



Kanza News

April 2025





Letter From the Chair

Spring has sprung & so has all the flowers and tree pollen! I hope everyone is making it through this allergy season, I know I've struggled with my allergies these past couple months!

At the last General Council meeting on April 13th, 2025, I was sure to mention that next year, 2026 is an Election year! It will be here before you know it. March 2026 will be the time that Candidacy sign-ups will begin. The positions that will be available to sign up for are Chair, Tribal Secretary, Tribal Council Member seat 1 and Tribal Council Member seat 3.

Another focal point I mentioned during the meeting was that if anyone would like to submit changes to the Kaw Nation Constitution, please do so. One topic that has been addressed is to remove the blood quantum to be able to become a candidate for or be a member of the Tribal Council, from Article IX Section 2 B. from the Constitution. If you have a change you would like to submit, please get this request in ASAP, as it only takes a majority vote of the Tribal Council to approve and get it to the Election Board for voting. By working together, we can accomplish this by the end of this year. To submit any changes, please send them to me at chair@kawnation.gov in which I will forward it on to the Attorney General.

With the current Washington administration, I know there have been concerns about Grants and funding. As of now, we have had one grant terminated and that grant is from the IMLS (Institute of Museum and Library Services). Other funding options are currently being looked at to replace the funding lost. One of the grants that is being restructured, I believe is what they are calling it, is under the language department. We will find out more information on this after July. The EPA grants that were in question we did not plan on reapplying for and are currently in the process of closing out.

Since entering the office in 2022, we have come in under budget every year. Substantial changes in the procurement process have prevented widely overspending. When it comes to approving budgets, contracts and agreements, the Tribal Council is quick to review and make the decisions needed to get the business done. The Greenhouse Project is moving right along and is actually running ahead of schedule! We are excited to get this project in motion and begin the future of Kaw Nation's food sovereignty. Union Street Property is getting closer to being finalized for departments to begin moving in. And the Kanza Clinic Behavioral Health Addition is scheduled to be completed in May!

Lots of things moving forward and good things to come. Wishing you all the best in the days ahead and congratulations to all the students who will be graduating soon! Kaw Nation is always proud of your accomplishments!

Wíblahaⁿ,
-Kimberly Jenkins

NEW KAW NATION HIRES

- **Susan Jones:** Multi-Purpose Aid
- **Maria Parson:** CSS Case Specialist
- **William McCurley:** KNES Resource Advisor
- **Jennifer Moon:** Floater
- **April Lunn:** Billing Specialist
- **Carol Duckett:** LASO/Licensing Assistant
- **Nancy Vannoy:** Daycare Teacher
- **Taylor Bedore:** Daycare Teacher
- **Kalley Horn:** Daycare Teacher
- **Jaden Douglas:** PRC/Patient Benefits Coordinator
- **Corrie O'Banion:** Victim Service Intern Coordinator
- **Chloe Durkee:** Library Assistant

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TRIBAL COUNCIL BREAKS GROUND ON KAW CITY GREEN HOUSE PROJECT



On Friday, February 7, the Kaw Nation Tribal Council gathered in Kaw City for the groundbreaking of a new greenhouse initiative—a project that marks a significant step toward increasing local food production and resource sustainability for the community.

This development will bring four 24-by-42-foot greenhouses and one larger 41-by-96-foot greenhouse to the site, accompanied by a water harvesting tank and a dedicated processing and kitchen building. The scale and design of these facilities reflect a practical response to the challenges of food access and self-sufficiency faced by many tribal communities.

Greenhouses offer a controlled environment for growing fresh produce year-round, regardless of external weather conditions. For Kaw Nation, this means a reliable supply of fruits and vegetables, reduced dependence on external food sources, and the ability to respond to food supply disruptions. These benefits are especially important in rural areas where access to fresh, affordable food can be limited. By investing in these resources, the Nation is supporting both the health of Tribal Citizens and the community's economic resilience.



