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# KANZA

## TO ACCEPT THE CROWN

The Kanza people gathered for the Kaw Powwow Oct. 3 to 5, finding the warmth of the arena as they waited until Sunday to feel heat in the air.

Casey Horinek received the princess crown from her cousin, MatheAnna Williams, who is close kin to her and held the reign two of the past three years.

“She’s more like my sister,” Horinek said. “It’s really not that different since we’ve been playing princess since we were really little. It was really a nice moment to have that moment with my sister. I really didn’t think any of this would be happening. I didn’t know that I would be princess of so many different things. It was all my grandma’s grand plan.”

Horinek has also been the Tonkawa Tribe Princess and Standing Bear Powwow Princess.

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# Veal retires after 11 years at Kanza Health Clinic



As Dr. Dona Veal prepares to hang up her stethoscope for the last time, the Kanza Health Clinic celebrated her work on Dec. 17.

Kaw Nation Health and Human Services Director Jackie Dodson presented Veal a plaque of recognition thanking her for 11 years of service.

"We want to present you this for your loyalty and treatment of our patients. You will be missed," Dodson said.

Veal tearfully accepted the token of gratitude.

"When I was in medical school, I was asked what I wanted as a doctor. I said that

when I retire I want to feel that I had been a good doctor. By coming here, you made me feel that," she said.

More than 20 patients visited to show their appreciation.

John Grace, who had received her care since she started at the clinic and sometimes called her for medical advice, praised her service.

"She's a good doctor. I have mixed emotions. I hate to see her go, but she's going out with what she deserves," he said.

Veal has spent 30 years as a physician since finishing medical school at the University

of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Before joining the clinic, she was a doctor for Conoco. After being laid off, she filled in at the clinic. Before long, she was hired full-time.

Being the only doctor at the Kanza Health Clinic for 10 of her 11 years, Veal developed relationships with many patients.

She recounted how one boy for whom she cared was five years old when she began at the clinic and is now driving.

"It was kind of nice being a solo physician. I could make my own decisions. But help is

nice. I reached the point where I couldn't do it alone and I needed help," she said.

Patients felt the bond.

"They love her. They love her to pieces. The staff loves her, too," Dodson said.

Veal's last day will be Dec. 24. She does not currently have plans to give assistance in the medical field after she retires.

Dr. Anita Patel, who has served three days per week with the clinic since the spring of 2014, will be full-time as the primary care physician.

Dr. Wilber Williams, who currently is in Sisseton, S.D., will arrive on March 16.

## Seeking Boys and Girls State participants

Braman American Legion Post 259 is looking for Kaw teenagers who are interested in representing Kaw Nation at Boys State and Girls State. Post 259 has sponsored Kaw participants at Boys State in the past, including Brice Murray and Dewey Donelson in 2013.

This is a great opportunity for high school students to learn about government.

They will learn public speaking, run for office, engage in model government and practice the implementation of state and

local government.

Also, participating in Boys or Girls State boosts a student's college applications.

The American Legion sponsors Boys and Girls State. Post 259 and its ladies auxiliary will cover costs for the youth who attend the event.

If you are interested, contact Post 259's Marv Sandbek at (580) 385-2121 or minnesotamarv@yahoo.com.



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# Huch, Kekahbah win in run-off election



Photos clockwise from top left (left to right): Chairwoman Elaine Huch takes the oath of office as Kat Jones holds the Bible and Kaw Nation Supreme Court Justice C. Steven Hager swears Huch in. Tribal Council Member Erin Kekahbah takes the oath of office as Tribal Court Clerk holds the Bible and Hager swears her in. Tribal Council Member Gena Warren presents Kekahbah with a blanket. Mary Butler presents Huch with a blanket.

Chairwoman Elaine Huch and Tribal Council Member Erin Kekahbah were sworn into office at the Kaw City headquarters on Nov. 5. Huch edged three-term incumbent Guy Munroe by two votes to win a run-off, 133-131.

"I would like to thank all of you for your support," she said after the ceremony. "I would also like to thank Guy Munroe for his more than 10 years of service."

Huch was the Tribal Council

secretary from 2012 to 2014 before being elected to lead Kaw Nation.

Kekahbah won her run-off against Clark Pepper 143-119 for a second term on the Tribal Council. She was first elected in a special election in 2011.

Kekahbah is the second Tribal Council member to be reelected after the 2011 Constitution, which states Tribal Council members may serve two consecutive terms before waiting two years to run again.

Vote Count-Oct. 19 Run-off  
Chair

**Elaine Huch**  
Guy Munroe  
Tribal Council Member

**133**  
131

**Erin Kekahbah**  
Clark Pepper  
Bold type indicates the winner.

**143**  
119



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## Coons named Oklahoma Coach of the Year



Brandon Coons, a Kaw tribal member, enjoys tremendous success as the head coach of Tulsa Union High School's ninth grade football teams.

He was named Coach of the Year by the Oklahoma Coaches Association in 2013 and 2014.

Coons holds a career record of 113-13. He has spent eight years coaching for Tulsa Union and has won 10 of 14 Frontier Valley Conference championships.

Coons, who is the son of Terry Pepper and the grandson of Alfred Pepper, coaches a red team and white team for Tulsa Union, holding rosters that total 100 players. He's also the coordinator for Tulsa Union's eighth grade team, which also has two teams, white and silver.

Coons also teaches history at Tulsa Union.

## Pink Heals truck visits Kanza Health Clinic



Travis Harris (left) looks on as Lisa Rose (right) signs the Pink Heals truck.

