

EDUCATION SPOTLIGHT

Tribal Member Kelly Morris Graduate of University of Kansas *by Kelly Morris*



Kelly Morris

My name is Kelly Morris and I am a recent graduate of the University of Kansas. I graduated in fall 2013 with my Bachelors of Science in Education Community Health degree. I currently work at the Prairie Band Potawatomi Tribal health center, in the diabetes prevention program as a data coordinator/program assistant.

I began my undergraduate career at Haskell Indian Nations University. I graduated with my associate's degree with an emphasis in health, sports, and exercises sciences. After high school I knew I would continue my education and

going to HINU was the first practical step. No longer a high school student, it is easy to see ultimate freedom when going to college, but college is more than freedom. As a student you determine how your academics are affected by the "freedoms" that come with college life. Truthfully, college can be overwhelming at times. However it gets better once you get out of your comfort zone and apply yourself to your education.

Continuing my education has opened many doors for me academically, professionally, and personally. I say academically because college pushed me past the mentality of just making it through courses; my mentality turned into wanting to excel in my academic endeavors to improve my future. While I was at KU, I was involved with the Multicultural Scholars Program; through my interactions with faculty and professors I developed many professional relationships. When applying for the Masters of Public Health program I was able to use these professional connections as references for my application. Last of all, college was a time in my life where I understood what it was like to be independent and that I am accountable for myself. Having the drive and motivation to pursue a higher education can open numerous opportunities toward a successful future.



Summer Fun: The Sac and Fox Nation swimming pool opened May 24 and has been a hub of splashing activity since, except for a few hours due to rain. (SFN Photo)

Governor Signs Measure that Authorizes Suicide Prevention Training in Schools

OKLAHOMA CITY – Legislation authorizing school boards to adopt policies concerning suicide awareness and training, and the reporting of student drug abuse, was signed into law.

House Bill 1623 by Rep. Kay Floyd, D-Oklahoma City, and Sen. A.J. Griffin, R-Guthrie, allows training for teachers and students in grades 7 through 12 into how to recognize danger signals and prevent suicide. The state Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (DMHSAS) "shall develop and make available to school districts" the curriculum, at no cost to the schools, HB 1623 provides.

Oklahoma has the 13th highest suicide rate, per capita, in the nation, Floyd said. In comparison, Texas ranks 41st. "We also are higher than Kansas, Arkansas and Missouri," she said.

Suicide is the second-leading cause of death nationwide among young people 10 to 24 years of age, Floyd said. In Oklahoma, 111 young people in that age group died by their own hands in 2012, and 91 killed themselves in 2011, State Health Department records reflect.

Oklahoma's suicide rate increased 20 percent from 2004 through 2010, Floyd added. Suicide is the most common manner of violent death in this state, the Health Department reports. There are 27 times more suicides than homicides, data

show.

Starting with the 2014-15 school year, every school district in the state may offer a suicide awareness and prevention training program selected from a list maintained by the DMHSAS. HB 1623 says that school districts may contract with designated youth services agencies to provide suicide intervention and prevention services locally.

The suicide awareness and prevention training "shall not be construed to impose any specific duty of care," the legislation states.

Nevertheless, the measure also decrees that upon determining that a student is at risk of attempting suicide, school teachers, administrators and counselors must notify the youth's parents/guardians immediately.

The bill passed unanimously in both the House and the Senate and was signed Wednesday by Governor Fallin. "Having the 13th highest rate of suicide in the nation is unacceptable," Floyd said. "I am grateful to the members of both legislative chambers and to the governor for acknowledging the seriousness of this issue and supporting this measure."

Floyd is a founding member and vice president of the board of directors for the Justice Alma Wilson SeeWorth Academy, which was established in 1998 and serves 485 at-risk youth in Oklahoma City.