THE COMPLETED KAW NATION GREENHOUSE COMPLEX WILL FEATURE ONE 41X96-FOOT AND FOUR 24X42-FOOT GREENHOUSES, ALONGSIDE A WATER HARVESTING TANK AND PROCESSING KITCHEN BUILDING.

The project is a collaborative effort involving Kaw Power & Safety, Curtis Stout, and Hatponics Sustainable Agriculture. Kaw Power & Safety, a subsidiary of Kaw Nation Industries, specializes in providing electrical power, safety, and technology solutions, with a focus on innovative services for tribal, federal, and state entities. Curtis Stout, established in 1947, is a leader in the electrical industry, offering turnkey solutions and value-added services across the mid-south region. Hatponics brings expertise in sustainable agriculture, known for developing portable and resource-efficient aquaponic farming systems that have been implemented in communities worldwide. Their approach emphasizes organic, sustainable methods, making them a strong partner for this initiative.

In addition to the greenhouses, the inclusion of a water harvesting tank reinforces our commitment to resource conservation. Capturing and reusing rainwater or other local sources will help reduce the environmental impact and operating costs of the facility.

The processing and kitchen building will allow for on-site handling and preparation of produce, supporting both community nutrition programs and potential economic opportunities.

This greenhouse project is more than an agricultural venture—it is a step toward greater food sovereignty for Kaw Nation. By producing more food locally, the Nation can ensure that Tribal Citizens have better access to healthy, familiar foods while creating jobs and educational opportunities within the community.

As construction moves forward, the collaboration between Kaw Nation and its partners stands as a practical example of how strategic investments in self-sustaining resources can strengthen the community's foundation for years to come.

Kaw Nation Education Services (KNES) hosted a Youth Basketball Camp on March 19, 2025, offering a full day of skill-building and teamwork for Kaw Nation youth. The camp was led by Randy July, a Kansas Kickapoo Tribal Member with a background as a professional player and experience as a collegiate head coach. July guided participants through age-specific sessions, ensuring each group—from kindergarteners to high school students—received focused instruction tailored to their level.



The event provided opportunities for young athletes to develop fundamentals, foster confidence, and connect with peers in a supportive environment. Parents and community members observed as students engaged in drills and scrimmages, learning from a leader who understands the value of mentorship and discipline in sports. KNES's commitment to organizing events like this reflects ongoing efforts to support Kaw Nation youth and encourage healthy, active lifestyles rooted in community engagement.



KAW NATION EDUCATION SERVICES: EMPOWERING OPPORTUNITIES FOR TRIBAL CITIZENS

Kaw Nation Education Services (KNES) offers a comprehensive array of programs designed to support Tribal Citizens and their families. Operating under a 477 Plan, KNES provides services that cater to diverse educational needs, ranging from early childhood care to adult vocational training. While some programs have specific eligibility requirements, the overlap between services ensures broader access to resources for those who qualify.

Enrolled members of Kaw Nation or any Federally Recognized Tribe living within the Kaw Nation Service Area—defined as Kay County in Oklahoma—may be eligible for KNES services. This geographical focus allows KNES to concentrate its efforts on meeting the unique needs of the local Tribal community.

For students aged 3 through 12th grade, KNES offers tutoring at schools in Blackwell, Kildare, Newkirk, Peckham, Ponca City, and Epic Schools. Tutoring sessions are also available outside school hours and during summer months by appointment. Beyond academic support, KNES provides enriching activities such as cultural fairs, career exploration events, financial literacy workshops, and summer programs like enrichment camps and book clubs. Support services ensure that eligible students have access to essential items such as school supplies, backpacks, calculators, and even specialty equipment like clothing or tools needed for educational or training programs. High school seniors can receive assistance with graduation-related expenses such as cap and gown rentals and senior pictures, provided funds are available.

Youth and young adults aged 12 to 21 are encouraged to participate in activities that emphasize Tribal values and cultural practices as foundational elements for success. These include mini powwows, language fairs, health events, and community classes that promote cultural preservation. Workshops addressing critical topics such as teen pregnancy prevention, substance abuse awareness, suicide prevention, dropout prevention, and college readiness are also available. KNES collaborates with community partners to offer outreach activities aimed at fostering personal growth and educational advancement. Vocational training opportunities further prepare young adults for future careers while reinforcing the importance of education.

