



Kanza News

April 2023





Hawè,

Spring is finally here, and we are finally receiving some long-needed rain. As the trees and flowers bloom so do our allergies. I hope everyone isn't sneezing as much as I have been lately! We are hoping for good weather, as an Employee Appreciations Day will be held on May 5th. All Kaw Nation offices will be closed, so all employees can come and participate in the fun! May 20th marks the Tajé Sage/Kaá'ze Íe 7th annual Youth powwow! Bring your family to enjoy the dance and watch the youth dance. Washunga Days Powwow will be held on June 16th & 17th in Council Grove Kansas. IF you can, make the trek to come dance with us at Allegawaho Park. Don't forget your chairs. I have been working with the architect at our Union Street property. We are looking for a name for the building. After you read the article on the building, if you might have an idea for a name, please email it to me at chair@kawnation.gov. All suggestions will be compiled and brought to the Tribal Council to choose three final names, which will then be posted to the website to be voted on. Kaw Nation has teamed up with KanOkla to help move forward with the broadband project. By the end of May, we are hoping to have the cabins that are located near the Powwow grounds ready to be rented out on a regular basis. Our hay fields have been diligently worked by the Land Management Department to have them ready to be baled. The Washunga Cemetery expansion is nearing completion. The Kaw Nation Transit Program is gearing up into its first stages of development. I'd like to wish you all good health and many blessings in the spring season.

Wíblahaⁿ,

Kimberly Jenkins
Kaw Nation Chair

Youth Gift Card Assistance Program Extended

We are excited to announce that the Tribal Youth Gift Card Assistance Program has been extended for an additional month! The program, which is open to qualifying Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens aged 17 years or younger, will now accept applications until May 30th, 2023.

The extension was granted because there are still many qualifying citizens who have not yet applied. If you have not yet applied, this is a great opportunity to take advantage of the program. The assistance program offers gift cards to eligible Kaw Nation youth, and the application process is simple.

To apply, interested applicants can find the application form at kawnation.gov. It is important to ensure that the application is completed thoroughly for each child to avoid any delay in receiving assistance. Additionally, Kaw Nation youth must meet the requirement of being enrolled and under 18 by 12/31/2022. Please note that any youth enrolled after this date will not qualify.



Therefore, make sure to provide a copy of the child's enrollment card with the application.

Applicants have two options for receiving their gift card. They can either choose to have the gift card mailed to the address listed on the application, or they can pick it up by appointment only at Tribal headquarters in Kaw City. Please note that no walk-ins will be accepted, and an appointment must be set up in advance.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the ARPA Coordinator at **580-269-2552**.

Kaw Nation Tax Commission/Tag Office

The Kaw Nation tag office is located at the Headquarters Administration Building in Kaw City, Oklahoma. Tags for vehicles, farm, motorcycles, RV's, personalized, active military, and veterans are available to Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens who reside within the State of Oklahoma. We are also now offering rebuilt titles, contact the Tag Agent to learn more!

For new vehicles, there is a 2% excise tax, whereas a used vehicle bought, the excise tax is waived. Applications can be found at the website www.kawnation.gov under the departments tab. When complete, you can mail in applications along with all documents needed or you may come into the office.

We now accept credit and debit cards along with cash, check or money order!

A new addition is coming to the tag office. As you may have seen, the survey being done on the website, and distributed amongst some of the Kaw Nation offices, for the handicap placards vs. handicap tags, the placards took the lead! The Kaw Nation Tax Commission is diligently working to make this happen. Please watch the website and Facebook page for more updates to be released!

If you would like to know more information the tag office can be reached by email at kawtagoffice@kawnation.gov or by phone 580-269-2552 ext. 206. Office hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.



Items Needed For New Tags:

- a completed new tag application
- original title (no copies)
- copy of current insurance verification
- copy of Kaw enrollment card
- copy of drivers license or current utility bill in tribal members name
- lien release (if title shows a lien) lien entry form, bill of sale or dealer paperwork.
- If a lien is to be added the Tribal member must be on the lien.

