



Kanza News

April 2022



A Message From the Chair



Hawe' Kaa'nze Nikashiᵐga

Moshc'e G'izo !! (Happy Spring!!)

Times are exciting here at Kaw Nation as we move along into the time of renewal. This is the season of rebirth and new beginnings.

KHDD is planning to build raised garden beds for the school age children at the day care. Corn, beans and squash are known as the sustainers of life (the three sisters) and were planted by the Kaa'nze women and together with the meat and fish supplied all the nutrients the people needed to remain healthy. The children will be using the three sisters planting technique in their gardens.

The culture committee is gearing up for Washunga Days Intertribal powwow which will be June 17 and 18 this year at Allegawaho Park in Council Grove, KS.

The KN Tribal Council is working with Attorney Garrett Eller to update tribal codes and laws. They will soon be available online, and will be updated as new laws are passed.

Through the University of Kansas, The Kaw Nation has received \$5,000,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation for the Iⁿ Zhu'je Waxo'be project. Thank you, Jim Pepper Henry, for all the hard work your team put in to receive this grant award. We look forward to making improvements to the property as well as moving "the big red rock" to Allegawaho Park.

The Kaw Nation wishes to congratulate tribal member and former Chairwoman Jacque Secondine Hensley on receiving the Distinguished American Indian Alumni Award from Oklahoma State University. Mrs. Hensley currently serves as the Director of American Indians in Medicine and Science cultivating and supporting partnerships with OK Federally recognized tribes to promote STEM and healthcare initiatives.

No matter what party you are affiliated with, it is important that you register and vote. It is your right and privilege to vote. Think back to when our ancestors were not allowed to vote. June 3, 2022 is the last day to register. The primary election is June 28, 2022. This election will determine which candidates from each party will run in November's final deciding election. Vote your values, know the issues that will affect you.

Wito'ᵐbe ta mi'ᵐkhe

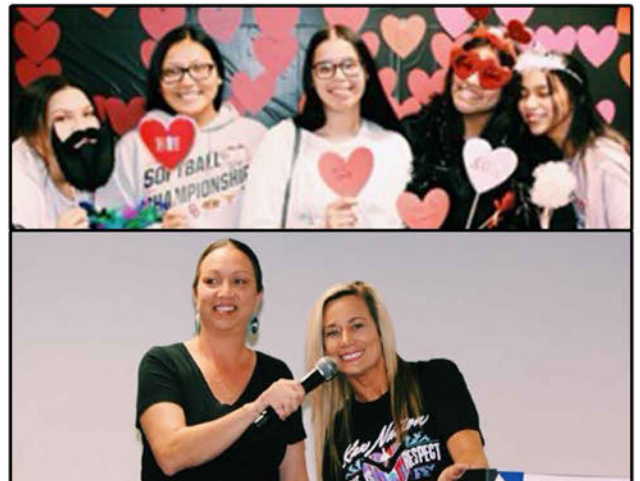
Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center

Hawé and Happy New Year from The Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center! We are anxious to share recent events and news with everyone! On 3/2/22, we hosted our annual Teen Dating event to help educate and empower local youth on healthy relationships, sexting, consent and respect. During this year's event 110 local teens from Kay County came and engaged in the learning experience.

With February coming to an end, we now look ahead to the month of April for our annual Sexual Assault Survivors Retreat on April 23rd, 2022. The retreat aims to create an environment of safety and to help "survivors" reclaim their power, while practicing self-care. For more information, please contact our office at (580)362-1098.

The Kaw Nation Family Trauma Healing Center will be hosting a two-day Strangulation Training on April 26th and 27th, through the Strangulation Institute, the training is geared toward Law Enforcement, Healthcare Workers, Advocates, Social Workers and Victim Service Providers. If you or someone you know would be interested in attending this very important training, please contact Monique Hudson at 580-362-1098 for more information.

