



Kanza News

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From the desk of Jacquie Secondine Hensley, Chair

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What a great time to be a member of the Kaw Nation! It has been an exciting few months since I was sworn in as the Chair of Kaw Nation. As you all certainly know by now Kaw Gaming Incorporated (KGI), the gaming entity of the Kaw Nation just announced our partnership with Rock and Brews and KISS front men Gene Simmons and Paul Stanley for the expansion of the our Braman Casino. This project has been years in the making and will be a huge project which may take two years to complete, but it will be a development that will transform gaming in North Central Oklahoma and provide a long term economic benefit to the Kaw Nation.

As I promised in October, there have been many positive changes at Kaw Nation in the last three months. ***The most important thing in my opinion is the fact that we now have a budget that is balanced for the first time in over 12 years!*** As a comparison, last year's budget was approved with a 1.5 million dollar deficit. I believe that our new financial responsibility will allow us to increase benefits to Kaw Nation members over the next few months and into the future. In that vein the Kaw Nation recently received a settlement of \$1,093,679.35 which re-

sulted in the Tribal Council approving Resolution #16-134 which divided the Settlement money as follows: \$100,000 to Tribal Educational efforts; \$19,000 for a Tribal newsletter for 2 years; \$500,000 to Social Services and the remainder was deposited in a Certified Deposit (CD). The CD will serve as a savings account of sorts to serve as a "rainy day fund."

As I had reported earlier, I have moved employees into different jobs for the purpose of efficiency and I have combined the Finance Department and the Accounting Department. One of the personnel moves I have made is with Storm Jones. She is now the Director of Language. Storm received her Master Teacher Certification earlier this month and we are very proud of our young Tribal citizen.

I am constantly receiving calls from Kaw Nation members related regarding various issues and I want you to know that I take these calls very seriously. Many of these calls have to do with housing issues and I will be requesting much more information from our Housing Authority so we can work together to make this a good program for Kaw Nation members. Debbie Lewman, Kaw Nation Housing Director, is eager to do whatever she

can to help. Debbie attended the January General Council and spoke to Kaw Nation Citizens and answered questions. Debbie will also be attending the April General Council to answer any questions from Kaw Nation Citizens.

I have undertaken a review of all Kaw Nation Boards and Commissions to determine whether a Board or Commission is necessary and to make sure that the purpose of our Boards and Commissions is to serve Kaw Nation members. I have asked Vice-Chair Lynn Dunson to take the lead on this effort so please contact Lynn if you have any questions.

I want to tell you that the recent election cycle will certainly have some effect on the manner in which we will interact with the Federal Government. It is too early to tell how this will go but we will monitor this closely and we are poised to react quickly to changes in federal or state policy.

It is going to be an exciting year for Kaw Nation! I ask you to join with me in our efforts to grow our Nation for the benefit of our Tribal members and I hope to see you at our next General Council meeting. Let us all join together to make this a great time for Kaw Nation.

Tribal Council Inaugurations

Tribal Council Members:
Left to Right:
Tahagena Warren
Lynn Dunson
Jacque Hensley-Chair
Terry Pepper
Cheri Dunn
Cruz Maldonado
Erin KeKahbah



Left:
Lynn Dunson—Vice-Chair with Chairwoman
Hensley

Right:
Judge Gifford swearing
in Lynn Dunson as
Vice-Chair. Terry
Pepper is holding the
Bible.



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Left:
Cruz Maldonado with Chair-
Woman Hensley

Right:
Cheri Dunson



Left:
Judge Gifford swearing in Cruz
Maldonado. Terry Pepper is
holding the Bible.

Language

Hawé!
 I would like to update all of our Kaáⁿze Nikashiⁿga on what I have been doing lately here at the Kaw Nation Library and Learning Center where the Kaáⁿze Íe Department is located. I have recently finished up a beginner's course here in Kaw City, and it went very well. Presently, I have been very busy with planning and building curriculum for my immersion project and second level beginner's course that will start this month. The immersion project is something that came together rather quickly. The immersion project began early this month. I am very grateful I have students that

are very interested and parents that are very committed to the program. The immersion project targets children that are before school age. This means from birth to the age of four, although if you wanted to start before your little Kaw has even made their grand entrance into this world, coming while pregnant sounds goofy, but it's a good way to let them hear and open up their neuro pathways while even still in the womb! It would also help Ináⁿ (mom) learn to speak and play or even sing to them before they do make their arrival! I still have some spots open for the immersion project if you or someone else you know is interested. Now, I am also putting together my second



