



Kanza News

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 Dr. H. Grenada D. Lewis.

Dear Maria Howard N York

Chief Wázhangiyé

Letter From The Chair



Since I took office on September 14th, we have all been very busy with several projects in the works. Kaw Nation was awarded a broadband grant of \$8,819,394.71; everyone is excited to get this project going.

Offices throughout the tribe are being renovated with new paint, carpet removal, and new flooring. This renovation was voted on by the Tribal Council to improve not only the buildings, but to make a healthier environment for our employees and citizens that work or visit our complexes.

The Kaw Gaming Commission is in the process of moving from the museum building in Kaw City over to Braman to be closer to the Casino.

Vice-Chairman, James Pepper Henry, has volunteered to help with expanding our museum when the Gaming Commission's transition over to Braman is complete.

We continue to work on our water rights and putting our land into trust.

The Tribal Council voted to increase the burial and headstone assistance.

There is still plenty of firewood for our Tribal Citizens, you may find the form on the website.

I am hoping by the time this newsletter reaches you, Kaw Nation's new website will be up and running. Soon, our email addresses will be changing as well.

Lastly, I'd like to say thank you for the support in electing me as your Kaw Nation Chair. I hope to continue to build Kaw Nation up for the future of all the Citizens of Kaw Nation and will work hard to make that happen. Kaw Nation stands strong today as we did in the past and will forever be as strong in our future.

Wishing all Kaw Nation Families a Happy Holiday Season & A Happy New Year with new beginnings!

-Kimberly Jenkins
Kaw Nation Chair

September 11, 2022 marked another successful election day for the Kaw Nation Tribal Council. With over 200 total votes tallied, just over half the votes were in person on voting day. The remainder of the votes were casted via absentee ballots. Of the 7 total candidates, 4 were elected, with one candidate running uncontested. Winning candidates were sworn in the following Wednesday by Chief Supreme Court Justice Charles H. Tripp.

2022 Kaw Nation Certified Election Results For September 11th, 2022 Election

Chair of the Kaw Nation - Kim Jenkins

Tribal Council Seat 1 - Wesley Glen Pappan

Tribal Council Seat 3 - Debbie Lewman

Tribal Council Secretary - Little Carol Clark



Attention Kaw Nation Elders

A temporary Elder Assistance Program has just opened up for Elders age 65 and older. Eligible Tribal Elders will receive \$100.00/month for a MAXIMUM of 12 months, starting January 2023. Expenses MUST be used to ensure the health and welfare of Tribal Elders. This application must be completed for each Tribal Elder and must be fully completed to be accepted. Applications will only be accepted through the mail, no exceptions. Applications must be postmarked on or before December 31, 2022. Any applications received after that date will not be accepted, no exceptions. Please remember, payments will not begin until January, 2023. Applications can be found online, picked up at the Kaw Nation Administration Building in Kaw City, Kanza Health Clinic in Newkirk, and the Kaw Housing Authority at the front desk in Newkirk.

For any questions, please contact the ARPA Coordinator at 580-269-2552.



Medicare Open Enrollment for Prescription Drug Coverage

Enrolling Through December 7th - **For More Info, Call: (580) 362-1039**

This is the time of year to make sure your prescription drug coverage is right for you. Kanza Health Clinic has 4 Certified Medicare Assistance Counselors: Jackie Bannister, Monica Longoria, Catherine Lane, and Sue Whatley. These staff members will be calling our patients during open enrollment to talk about prescription drug coverage. Kanza Pharmacy furnishes numerous medications for our patient at no cost to them, but unfortunately we are not able to furnish all medications. If a patient has to purchase a medication monthly at an outside pharmacy, sometimes it would be more cost effective to pay the monthly premium for a prescription drug plan. As a NA/AI, your Indian Health Pharmacy is considered credible coverage, so you will not be required to have a plan if you do not need or want a prescription drug plan. Kanza Health Clinic staff is here to help you determine what you need to make sure you have all the information available for you to make the decision on what is best for your prescription needs. If you have any questions, call or make an appointment to come in and talk with one of our Certified Counselors.

