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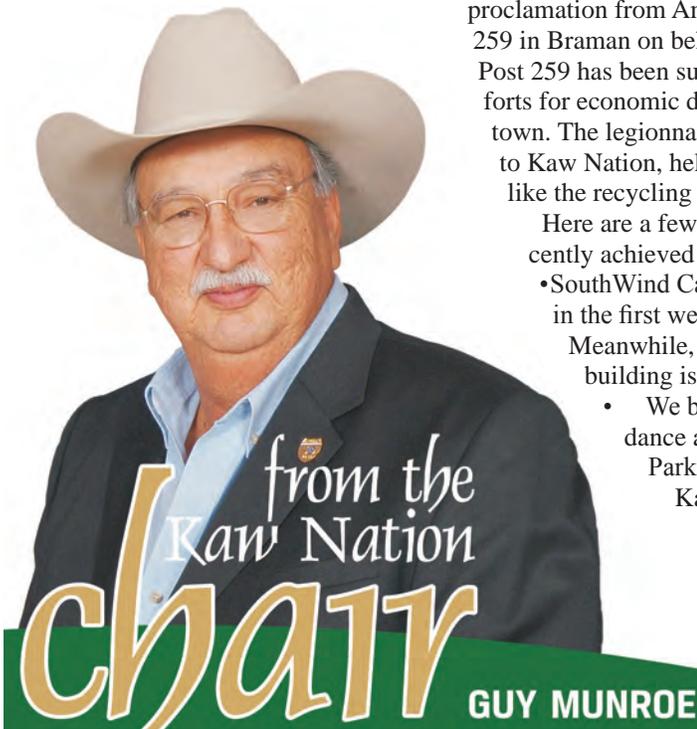
KAW NATION WINS JUSTICE CENTER GRANT

Expanded court room part of renovation



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Dear friends:
 On Sept. 11, I was pleased to accept a proclamation from American Legion Post 259 in Braman on behalf of the nation. Post 259 has been supportive of our efforts for economic development in the town. The legionnaires are great friends to Kaw Nation, helping with projects like the recycling center.

Here are a few achievements recently achieved by the nation:

- SouthWind Casino Braman opened in the first week of September.

Meanwhile, the second casino building is under construction.

- We broke ground on the dance arbor at Allegawaho Park near Council Grove, Kan., on Sept. 20. This will be a future site of the Washunga Days Powwow.

- The nation obtained a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice for a justice center. This will provide a much-needed expansion of the court room and create the opportunity for coordinated services between our justice programs.

Be sure to have these events marked on your calendar:

- The Kaw Powwow will be Oct. 3 to 5 at the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds. I hope to see all of you there.

- The next General Council meeting will be on Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. We decided to hold the meeting a week earlier so that more tribal members can attend. For those of you visiting for the powwow, please take this opportunity to come and learn more about the nation's current efforts.

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

I hope that you have a fruitful fall.

Guy Munroe, Chair

Resume bank to promote tribal members' job skills

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

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

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

The Kaw Nation Diabetes Program will host a cooking demonstration on Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. at the Kanza Health Clinic.

Contact Ruthie Arie at (580) 362-1039 or ruthie.arie@ihs.gov for more information.



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SouthWind Casino Braman opens



SouthWind Casino opened the doors to its newest location in Braman last week with a special opening for tribal members on Sept. 3, one for tribal members, employees and VIPs on Sept. 4 and the opening for the general public on Sept. 5.

“I know that as a nation you’ve waited a very, very long time for this and, as employees, we’re proud to do this for you. This is your casino. We’re excited to get to this day and we’re proud to be part of it,” SouthWind Casino General Manager Pam Shaw told tribal members on Wednesday.

Kaw Nation had worked for 24 years to obtain the gaming trust for 21 acres for the

casino before constructing it.

Luther Pepper, who served on the Tribal Council as it worked to get the gaming trust, spoke hopefully for the new casino’s success.

“It’ll help the tribe and all its services,” he said.

Before the ribbon cutting on Friday, Braman Mayor Mike Barton said that the town is happy to see the nation further its relationship with Braman.

“I want to thank Kaw Nation. They’ve made a lot of contributions to Braman over the past several years,” he said.

As the doors opened to the public and

a crowd rushed to try out the games on Friday, Braman American Legion Post 259 Member Marv Sandbek declared, “This is a game-changer.”

SouthWind Casino Braman is open 24 hours per day and seven days each week. The casino has 113 games.

This is the first stage of the facility. The next casino building, which is under construction, will open at the beginning of 2015.

This building will house 275 Class 2 games, table games and a café.

A larger casino with 500 Class 2 games and table games will open later.



Top: Tribal Council Members Jim Lessert and Gena Warren, then Tribal Council Secretary Elaine Huch, Vice Chair Patti Kramer (cutting ribbon), Chairman Guy Munroe, Tribal Council Members Erin Kekahbah and Jason Murray. Bottom left: Murray presents Luther Pepper with a blanket. Bottom right: A crowd rushes to enter the casino as the doors open to the general public on Sept. 5.

Run-off for chair, Warren wins third term



Left photo: Tribal Council Member Gena Warren (left) is sworn in as Patti Ballagh (obscured) holds the oath and Kaw Nation Supreme Court Justice Lisa Otipoby (right) gives the oath. Right photo: Tribal Council Secretary Terry Pepper is sworn in as Ballagh holds the oath and Justice Otipoby gives the oath.

On Oct. 19, third-term Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe will face Former Tribal Council Secretary Elaine Huch in a run-off election for the chair position after a close finish in the five-person race.

