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NEW BRAMAN CASINO UNDER CONSTRUCTION



Kaw Nation has begun construction on a new casino in Braman, Okla., near the closest exit on Interstate 35 to the Kansas border. The groundbreaking took place on June 10.

“This is very exciting for the Kaw Nation and it has been a long time coming. The opportunity on I-35 is amazing. We’re happy and looking forward to it. This is all about making money for the nation and the programs it supports,” said SouthWind

Casino General Manager Pam Shaw.

Work is underway on a modular smoking casino, which will be complete in August. This will have 100 Class 2 video-game style games. Construction for a permanent smoke-free casino will begin this summer and take 90 days for construction, opening in the fall. This will have 275 games, table games and a café.

Shaw said that these two are currently expected to

combine to create more than 100 jobs.

Afterwards, a larger casino with smoking allowed would be built in the same area with 500 games, table games and off-track betting. A restaurant would be built separate from the casino. This would open in a couple years.

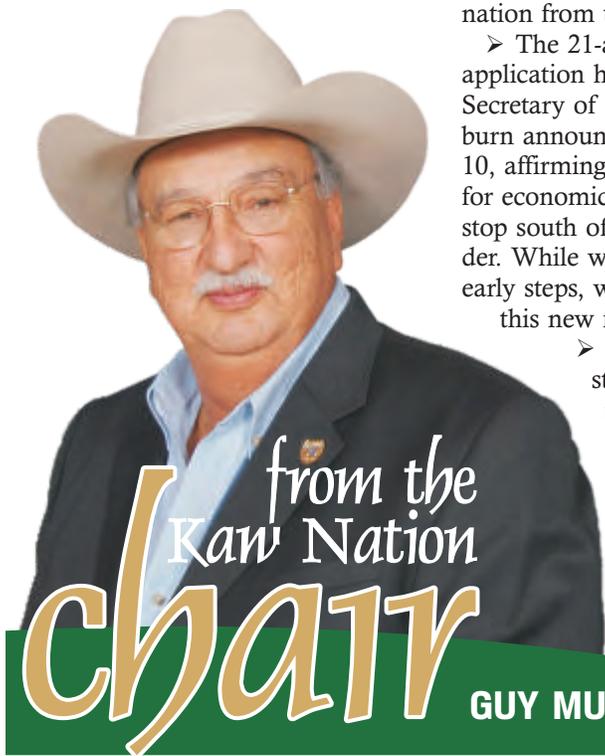
Shaw said that the smoke-free casino will remain for those who want to play in that environment.

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MTR Construction's Chris DeBoard clears earth for the modular casino.

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Dear friends:

Here are a few accomplishments of the nation from the past few months:

➤ The 21-acre Braman gaming trust application has been completed. Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn announced his decision on March 10, affirming our belief in the potential for economic development at the first stop south of the Kansas-Oklahoma border. While we are working through the early steps, we anticipate the good things this new facility will bring.

➤ An icehouse is being installed at the west end of the tribal headquarters in Kaw City. This will provide convenient 24/7 access to ice for Kaw Lake visitors and others.

➤ We have opened a gun range across the street from the Kaw Na-

tion Powwow Grounds, which is open to the public on the second Saturday of each month. Please review the rules for your safety.

Be sure to mark the following events on your calendar:

➤ The memorial for Dr. Bob Rankin will be held at Washunga Cemetery on June 28 at 1 p.m. Rankin revived the Kanza language and served as a consultant to our language project until his death in February. We are grateful for his work on our language.

➤ The quarterly general council meeting will be on July 13 at 10 a.m. at the community building of the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds.

Remember that my door is always open. Feel free to stop by and share your stories and concerns.

I hope that you have and safe and beautiful summer.

Guy Munroe, Chair

Resume bank looking to promote your skills

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

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

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.

Help Native youth grow: ICW foster parents sought

The Kaw Nation Indian Child Welfare program is seeking individuals interested in becoming ICW foster parents. This is a great opportunity to help Native youth grow.

Foster parents must be 21 years old. Native Americans are preferred.

Being married is not necessary for foster parenthood. Individuals are not required to take a minimum or maximum number of children. Arrange-

ments can be made between the foster parent and the ICW program. The foster parent can be dually certified as an adoptive and foster parent.

Individuals residing outside Oklahoma may be affiliated with the Kaw Nation ICW program.

For more information about becoming a foster parent, contact the ICW program at 580-269-2003 or rsober@kawnation.com.



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Front, from left, Kaw Nation Tribal Council Member Jim Lessert and Chairman Guy Munroe. Back, Chris DeBoard and Shane Logan of MTR Construction.

CASINO

continued from the front

Shaw emphasized the stages in which SouthWind Casino Braman will be built.

“Kaw Gaming Inc. is doing its due diligence building for the market. We’re building in phases. It’s definitely the right approach,” Shaw said.

The beginning of the casino’s construction came three months after Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn announced the decision to put the land into trust. This completed a 24-year process that made the property one of the few off-reservation gaming trust applications approved since 1988.

The Kanza Health Clinic will host an Oklahoma Blood Mobile blood drive July 18 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The diabetes program will have a “Balancing Your Life with Diabetes” session for patients Aug. 19 from 10 to 11 a.m. People may contact Ruthie Arie at 580-362-1039 or ruthie.arie@ihs.gov to sign up.

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, July 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

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Overview

ELECTION DATE

Sept. 14, 2014

THE ELECTION
COMMITTEE OF THE KAW
NATION OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 48
KAW CITY, OK 74641

ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Election Day
Sept. 14, 2014

Polling place
Kaw Nation
Administration
Building, Kaw City, Okla.

Candidate filing date
June 16-30, 2014
1 p.m.-4 p.m.

Qualified voters
Enrolled citizens 18
years of age and older

Absentee requests
Last day to request an
absentee ballot in
writing is Aug. 15, 2014

Last day for absentee
ballot to be received is
Sept. 13, 2014

Citizens of the Kaw Nation are hereby notified that an election will be held on Sept. 14, 2014, for the purpose of filling four vacancies. The person(s) elected shall fill the following position(s):

- Tribal Council Chair
- Tribal Council Secretary
- Tribal Council Members (2)

The election is conducted in accordance with Article IX, pursuant to Section 8 of the Constitution of the Kaw Nation ratified on Aug. 20, 2011.