In addition to our recent events, we are proud to announce that we've been funded to hire a Sexual Assault advocate through the Oklahoma District Attorneys Council. Since its inception, the KNFTHC has never been awarded a grant specifically for a Sexual Assault Advocate. The position was filled on March 21st, with Kaw Tribal member Laura Rowton.

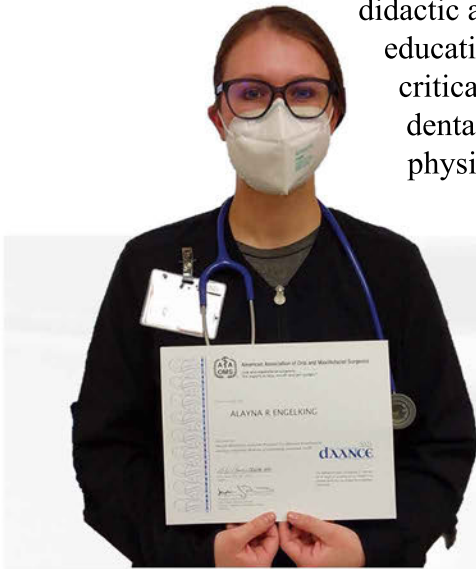


New Credentials Within Kaw Nation Dental Department

The Kaw Nation Dental Department would like to extend a heartfelt and devout congratulations to Alayna Engelking for passing her Dental Anesthesia Assistant National Certification Exam (DAANCE) and receiving her DAANCE certification! Earning this certification required an incredible amount of hard work and commitment. Leading up to the exam, Alayna spent 6 months in

didactic and clinical education, studying critical topics in dental anatomy and physiology,

airway management, sedation/anesthesia protocols, and emergency management in order to be properly prepared for the 115-question certification exam. With her new DAANCE certification, Alayna joins an elite group of dental assistants specially trained in sedation techniques and emergency management. As a certificate holder, she possesses the expertise to provide supportive anesthesia care in a safe and effective manner and effectively communicate pertinent information to patients and their escorts as well as members of the healthcare team. Her selfless pursuit of excellence and desire to serve her patients has been of great benefit to Kaw Nation. For this, we are monumentally grateful. Thank you, Alayna!



New Hires Welcome to the Team!

Tracie Moya – Dental Hygienist - 2/7/22

Bobby Giles – Police - 2/28/22

Haley Johnston – RN - 2/28/22

LaVonna Choate – Clinic Data Entry - 3/1/22

Lonnie Doyle – Communications Officer - 3/1/22

Alecia Buffalohead – Shelter Advocate - 3/9/22

Catherine Lane - Clinic PRC - 3/15/22

Valerie Streeter – Clinic Office - 3/15/22

Jerry Hall – Police - 3/21/22

Melissa Littlevoice – Clinic LPN - 4/4/22

Patti King – Clinic Reception - 4/6/22

Kaw Leader Expresses Appreciation For Allegawaho Park At Meeting.

Excerpt From Story By Frank J. Buchman

Jason Murry, right, Kaw Nation representative from Blackwell, Oklahoma, spoke at a recent Back Country Horsemen of Kansas meeting in Council Grove. Barb Stanbrough, (left) caretaker of Allegawaho Park, the 168-acres owned by the Kaw nation south of town, introduced the speaker and commented about the park.





Johnson O'Malley Program

Academic & Cultural Guidance



As authorized by the Johnson O'Malley act in accordance with the Bureau of Indian Education, Kaw nation is proud to employ the Johnson O'Malley Program through our Kanza Human Development Division.

With the purpose of providing tribal support both culturally and educationally, our JOM Program is proud to serve all enrolled kindergarten through 12th grade Native American students in Ponca City, Kildare, Newkirk, Blackwell and Peckham Schools systems. Qualified participants must be enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe, or at least ¼ degree blood descendant of a federally recognized tribal member.

