Surviving son accepts agent hero father’s posthumous honor

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A special Holiday greeting to all Kaw nation tribal members!

Isn’t it amazing how quickly the summer has passed and how rapidly the holidays are approaching? As you can see from the content of this issue of the Kanza News, it has been a very busy year for Kaw Nation’s leaders and staff.

I would like to extend a personal invitation to tribal members and their families to attend our annual Christmas dinner and party. It will be held on Sunday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Johnny Ray McCauley Community Center in Newkirk, Okla. So make sure to keep this date open for a day of fellowship, fun and great food.

I’ve enjoyed hearing from tribal families, especially those from different states throughout the U.S.A. and Canada. Remember that my door is always open to share your concerns, ask questions, request help, and to share your family news and achievements with us.

Oma’yí’ka Ómo’yé Wáspe Olin — Dwell peacefully another year.

— Guy Munroe,
Chairman/CEO

“Success is when we go to sleep at night knowing that our talents and abilities were used in a way that served others.”

With the Spirit of Christmas upon us, let us not forget those men and women that are in the military fighting the ultimate sacrifice for our country. This letter is from my great nephew who is in Afghanistan.

Family and Friends:
We are currently on a black-out at the time I am writing this 1708, 210CT. Two soldiers were killed this morning. As I was pulling out of town square there were vehicles lining the side of the road and it was a god awful mess trying to dodge people.

I went down to the HEAT trainer I’m working on sending to BAF and then to the HLZ (rotary PAX). On my way back I got to the fixed wing PAX and was told to pull over due to flashing lights up ahead. I got out and soldiers are running past me to all line up on the side of the road. A fire fighter and First Sergeant grab me and have me stand in line.

It was the procession led by a fire truck with it lights on.

We all stood at parade rest and when the two military ambulances came to us we saluted in a staggered form of “the wave” dropping your salute as they rolled past returning to parade rest.

Being right there at the FW PAX where the caskets get loaded onto a C130 bound for BAF I got to hear the “21 gun salute.” There are no live weapons allowed on the flight line so as the procession moves towards the gate as one ambulance pulls up to the gate four soldiers lock and load firing blanks skyward.

I might have never known or even seen these two soldiers during my time here at Sharana, but as the First Sergeant next to me said after I told him I’d never stood one of these before: “Doesn’t matter what branch you’re from or they’re from, we all lost brothers or sisters today.”

As I drove back to the Mayor Cell I started to wonder: How old were they? Who weren’t they going home to? What hopes and dreams were just ended? What life was just silenced?

It’s a reality most of us in uniform over here never have to face. The fire fights, the incoming RPGs, the fear of death. Hell, on a daily basis how often does it cross any of our minds that we are even in a war or conflict? This isn’t a Hollywood rendition of war so, unless you roll outside the wire on a regular basis the answer to the previous question is never.

I just witnessed what the “ultimate sacrifice” is.

It’s not pretty or glamorous. There are no camera or television crews. It’s a drive to the PAX with your fellow shipmates, soldiers, airmen, and marines paying final respects to a man or woman who gave their life for an idea that was born 234 years ago. An idea that we are still willing to lay our lives down to promote and defend.

There will be no big media blitz for these two. There will be no somber message from Capitol Hill to the rest of the nation about the lives lost here. At the end of the day a trumpet will play taps and the flag will come down from half mast metaphorically acting as the setting sun on the two that gave their lives for freedom.

Meanwhile a world away a mother and father or a spouse is being handed a flag and expressed the deepest of condolences and sorrow on behalf of the nation.

Remember that every time you see a Sailor, Soldier, Airman, or Marine.

V/R,
LS3 Cody Brunner, USN
DLA Disposition Services
Bagram Air Field
EDRT: FOB Sharana
The Self-Governance Department is in the process of negotiating the Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Compacts 2011 Funding Agreements. The Health Care Bill included a lot of new provisions and we are researching these provisions to see if we can include any in the Indian Health Service Funding Agreement. Some of the new provisions are: fee for service, primary for non-beneficiaries, and specialty care programs; enrolling tribal employees in the Federal Employee Health Benefits Program and expanding tribal health programs to create cost efficiencies.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Funding Agreement has a few outstanding issues and we are hoping to finalize very soon. With the funding we receive from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Kaw Nation provides Law Enforcement services, Indian Child Welfare, Social Services, Educational Services, and Environmental Services. We submitted a request to the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Plains Regional Office in Anadarko for year-end funding to purchase furnishings for the new Learning Center/Library. The Bureau granted our request and we received $20,213.

We submitted an application to the Bureau for funding to do an Integrated Resource Management Plan for the Kaw Nation and we received $40,738. A portion of this funding will be used to hire a facilitator to assist the Kaw Nation in developing the plan. We will be requesting input from the Executive Council, General Council and employees during the developing of the plan.

The Trust Department has submitted Trust applications for Kaw Smoke Shop II in Ponca City, Newkirk Health Complex, and Kaw City Social Services and Learning Center/Library property. The Braman application is still moving through the bureaucratic process. We are hoping to have the Braman property in trust before the next Governor election. Recently the Bureau of Indian Affairs developed new regulations and timelines for trust applications. We are hoping in the future we will be able to have our applications approved in a timely manner instead of what we have had to experience.

The Self-Governance Department employees are Terri Humble, Director; Cheryl Vazquez, Coordinator/Trust Officer and Tammy Wingo, Secretary. If we can be of service to any tribal member, please give us a call at 580-269-2552.
Break the pattern. Envision change. Empower hope.

October was National Domestic Violence Awareness month and a very busy month to say the least. The compiled list below shows just a few of our accomplishments and plans:

Sallie Williams, advocate, and I attended the National Coalition against Domestic Violence Conference in Anaheim, Calif. The NCADV, www.ncadv.org, is a fantastic organization bringing light to the many issues regarding Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault issues. We brought back some great information to share with others. We also attended the Second Annual “Domestic Violence in Indian Country Conference” held in Quapaw, Okla.

The Kanza Health System sponsored the annual Kaw Nation Health Fair, and for the first time we were able to show the Domestic Violence Program information to everyone. More than 400 individuals were in attendance.

“Ladies Night Out” was held at the Marland Mansion, where again the Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program was able to set up a booth — we were one of 50 vendors. It was fantastic to put this awareness information in the hands of several hundred women. It will benefit tribal women and children as well as raise awareness to the public.

As purple is the signature color in recognition of Domestic Violence, we were able to get the water fountain lights in front of Ponca City Hall changed to purple. Our plans are to continue to make this a yearly event.

We will be holding a training in February 2011 provided by the Institute for Native Justice in the Kay County area. I will be coordinating it, and my program will be a sponsor of the training provided to all local tribal law enforcement, advocate, clerks, judges and social workers.

Providing public information regarding domestic Violence and Sexual Assault is a passion with me, and I feel very proud to represent the Kaw Nation. Domestic Violence escalates over the holidays, so don’t be afraid to pick up the phone and seek help for you and your family. Every 2 minutes someone in the U.S. is sexually assaulted or abused, and 34.1 percent are of American Indian descent, and 44 percent are under the age 18.

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F.A.C.E.S. :: Families and Communities Empowered for Safety

The Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program participated in “Health Cares about Domestic Violence Day.” This was a day to promote routine screening of patients for domestic violence.

Why is routine screening so important? A JAMA study found that 30-54 percent of female patients seeking emergency services, 21-66 percent of those seeking general medical care, and up to 20 percent of those seeking prenatal care report experiencing intimate partner abuse.

