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Kansas State Historical Society Highway Archaeologist Tricia Waggoner presented discoveries from the first excavation of Fool Chief Village, a 19th century Kanza village, to an audience at the Smoky Hill Museum in Salina, Kan., on Sept. 5.

"This village had not undergone excavations previous to this series of excavations," Waggoner said. "There had been test excavations — where you had put in a small look-see — but no large excavations before 2006 (when she received notification from the Kansas Highway Department that the excavation would take place)."

A diamond-shaped roundabout intersection project ran into the village. Since federal funds were involved in the project, Section 106 of the National Historical Preservation Act (NHPA) went into effect. Since tribes are considered interested parties according to the NHPA, such excavations occur during projects involving federal funds.

The excavation, which covered a large part of the village spanning 20 acres, began in May 2012 and lasted a year. The excavation took place on Highway 24 near Menokin.

Waggoner's team came across 18 houses. Three houses were fully excavated and five were partially excavated.

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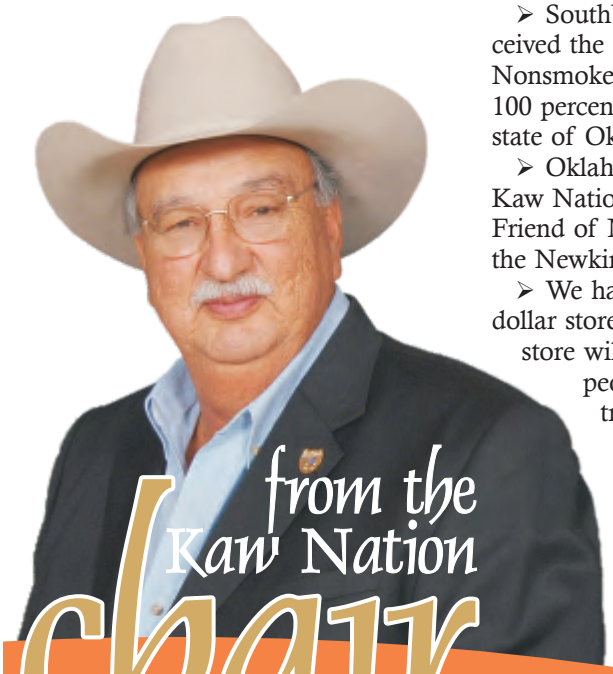

from the Kaw Nation chair

GUY MUNROE

Dear friends:

Here are a few achievements that the tribe has earned in the past few months.

➢ SouthWind Casino Kaw City received the award from Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights for being the first 100 percent smoke-free casino in the state of Oklahoma.

➢ Oklahoma Main Street named Kaw Nation the 2013 Tribal Nation, Friend of Main Street, for its support of the Newkirk Main Street program.

➢ We have received a grant to build a dollar store and deli in Kaw City. This store will provide low-priced food for people living in the area and travelling through. The deli will give SouthWind Casino Kaw City players and lake visitors a place to eat a nice meal.

Make sure that the following events are on your calendar:

➢ The Kanza Health Fair will take place Sept. 20, hosted by the Kanza Health Clinic. Many events will take place that morning, starting with the Diabetes Program's fun walk at 8:30 a.m.

➢ The Kaw Powwow will be held Oct. 4, 5 and 6 at the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds. I hope to see all of you there.

➢ The next General Council meeting will be Oct. 20 at 10 a.m. in the community building at the Powwow Grounds.

Please keep in your prayers the Kaw men and women serving our country overseas.

Remember that my door is always open. Feel free to visit and share any stories or concerns.

I hope that as fall arrives, it falls on you softly.

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 **ekekahbah@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.

INSIDE So nice, awarded twice

Above left, Kaw Nation was awarded at the Oklahoma Main Street Awards. Read the story on page 10. The Chilocco Development Authority, of which Kaw Nation is a part, was recognized by the REI Native American Business Centers. Read that story on page 11.

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New grocery to open in Kaw City

Kaw Nation is bringing a new option for food to Kaw City. The tribe received an $800,000 grant to open the Kaw Lake Deli and Dollar Store in the Kaw City area. This store will be the only grocery store in the town, providing easy access to daily necessities for residents.

Also, the deli and dollar store aims to serve travelers passing through Kaw City, visitors to Kaw Lake and patrons of SouthWind Casino Kaw City. A market analysis estimates 900 vehicles travel through Kaw City per day. The recently opened smoke-free casino and coves around the lake are significant destinations.

A floor plan of the dollar store projects that it will supply food, produce, medicine, frozen food and dairy items, snacks, clothing, beverages and other goods at low prices. The dollar store will offer WiC-redeemable items.

The deli is planned to have prepared food, packaged sandwiches, a hot beverage dispenser, a cold beverage fountain and a newsstand.

The Kaw Lake Deli and Dollar Store is expected to create eight full-time and eight part-time jobs.

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Excavation

continued from the front

They also found several storage pits outside the houses. A couple of the houses had storage pits inside.

Waggoner said that not much was found in the houses. Animal bones were found in the trash location in the houses.

"The houses had been pretty well cleaned out," she said.

Outside the houses, the team found several items, including almost 2,000 beads, remains of pipes, knives and trade axes.

Waggoner said that no other excavation of the village will be done since the area is under construction.

Nona Miller of the Smoky Hill Museum said that 104 people attended the presentation.

Fool Chief Village was one of the three Kanza villages when the government had the tribe in central Kansas from 1830 to 1844.

The chief of Fool Chief Village was Meach-o-shin-gaw, also known as Little White Bear.

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 20, 2013 • 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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE KAW NATION
KAW CITY, OKLAHOMA
IN RE: THE COMPENSATION OF)Case No. SCR-2013-00001
THE CHAIR AND SECRETARY)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

TO: KAW NATION, GENERAL COUNCIL

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Petitioner, The Kaw Nation Attorney General, Alyssa D. Campbell, filed its petition in the Supreme Court of the Kaw Nation, regarding the compensation of the Chair and Secretary, seeking a declaratory judgment brought pursuant to Section 906, Declaratory Judgment of the Code of Civil Procedures to clarify whether the compensation of the Chair and Secretary are annual salaries or hourly compensation.

