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MORE EAGLE EYES AT EAGLE WATCH

Annual event sees record turnout



Ryan VanZant of the Sutton Aviary Research Center with BENSAR.

The sun smiled warmly on attendees of the 25th annual Kaw Lake Ultimate Eagle Watch on Jan. 18. Visitors took the chance to see many eagles flying around the lake and others perched in trees near the shores.

With few boaters or hunters out that morning, the birds were undisturbed and easy for people to view.

A record 606 people attended the Eagle Watch.

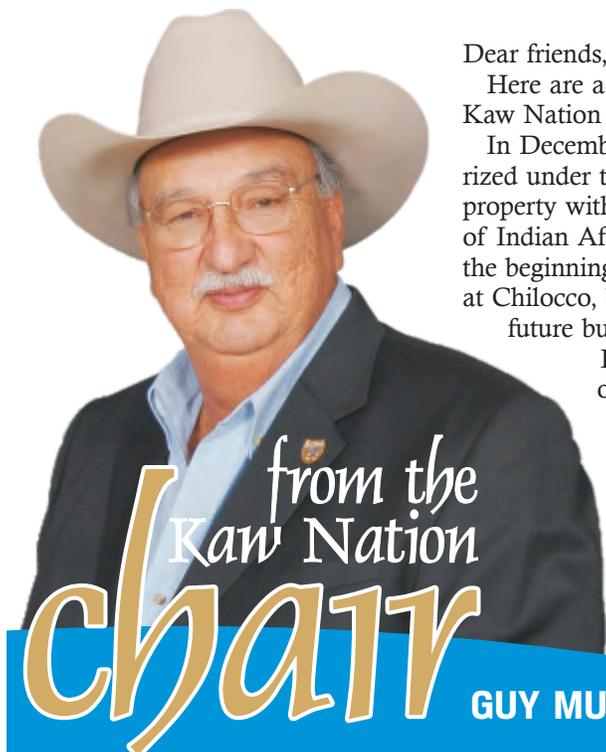
A standing-room only crowd at the Kaw City Community Center pinned their eyes on Ryan VanZant of the Sutton Aviary Research Center as they waited to see his eagle BENSAR (whose name stands for Bald Eagle Northern Sutton Avian Research).

When an audience member asked him about flying BENSAR and another American bald eagle, Fiona, over the Grand Canyon, VanZant recounted the experience of tracking BENSAR down after the 28-year-old eagle descended into the canyon. VanZant hiked 29 miles in about seven hours to reach BENSAR. He slept overnight with the bird in a cave.

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Opening doors for future partnerships



Dear friends,

Here are a couple achievements of the Kaw Nation from the past few months:

In December, the nation was authorized under the HEARTH Act to lease property without approval by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Not only did it ease the beginning of wind farm construction at Chilocco, but it also opens doors for future business partnerships.

In January, Kaw Nation opened a new domestic violence unit that will operate through the tribal court.

Make sure that these events are on your calendar:

➤ Our Johnson O'Malley Program will host a

youth dance at the Johnnie Ray McCauley Community Center on April 5 at 2 p.m. This is a special opportunity for children to grow in the culture we share.

➤ The next General Council meeting will be on April 13 at 10 a.m. in the community building at the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds.

➤ The Washunga Days Powwow will be June 20 and 21 in Council Grove, Kan. I hope to see you there.

Feel free to stop by and share any stories or concerns you may have. My door is always open.

May you feel the hope that comes with the upcoming spring.

*Guy Munroe
Kaw Nation Chair*

PUBLIC NOTICE: Kaw Nation elections set



The Kaw Nation Election Board is hereby notifying citizens of the Kaw Nation that an election will be held on Sept. 14, 2014, at the Kaw Nation Administration Building in Kaw City, Okla.

Candidate filing dates will be June 16 through June 30 from 1 to 4 p.m. There is a non-refundable filing fee of \$300.

Positions being filled for this election will be chair, secretary and two tribal council members.

Qualified candidates will be

enrolled citizens of the Kaw Nation General Council not less than 25 years of age.

They must be 1/32 or more of Kaw Indian blood and not have been convicted of a felony by a court of competent jurisdiction unless pardoned or have had civil rights restored to him or her.

Further information will be mailed in the spring.

Also, anyone with questions may call Election Board Commissioner Debbie Lewman at 580-362-1039.



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Liaison report: Relations between tribes, Oklahoma improving

Oklahoma Native American Liaison Jacque Hensley, a Kaw tribal member, gave her first annual report on Jan. 7. The report signaled improved relations between tribes and the state in her second year as the first Native American liaison to the Oklahoma governor.

"I do believe that Oklahoma has made significant progress," she said.

Hensley praised Kaw Nation's SouthWind Casino Kaw City, which opened as the first completely smoke-free casino in Oklahoma, as a major step for public health.

"I'd be remiss if I didn't mention the Kaw Nation's commitment to improving the overall health of all Oklahomans," she said. "I'm hopeful that more casinos

will follow Chairman [Guy] Munroe's lead and make all their facilities smoke free and help improve the overall health of all Oklahomans."