Voter qualifications

A qualified voter must:

- Be an enrolled citizen of the Kaw Nation
- Be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election
- Not have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Candidate filing fees

At the time of filing of the Declarations of Candidacy, candidates must also pay a non-refundable filing fee of three hundred dollars (\$300.00). Filing fees must be paid in money order or certified check. Personal checks will not be accepted.

Absentee voting

Voters may request an absentee ballot from

the Election Committee. Please send written requests to:

Kaw Nation Election Committee
P.O. Box 48
Kaw City, OK 74641

Upon receipt of a written request containing the voter's signature, the Election Committee shall mail an absentee ballot to the requester. The last day that a written request for an absentee ballot can be received by the Election Committee is Aug. 15, 2014.

Absentee ballots must be returned in the pre-addressed mailing envelopes provided with the ballot. Ballots must be returned by postal mail to the above address no later than Sept. 13, 2014. No ballots will be accepted in person or at any other location.

Election results

Immediately following the tabulation of the ballots, the Election Committee shall issue an unofficial canvass of the Election results.

The Election Committee shall issue the Certified Election Results after the expiration of the protest period at 12:00 p.m. on Sept. 17, 2014, or after the resolution of any challenges received by the Election Committee, whichever is later.

Election results will be posted at the appropriate tribal offices as well as being released to all appropriate media outlets at the conclusion of the election.



June 30, 2014

Last day to file Declarations of Candidacy

Last day to post the eligible voters list

July 8, 2014

Last day voters can challenge Declarations of Candidacy

Sept. 13, 2014
Last day for absentee ballots to be received at U.S. Post Office

Aug. 15, 2014

Last day for Committee to certify candidates and
Last day a voter may request absentee ballot in writing

Sept. 14, 2014
Election Day

Sept. 17, 2014

Last day for candidates or qualified voters to challenge the election

Sept. 9, 2014

Last day that a candidate may withdraw from the election and

Sept. 29, 2014

Last day to file mandatory fund contributor disclosure statement

Candidate qualifications are online at kawnation.com

Restoring the balance of justice



On April 12, the Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program celebrated its advent with the 30 Years Restoring the Balance of Justice at the Kaw Nation Tribal Court, coinciding with National Crime Victims Rights Week.

KNDVP Advocate Whitney LeGrand introduced the program.

“In 2013, Kaw Nation was awarded a CTAS (Combined Tribal Assistance Solicitation) grant funding to build a new Tribal Court program for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault with specialty judges and staff taking on the complex cases as often arises as a result of these crimes. We have the program that is providing legal assistance to tribal and non-tribal members, and then we have direct services to clients, such as transportation and rental assistance and things like that, if need be. What we envision is both

the programs being able to refer clients back and forth so that they have a comprehensive way to obtain services,” LeGrand said.

In addition to rental assistance and transportation, direct services include groceries, education and clothing.

Indian Child Welfare Case Worker Roger Sober explained how the tribe helps families find legal assistance.

“One of the things that holds us up with protecting our children or families or victims of domestic violence is trying to find an attorney, and that’s one of the services that Kaw Nation tries to provide,” he said.

Advocate Elyse File put the program in perspective for those too young to remember the environment that existed before the Victims of

Crime Act was passed in 1984.

“Fifty years ago, there was no Crime Victims Week, no crime victims assistance, no special advocates, no crime victims/sexual abuse programs, no special courts, no access to counselors or therapy. Today, because of the services you offer, that nine-year-old girl would have access to the special advocates who would link her with services, who would assist her family, would have a court system that would listen to the family and to the victim,” File said.

LeGrand and Kaw Language Director David Kaufman recited a poem titled “Abuse,” with LeGrand reading it in English and Kaufman reading it in Kaw.

The domestic violence program is located at 301 S. Main St. in Newkirk and can be contacted at 580-362-1098.



Learning messy and fun at KNSEAC



Every day is an awesome day at the Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center. We do messy science, build towers out of cups, stretch our imaginations with art and sharpen our academic skills with daily reading and writing activities.

The kids have enjoyed discovering that learning can be messy and fun. We learned about solids and liquids in our “Ooblek” science project. We build with non-traditional things like marshmallows and plastic cups. We learned during Jungle Week that animal cookies are not just for eating, they’re also for art and animal collages. The children are continuing to learn the Kaw language with weekly visits from Dr. Dave. We are excited to announce that we will now be incorporating cultural appreciation through our Cultural Club, led by Miss Andrea with the Johnson O’Malley Program. The Culture Club is designed to help the kids learn all about the Native American — and more importantly — the Kaw culture.

The very first kid-inspired and kid-created newsletter was born in April. “Spy Kids” will appear periodically on our Kaw Nation CCDF website, so tune in for regular updates on what our beautiful and bright children are up to.



CCDF holds fund provider training

On March 8, child care providers from all over the Kay County area attended the third annual Kaw Nation Child Care Development Fund Provider Training. This year's theme was inspired by a favorite children's book, "Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom." The book boasts vibrant page-by-page artwork, repetition, letter personification and playful rhythm that inspire early readers everywhere.

Kerri Wilson has become a favorite in the area, and was glad to return for a third time to lead the child care professionals in the way of integrating classroom environments that inspire early reading. The training included topics such as teaching and learning, engaging materials, teachable moments and activities for literacy and math.

The day was full of concen-

trated learning, as well as plenty of interactive group activities to keep the child care providers involved. The child care professionals were treated to a small breakfast, a full lunch and snacks throughout the day. Each provider went home with a set of magnetic letters and their very own "Chicka, Chicka, Boom, Boom" book for their respective child care program.

A good mixture of child care providers were represented at the training, ranging from state-licensed centers to independent relative home care providers. The annual CCDF provider training is part of Kaw Nation's efforts to support quality child care for each Native American family by supporting the child care provider's professional development.

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.