ALL INTERESTED PARTIES are directed to file a written brief with the Court at the above address. A copy of your brief must be delivered or mailed to the Attorney General.

Dated this 9th day of July, 2013.

Alyssa D. Campbell
Kaw Nation Attorney General

Portraying pride onto paper

For almost all of his life, Delmar Meskimen has quietly built a large compilation of art work.

"My mother taught me when I was real little. [She] started me drawing the neighbor's house that was next door through a window. I think more or less she was trying to keep me busy. I was little. She probably wanted to keep me out of trouble with a pencil and paper," he said.

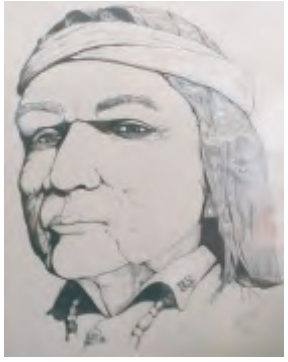
Meskimen did artwork throughout his time in the Army.

"I did a lot for award presentations — murals. One thing I don't do is portraits. I draw my own people, but I don't copy anybody," he said.

He does mostly pen and ink drawings and pastel drawings, as well as a little bit of drawing with charcoal.

Meskimen said that he thinks of the scene before the putting his design on paper.

"I usually try to imagine a landscape that I've seen before. And I try to place the subject matter inside it," he said.



He conceives his art as he looks out the window of the studio that he converted from a bedroom. Sometimes he thinks of images he's seen elsewhere.

"Just things that I've seen and read in books. I try to picture what it was really like and put it on paper," he said.

He likes to draw his Kaw people. Meskimen recalled one picture that he saw in the *Kanza News* in the early 1970s that inspired him.

Accuracy matters greatly to Meskimen.

"The main thing is to keep the accuracy. The clothing. The way people looked back then. I try to keep it as accurate as I can," he said.

When asked what it means to him to portray native people in pieces of art, he said he feels "pride."

"I don't see very many other people who do it the way I do it. Most artists try to do spectacular scenes. I don't try to do that. I try to make it look real like an everyday scene," he said.

MAKE HEALTHY TRACKS

2013 KANZA HEALTH FAIR

Friday, Sept. 20 at 9 a.m.

Lunch at 11 a.m.

FUN WALK

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Keeping their ceremonies

THE MEN MARCHED through another summer weekend of dances as they gathered at the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds Aug. 2-4 to mark the first year in which the I'n-Lon-Schka men's dances occurred separately from the powwow for the first time.

While the Kaw Powwow moved to October, the men kept their dances on the same weekend as always.

Drumkeeper Colt Donelson, who led the dances for a fourth straight year, expressed optimism at the prospect of a growing number of men participating in the I'n-Lon-Schka. Committee member Ken Bellmard said that he enjoyed having the I'n-Lon-Schka on its own weekend.

Mark Freeman IV gave assistance as the whipman. Dewey Donelson was the head tail dancer. Henry Collins was the head singer. Thunder Freeman and Gunner Gates served as waterboys.

While mentioning how rare men's dances have become, Collins stated the importance of the I'n-Lon-Schka.

"The Kaws think this is important. They're trying to keep these ceremonies," he said.

That Friday morning, Dewey Donelson stoked the fire and performed the cedar-burning ceremony.

The men danced four times across three days, including two dances that Saturday.

Front row, from left, Dewey Donelson, Scott Rennie and Ken Bellmard; back row, Colt Danelson and Corey Spottedbear.

Skyler Mathews, Jason Murray and Ken Bellmard.

The Saturday night dances included five sets and 25 songs — opening with a war dance set, followed by another war dance set, a ruffle dance set, a trot dance set and one more war dance set.

"It was pretty close last night. Something almost happened," Collins said.

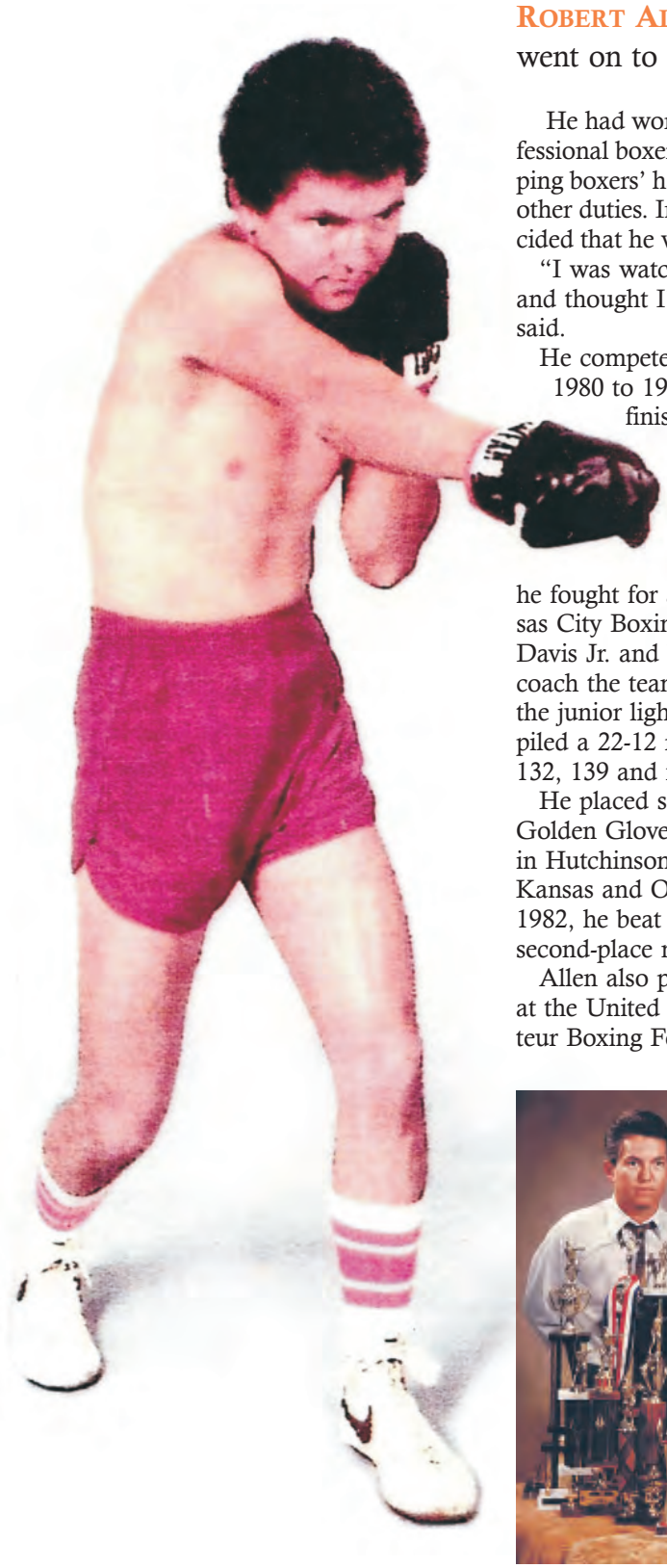
In between two sets of war dances on Sunday was a set of special songs chosen by committee members.