She noted two major public safety efforts, including a law strengthening tribal law enforcement cross-deputization and the burn ban compact proposed by Kaw Nation. The compact allows Kaw Nation to declare burn bans for its land before the state and Kay County.

"As a result of the terrible fires that affected our State,

the Governor's office was approached by Kaw Nation with a desire to draft, execute and implement a Tribal-State Burn Ban Agreement," she said.

Hensley noted that three

other tribes followed Kaw Nation in entering burn ban agreements with the state.

One of her pet projects has been supporting improvements in Indian Child Welfare. She has met with

ICW workgroups at the state, regional and local level. She has been involved with ICW workgroups, which are Okla-

homa Indian Child Welfare Association subcommittees that focus on specific issues.

"She is very active," said Kaw Nation Indian Child Welfare Case Worker Roger Sober. "She gives us a voice. She gives a voice to all Indian children."

Hensley has worked to smooth relationships between those involved in ICW processes.

"She works with the state, the tribal ICW groups, OICWA and judges to help partnerships in all of those," Sober said.

Hensley, who has been the Native American liaison since July 2012, met with all 38 tribes in Oklahoma in the fall. Also, she meets weekly with Governor Mary Fallin and attends senior staff meetings.



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JACQUE HENSLEY, Oklahoma Native American liaison

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, April 13, 2014 • 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



Kaw Nation District Court Judge **Robert "Don" Gifford** has been honored by his peers in the Oklahoma district attorney community. In November, Judge Gifford received the Professional Advocate Award for Prosecutors from the Oklahoma Bar Association's Criminal Law Section at the annual OBA meeting. Criminal district attorneys in Oklahoma make recommendations for the award.

Gifford, who earned his law degree from the University of Oklahoma, is on the OBA board of governors and is the chair of the military and veterans section.

Gifford, who has served on the Kaw Nation bench since 2011 and is in his first term, serves as an assistant district attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma in his primary capacity. He's the human trafficking coordinator and a tribal liaison for the U.S. Department of Interior. He has also worked on tribal cases, as well as identity theft, sex-offender registration and computer child pornography matters.

He's also an adjunct professor of law at the University of Oklahoma and an Army Reserve officer.

Bellmard: Helping her fellow Natives

Helping her fellow natives has been Robin Bellmard's occupation. As the superintendent of the Pawnee Agency, Bellmard oversees an array of services for four northern Oklahoma tribes — the Ponca Tribe, Pawnee Nation, Tonkawa Tribe and Otoe-Missouria Tribe.

"So far the feedback that I get is that the tribes know that my door is always open. The expectations might be low, but I hope that I've shown we've done a lot to help the tribes," she said.

Bellmard, who transferred to the Pawnee Agency in June 2012 to be closer to family, maintains regular contact with tribes without meddling with services.

"I work with them. I review their requests. But I also give them their autonomy," she said.

Most of her work pertains to fee-to-trust transactions and the Branch of Probate. Besides working with tribal governments, she often addresses individual concerns about land transactions.

While she and her staff strive to deliver excellent service, they often find themselves fighting to overcome deep-seated negative perceptions about the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

"We have so much to work on to counter the bad press and things that have gone wrong and make sure that the tribes know that we're here to work for them," she said.

This is the second agency she has led. From 2009 to June 2012, she was the superintendent at the Horton Agency in northern Kansas. The Horton Agency serves the Kickapoo, Iowa Tribe, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation and Sac and Fox Tribe of Missouri.

Before going to the Horton Agency, Bellmard worked for nine-and-a-half years at the BIA Central Office in Washington, D.C., as a special assistant to the assistant secretary of Indian Affairs and the principal deputy to the assistant secretary. At the central office, she compiled

handbooks, set schedules for the assistant secretary and principal deputy and prepared BIA officials for meetings with tribal leaders.

Bellmard, whose background is in sociology and anthropology, supplied background information before such meetings to familiarize BIA staff with tribes.

"It was pretty easy for me to rattle off general information about the tribes and their customs. It would provide the staff with talking points. They weren't tribal people, so they had no idea what being tribal meant. I would provide them with enough information that it might seem like small talk, but it gave them some facts that could base a relationship," she said.

The work at the central office readied her for the projects at the field level. Much of her handbook work and experience with BIA reorganization turned into agency practice as she went to the Horton Agency as fee-to-trust acquisitions became easier in 2009 and the HEARTH Act was passed in 2012, allowing development and leasing without BIA approval.

In her first year with the Horton Agency, they helped tribes put 4,000 acres of land into trust.

Bellmard never foresaw that she would be with the BIA for 14 years and hopes to tackle other endeavors before she's too old, but acknowledged that she feels some sense of duty in her role.

"There is some satisfaction accomplishing the day-to-day when you do it with dignity and honor. You have to be happy with all the day-to-day stuff and plan for the bigger projects. And it is a sense of duty because I came from a family that didn't have a lot and we didn't get much help from the BIA and we didn't depend on the BIA. Each person who comes in, if it's an issue for them, no matter how small it is, it's big for them and I'm going to help. I find a lot of satisfaction in adhering to our mission," she said.