The program is headed by Nancy Musgrove, the Kanza Human Development Division coordinator. Prior to taking the position in 2020, Nancy worked in the Ponca City School system as a title VI program specialist. "I am excited to plan events for our JOM students, as we haven't been able to do much in recent years due to Covid."

July will mark the beginning of the enrollment for the JOM Program. Applicants and parents will have to complete assessment forms as well as submit all required documents to determine which JOM services will be provided.

JOM services include an academic excellence incentive program that rewards students who maintain a 2.5 or higher grade point average every 9 weeks. Students in grades 3 through 6 will receive \$15 dollar gift cards for a gpa of 2.5 - 3.4 and a \$20 gift card for a gpa of 3.5 to 4.0. Students in grades 7 through 12 will receive a \$20 for a gpa of 2.5 - 3.4 and \$25 for a gpa of 3.5 to 4.0. Grades must be emailed by parents. There is also an attendance incentive for students as part of the JOM program. A Sonic Burger gift card will be provided to all JOM students that are able to record a month of perfect attendance.

In June, there will be a JOM Summer Academic and Cultural Enrichment camp. This event will include Stem and cultural activities.

Additionally, there are services in place for graduating seniors. Of these include up to \$50 in assistance for cap and gown expenses and Kaw Nation graduation cords to go with them. Qualifying seniors must provide a completed application as well as required documents.



**Graduation Cords
will be provided
to graduating JOM Seniors**

Nancy Musgrove



Nancy, the JOM program administrator, has been the Kanza Human Development Division Coordinator since July, 2020.

Justin Lane



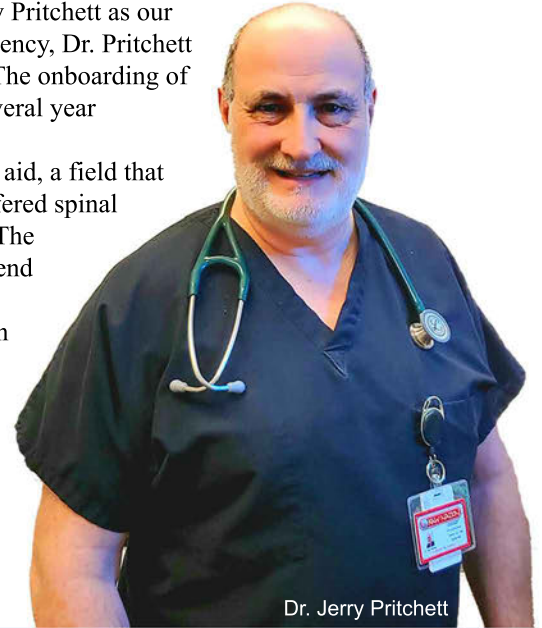
Justin is the Newkirk Academic Tutor for all subjects. He provides tutoring services, when needed, for all students from Pre-K to 12th grade.

A Life-Long Dedication

Kaw Nation & The Kanza Clinic team are incredibly excited to introduce Dr. Jerry Pritchett as our full-time, in-house physician. Starting as a staffed physician through a third-party agency, Dr. Pritchett took a liking to his colleagues and the clinic as a whole and wanted to call it home. The onboarding of Dr. Pritchett as a Kaw Nation physician in November of 2021 marks the end of a several year position vacancy.

Dr. Pritchett started his career in healthcare at the young age of 17 as a respiratory aid, a field that he continued to pursue after high school. While attending pre-med classes, Jerry suffered spinal injuries from a car accident, landing him under the care of a chiropractic physician. The results from his chiropractic care were so helpful and effective that he decided to attend Chiropractic College at Parker University in Dallas Texas. He went on to operate his own chiropractic office in Whitney, Texas. During this time, Dr. Pritchett was also on the board of directors at a local hospital of which he eventually became president. From here, he continued his education by attending medical school and completing his residency at LSU. As a practicing physician, Dr. Pritchett became the medical director at the Brooks Clinic in Oklahoma City in 2014. Here, he specialized in personal injury and pain management for several years before coming to our Newkirk location.

