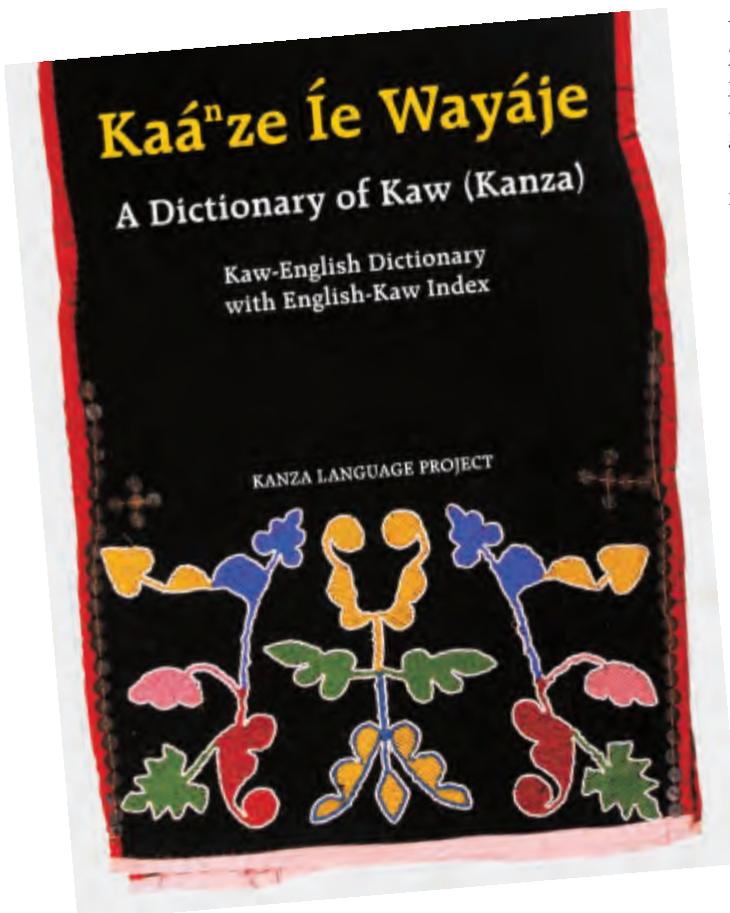
even a beginner — who wishes to attend.

The class includes not just adults, but also children from grade school to high school. The pace is relaxed, and newcomers are welcome. Join us from 6 to 7:30 p.m. each Thursday evening in the Maude McCauley Clark Rowe Social Services Building.

Also, starting this summer, we will be working with Sara Bell and her staff at the Child Care Development's School Age Enrichment Center to build Kaw words into their everyday activities. We are also developing a series of children's books in Kaw, but written in such a way that adults can read the books to a young child even if the adult doesn't know a single word of Kaw. The adult and the child will both learn Kaw words as they share story time together, and may then find ways to use the words they have learned around the house.

As always, if you have a question about the Kaw language or about the materials that are available, you may always call the Kanza Language Department at 580-269-1199. I look forward to speaking with you.

Linda Cumberland, Ph.D.,  
Language Director





Tommy Talkington of the Kildare Fire Department clips a piece of the car frame with the cutter.

## Kaw Nation donates Jaws of Life to fire department

Kaw Nation delivered a special gift to the Kildare Fire Department that raises the capability of the department. Tribal Chairman Guy Munroe presented Kildare Fire Chief Travis Harris with \$15,000 for a hydraulic extrication — Jaws of Life — set on Jan. 23.

“I appreciate everything you have done for us,” Harris told Munroe and the Kaw Nation Tribal Council during a special meeting in which they presented him with the check. “This will help serve the community of Kay County and Kildare. We don’t just serve Kildare, but also Newkirk, Blackwell, Kaw City.”

The set consists of five tools, including a power unit, cutter, spreader, ram and hoses.

The donation also helped with training for proper use of the Jaws of Life tools, Harris said.

On May 26, the Kildare firefighters took part in a training session with the Jaws of Life set in which they, along with firefighters from Marland and Braman, went through the steps of tearing cars apart in order to rescue passengers.