New Hires

We would like to welcome the following employees to the Kaw Nation Team!

Nicholas Coble - ICW - 6/13/2022
Debbie Warren - Shelter Staff - 6/24/2022
Toby Weant - Land Management - 6/7/2022
Jordan Powell - Daycare - 7/6/2022
Kari Voegle - Accounting - 7/13/2022
Madison Murray - KHDD - 8/8/2022
Brandi Bickford - Shelter Staff - 8/11/2022
Daniel Hesson - Emergency Management - 8/16/2022
Sarah Lingnau - Kanza Clinic - 8/29/2022
Georgia Muehlberg - Daycare - 8/29/2022
Cheri Dunn - Executive Director - 10/4/2022
Merika Warren - Driver/Janitor - 10/12/2022
Rayna Rowe - Library Coordinator - 10/17/2022

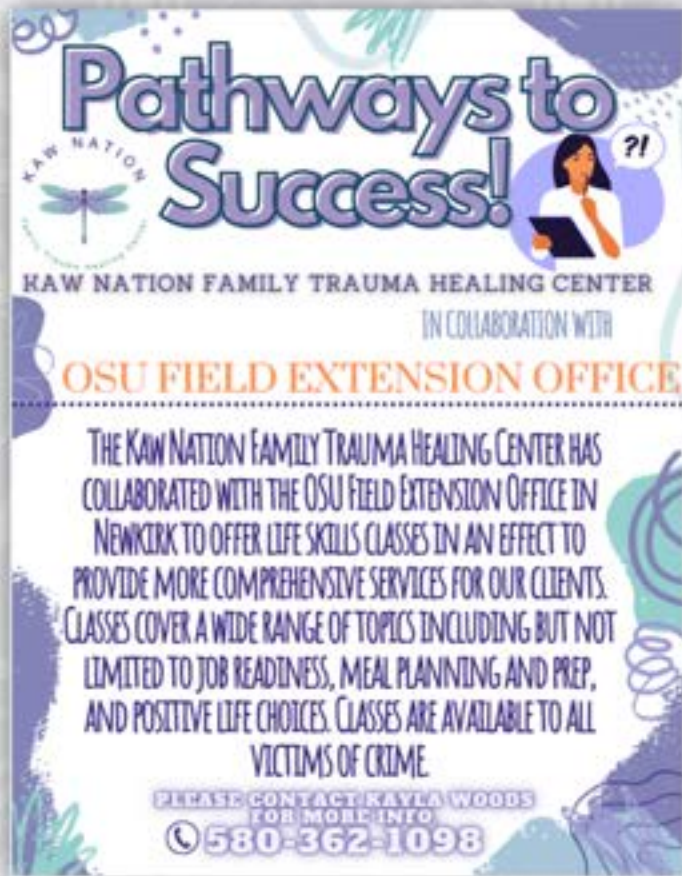
In Loving Memory

OF OUR KAW MEMBERS

Patricia Ann Parry
D.O.D. - 05/23/2022
Brian Ray Pappan
D.O.D. - 08/13/2022
Tahagena Marie Warren
D.O.D. - 08/20/2022
Vanessa June Seeley
D.O.D. - 09/01/2022
Curtis Clyde Pappan
D.O.D. - 09/16/2022

COME WORK FOR KAW NATION
COMPETITIVE PAY & GREAT BENEFITS!
SCAN THE QR CODE TO SEE CURRENT OPENINGS





The Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center is a tribal resource that was founded to raise community awareness as well as provide a helping hand to Kaw Nation families in need. Of these services include community events, victim advocacy, group counseling, a 24 hour crisis line, and protective measures.

KNFTHC is also very committed when it comes to educating local families in a variety of ways. Kayla Woods, a KNFTHC advocate, is actively involved in helping tribal community members refine such skills as resume building, email etiquette, and job interview training.