The special songs included those chosen by Colt Donelson, Freeman, Bellmard, the cooks and the lady singers.

Towards the end of the dances on Sunday, Osage elder Jerry Shaw commended Colt Danelson.

"We have a long relationship with your family. We used to dance with your family at your grandfather's [Elmer Clark's] house. You do a good job as drumkeeper," Shaw said.

LORD OF THE RING



Robert Allen picked up the gloves out of inspiration and went on to an inspiring amateur boxing career.

He had worked in the gym of professional boxer Sean O'Grady, wrapping boxers' hands and performing other duties. In the late 1970s, he decided that he would step into the ring.

"I was watching [boxing on] TV, and thought I'd give it a shot," Allen said.

He competed for seven years, from 1980 to 1987, claiming runner-up finishes in several tournaments.

"I never could get over the hump," he said.

From 1980 to 1985, he fought for and coached the Arkansas City Boxing Club, with Carl Davis Jr. and Mark Palmer helping coach the team. Allen, who fought in the junior lightweight division, compiled a 22-12 record. He fought at 132, 139 and finally 147 pounds.

He placed second four times at the Golden Gloves Regional Tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., which covered Kansas and Oklahoma clubs. In 1982, he beat Al Mendez to win the second-place match.

Allen also placed second four times at the United States of America Amateur Boxing Federation (USA-ABF) Regional Tournament in Tulsa during that time.

He boxed unattached in the Golden Gloves Regional Tournament in 1986 and 1987, placing second both years.

He traveled to various cities in the region, such as Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Chilocco, Stillwater, Claremore, Stillwater, Wichita, Great Bend, Kan., and Blue Springs, Mo., for fights.

Allen, who entered boxing in his mid-20s, enjoyed boxing even though he started later than most fighters.

"I got in it late. You have to make up for it. But it was fun," he said.

During his career, he had the opportunity to meet numerous professional boxers besides O'Grady, such as George Foreman, Sugar Ray Leonard and Soapy Blair, a champion in the 1920s who helped Allen.

"I got some pointers from Soapy," he recalled.

Allen had stints coaching in 1990s and later, including another year coaching in Arkansas City, as well as assistant coach tenures at White Eagle, the Ponca City Boxing Club and the Winfield Boxing Club.

Also, Allen has served as a referee since 2006. He has officiated Junior Olympics matches in Tulsa.

Above, Robert Allen as a referee.

Left, Robert Allen with his trophies.

Farewell Q&A with Linda Cumberland

Note: The transcript was edited for length.

Will there be another edition of the Kaw Dictionary?

There will never be a second edition in print because it's so expensive to do, but as I go I've been updating a so-called "errata sheet" and post it online. And I will post an updated version of the dictionary online. David [Kaufman] will find things, too, I'm sure. As long as the Kaw tribe has a website, that dictionary will be there for people to use.

The Kanza Reader: Will that be something that will be around for a long time for people to read and learn stories and learn how to use the language?

Sure. It's timeless. But as far as learning the Kaw language, this is an introduction, but it's not meant to be a full grammar. The other thing about the reader is that it has every story in Kaw culture that has ever been written down. So a lot of what we know about Kaw culture is in these stories. It's online, so it's available for anybody.

Looking at the grammar, how do you find the rules, like how there are no adjectives?

These are features in general of the whole Siouan language family. The Siouan languages are related by certain common principles. One is that they're so-called S.O.V. languages (subject, object, verb). The only reason the language family is called Siouan is because Sioux was the first one discovered.

Each one of these languages has one or more scholars that works on it in depth. We meet once a year. We share information. We do scholarly papers for each other. We have a listserv. That's how my successor, David Kaufman, found out about this job. That's how I found out about it. I found it on the Siouan list.

While all the Siouan languages have the same principles and the Dhegiha are more closely related, how's the Kaw language unique?

The Kaw language is most similar to the Osage, but less the more you move out into the languages. Kaw has this set of features called "positional continuatives." Whatever the subject is, it will be marked if it's animate — a living animal or human being, not plants or trees because they don't move around. For a human, it will mark whether it is sitting, standing or moving when you're speaking of it. In the third person, you mark whether something is present, in sight, out of sight, not physical. It's so tricky to learn to use if you're not used to it.

That grammar is not funded by the Kaw tribe. It's not funded by a grant. It's just something that Bob Rankin and I believe needs to be done. Bob Rankin is by far the most knowledgeable person about the Kaw language. He can do comparative work with other languages, where he can look at it and say, "Well, this is like what happens with this language." Then, we make an informed judgment.

When I leave here on July 19, I'll no longer be an employee of the tribe. I will, however, continue to work on that Kaw grammar. Truthfully, if Bob and I don't do it, there will be no one else qualified to do it.

It's not like some other position for the tribe, like nursing, if you stop working for the tribe, you're not doing it for the tribe anymore, whereas in language, you're still invested.