KNES extends its services to adults through financial assistance programs that support vocational education and training initiatives

Eligible participants can access short- or long-term training programs tailored to their career goals.

Support services may include uniforms and supplies required for classes or training sessions. For adults seeking foundational skills improvement, KNES offers High School Equivalency programs and Adult Basic Education courses through Pioneer Technology Center at no cost. These programs focus on enhancing reading, writing, and math abilities. Daytime and evening classes are available, along with financial assistance for testing and certification.

Young adults with a high school diploma or GED certification can benefit from higher education financial assistance through KNES. These need-based services include FAFSA guidance, vocational training support, and scholarships for undergraduate and graduate studies. Eligibility requirements include maintaining a specific GPA and meeting credit hour criteria. Adult vocational training financial assistance is also available for individuals aged 18 and older who wish to pursue specialized career paths.

The Kanza Early Child Development Center (KECDC) provides childcare services for families within its designated service area—which includes Kay County in Oklahoma as well as Cowley County, Sumner County, and Sedgwick County in Kansas. Beginning at six weeks of age, children can receive care until they reach school age. Services transition seamlessly into after-school care during breaks or summer months.

KECDC uses a sliding fee scale to determine family co-payments for childcare services; eligible families pay no more than 7% of their income. Subsidy assistance is available through the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), ensuring affordability for families in need. Private pay options are also offered. Additionally, KECDC supports children who require protective services. Families can stay informed about KECDC's announcements and activities by following its Facebook page or contacting the center directly at [580-362-3544](tel:580-362-3544).

Through its diverse range of programs, Kaw Nation Education Services demonstrates a steadfast commitment to empowering Tribal Citizens across all stages of life. Whether through academic tutoring for students, cultural enrichment activities for youth, or vocational training for adults, KNES continues to strengthen the community by providing meaningful opportunities tailored to individual needs.

KAW NATION EDUCATION SERVICES | 400 E CENTRAL SUITE 206, PONCA CITY | (580)-749-5420

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- KAW NATION

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KAW NATION PRESENTS

WASHUNGA DAYS POWWOW

JUNE 20 & 21ST 2025

Allegawaho Park - 1645 S. 525 Rd
Council Grove, KS

HEADSTAFF

MASTER OF CEREMONIES-Ken Bellmard
HEAD SINGER-Kristo Revard
HEAD MAN-Robert Kekahbah
HEAD LADY-Brandy Wood
ARENA DIRECTOR-Dewey Donelson
WATER BOYS Clay Donelson & Bear Donelson
OUTGOING PRINCESS-Miah Parker
INCOMING PRINCESS-Brandy Wood

6:00pm-7:00pm Registration

7:30pm Grand Entry

FRIDAY

- Tiny Tots Ages: 6 & 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

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

The area beneath the arbor is used for dancing and ceremonies. The area is called the arena. For the Kaá'ze Níkashin^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.
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ACCIDENTS, OR INJURIES.

| PROGRAM | KAW TRIBAL CITIZENS ONLY | AVAILABLE NATIONWIDE | INCOME VERIFICATION REQUIRED | ASSISTANCE AMOUNTS |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|--|
| EYEGLASSES ASSISTANCE | YES | YES | NO | \$400 EVERY TWO YEARS |
| DENTAL ASSISTANCE | YES | YES | NO | \$500 EVERY 3 YEARS |
| HEARING AID ASSISTANCE | YES | YES | NO | \$1,000 EVERY FIVE YEARS |
| EMERGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE | YES | YES | NO | ONE-TIME DEPOSIT UP TO \$150 |
| EMERGENCY ELDER ASSISTANCE | YES | YES | NO | \$300/YEAR FOR EMERGENCIES \$100/YEAR FOR MEDICAL/TRANSPORT |
| BURIAL ASSISTANCE | YES | YES | NO | UP TO \$5,000 |
| HEADSTONE ASSISTANCE | YES | YES | NO | UP TO \$1,000 |
| DIABETES EYEGLASS ASSISTANCE | NO | YES | NO | UP TO \$400 |