Sydney Hurst graduated from Oklahoma State University with a Bachelor of Science in communication sciences and disorders. She will begin the Master's International Program at Oklahoma State University this fall with a focus in international human development, society and education. Sydney plans to work towards a career in foreign service, working with developing countries.



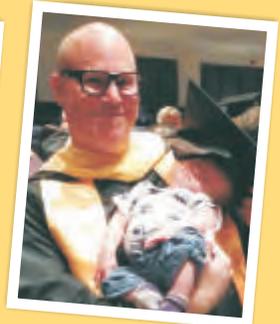
Samantha Shrewsberry, daughter of Sandra Stout and Matt Shrewsberry graduated May 10 with her Bachelor of Science (psychology) from Northwestern Oklahoma State University. She plans on furthering her education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in the fall to obtain her master's degree. She's currently working at the Kanza Wellness Center as a certified group fitness instructor and certified lifeguard while attending college.



Goldie Pappan graduated with honors from the Speech Language Hearing Department of the University of Kansas on May 17. Goldie was recognized for her research in the Electrical Hearing Lab and the Language and Reading Research Consortium. This summer, Goldie will be investigating dereverberation strategies for technologically advanced hearing aids in addition to the differences in neural responses when listening to vowel sounds of different frequencies. Goldie will begin her Doctor of Audiology degree this fall at KU.



Cody Whitley graduated from Portland Community College with a fire science degree and is participating in an intern program at Forest Grove Fire and Rescue.



Ryan Kemp-Pappan, holding son Henry Grant, graduated May 10 with a masters degree and is participating in an intern program at Forest Grove Fire and Rescue. He was an honored speaker at the hooding ceremony and is now working at Hope Community Services, Inc., in Oklahoma City as a substance abuse and mental health counselor.



Dewey Donelson graduated from Shidler High School and will attend Northern Oklahoma College.



Andrew Lewis graduated from Valdosta State University with a Bachelor in Business Administration degree, majoring in business management and earning a minor in advertising and promotions. He received the Human Resources certificate.

KAW NATION POLICE FIRING RANGE

GENERAL SAFETY RULES

All weapons will be checked for barrel obstructions before loading and firing.

No gun will be loaded while pointed in any direction other than down range and then only while on the firing line.

Never place your finger on the trigger until the gun is clear of the holster and is pointed down range.

Follow proper malfunction clearance procedures when a malfunction occurs.

Except in an emergency situation officers not on the firing line will not speak to anyone on the firing line unless they are a departmental firearms instructor or directed to do so by a firearms instructor.

If you are spoken to while on the firing line, do not turn around to reply.

Never proceed from the firing line to the targets until all arms are "made safe."

Never pick up a firearm without determining if it is loaded.

Never hand a firearm to or take a firearm from anyone unless the cylinder is open or the slide is locked back, magazine removed and the safety is on.

No soft drinks, coffee, or smoking will be allowed in the firing point area.

All persons on the firing line will wear approved ear and eye protection during any firing.



On May 16 and May 21, Kaw Nation Police Department officers went through the Bureau of Indian Affairs qualifying series. They tested on pistol from 1.5 to 7 yards and on shotgun and automatic rifle from 50 yards. Every officer passed the test.

The firing line shall include all shooters, firearms instructors and designated safety officers.

Range rules

The Chairman of the Nation may give Non-Department officers, departmentally retired officers, or citizens authority to use the range with the appropriate supervision.

A Kaw Nation police officer may take a citizen to the range, with the Chairman's approval, but he/she must supervise the person at all times.

Targets and target backs will be kept in the west end of the range house for use by individual officers. No bottles, cans, boxes, etc. will be used as targets. Bowling pins may be used as targets. Officers wanting to make ammunition tests on car doors and etc. must have prior approval of the Chairman and the Range Master.

Willfully damaging any part of the range, including equipment, barricades, trash barrels, etc. will result in disciplinary action, legal action, and/or being banned from future use of the range.

NO INTOXICANTS NOR CONSUMPTION THEREOF WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RANGE PROPERTY.

NO PERSON WHO IS UNDER THE INFLUENCE OR APPEARS TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ANY INTOXICANT WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE RANGE PROPERTY.

No vehicle will be driven on the range unless authorized by the Range Master.

Officers or individuals using the range shall put away all equipment they have used, including targets back to storage.

Officers or individuals using the range are responsible for picking up their empty shell casings and disposing of them properly. Failure to do so shall result in disciplinary action or being banned from future use of the range.

Any damage to the range shall be reported to the on-duty Shift Supervisor, Range Master, and Chairman.

Following notification of appropriate medical providers, any and all injuries shall be reported immediately to the Chief of Police, Range Master and Chairman. If the Range Master is not available, then the on-duty Shift Supervisor is to be notified.

Officers having qualified on a CLEET rifle qualification course with a department approved rifle may shoot high

powered rifles on the range without supervision. High powered rifles may not be shot, however, at any of the steel targets.

Only rifles using .22-caliber long rifle ammunition can be shot on the steel targets. No exceptions will be allowed.

No .38 caliber wad-cutter ammunition or any other low velocity solid lead bullets will be shot on the steel targets. They are very hazardous to the shooters.

No shotgun slugs will be shot on the steel targets at a distance less than 25 yards unless under the direct supervision of a firearms instructor.

The steel targets should never be fired on from less than 7 yards with a handgun.

The splatter from lead on the steel targets rebounds back towards the shooter and can be hazardous to anyone to the right or left of the shooter.

No unauthorized person is to be allowed to use your range key to gain access to the range.

No person who has not completed the proper paperwork, waivers, and releases will be allowed on the range.

Public Access will be allowed on the second Saturday of each month from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Benefits for those who served

The Kanza Health Clinic hosted a Native American veteran benefits event at the Johnnie Ray McCauley Community Center on March 28. The event allowed veterans of all ages to sign up for Veteran Affairs medical service and learn about benefits for which they are eligible.

"The reason why we're here today is to let veterans know what services are available to them and give them the option to sign up for benefits," said Candy Klumpp of the Veterans Affairs Medical Center. "If a veteran isn't signed up and goes to the clinic for care, then they can't get benefits."