The Pink Heals fire truck of the Northern Oklahoma Chapter of the Guardians of the Ribbon visited the Kanza Health Clinic on Dec. 19 during a mammogram clinic. People had the chance to sign the truck, which has collected more than 1,000 signatures since it was commissioned in this capacity in September 2013.

"This means a lot," said Kildare Fire Chief Travis Harris, who drove the truck. "Wearing the pink suit is awe-inspiring."

The truck was named Hope after Hope Dollarhide, a 13-year-old girl from Blackwell who died of cancer.

Guardians of the Ribbon brings the truck to home visits to cancer patients, who receive a rose and can sign the truck.

This truck was used in the response to the Alfred Murrah building bombing in Oklahoma City in 1995. Harris recalled meeting the man who drove the truck in the response effort at a pink-out at a football game in Blanchard, Okla.

The Northern Oklahoma chapter of the Guardians of the Ribbon is based in Kay County.

# NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL CITIZENS

## QUARTERLY GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015 • 10 a.m. to noon

Community Building

Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds

Lunch will be served for those in attendance

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# KNED named a Keep Oklahoma Beautiful award finalist



**Skyler Mathews and KNED Director Dr. Dejene Alemayehu**

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department reached the finals for a Keep Oklahoma Beautiful award for its Beaver Creek Wetland outreach program for a second consecutive year.

KNED was nominated under the tribal government category for its educational outreach, but was once again defeated by a large nation's cleanup effort.

At the Keep Oklahoma Beautiful awards on Nov. 20 at the Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City, the Choctaw Nation Green Team won for its Labor Day pickup.

Since 2011, the department has brought classes of middle school age children from area schools to the wetland east of Kaw City to teach them about its role in the ecosystem.

This May, KNED brought classes from Blackwell Middle School, Braman School, Shidler Middle School and Newkirk Middle School to the wetland. Students participated in plant identification, water sampling and soil study activities.

They also explored the wetland while learning about its roles in water storage and

filtration, nutrient cycling, sediment trapping and flood control.

Beaver Creek Wetland is the only wetland in the north central Oklahoma. KNED maintains the wetland throughout the year by performing prescribed burns, mowing grass and monitoring water quality in Beaver Creek.

## Wind turbines set to be erected near wellness center



Delta Engineering sets concrete for the wind turbine's foundation near the Kanza Nation complex in Newkirk on Nov. 13. Delta completed the foundation for the turbine on the west end of the Kaw City headquarters Nov. 24. Delta will post the turbines this winter. The purchase power agreement is with Kay Electric Cooperative. Both turbines generate 10 kilowatts.

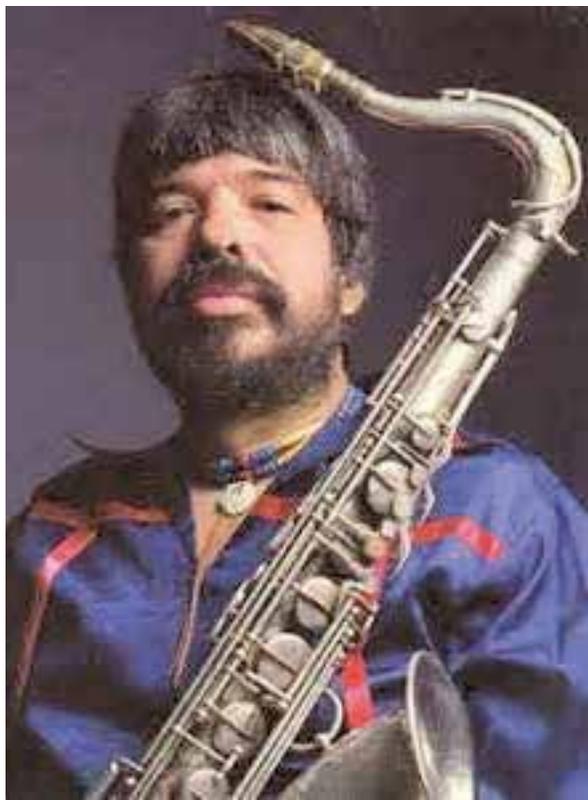
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## KNPD teaches DARE at Kildare Elementary School



Kaw Nation Police Department Officer Derek Payne hands a Kildare Elementary School student Darren the Lion, the DARE (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education) mascot, during his first DARE class taught at Kildare on Oct. 7. DARE is the national program coordinated by police departments to teach children about resisting drug abuse.

# Remembering Pepper's musical legacy



Sometimes innovators come at the right time for an invention. About 50 years ago, the late Kaw saxophonist Jim Pepper helped create the jazz fusion subgenre with his intensely unique style.

Pepper, who died in 1992 at age 50, played from 1965 to 1968 with guitarist Larry Coryell, drummer Bob Moses and Chris Hillis as The Free Spirits, which is credited as the first fusion jazz band in "Unknown Legends of Rock 'n' Roll" by Richie Unterberger. Pepper and Coryell debuted the band four years before Miles Davis released his persuasive fusion album "B----s Brew."

Davis and others who followed in playing jazz fusion attended the clubs where The Free Spirits played.

"We were jazz musicians for sure. We designed our music not just to please ourselves. There were elements of rock and roll," Coryell said.

The Free Spirits also used blues, American Indian and East Indian music in their play. In some instances, the band used a sitar.

Coryell noted that John Coltrane, who influenced Pepper, encouraged jazz musicians to incorporate East Indian music by his example.

Coryell added that The Free Spirits thought nothing of mixing styles.

"I was interested in developing as a virtuoso. We wanted to incorporate different things. We felt we had to do it. We wanted to do something different

while taking a jazz foundation," he said.