Oklahoma State University instructors walked them through the extrication process, teaching them about safe tech-



Firefighters from Kildare and Braman fit the spreader under the car.



Tommy Talkington of the Kildare Fire Department sticks the spreader behind the backseat door.

niques and approaches needed for different models of cars.

Before acquiring the Jaws of Life, the department only had hand tools to get people out of a vehicle.

Equipment upgrades are often out of reach for the Kildare Fire Department. The crew runs on an average budget of \$14,900. Hence, the Jaws of Life set would have typically cost more than a year of expenses for the department.

Harris said that having the set will allow his firemen to respond to a greater variety of situations.

“In October, when there was the pileup on I-35, we would have been there if we had this,” he said.

Blackwell Fire Chief Russell Brand, who helped coordinate the rescue effort during the pileup, which resulted from a dust storm, spoke excitedly about the Kildare squad obtaining the Jaws of Life.

“That’s going to be huge having those guys with those resources,” Brand said.

Brand explained how mutual aid can be a blessing in such situations.

“Sometimes those guys will get there before we do, or sometimes the ambulance will get there and there will be something [the caller] didn’t tell them about,” he said.

# Washunga

continued from the front

On Saturday afternoon, the Friends of Kaw Heritage hosted a luncheon in which they honored Princess Meraenda Kekahbah.

“I just want to thank everybody for giving me this opportunity,” she said.

Later that afternoon, the National Park Service and the Santa Fe Trail Association unveiled two new exhibits about Kaw Nation near the Kaw Mission and gave another one to the mission.

“I want to say how pleased we are to be chosen for the site for this wonderful, wonderful exhibit,” said Kaw Mission Administrator Mary Honeyman.

The National Park Service and the SFTA worked with Kaw Nation to design the exhibits. They crafted the exhibit so that it would tell the story from the perspective of the Kanza people.

“The story of the Santa Fe trail has been told for a long time, but told perhaps from the point of view of settlers,” said Carol Clark of the National Park Service.

Amidst Saturday’s dances, Villa was led to the drum to receive a blessing since she felt ill. Head Singer Kinsel Lieb explained the healing power of the drum.

“We consider this drum a person. It brings life. It breathes life. Sometimes it makes you feel good. It brings good spirit. So we take care of this drum. We as Indian people believe that if you go out there and touch the drum, you get a blessing. We believed that if Donna, if you touch the drum and walk around that drum, you receive a blessing,” he said.



Top photo, 2012-2013 Kaw Princess Meraenda Kekahbah waves to the crowd during the Washunga Days Parade.

Above photo, American Legion Post No. 5 of Emporia, Kan., was the color guard during the Washunga Days Powwow in Council Grove, Kan.



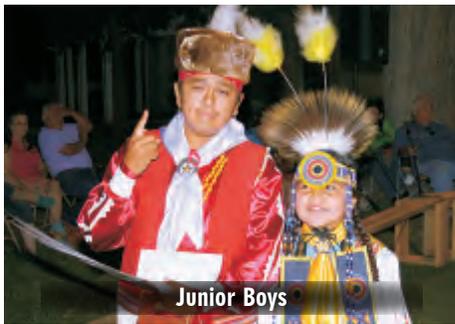
Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe and Luther Pepper Award recipient Donna Villa.



Emma, Tiaunna, Ki (in Tiaunna’s arm) and Jason Murray.



