

THE INDIAN LEADER

Celebrating 120 years

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Indian Leader Celebrates 120 years



Indian Leader Staff pose with featured speaker Kevin Abourezk, Indianz.com Photo By Michael Begay

by Travis Campbell

The world's oldest Native American student newspaper *The Indian Leader* celebrated 120 years of publication with an evening of speakers followed by a brief reception in the Auditorium at Haskell Indian Nations University.

The evening commenced with an honor song sung by Haskell's own Ron Brave, followed by a reading of the mayoral proclamation declaring November 8th, 2017 to be "Indian Leader Day" in Lawrence by Allen Stephenson. Stephenson was followed by remarks on the importance of maintaining a Native American presence in journalism by Dr. Venida Chenault, President of Haskell Indian Nations University.

Fellow journalists and media personalities also gave video congratulations to the newspaper, many included other tribal newspapers, representatives from the Native American Journalists Association and local radio personality Lazlo of 96.5 The Buzz in Kansas City.

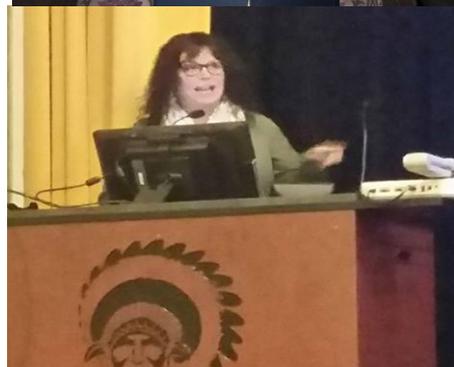
A brief history of the newspaper by former editor, Lori Hasselman. Kevin Abourezk of *Indianz.com* was the featured speaker at the event.

Abourezk spoke about his own experiences in journalism beginning with his interest in writing as a young child. He went on to discuss his time at the University of Nebraska and his career with the Lincoln Journal Star in Lincoln, Nebraska, before joining *indianz.com* in 2017.

The staff of the Indian Leader would like to extend a special thanks to faculty advisor, Rhonda LeValdo, without whose tireless efforts, experience, and determination achieving this milestone would not have been possible.



Guest speaker: Kevin Abourezk, Indianz.com editor Photo by Michael Begay



Past Indian Leader editor Lori Hasselman's presentation. Photo By Travis Campbell



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**FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE
FALL SEMESTER 2017**

Final Exam Date	Final Exam Time	Class	Time
Monday, December 4, 2017	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	MWF	1:10 PM
Monday, December 4, 2017	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	MWF	2:10 PM
Monday, December 4, 2017	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	MWF	11:10 AM
Monday, December 4, 2017	3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	MWF	3:10 PM
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	MWF	8:10 AM
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	TR	9:45 AM
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	MWF	12:10 PM
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	MWF	9:10 AM
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	MWF	4:10 PM
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	TR	4:00 PM
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	MWF	10:10 AM
Wednesday, December 6, 2017	3:30 PM – 5:30 PM	TR	11:15 AM
Thursday, December 7, 2017	8:00 AM – 10:00 AM	TR	8:15 AM
Thursday, December 7, 2017	10:30 AM – 12:30 PM	TR	2:30 PM
Thursday, December 7, 2017	1:00 PM – 3:00 PM	TR	1:00 PM

Notes:

1. To read this chart: locate the day and beginning time that your class meets. Next to that will be the final exam date and time. For example, a TR 8:15 AM – 9:30 AM class will have its Final on 12/7/17 from 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM.
2. MWF includes classes that meet on M or W or F only; MW; WF; MTWR; MTWRF.
3. TR includes classes that meet on T or R only; TW; TWRF; RF.
4. Final exam for evening classes (5:00 PM or later) are administered at the first of their regular scheduled meeting times that occur during Finals Week.
5. Students enrolled in KU classes will need to check with their KU instructors for the final exam dates/times.

This calendar is subject to change.

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**CHRISTMAS
BAZAAR**

Homemade Crafts, Jewelry, Baked Good, Etc.