Giving area schools a boost

FEBRUARY SAW AREA SCHOOLS receive boosts from Kaw Nation support. Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe visited six schools to present checks for each school or school district.

The chairman presented gifts to Kildare Elementary School and Newkirk High School on Feb. 13.



Kaw Nation Guy Munroe with a donation to the Stepp-up drug awareness group at Newkirk High School.

“I got the call this morning and it brought tears to my eyes,” said Amy Horinek, who is coordinating fundraising for a new playground at Kildare Elementary School. “That meant so much to me.”

Kildare School, which runs from pre-kindergarten through sixth grade and has around 75 students, is raising money for a \$73,000 playground with a playground set that will replace the current one and a gazebo.

Horinek said she plans to organize fundraisers this year and next year until the goal is met.

The Stepp-up drug awareness group was the happy recipient at Newkirk High School. Stepp-up participates in conferences in locations across the country such as Wichita, Washington, D.C., Idaho and Wisconsin.

On Feb. 26, Munroe brought donations to Kaw City School, Shidler High School, Blackwell Public Schools and Ponca City Public Schools.

Shidler High School Principal Cory Smith beamed ecstatically at the show of support.

While the donation wasn't directed at a specific purpose, Janice Finton of Kaw City School said that she could think of several programs that could benefit.

Munroe said that he understands the situations schools face. “I know money's tight for schools these days,” he said.



Amy Horinek, Chairman Guy Munroe and Kildare Principal Bruce Shelley.



Shidler High School Principal Cory Smith with Chairman Munroe.



Kaw City/Shidler Middle School Principal Janice Finton with the chairman.



Blackwell Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Eric Webb with the chairman.



Ponca City Public Schools Superintendent Dr. David Pennington with Chairman Munroe.



Lou Stretch asks Kaw Nation Indian Child Welfare case worker Roger Sober, far right, a membership question.

From left, Hank Wright, Sonja Cole, Rita Hart and Jacque Hensley.

Addressing child welfare issues

KAW NATION HOSTED the Oklahoma Indian Child Welfare Association quarterly meeting at the Library and Learning Center on Feb. 20 and 21. Indian Child Welfare case workers from tribes and others involved with OICWA met to address OICWA issues. Subcommittee meetings took place on the first day and the regular meeting was held on the second day.

OICWA President Angela Connor reads the treasury report while Treasurer Hettie Charboneau explains expenses.



The OICWA has members from each of Oklahoma's 38 tribes, as well as state and Bureau of Indian Affairs offices and individuals associated with OICWA.

Oklahoma Native American Liaison Jacque Hensley, a Kaw tribal member, participated in the meeting.

The meeting included an Oklahoma Department of Human Services update and a tribal-state workgroup.

OKDHS Tribal Liaison Rita Hart introduced two new regional tribal liaisons, Region 1 Liaison Sonja Cole, whose jurisdiction includes Kaw Nation, and Region 2 Liaison Hank Wright.

Hart discussed the OICWA five-year Pinnacle Plan, which details organizational goals.

"Jacque was very instrumental in reminding the Governor [Mary Fallin] of everything in this and how important families are," Hart said.

Jenny Rush-Buffalohead, who works for the Osage Tribe, explained new recruiting efforts.

A member of the region Title IV (b) agency mentioned that an Inspector General report of the Administration for Children and Families found that word of mouth is the best recruiting tool for Indian Child Welfare.

Child Support launches new initiative

The Kaw Nation Child Support Services program has developed a new initiative to assist families in meeting their needs both financially and emotionally. The new program, Life Improvement for Family Tenacity (LIFT), is designed to provide a holistic means of addressing individual well-being — which in turn will support a greater opportunity for family wellness and healing.

The objective of the LIFT program is to assist parents in supporting their children, financially and emotionally, in a healthy and safe environment. The initiative was developed after it became obvious that many parents were struggling with obstacles that were far-reaching beyond the inability to provide financial support to their children.

According to KNCSS Pro-

gram Coordinator Aimee Turner, the program's caseworkers are often the first to learn of individuals' struggles to make ends meet.

"Our function as child support workers has always been to collect court-ordered support on behalf of children regardless of individual circumstances. However, the reality is that there are individuals who, for a myriad of reasons, simply are unable to make ends meet, not only for themselves but, more importantly, for the benefit of their children," she said.

An intense review of the program files indicates a high percentage of KNCSS' underpaying cases are not the result of irresponsible parents, but rather individu-

als with deficiencies in specific life skills or financial management.

"Rather than move directly to incarceration, we want to offer assistance in helping these individuals restructure their life situations in order that they might function in a more productive manner," Turner said.

The LIFT program focuses on five core components: life skills, healthy parent participation, employment initiatives, emotional wellness, and cultural awareness.

LIFT is designed to help participating parents learn budgeting skills, parenting skills and conflict avoidance. LIFT enables job search tools and training initiatives and provides resource referrals for

mental health counseling and alcohol and substance abuse recovery.

Also, LIFT works to assist individuals in understanding the role tribal culture plays in our daily lives and our community.

"The LIFT program does not eliminate court-ordered support payments, nor the obligation to financially provide for children. Rather, it is designed to assist individuals in achieving success in all facets of their life, as well as providing a healthy and safe environment for our children," Turner said.