KAW NATION SOCIAL SERVICES | 698 GRANDVIEW DRIVE - KAW CITY, OK 74641 | (580)-269-1186

PREVENTATIVE PICK-UP ORDERS

Kaw Nation Social Services is pleased to announce the Covid Prevention Pick-Up Order Program for Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens residing in Kay County. This initiative provides households with essential supplies to help reduce the risk of Covid-19. To participate, citizens must complete an application and provide copies of their license or state ID along with their Tribal ID or CDIB. Each household is eligible for one order, valued at approximately \$150, subject to product availability at the Ponca City Walmart. Orders will be placed by Social Services and can be picked up by the applicant at Walmart once ready. This program reflects the Nation’s ongoing commitment to supporting the well-being of its citizens by ensuring access to necessary resources in a timely and organized manner. For more information or to begin the application process, Tribal Citizens are encouraged to contact Kaw Nation Social Services directly.



KAW NATION AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA) UPDATE

The Kaw Nation was allocated **\$23,046,638** from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This money was intended to help Americans recover from the economic impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic. Of this total, the Tribe was able to use **\$10,000,000** to allocate towards Revenue Replacement, a spending category that allowed the Tribe to utilize funds as general Tribal revenue.

Budget Report

Administrative

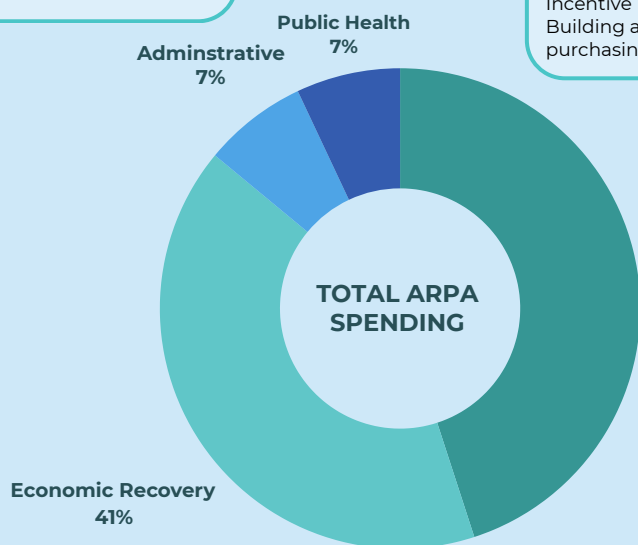
These were projects necessary to implement the ARPA Funding & included an ARPA Project Manager, Financial Consulting, and Information Technology Programs.

Public Health

Included projects to ensure the health & safety of the Kaw Community. This included projects such as the Vaccine Incentive Program, the First Aid Building at the Pow Wow Grounds, purchasing PPE, and many more.

Culture & History

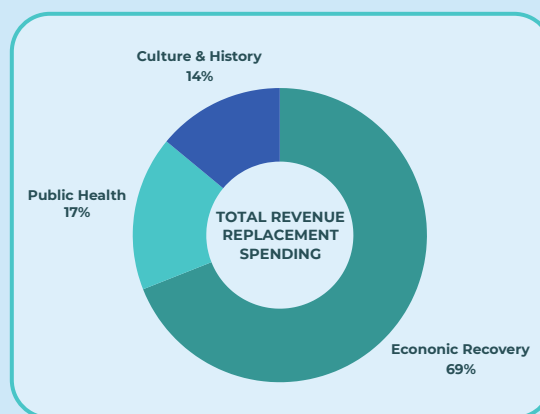
These projects aimed to protect the cultural and historical significance of the Kaw Nation. Such projects include the Greenhouse Agricultural Project, the Archive Photo Studio, Improvements to the Pow Wow Grounds, and more.