Klumpp said that this was part of a bigger effort nationwide to reach out to Native American veterans.

Klumpp refers veterans to specialists who can provide individual veterans with care they need.

"If there's any problem, I can follow up," she said. "I've



already had four or five that I will follow up with."

Klumpp once received a call from a decorated veteran whose family couldn't care for him. His wife was elderly and others couldn't be there regularly. He didn't feel the nursing home would be right for him.

"We were able to bring him to palliative care," Klumpp said.

The palliative care unit provides inpatient care for those with limiting ailments. The patient-to-nurse ratio is two to one.

Klumpp said that arrangements can be made for traditional tribal ceremonies for the patient.

"The spiritual leader or holy man or medicine man from the tribe does the ceremony. The spiritual leader takes care

of everything. He decides what happens," she said.

Veterans had the chance to register with Veterans Affairs health care. They can also apply online at va.gov. The process for having prescriptions refilled through Veterans Affairs online was explained. An eligible veteran can do this once he or she is established with a doctor.

Representatives from the Veterans Affairs regional office in Muskogee explained a variety of veteran benefits. They answered questions from a few veterans about disability compensation.

They also detailed burial assistance provided by Veterans Affairs. All veterans who left with honorable service receive a minimum amount. Veterans are entitled to a casket, flag, headstone and marker. They can be buried in a national cemetery. The headstone can be delivered at no cost anywhere in the world.

Grants and Contracts getting new projects rolling

The Grants and Contracts Department has been active developing new projects and getting newly-funded projects rolling. Soon, there will be an icehouse in Kaw City for residents to enjoy year round. The project is expected to be complete in July.

The icehouse will offer reverse osmosis ice cubes and a filtered water system with a credit card scanner for added convenience. The icehouse will provide quality water to area residents, as well as lake traffic that engage in hunting, fishing, boating and other activities at Kaw Lake.

An environmental survey has also been completed, clearing the way to begin construction on the Kaw Nation Deli and Dollar Store to be located at 11200 E. Highway 11. The store is projected to begin construction before the end of summer and will not only create new jobs in the area, but also provide quality items that are not currently available in Kaw City.

Currently, we have several funded projects in progress at Allegawaho Park in Council Grove. A new powwow arbor is being built at the site, in addition to new

camp sites and signage for flora identification that will have the native Kanza terminology and medicinal properties, as well as the formal plant name.

The residents of Council Grove are very excited to see our recent progress at the park. We will continue submitting grant proposals for future funding and expansion at the site.

Jason Felihkatubbe recently joined the department. Jason is Native American and started working for Kaw Nation in January. Prior to joining Kaw Nation, Jason worked in the Department of the Curriculum and Instruction of Wichita State University's College of Education. Jason has a Master of Arts degree in Anthropology, French & Philosophy from WSU. We are very happy to have him on the team.

Looking ahead, the department is working to uphold the long-term vision of the nation by helping it grow economically and expand services to the tribal community. The department is currently developing new projects related to the Kanza Health Clinic, at-risk tribal youth and

elders and creating a better coordination of tribal services through the development of project teams.

Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe works diligently with the Grants and Contracts Department to define new funding opportunities and match them to area's that will be beneficial to the tribe.

The Grants Department is very thankful for both his support and that of the tribal members who participate in our surveys and community meetings, allowing us to keep the nation well-funded and capable of handling the needs of tribal members. As always, it is a great honor to work for the Kaw Nation and assist with funding efforts.

I look forward to each new day at the nation and the excitement of learning what new opportunities lie ahead with which the department may assist. Thank you to all tribal members for your participation and continued support.

Bernadette Hicks
Grants & Contracts Director,
Kaw Nation

Washunga Days continues Kansas story

Kaw Nation celebrated the Washunga Days Powwow on June 20 and 21 in Council Grove, Kan., continuing their Kansas story. Tribal Council Secretary Elaine Huch related to the crowd how the powwow tradition is more than dances in an arena.

"This is not a once-a-year thing. This is how we live," she said.

Luther Pepper presented the Luther Pepper Lifetime Achievement Award to Ron Parks on Friday. Parks was the Kaw Mission administrator. He wrote the *Voices of the Wind* play and *The Darkest Period*, a book released in April about the nation's time in Council Grove from 1847 to 1873.

"It is a deep honor to receive this award named for Luther Pepper, who, in my time here at the Kaw Mission, offered the gift of trust in embarking on a series of collaborative programs that the Kaw Mission, the town of Council Grove and the Kaw Nation did together. He and other leaders of the Kaw Nation were so receptive and worked so hard to affect a peaceful relationship where we were able to create those programs," Parks said.

Before giving the opening prayer on Saturday, Curtis Kekahbah reflected on a visit to burial grounds in the area.

"They said that when they told the Kanza they would have to leave, they mourned for months because they would have to leave their graves behind, leave their people behind," he said.

Robert Allen shook off fears to give strong leadership as head man dancer.

"He was nervous, but he came through in good form," said Ken Bellmard.

As the powwow ended on Saturday, Pepper, whom Council Grove residents have long admired, gave a tearful sendoff thanking them for their warmth.

"We miss you throughout the year outside Washunga Days and *Voices of the Wind*," he said.