Jerry is also an active outdoorsman participating in such adventures as camping, hunting, horseback riding, scuba diving and skiing.



Dr. Jerry Pritchett

Kanza Pharmacy Update

In the month of February, the Kanza Pharmacy filled 5019 prescriptions, averaging out at 334 prescriptions filled over the 15 days that the pharmacy was open for the month.

All prescriptions are filled on a first-call first-serve basis. Please allow 24-48 hours for filling. Our process for new prescriptions includes the following steps:

1. Reception of Doctor Charts/E-Scribes
2. E-Scribe is encrypted/Decrypted
3. The pharmacy tech enters e-script information into the pharmacy system
4. Prescription is then hand counted and the bottle is labeled
5. Prescription is then verified by the Pharmacist to have correct pill, and warning labels
6. Pharmacist performs Drug Utilization Review checking for interactions/allergic reactions
7. Pharmacist counsels patient

We now encourage everyone to use our new website, www.kanzapharmacy.com for refilling prescriptions. Simply select “refill”, enter your contact/prescription details, and submit your refill request.

We also ask that you be patient with us and this new system.

Memoriam

Allen Wentworth
10/03/2020

Christopher Michael Byers
11/07/2021

Evan Howard Monhatwa
12/21/2021

Benny Joe Pontious
11/13/2022

Carol Mae Hare
01/24/2022

Jesse Charles Mehojah Sr.
02/14/2022

Karol Lee Kekahbah
02/21/2022

Wanda Bernice Stone
02/27/2022

Air Quality

A Cherokee Collaboration



At the end of 2021, The Cherokee Nation came to perform their semiannual Air Quality Monitor Audit for our BAM unit. In the picture above you can see our new employee Emily being shown how they conduct their audit and how to take apart their air unit for cleaning.



The Cherokee Nation has also gifted the Kaw Nation their Air Monitoring Shelter located north of Newkirk. KNED is currently working with the Chief of Staff, Kyler Matthews and the Cherokee Nation to relocate the new building to either our current Braman site or possibly a new site on our complex in Newkirk.

New & Returning KNED Team Members

The Kaw Nation Environmental Department would like to welcome our two newest department members Cody Regnier and Emily Douglas. Cody Regnier is our new Land Management Specialist, and Emily Douglas is acting as our Interim Director. Dr. Dejene Alemayehu has returned to the Kaw Nation. He is working as our Environmental Scientist to help train the new staff and reestablish the Kaw Nation Environmental department.



KNED staff members Cody Regnier, Emily Douglas and Whitney KillsCrow recently attended a certification course allowing them to be lead-based paint inspectors and risk assessors. Shortly after, they all were scheduled to take their exam, which they all passed. They are now ready to start testing tribal homes for the risk of lead-based paint.



Higher Education Achievements



**Robert Fox
Kaw**

Received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Portland State University as part of the Kaw nation Higher Education Grant Program.



**Taylor Aizenman
Kaw**

Received her Master of Public Administration degree from University of Oklahoma as part of the Kaw Nation Tribal Graduate Program



**Clay Henderson
Kaw**

Received his Master of Education degree from East Central University as part of the Kaw Nation Graduate Program



**Carlee Miller
Cherokee**

Received Basic Cosmetology Certification from Ponca City Beauty College



COLLEGE GRADUATION STOLE REQUIREMENTS

- STUDENT MUST BE AN ENROLLED MEMBER WITH THE KAW NATION
- STUDENT MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE STOLE APPLICATION WITH SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: KN ENROLLMENT CARD, D.L., AND VERIFICATION OF SCHOOL GRADUATION BEFORE STOLE IS MAILED
- STUDENT MUST GRADUATE WITHIN ONE MONTH OF APPLICATION DATE
- STUDENT MAY GRADUATE FROM A COLLEGE, TECHNICAL COLLEGE, OR UNIVERSITY
- STOLES MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE KHDD OFFICE OR RECEIVED BY USPS RETURN RECEIPT MAIL