Just like I still work on Assiniboine. I was never hired to do Assiniboine. But I still did four books on Assiniboine text and grammar just because that's what I do.

I will fly out to Kansas once, maybe twice, during the year to meet with [Dr. Rankin] and work on the Kaw grammar with him. We don't know how we'll publish it, but we'll see to it that the Kaw tribe has plenty of copies and maybe even put it on the website. But it won't be part of the Kanza Language Project.

Dr. Linda Cumberland and Language Department summer intern Vicki Sear in front of the newly restored Kaw Council House, the last standing building from the old town of Washunga, in a summer 2012 file photo.

An independent project?

Correct. But it's something that we feel very strongly about.

Some linguists look at other languages of the world to see what features are universal. It's like I was talking about positional continuatives. Japanese does that, too. People who work on language universals are looking for those things. The more data that's out there, the better judgments they can make.

The next project I have with [Grants and Contracts Director] Bernadette [Hicks] —

The children's books?

The person who would be working on the [art for] the books is Elliot Kekahbah.

Even if they don't become fluent, at least have them interacting with the language?

Exactly. We'll have one on items of clothing, one on dressing for powwows just to familiarize people with everyday items and things that would be of special interest to Kaw people.

Do you have a favorite Kanza word?

I like *wiblaha*^{n}. *Wiblaha*^{n} means thank you. Also, I like *tolili*. It means rainbow.

Is it possible that the young people who are active in the language could become fluent?

True fluency probably isn't possible. There isn't enough sample of fluent speech. The way to learn is conversation. We've had immersion cookouts, where you learn the names of foods, but as soon as you sit down to eat your food and talk about things, you revert back to English.

I think fluency, not only isn't likely, it's probably not a reasonable goal. If we want the language to persist, we have to look to venues like honoring prayers, prayers of thanksgiving, greetings and household things.

From the new language project director

Ho zaáni^{n}! My name is David Kaufman, and I'm the new director of the Kaw Language Project. While employed full-time with the Kaw Nation, I am also a University of Kansas graduate student finishing my Ph.D. in linguistic anthropology. I have been studying Siouan languages for several years, beginning with Biloxi (formerly spoken in Mississippi) about 10 years ago.

I work with Dr. Robert Rankin, professor emeritus of the University of Kansas, on my dissertation and the Kaw Language Project. I was born and raised in northern California and moved to Kansas to pursue my doctorate in 2006. I just recently moved from Lawrence, Kan., to Ponca City, Okla.

My interest in languages began as a teenager when I started studying several languages. I have taught English as a second language (ESL), Spanish at the community college level, and have privately tutored Portuguese and Russian.

Other Native American languages I have studied or worked on include Rumsen Ohlone (once spoken around the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas of California), Tutelo (another Siouan language closely related to Biloxi, formerly spoken in Virginia), Choctaw (Muskogean), and the Mobilian Trade Language (also called Mobilian Jargon, a pidgin formerly spoken in the southeastern United States based on Choctaw-Chickasaw). I have also studied some of the Plains Sign Language, or Hand Talk.

My goal as the director of the Kaw Language Project is to continue the department's mission of promoting, enhancing and revitalizing the Kaw language through documentation, education and publication.

The latter two goals are especially important as there is already extant documentation on the Kaw language, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our adjunct language consultant Dr. Robert Rankin and my predecessors, Justin McBride and Linda Cumberland.

However, more education and publication are needed in order to increase awareness and knowledge of the language, not only among Kaw tribal members, but among the community at large.

To echo Justin McBride, our highest long-term goals are to increase knowledge and encourage cultural identification within the Kaw community while, I would add, transforming the Kaw Language Project into a model of language revitalization success.

One of the means to achieving this goal is, with the pending financial aid of an ANA grant, to produce children's books in Kaw, which parents, grandparents and other adults can read to children while learning to pronounce and hear the language for themselves.

The goal is to develop an ongoing exchange of at least simple vocabulary between parent, grandparent, or other adult and child. The most successful language revitalization programs in the world to date, Hawaiian and Maori, have involved teaching children from an early age who in turn talk to their parents or other adults in the native language, thus encouraging at least simple conversations among learners of all ages.

I encourage any and all tribal members and anyone else interested in the beautiful Kaw language to attend our language class each week. The goal of the class is to have fun while learning Kaw.

I also encourage all of you to not be shy and to contact the Kaánze Íe Níkashi^{n}ga (Kaw Language Department) anytime with questions, even if it is just to learn how to say or pronounce a word or phrase, or to order a dictionary or reader. And if I don't know the answer to your question, I will try my best to research it and get back to you.

Wíblaha^{n}. Witó^{n}be ta mi^{n}khé!

Have fun speaking Kaw

One of the first steps to successful language revitalization is to learn common forms of greeting and use them with your coworkers, friends or anyone else you meet who may happen to know some Kaw. Here are some simple Kaw phrases to practice:

Ho! Hello! (said by men)
Hawé! Hello! (said by women)
Howé. Yes. (said by men)
A^{n}há. Yes. (said by women)
Há^{n}kazhi. No. (said by both men and women)
Dó^{n}hé yayishé? How are you? (Are you well?)
Dó^{n}hé ayihé. I'm fine. (I am well.)
Wíblaha^{n}. Thank you.
Zházhe wíta che… My name is (your name).
Ówo ató^{n} mi^{n}khé. I have lots of work (to do).
Witó^{n}be ta mi^{n}khé. Goodbye (See you later).

Pronounce each syllable in each word: **a** as "a" in f**a**ther; **e** like "ai" in b**ai**t; **i** like "ee" in b**ee**t; **o** like "oa" in c**oa**t; **u** like "oo" in b**oo**t.

Vowels with superscript (raised) n's after them are nasalized, meaning you pronounce the vowel through your nose (as in French or Portuguese) without actually pronouncing the n itself.

Consonants are pronounced much as in English, except that **zh** is pronounced like the "z" in a**z**ure or the "g" in bei**g**e, and **kh** is pronounced harder than "k" alone, which is softer and can sound almost like the English "g" in **g**o.