Tiny Tots



Junior Boys



Junior Girls' Cloth

# Washunga Days Powwow dance winners

Council Grove, Kan.  
June 21-22

**Tiny Tots**  
All winners

**Golden Age Men's Straight**  
3rd · Robert Allen, Kaw  
2nd · Tim Robinson Sr, Omaha  
1st · Clark Pepper, Kaw

**Men's Traditional**  
3rd · Shannon LeRoy, Omaha  
2nd · Todd Ike, Omaha  
1st · Badger Wahwaswa, Potawatomi

**Men's Straight**  
3rd · Tim Robinson Jr, Omaha  
2nd · J.R. McClellan, Ponca  
1st · Jason Campos, Pawnee

**Men's Fancy**  
Thunder Lieb, Ponca

**Junior Boys**  
1st · Ross Victors, Ponca/Navajo  
2nd · James Folsom, Choctaw/Dine

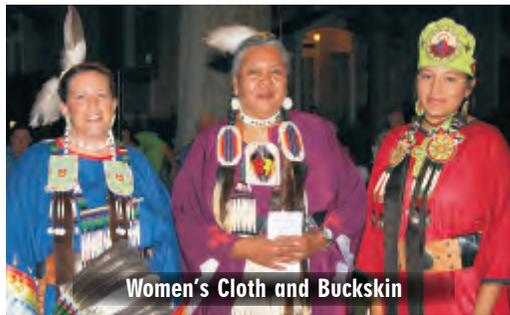
**Women's Cloth and Buckskin**  
3rd · Susan Robinson, Cherokee  
2nd · Karen Wahwasack, Apache/Potawatomi  
1st · Mariah Mahtapene, Kickapoo/Tonkawa

**Women's Fancy and Jingle**  
2nd · Cynthia LeRoy, Omaha  
1st · Shawndeen Smith, Navajo

**Junior Girls' Cloth**  
Christian LeRoy, Omaha



Women's Fancy and Jingle



Women's Cloth and Buckskin



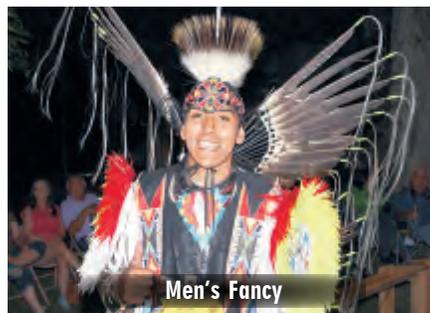
Men's Traditional



Men's Straight



Golden Age Straight



Men's Fancy

# Story time at the Kaw Nation Library

The Kaw Nation Library and Learning Center brings in children from surrounding schools every month to engage them in an afternoon of stories.

On March 13, James Ryan and Kendall Chapman-Ryan brought their program, called “BARK” for “Books Are Really Keen.” They sang songs and read books to the children. Those who attended were able to take books for themselves.

Chapman-Ryan, 13, created the program to help early readers learn to enjoy reading.

“We’re trying to get to kindergarteners and early readers. We want to get them hooked on reading,” Ryan said.

In April, Author Gwendolyn Hooks read some of her stories, such as “Makers and Takers: Studying Food Webs in the Ocean.” Hooks has written 11 books. She explained how she researched her books to her audience.

On May 31, Miz Peach connected children with an earlier, less sophisticated life with her stories. She showed a clapper and showed how it helps scare insects out of the outdoor bathroom.

Later, she pulled a large, leathery sphere, saying that it was a horse egg. Some kids contested, saying, “No. It’s a coconut.”

“If you put it out under the silvery moon on a clear night, it’ll hatch and in the morning you’ll have a horse,” she said.

Miz Peach hands a boy what she believes to be a horse egg.



Children pet a critter that Miz Peach passed around.

Kendall Chapman-Ryan, holding book, reads to children during her BARK program.



Gwendolyn Hooks asking a question about the subject of one of her books.



James Ryan singing “Little Bunny Foo Foo” with the children.



# School Age Summer Program kicks off

The Kaw Nation Child Care Development Fund and School Age Enrichment Program community came together on May 10 for a kickball tournament and cookout to welcome enrollment for the School Age Summer Program.

The anticipation of summer and all of its thrills lie ahead. Children enjoyed the sunshine while engaging in a little friendly competition during an exciting game of kickball. While hot dogs sizzled on the grill, music filled the air. Families entered to win door prizes. The door prizes included board games, book sets and art bundles to encourage family participation in hands-on activities.

The Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center follows the Newkirk Elementary School schedule. The summer session began May 15 and ends Aug. 14.