In a Tribal Council member run-off election for Oct. 19, Clark Pepper will face Erin Kekahbah.

Gena Warren won a third term on the Tribal Council. She served from 1993 to 1998 on the Executive Council under the 1990 Constitution before being elected to a second term in 2010. This will be Warren's final term of consecutive council membership eligibility since the 2011 Constitution allowed one additional term to

sitting members. After two terms, elected officials must wait two years before seeking office again.

Terry Pepper was elected as Tribal Council secretary. Pepper has been active on the Kaw Nation Cultural, Library and Museum Committee and is currently the committee secretary.

Pepper and Warren were sworn in on Sept. 17.

Vote Count	
Chair	
<i>Guy Munroe</i>	109
<i>Elaine Huch</i>	97
Roy Ball	38
Colt Donelson	26
Robert Allen	10
Secretary	
Terry Pepper	178
Lloyd Pappan	101
Tribal Council Member 1	
<i>Clark Pepper</i>	97
<i>Erin Kekahbah</i>	93
Terri Humble	91
Tribal Council Member 3	
Gena Warren	153
Cruz "Tony" Maldonado	127

Bold indicates winner

Italic indicates run-off candidate

Run-off election notice

The Run-Off Election will be held in accordance with the Election Ordinance, Section 33(e), approved and adopted on July 15th, 2012.

Polling place hours will be on **Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at the **Kaw Nation administration building in Kaw City.**

Anyone who requested an absentee ballot in the regular election, will be sent an absentee ballot in the run-off election.

If you have any questions in regard to the run-off election, you can contact Debbie Lewman, at (580) 362-1039 or e-mail debbie.lewman@ihs.gov. or Lana Burke, at (580) 269-2552 or e-mail lburke@kawnation.com.

Allegawaho Park arbor set to be built



Top photo (left to right): Tribal Council Secretary Terry Pepper, Tribal Council Member Gena Warren, Chairman Guy Munroe, Kansas State Rep Tom Moxley (R-68), Tribal Council Member Jason Murray, Assistant Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Linda Craighead, Tribal Council Member Erin Kekahbah and Allegawaho Park Manager Barb Stanbrough. Bottom photo: Stanbrough, Kaw Nation Kansas Planning Committee Members Murray, Skylar Mathews, Pauline Sharp, Jim Warren and Ken Bellmard

Kaw Nation hosted a groundbreaking ceremony on Sept. 20 for the dance arbor at Allegawaho Heritage Memorial Park near Council Grove, Kan. In the future, Allegawaho Park will become the site of the Washunga Days Powwow.

The arbor will be complete by the end of the year.

Tribal Council Member Jason Murray spoke about the work that Kaw Nation has dedicated to the park, including building camp sites.

“We’ve put a lot of time into this. Going years back, this was part of our plan,” he said.

Chairman Guy Munroe lent his optimism for the future of the park.

“We’ve finally got something going and we’ll keep it going,” he said.

Luther Pepper also stated his optimism for the park with the coming of the powwow.

“It’s always good coming up here to be with friends we’ve made over the years.”

While expressing hope for the future of the park, Kansas Secretary of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism Linda Craighead

recalled how Chairman Munroe explained the significance of the location to the nation.

“The chairman told me, ‘You know, this place is very special to us. The hair stands up on the back of my neck when I come here.’ I hope to see this as an opportunity for Kaw Nation to tell their story.”

Her department funded the arbor with a grant. Grants from the Young Foundation and the Nystrom Foundation provide for picnic tables, barbecue

stations, signage and the camp sites.

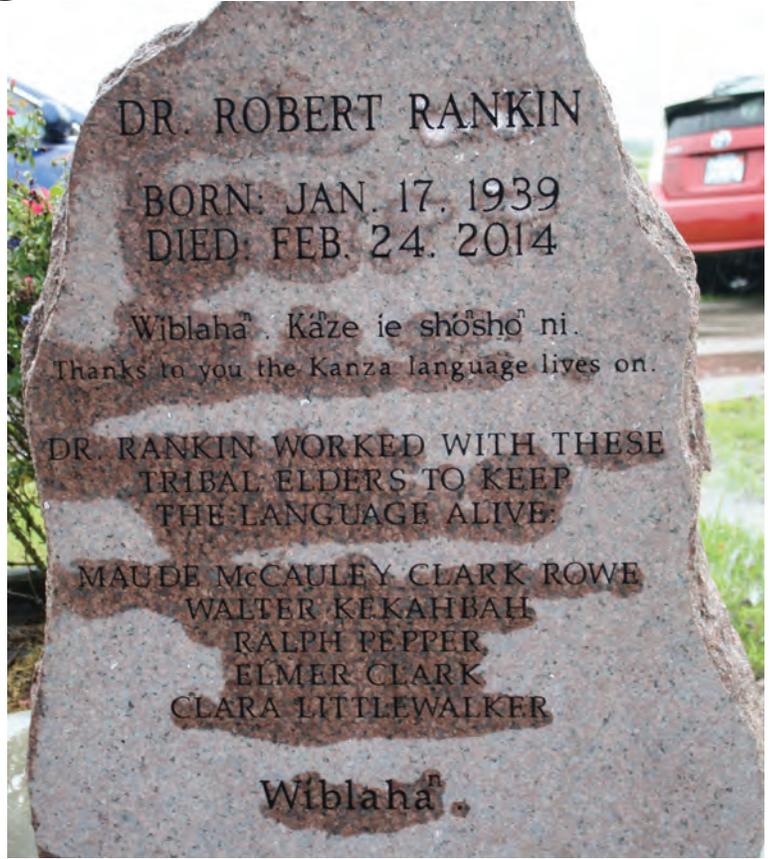
Tribal Council Member Gena Warren reflected on how the history of the Kanza people in Council Grove weighs on her heart when she travels to the town.