As part of the initiative to help educate families throughout the community, KNFTHC recently collaborated with Oklahoma State University and Ponca Tribe Behavioral Health to form an educational program called Pathways to Success. This program has created a range of classes designed to benefit young families, beginning parents, and anyone else that would find them valuable.

Pathways to Success consists of ongoing courses that cover a comprehensive variety of topics

centered around life improvement. The intent of this project is to equip students with a diverse range of skills that will equip them to handle many of life's everyday challenges. Courses cover such topics as meal preparation, parenting, finance, budgeting, credit building, vehicle purchasing, and job readiness to name a few.

Many of the classes are held at the OSU Extension Office in Newkirk with the help of Brenda Medlock, the Kay County OSU Extension Director. To register for any upcoming courses or for more information, reach out to Kayla Woods at (580) 362-1098.

Energy Assistance Available for Tribal Members

The Kaw Nation Social Services Department has received grant funding to purchase energy assistance items such as oscillating fans, ceramic heaters, wool socks, and blankets. These items will be distributed under the following guidelines:

- Items will be given out based on income, due to Grant Regulation.
- Must be considered a Tribal Elder (55 or older).
- Items must be picked up in person.
- Items will be given the same day the application is turned in.
- These items are in very low quantity and will be given out on a first come, first serve basis.
- If you received these items last year, you will not be eligible to receive them this year

To see the income verifications and learn if you're eligible, you can find the application on the website or the Social Services department at the Administration Building in Kaw City.

For any questions, please contact us at **(580) 269-2552 Ext. 232 or by cell at (580) 304-6144**. We can also be reached via email at flong@kawnation.com and ameans@kawnation.com



From Student To Teacher

Kaw Nation wants to send a huge congratulations to Kaw Tribal Member, Elizabeth Sorinsen, as she continues to reach educational milestones on her pursuit to earning a Master's Degree. From her Bachelor's Degree, to her recently completed Teacher Certification Program, Elizabeth is steadily adding to her list of academic credentials.

"I truly couldn't have done it without the help of the Kaw Nation". Stated Elizabeth regarding her recent success.

Elizabeth was hired last year to be a first grade teacher at Cleveland Primary School, where she was also recruited to join the Community Indian Education Committee. Her recent enrollment in an Indigenous Education class has helped her to develop a deep appreciation for Kanza history including the Dawe's Act, the creation of the Kaw Dam, and the history of the Chilocco Boarding School.

As a teacher, Sorinsen aims to bring about a greater understanding of Northern Oklahoma's indigenous populations to her students. She is also independently developing a social studies curriculum around Indigenous People's Day, which was not previously addressed.

"Our people have been through so much and I truly appreciate the dedication that Kaw Nation shows for helping our people achieve higher education."

The Kaw Nation is truly thankful for Elizabeth's representation of, and contribution to her tribe. May she continue to spread our culture and experience continued success on her scholastic journey.

Established Ancestry & A Bright Future

Yali Huffman, a Kaw Nation Tribal Member, is 13 years old and enjoys being homeschooled as an 8th grade student. Yali also attends a once-a-week "brick and mortar" academy where she meets with other students for in-person group learning. This academy is associated with the Colorado Springs Conservatory which has allowed her to participate in a variety of arts programs such as theatre classes, and music recording camp. Yali will also be on the yearbook staff at her homeschool academy. Additionally, Yali likes to shoot her classic recurve bow, and volunteers at a local cat shelter. She will be starting part-time, on-line classes at Pikes Peak Community College this Fall where she will be studying Business and Economics.

Yali is the daughter of Charlee Huffman, the grand niece of Jim Gates, the granddaughter of John Gates, and Dadie Pappan is her great-great grandmother. Yali and her family are very grateful to the Kaw Nation Education Department which provided funds for the technology which helped make this possible.



ATTENTION KAW NATION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

Please keep our Citizen Enrollment Department updated on all Tribal Member information. This includes addresses, phone numbers, and name changes.