Fusion had become necessary not only for The Free Spirits, but for the future of jazz. The genre lost popularity in the early 1960s with the rise of rock and pop. Before jazz fusion arrived, jazz and rock lived in separate universes and never touched.

From The Free Spirits and, later, the broader exposure of Davis' dive into jazz fusion came the subgenre's movement, which has taken different turns since then such as jazz electronica.

Coryell recalled Pepper as being upbeat, intelligent and willing to share what he knew. When he first heard Pepper, his sound was at the very top of avant-garde, like nothing else he had ever heard.

"The way he played was abstract and emotional and, at the same time, original and passionate," Coryell said. "He did all different styles and played them all great."

Reviewing Pepper's first solo album, "Pepper's Powwow," which he released in 1971, All Music Guide's Thom Juric described him as "an enigma for some, a profoundly original player for others, and criminally unknown by most, even those in the jazz listening community."

Yet, Pepper's innovative style opened the

door for the fusion jazz subgenre, while bringing Native American sounds to the mainstream listener.

Saxophonist Ornette Coleman and trumpeter Don Cherry encouraged Pepper to incorporate his Native American heritage into his music.

In the late 1960s, he wrote "Witchi Tai To," which combined jazz, rock and Native American elements. Pepper learned the peyote song on which "Witchi Tai To" was based from his Kaw grandfather, Ralph. As noted by Hugh Foley in the "Oklahoma Music Guide," this peyote chant was used when water was brought to the tipi at midnight or dawn. "Witchi Tai To" uses Native American Church imagery, like water spirits, and stylings, such as vocables, prayers and Native language.

Ralph Pepper, a peyote road man, which is a Native American Church priest, taught Jim peyote songs, singing these songs to him every summer during Jim's youth when he stayed at Ralph's home. Pepper's father, Gilbert, also taught him peyote songs.

The peyote songs were not of Kaw origin, but came from southern Oklahoma tribes. The peyote tradition started in Mexico before moving north.

"Witchi Tai To" was first released as a single with Everything Is Everything, which was formed with a couple

members of The Free Spirits after Coryell left, in 1969.

Pepper released extended renditions of it in "Pepper's Powwow" and his 1983 album "Comings and Goings."

"Witchi Tai To" earned five weeks on the Billboard U.S. Hot 100 chart and peaked at No. 69.

The song is the most prominent mainstream use of Native American music.

Other artists, such as classical musician Louis Ballard and guitarist Jesse Ed Davis, incorporated Native themes into their music.

However, as Foley said, no other popular musician used Native music in mainstream songs.

"It's not until Jim Pepper and not since then that anything like Native American music has been used in popular music that's actually popular," he said.

Numerous covers of the song have been performed. Earlier this year, a rap rendition of the song by Shaddowzye and Pepper's widow, Caren Knight Pepper, including clips of the original won a Native American Music Award.

"I have people coming up to me today telling me that because of Jim Pepper, they learned Indian songs," Coryell said.

Juric called it "the first recorded articulation for the majority of Americans, even if they didn't hear it."

# Russell depicts Kaw figures in portraits

Cindy Russell has transformed Kaw figures from the past and present in her artwork.

Russell has made portraits of significant people in Kaw history. She has painted portraits of Chief Washunga, Louis Pappan and Maude McCauley.

"I just want to depict the elders in portraits. It's a keepsake for our memories," she said.

Russell created childhood watercolor depictions of Storm Brave in deep blue and Colt Donelson against a frontier sky with a bear, an eagle and buffalo in the background.

Russell, who is self-taught and began painting portraits in the 1970s, has worked with watercolor, oil pastel and oil painting.

Other works of hers include majestic portraits of eagles, an oil pastel called "Charging Buffalo" where the beast proudly thunders forward amid clouds and lightning, and a watercolor portrait titled "My Country" of a medicine man with his face lit yellow and red wearing a head covering with an eagle and a flag symbol streaming from left to right behind the eagle. Her favorite thing is taking pictures of people and turning the image into a watercolor or oil pastel portrait.

Currently, she is working on a portrait of the Council House near Washunga Bay, which will include a few surprises.

She also plans to create portraits of past Kaw chiefs other than Washunga and chairpersons.

Russell, who has lived since 1974 in Kaw City, where she raised two children, created eight paintings of mayors and prominent Kaw City citizens, which hang in the city office.

She also has work on display in the Ponca City and Pawnee hospitals.

Russell comes from the Pappan family. Her great-grandmother was Susan Pappan, who married Frank Lessert, Sr.



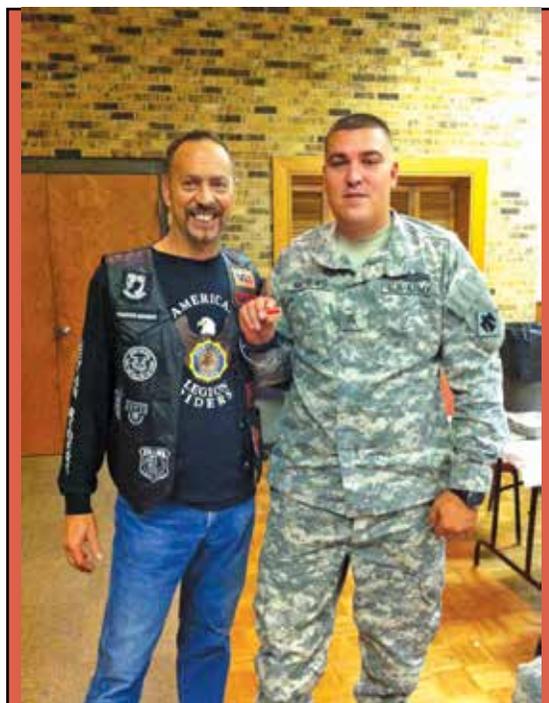
Chief Washunga



Louis Pappan



Maude McCauley Rowe



## KEDA joins with Legion Riders on Post 14 Christmas party

The Kaw Enterprise Development Authority partnered with the American Legion Riders to put on the American Legion Post 14 Christmas Party in Ponca City on Dec. 14. "We wanted to do something to appreciate the 45th Division since it's local and we have tribal members who served in it," said KEDA Public Relations Director Ken Lutrell.