“We’re here because our ancestors were here,” she said. “When I come up here, it’s a solemn trip. Our people walked to Washunga. We drive here. They walked all the way with all their belongings.”

Allegawaho Park Manager Barb Stanbrough thanked people who helped with park development, such as Sid Wilkerson, naturalist Glenn Fell, Clay Wilson, Nancy Stanbrough, welder C.B. Smith, Ronnie Patterson, Nanci Sigle, Ken Dougherty, the parks committee, Chairman Munroe and Kansas Governor Sam Brownback.



Remembering Robert Rankin



Left: Storm Brave speaks about studying the Kanza language with Dr. Rankin. Right: A memorial marker in honor of Dr. Robert Rankin.

Kaw tribal members paid tribute to the late linguist Dr. Robert Rankin, who revived the Kanza language, in a memorial at Washunga Cemetery in Newkirk on June 27.

Rankin, who died on Feb. 25, recorded the last three native Kanza speakers, Maude McCauley Rowe, Walter Kekahbah and Ralph Pepper, and served as a consultant to the Kanza language project until his death.

He helped publish the Kaw dictionary and the “Kanza Reader.”

“I met Dr. Rankin in the 1980s at the University Kansas at the end of the day,” recalled Curtis Kekahbah. “I asked him how to say certain words. He

gave me his lexicon. I was so excited to read his words. If it weren’t for him, we wouldn’t have these words. He was so generous with his time and his knowledge.”

Carol Clark recalled how Rankin would visit Rowe, her grandmother, every summer and record her speaking the language.

“Professor Rankin was part of our family. He was an implant in our yard every summer. Everyone would drop by

and look. She’d giggle while talking. If you listen to those tapes, you’d hear her giggle,” she said.

Storm Brave remembered studying with Rankin and preparing for language competi-

tions with him.

“I remember Dr. Rankin as a teacher and role model. He

would teach and critique us until we were perfect,” she said.

Former Kanza Language Project Director Justin McBride recalled the close relationship he had with Rankin

while working on the project from 2001 to 2010.

“I was very happy to know Dr. Rankin. He was sort of like a father figure. Even though he was really, really smart, he never made me feel dumb. He was such a devoted person to the Kaw people,” he said.

Kanza Language Project Director Dave Kaufman, who was a student of Rankin’s, recalled how Rankin pushed him towards the languages he studied and helped him in his work on Native languages.

“I hope all of us Siouanists can do half of what he did,” he said.

Rankin’s ashes were buried behind his memorial at the cemetery.

**“HE WAS SO GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME AND HIS KNOWLEDGE.”
—CURTIS KEKAHBAH**

Kaw Nation’s Tag Office will be closed on Oct. 24 and will reopen Oct. 27.

Justice center grant to coordinate services

On Sept. 22, the U.S. Department of Justice awarded Kaw Nation with a \$988,525 grant for a multipurpose justice center in Kaw City. This will combine the court and police department and feature an expanded court room.

"This grant will consolidate resources to provide coordinated services," said Grants and Contracts Director Bernadette Hicks.

The justice center will host offices for Judicial Branch staff, officers and a satellite office for the Kaw Nation emergency manager. Also, court attendees will find a larger waiting room than the current one at the administration building.

The facility will have one temporary holding cell, as well as a room that functions as a safe room and safe exchange room to ensure that victims and offenders do not interact.

The justice center will be a place for coordinated services of the police department, Indian Child Welfare, Tribal Court, Emergency Management, Child Support Services and Domestic

Violence.

The grant provides for the renovation of the administrative building at 698 Grandview Drive in Kaw City. The repurpose phase of the grant is projected to be completed in 18 months after the grant starts on Oct. 1. Kaw Nation has already begun working with the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers on this and developed the repurpose design.

Construction will begin in 2015.

Kaw Nation developed a comprehensive court strategic plan to guide the modernization of the tribal court system.

Kaw Nation Chairman Guy Munroe had approached Hicks after she entered the position about the need for a justice center due to the small size of the courtroom and overflow of court attendees in the administration building. They spent some years looking for the grant that best fits the needs of the nation.

"The chairman deserves all the glory in the world for this," Hicks said.



Judge Robert
"Don" Gifford

NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, Oct. 5, 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? Call Tribal Council Secretary Terry Pepper at (580) 269-2552.

Kanza Health Fair grows again



The Kanza Health Clinic saw another strong turnout for the Kanza Health Clinic on Sept. 19, with 420 people in attendance and a record 60 vendors showcasing their services. A record 154 pedestrians took to foot for the Kaw Nation Diabetes Program's fun walk to start the day.

Charlie Chapman, who made the trip from Pawnee to start the day with the fun walk, said, "This is great. This is my first time in Newkirk."

The walk took a new route, winding through the Kaw Housing Authority. Finishers picked up towels.

Ryan Smykil explained the theme "Wellness Is Native to the Heart," saying, "Wellness is native to the heart because wellness is important to everyone."

Cordelia Clapp, a nurse and executive board member of Pawnee Circle of Wisdom Advisory Board, gave the Lord's Prayer and "God Bless America" in Indian sign language.