Citizen Enrollment Phone Number: (580) 269-2137 Fax: (580) 269-6060

46th Annual Kaw Nation Powwow



August 5th through 7th marked the continued celebration of Kaw culture as we gathered at Washunga Bay to honor the traditions of our ancestors during the 46th Annual Kaw Nation Powwow. This year's event featured a Veteran's Meal, a Mourner's Meal, various vendors, and 3 days of dancing across 18 total contest categories.

Powwow attendance this year showed an increase from 2021 with considerable spectators and supporters arriving on all three days.

The Kaw Nation Cultural Committee was very grateful for all of the event's participants, gifting head staff with Pendleton Blankets and contest winners with generous cash prizes.

Contest Winners



Golden Age Women

1st Place – Jenny Rush-Buffalohead
2nd Place – Cheryl Arkeketa
3rd Place – Rozina Adson



Golden Age Men

1st Place – Randy Moore
2nd Place – Wes Hudson
3rd Place – Galen Springer



Sr. Women's Cloth

1st Place – Laura Sage
2nd Place – Lexia Kent
3rd Place – Melanie Feathers Miner



Sr. Men's Straight

1st Place – Joseph Pratt
2nd Place – Shude Victors
3rd Place – Dave Madden



49 Contest

Winner - Rainmaker



Sr. Men's Fancy

1st Place – Greg Victors
2nd Place – Amos Little Crow
3rd Place – GrayCloud Lieb III



Sr. Women's Fancy Shawl & Jingle

1st Place – Tylynn Broncho
2nd Place – Makayla Sage
3rd Place – Julia Harvey



Sr. Men's Traditional & Grass

1st Place – Louie Sage
2nd Place – Donnie Grant
3rd Place – Wes Littlecook

46th Annual Kaw Nation Powwow

Contest Winners Continued



Teen Girls Cloth

1st Place – Nashta Littlecook
2nd Place – Kathleen Headman
3rd Place – Laile yana Allen



Teen Girls Buckskin

1st Place – Cresencia Two-Hatchett
2nd Place – Laney Lefthand
3rd Place – Tara Jones



Teen Girls Fancy Shawl & Jingle

1st Place – Cedar Littlecook
2nd Place – Katzy Buffalohead
3rd Place – Delilah Gover



Teen Boys Straight

1st Place – Alec Kent
2nd Place – Noah Buffalohead
3rd Place – Daniel Madden



Teen Boys Fancy

1st Place – Jaxon Rain Enloe



Jr. Girls Cloth

1st Place – Michael Cornell
2nd Place – Bailey Ward
3rd Place – Shaylynn Littlecook



Jr. Girls Buckskin

1st Place – Danessa Two-Hatchett
2nd Place – Ephira Two-Hatchett



Jr. Girls Fancy Shawl & Jingle

1st Place – Ah'naalee Pappan
2nd Place – Lillian McCartney
3rd Place – Lila McCartney



Jr. Boys Straight

1st Place – Jim Warren
2nd Place – Ian James
3rd Place – Ezekiel Lynch



Jr. Boys Fancy

1st Place – Tylan Echohawk

Crowning a New Princess

The 46th annual Kaw Nation Powwow also marked the crowning of a new princess. Sandra LeClair was ushered in as the 2022-2023 Princess by previous princess, Kyleigh Warren. Sandra was presented with a custom-embroidered honor blanket, sash, and Kaw Princess crown. Sandra was also greeted and welcomed by visiting princesses of

neighboring tribes.

As a ninth grade student, Sandra is an active Member of The Kaa'ze Language Program, Bella Voce Choir Group, and Business Professionals of America.

Sandra is daughter of Candy Clark and Aaron LeClair. Also the Granddaughter of Florence and Elmer Clark.



Kaw Nation Says Thank You to Chair Williams

Friends, family, Kaw Nation employees, and Tribal Council members all gathered in Newkirk on Tuesday, September 13th to wish our outgoing Chairwoman, Lynn Williams, a wonderful retirement.