Revenue Replacement
45%

Economic Recovery

These were projects that helped bolster the Kaw Nation's economy. Projects included direct aid to Kaw Nation Citizens through Relief Payments, Senior Incentive, Tribal Youth Gift Cards, Small Business Grants, Housing Improvement Program, and many more.



PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Economic Recovery Projects

- ECONOMIC IMPACT RECOVERY PROGRAM - \$6.2MILLION
- ELDER SUBSISTENCE - \$420,000
- GIFT CARDS FOR TRIBAL YOUTH - \$100,000
- FIREWOOD PROJECT - \$300,000
- MEAT BUNDLE DISTRIBUTION - \$145,000
- SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM - \$500,000
- HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM SUPPLEMENT - \$170,000
- PLAYGROUND PERCUSSION PARK - \$55,000



Public Health Projects

- PPE/CLEANING SUPPLIES - \$71,000
- VACCINE INCENTIVE PROGRAM - \$200,000
- MOBILE COMMAND CENTER & TRAILER - \$160,000
- MASS COMMUNICATION SOFTWARE - \$13,000
- HVAC UNIT FOR POWWOW GROUNDS - \$50,000
- IHS PPE STORAGE - \$18,000
- KAW NATION TRANSPORT VANS - \$47,000
- FIRST AID BUILDING AT POWWOW GROUNDS - \$24,000
- POLICE FORCE VEHICLES - \$144,000
- STORM SHELTER - \$10,000
- CLINIC ROOF REPLACEMENT - \$55,000



Kanza Culture Projects

- GENEALOGICAL LAND TRACING - \$6,000
- ARCHIVE PHOTO STUDIO - \$10,000
- POWWOW GROUNDS IMPROVEMENTS - \$40,000
- SONG FOR KAW NATION LANGUAGE - \$5,000
- GREENHOUSE/AGRICULTURE PROJECT - \$1.2 MILLION



KAW NATION LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT SHINES AT OKLAHOMA NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH LANGUAGE FAIR

Team Tajé Sage earned several awards at the 2025 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair, standing out across multiple categories. Their achievements reflect the ongoing dedication of department director Storm Brave, whose guidance continues to foster growth in the use of Kaá'ze Íe (Kaw Language). Brave's efforts have contributed to the team's success, underscoring the importance of language revitalization for the Kaw Nation. In her message to Tribal Citizens, Brave stated, "Continue to lift them up in your prayers as they continue to strengthen our language and culture as one." The accomplishments of Team Tajé Sage highlight the commitment of Kaw youth and educators to preserving and advancing the Kaw language, ensuring its presence in daily life and future generations.

Tajé Sage takes the stage at ONAYLF with their awards.



KAW NATION LANGUAGE DEPARTMENT'S AWARD-WINNING SHORT FILM

The Kaw Nation Language Department's highlight at the 2025 Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair was a short film created by language students, depicting the history of the Kaw Nation's removal from Kansas. This project stands out for its commitment to presenting the story from a Kaw perspective, using the Kaá'ze language to connect younger generations with their past.

The film centers on the events leading up to the Kaw's forced removal in 1873, a pivotal moment shaped by federal policies and congressional action rather than a traditional treaty. The final displacement was driven by the "Kaw Land Bill," which mandated the appraisal and sale of remaining Kaw land, pushing the Nation from their Kansas homelands to Indian Territory, now Oklahoma. The Kaw were among the last tribes removed from Kansas, marking a significant chapter in the broader history of forced relocations during westward expansion.

Understanding these agreements remains vital for the Kaw Nation and all Native nations. Treaties and federal acts are handwritten, binding agreements between the United States and tribal governments. They recognize tribal sovereignty and self-governance, distinguishing tribal nations from other groups and providing a foundation for future advocacy and leadership.

The language students, who created and starred in the film, includes Dasan Littledeer, Dewey Donelson II, Jesus Littledeer, Jamison Monhatwa, Declan Clark, Cooper Engelking, Hunter Goodno, Maude Jones, Tiger Jones, Adeline Langley, Zachary Langley. Cultural advisors and Kaá'ze elders—Little Carol Clark, Lynn Williams, and Lavina Spotted Bear—were present on set, guiding the team during the reenactment of the historic walk from Council Grove, Kansas.