During the dinner, Skyler Mathews received the Presidential Unit Citation, which is awarded to a combat unit for exemplary service.

# Remembering love shouldn't hurt

Kaw Nation justice programs participated in the third annual Six Nations Walking Together Against Domestic Violence event on Oct. 17 at Pioneer Park in Ponca City.

Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program Coordinator Whitney LeGrand and Tribal Government Coordinator Dawn Rowe spoke at the event.

While thanking tribal councils for supporting domestic violence programs, Rowe spoke about Kaw Nation's holistic approach to domestic violence and the origin of the walk.

"Our tribes are so close together and we consider each other collaborative partners. We speak to each other on a daily basis. Our whole goal



is to never turn a victim of domestic violence away. They should never have to hear, 'We can't help you.' That's why we keep this network going. We just want to spread awareness

that there are programs to help you," she said.

The walk, which had 214 participants, went around Pioneer Park.

The Kaw Nation Police De-

partment helped marshal the walk.

Also representing the nation was Kaw Nation Princess Casey Horinek. The princesses from the nations placed honor shawls on seats near the lectern in honor of those who couldn't be there.

Behind the lectern stood silent witness, red silhouettes with stories of domestic violence victims.

Corey Spottedbear was the keynote speaker.

At the end of his speech, he posed the question to the audience, "When you raise your kids, remember,

do you want your daughter to grow up and think it's okay to get beat or do you want your son to think it's okay to hurt his wife or his girlfriend?"



The Kaw Nation calendar will not be printed this year. The Kanza Museum apologizes to all of the tribal members who have enjoyed receiving the calendar for the past five years.

# SouthWind Energy signs with SEPCO



Left to right: SouthWind Energy Project Coordinator Doug Johnston, Kaw Enterprise Development Authority Deputy Director Jason Cole and Sales Director Jason Murray

SouthWind Energy, LLC, a Kaw Enterprise Development Authority (KEDA) entity signed a teaming agreement with SEPCO, an innovator in solar-powered lighting and systems in November. Under the teaming agreement, SouthWind Energy will be an exclusive provider of SEPCO's leading line of solar products in Oklahoma, including the 38 federally-recognized tribes within the state.

SouthWind Energy (SWE) started in 2012 to bring wind turbine projects to tribal land, while providing a renewable, clean energy source.

"As tribal members, it is our responsibility to be good stewards of the land. SouthWind Energy is our way of doing that," says Sales Director Jason Murray.

Since then, SouthWind Energy has researched solar power and inserted solar lighting in a number of projects, including casino parking lots, tribal police shooting ranges and wireless security systems, such as the one located at Lake Ponca in Ponca City, Okla.

SouthWind Energy employees traveled to SEPCO

in October to meet with the owner and corporate employees. While there, SWE staff received training on technical solar applications, installation procedures and basic sales strategies that have made SEPCO successful for more than 20 years.

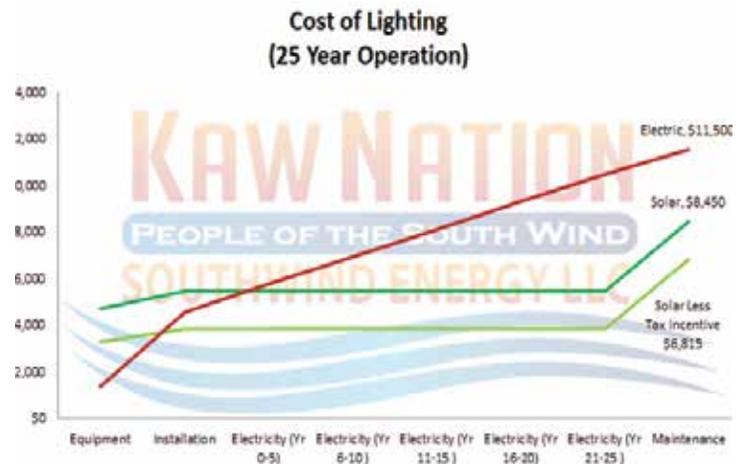
SEPCO is considered one of the leading manufacturers in commercial solar lighting and remote solar powered systems. In 1992, owner Steve Robbins patented the first solar street light. Located in Stuart, Fla., SEPCO designs and manufactures American-made solar systems intended for commercial and government projects.

Moving forward, SouthWind Energy expects to have their solar projects increase throughout the state and Indian Country.

Murray says, "We are at a great time for solar power now. The technology continues to get better and the federal government has made it attractive for businesses with 30 percent tax credits available. The sleek designs we can offer through SEPCO will change people's perception of solar."



Solar lights provided by SouthWind Energy light the SouthWind Casino Braman parking lot.



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## Powwow from Page 1



"It's equally special as those other ones. It's another amazing title that I get to go through," she said.

Horinek added that she grew from those experiences.

"Now I know what I'm supposed to do, so now I know what to do whenever I get time," she said.

Robert Allen reflected on the Kaw Powwow after having also been the Head Man at the Washunga Days Powwow in Council Grove.