Lynn served as Kaw Nation Chair from 2018 to 2022 overseeing many challenges and successes, most notably, leading the tribe through the Covid 19 pandemic. A speaker at the celebration, Ken Bellmard, stated that the completion and opening of Rock & Brews Casino in the midst of the

pandemic would not have happened without the leadership and determination of Chair Williams.

The gathering was pleasantly surprised by a visit from students of The Kaa^ze Language Program. The students showcased their ability to speak the native Kaw language with counting and alphabet exercises. Lynn's retirement was lastly honored with flowers, a beautiful custom-embroidered Pendleton blanket, and a huge thankful applause. The last four years have seen

prosperity and growth in the face of unforeseen difficulties and testing times. Thank you for everything you have done for the people of Kaw Nation, Lynn Williams!



Lessons In Leadership

Developing leaders who will actively participate in the growth of the community by accepting leadership roles in civic, charitable, or governmental organizations has long been the main objective of the Leadership Ponca City program. Managed by a board of past program graduates, the program was founded by Ponca City Chamber of Commerce and grants membership into the program through a diligent selection and interview process.

Kaw Nation Tribal Member, Jaelin Kent, was recently selected to participate in Leadership Ponca City out of 38 applicants. As the Kaw Nation procurement director and chairman of the Cultural Committee, Jaelin has found massive value in this program.

"Being a part of this leadership class is one of the best decisions I could've made for myself, my community, and my tribe. I've already built onto my leadership skill set in such a short period of time and I'm excited to see how I can bring my knowledge to aid and promote the relationship between the Kaw Nation and the surrounding communities."



Summer Intern Program a Success

The Kanza Human Development Division (KHDD) held their first paid Summer Intern Program, June 1 - July 31, 2022. The internship was an 8-week program, 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Five Kaw students applied and were selected to intern within departments of the Kaw Nation government offices. After the interns were selected, they received employability skills training at Pioneer Technology Center that included; The Do's and Don'ts of Filling Out An Application, Interview Skills, Social Media Do's and Don'ts, Time Management, Active Shooter Training, Managing Your Money 101, Crucial Conversation, and Customer Service. Individual interns were placed, as best as possible, according to their interests at the Kanza Human Development Division, Kaw Language Department,

Kaw Nation Child Support Services, Law Enforcement, and Kaw Wellness Center. Along with their regular intern duties, the interns also gave a brief motivational speech to Kanza Day Care students about the importance of school, the importance of homework, and the importance of healthy friendships. The intern program finished up with a field trip to the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City, OK, with a warm welcome from Museum Director Jim Pepper Henry, a private tour guide, and delicious lunch.

The Kanza Human Development Division would like to thank all the Kaw Nation departments who signed up to support and train an intern in their department! Two interns have stayed on with the Kaw Nation in a part-time position and a full-time temporary position.

*-Karen Howe
Education Director*



Left to Right: Suzy Smith, Language Assistant with Brandy Woods, summer intern



Left to Right: Veronica Hammer, Wellness Director with Hayden Weant, summer intern.



Left to Right: Amanda James, Child Support Enforcement Officer with Madison Murray, summer intern



Left to Right: Geronimo Quillimaco, summer intern with Nancy Musgrove, JOM Coordinator summer interns



Summer Interns at FAM in OKC Field Trip



Kanza Daycare students with Madison Murray and Hayden Weant

KNED Healthy Homes Project



Certified Lead-Based Paint Inspector, Cody Regnier, operating a Heuresis Pb200i Handheld Paint Analyzer.

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of tribal lands in more ways than one. Along with monitoring and maintaining the health of our tribal landscapes, waterways, and air quality; they are also committed to maintaining healthy tribal homes.

For this reason, KNED team members (Emily Douglas, Cody Regnier, and Whitney Killscrow) have launched the Healthy Homes project with the sole purpose of eliminating exposure to such household dangers as lead, asbestos, and mold.