Business Committee Meeting Minutes are now accessible on the Website and Facebook sacandfoxnation-nsn.gov

NOTICE

The Veteran's Administration is partnering with the Pawnee Indian Health Center to enroll all Native American and non-Indian Veterans for health care benefits the third Thursday of every month from 10:30 am to 1:00 pm. Veterans will be able to get questions answered about their benefits without traveling to Tulsa, Muskogee or Oklahoma City. The Pawnee Service Unit is located on the Pawnee Nation Tribal Reserve, 1201 Heritage Circle, in Pawnee, Oklahoma 74058, for more information call: (918) 762-6724

SAC AND FOX TAX COMMISSION REVENUE

March 2014

Beer and Liquor	\$426.76
State Tobacco Rebate	\$182,117.75
Motor Vehicle	\$2,682.25
Sales Tax	\$12,358.09
Treasury	\$335.38
Oil & Gas	\$27.45
Gaming	\$151,674.72
TOTAL	\$349,622.40

NOTICE

All Departments, Committees, Commissions and Boards, Please have your **Annual Reports** Submitted to the Tribal Secretary's Office by June 30, 2014



MONTH of JUNE 2014

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Franks/Beans Squash Salad Cantaloupe	3 Salisbury Steak Mashed Pots Peas Mandarin Orange	4 Pork Chop Sweet Potato Cream Corn Pineapple	5 Polish & Kraut Potato Wedge Green Beans Jello w/fruit	6 Breakfast Casserole Hash Brown Orange
9 Fried Chicken Corn On Cob Broccoli Apple	10 Hamburger Veggies Pea Salad Van Pudding	11 Tuna Sand Cottage Cheese Chips Tropical Fruit	12 Steak Fingers Salad Carrots Pears	13 Meatloaf Scallop Pots Mixed Veg. Applesauce
16 Sloppy Joes Carrots Salad Cookie	17 Hot Link Baked Beans Salad Watermelon	18 Indian Taco Fresh Veggies Grape Dumplings	19 Chicken/Rice Green Beans Crackers Pineapple	20 Biscuit & Gravy Bacon Boiled Egg Juice
23 Tuna Noodle Casserole Corn Fruit Cocktail	24 Chicken Pot Pie Salad Tropical Fruit	25 Spaghetti Cream Corn Garlic Bread Pineapple	26 Chef Salad Pork & Beans Cracker Cake	27 Burrito Refried Beans Spanish Rice Jello w/fruit
30 Pimento Sand Green Bean Chips Choc. Pudding				51 st Annual Sac & Fox Pow-wow July 10-13, 2014

Happy June Birthdays 2014 Elders!!

Richard Gene Wakole
Oresa June Wilson
Frederick Allen Trammell
Hilda Quintana
Phyllis Marie Williams
Charles William Wallace
Becky Marie Martinez
Cheryl Denise Wallace
David D. Hocker
Phyllis Ruth Ramseyer
Harold Eugene Wallace
Roseanna Frances Preston
Dorothy A. Bohannon
William Lloyd Grass
Charlotte Estelle Lane
Shirley J. Garrison
Ramona Ann Hilligoss
Gary Wayne Hodgens
Ramona Marie Johnson
Jacqueline Allene Holly
Raymond L. Pennock
Rodney Keith Delaware
Christine McDonald
Charlotte J. Mitchell
George Harjo
Gaylon R. Franklin
Calvin James Grant
Deborah Diane Wachter
Francis J. Garcia
Lamont L. Long
Richard Leroy Pawling

Sharon Kay Noah
Deborah Lou Smith
Linda Sue Ellis
Sharron McAllister
Francene Wolfe
John Wallace Nelson
Pearl Darlene Lovelady
Roy Dale Longshore
Clyde Saulsberry
Vincent Lee Bruno
Ronald Arthur Cummins
Basil R. Yarbrough
Dennis Alan Keo
Mary E. Eldredge
Vickie Alice Brown
Michael S. Trammell
Peter T. Miles
Carole Ann Franklin
Murna Lee Lack
Linus Roubidoux
Mary Sue Britt
Elizabeth June Wolftrouge
Emmett Francis Brown
Wynona McGirt
William Elliott Wilson
Jerry Hodgens Myers
Ronald Charles Goodeagle
Larry James Ward
Ronald Lee Galloway
Constance Irene Whitlow
Diane Elizabeth Coombs

Larry Ernest Eldredge