level beginner's course that will take place at the Johnny Ray Mccauley Gym in the conference room located in White Plume, Oklahoma. This particular class will pick up where my beginner's course left off. In the year 2016 this class was my largest class with nineteen students and they were all ages, toddlers to elders. I am also very excited about this class and hope I get a lot of returning students! Lastly, the registration for the Oklahoma Native Youth Language Fair in Norman, Oklahoma has begun and I am looking to recruit my "Dream Team"! Please if you know any youth interested in this competition DO NOT hesitate to call me. I am looking for ages Pre-K to high school seniors! You can email me to get more information on the competition, and I will be available to tutor and assist the participant in any way possible.

Storm Jones
 Director of Language
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 580.269.2739
 Witoⁿbe ta.

Kaáⁿze Íe, Aⁿgáye Tabe!

Beginning Tuesday January 24, 2017 at 5pm family language classes will return, and will be continuing every Tuesday night for 12 weeks. This class will be our second level beginners course. The classes will be held in the conference room located next to the gymnasium in the McCauley Multi-Purpose Center.

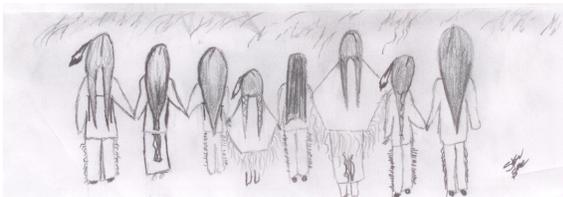
Start Date: 1/24/2017

When: Tuesdays!

Where: Conference Room in the gym at White Plume, OK.

Time: 5:00p.m.

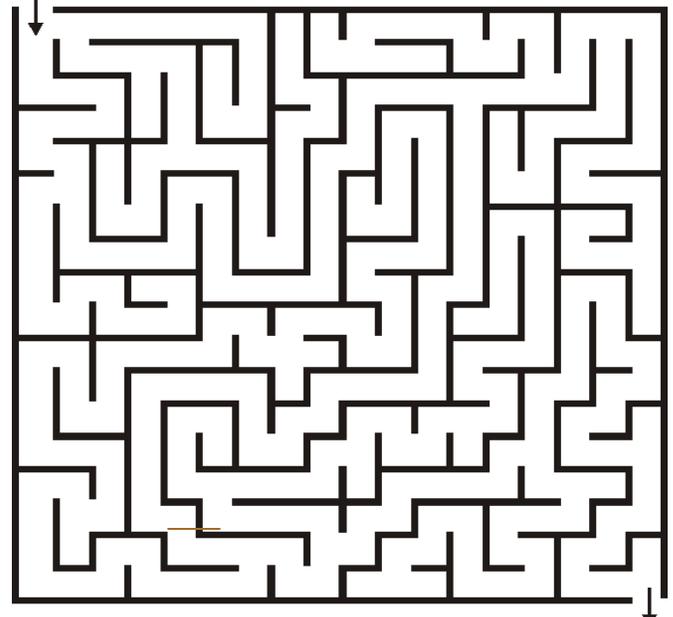
Snacks! Snacks!Snacks!



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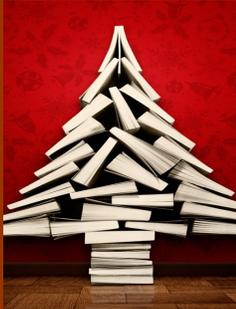
Ke akhá ówahaⁿ shokhíbe akhá!!!



Library

Kaw Nation’s Library and Learning Center hosted “Christmas at the Library” on December 21st. In attendance was Kaw Nation’s CCDF youth, a few local children, and a surprise visit from Mrs. Claus herself! The children enjoyed a full day in the library making red clay ornaments, creating gingerbread men into their favorite book character, and watching “The Polar Express” movie. At the end of the day everyone snacked on cookies and hot coco while listening to the story “The Night Before Christmas” read by Mrs. Claus. To thank Mrs. Claus the children sang for her Jingle Bells in Kaw.

For information regarding future story times please contact Lauren Murray at (580) 269-2738 or email at lmurray@kawnation.com Everyone is welcome!