Many exciting field trips have been planned, including digging for crystals at the Salt Plains, bowling, ice skating, Tanganyika Wildlife Park, Sun 'n' Fun water park, the Science Museum and more.

Visitors include Kaw elders, self-defense courses through the Kanza Wellness Center, storytellers, clowns and others. Children will take part in weekly art and science activities, put on puppet plays, build sky-high bridges out of Legos, plant their own garden, and learn all about health and nutrition through fun and delicious cooking projects.

Spots are filling fast, so call and speak with a School Age Coordinator today at 580-362-4114.

Fun fact: KNSAEC is a certified member of "Let's Move," First Lady Michelle Obama's national initiative to fight childhood obesity. Recently, we were featured on the "Let's Move" website for our accomplishments.

*Submitted by  
Child Care Development Fund*



See KNSAEC featured on the Let's Move website at [www.healthykidshealthyfuture.org/home/resources/success/kawnationchildcare.html](http://www.healthykidshealthyfuture.org/home/resources/success/kawnationchildcare.html)

# New provisions will better protect native women



Rima Bellmard-Mathews

As the project coordinator for the Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program, I have closely followed the historic passage of the Violence Against Women Act and what this would mean to our nation, state and community.

In March 2013, President Barack Obama signed the reauthorizing legislation for VAWA. Prior to March, VAWA lacked provisions to prosecute non-natives who commit or are accused of domestic violence and sexual assault against American Indians and Alaska Natives on reservation or trust property.

The reauthorized VAWA gives tribal law enforcement and courts the ability to make arrests and hear these types of cases in their respective tribal courts.

In the past couple of months, tribal leaders, law enforcement and courts have been working towards placing policy, procedures and infrastructure in order to be able to implement and exercise the new laws. There will be different approaches to rolling out the new laws and how they will be implemented.

The tribal provisions will not be the single cure for this

human rights crisis, but they give us an important place to start. The message to society is that our women are not disposable; they are strong and deserve to live their lives free of fear and violence.

The passage of VAWA shows that we can work together to ensure the safety for our country's most overlooked population. I look forward to assisting the Kaw Nation leadership and our tribal court concerning VAWA and how we will approach it in our community.

*Rima Bellmard-Mathews*  
KNDVP

## GRANTS and CONTRACTS

# Grants department thanks tribal citizens for survey input

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Grants and Contracts Fiscal Year 2013 Survey. We are very grateful to have your input.

You have no idea how valuable tribal citizen feedback is to our department as we apply for funding opportunities. It is because of you that we are able to be successful in many of our applications. We use your direct quotes and recommendations in our proposals and as we research funding opportunities.

It is the goal of the Grants and Contracts Department to serve the Kaw Nation in a way that is beneficial to the tribe and its members. Without your input, we could not be successful in many of our proposals. If you have not yet returned your survey, please do. There is still time, and it will help us determine what projects we will apply for in the coming months

and how we can improve our services to tribal members.

The department has been very busy this year working on multiple projects. So far, we have submitted more than 30 grants, which is believed to be a record for this time of year. As federal dollars lessen and more tribes are federally recognized, the level of competition increases. We unfortunately have experienced some reductions in awards and delayed releases of funding due to the budget sequestration, so we are working harder than ever to ensure that the tribe is well-funded and able to continue essential programs.

We are also continuing to create interoperability of programs so that one program picks up where another leaves off. This is continuity of programs. We are able to provide a better sustainability and provide through grant-



Dusti Fansler, Bernadette Hicks and Peggy Suter

funded programs, and it gives the grants department better data and statistics, enabling us to obtain future funding. Most importantly, it helps us to provide better overall services to tribal members.

Again, I would like to thank all of the tribal citizens who have answered all of our surveys and mailings. It is because of you that we are able to be successful in many

of our applications.

It is an honor to work for the Kaw Nation. We always enjoy being able to bring you new and valuable programs. We look forward to continuing to work with you to ensure that the tribe is well-funded in its programs and ventures.

*Bernadette Hicks*  
Grants and Contracts Director,  
Kaw Nation

# Clinic preps for insurance sign-ups

Lately, the clinic has been concentrating on getting our Electronic Health Records in place.