Kaw Citizen Dylan Bellmard directed and filmed the project, bringing his professional filmmaking experience, including work on "Killers of the Flower Moon," to the production. The film received first place in its category, reflecting both the dedication of the students and the significance of telling Kaw stories in their own words and language.



SCAN QR CODE TO WATCH FILM



Kaá'ze Elders Little Carol Clark, Lynn Williams, and Lavina Spotted Bear joined us on set to guide their grandbabies and Tajé Sage during the emotional walk from Council Grove—telling our story through our own eyes.



Kanza language actors portray a peaceful time before settler encroachment—when the land was plentiful and life was lived in balance.



Kanza Language actors in traditional regalia and on horseback, bringing Kaw history and culture to life on set.



Kanza language actors portray a somber moment after historic flooding in 1800s Kansas, when our Kaá'ze Níkashí-ga lived like refugees on their own land—Waxpayíⁿ, pitiful, yet resilient.

HONORING UNKNOWN KAW CITIZEN WITH PLOT IN KAW NATION CEMETERY

In the early 1970s, the construction of Kaw Lake by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers dramatically reshaped the landscape and lives of the Kaw Nation. The project required the relocation of Kaw City and the Washunga Cemetery, which held the remains of many tribal ancestors. The cemetery was moved to higher ground near Newkirk, Oklahoma, with the intention of preserving the dignity of those interred.

Despite these efforts, the process was incomplete. In the decades following the relocation, erosion at Kaw Lake revealed that not all graves had been moved. Human remains, casket fragments, and tombstones surfaced along the shoreline, a stark reminder of the disruption caused by the flooding. The Kaw Nation responded by taking the lead in caring for these abandoned sites, working to identify and respectfully rebury any remains discovered.

On March 4, 2025, Kaw Nation citizens assembled at Washunga Cemetery in Newkirk to lay the unknown individual to rest. The ceremony drew community members and tribal employees, each present to ensure this tribal citizen was welcomed home with dignity.

As the service concluded, the men in attendance stepped forward, one by one, to take up shovels. In quiet succession, each man added earth to the grave, a gesture that spoke to both personal responsibility and shared commitment. This act, carried out with care and respect, symbolized the community's promise to honor those who came before and to address the unfinished work left by past disruptions.

The burial was more than a formal obligation—it was a moment of reconnection. By collectively refilling the site, participants acknowledged the unknown individual as part of the Kaw Nation family, returning them to rest among ancestors. The atmosphere was solemn but not somber; it reflected a sense of fulfillment, as the community gathered to right a historical oversight and offer a proper homecoming.

While the scars of relocation and loss remain, the Kaw Nation continues to confront these challenges with resolve, ensuring that every tribal citizen, known or unknown, is treated with respect and care.

ATTENTION KAW TRIBAL CITIZENS

Dear Citizens

The Enrollment Department encourages all Kaw Nation citizens to keep their records current. Please notify us of any changes to your address, phone number, email, or legal name. If you welcome a new family member, remember to enroll them so they can access available benefits, including healthcare, educational support, and community programs. Up-to-date information ensures you and your family receive important communications and services. Thank you for helping us serve the Kaw Nation community efficiently and effectively.

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF OUR KAW TRIBAL CITIZENS

LENORE JUNE BARRETT

DOD - NOVEMBER 11TH, 2024

DEANNA S. PAPPAN

DOD - JANUARY 5TH, 2025

LUTHER MITCHELL PEPPER

DOD - JANUARY 16TH, 2025

JIMMIE GLEN BENBROOK

DOD - JANUARY 20TH, 2025

VERONICA KELLY NORRIS

DOD - JANUARY 22ND, 2025

CECILIA MAE COBLE

DOD - FEBRUARY 4TH, 2025

AMBER NICOLE KEISTER

DOD - APRIL 5TH, 2025

RECOGNIZING RECENT KAW GRADUATES

Kanza News congratulates our recent college and trade school graduates. Your dedication and hard work strengthen our community. We recognize the value you bring to Kaw Nation and look forward to the positive impact you will make in your chosen fields.