Items Needed For Renewal:

- a renewal letter signed by the Tribal member
- copy of current insurance verification
- copy of Kaw enrollment card
- copy of drivers license or current utility bill in Tribal member's name.

Washunga Tribal Cemetery Land Extentsion

The Newkirk Tribal Cemetery recently underwent a significant expansion, adding 6 acres of land to the existing cemetery. These grounds have been overseen by Kaw Nation since taking over the property deed in 1971. The project included the repaving of existing roadways and creation of new ones to improve access to the expanded area.

The expansion not only provides more space for future burials but also allowed for the beautification of the cemetery grounds. Kaw Nation took great care to ensure that the expansion blended seamlessly with the existing cemetery, creating a peaceful and respectful environment for those laid to rest.

Additionally, Kaw Nation worked with

Kay County to replace and repair several damaged drainage culverts on the property. This collaborative effort demonstrates the importance of community involvement and highlights Kaw Nation's commitment to maintaining the cemetery's integrity.

The Washunga Tribal Cemetery in Newkirk, Oklahoma serves as a final resting place for many Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens and their families. The recent expansion and improvements to the cemetery are testament to Kaw Nation's dedication to honoring our people and providing a sacred space for future generations to remember and pay respects.



In Loving Memory

OF OUR KAW CITIZENS

Francis Merle Kekahbah
D.O.D. - 12/15/2022

James Andrew Thompson
D.O.D. - 12/16/2022

Daniel Drew Baird
D.O.D. - 02/16/2023

Shannon Lee Babby
D.O.D. - 03/06/2023

Sue Ann Horton
D.O.D. - 03/18/2023



Kaáⁿze Íe News

Youth Education Project: Revitalizing Kaáⁿze Language and Culture

As part of the new Endangered Language Fund Grant, the Youth Education Project has been established by the Kaw Nation Language Department. The project goal is to increase our youth's knowledge and awareness of our culture through language by utilizing Kaáⁿze natural resources.

To start, we are establishing a garden for youth and elders enabling them to interact and learn from each other. Produce will be used in this year's powwow. If you are interested in learning more about this, contact the Kaáⁿze Íe Department.

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Kaáⁿze Íe Garden Tilled and ready to plant.

Team Tajé Prepares for Youth Language Fair



Maudie Jones & Irene Spottedbear practicing for the ONAYLF

Team Tajé Sage, a group of Native American youth dedicated to preserving and revitalizing their ancestral languages, would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to KGI for their recent support as they prepared for the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair.

The Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, which celebrated its 20th anniversary this year, took place on April 3-4, 2023, at the Sam Noble Museum in Norman, Oklahoma. This was first year that the fair was held in person since the pandemic, and Team Tajé Sage is thrilled to have the opportunity to participate.



The Kaáⁿze Íe Department held a mini powwow at Shidler School in March.

Featured is Katzy Buffalohead in Jingle Dress

Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair Results

Kaw Nation's Team Tajé Sage Does Outstanding Job

Team Tajé Sage's participation in the Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair went incredibly well this year as the Kaw Nation's Team Tajé Sage made a remarkable showing, receiving a multitude of awards for their performances.

Brandy Wood won 1st place for her performance of 'Big Snake,' a traditional Kaáⁿze story, while Jacey Mae Pappan received 2nd place for reciting a speech by Mrs. Clara Littlewalker. Sandra LeClair, Kaw Nation Princess, won 1st place for reciting a self-composed prayer. In addition, Katzy Buffalohead and Maudie Jones won 1st place for their skit on hair braiding, Maycie Lee Brandt received Honorable Mention for reciting "A Head Cook's Prayer," and Jake Spotted Bear won 2nd place for his presentation on "Wrestling Take Down Moves."