Many of our patients have been asked to give us their medical, physical and family history and to bring all of their medications with them when they come for their appointment. I want to take this time to say thank you for your cooperation in helping us better serve you by providing all of this information.

Now we are gearing up for the next big change.

On Oct. 1, open enrollment for the **Affordable Care Act Health Insurance Exchange** begins. My staff is getting prepared to help our patients understand how this might affect them.

The first big issue is the definition of Indian according to the Affordable Care Act:

**Indian: An enrolled member of a federally recognized tribe.** The key to this definition is that you must be an enrolled tribal member to be exempt from the ACA requirements.

**What does that mean?** An Alaska Indian/American Indian (AN/AI) who is an enrolled tribal member of a federally recognize tribe need not be required to have health insurance.

If an AN/AI chooses to enroll in a health insurance plan, he or she will not have to wait to enroll during the open enrollment period. He or she may enroll at any time or discontinue their enrollment at any time.

**What if you are not an enrolled tribal member?** Then you will have to have health insurance or pay the penalty for non-coverage.

You will only be able to enroll for coverage during the open enrollment period — Oct. 1 to Jan. 1 — beginning this year and repeating each year at that time.

The second big issue is that everyone must file income taxes to qualify for the health

exchange insurance plans.

**Who does this affect?** Any individual including AN/AI who is not a tribal member. These individuals must file federal income taxes to qualify for Health Insurance Exchange eligibility.