Child Development Center

At the Kaá'ze Child Development Center our focus is to build strong families and to provide a happy and safe environment for each child. Our Child Care and School Age program have both been busy. Our teachers and staff strive to make every day an awesome day. We focus on science experiments, art projects, daily reading and writing activities, and daily routines. We are gearing up for warmer weather and fun interactive activities outside. In April we will be celebrating week of the young child with each day having a special theme. During spring break the School Age children were able to go to the Poncan Theater and watch a movie sponsored by JOM. They also had a week full of messy science experiments as well as cooking and art projects celebrating St. Patrick's Day. The children are continuing to learn the Kaw Language with weekly visits from Tapóska Storm and Tapóska Susie. We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with the JOM program and creating a garden for the children to tend.





A New Experience - Built on Rock & Roll

The construction for the new Rock & Brews Casino Braman is in its final stages and the KGI Board of Directors have announced the Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, set for Tuesday, May 10th, 2022. Along with Tribal Council Leaders, KGI Board of Directors, VIP quests, news coverage from local and state-wide media; two special celebrity Rock & Roll Legends will be on hand during the ribbon cutting ceremony.

“The event will be announced soon to the public.” said Bruce McClure, the KGI General Manager of Rock & Brews Casino in Braman.

The vision to build a new casino that will replace the former Southwind Casino in Braman, Oklahoma is coming to fruition. The planning stages to construct the Rock & Brews Casino started nearly five years ago. All parties involved have worked very hard to bring this Rock & Brews experience into the timing of Kaw’s expansion, which brings the first of its kind into existence.

“This is a relationship between Kaw Gaming and Rock & Brews.” said, Adam Goldberg, Rock & Brews Holding Inc, CEO.

The Rock & Brews brand was founded in 2012 by Paul Stanley and Gene Simmons of KISS, Michael Zislis, Dave Furano, and Dell Furano.

This renowned project has more than doubled the size of the previous casino with nearly 500 slot machines and a 200 seat Rock & Brews restaurant.

The new casino floor displays décor such as giant album wall art and images from classic rock ‘n roll legends such as KISS, The Who, Queen, Eagles, Rolling Stones, Beatles, and many more of your classic rock bands. The gaming floor is laid out beautifully, including a giant 14-foot slot bank that showcases a stunning 2022 Indian motorcycle which sits atop the slot machines on a revolving 360 degree turn table. The top line progressive jackpot winner drives away on the motorcycle.

“We have brought back all of our guests’ favorite slot machines on the new and expanded casino floor as well as electronic craps, blackjack, baccarat, roulette, and poker.” said McClure.

The Rock & Brews Casino Braman restaurant boasts a backstage VIP environment showcasing iconic rock art, concert trusses and lighting, and multiple flat screens displaying some of the greatest rock concert moments of all time.

The restaurant concept is designed to engage people of all ages with quality handcrafted American food and local favorites. Showcased at the bar is a second-to-none selection of crafted and international beers displayed on 40 separate tap handles.

The future looks bright for Rock & Brews Casino with a 60 to 100 room hotel expansion in the works. This will be part of the phase two business plan. Additional new parking spaces have also been added to the casino and the Kanza Travel Plaza.

During the construction phase, the casino management has been working hard to recruit talent. Customer service is a huge key to the casino’s success and employee training has been implemented and on-going. The mission is to provide an outstanding customer experience which will be the main value proposition over our competition.

“When people come to visit and play at Rock & Brews Casino, they become the rockstar as we treat them to a level of hospitality that a rockstar should feel when they walk into our backstage setting.” said Bruce McClure.