As you can see, unlike in English, some Kaw words or expressions — such as "hello" and "yes" — are gender-specific, meaning that one version is said by men, the other by women.

Now, have fun speaking Kaw.

Kaw Nation honored at Main Street Awards

Kaw Nation was honored with the 2013 Tribal Nation, Friend of Main Street award at the Oklahoma Main Street Awards at the Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City in May. The award was presented to Chairman Guy Munroe in early August.

The tribe was chosen for its support of the Newkirk Main Street program.

"Kaw Nation has just been a fantastic partner with Newkirk Main Street in many ways," said Karen Dye of the Newkirk Main Street Program.

Dye noted many ways in which the tribe has helped with events hosted by the program. She mentioned how the tribe has donated a banner, hot dogs, buns and giveaways and showcasing a money machine for people to step inside and try to catch cash at Charlie Adams Day while donating water to other events.

Dye also noted that SouthWind Casino Newkirk has hosted events for the program and given $10 match play cards to attendees.

For award banquets, Dye said, the tribe has bought plaques.

The 43 main street programs associated with the statewide program were invited to nominate a tribe for the tribal citizen award if they had one nearby.

The Newkirk Main Street Program has also named Kaw Nation a premier partner a couple times.

S'Wind Kaw City awarded for smoke-free gaming

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights presented an award to the SouthWind Casino Kaw City for opening smoke-free, as well as with the Kaw Nation and Kaw Enterprise Development Authority for their leadership in supporting this smoke-free venture.

The award was presented during the annual Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association Expo held at the Cox Center in Oklahoma City Aug. 13-14.

The casino held the grand opening of this property in April and since that time has been doing great business. Smoke-free tribal casinos can be somewhat of a touchy subject in Oklahoma Indian gaming. We are proud to be the first and only 100 percent smoke-free casino in the state and acknowledge the fact that many guests prefer and/or require the non-smoking environment.

"People drive in from all over Oklahoma and neighboring states to play in our smoke-free casino," said General Manager Pam Shaw. "It has been a great business decision and it promotes good health."

Cynthia Hallett, the executive director of Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, applauded SouthWind Casino Kaw City for tapping a great pool of patrons.

"There is clearly a large market of potential players who want to visit a smoke-free casino for their entertainment," said Hallett. "Currently, 20 states include casinos in statewide smoke-free workplace laws. Several tribes also have voluntarily made some of their casinos smoke-free. In many places, the casinos are the major employer, and those workers deserve to have a safe, healthy, smoke-free work environment."

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> CYNTHIA HALLET, executive director, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is the leading national lobbying organization, dedicated to nonsmokers' rights, protecting nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke, and preventing tobacco addiction among youth.

Submitted by Cristina White
Graphic Designer,
SouthWind Casino

Kaw-owned company at business summit

Miner's Equipment and Truck Repair, owned by Kaw tribal member Maegan Miner, represented Kaw Nation at the Indian Country Business Summit Aug. 19-20 in Catoosa, Okla.

Her family business proudly displayed at the trade show the Kaw Nation flag, which she received in a meeting with Tribal Chairman Guy Munroe in July.

"It was a true honor," she said. "We had our flag way up in the air. We were the only tribe that had our flag up in the air. Everyone was able to see it."

Miner said that people at the trade show were impressed to see they were running a Kaw-owned business in Oklahoma City.

"I think they were pretty surprised by that," she said. "It showed what tribe we represent. We got several compliments because of it."

Miner and her husband, Brian, started the Oklahoma City-based company out of their one-car garage in 2010. Since then, they've moved to a 7,000-square-foot facility and started selling landscaping equipment, such as wood chippers, leaf blowers and chainsaws.

Miner's Equipment and Truck Repair, which is a member of the Indian Chamber of Commerce, sells to county and state crews, as well as numerous companies. The business' parts and service department works on any type of equipment and mostly mid-size trucks.

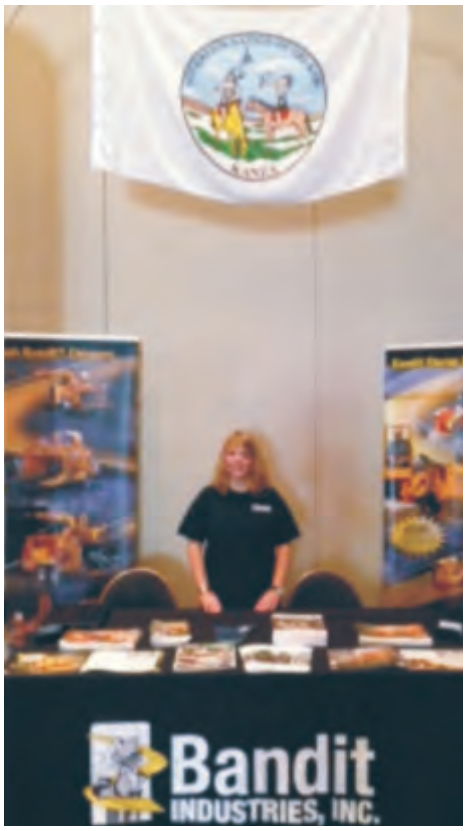
Miner had worked in the trucking and equipment industry for 15 years and Brian had been a diesel mechanic for 24 years before they started the business.

Miner said that she and Brian are proud to own their own business and love running it with their family.

"We try to reach those goals together," she said. "We're in this for the long haul. We try to help our customers and please our customers. We try to get those customers. And we can trust our family members."

She noted that they never give up on each other on the job.

"We all have each other's back and we definitely give God the glory in our business and we know that with Him all things are possible," she said.



Chilocco Development Authority receives Innovation Award

The Chilocco Development Authority, which has an office in Ponca City, was among recipients of awards during Oklahoma Minority Enterprise Development Week and given the Innovation Award. The celebration of success of minority entrepreneurs was coordinated by the REI Native American Business Centers.