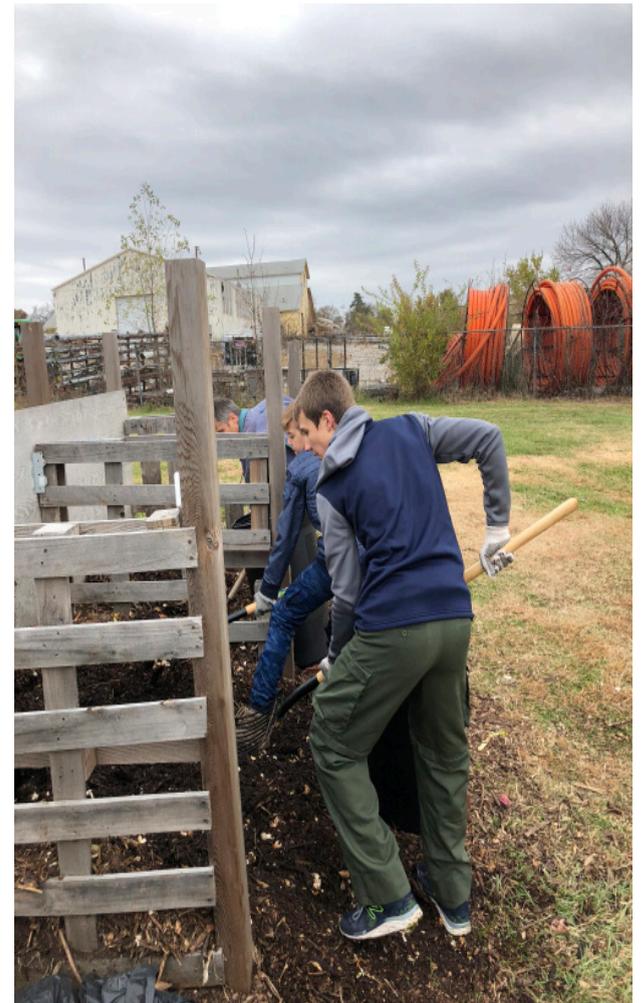
12.02.2017 - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. - Tecumseh Gym



Holiday Bazaar Applications are available in the Student Activities Department Office. Deadline is Thurs. November 30 at 5:00 p.m.
Sponsored by HINU Student Activities Department

During the long Veterans Day weekend, on Veterans Day a Local Boy Scout troop finished their last couple hours of community service while helping out the Haskell Tribal Eco Ambassadors with winterising their compost pile into the green house at Haskell University as the winter quickly approaches.

Photos by Diamond Williams, Indian Leader staff



Commentary: Americanized Mockery

by Rashad Squalls

Taken from our ancestral lands to the football field, American society seems to get a kick out of the public use of Native American heritage for entertainment. Native American heritage is held highly sacred to its descendants. It is very disheartening to see and hear rituals, names, and Native regalia in the public as a mascot. No harm done, right? Wrong, Native American culture is practiced among Natives up to this present day. How long must Native Americans be held captive to oppression? One must truly understand and respect the roots of someone's heritage before being a part of it. America is supposed to stand for equality of all nations and races. Native life has become a part of the American society, but not entirely respectfully. To be seen in one of the media's biggest entertainment industries as a mockery is disrespectful in many unspoken ways. Hopefully, as a nation we can come to some kind of understanding to why it is Native Americans feel as such. It's unjust, hurtful, and uncaring to carry on with the parading of another culture's heritage. It's hard to stand by and watch an important part of history mocked.

Not only are we mocked in the entertainment field, retail products are also produced by non-Natives. A popular clothing line named Urban Outfitters created a panty line under the name of "Navajo." Many fashion trends continue to create and sell Native American names. There are also ads that are very offensive to Native culture. One ad I discovered was from a cereal by the name of Post Toasties. This ad is very disturbing, it features Natives speaking about being full of energy because of Post Toasties. The ad goes on to say that corn is the best thing that the Natives have discovered.

Food, clothing, and entertainment are just a few examples of Native oppression. Vehicles have also been modeled using Native based names such as the Jeep Comanche, Jeep Cherokee, Winnebago (RV), and Pontiac. Pontiac, I actually discovered was a war chief who allied with the French. One of our most celebrated holidays in America, Halloween, is celebrated with costumes and props every year. I can guarantee that there will be many children and adults dressed as Native Americans all throughout our country. Another thing that Americans opposed would be Native religion and spiritual beliefs. Christianity has always been forced upon Natives to get them to convert over entirely. For example, here at Haskell I witnessed a man dressed in a suit handing out small New Testament bibles. I saw the Chick-fil-a fast food chain restaurant selling their food at one of our powwows (Christian-based franchise). It seems like Native religion has always been shunned by the American society as a whole.