The Kaw Nation is incredibly proud of our future leaders and speakers for their commitment to preserving the Kaáⁿze Íe language. Congratulations to Team Tajé Sage for their outstanding performance! Special thank you to Tapóska Storm Brave, the language director, who received a blanket and recognition for her guidance and leadership.



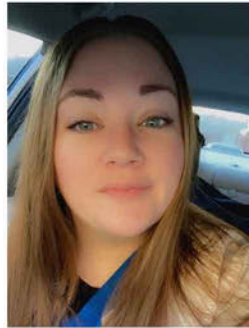
Kanza Human Development Division

Academic Achievements

Kaw Nation is thrilled to announce the recent graduation of six tribal citizens, including those who have earned Master's degrees and doctorates. These academic achievements were made possible with the help of the Kanza Human Development Division, which provides a range of resources for Kaw Nation tribal members.

Through the Kanza Human Development Division, tribal citizens have access to short and long-term training programs, on-the-job training, vocational education, as well as education programs at the community college, college, and university level. The division is committed to helping tribal members achieve their academic goals and reach their full potential.

The graduation of these students is a testament to their dedication and hard work, as well as to the support provided by the Kanza Human Development Division. Kaw Nation congratulates these individuals on their academic achievements and looks forward to supporting future members in pursuing their academic dreams.



Sharilyn Kent
Practical Nursing
Pioneer Technology



Josh Morgan
Doctor of Ministry
Southwestern Baptist
Theological Seminary Center



Jarred Blurton
Barber/Stylist
JB's Hair Design and
Barber College Center



Robert McInvale
Juris Doctor with Honors
Yale Law School



Hunter Pappan
*Master of Science &
Business Analytics*
University of Tulsa



Addison Sewell
Master of Education
East Central University



Kaw Nation Flag Makes History at Webb School's Diversity Week

The Kaw Nation flag recently made history at Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, as it became the first Indigenous flag to fly amongst the flags of student-represented nations in the school's 153-year history. The flag was unveiled on February 14th, 2023, during Diversity Week, and will remain on display inside the Webb School Chapel for the duration of Kaw Citizen, Alisyn Parfait's final year of attendance.

This groundbreaking event is a result of Alisyn's tireless advocacy for the representation of her tribe. It was a proud moment for both Alisyn and her grandmother, Gay Munsell, who were able to witness the flag's unveiling.

This historic event serves as a powerful reminder regarding the importance of inclusivity and representation while also highlighting the need to promote native awareness within educational institutions. The presence of the Kaw Nation's flag among the others serves as a testament to the rich cultural diversity that exists within the United States, and underscores the importance of celebrating and honoring these differences.



Kaw Housing Authority

Greetings to all Kaw Tribal Citizens. My name is Debbie Lewman and I am the Director of Kaw Housing Authority. I have been the Director since 2015. I have worked for Kaw Nation since 1998. I would like to tell you about a few of our programs we have administered and one we are still offering.

Our big project that was completed the end of March, is our Elder Duplexes. Kaw Housing received an ICDBG-ARPA grant to build 2 duplexes east of Newkirk. Our plans are to apply for more grants to develop the land and add additional housing. The duplexes will be ready for occupancy in April.

We received the ERA(Emergency Rental Assistance) which helped many of our Kaw Tribal Citizens in and outside our jurisdictional area. This program ended September 30th , 2022 and was to pay rent, utilities and internet for up to a year.

Currently, we have the HAF(Homeowners Assistance Fund) which can be utilized if you own your home or have a mortgage against your home. This grant will allow us to pay mortgage payments, home insurance, internet, and utilities for 3 months. It is funded by the Department of Treasury COVID money, and is available in the jurisdictional area or outside jurisdictional area. This is an income-based program; however, income limits are higher than the income guidelines for KHA home ownership and rentals. An example would be 2 people cannot have an income over \$90,000 to be eligible for this program. The maximum income increases as the number of people in your home increases. It is an application process and the application is on Kaw Housing Authority's Facebook group page under files or you can contact us and we can email or mail you an application. If you used the ERA, you will not be able to apply for the HAF. This is a very good program for our Tribal Citizens and will be available until funds are depleted.