The Kaw Nation, along with the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and the Ponca Tribe of Oklahoma are developing a wind farm project with PNE Wind USA at Chilocco. The wind farm will feature 90 turbines to be built in two phases, including 12 on Kaw land. The wind farm will produce 153 megawatts of energy, enough to power 31,000 homes. The wind farm expands the use of renewable energy in Oklahoma, and will serve as the second wind farm in the north central area of the state.

From left, Scott Dewald, president and CEO, REI Oklahoma; Guy Munroe, Kaw Nation Chair; and James Ray, project director, MBDA Business Center.

"We're pleased to honor the Chilocco Development Authority as they create one of the larger renewable energy projects ever completed on tribal land," said James Ray, MBDA Business Center Project Director. "Their efforts to protect our environment are inspiring."

REI Native American Business Centers deliver technical assistance and training programs in an effort to build successful Native American and minority-owned businesses. Companies that utilize the centers receive specialized assistance with bid assistance, contracting and procurement opportunities, training and business counseling, access to capital and more. Visit www.reinabc.org for more information.

The Chilocco Development Authority was originally formed in 1989 to manage relations with businesses operating on the Chilocco campus. Its operations have been absorbed by the Council of Confederated Chilocco Tribes.

Bash readies tribal children for school

This year, the Child Care Development and Johnson O'Malley programs teamed up to get our area tribal children ready for school during the Back-to-School Bash Aug. 5 at the Johnnie Ray McCauley Gym.

It was a great evening of fellowship and food. Thanks to SouthWind Casino for donating hot dogs and chips.

It was so exciting to see the smiling faces of all our tribal children. We must never forget we're looking into the faces of our future. So thank you to all the volunteers that helped pass out school supplies and refreshments at the event.

We would also like to say a special thank you to Sandy and Meghan Stout for helping us sort and bag mountains of school supplies, Clark Cole for spoiling the childrens' supper with lots of delicious cotton candy, and Tiaunna Murray for cutting the hair of over a dozen children at the event and agreeing to meet with several other families at later dates.

We appreciate your help very much. Volunteers with big hearts like yours are what made this event possible.

The JOM and CCDF programs thank volunteers Susan Luster, Micah Wilkie, Angela Howe, Andy Bohn, Kathleen Cole, Tiaunna Murray and the Kaw Nation Police Department.

Snelding looks to continue Frederick's winning ways

Kaw tribal member Graham Snelding recently started his first season as the Frederick (Okla.) High School football team. He takes on the task of continuing the Bombers' winning tradition after they went 13-1 in 2012, suffering their only loss in the Class 2A semifinals to the Oklahoma Christian School.

Snelding previously served as defensive coordinator at Teague (Texas) High School. From 2008 to 2011, he was offensive coordinator at Ponca City High School. His previous head-coaching positions include stints at the Haskell Indian School, Pawhuska High School and Marietta High School.

The Bombers had a high-flying offense last season, scoring 58.7 points per game. Snelding installed a high-tempo run-first offense similar to that which Chip Kelly ran at the University of Oregon. He implemented the scheme for the Wildcats after visiting Oregon.

The Bombers will often turn to running back Trey Booker, a speedy senior who helped Frederick's 4x400 relay team win the 2A title in the spring.

"He's definitely the focus of our game plan, running receiving, screens," Snelding said.

With quick players at all skill positions who ran on three state finals relay teams, two of which placed in the top three, Snelding is planning an aggressive offensive attack.

"There isn't a team that's faster than us," he said.

Junior quarterback Jesus Ramos will lead the offense in his first year at the position. Ramos, who had previously played running back, won a five-man tryout in the spring.

"We felt that his skill set would be important to us since our line's developing. We're doing the zone read [option] like Oregon does. The quarterback's a big part of the running game. With him being so big, so fast and so athletic, it just made sense for us," Snelding said.

He's building an offensive line that mostly consists of freshmen and sophomores.

"We've worked on execution with them, not overloading them on the mental aspect. Our young kids are developing well physically," he said.

He will look to build on a defense that allowed only 12.9 points per game. Since Snelding will focus on offense, he'll delegate that to defensive coordinator Eric Dowd, who will use a variety of blitz packages and disguises.

"We feel we have the athletes to play man-to-man. We'll change fronts and blitz from all different angles," Snelding said.

Leading the defense will be senior free safety Colton Mitchell.

"He's kind of the quarterback of our defense. He's been an outstanding player for us in our practices and team camps," Snelding said.

Snelding will also look for 5-foot-6 linebackers Dion Hatton and Joel Barrera to make plays.

"Neither one is very tall, but they're among the best I've ever coached. On the snap of the ball, they're all over the field making plays," Snelding said.

Snelding said that he hopes to eventually bring the Bombers to a state championship.

"For the foreseeable future, I think our numbers are good, our athletes are good, our work ethic's good. I think we'll win a lot of games. If we catch some breaks I think we could find ourselves going to Stillwater at some point in the next several years," he said.

The Bombers lost their season opener 35-12 to Cache High School on Sept. 6.

JOM program takes part in Leadership Day

On July 9, the Kaw Nation Johnson O'Malley program once again participated in the annual Native American Leadership Day. The conference was hosted by Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa and sponsored by the seven neighboring tribes.

After months of preparation, it was exciting to see all the tribal youth arrive. They were very enthusiastic to get changed into their new T-shirts, which were color coordinated by tribe.

We kicked everything off with a prayer. After that the day was filled with games, scavenger hunts, food, prizes and even a comedian hypnosis show.

The youth had a great time and also learned valuable information about scholarships, financial assistance, career development, healthy relationships and the importance of setting goals. The best part is that they were able to learn these lessons on a college campus, which will hopefully inspire them to dream and plan for their futures.

Congratulations to Bogahdah Nicole Murray, recipient of the Native American Leadership Day award for the Kaw Nation.

Submitted by Andrea Tennant
Social Services Assistant

We would like to thank Northern Oklahoma College, President Dr. Cheryl Evans, Rick Edgington, Gina Connywerdy and A+ Printing. Also, a special thank you to our neighbors who helped in making this event possible, the Ponca Tribe, Tonkawa Tribe, Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Pawnee Nation, Osage Nation and Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

Child Support Services works to serve children's interests

In these troubled economic times, many parents are seeking additional resources to provide for the most basic needs of their children. Parents know all too well that the nation's economy has a trickle-down effect on our youngest citizens. Without the appropriate financial support, our children will become victims of societal trauma that will last a lifetime.