For more information about the LIFT program or any other services offered by the Kaw Nation Child Support Services program, please call 580-765-9952.

*Submitted by Aimee Turner
Child Support Services*



Congratulations to our graduates

The Kaw Nation would like to congratulate recent Kaw Nation college graduates. You have been outstanding students and it was our pleasure to assist you.



Hallie LaRue

Bachelor's degree in elementary education, Northwestern Oklahoma State University.



Jessica Benton

Bachelor's degree in business administration, University of Central Oklahoma.



Jaron Ballagh

Bachelor of Arts in criminal justice, East Central University.



Jordan Brooks

Vanderbilt University, Nashville. Master of Science in nursing/acute care nurse practitioner. Recently hired at Indiana University Health Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis as a nurse practitioner with the inpatient orthopedic trauma service.



Rachel Stauffer

Master of Science in education, University of Nebraska at Kearney.

KEDA completes security project



KEDA, working with Ponca City Energy and their crews, recently finished the installation of a security camera and wireless transmission system on one of the Southwind Energy lights at Lake Ponca.

This off-grid, remote-monitored system is powered by wind and solar energy, with a pure sine wave inverter specifically for electronics.

This project demonstrates other possibilities for freestanding solar energy devices and their capability to perform 24 hours a day, 365 days a year with no power outages, utilities or electrical usage.

This unit provides security, vandalism prevention and family safety in the park and fishing area at the lake, transmitting the security video to the city for monitoring.



KEDA Executive Director Jeff Washko spoke proudly of the security partnership with Ponca City Energy, stating, "We are always excited to partner with local government, working together and showcasing the cutting edge technology that KEDA and Kaw Nation Southwind Energy are leading the way with in the green energy field."

*Submitted by Ken Luttrell
KEDA Public Relations Director*

Swearing-in ceremonies



Above photo, Bill Schutte, left, is sworn in as a Kaw Enterprise Development Authority board member. Kaw Nation Tribal Council Secretary Elaine Huch, center, holds the Bible as Chairman Guy Munroe administers the oath.

Left photo, Eva Jones stands with Chairman Munroe after she was sworn in as a KEDA board member in December. Jones is a retired nurse who served in Alaska. She is a member of the Kaw Nation Cultural, Museum and Library Committee. Other KEDA members include Jerry Johnston and Chairman Lloyd Pappan.

KEDA to honor Kaw Nation veterans

A project for a Veterans Memorial Plaza at the corner of Fourth and Grand Avenue in the historic downtown district of Ponca City is underway which will honor all veterans of Kay County.

The plaza will have two distinctive applications: a water wall honoring killed or missing-in-action veterans of Kay County from all wars, and engraved brick pavers honoring any veteran.

On behalf of all Kaw Nation veterans, KEDA is placing a special plaque on the supporter's wall recognizing the military service of all Kaw tribal members.

A veteran's name can be placed on an engraved brick paver or pavers by request. Information on how to obtain a brick can be mailed directly to you by calling Ponca City Main Street at 580-763-8082, by emailing dettejc@poncacityok.gov, or by visiting the web site at poncacitymainstreet.com.

The pavers will be thoughtfully positioned over the base of the plaza where visitors can linger reading them while



Courtesy renderings

contemplating the gift the soldier has made or is making to our country.

The plaza will be a beautiful open air space for family, friends, children and citizens to gather and remember. It will include a larger gathering space for small events and water fountain area where the children can play. These activities represent what the veterans fought for — so that our children and

families would have a safe, friendly and enjoyable environment in which to thrive and grow at home.

Options are available as follows:

- Purchase a paver in honor of a veteran or veterans. Pavers will list the name of the veteran, war or dates in which they served and branch of service.

- Additional pavers can also include any other infor-

mation relevant to honoring our veterans.

The plaza will also include a special Wall of Honor with the names of those who have made the ultimate sacrifice — dying in service or missing in action from Kay County. These names will be obtained from government records and placed automatically on the wall.

*Submitted by Ken Luttrell
KEDA Public Relations Director*



Eagle

continued from the front

Another prominent presentation that morning was Luther Pepper's talk on the cultural significance of eagles to Native Americans.

While displaying feathers for audience members to see, Pepper told stories of how he received each one.

"This was given to me by a young guy. After he went through the ceremony of getting the feather and they had a special, he asked me and another man to dance with him. That's why he gave me this feather," Pepper said.

Pepper explained the ceremony in which the eagle feather is placed on a dancer's roach.

"According to my tribe, and maybe others also, it's got to be the oldest son. I've got two older brothers, but they're both deceased. If either of them were alive, I wouldn't have that right," he said. "For the men, they put that roach on. Most of them do it on



Two red-tail hawks presented by the Oklahoma Falconers Association adjust to their perches at the Kaw City School.

Friday night so that they can dance all three nights of our powwow, and it's the same way for the women. There's a little stem on the roach, and that person that has that right will put it up on that stem. Then, that's done and the person has the right to dance anywhere, except there's a few powwows that are for tribal members only."

He mentioned how the regulations for getting eagle feathers have changed.