By April, we will be launching our Kaw Housing Authority, webpage where you can find all the programs and services we provide. We are excited to get this up and running. On this website, you will be able to make your house payments on-line. All of our applications and policies will be put on this website along with updates on what is happening at Kaw Housing.

I encourage you to look at our Facebook page, as we have many services we offer. If I can be of service to any of you, please contact me at director@kawhousingauthority.com. -Debbie Lewman, Kaw Housing Authority Director



Debbie Lewman (third from left) celebrates the completion of the new elder duplexes with fellow Kaw Nation administration including Executive Director, Cheri Dunn

Newkirk Duplex Open House Event a Success

The Kaw Housing Authority recently celebrated the completion of its latest construction project as two new elder housing duplexes were opened for viewing on East River Road in Newkirk, Oklahoma. The ribbon-cutting ceremony marked a massive achievement for the housing authority as Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens, Kaw Nation employees, and representatives of Tri-Arch Architecture firm were in attendance. The duplexes, which were designed with Kaw Nation elders in mind, look incredible and are sure to provide comfortable and spacious accommodations for those who call them home. Overall, this event served as a deserving celebration of the hard work that went into creating these homes, and Kaw Nation Housing Authority looks forward to future developments in the area.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

We look forward to seeing you at these upcoming Powwow Events!

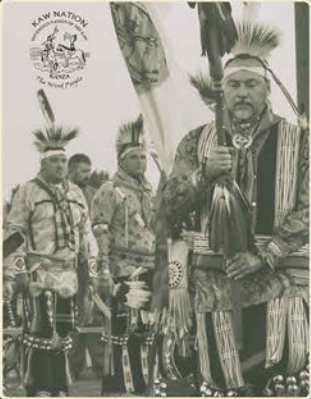
KAW NATION PRESENTS

2023 WASHUNGA DAYS POWWOW

JUNE 16TH & 17TH
Allegawaho Park - 1645 S. 525 Rd Council Grove, KS
 6:00pm-7:00pm Registration - 7:30pm Grand Entry

HEAD STAFF

Head Singer **ROBERT COLLINS** | Head Man **KENNIS BELLMARD** | Head Lady **SANDRA LECLAIR**
 Master of Ceremonies **SHANNON LEROY** | Arena Director **ROBERT SPOTTED BEAR**
 Water Carriers **THOMAS SPOTTED BEAR & AARON LECLAIR JR.**



Friday:
 Tiny Tots Ages: 5 & Under
 Jr. Boys & Girls Ages: 7-17
 Boys: Straight, Traditional, Fancy & Grass
 Girls: Cloth, Buckskin, Fancy Shawl & Jingle

Saturday:
 Sr. Men & Women Ages: 18-54
 Men: Straight, Traditional, Fancy & Grass
 Women: Cloth, Buckskin, Fancy Shawl & Jingle
 Men & Women Golden Age 55 & Older

Sponsored on the number of contestants, some categories may be combined.

All Kaw Mission activities are FREE, open to the public and presented in partnership with our sponsors:
Friends of Kaw Heritage - City of Council Grove - Area Foundations - Kaw Nation

FOOD - ARTS & CRAFTS SPACES AVAILABLE FOR VENDORS

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DIRECTIONS:

From Council Grove, head South on Dunlop Rd., then turn left onto X Ave., the left onto South 525 Rd., the arbor will be on the left in 0.5 mile. Watch for the signs.

- BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR -

POWOW ETIQUETTE:
 The area beneath the arbor is used for dancing and ceremonies. The area is called the arena. For the Kaá'ze Nikashin'ga (Kaw People), the arena is a sacred place. The ground has been blessed by the spiritual leaders. Photographs may be taken during the powwow but please ask permission before taking photos of the individuals.
 NO DRUGS OR ALCOHOL ALLOWED. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THEFTS, ACCIDENTS, OR INJURIES.