Washunga Days Powwow contest winners



Junior Girls Fancy Shawl/Jingle
 3rd – Sophia Suke, Potawatomi/Cree
 2nd – Adriana Suke, Potawatomi/Cree
 1st – Kaylee Martinez, Ponca



Junior Boys
 2nd – Payton Roberts, Meskwaki/Winnebago
 1st – Ross Victors, Ponca



Women's Fancy Shawl/Jingle
 3rd – Shawndeen Smith, Navajo
 2nd – Brittany Pelkey, Winnebago
 1st – Vera Kodaseet, Assiniboine



Women's Buckskin
 3rd – Mariah Matapene, Kickapoo/Ponca/Pawnee
 2nd – Tessa Doyebi, Comanche/Kiowa
 1st – Casey Horinek, Tonkawa/Ponca



Women's Cloth
 3rd – Polly Davis, Creek/Kickapoo
 2nd – MatheAnna Williams, Kaw/Ponca



Women's Golden Age
 2nd – Casey Camp-Horinek, Ponca
 1st – Karen Wohwosnel, Potawatomi



Men's Golden Age
 3rd – Tim Robinson Sr., Omaha
 2nd – Badger Wahwaswa, Potawatomi
 1st – Jim Davis, Kickapoo



Men's Straight
 3rd – Clark Pepper, Kaw
 2nd – James Robinson, Omaha
 1st – George Miller, Omaha



Men's Traditional/Grass
 3rd – Shannon LeRoy, Omaha
 2nd – Trilby Wahwasuck
 1st – Ryan Harjo

Junior Girls Cloth
 Christian LeRoy,
 Omaha



Men's Fancy
 2nd – Sonny Shoptese, Prairie Band Potawatomi/
 Sac & Fox/Sioux
 1st – Thunder Lieb,
 Ponca

Respite Voucher Program to assist caregivers

Al Ruble of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services recently visited with the local tribes to inform them of the Respite Voucher Program.

The Respite Voucher Program is designed to assist caregivers who take care of a family member or another person living in their home who is older and in need of full-time assistance or supervision during the day. The program also includes grandparents, age 55 or older, who is raising a grandchild, or other child (as a parent). With a respite voucher, you can bring another person into your home to take care of your loved one until you return.

Two respite programs are available for caregivers. One is through the Older Americans Act National Family Caregiver Support Program operated through the Area Agencies on Aging. You may be eligible

for this program if you are: A grandparent, age 55 or older, raising a grandchild or other child as a parent; or, a primary caregiver who is caring for someone age 60 or older who needs assistance with at least two activities of daily living or who is limited by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. No income restrictions apply.

The second program is called the Lifespan Respite Grant Program. This program provides assistance to a caregiver if the person receiving the primary or full-time care needs assistance with activities of daily living in order to stay at home in the community; does not qualify for services of other respite programs such as the OAA NFCSP or does not receive services from a program with a respite component or receive in-home services paid by another program (Medicare, Hospice,

Advantage); and has a household income that does not exceed \$90,000 per year.

Respite care can be provided in your home, someone else's home or a center-based program or care center as long as agreed to by the caregiver and respite care provider.

As the caregiver, you hire a person of your choice within program guidelines and negotiate the hourly wage the provider is paid, within funding limits. The respite care provider must be age 18 or older, have a social security number and social security card, and live outside of your (caregiver and care receiver's) home.

For more information or to apply for respite vouchers, caregivers may contact Al Ruble at 405-522-6241.

Submitted by Karen Howe

Kaw Nation Education/ Social Services Director

Kaw Nation signs pact with University of Phoenix



The Kaw Nation and the University of Phoenix recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to help afford tribal members and tribal employees the costs of attaining a college degree.

The University of Phoenix will provide a 10-percent tuition reduction to the tribal employees or members who meet the University's admission standards. This applies to any university program, including certificate programs, single courses and

professional development courses.

After the effective date of this MOU and after the date the student identifies as an employee or member of the tribe, reduced tuition will apply to the then-current rates at the time the student enrolls in a course.

For more information, please contact Karen Howe at 580-269-2552 or email to khowe@kawnation.com.

*Submitted by Karen Howe
Kaw Nation Education/
Social Services Director*



The Kaw Nation Johnson O'Malley Program hosted a youth dance at the Johnnie Ray McCauley Community Center in Newkirk, Okla., on April 5 to help boys and girls grow in the powwow tradition.

Before the first dance, Kaw Language Director Dave Kaufman greeted the dancers in the languages of each of the languages of the seven tribes that were invited.

The children danced five intertribal war dances and a round dance and participated in contests. Many danced intertribals with parents.

To grow into their roles, some of the less experienced head staff sought help from older tribal members. Arena Director Brice Murray took advice from his father, Jason, on overseeing the arena.

Since many of the children had never danced at powwows before, the program gathered them to make shawls and bandoliers in the weeks beforehand. Kaw elders helped them through the craft, showing them how to properly measure and cut the material and fit the regalia.

Kaw delivers dance exhibition

Kaw Nation gave a dance exhibition on May 4 in Salina, Kan., at the Discover Salina Naturally festival, an afternoon dedicated to Salina's nature.

Kaw Nation Tribal Council Secretary Elaine Huch thanked the Discover Salina Naturally festival board for inviting the nation and spoke of how the Earth is considered in tribal decision-making.

"As Chief Seattle said many, many, many years ago — and I'm paraphrasing this — 'Whatever decisions you make, think of how it will affect seven generations down.'

Being on Tribal Council, we make some pretty important decisions. And when we make decisions, we pray on it. And we ask for God's wisdom. We think about how it will affect our children and our children's children," she said.

They demonstrated the grand entry, a memorial dance, round dances, the southern cloth dance and the fancy



shawl dance. Also, a song was dedicated to families of veterans.

Head Singer Kinsel Lieb explained to the crowd how the singers cherish the arena and the drum.

"To go along with this sacred circle that was referred to earlier by my brother [Curtis Kekahbah], we all can admonish the ways of this circle, both

Indians and non-Indians," he said. "We treat this drum with utmost respect. We cherish this drum because it has many, many meanings to all of us, both spiritually and physically."

Other Discover Salina Naturally activities included a nature walk led by the Smoky Hills Audubon Society and plant displays.



Barrett devotes life to public service

Lorena Hardy Barrett, a Kaw tribal member, has given a chunk of her life to public service. Barrett is an 11-term representative in the Idaho State House. She won her first election in 1992.

Her district is the largest in state.

"As far as building relationships, it's with people who have personal issues," she said.

Barrett, 80, was born and raised in Newkirk, Okla. She recalled having a traditional upbringing. She would walk to school every day. Before the school year began, her father, who worked for Continental Oil Service, bought her books and a new dress to wear for the first day. At the end of the year, she would sell her books at a sale.

"My parents were encouraging. They'd never land on you, and say, 'You need to make straight A's,' but we knew," she said.