Linda Fisher won the grand prize drawing at the end of the health fair, a 43-inch television donated by the Kaw Enterprise Development Authority.



Injury Prevention hosts Family Health and Safety Day

The Kaw Nation Injury Prevention Program hosted a Family Health and Safety Day on June 26 at the Johnnie Ray McCauley Community Center in Newkirk. The Kaw Nation Diabetes Program and the Kanza Wellness Center presented their programs.

Diabetes Coordinator Ruthie Arie talked with families and individuals about diabetes and gave out DVDs, literature and posters related to the disease. The Kanza Health Clinic signed people up for Sooner Care and other programs. The Injury Prevention Program gave away helmets.

The Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program issued a program survey.

Children went on a one-mile fun walk.

Afterwards, they participated in an obstacle course.

At the end, a bicycle was given away in a raffle.



Filing your Affordable Care Act exemption

Most people must have health coverage or pay a fee (the “individual shared responsibility payment”). You can get an exemption in certain cases.

The fee in 2014 is one percent of your yearly income or \$95 per person for the year, whichever is higher. The fee increases every year. In 2016, it’s 2.5 percent of income or \$695 per person, whichever is higher.

If you’re paying under the \$95 per person method, the payment for uninsured children is \$47.50 per child in 2014. The most a family would have to pay under this method in 2014 is \$285.

You make the payment when you file your 2014 taxes, which are due in April 2015.

WHO IS EXEMPT FROM PAYMENT?

Under certain circumstances, you won’t have to make the

individual responsibility payment. This is called an “exemption.”

You may qualify for an exemption if:

- You’re uninsured for less than three months of the year
- The lowest-priced coverage available to you would cost more than eight percent of your household income
- You don’t have to file a tax return because your income is too low
- You are a member of a recognized health care sharing ministry
- You are a member of a recognized religious sect with religious objections to insurance, including Social Security and Medicare
- You are incarcerated (either detained or jailed), and not being held pending disposi-

tion of charges

- You are not lawfully present in the United States
- You are a member of a federally recognized tribe or eligible for services through an Indian Health Services provider.

HOWEVER, THE IRS DOES NOT KNOW YOU ARE NATIVE AMERICAN. SO YOU NEED TO FILE YOUR HEALTH CARE (ACA) EXEMPTION NOW TO PREVENT TAX PENALTIES.

If you are applying for an exemption based on coverage being unaffordable, membership in a health care sharing ministry, membership in a federally-recognized tribe or being incarcerated:

You have two options:

1. You can claim these exemptions when you fill out your 2014 federal tax return,

which is due in April 2015 or;

2. You can apply for the exemptions using the right form that applies to the reason for your exemption circumstance. For Native Americans and others who are eligible for services from the Indian Health Care provider, contact (<http://marketplace.cms.gov/applications-and-forms/tribal-exemption.pdf>).

Kanza Health Center is happy to help any of our Native Americans apply for their exemption. Please contact Benefits Coordinator Jackie Bannister at (580) 362-1039. **GET YOUR EXEMPTION NUMBER TODAY TO AVOID THE LAST-MINUTE RUSH OR HAVING TO PAY PENALTIES.**

Submitted by Jackie Dodson, Health and Human Services Director

Voices of the Wind People

The Kanza people and people from Council Grove, Kan., came together for the 12th biannual presentation of the Voices of the Wind People on Sept. 19 at the Old Riverbed Amphitheater in Council Grove.

Ray Ball gave another strong performance as Chief Allegawaho, captivating the audience in the final scene as he walked around to peer into the eyes of the white men to see if they saw him as he feared the settlers merely looked through the Kanza as they took the land.

Luther Pepper narrated the part of Allegawaho.

Two other chiefs were portrayed by Jim Warren and Jason Murray.

Mark Brooks narrated the story of the white settlers while acting as the boisterous trader Seth Hays.

Kinsel Lieb served as the head singer as the Kanza danced around the camp fire.

After the play, Jeremy Williams, the father of Kaw Nation Princess MatheAnna Williams, gave a fancy dance presentation.

Voices of the Wind People was written in 1990 and 1991 by Ron Parks, who published "The Darkest Period: The Kanza Indians and Their Last Homeland, 1846-1873" earlier this year.

Parks said that when he was able to get Kaw Nation and Council Grove residents to join in on the play after he wrote it "it was like Christmas morning."



Clockwise from left: Skyler Mathews sharpens an arrow at the fire. A government agent places a pen for Chief Allegawaho (Ray Ball) to sign a treaty. Luther Pepper pages through his narrator script. Thomas Huffaker (Dennis Wright) and Eliza Huffaker (Denise Hartman) confer with Seth Hays (Mark Brooks). Photos courtesy of Deb Pryor, Kansas State University.



Post 259 gives proclamation to Kaw Nation



American Legion Post 259 Member Marv Sandbek believed the post, as well as the town of Braman, was in a journey akin to “The Wizard of Oz” while saying they only needed to trust someone’s vision.

“We have friends who will help us get to the Emerald City if we trust their vision,” he said.

On Thursday, the post presented a proclamation to Kaw Nation, recognizing its friendship.

“I’m not going to let tonight go by or let the ribbon cutting of the casino go by without an official thank you from us,” Sandbek said. “With these few words, please accept our heart and accept our spirit of love and appreciation for all you do for us and all we do together.”

Sandbek directly addressed Tribal Chairman Guy Munroe for the nation’s support.

“Comrade, fellow legionnaire, fellow veteran, thank you for all you do to help promote the programs, the policies, the dreams, the visions of the American Legion. None of this would be possible without you,” he said.