Native American schools are also few and far between in the United States. Natives are forced to put their children into public schools that teach their children to live the American way. History books in public schools offer false teachings and accounts of Native Americans. It's because of improper teaching of history that Americans don't fully understand and respect the Native ways of life. Overall, I am upset with all of the blatant disrespect from the media when it comes to Native American culture. Although Natives protest for our traditions to be kept sacred it only seems to egg on more companies to continue creating offensive media. If the roles were reversed I'm sure others would understand where we are coming from. In order to stop American opposition we need more activists to stand up and be a voice for Native Americans. Although America is supposed to be based off of equality it has took a turn for the worse. We live in an age where it is okay to poke fun of someone else's heritage. I find it ironic that more of the Spanish language is taught over Native tongues. I never truly understood why the teaching of foreigners' languages have been put in the majority of universities and public schools when our land was founded by Native Americans.

There are many ways the American culture has dominated over that of Native Americans. America's views continue to corrupt people's minds with lies about our real history. Native American culture continues to be destroyed and mimicked throughout America. It's up to us to teach our children Native traditions and raise them with respect for our heritage. Our ancestors died valuing the very land that was founded and inhabited by our people. America/media's focus has always seemed to be one-sided. Either you're American or you're not, everyone else's traditions and beliefs have always seemed to be put on hold. As a Native American it is important that we stand firm in with our traditions.

Meet and Greet with “Awake” filmmaker Myron Dewey



Haskell Student Senate members meet Myron Dewey photo by Diamond Williams



Red Society members, Jon Whitewolf, Talon Tohtsoni, Sam Youngbull, Amos Wright, Montoya Lavarie, David Littlebear, opening up with a song. photo by Diamond Williams

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Myron Dewey talking to the 30+ students the came to the Library to attend the meet and greet. Photo by Diamond Williams



Red Society drum group sang to open up the event. Photo by Diamond Williams.



Myron Dewey encouraging young Haskell students to become strong leaders. Photo by Diamond Williams.

Myron Dewey, screened his film “Awake” for students at Haskell, he met with students in the library for a discussion

Group photo with student senate, Myron Dewey, and two guest water protectors, Frina Downer and Carol Burns. Photo by Diamond Williams



Does Artistic Merit Outweigh Outrage at Artist's Crimes?

by Travis Campbell

In light of the sexual harassment and issues going on in politics and , there is a small discussion on an artist's work and their past crimes. Don Secondine, Jr., a noted Cherokee artist and Haskell Indian Junior College alum, has two paintings on display in the library at Tommaney Hall and others in storage. Unbeknownst to many, in 2009 Secondine was sentenced to seven years in state prison after pleading no contest to aggravated indecent liberties with a child, according to a July 14, 2009 article in the Lawrence Journal-World.



Secondine, remains a well-known painter who studied under Dr. Richard "Dick" West at Haskell in the 1970s. West, a World War II veteran, is best remembered for his mastery of Plains-style flat painting in which he began working under the tutelage of Acee Blue Eagle at Bacone University in Muskogee, Oklahoma in the 1930s. The influence of both Blue Eagle and West are readily apparent in many of Secondine's works.

How do students and staff feel about having Secondine's work on display? Does the nature of the artist's crimes outweigh the artistic merits of his work?

Carrie Cornelius, acting director of the library stated that she had begun discussions with the Haskell Cultural Center and Museum to discuss options for replacing Secondine's work with others from the collection. Cornelius as well as David Titterington, Haskell Art Instructor, indicated an interest in displaying work from current Haskell students in the library.

In the course of interviews conducted with Haskell students it does not appear as though many of the student body are aware of Secondine's crimes, but the prevailing opinion is one of indifference with students remarking that even the disturbed can create beautiful works of art.

For the time being, Secondine's work remains on display in the library.

Tiff-Bits By Tiffany Blevins



Amy Adamson:
"A Rural Neighborhood Story of Oil Drilling and Property Rights in Baldwin"

Gil Zemansky:
"Eudora-Area Injection Wells"

Karla Jo Grimmett:
"Adventures with the Kansas Corporation Commission"

Douglas Cty Fairgrounds Flory Hall
Monday, November 20, 2017

2120 Harper Street, Lawrence, 66046
7:00 PM - 8:30 PM