"It's the same because of the circle and the drum, the singers and the dancers. We lived there, died there and were buried there. We celebrate our ancestors. We give thanks to our creator," he said.

The flag flew in honor of Sonny Holloway on Friday, William Louis Pappan on Saturday, and Jack Ben-

brook on Sunday.

"It was just last year that I was standing at that flag pole with Sonny," Johnny Pappan recalled of his cousin, who died last November at age 89.

Tribal members commemorated Holloway in a memorial before the veteran's lunch on Friday.

On Saturday, Lieb spoke about songwriting.

"Years ago, my uncle, Harry Buffalohead, told me, 'Maybe you're not even trying to compose a song and a tune will come to you and the words will follow.' That's something that some singers are gifted with. Sometimes singers are asked to write a song, and we oblige only because of respect of those who are asking," he said.

## Powwow dance contest winners

### Tiny Tots (winner take all)

Boys-Nathan White  
Girls-Candeline Toehay

### Junior Girls' Cloth

3rd-Katelyn Begs His Own,  
Ponca

2nd-Lexia Kent, Ponca

1st-Kailynn Belcher, Ponca/  
Otoe/Creek

### Junior Girls' Buckskin

3rd-Xeneca LeClair, Otoe  
2nd-Whitney Sage, Otoe/Co-  
manche

1st-Alissa Hamilton, Osage/  
Ponca

### Junior Girls' Fancy Shawl/ Jingle

3rd-Rose Goodeagle, Osage  
2nd-Catherine Sage, Otoe/  
Osage/Comanche

1st-Cresencia Two-Hatchet,  
Kiowa/Comanche/Sioux

### Junior Boys' Straight

3rd-Joseph Good Fox, Osage/  
Pawnee

2nd-Izaiah Sentel, Cherokee/  
Otoe/Pawnee

1st-Brylen Whiteshirt, Osage/  
Pawnee

### Junior Boys Traditional/ Grass

2nd-Mult Jultheen, Choctaw

1st-Wesley Littlecook, Ponca

### Junior Boys' Fancy

2nd-Xavier Toehay, Kiowa/  
Osage

1st-Randee Goodeagle, Osage/  
Iowa

### Women's Golden Age

3rd-Casey Camp-Horinek,  
Ponca

2nd-Linda LaZelle, Osage

1st-Carolyn Little-Axe Sading-  
er, Absentee Shawnee

### Women's Buckskin

3rd-Louisse No Braid, Three  
Affiliated Oglala

2nd-Jamie Whiteshirt, Osage

1st-Jewell Horinek, Ponca/Co-  
manche

### Women's Fancy Shawl and Jingle

3rd-Oke-Tu Roberts, Choctaw

2nd-Rowena Roberts, Nakoda

1st-T'ata Roberts, Choctaw,  
Taos Pueblo

### Women's Cloth

3rd-Chalene Toehay, Kiowa/  
Osage

2nd-Angela Howe, Ponca/  
Omaha

1st-Blake Cunningham, Otoe/  
Osage

### Men's Golden Age

3rd-Darrell Moore, Pawnee/  
Otoe

2nd-Ed Black, Jr., Cheyenne/  
Arapaho

1st-Howard Todome, Jr., Co-  
manche Kiowa

### Men's Traditional/Grass

3rd-Donnie Grant, Otoe/Ponca

2nd-Marty Thurman, Sac &  
Fox/Comanche

1st-Sidrick Baker, Jr., Hidatsu/  
Cree

### Men's Straight

3rd-Anthony Kemble, Osage/  
Ponca

2nd-Charlie Steeprock, Ponca/  
Navajo

1st-Talen Rey Satepauhoodle,  
Kiowa/Osage

### Men's Fancy

3rd-Jeff McClellan, Sac & Fox;

2nd-Gideon Goodeagle, Osage;  
1st-George Alexander, Otoe/  
Iowa



**Tiny Tots**



**Junior Girls' Buckskin**



**Junior Girls' Cloth**



**Junior Girls' Fancy Shawl and Jingle**



**Junior Boys' Straight**



**Junior Boys' Fancy**



**Junior Boys' Traditional and Grass**



**Women's Cloth**



**Women's Buckskin**



**Women's Fancy Shawl and Jingle**



**Women's Golden Age**



**Men's Fancy**



**Men's Straight**



**Men's Traditional and Grass**



**Men's Golden Age**

# Parks shares 'Darkest Period' with Kanza people

Ron Parks gave an impassioned presentation of his book "The Darkest Period: The Kanza Indians and their Last Homeland, 1846-1873" at the General Council meeting on Oct. 5 at the Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds. He received the Prairie Heritage Book Award and the Louise Barry Writing Award for the book.

"There was a real obligation on my part to do thorough research, that this book, 'The Darkest Period,' held up to scrutiny from scholars and explore every possible source of information to make sure it would do that. ... But this story had to have a heart. This story had to have the stuff of human beings, human nature and oftentimes human inhumanity to their fellow people," he said. "I wanted to tell the story of the Kanza people as best as the historical documentation could bring their story to the surface so that we could see the story of your ancestors and not let them be a caricature of another stereotype. Any time I had an opportunity to quote the Kanza where they showed what they really thought and felt, even though it was filtered through translators, that's what I tried to incorporate in the book as much as possible. Any time there was an Anglo-American observer who could drop the racism and see the Kanza as human beings, I honed in on that."

Parks acknowledged the support he received from Kaw Nation and assistance from various employees and tribal members.

"One thing I knew going in was there was no way I could write this book with-



out the support of Kaw Nation," he said.