Munroe thanked Post 259 for the recognition while expressing the vision for Braman.

“I appreciate this very much for the Kaw Nation. You know we try very hard

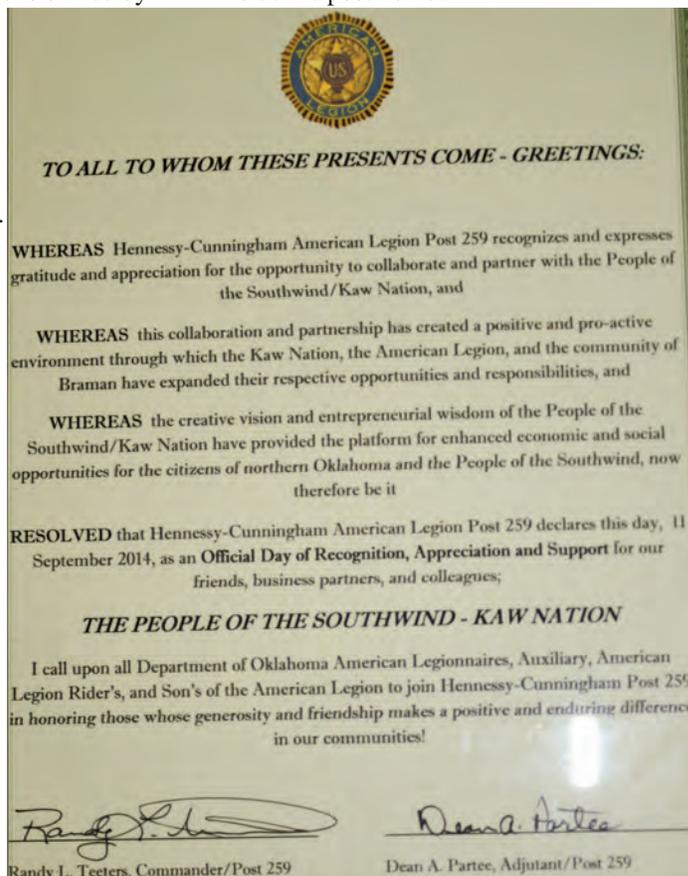
to make things work. This was in our process 12 years ago. It’s looking good right now, but it’s going to be beautiful. It’s going to be really nice because people like this are going to run it,” Munroe said.

Post 259, whose home is owned by

owned by the Kaw Enterprise Development Authority and has been leased to the post since it opened in 2012, has partnered with the nation on several projects. Legionnaires give time to help with operation of Kaw Nation’s recycling center. Post 259 has served as the color guard at the Kaw Powwow. Post 259, Kaw Nation the town of Braman won a Keep Oklahoma Beautiful Team Builder award last year.

Meanwhile, Kaw Nation has become a mainstay in Braman. Besides its enterprises, the Kanza Travel Plaza and SouthWind Casino Braman, the nation has participated in parades,

brings students from Braman School to the Beaver Creek Wetland and helps the town with water in case of emergency. Kaw Nation built a water tower near the travel plaza. KEDA renovated the sidewalk outside the post home.



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A Google Earth image shows the range of the fish kill in August. The red area highlights where the fish died. Other incident locations are noted with yellow pins.

KNED studies fish kill in Kaw Lake

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department responded to a fish kill in the northern part of Kaw Lake in early August. KNED found that 500 fish between one and 26 inches had died in the area.

At about the same time, there was a salt water spill in Bear River, causing a salinity level of 0.86 in the river. While the department found high salinity in the northern part of the lake, it could not confirm that this caused the fish kill.

New faces



Layne Leven (left) and Brice Murray (right) were the KNED summer interns. Leven, a Newkirk native, attended Newkirk High School. He interned to gain experience in environmental science to prepare for environmental studies in college and environmental work in an aquatic field.

Murray, who is from Blackwell, graduated from Blackwell High School and attends Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa.

Fish sampling

The KNED performs regular fish sampling while taking water quality samples. Fish are examined for weight and length while evaluating the health of the fish. Also, they study the mercury levels in fish. KNED studies whether any fish species may be overpopulating Kaw Lake.

After it is tested, the sampled fish is sent to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

On the left, Environmental Technician Francine Hackett, Nathan Copeland of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Intern Brice Murray examine fish on Kaw Lake on June 24.



Kanza Health Clinic receives expansion grant



The Kanza Health Clinic was awarded an Indian Community Development Block Grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the expansion of its facility on Sept. 30.

This grant is expected to cut the waiting list that has plagued the clinic, which is estimated to be more than 1,240 patients.

“Chairman [Guy] Munroe determined this as a great need within Kaw Nation due to the number of patients seen and the tremendous wait list,” said Grants and Contracts Director Bernadette Hicks.

“Mr. Munroe has worked with the Grants Department through the entire development of this project to help ensure funding and to make sure that the expansion efforts were guided in the best interest of tribal members.”

With the expansion, the Women’s Health Program, Diabetes Program, Kanza Dental Clinic and Kanza Pharmacy will be relocated to an adjacent building, which will be built.



The dental clinic would see an expanded space in this building.

The new building will include a drive-through window for the pharmacy.

The present clinic building would be dedicated to the medical aspect of the clinic.

Also, a physician would be added to the clinic to address the health needs of all the Na-

Kaw Nation has been working on the project with the Tulsa District Corps of Engineers.