Dr. Norman Simon, M.D. and Sheree Hukill, J.D. spoke on how doctors and medical staff are getting more involved. A health care provider can actually help reduce these staggering numbers by implementing routine screening guidelines into their practice.

American Indian statistics
• Native American women are raped at a rate more than double that of rapes reported by all races on an annual average.

(All races 2 per 1,000; Native American 7 per 1,000).
• Native American victims of intimate and family violence are more likely than victims of all other races to be injured and need hospital care.
• Violent crime rate among Native American women was 98 per 1,000 – more than twice that of whites (40 per 1,000) or blacks (56 per 1,000).
• American Indian women are at high risk of homicide, including domestic violence homicide. Homicide was the third leading cause of death for Native women, with 75 percent of them being killed by a family member, an acquaintance or someone they knew.

For more information on these programs, contact Desiré Heskett, Director of Domestic Violence for Kaw Nation at 580-762-4477 or visit www.kawanation.com under the Domestic Violence Program. Or visit Family Violence Prevention Fund’s (FVPF) website at www.endabuse.org.

This project was supported by Grant 2009-EG-S^0018 awarded to the Kaw Nation by the Office on Violence Against Women, U.S. Department of Justice. Sponsored by Tulsa Community College and hosted by Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Project. This program is supported by RSVP of Tulsa, Tulsa County Medical Society, Tulsa Osteopathic Medical Society, Tulsa Rotary, and the Melvin Bovaird Foundation.
We were blessed with a perfect autumn summer day for the Kaw Nation Health Fair sponsored by the Kanza Health System Oct. 8.

The theme “Commit To Be Fit — I Am Worth It!” continued throughout the day. The day began with 102 enthusiastic walkers joined by 27 eager Kanza Child Care children for the fun walk. There was a 75 percent increase in the number of walkers over last year.

Luther Pepper opened the Health Fair with prayer and it was underway with 43 vendors ready for the approximately 400 attendees. Breakfast and lunch was served. The atmosphere of music provided by our emcee, Ryan, made for a lively and fun time for all.

Thanks to generous business people and our vendors donating door prizes. There were more than 80 people winning prizes. A very lucky lady was the winner of the grand prize, a 32-inch flat screen TV.

Thanks to all who attended and all who worked to make the health fair — as we were told many times — the best health fair ever. If you were unable to attend the fair this year you missed a fun and educational morning. We hope you make plans to attend next year.
AARP recognizes elders from every tribe in Oklahoma

(SPECIAL) – Tribal leaders, dancers, educators, artists, ministers, a drum maker, finger weaver, language preservationists, matriarchs and patriarchs were among 50 older Indians recognized at the 2010 AARP Indian Elder Honors recently held in Oklahoma City.

Luther Pepper, Kaw, a respected elder and member of the Kaw Executive Council, Luther is dedicated to tribal dance and preservation. He has narrated the part of his great-grandfather Allegawaho in the play *Voices of the Wind People*, which is a history of the Kanza people. In addition, he makes presentations on the significance of the Eagle to Native Americans.

A minister in the Assemblies of God Church, Reverend Pepper is recognized as one of the spiritual leaders of the tribe.

Kaw Nation tags are now available

Any enrolled member of the Kaw Nation that resides in the State of Oklahoma is eligible for Kaw Nation tags.

You will need to bring your title, registration, valid driver’s license, CDIB membership card, and your current insurance verification.

The costs to register your vehicle with the Kaw Nation are based on the number of years the vehicle has been registered in any jurisdiction.

The costs are as follows:
- Years 1-4 $75
- Years 5-8 $65
- Years 9-12 $50
- Years 13-16 $30
- Years 17+ $15

In addition: a one-time excise tax in the amount 1.5 percent of the Factory Delivered Price will be charged for any new vehicle being registered. However, the excise tax is waived at this time for any used vehicle, or any vehicle that has been previously registered in this, or any other jurisdiction.

Personalized plates are also available for an additional fee of $15. You must first purchase a regular plate to be carried in the vehicle at all times. Personalized plates may take 4-6 weeks to arrive and may be ordered at any time.

Veteran’s plates will be available for $15. The Veteran must present a Form DD-214 and will not be required to purchase a regular plate. However, if the Veteran requests a personalized Veteran’s license plate there will be an additional fee of $15 and the regular plate must be carried in the vehicle at all times.

The first year the vehicle is registered with the Kaw Nation Tax Commission there is a $10 title fee added to the registration cost.

For more information contact Traci White, Tax Commissioner, at 580-269-2552 or by e-mail at twhite@kawnation.com.

Tribal election winners

On Sept. 12, 2010, Kaw Nation held their tribal election. These individuals will serve a four-year term. From the left is Honorable Guy Munroe, Chairman/CEO; Carol Estes Hare, Secretary; Jesse Mehojah, Council Member; and Tahagena “Gena” Warren, Council Member.
RICHARD EDGING, an Archeologist at Fort Leonard Wood, developed a very interesting concept; he took the time to research a group of Indians and determined that they lived together in the Northern Ozarks of Missouri as one people. This in itself is not show stopping news; there were many tribes that were made of a larger group. Tribes would get too big and they would split, then they would split again, and the new group would become an independent band. What makes this so interesting is the group of people it brings together.

The State of Missouri has been most difficult to work with on the issues of NAGPRA (Native American Grave Protection Repatriation Act), ARPA (Archeology Resources Protection Act), and NHPA Section 106 (National Historic Preservation Act). They have also been reluctant to return the remains that have been uncovered in the Missouri area because they do not believe that the Indian people have a strong claim. This is where Richard Edging’s book becomes so very important. He has brought a group of tribes together and has given them the tools they need to say these were our people, now let us rebury them and put their souls to rest. This group is made of the following tribes: the Kaw, Osage, Ponca of Nebraska, Ponca of Oklahoma, Omaha and the Quapaw. With regard to the Dhegiha; there have been many references over the years but none have placed them in Missouri with such strong ties.

In 2006, Richard Edging contacted the Kaw Nation asking for the opportunity to bring the Dhegiha coalition together with Fort Leonard Wood and write a MOA (Memorandum of Agreement). This MOA would make it possible to return 60 human remains recovered on the Fort to be rebury. Most were the result of excavations in the pursuit of research or accidental finds that occurred as long as the Military’s security.

In 2007, the group came together and began to negotiate. This was a long and monotonous progression through time and culture. We returned to the negotiation table on Sept. 25, 2010, and by Oct. 1, we had a document that is sure to guide the people that have been displaced for so long, to a final resting place, where they will never again be disturbed. The advent General of Fort Leonard Wood and the leaders of the Dhegiha Council will now need to take the final step to sign the document. This document has not only given the remains the right to find a resting place in the earth, but will also assure they will never be unearthed as long as the Military are watching over them. We have hopes that the ancestral remains will be in the ground or back in the caves by the end of the year. It is our plan to replace them as close to the original removal point as possible, and still maintain the military’s security.

Fort Leonard Wood is 61,410 acres that is federally protected from the people who would wish to profit from a return rebury like this one. We will be reburying in the area that is already secured and protected, and the caves have been fitted with metal gates that will allow bats and wildlife to come and go with no human intrusions.

In conclusion, the Kaw, Osage, Ponca, Quapaw, and Omaha along with the Cultural Resources Management Program of Fort Leonard Wood have dedicated their time and experience to make this a success. All we have to do now is make sure it works.