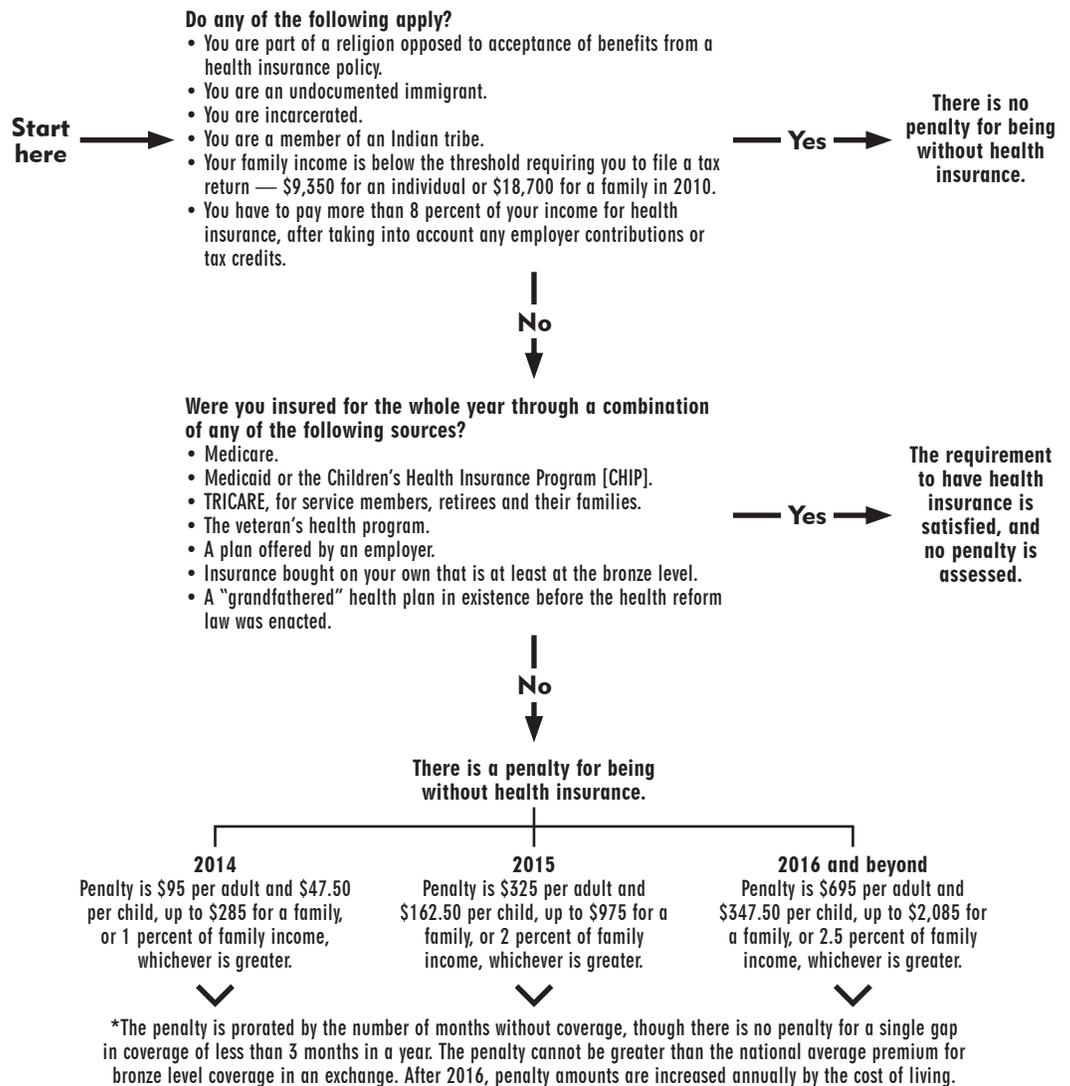
As you can see, there is a

lot to know and understand. The staffers at the Kanza Health Clinic are receiving their training now to help our patients and tribal citizens to understand how this will affect each of them.

*Jackie Dodson*

*Kanza Health Clinic Director*

## The requirement to buy coverage under the Affordable Care Act beginning in 2014



**Key facts:**

- Premiums for health insurance bought through exchanges would vary by age. The Congressional Budget Office estimates that the national average annual premium in an exchange in 2016 would be \$4,500 to \$5,000 for an individual and \$12,000 to \$12,500 for a family for bronze coverage, the lowest of the four tiers of coverage that will be available.

- In 2010, employees paid \$899 on average towards the cost of individual coverage in an employer plan and \$3,997 for a family of four.
- A Kaiser Family Foundation subsidy calculator illustrating premiums and tax credits for people in different circumstances is available at <http://healthreform.kff.org/subsidycalculator.aspx>.



# PRESERVE PROTECT & IMPROVE



**KAW NATION  
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Left, Skyler Mathews drives Samuel Reynolds of the U.S. EPA Water Quality Division in an airboat while taking water samples.

Below, Reynolds and Justin Bush perform water samples.

## Water Quality Monitoring nets praise from EPA

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency provides the Kaw Nation Environmental Department with funding to run our Water Quality Monitoring Program.

Recently, Samuel Reynolds, U.S. EPA Water Quality Division, conducted an audit to monitor our department and see how we have progressed with the goals in our Water

Quality Monitoring Program. This program allows the Kaw Nation Environmental Department to accurately take monthly samples from Kaw Lake and the Arkansas River, which helps to monitor harmful pollutants in the water.

Reynolds was pleased with our tribe and proud of the results we have accomplished.



The department performed a prescribed burn of 32 acres the tribe purchased for a new KNED building about a mile east of the Kaw Nation tribal headquarters. The burn was performed in conjunction with the Kaw Nation Police Department and the Kaw City Fire Department. Left, Carl Seeliger, Kaw City Fire Department, sprays the perimeter of the burn. Below, Skyler Mathews inspects the area being burned.



# Ten steps to stop global warming

**OUR MISSION IS TO HELP** the community and the tribe by getting everyone to participate in 10 steps to stop global warming.

**1 Reduce, reuse and recycle.** This means recycling half of household wastes, the community can save 2,400 pounds of carbon dioxide annually.

**2 Use less heat and air conditioning.** Setting thermostats just 2 degrees lower in the winter and setting them higher in the summer could save about 2,000 pounds of carbon dioxide each year.

**3 Change a light bulb** to a compact fluorescent light (CFL). This would eliminate 90 billion pounds of greenhouse gasses.

**4 Drive less and drive smart.** Having a car running efficiently is the key as well as having a car that has great gas mileage.