The Kanza Health Clinic, which opened in March 1998 and opened the Women’s Health Program the following year and the Kanza Dental Clinic in June 2010, vows to maintain its sound handicap accessibility with the expansion.

tive Americans it serves.

An additional building will be constructed, which will connect to the present clinic building on River Road through a breezeway.

Describing actions of each body part

Kaw is a very descriptive language. For example, body parts can take a descriptive classifier according to the perceived shape of the body part, which in Kaw are che “standing,” yinkhé “roundish,” and khe “lengthy.”

Thus, in English we say “touch your shoulder,” but in Kaw you say Áblo yinkhé yután, literally “touch (your) roundish shoulder.” (“your” is in parentheses since, in Kaw, it is understood to be your own body that you’ll touch and not someone else’s, unless you specify otherwise.)

Similarly, “touch your leg” would be in Kaw Hu khe yután, which literally translates to “touch (your) long leg.” “touch your foot” would be Si che yután, or literally “touch (your) standing foot.”

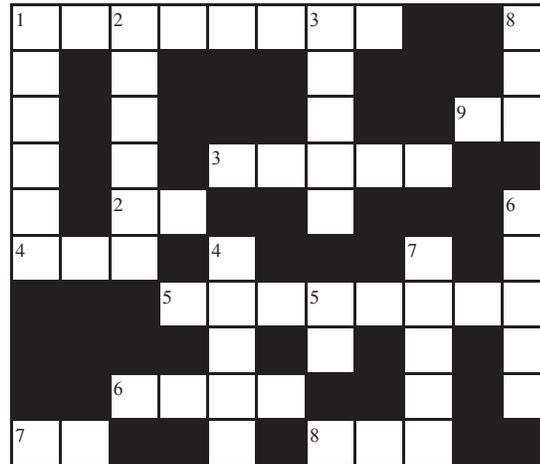
Of course, such classification is not always straightforward or neat and tidy. For instance, with pairs of body parts, the classifier can make the difference between singular or plural. So, shiyánje yinkhé yután means “touch (your one) roundish knee” while shiyánje che yután means “touch both (of your) roundish knees.”

However, this is really no more difficult than having to remember that, in Spanish, el is “the” for masculine singular while los is “the” for masculine plural!

The following is a list of primary body parts in Kaw:

ankle	sitáxe
arm	a
back	nánka
buttocks	ónbe
chest	mángo
ear	nantá
elbow	ástohu
eye	ishtá
face	ijé
finger	shágo
foot	si
forehead	pe
hair (head)	pahú
hand	nanbé
head	wéxli
heart	nánje
knee	shiyánje
leg	hu
mouth	íha
navel	yétashon
nose	pa
shoulder	áblo
stomach	ilúzhu
toes	siógabe

*Submitted by Dave Kaufman
Kaw Language Director*



Across

1. Knee
2. Leg
3. Eye
4. Elm
5. Belly button, navel
6. Shoulder
7. Nose
8. Face
9. Forehead

Down

1. Ankle
2. Stomach
3. Kettle
4. Head
5. Masculine declarative
6. Hand
7. Smoke
8. You



Across

- 1 pink
- 2 gray (smoky)
- 3 green
- 4 mountain, hill
- 5 say so, say that

Down

- 1 orange
- 2 purple
- 3 off-white
- 4 so, therefore
- 5 like, similar to
- 6 gray, blue

Do you want to learn more? Kaw language classes are every Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Kaw Nation library in Kaw City.

Powwow singing with John Butler



John Butler, who is the son of Mary Butler, will serve as the head singer at the Kaw Powwow from Oct. 3 to 5. Butler has been the head singer of the powwow several times, including four consecutive years in the late 1990s.

Butler has also been the head singer at the Otoe-Missouria, Ponca, Tonkawa and Standing Bear powwows, as well as one-day powwows and dances.

He first sang at the drum at age 14, about the same time he began straight dancing and war dancing.

Butler learned from Vernon Atkins, who taught him about song pitch and protocol.

Butler found appropriate times during powwows to go to the drum and listen.

Oliver Littlecook started a drum group for boys, and Butler joined.

“He taught me to be a little

bit more forward and to lead songs,” Butler said.

Early on, he would sing softer than the others and strike the edge of the drum to make softer sounds.

He would get cassettes from drum groups at powwows and sing along at home while practicing from his uncle’s drum.

Butler recalled the first time he led a song at a powwow.

During gourd dancing at a powwow in Coffeyville, Kan., a man pointed across the drum at him. He became scared, lacking confidence, but went on singing.

Butler has composed a couple songs. Once a man approached him to write a song for his family.

Butler said that having the right mindset is important before beginning to write a song.

“You always want to have your heart and your mind

working as one,” he said.

Butler said that the singer talks with the family when composing a family song.

“You can use that bond that you make with that person or that family and it helps you when you make that song. It helps you mold that song to suit that person. It puts you in that mindset,” he said.

He said that after veterans returned from World War I and World War II, there were many family songs written in honor of veterans.

Butler said that during a powwow, a singer is approached to sing a song or a type of song. Singers think of songs, often seeing songs in their minds. He said singers may have libraries of songs in their minds.

“There are a lot of times when you’re at the drum and you close your eyes, you can see the song. I don’t actually see the words. It’s like a musical graph, where you see notes on the chart,” he said.

Butler mentioned that some family songs may be more difficult to remember and a head singer may rely on elders to remember and lead family songs that haven’t been played in several years.

Besides warming the drum in the sun, Butler prepares for powwows by doing vocal exercises and finding a quiet place and praying to put his heart in the right place.