Crystal Douglas, Director Archeologist, NAGPRA
Joshua Aaron Mathews
June 12, 2010 - August 16, 2010

Joshua Aaron Mathews passed away Aug. 16, 2010 in Ponca City, Okla. He was 2 months of age. Joshua is the infant son of Skyler and Rachael (Zajack) Mathews of Ponca City, Okla. Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 20, 2010 at Hartford Avenue Church of Christ. Burial followed at Washunga Cemetery in Newkirk, Okla.

Joshua was always laughing and smiling. He loved to go out to the backyard and he always smiled when the dogs would lick his little feet. Everyone liked his chubby little legs, and his double chin. He also liked going on walks so that he could look up at all trees they walked under. He always enjoyed laying in bed drinking his bottle and watching TV with his daddy.

He is survived by his parents, sister Kimber Ryan Mathews, maternal grandparents Thomas and Cynthia Zajack, paternal grandparents Brett Bauman and Rima Bellmard, great grandmother Lily C. Bellmard, and maternal great-grandparents Hubert and Florence Klein of Medford, Okla. He is preceded in death by paternal great-grandfather Kennis M. Bellmard and maternal great-grandparents Rudolph and Pauline Zajack.

RIP, Joshua Aaron, Mommy and Daddy love you forever and always!

To our Kaw Family,
Our deepest heartfelt thank you to everyone that has kept our family in your prayers. This is a very difficult time for us and we appreciate all that you have done to help ease our sorrow.

— Rima Bellmard-Mathews Family and Skyler Mathews Family

Getting a ‘jump start’ on literacy

The Education Department hosted a Jumpstart’s “Read for the Record” campaign on Oct. 7, 2010, at the recently opened Kaw Nation Education and Learning Center.

By participating in this event, the Kaw Nation will be supporting Jumpstart’s yearlong literacy program giving at-risk children a jump start on the future and breaking a world record for the greatest number of people reading the same book on the same day and by besting the current record of more than 2 million readers in 2009.

Rima Mathews, Education Assistant, welcomed approximately 12 preschool students from the Kanza Childcare to the new facility and gave a tour of each room and what the room was used for. Tribal member Paul Hardy showed the students where they could find books for their age. Linda Cumberland, Kaw Language Department, read the book “The Snowy Day” by Ezra Jack Keats to the children. Linda also translated the colors red, which was the color of Peter’s coat, and white, the color of snow, into Kaw words. The children then left to go back to the daycare to make snowflakes.

We would like to thank the Kanza Daycare teachers for bringing the children to Kaw City for this event and hope to have other activities like this in the future.

To learn more about Jumpstart’s Read for the Record, visit www.wegivebooks.org or www.readfortherecord.org.

Joshua’s Poem

My son, my boy, “my Lil’ Man,”
My love you came to know.
You came to me when I was lost,
God sent your precious soul.
Your life was like a comet,
You streaked fast ‘cross the sky.
Too fast, too short, you left us,
I may never know the why.
I feel you near, my angel,
We will never be apart.
You’re safe inside me my “Lil’ Man,”
Deep in your parents’ heart.

Love forever,
Your Mom and Dad

Written by Rima Bellmard-Mathews,
in my precious grandson’s loving memory
On the first of October 2010, the Kanza Museum began a new grant. This grant was issued to the Kaw Nation by the Institute of Museums and Library Services (IMLS). Back in April 2010, we sent an application to enhance the Kanza Museum’s abilities to maintain and preserve its exhibits and archives, as well as fulfill its mission to share Kaw history through the creation of a Kaw-Centric Historical Timeline.

The Kanza Museum Board will work with an outside consultant to assess museum collection and develop a long-range plan that will direct future museum operations, including the maintenance and preservation of the exhibits and archives. I will be working with the Kanza Museum Board and use input from tribal members to create the timeline display which will provide a narrative of Kaw history from the 1500s to the present day. This display will enhance exhibits in the museum by providing context to artifacts on display.

Kaw Nation will spend one year to accomplish these two objectives under the enhancement of the museum services category of the NA/NH Museum Service Grant. IMLS received 43 applications requesting more than $2 million, but they selected only 24 projects to fund, and the total of grants funded was $1,023,857. The total award amount given to the Kanza Museum to achieve its goal is $29,411. The Kanza Museum Board and the Director were given until Sept. 30, 2011 to fulfill the obligations listed in the application.

Traci White, President of the Kanza Museum Board, will be the lead on the conservation part of this grant. Please feel free to contact her or any of the Kanza Museum Board for questions or concerns regarding this endeavor. Members of the Kanza Museum Board are as follows: Dona Ball, Vice-Chair; Lana Burke, Secretary; and members Tammy Estes, Charles (Sonny) Holloway, Carol Estes Hare and Wes Pappan. Larry Estes is an elder adviser momentarily on leave.

The timeline portion of this grant is being initiated by the Kanza Museum Director, Crystal Douglas. All involved can be reached at the Kaw Nation main offices in Kaw City, Okla., at the toll free number 1-866-404-5297 or 580-269-2552.

The Kanza Museum was built in 1995. Within the last 15 years standards for museums have changed. The needs of the Kaw people have changed. This evaluation of the museum will help us focus on the upcoming needs of the people as well as make the collection as environmentally safe as possible. This is the history of the Kaw People and we want to make sure the future generations will be able to see the past in all its glory.

What is the Kaw Nation if it is not a collective of its past, present and future?
—Crystal Douglas, Director

**KN Police unveil new cruisers, emblem**

The Kaw Nation Police Department has two new Crown Victory police vehicles, as well as a new emblem. Unveiling the new vehicles are Chairman/CEO Guy Munroe and Officer Tex Golay. Each new cruiser sports a new emblem designed by Southwind Marketing.

The Kaw Nation recently completed construction of its water tower at Braman, Okla.
In September, SouthWind Marketing and Eskimo Joe’s Promotional Products reached an agreement for SouthWind Marketing to represent EJPP in the Kay County Area.

Over the past two and a half years, several of the promotional items used by KEDA Enterprises had been purchased from EJPP. This includes hats, shirts, pens, matches, cups, key chains and many other items that are used to promote SouthWind Casino, the Smoke Shops, Kanza Travel Plaza and Woodridge Market.

According to Nancy Walton, SouthWind Marketing Manager, “At the beginning of 2010 we started discussing opportunities for us to offer advertising services to businesses in the Ponca City area. Specialty advertising products seemed to be an area that we could excel in. It was only natural for us to partner with a well known company that already has great relationships with manufacturers around the world.”

In the coming weeks, SouthWind Marketing will be setting up a display area in their offices at 3006 Turner Street to show all of the products they are now able to offer to businesses in Kay County which include embroidered and silk screened clothing items. They will also be promoting their products at area events including the Kanza Health Fair.

One of the first customers to take advantage of the new partnership was the Kaw Nation Domestic Violence Program who ordered T-shirts, buttons, pens, notepads, magnets and bags. Program Director Desiree Heskett was delighted with her selections.

The Eskimo Joe’s products are in addition to the services already offered by SouthWind Marketing which include sign and banner design and production, brochures and printing services.

In fourth quarter of 2010, SouthWind Kaw Nation Casino celebrates its 26th year of operation with a $26,000 giveaway on Oct. 30 and a New Year’s Eve drawing that is currently top secret.

Throughout September and October, Smart Money Club Members are able to earn entries into the largest cash drawing the Casino has ever held. Each day customers were able to earn one entry for every $10 played in a slot machine at the casino, up to 20 entries per day. On Oct. 30 at 10 p.m. four names will be drawn with one lucky winner taking home $20,000.