ROCK & BREWS

9695 US-177, Braman, OK 74632
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Injury Prevention – Ride Safe Program

Injuries are the leading cause of death for American Indians from ages 1-44 years, and the third leading cause of death overall. Unintentional injury mortality rates for Indian people are approximately 2.5 times higher than the combined all-U.S. races rate.

In accordance with Indian Health Service, a federal agency within the Department of Health and Human Services, Kaw Nation strives to implement and promote effective initiatives designed to reduce and prevent injuries and fatalities amongst our community. One such example is our ever growing Ride Safe Program.

As part of the Ride Safe program, all members of federally recognized tribes within Kay County, Oklahoma are eligible for free installation of car seats for children under 4'9" tall and weighing 80 pounds or less with preference being given to Kaw Nation Citizens. Qualifying family members include parents, grandparents, foster parents, and guardians. The process is incredibly thorough involving an arrival and departure checklist which includes 50 total points of inspection.

LaVina Clark, the Injury Prevention Program Coordinator, has been very instrumental in progressing program operations. Along with facilitating the program's move from the Johnny Ray McCauley building to its own dedicated building, LaVina has refined the appointment and installation processes thus streamlining operations as a whole. Thank you LaVina!



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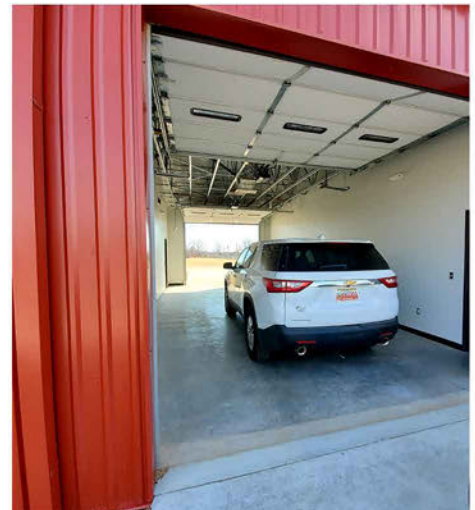
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Kaw Nation has recently dedicated a new building to our Injury Prevention Ride Safe Program. Complete with an installation bay, entrance & exit garage doors, reception office, and inventory storage room; this addition is fully operational completing several installations daily.



Kaáⁿze Íe News

Team Tajé Sage

This winter has not been without it's challenges! However, our youth have moved forward, diligently learning their language despite the Covid-19 challenges they faced. The team just completed their performances for the 2022 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. Due to the rise in Covid-19 cases, our department was unable to have in-person classes with the team, but they pulled together, went above and beyond what they were asked, and did an amazing job on their performances. Their judged performances can be viewed on the Sam Noble Museum's YouTube Channel beginning April 4, 2022.



Tapóska Storm & Jacey Pappan, working on movie for the 2022 Language Fair.

Other News

All classes this winter were transitioned into zoom classes. Our department passed out ten tablets so our students could participate in zoom classes.

Our Pilot Class is growing and adapted quite well to zoom class even with technical challenges. The winter Mommy & Me semester progressed with students attending outside our rural, service area!

Moving Forward

The Kaáⁿze Íe Department will be participating in several events this spring. The Otoe-Missouri Tribe is hosting a language symposium April 8th and 9th, 2022. Tapóska Storm Brave was invited to give a presentation on our language department's curriculum.

Our youth were invited to Native American Student Day, presented by the Oklahoma City Thunder and the Absentee Shawnee Tribe, April 1, 2022. A booth with information regarding our department, curriculum, and classes will be available.

Finally, our youth language powwow is coming up in May. Look for the dates!



Immersion Class, Christmas 2021



Team Tajé Sage zoom class with Kansas Elementary class

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New income limit \$60K!