“I always believe that if you go in with a positive attitude, that’s what the drum gives back to you,” he said.

Butler emphasized that singing is strenuous work that cause singers to lose a great amount of water. Outdoor air doesn’t always hit singers, and it can be stuffy under an arbor. He said that doing cardio workouts help his endurance at the drum.

Butler acknowledged that

singers can feed off the energy of the head singers.

“You want to start out by going out there and being uplifting. You want to welcome all of the singers. Try to interact as much as you can. When you start, however many singers you have, I believe all of the singers look to the head singer to see how he’s feeling. How is he acting? Is he phoning it in? Is he energetic? You can get in there and put your whole body into it. Singing hard, I think that’s the main thing. When they see the effort you’re putting into it, they can follow suit,” he said.

Butler said that he feels a connection with dancers while singing.

“If you’re doing good around the drum and everyone is feeling energetic, I believe that filters out. Once the energy leaves the drum, and that energy reaches the dancers, it helps them dance harder. I know I feel it when I’m dancing,” he said.

Butler said that composing more songs in the Kaw language could enable more storytelling.

“I think it could help from a historical perspective,” he said.

While he didn’t know any Kaw men who sing at powwows, Butler said that he would love to bring some into powwow singing. He has taught singing to the Native American Student Association at Rogers Association in Claremore, Okla.

Wellness center takes Ice Bucket Challenge

The Kanza Wellness Center took the Ice Bucket Challenge on Aug. 22 to raise money for ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease affecting nerves in the brain and spinal cord also known as Lou Gehrig's Disease.

From Aug. 22 to Sept. 22, the wellness center took donations from visitors to the ALS Foundation in exchange for a one-day pass.

Kanza Wellness Center Manager Shannon Smykil said she was inspired to take the challenge after hearing Life Fitness Founder Augie Nieto at the Idea World Fitness Conference in August speak about his struggle with ALS and his mission raising money for research to treat and cure the disease.

"We at the Kanza Wellness Center want to do our part to help," she said.



Top photo: Kanza Wellness Center Assistant Manager Robert Burris dumps a bucket of ice water on Manager Shannon Smykil. Bottom: Receptionist Josh Evans dumps water on Group Trainer Samantha Shrewsberry.

Sliding through Mud Day

Kaw Nation's Child Care Development Fund hosted its third annual Mud Day celebration on June 25.

That day, the wet grass ran a deeper green as it desperately clung to its roots. Meanwhile, children fearlessly slid through to let loose the muddy ground that hid underneath.

The playground became a miniature water world. Kids periodically found themselves showered while running about. The slide was well-watered and some of those going down were welcomed with a little extra. Even the parents looking on couldn't avoid being drenched as kids sent water in their direction. The slip 'n' slide brought an opportunity for wetter creativity, as each child took tested his or her style on the plastic.



A packed KNSAEC summer program



The Kaw Nation School Age Program completed another successful summer! The children enjoyed experiences including digging for dinosaur bones at Leonardo's Discovery Warehouse and feeding giraffes and playing with lemurs at Tanganyika Wildlife Reserve.

They ran through pirate ships and slid down monstrous slides at Rock River Rapids Water Park. The children also went bowling, skating, digging for salt crystals and the Great Salt Plains, and toured the OKC Science Museum. A favorite was the Orr Family Farms trip with live farm animals, train rides, a carousel, and a giant jumping pillow.

We had visitors such as Daylate the Clown who painted faces and made balloon animals and Sedgwick Co.

Zoo with their interactive zoo exhibition, but we also enjoyed educational visits from the Kaw Nation Injury Prevention Program, and the Kaw Nation Police Department.

We were fortunate to have Dr. Dave visit each week and coordinate our "Little Linguist" club with our kids. The children learned various animals, and all the colors and numbers from one to 10. A new addition to our regular visitors was the Johnson O'Malley Program and their Culture Club. The children learned all about the Kaw seal, and various games, foods, and traditions specific to the Kaw Nation. Electrifying science projects taught the kids what happens when you mix milk with vinegar, or what you will see when you iron gummy bears between wax paper.

Open-ended art projects included Fruit Loop Galaxies, exploding chalk art, Monster Muck, and mosaics. Costumes were donated by the Poncan Theater, and the kids used them to tell stories such as, "what will happen if you take away Uncle Si's tea glass," and numerous random, rocking dance-offs. Each week had a theme such as Wacky Water, Math Mixers, Pirates, Crazy Campers. The kids were given writing projects each week and created journals that captured all of their summer fun. To end the summer right, we packed up and caravanned with our families to Frontier City.

We also had a Back-to-School party where we became Walking Sundaes, complete with a chocolate syrup slip-n-slide, and whipped cream, sprinkled, M&M facials.

CCDF Director Sara Bell wrapped up the summer by saying, "Each child is a special gift from God, and we strive to set a cozy, happy and safe environment for them here. I am proud to say we finished our summer program with zero incidences, and if you've ever had a bus full of 25 children you can appreciate how big of a blessing that is! It truly takes a village to raise a child, and we are grateful that families choose to share their children with us." The Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Program is currently full, but has a waiting list for all eligible children. To see more pictures from this summer, or for more information visit www.kawnation.com/ccdf, or call us at 580-362-4114.

*Submitted by Sara Bell
CCDF Director*

JOM kids grow on youth leadership day



One important goal of the Johnson O'Malley program is to give our students a foundation in Native American culture.

We teach our young students about their heritage. This summer's cultural club was implemented at the Kaw Nation Child Care Development Fund.