**5 Buy energy-efficient products.** If every household garbage can could be reduced by 10 percent, there could be 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide saved annually. Avoid buying products with tons of packaging.

**6 Use less hot water.** This change alone can save at least 500 pounds of carbon dioxide annually in most households.

**7 Use the off switch more.** This would help businesses and households reduce water bills and help conserve a vital resource.

**8 Get out and plant a tree.** A tree can absorb approximately one ton of carbon dioxide during its lifetime.

**9 Get a report card from utility companies.** Most utility companies can offer good rebate programs to help pay for the cost of energy efficient upgrades.

**10 Please encourage others to conserve.** By sharing this information with others, they can also start recycling at our new recycling plant in Braman, Okla., and start using energy efficient appliances to help curb global warming.



Front row, from left, KNED Director Dejene Alemayehu, Environmental Specialist Justin Bush, Water Technician Skyler Mathews; back row, Environmental Assistant Jordan Lunsford, Environmental Intern Chance Plunk and Environmental Technician Kris Russell.



Inside the new Kaw Nation recycling plant in Braman, Okla.



Above photo, Kris Russell, Dr. Dejene Alemayehu, Harold LeValley, Ken Bellmard and Reba Redelman. LeValley presents Bellmard with a free one-year membership to the Braman Chamber of Commerce for the Recycling Center. Right photo, Kris Russell explains the operations of the recycling compactor to Ken Bellmard with Dr. Dejene Alemayehu looking on.





Blackwell Middle School students in front of their bus outside the Library and Learning Center.



Above, KNED Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu shows Newkirk students sediment in a jar. Below, Environmental Intern Chance Plunk demonstrates pond sampling for Newkirk students.



Students from four north-central Oklahoma schools visited Kaw Nation and the Beaver Creek Wetland between April 30 and May 3. Classes from Blackwell Middle School, Newkirk Middle School, Braman School and Shidler Middle School each spent a day learning about wetland restoration and the Kaw Nation Environmental Department's programs.

"This is the only wetland in north central Oklahoma," said KNED Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu. "This is an educational opportunity."

While at the wetland, the environmental staff taught the students about wetland vegetation, soil identification, water sampling and fish life, among other things.

Alemayehu engaged the students in soil sampling. The students took chunks of soil and checked them against swatches in a book. He also dug up a section of soil about 2 feet in diameter and 2.5 feet deep to show how soil differs in color and consistency at different depths.

The KNED gave a presentation about climate change. Two videos were shown, and Alemayehu dis-

cussed with students the causes of climate change, such as greenhouse gas emissions and deforestation, as well as the effects, such as drought and rising temperatures.

He also discussed with them the importance of the wetland. He talked to them about its role in water filtration and storage, sediment trapping, nutrient cycling and flood control.

Environmental Specialist Justin Bush taught children about the plant life of the wetland.

Environmental Intern Chance Plunk showed students how they conduct water sampling and check the depths of bodies of water.

The students also visited the Kanza Museum and learned about the history and culture of the tribe. Kanza Museum Director Crystal Douglas told them about some historic events in the tribe. When a few students began playing a drum displayed in the museum, Douglas explained to them the role of the drumkeeper.

"When you were the drumkeeper, that drum was like a person to you," she said. "You fed that drum. You took care of the drum."



Above, Shidler Students gaze out from the lookout. Right, Shidler students in front of the Kanza Museum.



# Travel Plaza undergoes renovations

Construction began in late April on renovations for the Kanza Travel Plaza at the Interstate 35 interchange in Braman. Upgrades include an expanded trucker's lounge and improved truck fuel stations.

The new trucker's lounge will include four new showers, a laundry room and a lounge room. The showers will be larger than the current ones, with toilets and sinks. The laundry room will have four washers and four dryers.

Kanza art will be displayed in the travel plaza near the trucker's lounge.

The expansion of the trucker's lounge will extend the travel plaza by 1,863 square feet on the east end.