Parks discussed the long process of publishing the book. He wasn't sure if he could get it published, but was told to submit to a university publisher. The University of Oklahoma Press read it and found it interesting. Scholars and committees from

*"This story had to have the stuff of human beings, human nature and oftentimes human inhumanity to their fellow people."--Ron Parks*

the university press reviewed it.

Parks has researched Kanza history for more than 20 years. He was the assistant director of research for the Kansas State Historical Society and served as the director of the Kaw Mission. While at the Kaw Mission, he wrote the play "Voices of the Wind People," which the Kanza people and Council Grove residents have performed jointly every other year since 1992.

"The highlight of everything I've accomplished in my career is the fact that the Kaw Nation extended its hand in friendship to me and the people of Council Grove on the Voices of the Wind People," he said.

During an interview after the General Council meeting, Parks said that he used some oral history for the book, including a story from the "Kanza Reader" about the battle between the Kanza and the Cheyenne.

He said that he had only researched Kanza history for one-and-a-half years before writing the original manuscript for Voices of the Wind and that research for the book might lead him to revisit parts of the play.

"I think I would rework the final scene with [Secretary of Interior William] Delano since I've really had a chance to get into the documents. I would tone down his language," he said.

Parks acknowledged from the beginning that distance would be an issue for the Kanza people, preventing them from taking part in many rehearsals and forcing him to write the play with that in mind.

"It's very difficult to infuse complexity because of the lack of rehearsal time. I want to make this clear—in no way is this criticism, but I had to take that fact into account when I wrote this," he said.

He stated that his work related to Kaw Nation is coming to an end as he researches other topics, saying that he hopes others pick up where he left off.

## Second SouthWind Casino Braman building on its way



John Irving of Blue Sky Construction sets a piece for the frame of the roof of the second SouthWind Casino Braman building on Nov. 26. The unit is expected to be complete in March. This casino will feature 275 games, table games and a cafe.

The third SouthWind Casino building is tentatively projected to be built in the next couple years. The timetable is tied to revenue collected at the first two casino buildings.

Kansas Paving began work on a road to the east of the Kanza Travel Plaza that will become the main entrance for the casino. Additional parking is also in the works, making this entrance more convenient and lessening encounters with traffic at the travel plaza.



# PRESERVE PROTECT & IMPROVE

## Improving air quality monitoring

Cherokee Nation environmental specialists performed an audit on the Kaw Nation Environmental Department's air quality monitor in Braman near Interstate Highway 35 on Oct. 15.

Cherokee Nation performs technical assistance as well as quarterly audits for KNED's air quality.

The Cherokee Nation crew helped KNED clean the air quality monitor, which collects debris from the SouthWind Casino Braman construction.

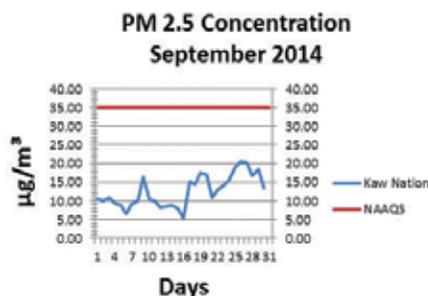
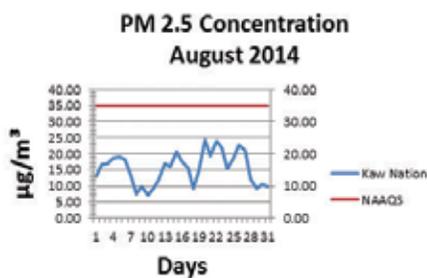
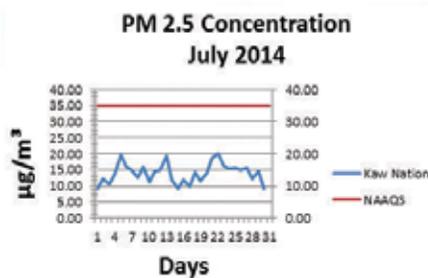
However, the construction doesn't prevent the monitor from

gathering good readings.

Also, the Cherokee Nation crew set up a wind sensor and wind speed sensor to test the wind reading by the monitor.

KNED measures particulate matter (PM) 2.5 from the air quality monitor and compiles data monthly.

Below are charts measuring Kaw Nation air quality (in cubic micrograms) against the National Ambient Air Quality Standards. The NAAQS level for 24-hour averages is 35 cubic micrograms.



## Radon kits available

The KNED supplies radon testing kits to tribal members for free. The winter months are the best for radon testing.

Radon is a colorless chemically-unreactive inert gas that penetrates many common materials like paper, leather, low-density plastic like plastic bags, most paints and building materials, wood paneling and most insulations.

Homes in which people smoke are particularly vulnerable to radon.

Radon raises the risk of cancer.

To obtain a kit, call the KNED at (580) 269-1203.

# KNCSS works to raise up children

On any given day at the Kaw Nation Child Support office in Ponca City, the staff can be found reviewing files, calculating child support and arrears, as well as searching for missing parents.

There are few accolades in the field of child support enforcement but, as KNCSS Director Aimee Turner says, “the work comes with its own rewards.”

“We have the knowledge that we are helping families to succeed. More specifically, we are helping tribal children be on an equal footing with their non-Native counterparts,” she said.

According to Turner, the four-member staff processes approximately 145 child support cases per month and ensures more than 220 children receive the court-ordered

support to which they are entitled.

In 2013, KNCSS collected more than \$208,000 in child support and is on target to exceed that amount by more than \$100,000 this year.

This means that on average, KNCSS collects nearly \$20,000 per month for tribal families.

KNCSS has also extended its services to the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, the Tonkawa Tribe and the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma via memoranda of agreement.