Dancers: With the exception of Tiny tots, must be in full regalia to receive prize money. Prize money will be awarded at the close of Saturday evening's program.

Kaw Nation Powwow Grounds 12613 E. Ferguson Rd. Washunga, OK



Tajé Sage/Kaá'ze le 7th Annual

YOUTH POWWOW

MAY 20TH, 2023

Gourd Dance @ 2pm | Specials Afternoon Only | Supper @ 5pm | Powwow @ 7pm

HEAD STAFF

Head Man - **Damien Littledeer** | Head Lady - **Makiah Brandt** | Head Singer - **Jordan Jones**
 Head Gourd Dancer - **Aiden Jones** | M. C. - **Ken Bellmard** | A.D. - **Colt and Dewey Donelson**
 Incoming Tajé Sage Princess - **Jacey Pappan** | Outgoing Tagé Sage Princess - **Maycie Lee Brandt**
 Head Cook - **Katzy Buffalohead** | Water Boys - **Austin Wood and Cooper Engelking**

Shídohi'ga/Boys 7-17
 Contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Shímihí'ga/Girls 7-17
 Contest 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Sponsored By Councilman Wes Pappan

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Special Thanks To:


VENDORS

Please contact: **Tapóska Susy Smith**
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Past, Present, and Future Princesses Honored by Sorority

The Kaw Nation Princess Sorority is a unique organization that brings together past and present tribal princesses to empower and guide future Kaw Nation princesses. The sorority's mission is to encourage and welcome incoming princesses while providing a supportive environment that helps them to become strong community ambassadors and upstanding members of the Kaw Nation.



The Kaw Nation Princess Sorority has created a tradition of inspiring princesses to uphold leadership and community values through their participation in such events as the Kaw Nation Youth Language Powwow, sorority workshops, and fundraising hand games.

The Kaw Nation Princess Sorority's Honor Dance is a momentous event organized by the residing princess as a way to honor and welcome the new incoming princess. This event is a cornerstone of the sorority's efforts to support and guide future princesses. The dance is held annually at the Kaw Nation Powwow grounds in Washunga Bay.



Sorority President, LaVina Clark, is compiling an index and encourages Tribal Citizens to reach out to her with any information regarding past princesses at 580-362-3558 or lclark@kawnation.gov. Any past princesses are also encouraged to participate and help further the efforts of the sorority.

Overall, the Kaw Nation Princess Sorority serves as an important resource for the Kaw Nation community, providing guidance and support to its princesses and promoting the rich cultural traditions that define the tribe. Through their work, the sorority helps to ensure that the legacy of Kaw Nation Princesses will continue to thrive for years to come.



Newly-Acquired Ponca City Property Targeted for Kaw Nation Service Departments

The Kaw Nation is thrilled to announce its recent acquisition of a property in Ponca City, Oklahoma, located at 2225 N. Union Street. This impressive 15,500 square foot office building sits on a spacious 3.5 acre lot, providing ample space for the tribe's expanding needs.

After completing all necessary renovations, the building will serve as a central one-stop site for Kaw Nation service departments, providing a convenient location for Tribal Citizens to access the necessary services. The new property will house offices for various departments, including KHDD, Indian Child Welfare, Injury Prevention, Child Support Services, Veteran Affairs Advocates, and Kaw Nation

Family Trauma Healing Center.

This acquisition is a significant step for Kaw Nation as it continues to grow and serve its members. The tribe is excited to provide a comfortable and modern space for its employees to work and to better serve Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens in the Ponca City area.



Bringing Education & Experience to Kanza Clinic

We are excited to introduce Courtney Beck, the new Nurse Practitioner at Kanza Clinic in Newkirk, Oklahoma. With years of experience in healthcare, Courtney is an excellent addition to the team.

Courtney started her career as a nurse in labor and delivery, where she gained a wealth of experience in women's health. Her passion for nursing led her to pursue a Master's degree, which she completed in 2019.