Starting in November, club members will be able to earn entries into the top secret New Year’s Eve drawing that is going to be an even bigger event.
Agent hero honored posthumously

William Louis Pappan biography

William Louis Pappan, son of Henry “Big Henry” Pappan and Lucy Janetta Matney, was born Christmas Day 1894 on the Kanza Reservation in Oklahoma Territory, and although he was named William, he usually went by his middle name of Louis.

Louis was a 1902 enrollee of the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma, and when of the appropriate age, he was sent to Haskell Institute in Kansas where he learned the military-style discipline that all Indian students endured in those days, eventually becoming an officer in the local student military society.

In 1914 he married Nellie Ann Mathews, a Pawnee, who bore him two children. During this same time period, he enrolled in Henry Kendall College (now the University of Tulsa), and with his 6-foot-4, 190-pound frame he became a star athlete as the center on the Kendall basketball team and other sports.

When the United States declared war on Germany on April 6, 1917, Louis and five other members of the Kendall basketball team dropped out of school and enlisted in Oklahoma Ambulance Company No. 1 (Oklahoma National Guard). Freeman Winslow, also a member of the Kaw Nation of Oklahoma, was one of these five Kendall basketball players, a testimony to Kanza patriotism. The unit was federalized as the 167th Ambulance Company, 117th Sanitary Train, 42nd Infantry (Rainbow) Division at Fort Sill, Okla., and when the division received its overseas orders, the 167th Oklahoma was transported by rail from Camp Mills, N.Y.

While at Camp Mills, Louis was transferred from the 167th Oklahoma to the 166th Ambulance Company (formerly the First Tennessee Ambulance Company before federalization) as a wagoner (mule-skinner). The 166th Tennessee, primarily comprised of native Tennesseans, was the only Rainbow Division ambulance company to remain mule-drawn for the war’s duration. All others, including the 167th Oklahoma, were motor-driven.

In April 1918, near Bertichamps, Lorraine, France, the Rainbow Division was one of the first American divisions to receive its baptism of fire. The division was engaged in traditional World War I trench warfare during the Lorraine Campaign, initially under the direct tutelage of French Army personnel, and incurred many casualties, primarily from mustard gas attacks, who required first aid and ambulance transport to field hospitals. This was hazardous duty for medical personnel and many suffered from the toxic effects of chemical warfare right along with the active combatants. Freeman Winslow, who had remained with the 167th Oklahoma, was injured in a gas attack toward
the end of the war, and Louis himself, who was hospitalized twice, was most likely gassed. After the Lorraine Campaign, the division was sent to the Champagne-Marne front north of Châlons-sur-Marne where the 166th Tennessee was photographed riding in their mule-driven mule ambulances down a broad French boulevard.

On July 15, the German Army launched the last of its major attempts to take Paris. The Rainbow Division, which had been assigned a key defensive position in the allied line northwest of Suippes, was to face the onslaught of some of Germany's best troops but held their ground in vicious hand-to-hand combat and stopped the German offensive cold. The 166th Tennessee was one of the medical units that operated a triage at Suippes, provided litter-bearers right at the front lines, and suffered intense artillery fire and gas attacks right along with the infantry. A field hospital supported by the 166th Tennessee as part of the triage was bombed by German aircraft during the battle, although it was clearly marked by a huge red cross.

Following the Champagne-Marne Campaign, the 166th Tennessee provided similar medical services during the Aisne-Marne Campaign, St. Mihiel Campaign, and the Meuse-Argonne Campaign. During the St. Mihiel and the Meuse-Argonne Campaigns, Louis may have crossed paths with James Wanshabe, a Kanza full-blood who was in a Stokes mortar platoon of the 165th Infantry Regiment, Rainbow Division. The division received four coveted campaign streamers and two war service streamers as one of the most decorated units in World War I.

Following the Armistice on Nov. 11, Louis was sent to a military hospital in France suffering from unknown injuries incurred during combat operations. He then rejoined the 166th and spent several months of occupation duty in Bad Neuenahr, Germany, before returning home in May 1919.

Louis's wife Nellie had been killed in an automobile accident on July 10, 1918, and shortly after his discharge from the army, he married his second wife, the part-Cherokee Grace Octavia Maxfield, on Aug. 9, 1919. The couple, who was to eventually have five children together, had first met while both were students at Kendall College where Gracie was a member of the women's basketball team. Louis was employed as a Tulsa oil company bookkeeper for the 1930 Federal Census, but sometime in the early 1930s he decided to change careers and became a Tulsa police officer.

On Aug. 27, 1935, he was appointed Retailer Inspector, Alcohol Tax Unit, Bureau of Internal Revenue, which was later to be incorporated into the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), and his duties were to verify that a retail establishment had a valid license to sell alcohol for tax purposes. Alcohol sales were limited to beer in Oklahoma in 1935, but this was not the typical beer we find today and could contain as much as 12 percent alcohol.

Prohibition had been repealed in 1933, but the organized crime violence experienced during these years, coupled with the Great Depression, had prolonged this dark era in American history. It was in his capacity as a Retailer Inspector that, just before midnight on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 1935, Louis and a private investigator went to the Sheridan Club at 51st and Sheridan Road in Tulsa to perform a beer license check. Louis and the private investigator were talking to the club bouncer, a former county highway patrolman who was operating the spotlight for a floor show in progress, when two gamblers approached them from the kitchen area.

A fight soon broke out, apparently because the gamblers did not like the intrusion of the federal authorities. The struggle continued outside the club, and shots were heard.

Witnesses found Louis and his companion dead, both men severely beaten about the head. The private investigator had been shot twice in the left side with bullets that penetrated his body from side to side, and once in the head. Louis had been shot five times in the back of the head in addition to a fractured skull from the beating. Four guns were found lying around the bodies.

The two gamblers were arrested and charged with the murders, both having long histories with Tulsa county law enforcement. Only one was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to five years.

Louis was laid to rest in Tulsa, leaving behind his widow Gracie and six children from both of his marriages. The incident, which became known as the “Sheridan Club Killings,” was front page news for weeks afterwards, but time eventually erased the incident from the public’s memory, and it has taken nearly 75 years for Louis’s ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty to be properly recognized.

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William's son Robert in his WWII uniform taken in France.

Ambulance Company mule-skinner riding in their ambulances down a boulevard in Châlons-sur-Marne, Champagne-Ardenne, France, July 1918.

Posthumous Presentation of Gold Star to ATU Investigator Louis Pappan

by Assistant Director Mark Chait

at the National Native American Law Enforcement Association's Annual Conference

Las Vegas, Nev. • Sept. 15, 2010

Thanks for that kind introduction... It's my great honor to be here tonight, to pay tribute to fallen Alcohol Tax Unit (ATU) Investigator (or agent as we now call them), William Louis Pappan... and we at ATF want to welcome him home after 75 years. Let me tell you about the man you first saw Tuesday, in the lobby of the Riviera. Let me tell you the story of William Louis Pappan, — it is indeed inspiring.

Louis was born on the Kaw Nation Reservation, on Christmas Day in 1894, to a family with deep roots in American history. As you heard yesterday, his first cousin was none other than Vice President Charles Curtis, our nation's first Vice President with noted Native American ancestry.

In 1840, his grandfather and his granduncle, Louis and Joseph I Pappan, settled on the north bank of the Kansas River and quickly established a trading center and river ferry. This site was destined to become Topeka, Kansas. Here the Pappans helped transport countless settlers westward.