She graduated from medical school at Oklahoma Baptist University in 1956. Afterwards, she taught and was the director of a nursing residency.

Barrett moved to Salt Lake City to operate a ski resort. At that time, Bob Barrett was building a ski resort. He initiated the Solitude Mountain Resort in 1956.

Bob had moved from Oklahoma to the Four Corners. In that region, he became involved in uranium mining amid the boom in the 1950s.

Dean Roberts told the *Salt Lake Tribune* after Bob died that he and his partner, Charlie Steen, "developed some of the largest uranium mines in the United States."

After he finished with the uranium prospects, he entered the ski resort business.

Eventually, he grew tired of the ski enterprise and they moved to Idaho where he had property. There, he began mining tungsten. He also spent some time mining gold.

"Mining was always chicken one day and feathers the next. But he was always down there," she said.

Barrett never had much political interest before an incident at a ski resort. Bob had

built a ski lift tower that lipped onto forest land, touching off a dispute with the forest service.

"Our lawyer, George Larsen, told me, 'You can't change anything unless you get involved,'" she recalled.

She served on the Challis City Council in the late 1980s and early 1990s before being elected to the state House. Also, she was a director of the Salmon River Electric Cooperative.

Barrett makes a number of visits to towns in her district each year. Due to the size of the district, her visits to some sparsely populated towns require day trips for the meeting. But all of them give her a chance to meet with them, listening to both personal issues and broader concerns.

"Some of those people are concerned, not only in their own livelihood, but in the country. We do have some good patriots out there," she said.

Barrett lost her primary race in May.

Kansas culture honored at Flint Hills Day



Kaw Nation presented the part of Kansas culture for which the state is named during Flint Hills Day at the Flint Hills Discovery Center in Manhattan, Kan., on May 3. The day was dedicated to displaying different aspects of the state.

Pauline Sharp greeted Discovery Center visitors and discussed the Kanza story with them. "Did you know the state of Kansas is named after the Kaw Nation? We call ourselves the Kanza," she quizzed people.

Curtis Kekahbah and Erin Pouppurt related Kanza stories to visitors.

While discussing his experiences as a traditional counselor at a Veterans Affairs hospital, Kekahbah told of the Native concept that ailments affect the spirit, mind and then the body.

"You are at dis-ease," he said, adding that the goal in the spirit-mind-body approach is to bring the patient back to ease.

Also, he spoke of the importance of extended family in tribal communities. He said that aunts and uncles have traditionally held roles as parent figures, teaching children of siblings. Plains Indian children had as many fathers or mothers as there were brothers or sisters of the parents.

"That's why I feel bad for people who say they don't have any family,"



he said, speaking to the value of having those connections.

Pouppurt talked about Native American traditions and regalia.

Flint Hills Discovery Center Director Fred Goss explained tribes' significance to the Flint Hills.

"It's the use of the buffalo and its byproducts, how they hunted in the central and western part of the state, and wood and water here and how people adapt," he said.

Other Flint Hills Day activities included a bird display by the Millford Nature Center and Native American craft-making for children. Goss said that the center is happy to continue its relationship with the tribe and is planning the 2015 Flint Hills Day.

In the evening, the Kanza gave a dance exhibition at the Blue Earth Plaza.

Luther Pepper explained how the Kanza people value the powwow.

"When all of us made it through a bad winter, we would celebrate. When we had a good harvest, we would celebrate the good crops or whatever Wankanda had blessed us with," he said.

He added that each element of the powwow is treated with sanctity.

"These songs that we sing are sacred. This regalia is sacred," he said. "But we don't worship them."

Words imply the state of objects

Kaw, like other Dhegihan Siouan languages, is more conscious of physical stance and movement of animate entities than English or most other European languages are.

While in English we can simply say “There’s a cow,” in Kaw you must specify whether the cow is standing still or moving about.

- Thus, in Kaw there are two options:
 (1) *Céska min akhá* (lit., “cow one stands”)
 (2) *Céska mi abá* (lit., “cow one moves”)

Both mean “There’s a cow,” but the former (with *akhá*) means that the cow is “standing (still)” while the latter (with *abá*) means the cow is “moving (around).” (Note that *akhá* or *abá* incorporates the idea of being, or existence, just as *is* does in English.)

This is another neat aspect of Kaw, in which this simple phrase conveys more information — regarding whether the subject is stationary or moving — than does the English sentence.

*Submitted by Dave Kaufman
 Kaw Language Director*

Find the hidden Kaw word, a type of animal

Write the Kaw terms for each English definition (across) to discover the hidden word (down, shaded boxes).

1							
2							
3							
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5							

- 1 sky
- 2 cow
- 3 bird
- 4 horse
- 5 paper, book

HIDDEN KAW WORD a type of animal



Congratulations

Kaw Language Director Dave Kaufman earned his doctorate in linguistic anthropology from the University of Kansas, having successfully defended his dissertation on May 30.

Also, former Kaw Language Director Justin McBride, who led the project from 2001 to 2010, recently earned his doctorate in linguistics from Oklahoma State University.

Kaw crossword answers Numbers in Kaw, *Kaánze-yawá*

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| ACROSS | DOWN |
| 1 one | 1 eight |
| 2 four | 2 six |
| 3 seven | 3 five |
| (backwards) | 4 second part of Kaw name for Council Grove, Kan. |
| 4 nine | 5 lift someone up |
| 5 ten | 6 do, make |
| 6 when, if | 7 continuous, while moving |
| 7 zero, nothing | |
| 8 three | |
| 9 there | |



The Kaw word of the week appears on the home page of kawnation.com. Weekly crossword and word searches appear on the WebKanza main page.



PRESERVE PROTECT & IMPROVE



**KAW NATION
ENVIRONMENTAL DEPARTMENT**

Oklahoma State University students read the water quality monitor at Kaw Lake with help from Skyler Mathews.

KNED teaches OSU seniors

On March 28, the Kaw Nation Environmental Department brought Oklahoma State University students to Kaw Lake and taught them sampling near Washunga Bay.

The students' sampling trip would help them prepare for their Capstone presentation for their senior project.