Child Care Development

At the Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center we seek to build strong families and communities. On December 13th, we took holiday cheer to the Kaw Nation Housing District. The children, families and CCDF staff joined together with James Owen and his band of talented musicians to go door to door in the community singing Christmas carols. It was a chilly night, but the children hardly noticed as the faces of those they serenaded lit with Christmas joy. After marching up and down the streets, everyone gathered at the CCDF building for hot cocoa and treats. Each family brought a homemade gift and exchanged with one another, sharing baked goods, scarves, and other handmade items. To extend the celebration, the Kaw Nation School Age Enrichment Center staff and children will venture to several nursing homes on December 22nd to sing Christmas carols and share handmade gifts with the patrons. We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Emergency Management

Winter Weather Preparedness

Have a Plan - Make a Kit - Stay Informed

Have A Plan:

- Discuss with your family what to do if a winter storm watch or warning is issued.
- Ensure your family knows meeting places and phone numbers of other family members in case they are separated when a winter storm hits.
- Know what to do if basic services such as water, gas, electricity or telephones are cut off for an extended period of time.
- Understand the hazards of wind chill. Cold temperatures are even more dangerous, and potentially deadly, when combined with strong winds. The lower the temperature and stronger the wind, the more at risk you are.
- Check on family, friends and neighbors, especially the elderly. Make sure they are prepared.
- Plan to bring pets inside during winter weather. Move livestock to sheltered areas with non-frozen drinking water.
- Install and check smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.
- Let faucets drip to avoid freezing and know how to shut off water valves if necessary.
- Have an alternate heating method such as fireplace or wood or coal burning stove. Always be cautious using a portable space heater.
- Have your car winterized before winter storm season. Keep your gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing.
- Make sure your home is properly insulated. If necessary insulate walls and attic. Caulk and weather-strip doors and windowsills.
- Install storm windows or cover windows with plastic from the inside.
- To keep pipes from freezing, wrap them in insulation or layers of old newspapers. Cover the newspapers with plastic to keep out moisture.
- Never heat a home with an oven if the electricity goes out

Make A Kit:

- Windshield scraper, de-icer, snow shovel and small broom for ice and snow removal.
- A cell phone with charger and a battery powered radio.
- Several blankets or sleeping bags.
- Mittens, they are warmer than gloves because fingers generate warmth when they touch each other.
- Rain gear, warm coats and extra sets of dry clothing, mittens, socks and a cap.
- Non-perishable snacks like dried fruit, nuts and other high energy "munchies."
- Several bottles of water. Eating snow will lower your body temperature. If necessary, melt it first.
- Sand or cat litter for generating traction under wheels and a set of tire chains or traction mats.
- Jumper cables, flashlight with extra batteries, first aid kit and brightly colored cloth to tie to antenna if you get stranded.

Stay Informed:

- Know what National Weather Service winter storm and blizzard watches and warnings mean.
- A winter storm watch is a message indicating a winter storm is possible in your area.
- A winter storm warning indicates a winter storm is occurring or will soon occur in your area and could threaten life and property.
- A winter weather advisory means winter weather conditions are expected to cause significant inconveniences and may be hazardous, especially to motorists.
- A frost/freeze warning means below freezing temperatures are expected.
- Ice storms usually bring heavy accumulations of ice that can bring down trees, electrical wires, telephone poles and lines, and communication towers. Communications and power can be disrupted for days while the utility company works to repair the extensive damage.
- A blizzard warning means sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 mph or greater and considerable falling or blowing snow is expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer.
- Depend on your NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio, along with local radio and television stations, for weather reports.

Be Cautious with Alternative Heat Sources:

Never use generators, grills, camp stoves or other gasoline or charcoal-burning devices inside your home or garage. They produce carbon monoxide which is an odorless, colorless and tasteless gas that kills more than 500 people every year. Use extra caution when using space heaters.

- Use fireplaces, wood stoves, or other combustion heaters only if they are properly vented.
- Do not place a space heater within 3 feet of anything that may catch on fire, such as drapes, furniture, or bedding, and never cover your space heater.
- Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- Never leave children unattended near a space heater.
- Do keep a multipurpose fire extinguisher on hand in case of emergency.
- Protect yourself from carbon monoxide poisoning by installing a battery-operated carbon monoxide detector and never using generators, grills, camp stoves or similar devices indoors.