"It used to be that if you found one you couldn't keep it, but I understand that's changed. But you still can't kill an eagle," he said.

Michele Walenciak of Cinnamon Valley Exotics brought exotic animals, including a lemur, tortoise and ferret, to show people at the Kaw City School. All of her animals are kept and bred in the United States.

"I do not deal with wild-caught [animals] and never

will because it's not fair to take them out of the environment they're living in," she said.

Pointing out the black around the lemur's eyes, Walenciak said that it protects against the sun.

Walenciak advised that anyone who considers having an exotic animal as a pet should do plenty of research before getting one to get an idea of the right fit.

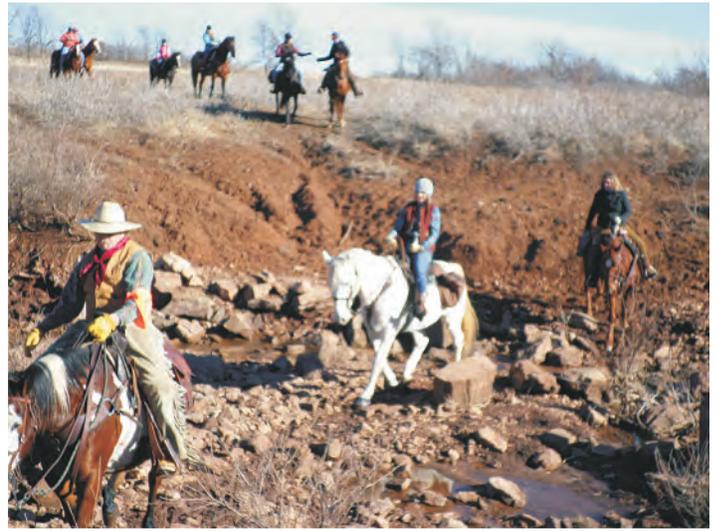
"They're really cute, just like the baby bears. Baby bears are 50 pounds when they're little. I know a lot of people who had baby bears and they get rid of them six months later because they're not babies anymore," she said.

Members of the Oklahoma Falconers Association presented red tail hawks and talked about falconry. Contributions made by falconers include refined captive breeding intended to care for injured falcons and return them to the wild and radio telemetry for tracking lost birds.



Above photo, Michele Walenciak gives audience members an up-close look at a ferret.

Left photo, Luther Pepper displays a feather of his while explaining the significance of eagles to Native Americans.



Scenes from the eagle watch on horseback. Courtesy Kaw Lake Association Facebook page

General Council confirms Salary Commission

The Kaw Nation General Council voted unanimously to confirm the five members of the Salary Commission in a special meeting on Dec. 15. The five members — Charles “Sam” Gemar, Pauline Sharp, Robert “Don” Gifford, Bill Schutte and Toby Lavers — convened for the first time on Jan. 4.

The Salary Commission makes recommendations to the General Council for the compensation of the tribal chair, Tribal Council members, the Tribal Council secretary and the tribal attorney general.

Compensation rates suggested by the Salary Commission are based on research of those given to leadership positions in other tribes.

Gifford, a member of Cherokee Nation, serves as the Kaw Nation District Court



From left, Toby Lavers, Robert Don Gifford, Pauline Sharp, Sam Gemar and Bill Schutte.

judge. In his regular capacity, he’s an assistant district attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, acting as the human trafficking coordinator and a tribal liaison for the U.S. Department of Justice.

In November, Gifford received the Professional Advocate Award for Prosecutor from the Oklahoma Bar Association’s Criminal Law Section at the annual OBA meeting. Criminal district attorneys in Oklahoma make recommendations for the award.

Gemar is a test flight operator for Learjet. In the 1980s, he was an astronaut. He flew three missions. His third space flight, which was on Space Shuttle Columbia, STS-62, was

the lowest flying shuttle ever at 105 miles.

Sharp, a Kaw tribal member, is a retired information technology specialist, having spent 45 years in the field. She has served on the Kaw Nation Cultural, Museum and Library Committee since December 2012. Sharp has researched Kaw involvement in the Civil War and was a Board of Trustee of the Mid-America All-Indian Center.

Lavers, a Kaw tribal member, is the recycling technician for the Kaw Nation Environmental Department. Before joining KNED, he worked for six months with River Ridge Construction. Lavers is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Afghanistan war.

Schutte is also a Kaw tribal member.

Dr. Robert Rankin, reviver of the Kaw language, dies

Dr. Robert Rankin, who revived the Kaw language in the late 20th century, died on Feb. 24 at the age of 74.

In 1973, a colleague tugged Rankin into the tight-knit sphere of Native American language research.

Rankin began with the Quapaw language, but, as he stated in an interview for a Kansas University oral history project, he moved on to the Kaw language after the two remaining Quapaw speakers became unavailable. He made tape recordings of the last three native speakers of the language, Walter Kekahbah, Ralph Pepper and Maude McCauley Rowe.

“When I got into the Kaw language, and really enjoying my work with the Kaw People, I never looked back,” he was quoted as saying in a spring 2012 *Kanza News* article.