His great-great-grandfather was Kaw Nation Chief White Plume, who visited President Monroe in Washington, D.C., in 1822; his great-great-granduncle was Osage Nation Chief White Hair, who met with Thomas Jefferson, also in Washington, D.C.; and he is most likely related to the notable Papin fur trading families of the early 19th century from St. Louis, Missouri.

As a young man, Louis was an all-around athlete, playing baseball, basketball and running track. The baseball entry in his Kendall College yearbook states: “Stationed at first base, Louis has helped many a poor throw by his great reach and ability to dig them out of the dirt.” The basketball entry states: “Louis is six feet four inches tall and was the most consistent point maker on the team.” And in 1917, the yearbook states: “Louis, the big center on this year’s team, was probably the best basket man on the team.”

America’s entry into World War I changed everything. In the spring of 1917, Louis led his entire basketball team to enlist with him into the Oklahoma National Guard’s Ambulance Company Number 1, which was federalized into active service. He became part of a much larger and diverse team as a mule skinner, driving a mule-driven ambulance for the 166th Ambulance Company as part of the famed 42nd Rainbow Division. Often near, or at the front lines, Louis dodged machine gun fire, artillery bombardment, gas attacks, and even military vehicle traffic jams, as he recovered and transported injured and dead soldiers from the battlefields of France.

It wasn’t any better off the battlefield. During the war’s intense bombardment it seemed as if the enemy had especially chosen as targets the first-aid or triage stations, ambulance stations, and hospitals. And Louis himself was wounded and hospitalized more than once during the war. But through it all, he was unwavering in his fidelity to duty and... to his love of sports! In a letter to his beloved Kendall College, he wrote during one of his hospital stays: “How’s the football team getting along...?” Now, that’s a true sportsman for you... and a very courageous one at that!

After returning from the war, he became a Traffic Officer with the Tulsa Police Department. The city of Tulsa, Oklahoma, had a long tradition of violence against law enforcement — and corrupt local politics didn’t make it any better. Louis left the police department and in August 1935, he became an investigator for ATF’s forerunner, the Alcohol Tax Unit.

Prohibition was over by then, but somehow violence prevailed, if not increased. Criminal syndicates continued to illegally produce and distribute distilled spirits. Gangs battled viciously for control of underground distilleries and distribution networks. Machine guns continued to be the weapon of choice by gangsters who killed each other on street corners, in social clubs, and in restaurants.

On December 4, 1935, essentially at the beginning of his career as an ATU Investigator, Louis Pappan, under orders to inspect beer licenses, arrived at the Sheridan Club in Tulsa, close to midnight. Pappan was accompanied by a former Tulsa police detective, turned private investigator, named Stewart. When they both entered the club, a floor show was in progress.

While Pappan questioned the club’s bouncer, two men approached Pappan and Stewart from the kitchen area. The men were both well known gamblers in the Tulsa area, and had long histories with Tulsa county law enforcement.

A fight broke out between four men, and as the struggle moved outside, shots were heard. Witnesses found Pappan and his partner dead, four guns strewn around them. It was ironic that he died so violently after saving lives and served unarmed in World War I.

The incident appeared in local newspapers and captured the attention of the Tulsa citizens. In the end, three men were arrested for murder. Only one was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to 5 years. That certainly illustrates the anti-revenoer public sentiment that all investigators worked through, — not just in Oklahoma in 1935, but throughout the country during and after prohibition.

William Louis Pappan died honorably, serving this country and the American public, and so tonight, we are here to finally recognize this man for exceptional bravery and for making the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty. The Gold Star Medal will be awarded to Louis’ relatives — Stephen Pappan, Louis’ son; Jim Benbrook, Louis’ cousin; and Erin Blacksheire Pouppirt, Louis’ great grand niece. Please join me in welcoming the recipients of William Louis Pappan’s Gold Star Medal.
1930s agent hero to receive ATF honor

By NICOLE MARSHALL
Tulsa World Staff Writer

In what became known as the “Sheridan Club killings” of 1935, assailants beat and fatally shot federal agent William Louis Pappan and a private investigator as they investigated illicit liquor activities at a Tulsa County nightclub.

News of the slayings, linked to corruption born of the Prohibition era, gripped headlines for years. But as decades passed, the story of their slayings faded into history.

This year, nearly 75 years after his death, Pappan will take his place among the fallen heroes of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

“It is a very long tradition in law enforcement to honor those who have gone before you and left this life serving not only their community but their country,” said ATF historian Barbara Osteika.

After serving as a Tulsa Police Department traffic officer, Pappan joined the Alcohol Tax Unit of the Internal Revenue Service in August 1935. The unit was the forerunner alcohol law enforcement agency to the ATF, Osteika said.

Because Pappan’s death was in the line of duty, Dennis Lippe, chairman of the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial, placed his name, story and picture on the organization’s website. Osteika discovered the entry while searching the Internet this summer.

To recognize his service, the ATF will posthumously award Pappan the agency’s highest honor, the Gold Star Medal, on Wednesday during a ceremony at the National Native American Law Enforcement Association’s annual conference in Las Vegas.

“We have a long history, and there is sort of a brotherhood among all police agencies that you are always going to be remembered when you are killed in the line of duty,” Osteika said.

The violence and corruption that festered during Prohibition persisted in Oklahoma during the time Pappan was with the ATU. The state did not repeal Prohibition until 1959.

“It was a very violent time,” Osteika said. “Gangsters were killing people in the streets.”

On the night of the slayings, Pappan had gone to several nightclubs with private investigator George Stewart, a former newspaper archives show.

Pappan had a history of service before becoming a federal agent, and he was related to other historical figures.

He left his studies at Kendall College — now the University of Tulsa — and volunteered for World War I, serving with Oklahoma National Guard Ambulance Company No. 1.

In France, he drove a mule-drawn ambulance as part of the 166th Ambulance Company, 117th Sanitary Train (medical train), 42nd Division. While providing first aid transport near or at the front lines, Pappan was injured and hospitalized more than once.

Pappan was born on the Kaw Indian Reservation in Oklahoma in 1894.

He was a first cousin to Vice President Charles Curtis, the first American Indian vice president, who served under President Herbert Hoover; a grandson of Louis Pappan, who operated a locally famous river ferry in Topeka, Kan., transporting countless settlers westward; a great-great-grandson of Kaw Nation Chief Monchousa (White Plume); and a great-great-grandnephew of Osage Nation Chief Pawhuska (White Hair), who met and negotiated a treaty with President Thomas Jefferson in Washington.

Accepting the Gold Star Medal will be Pappan’s son, Stephen Maxfield Pappan of San Diego; his first cousin, Jim Benbrook of Arizona; and his great-grand niece, Erin Blackshear Poupirt of Kansas City, Kan.

For more information, see Pappan’s story on the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Memorial website, tulsworld.com/olem.

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Thank you

It was such a privilege to receive this distinguished award in honor of my father. My wife Carmen and I are humbled by this experience.

Although I was just a small boy of 6 when my father was killed, I can still remember moments sitting at the kitchen table eating breakfast with him in the mornings. Strange how one remembers certain things so vividly, like my dad always liked to put mayonnaise on his eggs. Funny how that seems to stick in my memory!

My mother, Grace 0. Maxfield-Pappan, did not talk much about what had happened to my dad, nor did any of the other family members, however, as time went on, mom mentioned things about dad’s cousin, Charles Curtis who later become Senator of Kansas, and went on to become Vice President of the United States. It was during one of these times when my dad was doing his duty as a soldier, fighting on foreign soil of France during WWII, that his cousin, Charles Curtis would send many gift packages. My dad and Charles remained very close over the years.