Since becoming a Nurse Practitioner, she has worked in Oncology and Occupational Medicine. Courtney is thrilled about her new opportunity with

Kaw Nation and is eager to expand her knowledge base to grow even further as a Nurse Practitioner. She feels welcomed by the staff and is looking forward to getting to know the community. Courtney's goal as a healthcare provider is to make sure her patients feel heard and receive the best possible care. As someone who experienced unpleasant medical experiences as a child due to epilepsy, she is dedicated to ensuring her patients have the best possible quality of care.

When she's not working, Courtney enjoys farming and country life with her husband and three children.



New Hires

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

Kristen Simunek - Pharmacist 1/16/2023

McKayla Mace - Janitor 1/23/2023

Phylicia Price - Tribal Secretary Assistant 1/23/2023

Missy Eckert - Pharmacy Tech 1/30/2023

Morgan Malone - Pharmacy Clerk 1/30/2023

Kelsey Cassidy - Patient Registration 1/30/2023

Joshua Roach - Janitor 2/6/2023

Jason Rivera - Pharmacist 2/9/2023

Jessie Atkins - Dental Receptionist 2/21/2023

John Wilson - Land Management Assistant 3/6/2023

Courtney Beck - Nurse Practitioner 3/7/2023

Nichole Cooley - Grants Admin. Asst. 3/13/2023

Tammy Pace - Clinic Office Manager 3/13/2023

Katelyn Mantz - Nurse Case Manager 3/13/2023

Donald Sloan - Police Officer 3/20/2023

Angela Stout - Daycare Teacher 3/20/2023

Teresa Redford - Account Finance Associate 3/28/2023

Kaw Nation Environmental Department Receives Research Recognition

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department has recently published an extensive study in the peer-reviewed academic journal "Scientific Research." The study focused on the concentrations of Mercury and other heavy metals within Kaw Lake and its wildlife.

Starting in 2007, water and fish samples were collected from seven different sites of Kaw Lake, once a month for water and once a year during summertime for fish. The fish samples focused on five sport, predator, and bottom dwelling species of large consumable size, greater than 200 mm length and 560 grams weight. The fish were processed for analysis of mercury in the lateral muscle in accordance with US EPA procedures.

The results of the study showed that Smallmouth Buffalo, common Carp, and White Bass are all edible without any restriction, according to the Kaw Nation Environmental Department's years of laboratory fish tissue analysis. However, the fish tissue of blue catfish and spotted bass with mercury concentrations of 0.5 to 1.0 mg/kg are advised to be consumed only twice per month.

The study has important implications for the Kaw Nation and surrounding communities, as it provides valuable information on the safety of consuming fish from Kaw Lake. The research was conducted by a team of experts including Dejene Alemayehu, Pratyaydipta Rudra, Skyler Mathews, Emily Douglas, and Cody Regnier.

The publication of this study in a peer-reviewed academic journal demonstrates the rigorous scientific process that the Kaw Nation Environmental Department undertook to gather and analyze data. These findings will also prove to be very useful to KNED as they continue to monitor and protect our waterways moving forward.

Overall, KNED's 15 years of analysis across 7 different Kaw Lake sites has shown to be a significant contribution to the scientific community and underscores Kaw Nation's commitment to science-based decision-making and sustainable resource management. A huge congratulations goes out to KNED and everyone involved in this study.



Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens:
**Child Care Assistance
May Be Available To You!**



Did You Know?
The Kaw Nation Subsidy Program provides childcare assistance to Native American Families whose members are working or attending school.

How To Apply
A tribal family may apply for a subsidy given that they qualify under the following:

- Tribal member with CDIB 🍷
- Within our service area 🍷
- Currently employed 🍷
- Currently enrolled in job training 🍷
- Currently enrolled in school 🍷
- Receiving Protective Services 🍷

Call Us Today
580-362-3544

For more info, visit our website
<https://www.kawnation.gov/child-care/>

KAW GAMING INC. DONATES TO PONCA CITY SCHOOLS

Kaw Gaming Inc. has made a significant contribution to the Ponca City School District by donating a substantial amount of retired sound equipment. The donation will allow the school district to distribute the equipment to several schools in need.