Most of his work was done with Rowe. At every opportunity, Rankin, who became a Kansas University professor when he began his doctoral studies in 1969 and retired in 2005, went to Oklahoma to visit Rowe and listen to her speak the language.

Rankin compiled almost 50 hours of her in the Kaw language.

These laid the groundwork for the Kaw Language Project.

Years later, Jim Pepper Henry, Carol Clark and Johnnie Ray McCauley visited him at KU, asking for copies of the tapes for the nation. Rankin made copies for them.

Afterwards, he began collaborating with Kaw Nation



on the language project. He served as a consultant to Kaw Language Directors Justin McBride, Dr. Linda Cumberland and Dave Kaufman until his death. Rankin helped craft language lessons and assisted in the publishing of the Kaw Dictionary and “Kanza Reader.”

“The Kaw language probably wouldn't exist anymore if it weren't for Bob Rankin,” Kaufman said. “It was his recordings working with Maudie Rowe and Ralph Pepper that the dictionary was built on. Other than

what [James] Dorsey did in the 1800s, there wouldn't be much documentation.”

Additionally, Rankin was a senior editor for a comparative dictionary for Siouan languages, the family to which the Kaw language belongs.

Rankin earned his doctorate in linguistics in 1972, concentrating on Romanian language dialects. He developed a love for languages when he was a child speaking to people in different countries on a short-wave radio.

“What a loss. Bob was such a tremendous figure in the field. He was always generous with his time and comments especially to us younger scholars. He is the reason for who I am today. I'm heartbroken.”

JOHN BOYLE
The Language Conservancy

“Very sad. He was one of my master's thesis advisors, and my first teacher of Siouan. My thoughts and prayers will go to him and his family.”

WILLEM DE REUSE
University of North Texas

“I don't know where to begin. It was Bob's knowledge and leadership that made the Comparative Siouan Dictionary possible. The emptiness he leaves behind is likely never to be filled.”

DAVID S. ROOD
University of Colorado

“A light has gone out for us all. I would never have studied a Siouan language if Bob had not used his wonderful powers of persuasion to convince Louanna Furbee to set aside Mayan languages for a little while, from a sense of duty of being at Mizzou. He drove to Columbia to give us a huge packet of materials, and did a long workshop of introduction to Siouan linguistics. And that was just the beginning. Not to mention opening his home for so many gatherings. So generous, so scholarly, so dedicated. Truly I'm heartbroken, too.”

JILL GREER
Missouri Southern
State University

Injury Prevention releases seat belt survey

Part of the Kaw Nation Injury Prevention Program includes conducting seat belt survey check points. Below are the results from the seat belt survey.

The program studied the percentage of individuals using a seat belt to determine whether the outreach materials and programs are effective. The information is turned in to Indian Health Services and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention for motor vehicle safety targeted at Native American-populated areas.

*Submitted by Tabatha Harris
Injury Prevention Program Coordinator*

SEAT BELT USAGE RATES FOR 2013

Tonkawa Tribe

Jan. 10, 2013, from 1:15 p.m.-2:15 p.m.
Tonkawa Casino/Tribal Headquarters,
Tonkawa

Direction: North/South
Driver usage rate: 70.90 percent
Passenger usage rate: 85.71 percent

Dec. 5, 2013, from 12:50 p.m.-1:50 p.m.
Tonkawa Casino/Tribal Headquarters,
Tonkawa

Direction: North/South
Driver usage rate: 65.17 percent
Passenger usage rate: 70.97 percent

Ponca Tribe

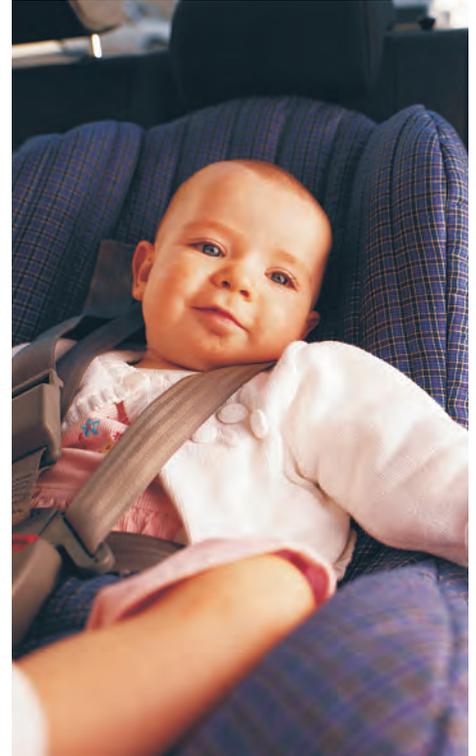
Jan. 16, 2013, from 1:00 p.m.-2:00 p.m.
White Eagle Health Center, Ponca City
Direction: North/South
Driver usage rate: 57.89 percent
Passenger usage rate: 52.94 percent

Dec. 6, 2013, from 12:40 p.m.-1:40 p.m.
White Eagle Health Center, Ponca City
Direction: North/South
Driver usage rate: 64.44 percent
Passenger usage rate: 78.57 percent

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June 23, 2013, from 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.
First Council Casino, Newkirk
Direction: South/North
Driver usage rate: 82.67 percent
Passenger usage rate: 93.33 percent

Dec. 17, 2013
SouthWind Casino, Newkirk
Direction: South/North
Driver usage rate: 72.84 percent
Passenger usage rate: 91.30 percent



Post donation to go toward brain injury study

American Legion Post 259 in Braman donated in December to help address brain trauma suffered by their fellow veterans and service members.