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From Nevada to Oklahoma

As of March 1st of this year, Kaw Nation is happy to announce Lonnie Doyle as our New Communications Officer. Lonnie is a Kaw tribal member born and raised in Carson City graduating from Carson High School in 2000. He went on to attend University of Nevada, Reno where he graduated from the College of Business Administration with a Bachelor's Degree in Marketing. Specializing in web development, digital marketing, and promotional printing; Lonnie is excited to bring his experience to Oklahoma for the benefit of Kaw Nation. Accompanied by his dog, Frisco, Lonnie arrived in Newkirk late February. He is becoming accustomed to the area and looks forward to exploring the Kaw landscape with activities such as hunting and fishing.

"I was enrolled in the tribe by my great grandmother, Netty Cooper, in 1981. For this, I have always been grateful. Coming to Oklahoma is a journey that I've pondered for some time, and it's very gratifying to finally be here."



Kaw Nation 2022 Notice of Election

Citizens of the Kaw nation are hereby notified that an election will be held September 11, 2022 for the purpose of filling the following positions: **Chair, Tribal Council Secretary, Tribal Council Member #1 and Tribal Council Member #3.**

The Election is conducted in accordance with Article IX, pursuant to Section 4 of the Constitution of the Kaw Nation ratified on August 20th, 2011, and as amended on April 29, 2016.

Voter Qualifications:

A qualified voter must be an enrolled citizen of the Kaw Nation, be 18 years of age or older on the date of the election, and not have been adjudged mentally incompetent by a court of competent jurisdiction.

Candidate Filing Fees:

At the time of filing of the Declaration of Candidacy, candidates must also pay a non-refundable filing fee of three hundred dollars (\$300). Filing fees must be paid in money order or certified check. **Personal Checks Will Not Be Accepted.**

Absentee Voting

Voter may request an Absentee Ballot from the Election Board. Please send written requests to:

**Kaw Nation Election Board
P.O. Box 48
Kaw City, OK 74641**

Or by fax:

Kaw Nation Election Board

Upon receipt of written request containing the voter's signature, the Election Board shall mail in an absentee ballot to the requester. The last day that a written request for an absentee ballot can be received by the Election Board is August 12, 2022. Absentee ballots must be returned in the pre-addressed mailing envelopes provided with the ballot. Ballots must be returned by postal mail to the above address, no later than September 10, 2022. No ballots will be accepted in person or at any other location.

Election Results:

Immediately following the tabulation of the ballots, the Election Board shall issue an unofficial canvass of the Election results. The Election Board shall issue the Certified Election Results after the expiration of

the protest period at 12:00pm on September 14, 2022 or after the resolution of any challenges received by the Election Board, whichever is later. Election results will be posted at the appropriate Tribal Offices as well as being released to all appropriate media outlets at the conclusion of the election.

Election Date:

September 11, 2022

Polling Location:

698 Grandview Drive, Kaw City, Oklahoma
74641

Candidate Filing Date:

March 14 - March 18, 2022
8pm - 4pm at Kaw Nation Administration
Building

Candidates:

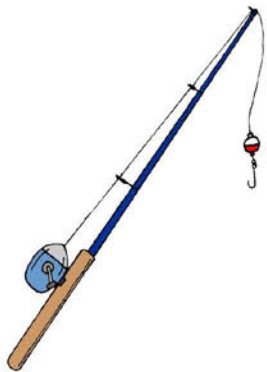
Chuck Pontious - Chair
Kim Jenkins - Chair
Keesha Vicchio - Seat #1
Wes Pappan - Seat #1
Jaelin Kent - Seat #3
Debbie Lewman - Seat #3
Carol Clark - Secretary



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- \$30 Entry Fee
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- Sign up 5:00 am–7:00 am
- Captains Meeting @ 6:30 am
- Tournament start time – 7:00 am – 3:00 pm
- Weigh in – 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Kids Category:

- Ages 5 – 12
- Free entry
- 3 Fish Limit
- Bank Only
- Sign up 8:00 am – 9:00 am
- Tournament Meeting @ 8:30 am
- Tournament Time 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
- Weigh in – 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

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