The Kaw Nation is providing services where previously none were available within these



neighboring sovereigns, Turner said. The program also provides services to Native families involved in state court actions within Kay, Lincoln, Payne and Noble Coun-

ties. Child support actions may be initiated in tribal court, Oklahoma district courts, or Department of Human Services administrative courts, Turner said.

Parties who wish to be served by tribal child support specialists may submit an application with the Kaw Nation Child Support Services office.

As a federally-funded program, KNCSS is primarily re-

sponsible for establishing child support, establishing paternity, enforcement of court-ordered child support and modification of support orders.

KNCSS staff members have also adopted a holistic approach to assist families in identifying other valuable resources.

“We pride ourselves in helping tribal families reach their full potential,” Turner said. “Sometimes families just don’t know where to turn. We can provide resources that may be able to assist them.”

For more information about Kaw Nation Child Support Services, contact (580) 765-9952 or visit [www.kawnation.com](http://www.kawnation.com) to download an application.

*Submitted by  
Aimee Turner  
KNCSS Director*

## KNCSS talks back

*Q: What if my employer threatens to fire me because of a wage assignment?*

A: It is illegal for any employer to discriminate, retaliate, or fire an employee because of the existence of a wage assignment.

If you believe your employer is discriminating against you or let you go only because of the wage assignment, talk to a lawyer.

*0Q: Can I discharge the back child support I owe in bankruptcy?*

A: No. Back child support cannot be canceled in a bankruptcy proceeding. No child support can be bankrupted. Once it is owed, it will always be owed, until paid. You cannot use bankruptcy to get out of having to pay your child support obligation.

## Mathews awarded Order of St. Maurice medal



The National Infantry Association bestowed on Skyler Mathews the Order of St. Maurice medal in October.

Mathews, who served in Afghanistan in 2011 and 2012, remains active as an E5 sergeant in the Infantry Combat Brigade team.

“He silently goes about his business and every time you see him, he’s helping someone,” said American Legion Post 259 Member Marv Sandbek.

The Order of St. Maurice is bestowed upon NIA members who serve their infantry with distinction and have made a significant contribution to it.

To receive the medal, an infantry member must uphold the highest standards of integrity, moral character, professional competence and dedication to duty.

The medal dates back to the Roman Empire. In 287, Maurice, who was Primericerius of the Theban Region, was ordered to kill civilians and offer pagan sacrifices. He refused, and the general ordered that he and his men be killed.

Notable recipients include retired general and former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell and former Army Chief of Staff Edward Meyer.

# Pritchard marks Fool Chief Village's place



H. Leroy Pritchard felt he needed to honor the Kanza people, whose Rock Creek band had once occupied the area where he lived west of Dunlap, Kan., until two years ago.

To recognize their Fool Chief Village's one-time presence on his family's land, he erected a historical marker.

"In the fall of 2012, we sold the family farm to my sister, Naomi Wingert. This farm is located on part of the former Kaw reservation west of Dunlap. But who remembers anything about the history of the Kanza Indians of this area? So, we decided it was important to preserve some of the history by preparing several informational plaques about some of the Kanza people who lived there," he explained.

In 1861, Kanza people were allotted 40 acres of land each. Hleahwahti was allotted the land where Wingert's farm sits.

Across the road to the north was Fool Chief the Younger's (Kahegawahtianguas) land. To the west was land allotted to the chief's wife, Hehrojame. Nunjasahgo had land to the south.

In 1883, 10 years after the Kanza people were removed from their Kansas reservation, the Nichols family purchased the land.

Wilbur and Mabel Pritchard purchased the land from them in 1941.

The Pritchard family had a connection to the Kanza reservation. Margaret Morgan, who taught at the Quaker Indian School near the Indian Agency on lower Big John Creek, Morgan married Caleb Pritchard in 1879.

Caleb's oldest child, John Benjamin Pritchard, was Leroy's grandfather.

To some extent, Fool Chief the Younger was greater than his title. In Ron Parks' "The Darkest Period," settler James McClure, who acted as a mediator between the whites and the Kanza, tried to befriend the leader of the Rock Creek band.

McClure saw him as aloof, yet proud and esteemed. As McClure observed, the Kanza regarded Fool Chief the Younger as a brave warrior and great hunter. They admired his mental and physical qualities. Fool Chief the Younger agreed to give up his chieftom after shooting a man to death after the man stabbed him.

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## Virtual museum app in the works

The Kaw Nation has been awarded a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to create a virtual museum for the Kaw Nation Museum and specialized smartphone application for tribal members.

Kanza Museum Director Crystal Douglas and Kaw Language Director David Kaufman will work together to jointly use this funding to create three online exhibits linked directly to the Kaw Nation website that will focus on the story of the Kanza people while sharing examples of tribal culture.

The first virtual exhibit will be of the Kanza Timeline, discussing the history of the Kanza people from the 19th century to the present.

The second exhibit will feature

tribal cultural items, songs, stories and photographs.

The third exhibit will be a language interactive feature that will promote the learning of the Kanza language.

The iPhone/iPad application will be created for tribal members only and will teach a 500-word basic vocabulary with audio, up to ten traditional songs, a video, and up to 50 historical images.

Kaufman and Douglas are working with Thornton Media on the app.

They expect this project to take 12 months total to fully implement. Pending success of this project, we hope to eventually make the application available to Android phone users as well.