Studies show that a child raised in poverty will likely grow up to live in poverty. When asked, most parents say they want a better life for their children. Child support services are just one way of helping children achieve a higher success.

Kaw Nation Child Support Services has been in operation as a comprehensive program since July 2008. The program currently serves numerous families throughout its jurisdiction and works collaboratively with the Otoe-Missouria, Iowa and Tonkawa Tribes to provide services in their respective jurisdictions as well.

KNCSS focuses on the best interests of children by establishing paternity, establishing support orders, modifying child support orders that have become outdated, enforcing delinquent support orders and locating parents.

These services are not designed to punish non-custodial parents, but rather to increase the opportunities for children to reach their highest potential. In fact, non-custodial parents who are unemployed or underemployed can seek assistance in modifying support orders that are no longer applicable due to a change in circumstances.

Parents who have little or no resources to support their children after break-ups or divorce can receive the assistance they need in establishing support orders. Those who have orders that have fallen into delinquency can seek assistance in collecting the outstanding debt.

In today's times, many children are being raised in single-parent homes. In order to establish a legal connection between the father and the child, a parent can seek assistance in obtaining an order of paternity.

Additionally, fathers who are raising their children can apply for services to enlist support from absent mothers. Grandparents or other guardians are eligible to receive the much needed support from both parents. Seeking child support is not meant to deter parental involvement. In fact, researchers say a parent who assumes financial responsibility is more likely to remain actively involved in the child's life.

Kaw Nation is one of more than 50 tribes to operate a comprehensive child support program. Tribal leaders initiated the program in an effort to provide children within its jurisdiction the same opportunities as children residing in homes where both parents are present.

Since its inception in 2008, the Kaw Nation program has helped hundreds of children receive the necessary support both financially and emotionally from both parents.

Submitted by Aimee Turner
Child Support Services

Here's mud in your eye

As the morning sun smiled on the Child Care Development facility on June 29, songs from Disney movies blared from the speakers, water squirted from hoses into a mud pit that sunk three to four feet deep and a festive atmosphere filled the lawn.

Then, children rushed across the grass to hop in the mud to start CCDF's second annual celebration of International Mud Day.

Boys and girls ran through the mud as they became used to the murky depths.

"It looks like hot chocolate," one girl shouted as she waded through the pit.

Kids broke into various activities as they hung out in the mud. A few had the courage to submerge themselves under the frothy water. A couple children took their places on a mountain of mud beside the pit. Others took part in the classic mud fight.

Standing by the fence, some children took turns painting pictures with mud.

CCDF Director Sara Bell and Contact Representative Brandon Burke couldn't avoid being covered in mud, as a proud visitor knocked them into the brown trench. Both took it as an opportunity to share with the kids in the slushy fun. Eventually, Bell found herself content embracing two kids as they sat in the pit.

Some parents would join their sons and daughters in the sludge.

After some time, everyone was called out of the mud for lunch.

Once the kids were filled, prizes were awarded and the youth picked up items such as bicycles, an inflatable water-squirting ball, a grill and fishing gear.

As the fun time ended and kids huddled near their parents ready to return home to bathe, Burke thanked all those who participated.

"This is an important day for us. International Mud Day is celebrated all around the world," he said.

School age program looks back on summer

The Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Program boasted another successful summer. Full-time enrollment doubled. So did the fun. Don't take my word for it. Hear what the kids, families and staff have to say:

Jaylynne, age 8: "We went on lots of fun field trips. We also did fun cooking projects. The No-Bake Energy Bites were so good. Other kids should come because it's very fun here."

Micah, age 6: "Jumping and running on the Xbox and Science projects are my favorite. You get to sing and dance on the stage and dress up. The best part was making volcanoes. It went all over the place, like lava."

Liam, age 6: "I liked playing games on the computer, like POG and Animal Jams. You don't just play; you can actually learn stuff. You can go underwater and find things, or race cars against other drivers."

Layla, age 5: "The playground is fun. We get to climb and slide. I like doing messy art classes with Miss Ashley."

Miss Ashley, School Age Coordinator: "On a daily basis, we are doing hands-on learning activities and helping the children grow through the curriculum we provide. I really enjoy seeing the faces of the kids after they do a science or art project and feel confident about it."

Ms. McIntyre, happy parent: "The programming for the summer has been fantastic. The staff has been so thoughtful to enrich the kids with educational and fun activities and field trips. We appreciate the excellent care."

Felicia Sawyers and Daniel Ceniti measure and weigh fish during sampling.

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KNED Water Technician Felicia Sawyers, Department of Wildlife Conservation Fisheries Biologist Tom Wolf. This picture is demonstrating the exchange of fish so that KNED can prepare them for the lab.

Skyler Mathews, left, watches as KNED Water Technician Felicia Sawyers, Environmental Specialist Daniel Ceniti and KNED Intern Cody Wingo use a screen to filter out the macroinvertebrates.

Fish sampling and macroinvertebrates

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department is currently conducting fish samples and checking the macroinvertebrates to define the eminence of water.

Working with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation, KNED conducted a study of the mercury levels in fish. This study is allowed by our Water Quality Monitoring grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

During this study, we try to collect samples of various fish. This is how we can determine the different size of fish and weight. This is also a good way to see which fish might be overpopulating the waters.

If a human consumes too much mercury, he or she will experience serious health problems. We encourage seeing a physician right away if too much mercury is digested.

What are macroinvertebrates?

Macroinvertebrates help determine the quality of water. Macroinvertebrates are found in lakes, streams, ponds, marshes and puddles. They help preserve the health of the water ecosystem by eating bacteria and dead, decaying plants and animals. A high number of macroinvertebrates in the water means they are helping restore the nutrients in the water, and a low amount means the water is withholding microbes.