We were able to teach the students various tribal nations' stories, pottery making and give them a basic understanding of the Kaw Nation government and tribal seal.

We believe the younger you start teaching children about their Native American culture, the more likely they are to hold onto it and use it to aid their success through their lives.

Our older students traveled to the Otoe-Missouria tribal headquarters for Intertribal Fun Day to compete in various games against the seven sur-

rounding tribes.

We had a great time of fellowship and the students proved the Kaws were a force to be reckoned with!

We also attended the fourth annual Native American Leadership Day hosted by Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, OK.

The students learned about scholarship opportunities and many career paths.

The students also did a great job representing Kaw Nation in the first ever Intertribal Challenge Bowl.

Although we did not bring home the trophy, the students studied hard and were knowledgeable about the surrounding tribes' languages, governments and cultures.

We are confident we will bring home the gold next year.

Another exciting event was our first overnight camp hosted by Kaw Nation Injury Preven-

tion.

The students got to interact with students from other tribes and participate in workshops covering topics like education, emergency management, self-esteem, goal building and domestic violence/teen dating.

However, it wasn't all work.

The kids enjoyed activities like social stick ball, capture the flag, volleyball and swimming.

Overall, the summer was a success!

Thanks to all the parents and various programs that join to help achieve these goals, our students will be the most fruitful investment.

Back to School

Johnson O'Malley passed out school supply vouchers to eligible Native American students in the Kaw Nation service area.

The students were able to get balloons, prizes and snacks if

they came with their parents.

We enjoyed seeing the smiling faces of the students getting ready for school.

The school clothing gift card disbursement was a success this year.

Hundreds of Kaw children will head to school in style.

Don't forget to turn your receipts in to the Kaw Nation Education Department at P.O. Box 50, Kaw City, OK 74641.

We hope you all have a great school year.

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New approach as child rearing costs soar

*In loving memory
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A recent report issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture titled "Expenditures on Children and Families" has revealed the costs of raising children, from birth to age 18, is now nearly a quarter-million dollars.

The report released, on August 18, 2014, shows an increase of an average of 25 percent since the USDA initially began compiling data in 1960.

More than 50 years ago, the cost of rearing one child was approximately \$25,000 for middle-income families. (Using today's value of the US dollar, the amount is equivalent to \$198,560.)

Based on this year's economic figures, one child will cost an estimated \$245,340 to raise from birth to age 18.

In other words, the yearly amount of raising a child is approximately \$13,630, with the average monthly amount to \$1,135.

The expenses used to estimate child rearing costs were limited to housing, food expenses, transportation, clothing, health care, child care and miscellaneous expenses such as grooming, entertainment and school-related activities.

The Kaw Nation Child Support Services (KNCSS) program is working to ensure both parents participate in the rearing of their children, not only economically but also by providing identity, familial relationships and emotional support.

KNCSS focuses on four primary areas: establishment of

paternity, establishment of child support, enforcement of child support orders and modification of child support.

According to KNCSS Director Aimee Turner, both the state of Oklahoma and the Kaw Nation child support guidelines provide a minimum amount of support for one child at \$222.50 per month for the non-custodial parent.

If both parties were contributing equally, the total amount of monthly support for a single child would be \$445, or \$5,340 annually. This figure is based on both parties earning minimum wage.

"Children reared by parents who earn minimum wage are



receiving \$8,000 less than the average child costs to raise," she said.

"The additional costs have to be recouped somewhere and often times it is from public assistance," Turner said. "Studies also show a child raised in poverty has a higher chance of living in poverty as an adult. These same studies indicate children raised in poverty are more likely to suffer emotional trauma, criminal activity, substance abuse and depression. This vicious cycle of poverty must

stop somewhere. Our children are our most valuable assets."

KNCSS is working toward making tribal families stronger and more economically sound.

The nation has recently adopted a holistic approach to working with families.

"We have adopted the goal of serving as a conduit for information related to resources that will help parents and children to be as successful as possible," Turner said.

"We have developed a resource directory, a job board and contacts for educational services to help parents expand their earning capacity. In addition, our staff has committed to working cooperatively with parties to provide direction and referrals for self-improvement."

While rearing a child is about much more than money, it is impossible to create a solid foundation without the proper financial resources.

During the last 12 months, KNCSS has collected \$322,471 in support for 227 children.

Turner said. "These amounts are exceptional for a program our size, however we can do more. True parenting is not limited to paying the minimum amount of child support and attempting to walk away with a great sense of accomplishment. We must set our priorities and work together to build a solid foundation for our children."

For more information about child support services, contact KNCSS at (580) 765-9952.

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Icehouse opens in Kaw City

Kaw Nation installed an icehouse at the west end of the headquarters in Kaw City on July 8. This allows people convenient 24-hour access to pick up ice. People quickly grew fond of the new installment. Kaw Nation Emergency Manager Jerry Evans, who served as the project manager, received a notification on the first night after it opened that the icehouse had run out of water. People can drive through from Grandview Drive for ice. The icehouse produces 16-pound and 20-pound bags of ice. Credit card and cash payments are accepted. The icehouse was obtained using Indian Community Development Block Grant funding.

Coleman cooks for cause

Kaw Nation Police Chief Tony Coleman cooks corn dogs during a cook-off in Ponca City on June 27 to benefit the Dearing House, a child advocacy center. Coleman and Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program Advocate Whitney LeGrand were members of a team in the event. Several teams cooked and prepared side dishes and desserts in the cook-off. The event raised \$1,300 for the Dearing House.