Each of the six fuel dis-

pensers will have pumps for diesel exhaust fluid, along with the diesel fuel pumps. The diesel exhaust fluid pumps will be covered by cabinets that heat it since it has a higher freezing point than diesel.

Before travel plazas began building dispensers with diesel exhaust fluid, truck drivers had to buy it in containers inside the store.

Construction on the fuel stations began in May.

The current timeline projects the work to be finished in early October. Rick Scott Construction is overseeing the project.

The travel plaza and fuel stations will remain open during construction. Most of the coolers in the travel plaza will be removed during the



process, but customers will still be able to access beverages and other chilled merchandise.

Three of the diesel fuel dispensers will be shut down at a time while being renovated while the other three stay open.



# Tribes recognized for national security contributions

Kaw Nation, along with the other tribes of the Council of Confederated Chilocco Tribes, received recognition from University Multispectral Laboratories in March for their contributions to national security.

Tribal Chairman Guy Munroe took one of the flags flown in Afghanistan in honor of Kaw Nation and the other tribes.

Oklahoma Secretary of Science and Technology Stephen McKeever spoke on behalf of Gov. Mary Fallin, commending the tribes for their support of the military.

"Through their cooperation, the tribes have been a foundation for turning the former Chilocco tribal school into the go-to place for the Department of Defense and other agencies for training and testing," McKeever said. "For this reason, the men and women of our armed forces have reaped the benefits of these facilities by the efforts of the Council of the Confederated Chilocco Tribes."

Major Gen. Al Goodbary, the acting deputy director of UML, told of a speech that UML executive John Dollan gave to sailors at his commanding post.

"Let us fly a flag while we are flying missions over Afghanistan so that you may give them to the tribes with whom you work," a sailor is recalled as saying after Dollan told them about UML's activity at Chilocco.

The plate on the shadow box of the flag presented read, "On behalf of the men and women of the armed forces of the United States, the UML recognizes the Council of Confederated Chilocco Tribes' contributions to the national security of the United States through the Chilocco partnership."

A certificate, a UML coin and a brass plate were also awarded.

Veterans representing each of the tribes attended.

Lloyd Pappan said that he was happy to see that the sailors recognized the contributions made at Chilocco.



Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe, center, is presented a flag by UML acting deputy director Major Gen. Al Goodbary, left, and Oklahoma Secretary of Science and Technology Stephen McKeever.

"That they know what is benefitting them is on Indian land is impressive," he said. "These troops recognized that and they know what is happening here benefits them."

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## Brave wraps up hoops career

Storm Brave finished her basketball career at Shidler High School with a collection of hardwood coming her way at the end of her senior season.

She was honored as her team's Most Valuable Player and Defensive Player of the Year. Also, she was named to the All-Conference team.

Brave, a post player, played in the Indian All-State Game in Bartlesville on June 15, which covers players from all Oklahoma tribes. She

scored 12 points and was named to the All-Star team.

As a junior, Brave led the Tigers to the Class B regionals, where they finished as the runners-up.

Brave said that she cared greatly for her leadership role on the team.

"I think my best attribute is being a leader, making sure everyone is ready to

play and has the right mindset," she said.

Brave plans to try out for the Northern Oklahoma College team.



## with RUTHIE ARIE

New Diabetes Coordinator

On June 1, Ruthie Arie succeeded Cindy Wilson as diabetes coordinator at Kanza Health Clinic. We recently sat down with Ruthie to talk with her about her service.

### What is your experience treating diabetes?

I worked at South Central Kansas Regional Medical Center in Arkansas City, Kan., in long-term care. It's pretty prevalent there in the community. I've been a nurse for 13 years.

### In your service at Kanza Health Clinic, what do you think is the primary link between public health and diabetes control?

Teaching all generations about diabetes and the awareness of it, having regular checkups with your doctor and symptoms to be aware of.

### How do you encourage people with diabetes to maintain a proper diet?

Choosing healthy lifestyles, healthy foods to eat, main food groups. We're doing education on how to eat, what to eat and exercise.

### How important to you are relationships with patients?

It's very important. It's sensible to ask questions and come back with more information and more teaching.



Ruthie Arie