Dr. Dejene Alemayehu supervised them on their senior projects on sediments. Skyler Mathews showed them how to take water quality monitor readings, looking at turbidity (or cloudiness) and other indicators. Also, he had them take soil sediment samples, sending a scoop down to dredge out sediment.

Dr. Dejene Alemayehu gave the students tips on what to look for while sampling. Since the area of the lake had seen runoff from Beaver Creek due to an oil



Kaw Nation Environmental Department Director Dejene Alemayehu teaches OSU students about water quality at Kaw Lake.

site spill, the water would be more acidic than other sampling sites on the lake.

The students would compare their

findings with other sampling data. The effects of the oil site spill would set their results apart from others.



Inspecting the Kanza Travel Plaza

With help from Cherokee Nation, the KNED inspected underground storage tanks at the Kanza Travel Plaza in late April. The tank inspection is required with the Braman location entering federal trust status.

Previously, the Oklahoma

Corporation Commission oversaw inspection of the gas station. Since the land is in trust, the travel plaza is under the Environmental Protection Agency's jurisdiction, placing the task with the KNED.

The Cherokee Nation only played an advisory role in

this inspection. The KNED will inspect the Kanza Travel Plaza twice each year, checking for possible leaks and water quality and ensuring that the station follows regulations. In this case, the KNED only made minor recommendations.

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department guided students from four area schools on tours of the Beaver Creek Wetland between May 1 and 7. Students from Blackwell Middle School, Newkirk Middle School, Braman School and Shidler Middle School explored the wetland habitat as they learned about its role in mitigating effects of climate change.

“The wetland is a huge filter for pollutants,” Environmental Specialist Daniel Ceniti explained to Blackwell students.

The KNED taught students about the wetland’s part in water storage and filtration, sediment trapping, nutrient cycling and flood control.

Students played plant identification games in a pond area and amid tall grass.

“We found a black snake by the creek. It came out of a hole,” Cody Chrisler of Newkirk declared as he and a few friends climbed from the creek bed.

Ceniti taught students about water quality, showing them how to read water quality monitors and look for indicators like turbidity and acidity.

After he relayed a reading with high acidity in the pond, KNED Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu noted that an oil spill had occurred up the hill in April, explaining that this spiked the acidity of the water. He said, “We advise oil drillers to drill away from bodies of water.”

Alemayehu and Ceniti introduced the children to the concept of soil divisions. Alemayehu dug up and offered students



chunks of earth so that they could compare the moisture and texture of different soil levels.

Students also visited the Kanza Museum during the trip. Kanza Museum Director Crystal Douglas told them the history of Kaw Nation. As Newkirk

students played the drum, Douglas appeared and explained the relationship of the drumkeeper to the drum.

“When you bless a drum, spiritually, it’s like a brother or a sister. You feed it. You give it light. You take care of it and make sure it doesn’t split,” she said.



Dump the waste

In cooperation with the cities of Newkirk, Kaw City and Braman, the KNED had hazardous waste collections in each city in early April. Residents brought undesired possessions such as old paint, furniture and chemicals. In Newkirk, 1.64 tons of waste were collected. The Kaw City site received 2.86 tons of waste.



Beaver Creek spill cleanup

Skyler Mathews takes a sediment sample at Beaver Creek after a spill at Beaver Creek. Working with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Regional Office, the KNED cleaned up spills from an oil drilling site on March 28 at Beaver Creek. The two spills totaled 90 55-gallon drums of salt water. According to the lab report, the water samples showed no hydrocarbons. However, it found a high concentration of sodium chloride and salinity due to the salt water injection.



New face

Cody Wingo joined KNED as an environmental technician in April. He studies process technology at Northern Oklahoma College. Last summer, he interned with the department, assisting with the recycling program.

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Nation's affairs discussed in committee meeting

Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe briefed Ponca City leaders on the nation's affairs in a speech to the Ponca City Chamber of Commerce's Government Affairs Committee meeting on April 25.

"We look forward to the challenges and opportunities that are forthcoming. We are committed to maintaining a positive relationship with our local and state and federal counterparts and we believe that through our cooperation we can add much to the welfare of our community," he said.

He gave a history of the tribe. While recounting how he grew up in the old town of Washunga, which was flooded when the Army Corps of Engineers built Kaw Lake, he found himself choked up.

Munroe cleared some common misunderstandings about tribes.

"Because of our status as a federally-recognized Indian tribe, we have some attributes that are misconstrued by the general public. It is generally misconstrued that we are

underregulated and that we don't pay taxes. Because of the complexities of the overlapping laws that apply, which relate to law enforcement, taxation, burn bans, motor fuels, we were the first tribe to sign a modern tobacco tax compact. We were also the first tribe to acquire an off-reservation gaming trust," he said.

He explained Kaw Nation's legal system.

"We have our own laws and our own tribal court, with our Supreme Court and our district judge, and we have a police department with eight officers," he said.

Munroe noted that the nation has paved 42 miles of roads and built 16 bridges in Kay County in the past few years. He added that Kaw Nation had recently held a meeting in Blackwell explaining to local officials and Army Corps of Engineers its plans for renovating six bridges on 44th Street from Blackwell to Braman.

Munroe spoke of some of Kaw Nation's renewable energy projects, such as the wind farm in Chilocco and

the wind turbines soon to be built near the Kanza Museum and the Kanza Wellness Center.

"This initiative of renewable energy will reap energy savings for the tribe," he said.

Committee members took special interest when he discussed the nation's project to build a new dance arbor at Allegawaho Park near Council Grove, Kan.

"It's five miles southeast of Council Grove. There's a monument [to the Unknown Kaw Warrior] and the round top houses," he said.

Camp McFadden Director Mickie Schmith expressed his gratitude for the project that paved Lake Road, including the entrance of the camp.

Lee Evans thanked the chairman for the partnerships that the nation has forged with the city and area entities.

"From the city of Ponca City's perspective, we really appreciate the partnerships we have with you and your nation. I know we've done a lot of things in and around our community that benefit our community, as well as yours," he said.