The generosity of Kaw Gaming Inc. will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the students and staff of the Ponca City School District, providing them with access to high-quality sound equipment for various events and activities. This donation showcases Kaw Gaming Inc.'s commitment to supporting the local community and promoting education.

The Ponca City School District expressed their gratitude for the donation, emphasizing the importance of partnerships with local businesses in providing resources to enhance the education experience for Kay County students.





Kaw Nation Announces New Website

We are excited to announce the launch of the new Kaw Nation website, **KawNation.gov**! The website boasts a fresh, modern look and user-friendly experience for all visitors.

Not only does the website feature responsive page elements that make it easy to use on personal computers, tablets, and mobile devices, but it also includes new opportunities for user interaction. Contact forms and clickable buttons are now available, making it easier than ever to connect with the Kaw Nation.

One of the most significant upgrades to the website is the ability to complete applications online.

Whether you're submitting a job application or a Social Service application, you can now do so with just a few clicks. There's no need to download and email documents, making the application process faster and more convenient.

The new kawnation.gov is also easier to navigate, with information clearly organized and easy to find. The text is easy to read, and the website design is visually appealing.

We invite you to visit the new Kaw Nation website and explore all the new features and upgrades. We hope this website will enhance your experience with Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens and make it easier for you to connect with us.



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8th Annual Teen Dating Event Reaches New Heights

The Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center's 8th Annual Teen Dating Event was a resounding success, bringing together youth and parents to learn about the dangers of teen dating violence and trauma. On February 22nd, 2023, the center's staff and area services providers collaborated to deliver a powerful message about self-love, consent, and trauma to a total of 191 participants.

The event featured key breakout sessions on a variety of topics, including the impact of trauma on mental health and relationships, as well as strategies for promoting healthy communication and boundaries in romantic relationships. Attendees also had the opportunity to hear from experts in the field, such as Jake Roberts of White Eagle Behavioral Health, who spoke about the real threats posed by trauma.



Teen dating violence is a serious problem that affects millions of young people across the United States. It can take many forms, including physical, emotional, and sexual abuse, and can occur in person or online. The Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center's annual event serves as an important reminder of the need to address this issue head-on and provide youth and parents with the tools they need to recognize and prevent dating

violence. Overall, the 8th Annual Teen Dating Event was a huge success as KNFTHC continues to promote healthy relationships and address trauma within our communities. By continuing to raise awareness and educate families about the dangers of teen dating violence, we can work towards a brighter and safer future for all.



If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence you can call the STRONGHEARTS Native Helpline for free culturally appropriate assistance at 1-844-7NATIVE. For members residing in Kay County call our 24/7 hotline at (580)716-8156

Kaw Nation Acquires New Emergency Generator for Admin Headquarters

We are thrilled to announce that Kaw Nation's administrative headquarters has recently acquired a leading-edge Cummins emergency generator. This generator has been specifically set up to run on natural gas, providing a reliable and cost-effective solution for powering the headquarters in the event of an emergency.

One of the most important benefits of using natural gas is that Kaw Nation's headquarters can now automatically switch

over to city resources when needed, without the need to store its own fuel source on site. This feature is a game-changer for the organization as it ensures continuity of operations even in the event of a major weather catastrophe.

At Kaw Nation, we understand the importance of providing critical resources to those in need, and the acquisition of this new generator is an integral step in our commitment to serving our community.

With this new acquisition, we are now more confident than ever in our ability to provide essential services to our community even in the most challenging of circumstances.

The Kaw Nation remains steadfast in its commitment to delivering quality services to its members, and this latest addition to our infrastructure stands to benefit our tribal population as a whole.





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