Dad was only 19 years old when he married his first wife, Nellie Ann Mathews. She was full blood Pawnee. They had two children, Robert Henry Pappan and Rose Marian Pappan whom are both deceased.

My father worked as a bookkeeper for an Oil Company in Tulsa, Okla., and was also an enumerator for the 1930 U.S. Federal Census of Tulsa, Oklahoma. His income was only $40 a month.

Since I’m the only living child left out of seven children — along with 11 grandchildren — my wife Carmen and I want to thank all of those who helped with the research in the various areas at the AFT, notably, Barbara and Tony Osteika, and Joseph Wicks. Barbara is the historian for the ATF back in Washington, D.C.

Warm regards,
Stephen and Carmen Pappan
San Diego, Calif.
It has been a strange year weather-wise and is that a sign of what is coming up?

Here it is, the middle of October and temperatures are in the mid to upper 80s during the day. Not totally unusual for Oklahoma but definitely not the norm. Recently we had an earthquake that measured between a magnitude 4 and 5, and over the last 10 years we have experienced drought, flooding, tornadoes, high wind, hail, soaring heat indexes — and then came the ice storms.

The big problem with ice storms is that it destroys a lot of our infrastructure, mainly electrical lines. I have talked to several senior citizens and they cannot remember ice storms of 4- to 5-inch accumulations.

Over the years we have begun to take electricity for granted. Yes, it went off occasionally but was back on in a couple of hours. But when 2 to 4 inches of ice gets on power lines, any wind will not only take down the electrical lines but break power poles as well. Restraining electrical lines when they are down is a problem. But when electrical poles have to be replaced, then the time you are without electricity moves from hours to days before power is restored.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency recommends that people should plan on being self-sufficient for at least 72 hours after a natural or manmade disaster. We may not be able to do anything about stringing new electrical lines or installing new electrical poles, but we can do something about preparing for the worst. We will cover some of the things we can do to help prepare ourselves to weather the storm until power can be restored.

On the Kaw Nation website under “Programs and Services” you will find a tab named “Emergency Management.” Click on the tab and you will find several files that have excellent information describing what you need for Family Disaster Supplies Kit, how to develop a Family Disaster Plan, Safe Steps for Winter Weather, and Power Outage. Because many people do not have computers and access to the Internet, I will point out some things you need to do starting today that will help you prepare to be self sufficient for at least 72 hours.

**Family Disaster Plan**

Create a Disaster Plan. Meet with your family and discuss why you need to prepare for disaster. Explain the dangers of fire, severe weather and earthquakes to children. Plan to share responsibilities and work together as a team. 1) Discuss the type of disaster that is most likely to happen. Explain what to do in each case. 2) Pick two places to meet: a) Right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire, b) Outside your neighborhood in case you can’t return home. Everyone must know the address and phone number. 3) Ask an out-of-state friend to be your “family contact.” After a disaster, it’s often easier to call long-distance. Other family members should call this person and tell them where they are. Everyone must know your contact’s phone number. 4) Discuss what to do in an evacuation. Plan how to take care of your pets.

**Complete this checklist**

1) Post emergency telephone numbers by phones — fire, police, ambulance, etc. 2) Teach children how and when to call 911 or you local Emergency Medical Services number for emergency help. 3) Show each family member how and when to turn off the water, gas and electricity at the main switches. 4) Check if you have adequate insurance coverage. 5) Teach each family member how to use the fire extinguisher — the ABC type, and show them where it’s kept. 6) Install smoke detectors on each level of your home, especially near bedrooms. 7) Conduct home hazard hunt. 8) Stock emergency supplies and assemble a Disaster Supplies Kit. 9) Take a Red Cross first aid CPR class. 10) Determine the best routes from your home. Find two ways out of each room. 11) Find the safe spots in your home for each type of disaster.

Working with neighbors can save lives and property. Meet with your Neighbors to plan how the neighborhood could work together after a disaster until help arrives. If you’re a member of a neighborhood organization, such as a home association or crime watch group, introduce disaster preparedness as a new activity. Know your neighbors’ special skills (e.g., medical, technical) and consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs, such as disabled and elderly persons. Make plans for child care in case parents can’t get home.

**Family Disaster Supplies Kit**

This kit should include the following:
- Water
- Food
- First Aid Kit
- Tools and Supplies
- Clothing and Bedding
- Special Items

**When the power goes out**

If a power outage is 2 hours or less, you need not be concerned, but how do you save your food when the refrigerator is out for longer times? Bring prepared can help. By planning ahead, you can save your perishables.

**What do I need?**

1) One or more inexpensive Styrofoam coolers can do an excellent job.
2) Ice. Surrounding your food with ice will ensure that it will stay cold.
3) Keep plenty of shelf stable foods such as canned goods, powdered or boxed milk. These can be eaten hot, cold or heated on a grill or camper stove.
4) A digital quick-response thermometer should already be a necessity in your kitchen and should be used to check the internal temperature of food for doneness and safety.

**What to do**

Do not open the refrigerator or freezer and be sure and tell the little ones to leave the door closed. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold enough for a couple of hours at least a freezer that is half full will hold for up to 24 hours and a full freezer for 48 hours.

If it looks like the power outage will be for more than 2-4 hours, then pack refrigerated milk, dairy products, meat, fish, poultry, eggs, gravy, stuffing and leftovers into your Styrofoam coolers surrounded by ice. If it looks like the power outage will be prolonged, then prepare a cooler with ice for your freezer items.

— Gary Robison
Emergency Management Director
The voices behind ‘Voices’
by Sarah Miller

COUNCIL GROVE, Kan. — Back in August, I had the pleasure of attending this wonderful pageant and meeting some of the cast members from the production. Below are a few comments from various individuals who participated in this historical event.


“About the video: David McFarland came down and reenacted the event, which is the apex of the show, in which two Kaw braves were hung by the people of Council Grove. There were 30-40 people in the cast, another 20 behind the scenes during the performances, and people who work on the show in town. Council Grove had 70-75 people, with an additional 30 members from the Kaw Nation in Oklahoma participating. This was the summer of 2001.”

From Mark Brooks: “I play the part of Seth Hayes, who was the great-grandson of Daniel Boone and cousin of Kit Carson. Seth also gives the Council Grove white settler perspective as a community founder. Seth is trying to get all the dollars he can get. He sees all this opportunity and the Kaw are part of that.

“They are a double-edged sword to him, because he likes their money, but sees them as savages. He thinks of them as low beings, he doesn’t respect them for who they are, which is probably how it was. He thought they were blocking the road to progress and Christian civilization. They’re just in the way, and if you dig into the history, you’re just shocked by what happened.

“Seth is a fourth generation Council Grove resident whose grandfather, a Civil War Veteran, came to Council Grove in a covered wagon. He had a slave named Sally who he released before the war, but chose to stay and help him raise a foster daughter named Kitty. They are buried together.

“I think this story is very important and needs to be told. Originally when they asked me, my answer was no because I didn’t know the story, thinking it would be this
sugar-coated John Wayne-Good Cowboy-Bad Indian Story. However, once I understood the story, I wanted to be part of it.

“The writer of this play is Ron Parks, and he has done a tremendous amount of research, and this story is pretty accurate. We had to tame it down a little bit, but I feel this is pretty close to the way it was in that time of history.

“I’ve been involved in Community Theater since high school, and work for the local school district. The beard is driving my wife crazy.”

Ray Ball plays the part of Chief Allegawaho, who came from Blue Earth Village to Council Grove and was the chief of the Kaw during their time in Council Grove.