The darkest period

Excerpt by RON PARKS

In the autumn of 1870, a Quaker medical doctor, William Nicholson, visited each agency in the Central Superintendency to report on the tribes. On October 4, he began his three-month-long inspection tour at the Kanza Agency, remaining seven days, recording in a diary his observations of the Kansas' condition and progress. Singular in their detail and — considering the standards of the period — objectivity, Nicholson's diary entries provide a rare glimpse of the Kansas during the tribe's final days in Kansas. He covered topics ranging from modes of dress, use of tobacco, living arrangements, and marriage, to interactions with traders and funerary practices.

According to Nicholson, while some of the Kanza men were stout and muscular, most were undersized and lean, reflecting a lack of proper nutrition. All the Kansas wore blankets, shirts, and leggings, the latter made of either buffalo skin or flannel. Their mocasins, highly ornamented with beadwork, did not keep the feet dry. The men wore breechcloths and cut their hair short or shaved their heads except for a tuft of hair left on top. The women wore their hair long, Nicholson wrote, but "dress[ed] much as the men." Both sexes perforated each ear with four holes that were sometimes loaded with trinkets. Faces were painted red with blue and black streaks. The men pulled out their whiskers with coiled wires. The Kanza preferred their clothing to white men's, and were, in general, "quite indisposed to adopt the habits of civilized life."

Nicholson was fascinated with how the Kansas smoked tobacco, noting its use by nearly all the men but few women.

When they gathered, the Indians often puffed "the first whiff of smoke upwards as an offering of thankfulness to the Great Spirit." The men would pass the pipe around, inhaling the smoke into their lungs, then exhaling it through their noses. They smoked a mixture of tobacco and sumac leaves. Sometimes their tomahawks served this purpose: the pipe tomahawk had a bowl hollowed out opposite its cutting edge, and a canal extending the length of the hickory handle was the stem, the end of which was shaped into a mouthpiece.

While a few of the Kansas lived separately in stone houses, most lived in huts grouped together in three villages. These huts were covered with bark or buffalo hides, Nicholson reported, with an opening at the top for admitting light and emitting smoke. The larger huts had entrances on each side, these covered by buffalo skins when necessary. There were no cattle, few pigs, but lots of ponies and dogs. Horse racing with attendant betting was a passion, the wagers consisting of ponies, blankets, and shirts. In early October 1870, the Kansas were busy drying the abundant corn, beans, and pumpkins they had raised that summer, a task they had to finish before leaving for the winter hunt.

Girls often married as early as age twelve. The marriage ceremony was simple and straightforward. The parents of the groom offered presents to the prospective bride's parents. If these were accepted, a crier then called for objections. If none were forthcoming, a wedding feast soon took place. The Kansas were polygamous, and divorce — initiated by both men and women — was fairly common. If a man stole another's wife, he was subject to summary vengeance. Observing that conjugal attachment

was not very strong among the Kansas, Nicholson suggested that "parental and filial affection is well developed." In contradiction to previous reports, Nicholson found that childbirth was no more difficult or dangerous for Kanza mothers than for white mothers. The Quaker physician, however, disapproved of how the Kanza mothers tied their infants "upon a board for some months & then tucked [them] under the blanket between the woman's shoulders.

Because provisions had been scarce during the previous winter, the Kansas had already obligated their annuities to the agency trader by purchasing on credit items such as flour, coffee, and sugar. When the annuity monies were distributed on October 6, almost all of the funds went directly into the hands of the trader. This provoked resentment among Allegawaho and the council men, who insisted that before they would sign the payroll, the trader needed to distribute gifts as had been the tradition. The trader finally obliged by dispensing tobacco and crackers, which the headmen divided equally among the people. During a lengthy speech delivered the next day, Allegawaho complained that his people "merely saw their money but never handled it—that the trader got it all.

On October 10, the chiefs, headmen, and a large number of the tribe listened carefully as agent Stubbs explained a proposal for Kanza removal to Indian Territory. The Kansas then requested that the white men leave while they discussed the matter among themselves. When they reconvened, Allegawaho rose to speak. Nicholson recorded his statement.

In the weeks preceding their departure, Kanza women made trips at dawn and dusk to the hilltops where their loved ones

were buried. Each gravesite was marked by a patch of sunflowers that would bloom in late summer. "Seated with backs to the sun," wrote Addison Stubbs, "they wept and howled, until their pitiful wails could be heard for miles."

The 533 remaining full-blooded members of the tribe left the Kansas reservation on June 4. Mahlon Stubbs hired about forty white men with teams to carry the tribe's poorer members and their belongings. Those with ponies packed their own belongings and provided their own transport. On June 12, 1873, the Indians reached El Dorado, Kansas, where they gave a "war dance" attended by almost every person in town. They arrived at their new reservation on June 21. No Kansas died en route, and, according to their agent, they had no difficulty with the whites or among themselves.

After the Kanza removal, the settlement of the reservation involved a decade-long struggle between familiar stakeholders: settlers, local entrepreneurs, three appraisal commissions, the Indian Office, Quaker neighbors sympathetic to the Kansas, outside speculators, national and state politicians, and the Indians. Adding to the complexity was conflict within these factions. Take, for example, the reservation settlers. "Lawsuits were plenty," wrote Maloy, "and there are but few men now living on claims taken at that time but what were enjoined or had some one else enjoined from interfering with somebody's right of possession."

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Peckham Schools receive donation



Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe took the call to address the needs of Peckham School. Kaw Nation had granted \$1,000 to six area schools and school districts in February. After learning that he had missed Peckham, Munroe agreed with Peckham School Superintendent Gary Young to present him with a \$1,000 donation.

Young was deeply grateful for the gift.

"We were out of money," Young said. "We were caught off guard and we had to cut summer school. Maybe this will help us open summer school again." Young said that 23 percent of Peckham students are Native Americans.

The funds for the donation came from Kaw Nation's license plate sales.



Kaw police chief honored during Victims of Crime Week

Kaw Nation Police Chief Tony Coleman, left, was honored on April 10 by Kay County District Attorney Brian Hermanson during the county's celebration of Victims of Crime Week. Hermanson recognized Coleman's leadership in investigating a domestic violence incident.