Post 259, whose home is owned by Kaw Nation, gave the \$1,259 raised from their poppy sales to the Oklahoma State University Center for Health Services for a research study conducted by the Center for Aerospace and Hyperbaric Medicine on brain injuries suffered by service members and veterans.

After learning about the research project from Oklahoma Secretary of Veteran Affairs Major General Rita Aragon, the post decided to give the funds from the annual drive to OSU-CHS.



OSU-CHS President Kayse Shrum applauded the donation in a statement.

“The Center for Aerospace and Hyperbaric Medicine is committed to providing solid scientific research in hyperbaric oxygen ther-

apy,” Shrum said. “The donation from Post 259 demonstrates the importance of this research as we continue our efforts to find treatment for injured veterans with brain injuries.”

In the study, participants will undergo low-pressure oxygen therapy over the course of eight weeks. Participants will take 80 dives and will be evaluated throughout each one for effects of oxygen treatment.

The study, which began in February, will include 200 veterans.

The research will be used to solidify science on the usefulness of hyperbaric oxygen therapy.

Brain injuries are common among military mem-

bers and veterans. Many suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder. Studies have found PTSD prevalence of at least 14 percent among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. A high number experience post-concussion syndrome.

A study by the Oklahoma Medical Center and Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Oklahoma City that examined 5,713 veterans who served between 2002 and 2010 found that 1,382 screened positive for combat-related traumatic brain injuries. No difference was found between the symptoms of those who suffered it in the past two years and those who suffered it three to eight years prior.

Kaw Nation to open new domestic violence program

Kaw Nation is opening a new domestic violence program. The Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program (KNDVP) will be a comprehensive program that will serve Native American women who are victims of domestic violence and/or sexual assault. This program is still in the planning phase.

As a comprehensive program, KNDVP will cover a variety of direct services, such as counseling, which will be accessible to our clientele to assist them in their life paths. KNDVP has a staff of five members, who are on-call 24/7 — that includes three advocates to assist victims in the areas of, but not limited to, emergency crisis and legal advocacy.



KNDVP will also introduce a special court docket to help end the cycle of domestic violence and sexual assault, making the batterer accountable for his or her actions. The combined efforts and services of the KNDVP, partnering agencies and a solid referral system will help maintain the program for many years to come.

While the KNDVP works through this early stage, it is referring victims to the Domestic Violence Program of North Central Oklahoma. Those in need can contact this program at 580-762-2873 or 580-76-ABUSE.

*Submitted by Alison Black
KNDVP Director*

Kaw Nation Newkirk facilities to receive generators

Kaw Nation obtained two generators through a tribal Homeland Security grant to provide backup power for facilities in Newkirk.

One will be set up for the Johnnie Ray McCauley Community Center and the other will be for the Kanza Health Clinic.

"These will be there in case there's a need in emergency to shelter people and address medical needs, and also have a kitchen to provide meals," said Kaw Nation Emergency Manager Jerry Evans. "This is a good thing. Backup power and shelter were two needs I saw

when I came on board that I wanted to take care of."

The generator for the Johnnie Ray McCauley Community Center will be able to give 100 kilowatts of power. The one for the Kanza Health Clinic can provide 230 kilowatts of power.

In addition to providing medical care, the Kanza Health Clinic is a Mass Inoculation Prophylactic Site in case of an outbreak. Having full backup power furthers the clinic's ability to perform

this service.

Both generators are expected to be installed in March.



Jerry Evans

Kaw Mission State Historic Site upcoming events

KAW COUNCILS 2014 EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Sunday, March 23 at 2 p.m.
James Sherow, history professor, Kansas State University.
"Indian Peoples, Trade, and Ecological Change on the Great Plains, 1780-1870."

Sunday, April 6 at 2 p.m.
Tricia Waggoner, Kansas State Historical Society, highway archaeologist. "Excavations at the Fool Chief's Village."

Sunday, April 27 at 2 p.m.
Leo E. Oliva, SFT historian. "Defeat of the Plains Indians in Kansas."

Sunday, May 4 at 2 p.m.
Donald Blakeslee, Wichita State University archaeologist. "Products of the First Kansans."

Sunday, June 1 at 2 p.m.
Ron Parks, author and Kanza historian. "The Darkest Period: The Kanza and Their Homeland, 1846-1873." Book review and book signing.

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**KAW NATION
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Kaw Nation Environmental Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu gives his presentation at the Kaw Nation Environmental Commission meeting Jan. 30.

Wind power coming to Kaw Nation facilities

Kaw Nation purchased two wind turbines to provide renewable energy to tribal buildings. One will be stationed near the Kanza Museum and the other will be installed by the Kanza Wellness Center.

Delta Engineering will operate the project. The turbines are expected to be installed in March.