Ray says, “I agree that the pageant tells it how it was, but when it first started, some of the council members didn’t like it much. Most of what you see in the pageant is telling it how it really was. There are some parts, when tribal members first saw it, they got a little mad because they said it wasn’t telling the truth.

“This is history, done by research, and that was how it was in those times. You can’t change history, or how are the little ones going to say there wasn’t anything bad, if you’re going to sugarcoat it?”

From Luther Pepper: “Well, like I’ve said in times past, it’s interesting to be a part of a bunch of the history of the Kaw Nation with the people of Council Grove. I know some say that the script of this pageant was a little bit controversial, but it’s part of the history both ways — of the people of Council Grove, and the Kaw people. A history teacher in one of the local schools said, ‘Well even if it is, it’s part of the local history.’

“There’s a number of Allegawaho’s descendants who are part of the cast, and along with them probably some of the audience who are.”

Luther is the great grandson of Allegawaho and was asked what would say if he were here today. “I hope he would have good things to say about me,” Luther said. “Well, the script has that he was a great orator, a good talker, and I hope I’m doing him justice in my ministry — and when I do things like this, it’s really a reflection on what he passed down to me, and to others of his descendants, striving to carry on the legacy that him and many of the other Kaw people who were here at the time have sent down their family tree to their ancestors.”

Kyleigh Warren has been participating in this event four years, and travels from Ponca City with her grandmother, Tahagena Warren, Executive Council member. She says her favorite part of the pageant is doing something with her Nana.

From Tahagena (Gena) Warren: “Ron Parks came to Kaw City in 1992 to meet with the Executive Council members with historical information he had researched about the Kaws in the Council Grove area.

“The first year we came here to Council Grove, it was very tear-jerking and very solemn. It was kind of hard for some of us — you know, coming to a place that looks a lot like home. It kind of gave you a feeling like you had been here before.

“Some people just don’t get any of this, how the Kaw people were treated in school. They certainly don’t learn this in history, and history books don’t teach any of this. A lot of town people here in Council Grove say, ‘We’re so sorry.’ But that’s the way life was back then.

“I’m glad this story is now being told, so we can move on. You can be prejudiced and carry these hard feelings around with you, but it does no one any good. It’s just the way it was, and you live through it and you move on. It’s a story that needs to be told because there’s a mentality around here that the Indians did them wrong, and that’s not the case at all.

“I’ve had many people come and ask why they need to come here. It’s like I said before: the story is true and you can’t bury the truth, this story needs to be told.”

From Lloyd Pappan: “I think that all the tribal members ought to come here and see this. It’s kind of an emotional thing. It’s funny, because I’ve inquired with some of the people who were running for office recently if they were coming, and most of them weren’t, but of course I didn’t vote for those people either.

“You can’t go back and redo history. History is what it is, and it doesn’t do any good to carry grudges 200 years later or whatever it is now — I don’t think some people know what went on here. I don’t know if this is 100 percent accurate depiction of what went on, but it’s pretty close.

“Our history shows that we were forced to leave this area. I admire the people from Council Grove, particularly those that learn these parts, you know. You’ll see the guy that does Hayes — that’s a lot of memory work — and there’s a young lady that does a lot. She got her part a couple of weeks ago, and she knows it. So, they’re the ones that really work hard. These people go out and dance, they can do that in their sleep, and they know what to do when they get there.

“I admire the people of Council Grove for their dedication. It’s really tough to learn these parts, and they gather up wagons and horses, and have gone out in the pastures and done filming, and had a lot of participation to do those films. I show up and do my part, and the dancers dance and the singers sing and the drummers drum.

“The people of Council Grove could do these parts appearance-wise, and no one would know the difference. However the regalia our people have on — like that one Jim Warren has on — his mother made that for him. But in today’s market, it would cost a thousand dollars to go out and get it.”
It has been an exciting time here at the Wellness Center. In the last few months, the staff has received their annual training in the latest lifeguarding and first aid/CPR techniques. Our continual commitment to training allows us to be assured that our staff can meet the needs of our patrons.

To this end, I would like to take this moment to recognize members of the Wellness Center staff for their recent individual achievements. Jolene Krueger, our lead instructor and assistant manager, received her yoga fitness certification. Robert Burris, our head personal trainer, has recently received his nutrition certification. Kenneth Foreman just completed his personal training certification. Also, Keely Mauntel has completed her group instruction certification. I am very proud of my staff and their dedication to fitness.

While the staff is busy putting all their recent trainings to use, we are ready to debut two new programs at the Wellness Center. The Kanza Wellness Center is proud to announce that Karate instruction and Tai Chi instruction has begun. Classes serve all ages and levels of experience. They are scheduled two times per week. Our instructor, Bill Mays, has worked with the United States Air Force and the University of Kansas, among others, bringing his expertise around the nation. We are very excited to have him as our instructor at the Wellness Center. If anyone has ever wanted to take Karate or Tai Chi, now is the time. Give us a call at (580) 362-1444 for more information.

In addition to the exciting happenings at the Wellness Center, I have also been managing the Kaw Nation Injury Prevention program for the last few months. I am happy to announce that the program has received funding for the next five years. The monies will allow the program to continue the important work of making travel safer for children and homes safer for tribal members.

The program will focus on car seat and seatbelt use for all travelers. There will also be a strong emphasis on preventing elder falls. In addition, the program will continue efforts to curb drinking and driving as well as improve fire safety. If you, or someone you know, can benefit from any of these programs, give us a call and find out how we can help. Whether there is an expectant mother who needs a car seat or an elder that could use a grab bar in the shower, the Injury Prevention program can help.

Thank you to everyone that stopped by the health fair on October 8th. As usual, it was a great success. It is wonderful to see so many people taking an active role in improving their health and wellness. As always, I invite everyone to stop by the Wellness Center and see how our staff can help make a difference in your life.

— Good Health, Ryan Smykil, Manager

**KANZA HEALTH CLINIC**

The dental clinic is in full swing now. We have increased the number of days that you can receive services.

Currently, Dr. Lon Bair is at the dental clinic the first and third Wednesday of each month. The hygienist, Traci Moya, is providing services every Tuesday and Wednesday. For an appointment, call the dental clinic at 580-362-1944. If you get the answering machine, leave your name and number and the dental staff will return your call to schedule an appointment.

Just as a reminder, the dental clinic is not open except on Tuesday and Wednesday of each week.

We have several people on the waiting list to be seen by the dentist. If you have an appointment, please be respectful and call at least 24 hours in advance if you are not going to be able to keep your appointment. There are many other people waiting to receive dental services. If you are a “no call, no show,” you have just caused someone else not to receive dental treatment.

We appreciate the opportunity to serve each person who comes to the health and dental clinic. It is a privilege to provide you with excellent service.

— Jackie Dodson, Health Director
Slow Cooker Cheesy Potato Soup

A hot, hearty soup is waiting for you when you get home if you rely on your slow cooker.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 bag (32 ounces) frozen southern style diced hash brown potatoes, thawed
- ½ cup frozen chopped onion (from 12-ounce bag), thawed
- 1 medium stalk celery, diced (½ cup)
- 1 carton (32 ounces) Progresso® chicken broth
- 1 cup water
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 bag (8 ounces) shredded American Cheddar cheese blend (2 cups)
- ¼ cup real bacon pieces (from 2.8-ounce package)
- 4 medium green onions, sliced (¼ cup)

**DIRECTIONS**
In a 3- to 4-quart slow cooker, mix potatoes, onion, celery, broth and water. Cover; cook on low heat setting 6 to 8 hours. In small bowl, mix flour into milk; stir into potato mixture. Increase heat setting to high. Cover; cook 20 to 30 minutes or until mixture thickens. Stir in cheese until melted. Garnish individual servings with bacon and green onions. Sprinkle with pepper if desired.