## Get ready to speak Kaw this holiday season

As we approach the holidays, it's a good time to learn some Yuletide terms in Kaw. Thanksgiving is *Sika Tá<sup>n</sup>ga Há<sup>n</sup>ba* "Turkey Day." Christmas is either *Waká<sup>n</sup>da Izhi<sup>n</sup>ga Idáye* "God's Son's Birth" or *Xó<sup>n</sup>je Hu Gághe Há<sup>n</sup>ba* "Cedar Tree Preparation Day." Here is some holiday vocabulary:

**xó<sup>n</sup>je hu**  
cedar (Christmas) tree



**síka tá<sup>n</sup>ga**  
turkey  
(lit. big chicken)



**baníka**  
snowman



**sojetabé**  
ornament  
(lit. color ball)



**(má<sup>n</sup>ze)mikak'é**  
(metal) star



**ba**  
snow



Here is a Kaw winter song, sung to the tune of "Jingle Bells:"

<b>Ba húya!</b>	Let it snow!
<b>Ba húya!</b>	Let it snow!
<b>Hnía<sup>n</sup>ce a<sup>n</sup>yé.</b>	I am cold.
<b>Áshita aná<sup>n</sup>doka</b>	Outside I got my feet wet.
<b>Aná<sup>n</sup>suhu mi<sup>n</sup>khé.</b>	I'm wiping my feet off.

Audio will be on WebKanza for pronunciation practice.

*Há<sup>n</sup>ba xóbe yáli wigíko<sup>n</sup>bla!*  
Happy Holidays!

### Holiday Word Search

X	I	A	K	I	N	A	B
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U	E	O	N	A	I	I	U
Y	J	D	A	K	A	N	B
W	A	K	A	N	D	A	A

*ba* snow  
*baníka* snowman  
*dáka<sup>n</sup>* lights  
*hníce* cold  
*mikak'é* star  
*sojetabé* ornament  
*Waká<sup>n</sup>da* God  
*xó<sup>n</sup>je hu* Christmas tree

Check [kawnation.com](http://kawnation.com) for the Kaw word of the week on the home page and the weekly puzzle on the [WebKanza](http://WebKanza) main page.

The Kaw Powwow has been moved to the first weekend in August. In 2015, the dates will be August 7 to 9. Stay tuned for schedule updates.

# CCDF children get moving

September was “Let’s Move” month for the Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center. “Let’s Move” is a national initiative started by First Lady Michelle Obama to fight childhood obesity, and promote a healthier lifestyle.

The children set daily goals to increase activity, such as nature walks, practicing throwing and catching skills, making up movements, stretching exercises with yoga, etc.

On Sept. 19, the children and families loaded up on bicycles and scooters, and participated in the second annual bike-to-school event.

They were escorted by the Kaw Nation Police Department and greeted along the way by several Newkirk community members.

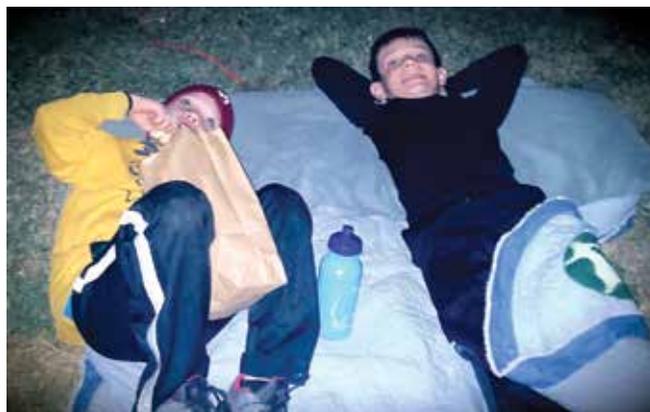
CCDF also hosted a luau for the families and invited Kanza Health Clinic Nutritionist Julie Free to share healthy eating tips and clean eating recipes with everyone.

October was a month of spooky thrills for CCDF as the KNSAEC families participated in the second annual Mallows & Movie Night. Everyone set up lawn chairs and blankets and munched on s’mores and hot cocoa while enjoying a family friendly Halloween movie outside on the big screen.

For fall break, the KNSAEC children traveled to Walter’s Pumpkin Patch in Burns, Kan., for a day of festival fun. There were mud patty stations, ropes courses, playgrounds, corn mazes, huge slides, moon bounce, petting zoos and a hayride to the giant pumpkin patch. Each child was able to pick out his or her own pumpkin, and learned about the harvesting of pumpkins and all the different species of pumpkins.

The children are moving onward with several exciting events planned, including a Thanksgiving skit in the Kaw language, Christmas caroling in Newkirk with carols translated into Kaw, and our fourth year entry in the Newkirk Christmas Parade Float Contest.

For more information on the CCDF program or to see what our KNSAEC kids are up to, visit [www.kawnation.com/ccdf](http://www.kawnation.com/ccdf).



*Submitted by  
Sara Bell*

*CCDF Director*

# WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU



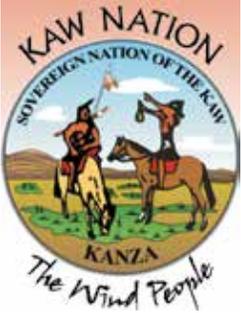
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**You may also e-mail her at [freda\\_lane@kawnation.com](mailto:freda_lane@kawnation.com).**

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## Christmas party celebrated with cheer



Kaw Nation hosted the annual tribal Christmas party on Dec. 13 at the Johnnie Ray McCauley Community Center in Newkirk.

A total of 168 tribal members and their family attended the Christmas party.

Before the dinner, gifts were awarded to children. Several adults won gift cards.

Rodney Atkinson (left) won the adult grand prize, a 40-inch LED television. In turn, Atkinson will donate the television to the senior center in Claremore, Okla.

Afterwards, kids had the chance to sit on Santa's lap and tell him their wishes.