Environmental studies

As part of the preparation for the wind farm construction, the KNED has evaluated the Chilocco wind turbine environmental studies. Currently, accessible roads have been constructed.

The KNED has also reviewed the environmental assessment for the powwow arbor project at Allegawaho Heritage Park in Council Grove, Kan.



Recycling Center expansion

The Kaw Nation Recycling Center in Braman has experienced tremendous growth in the past few months. Responding to the closing of Recycle OK in Tonkawa, the tribal recycling center addressed the town's need and picked up many of Recycle OK's clients.

With service in Tonkawa, the recycling center now covers most of Kay County.

Tonkawa and Blackwell residents have responded positively, bringing their recyclables to Braman.

Also, churches in Blackwell, such as the First Presbyterian Church, have begun collecting recycling to give to the Kaw Nation Recycling Center.

Now, the recycling facility has 58 clients.

Residential pickup begins at the tribe's White Plume housing area. The Kaw Nation Environmental Department will distribute between 40 and 50 recycling bins to individuals and organizations located in Kay County.

Kaw Nation purchased a forklift to be hooked to a tractor to upload recyclable materials.

Hours of operation have increased to Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Kanokla Networks, a telecommunications company that invests deeply in the Braman community, donated \$100 to the recycling center. Recycling Center Manager Skyler Mathews expressed great appreciation for the gift.



Other developments

The KNED has submitted all of its air quality, water quality and dump site cleanup data to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The air and water quality data can be accessed by any tribal member for any part of the country. Water quality reports can be found at http://ofmpub.epa.gov/waters10/attains_state.control?p_state=OK.

The solid waste data can be accessed from the Indian Health Services database if tribal members ask the KNED.

Radon testing kits are still available for Kaw tribal members. This is a huge savings for an easy-to-use set that would cost \$35 if bought at a hardware store. Radon is a gaseous highly radioactive element that is colorless and a chemically-unreactive inert gas. Radon is the second most common cause of lung cancer behind smoking.

To obtain a radon testing kit, contact the department at 580-269-1203.



Toby Lavers, a Kaw tribal member, joined KNED in January. He worked six months for River Ridge Construction before becoming KNED's recycling technician. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served in the Afghanistan war. In his spare time, Lavers enjoys hunting.



Fran Hackett joined KNED in December 2013. She has more than 10 years of experience designing and developing databases and web applications. She earned her master's degree in information technology, specializing in enterprise software architecture, from Capella University in Minneapolis, Minn., in September 2013. In 2003, she earned her bachelor's degree in computer science and applied and computational mathematics from Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan. She is proficient in several computer languages, such as HTML and JavaScript, and four databases, including Oracle, MySQL, SQL Server and MS Access. In her spare time, she enjoys fishing.

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Wind farm construction update



The Chilocco wind farm project is moving through its construction phase. Construction began on Dec. 9.

Gravel access roads have been paved by Kaw Nation Construction Solutions. The sites where the wind turbines will be placed have been plotted.

PNE Wind USA is expecting to post the wind turbines in the summer. The date when wind farm operations begin is yet to be determined.

The wind farm will have 45 wind turbines, which will produce 76.5 megawatts of power to households south of Chilocco. Kaw Nation will have 12 turbines on its property at Chilocco. Three other tribes with property at Chilocco — the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Ponca Tribe and Pawnee Nation — will have turbines on their lands.

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

New clan exhibit at Kanza Museum

Walking straight to the back of the Kanza Museum, visitors can see representations that trace the histories of tribal members. A new Kanza Museum exhibit related to the tribe's clans went on display in January.

All of the 16 Kanza clans are described in a poster on the wall. The descriptions intend to shed light on how each clan helped the tribe move forward.

The Kanza Museum is still looking for information tracing families to clans. Anyone who knows the clan to which their family belongs should contact Museum Director Crystal Douglas at 580-269-2552, ext. 235, or crystal_douglas@kawnation.com.





Rockin' Angels of KNSAEC

Each of the past three years, the Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center has participated in the Newkirk Christmas Parade and float competition. The theme for this year's parade was "Wonderland of Angels."

The families and school age coordinators decided to put their own twist on the theme as the "Rockin' Angels of KNSAEC." Our families donned sunglasses and other rock star gear with their angel wings and sang, danced and "played" instruments such as guitars and drumsticks, all the way down Main Street.

Non-traditional rock versions to Christmas music blared from our speakers with classics such as "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "Run Rudolph," "Jingle Bell Rock," "O Come All Ye Faithful," and the Trans Siberian Orchestra's "Wizards in Winter" — a crowd favorite.



To integrate our Kaw language, we wrote "Have a

Rocking Christmas" in the Kaw language down one side of the float. We took second place in the lighted division. The squeal of delight amongst the children, and high-fives and hugs amongst the adults was a priceless moment.

We want to thank all of our parents for donating items and volunteering their time. That night truly showed how dedicated we all were to regaining our title. Temperatures were in the teens, yet we had a wonderful turnout of participants. We will return next year, and fully intend to regain our first place title.

*Submitted by Sara Bell
Child Care Development Fund Director*



Members of American Legion Post 259 and the Post 259 women's auxiliary carry the flags at the Braman Christmas Parade on Nov. 30.

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