Prep time 15 minutes
Total time 6 hours, 45 minutes
Makes 6 servings

Turkey Pot Roast with Sweet Potatoes and Cranberries

Sweet potatoes and cranberries add a distinctive flavor to this baked turkey dinner.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 (2- to 3-pound) boneless turkey breast
- 3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled, cubed (5 cups)
- ⅛ cup sweetened dried cranberries
- 6 green onions cut into ¼-inch pieces
- ¼ cup orange juice
- ¼ teaspoon dried marjoram leaves
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted

**DIRECTIONS**
Preheat oven to 350°F.
Place turkey breast in ungreased 13-by-9-inch (3-quart) baking dish. Arrange sweet potatoes, cranberries and onions around turkey. Pour orange juice over top. Sprinkle with marjoram and salt. Cover with foil.
Bake at 350°F for 1 hour. Uncover; brush with melted butter. Bake an additional 30 minutes or until turkey is fork-tender and juices run clear, spooning pan juices over turkey and vegetables once during baking. Serve turkey and vegetables with pan juices.

Prep time 20 minutes
Total time 1 hour, 50 minutes
Makes 8 servings

Mini Apple Crostata

Just 5 ingredients. Turn an apple into a personal pie with easy-to-use refrigerated pie crust.

**INGREDIENTS**
- 1 refrigerated pie crust (from 15-ounce box), softened as directed on box
- 1 large baking apple, peeled, cored and thinly sliced (about 2 cups)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 8 teaspoons caramel flavored topping

**DIRECTIONS**
Preheat oven to 425°F.
Unroll crust on work surface. Roll crust out slightly; cut into 4 (5-inch) rounds. Place rounds on parchment lined cookie sheet.
In medium bowl, mix sugar and cinnamon; toss apple slices into sugar mixture.
Divide apple slices evenly onto center of each pie crust round. Fold ½-inch of crust over filling, pinching slightly so that crust lays flat on apples.
Bake 18 to 20 minutes or until crust is golden brown and apples slices are tender. Drizzle 2 teaspoons caramel topping over each crostata. If desired, serve warm with ice cream.

Prep time 15 minutes Total time 35 minutes Makes 4 servings

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The Kaw Nation Environmental Department (KNED) continues its efforts to monitor water from Kaw Lake, Arkansas River, and three creeks entering Kaw Lake. The goal for the Kaw Nation Water Quality Monitoring Project is protecting the water quality and wildlife habitats within the Kaw Nation service area for the health and well-being of its tribal members and other Native Americans residing here.

Since 2006, funding has been received from the Region 6 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Water Quality Protection Division, and the Clean Water Act §106 Program. KNED staff has consistently conducted water quality monitoring through water sampling and analyses, fish/biological sampling and sediment sampling within the Kaw Nation service area on the two tributary rivers — the Arkansas River and Big Beaver Creek — and Kaw Lake.

Data collected from these activities continues to be recorded, monitored and reported to the Environmental Protection Agency. Examples of the data collected from each of these sites are pH levels, temperature, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, total dissolved solids, alkalinity, sulfates, nitrogen, phosphates, fecal coliform, lead, mercury, and zinc. There are a few instances of parameters being over the Oklahoma raw water standards. The parameters that are most often over those standards are dissolved solids, pH, and fecal coliform. Total dissolved solids are high due to the amount of sediment carried by the Arkansas River. The geology of the area contains limestone which causes an increase in pH. Fecal coliform is a bacterium that enters water from the natural ecosystem and sewage treatment plants. The number of sewage treatment plants on the Arkansas River upstream of Kaw Lake contributes to this bacterium.

Dr. Dejene Alemayehu and Skyler Mathews are pictured above on the KNED air boat during a sampling trip on Kaw Lake. Justin Bush is also shown with a large mouth bass that KNED collected with the assistance of Oklahoma Wildlife Department Staff from Kaw Lake to be analyzed for mercury.
The Kaw Nation Tribal Youth Program was taken on a study tour at the Beaver Creek Wetland this past summer. Twenty-two students, aged 6 to 13, attended a presentation given by the Kaw Nation Environmental Department staff.

The topic was “The Importance of Wetlands.” They were also given a tour of the Kaw Nation Museum. Once they arrived at the wetlands, students were split into groups and taken on a nature walk around the wetland guided by Justin Bush. On the walk, they got to see the differences in vegetation between wetland and non-wetland areas, and animals associated with the wetlands.

The kids sorted macro invertebrate samples, as well as soil samples, which allowed them to determine the difference in soils based on their texture and color.

The students received green Wetland logo T-shirts and backpacks and were treated to lunch.
Hawé! Zházhe wíta che Linda Cumberland. (Hi! My name is Linda Cumberland.)

In the previous issue of Kanza, Justin McBride, the outgoing director of the Kaw Language Department, gave a wonderful overview of the past accomplishments and future direction of this department. I had the privilege of working with Justin for nearly five years and, as the newly appointed Director of the department, I am committed to meeting the goals that he and I outlined to complete our mission to teach and fully document Kaá’ze Iké, the Kanza language.

Kaáze Wéyaje/Kanza Reader: Learning Kanza Literacy through Historical Texts

Our latest addition to the language resources is a “graded reader” — a set of readings that start out with a simple lullaby and become progressively more challenging as you become familiar with the written language. The stories are from some of the last generations of native speakers of the Kanza language. The selected readings have been annotated to acquaint users with the fundamental principles of Kanza literacy. Brief exercises are provided to allow users to test their understanding of the explanatory material. Also included are a Kanza-to-English glossary with over 700 entries and a CD featuring audio recordings of the 10 annotated texts.

The entire document — book contents and CD — are available online at no cost at www.kawnation.com/langhome.html. A print version of the book will be available soon for purchase. The book will probably retail for $19.99 but enrolled Kaw tribal members may purchase a copy for $5 plus an additional $3.95 if you would like us to mail it to you.

Wajípha“yi”: A Kanza Language Learning Game

There are still plenty of copies of our popular board game, Wajípha“yi”, where players discover the organization of the Kanza clans with in the historical camp circle, while learning Kanza vocabulary. The game includes the game board, die and vocabulary cards shown here, along with score cards and an instruction sheet. If this is the first time you are learning words in the Kaw language, there is a 10-card “starter set” of words.

Here you’ll find the most basic words and phrases, like “How are you?”, “My name is ___,” numbers, colors and animals. Each word also has a pronunciation guide, so anyone can read out the clues for the game. In no time, you’ll be naming things around you and greeting each other in Kaw. These games are now just $5 each, plus postage if you want us to mail it to you.

Kanza Language Class

The Kaw City language class continues to meet each week. It is now meeting on Monday evenings from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the Maude McCauley Clarke Rowe Social Services Building on Washunga Drive in Kaw City. Language learners from middle school age to adult are currently participating. Beginners are welcome.

However you choose to learn more about the beautiful and intricate Kanza language, we are here for you. Call us any time you have a question at 580-269-1199, or you may e-mail us at language@kawnation.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sovereign

Long ago when the earth and a people were one, they lived proud and true Their eyes sparkled like the bright stars on a dark blue night Their hearts were pure as the pale plains Their hearts were pure as the red clay All this I see when I look at our nation's stars and stripes So we shall not forget our ancestors, what they sacrificed and gave to us and our future generations.

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