KNED staff employ a spectrum of professional credentials as part of their community effort to protect and maintain healthy home environments for tribal members. Of these certifications and titles include Lead Based Paint Inspector/Risk Assessor, Certified Asbestos Inspector, Mold Inspector, Data Tech, and Class C Wastewater Works Lab Operator; all of which require extensive training and testing to acquire.

If any Kay County tribal member would like to have their home inspected, please reach out to Emily Douglas at the Kaw Nation Environmental Department.

Kaáⁿze Íe News

Immersion & Childcare

The Kaáⁿze Íe Department has had a busy summer! The immersion class planted their ásilale (garden) again this year. They delivered tomatoes, strawberries, onions, and cabbage to Title VI to feed our Kaáⁿze Nikashiⁿga. Picnic vocabulary words were used over the summer months for both the immersion and childcare classes. The children got to enjoy an outdoor picnic with all the foods they learned in Kaáⁿze Íe.

Team Tajé Sage

Team Tajé Sage has grown over the summer. In April 2022 twelve students were enrolled. Now, there are twenty-five! At the Kaw Powwow they organized a 5k race. Micah Kekabah won first place, Katzy Buffalohead won second, and Charles Pontious won third. Prizes were given to the winners. Tajé Sage held a turtle race as well which was a big hit with the kids.

The team also worked hard on a new "Man in the Moon and the Turkeys" skit, then performed it at Newkirk's Charlie Adams Day, September 10, 2022. The students represented the Kaáⁿze Tribe with pride. Plans are in place to develop it into a movie for the Native American Youth Language Fair.

Kaáⁿze artist, Jesse Bussey, visited the class and spoke on the language revitalization movement, then answered questions from the class. The team presented him with a blanket.

New Additions

A wakháⁿ ásilale (pumpkin patch) has been planted at the powwow grounds. Plans are in place to expand it next year into a garden containing Kaáⁿze native foods.

Our department was given an intern, Brandy Wood, over the summer. She placed Kaáⁿze Íe signs in all Tribal buildings, taught Kaáⁿze Íe to childcare students, and worked hard to help the Director with day-to-day activities. Thank you Brandy Wood!

Upcoming Events

Tajé Sage high-school students will be attending the Native American Youth Summit held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. For more information, email asmith@kawnation.com, dbrave@kawnation.com or visit our website, kanzalearningsite.wixsite.com



Massive Attendance at 2022 Kanza Health Fair



On September 30th, Kay County locals gathered at the Johnnie McCauley Building to attend the 2022 Kanza Health Fair. Coordinated by the Kanza Health Clinic, this year's health fair featured a wellness walk, health screenings, educational resources, vendors, free t-shirts, and door prizes. Along with a number of Kaw Nation

vendors, a wide range of additional community participants arrived as well. Event coordinator, Lavonna Choate, was thrilled to see the great turn out of over 45 vending participants at this year's event.

Event proceedings kicked off at 8:30am with a half-hour wellness walk where participants qualified for door prizes. Honored with an opening prayer



by tribal member, Roy Lee Ball, doors opened for the health fair at 9:00am. Hosted by Newkirk City Manager, Ryan Smykil, event attendees enjoyed music and live raffles throughout the event. A total of over 60 prizes were raffled off, which were provided by over 28 businesses and organizations throughout the community.



DUPLEX CONSTRUCTION MAKES HEADWAY

As part of a collective effort involving Kaw Housing Authority, Kaw Nation, Tri Arch Architects, Builders Unlimited INC, and Copper Bear Consulting; construction is underway on a two-duplex project on East River Road in Newkirk, OK.

This project was funded by an ARPA-IHBBG grant, which is an Indian Housing Block Grant. The duplexes will serve as a housing solution for qualifying tribal elders. The estimated time of completion is December 2022, and the Kaw Housing Authority plans to start accepting tenant applications in early 2023.

Kaw Housing is very happy to break ground on this project as part of a long-term goal to have a full neighborhood of properties built on the East River lot over the next several years.





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