Safety training sessions

In August and September, KNED hosted safety training sessions at the Kaw Nation Library and Learning Center. These trainings offered our staff and those from other organizations a chance to refresh our practices, ensuring that we use the safest approach on the job. On Aug. 30, a data sheet session laid out changes in the Material Safety Data Sheet. On Sept. 6, instructors from Pioneer Technology Center taught safe lifting techniques.

Above, Kaw Nation summer students test the weighing scale at the Braman Recycling Center. Right, the students look through the separated items about to be recycled.

Recycling center adds customers, routes

Through the past months, our recycling center has expanded. We have picked up 44 new customers to recycle consumer goods and added a few routes.

Also, KNED had the privilege of showing the Kaw Nation Summer Child Care kids the recycling center. These students were very enjoyable and ready to learn. We were able to provide every student with a recycling handout that included fun coloring pages. The kids engaged in entertaining activities that showed a few ways to recycle. KNED is looking forward to what the future holds for these younger generations.

Let's all pitch in and keep recycling. Contact our department at 580-269-2552 with any questions about what to recycle or what can be recycled. We are looking for new and exciting projects to help the environment and tribal members every day.

From left, KNED Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu, Iowa Tribe Aviary Wildlife Manager Victor Roubidoux, Kaw Nation Grant Compliance Specialist Vickie Lehman, KNED Administrative Assistant Jordan Lunsford and Rachael Harley of the Kickapoo.

Bettering our performance

KNED attended different classes around Oklahoma to better our performances with each and every job that we perform.

Recently, KNED Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu, Administrative Assistant Jordan Lunsford and and Grant Compliance Specialist Vickie Lehman were able to attend a National PETE's Tribal, U.S. Territories and Insular Areas Administrative and Financial Guidance for U.S. EPA Assistance.

We also had the chance to engage with the Iowa Tribe and tour its eagle aviary in Perkins, Okla.

The bald eagles in this sanctuary created at the Iowa Tribe Aviary were said to have been paralyzed and nursed back to health. Most of these birds would not return to the wild.

New faces

Felicia Sawyers is the new water technician for KNED. She has a bachelor's degree in natural resource ecology and management from Oklahoma State University and loves to identify all the birds in her spare time.

We have also added **Daniel Ceniti** to our team as an environmental specialist. Daniel is also a graduate from Oklahoma State with a bachelor's degree in environmental science of natural resources.

Cody Wingo was our only intern. He had been a great help getting the recycling plant running smoothly. Cody attends Northern Oklahoma College and plans to study chemical engineering.

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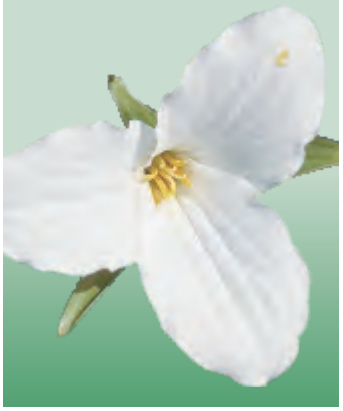

Diabetes Program sets cooking demo

The Kaw Nation Diabetes Program will hold a cooking demonstration Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. For details, contact Ruthie Arie at 580-362-1039.

From left, Traci White, Richard Roubedeaux, Joy Roy, Oney Roubedeaux, Braden Lampe, Christy Lampe and Jerry Evans.

Emergency management coalition presents first Robison Award

On July 9, the Inter-Tribal Emergency Management Coalition dedicated the first Gary Robison Award to the family of the late Kaw Nation emergency manager.

Robison, who was the first emergency manager for Kaw Nation and also performed code enforcement and safety enforcement while serving in his capacity for eight years, organized ITEMC in 2004 with help from Citizen Potawatomi Emergency Manager Tim Zientek and Phil Booker. The coalition serves as a networking association and educational resource for people involved in tribal emergency management.

Currently, 12 Oklahoma tribes are active in ITEMC.

The ITEMC has partnered with Indian Health Services, Oklahoma City Inter-Tribal Health Board and the Southwest Center for Public Health Preparedness for training and other efforts.

"The point of ITEMC was to pool resources to get tribes all of the training available," said Kaw Nation Emergency Manager Jerry Evans.

ITEMC also brings tribes together to help each other in case of a natural disaster.

"If someone has something they have and we don't, they can come and respond," Evans said.

Evans said that ITEMC has become a blueprint for other organizations.

"It's been very effective. Other organizations have called and asked how they can do what we do," he said.

The Gary Robison Award was created to honor an emergency management contributor or organization that delivered excellence in the field.

Robison's daughter, Oney Roubedeaux, spoke of his dedication to preparing tribes for emergency situations.

"I was very proud that he was able to establish relationships with Native American tribes," Roubedeaux said.

Roubedeaux recalled the 300 survival kits that Robison assembled for Kaw tribal members.

"This blanket signifies warmth and security," she said. "He put these together from the heart."

Robison retired in 2012 and died in April. During his career in emergency management, he also served Blackwell and Ditch Witch in Perry.

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Going yard

Gary Forbeck was named the Best Yard Contest winner by the Kaw Housing Authority on Tuesday. The Kaw Enterprise Development Authority awarded him with $50 for his home maintenance efforts.

"Thank you very much. It's a great honor to be recognized like this," Forbeck told the KHA board after being presented with the check.

Aside from his well-trimmed lawn, Forbeck keeps a porch with a grill in his backyard, a small pond with fish on the east side of his house and plant arrangements in various parts of his lawn.

Among the flowers on the west side of his plot are moon flowers.

"They only bloom at night," he said.

Forbeck was also honored for his lawn in August 1997, and it was featured in the mid-week edition of the Ponca City News on Aug. 6, 1997.

Above photo, the winning yard by Gary Forbeck. Left photo, front row, from left, Kaw Housing Authority Board Chair Jason Murray presenting a check to Gary Forbeck; second row, KHA Board members Patti Kramer and Mary Butler, KHA Board Vice Chair Debbie Lewman and KHA Board member Cheri Dunn; back row, Kaw Nation Tribal Chairman Guy Munroe and KHA Director Lindy Merz.