Korbin Schulz

*University of Texas-Dallas
Bachelor of Science
Computer Science*



Clifford Montoya

*San Juan College
Associate of Applied Science
Instrumentation & Control Technology*



Jasmine Novak

*Wichita State University
Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Minor: Psychology Health Science
Magna Cum Laude*



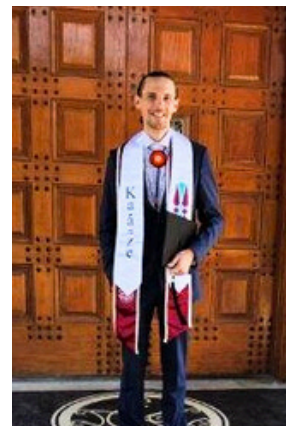
Christian Mora

*Central Tech
Truck Driver Training Program*



Patten McGuire

*University of Oklahoma
Bachelor of Business
Administration/Entrepreneurship
& Venture Management
Magna Cum Laude*



Nicholas Coble

*University of Oklahoma
Master of Legal Studies
Indigenous Peoples Law*

KANZA DRUM KEEPER WINS REGIONAL TITLE



Congratulations to Alex Levi Elizondo, Kaaʌze Dodaʌ Haʌga Kaw Drum Keeper, for leading the El Reno Indians Basketball team to both Regional and Area Consolation Championships. Alex's commitment on and off the court reflects the dedication and perseverance valued by the Kaw Nation community. His achievements bring pride to family, teammates, and tribal citizens, highlighting the positive impact Kaw youth continue to make in



athletics and beyond. The Nation celebrates Alex's accomplishments and looks forward to his continued success. This recognition honors not only individual effort but also the support and encouragement found throughout our community. Well done, Alex, and thank you for representing the Kaw Nation with distinction.

KANZA WELLNESS CENTER: ADVANCING HEALTH AND COMMUNITY FOR KAW NATION

The Kanza Wellness Center stands as a testament to Kaw Nation's commitment to the well-being of its citizens. Established to address the growing need for accessible health resources, the center reflects a forward-thinking approach to preventative care. By offering a modern facility free of charge to Tribal Citizens, Kaw Nation removes barriers to regular exercise and wellness activities.

Under the direction of Bobbie Ollenborger, the center features a resistance training and weight room, a cardio room, a group fitness space, and an indoor swimming pool. These amenities support a wide range of fitness levels and interests. Group classes, including senior and aquatic fitness, foster both physical activity and social connection. For non-tribal members, membership rates remain highly competitive, making the center a valued resource for the broader community as well.



Kaw Nation's investment in the Wellness Center demonstrates a practical strategy for improving health outcomes. By prioritizing prevention, the Nation helps reduce the risk of chronic illnesses and encourages lifelong habits that benefit individuals and families. The center serves as more than just a gym—it is a gathering place where people, including many elders, pursue self-improvement and support one another in a positive environment.

The true value of the Kanza Wellness Center lies in its role as a community hub, promoting health, connection, and resilience among Kaw Citizens.



KANZA WELLNESS CENTER | 3201 E RIVER RD, NEWKIRK, OK 74647 | (580) 362-1444

WELLNESS CENTER MEMBERSHIP PRICING

Memberships are free to all Kaw Nation Tribal Citizens.

All membership prices include joining fee of \$20 for individuals and \$30 for families.

- **Daily**
 - Individual: **\$4** - Family: **\$10**
- **Monthly**
 - Individual: **\$20** - Family: **\$40**
- **3 Months**
 - Individual: **\$55** - Family: **\$110**
- **6 Months**
 - Individual: **\$110** - Family: **\$220**
- **Yearly**
 - Individual: **\$220** - Family: **\$440**

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