Follow the Oklahoma Department of Emergency Management at:
www.facebook.com/OklahomaDepartmentofEmergencyManagement
 or www.twitter.com/okem



Title VI News

Kaw Nation's Title VI program delivers 25 meals to Newkirk and 39 meals to Ponca City. We offer bingo once a month. On, the same day as bingo the Kanza clinic nurse comes to Title VI and checks blood pressure, blood sugar. Title VI program has been operating for 27 years. Lunch is served Monday thru Friday from 11:00 am to 12:30 pm. Eligibility for the Title VI Program.

- ◆ You must be 55 years or older
- ◆ Spouses are included
- ◆ Must be enrolled on a native American Indian Roll
- ◆ Live in our service area
- ◆ If you are disabled and not over 55 yrs. old and live with an Indian Elder

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If you have any questions about the program please contact Ladoma Bryan @ (580) 269-2552 ext. 249.

Grants and Contracts



Bernadette Hicks, Grants & Contracts Director for the Kaw Nation recently received renewal for her Grant Writer Certification. Bernadette originally began working for Kaw Nation in 2009 and became a Certified Grant Writer® for the American Grant Writer's Association (AGWA) in early 2012. Currently there are less than 500 certified writers in the U.S. and approximately 1000 individuals who are members of the Association. Bernadette also served a two year term as Oklahoma Chair for the Association.

The Certified Grant Writer® professional credential is the grant industry standard for professionals in government and philanthropy. The credential documents that the professional has demonstrated proficiency in grant researching, proposal writing, budgeting, and professional ethics. The professional credential is valid for a period of 5 years and may be renewed pending successful completion of required continuing education activities. Upon being Certified for a 10 year period, Bernadette will have the opportunity to become a permanently Certified Grant Writer® after meeting the educational and professional requirements of the Association. Only persons who have passed all 5 sections of the Certified Grant Writer® Exam may use the term "Certified Grant Writer®" during the validity period of the credential. The 5 sections include Program Development & Proposal Writing; Researching Grant Opportunities; Professional Ethics; Preparing Budgets and Writing Samples. American Grant Writers' Association is the only legal entity in the United States that may award the "Certified Grant Writer®" professional credential. This credential can be verified on the AGWA website to ensure credibility and validity of certification.

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In addition to being a Certified Grant Writer®, Bernadette is also a Certified Grant Manager and participates in professional activities and special interest groups with the National Grants Management Association.

Social Services

Effective January 1, 2017, tribal social services were reinstated for the 2017 calendar year!

Available services remain the same however, the guidelines have changed. Guideline revisions were made so that benefits can assist Kaw members who are less fortunate and in need and secondly, to ensure funding for the services will continue to be available.

From 2010 – 2014, the Tribe spent approximately \$631,000.00 for eyeglass, denture, and hearing aid assistance. This dollar amount averaged out to \$126,000.00 per year for these benefits. In July 2016, Social Services received \$50,000.00 and served around one hundred-twenty members.

For 2017, the benefits will be paid and monitored through a set and capped budget. Applications are accepted on a first come, first serve basis that includes the following priorities:

- ☑ #1 Kaw members less fortunate will be the main concern (low income/fixed income with income verification attached or SNAP card).
- ☑ #2 Must use other resources first (diabetic program, SoonerCare, etc.).
- ☑ #3 Kaw members who do not meet the need based criteria may apply and may be approved on a monthly basis after need based applications are served.

Applications received since July 2016 that did not get approved are currently being reviewed and processed at this time.

Please contact the Social Services office at 580/269-1186 or e-mail khowe@kawnation.com if you have any questions.

Kaw Nation Child Support Services

Kaw Nation Child Support Services offers budgeting program with tips for savings

With 2017 upon us and a new national political scene, many people are reviewing their monetary resources and considering ways to better improve their overall financial perspective. The Kaw Nation Child Support Services (KNCSS) has developed a budgeting program that is designed to assist in this effort.

“The premise of the program is to help individuals and families identify and prioritize their financial resources and spending habits,” said Amanda James, KNCSS Resources Coordinator. “The program provides individuals with an opportunity to actually visualize their income and compare it to the outflow of funds toward debt service.”

According to James, many families, especially parents of young children, have good intentions to be more conservative or to put funds away for a “rainy day” situation; however, life expenses often times get in the way which means savings take a back seat to other priorities.

“We talk to people regularly who believe they have in some way failed, or are not as financially savvy as the rest of the population,” she said. “This is simply not true. The vast majority of people in the United States live their lives in a way that is debt driven rather than income driven. We want to help turn the page on this pattern and give people the tools to overcome their debt and be more financially prepared for the future.”

James says the program is self-guided and therefore confidential. Individuals can utilize the program on their own by simply identifying all sources of income as well as recurring debt and then logging them on a form so that there is an accounting for every dollar earned and how those dollars are spent. This basic process allows individuals to prioritize any funds remaining after debt service and more importantly, to actually see where their money is going, she said.

“Generally speaking, whether one has a large income or a modest means of support, financial habits

are usually very similar,” James said. “This program works the same regardless of how large or small one’s income is, or how much debt is owed.”

As a new year arrives, many people have made resolutions to increase their income or at a minimum, reduce debt. KNCSS is providing a valuable, yet simple resource designed to help individuals understand their finances.

To obtain a free copy of the budgeting forms, contact Kaw Nation Child Support Services at (580)765-9952.



Kaw Nation D.A.R.E Program

On Tuesday, December 6, 2016, KNPD Officer Jeremy Watts culminated the D.A.R.E. program at Kildare Elementary school. There were a total of 18 students who participated in the 10 lesson curriculum which encompasses smart decision making for children. Officer Watts also teaches the D.A.R.E. curriculum at Peckham school and will be wrapping up the program at Peckham in early January.



Johnson O'Malley Program by Opal Oranchak

The Johnson O'Malley Program focuses on the education of the Native Youth in grades pre k-12th. This is our first year of joining hands with the Tribal Youth program and offering afterschool tutoring. We have started the school year with a small group of kids but the numbers are beginning to grow. We are pleased with how the students' progress is moving forward in school grades and activities. We also wanted to get the youth involved with culture and have brought the Kaw Language Department in once a week to work with the students. This month JOM will be honoring afterschool tutoring students in the first awards ceremony on December 20th 2016. The after school program is based out of the Newkirk White Plum area in the Johnnie Ray McCauley Gymnasium between the hours of 3-5pm. M-Th.



Kanza Wellness Center

Current Wellness Center Classes

Monday Evenings 6-7 pm Stability Ball and Weights

Tuesday & Thursday 2-3 pm Low Impact Water Aerobics

Tuesday & Thursday 6-7 pm PiYo

Wednesday & Friday 9-9:30 am Beginners Yoga

For Any Questions Please Contact The
 Kanza Wellness Center
 3201 East River Road Newkirk, OK
 74647
 (580)362-1444



4th Quarter New Hires

Little Carol Clark	November 21, 2016
Latisha Fisher	December 5, 2016
Toby Lavers	December 5, 2016
Kelly Munroe	December 19, 2016
Shelby Schutte	December 19, 2016
Laura Razo	December 28, 2016

Welcome!

Domestic Violence

Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program is recognizing that January is National Human Trafficking and Slavery Month. It is a problem embedded in the daily lives of Americans that many people may not be aware of. It lurks in the shadows of even rural Oklahoma in our Native Country. It is presenting new challenges for Victims Advocates world wide. Approximately 17,500 people are trafficked annually, Historical trauma and cultural loss make native communities high risk for this epidemic. Other risk factors for human trafficking are significant poverty, economic isolation/dependence, and high risk of exposure to violence. KNDVP works hard to educate themselves and the community by identifying and supporting victims in this era of violence. To get help from the national Human Trafficking Resource Center call 1-888-373-7888 or text HELP to BeFree.



Healthy
relationships involve

- ♥ accountability
- ♥ trust
- ♥ respect
- ♥ support
- ♥ affirmation
- ♥ intimacy
- ♥ open communication
- ♥ negotiation
- ♥ compromise

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February is Dating
Violence Awareness and
Prevention Month





In Loving Memory....

Kaw Members lost in 2016



Daniel R. Thompson- January 23rd
Vicki Lynn Mashunkashey- March 22nd
Jean Anne Scott- April 20th
Frederick Eugene Munroe- May 8th
Sharon Annette Rogers- May 8th
Timothy Hardy Haggard- June 22nd
Leonard Franklin Dennison- July 14
Charles Scott Taylor- July 20th
Anna Mae Sneed- July 21st
Steven Ray McNow- July 23rd
Debra Suzanne Riza- August 30th
Marcus Bennett McCool- August 31st
Joe Mitchell Colclasure- September 3rd
Linda Jo Vann- September 18th
Daniel Ernest Murray- November 27th
Joseph Oliver Thompson- December 15th



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