

# GYAH'-WISH ATAK-IA

## THE TURTLE SPEAKS



### Public Notice

On September 12, 2009, at the Wyandotte Nation Annual Meeting, election for the following positions will take place: Chief, Three (3) Board of Director positions, and Three (3) Grievance Committee positions. The filing fee for Chief and Board of Directors is \$50.00. The filing fee for Grievance Committee is \$10.00. These are payable by cashiers check or money order and

due the same day the candidate files his/her Declaration of Candidacy. The fees are non-refundable. The filing period opens May 15, 2009 and closes June 15, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. Filing must be done at the Administration Building with the tribe's Executive Secretary. A list of candidates will be posted in the Administration Building on June 18, 2009.

### Employee Appreciation

Wyandotte Nation Government Employees celebrated the annual Employee Appreciation from April 13th to the 17th. It was a fun time to relax and show some competitive spirit. Employees enjoyed a Wii bowling tournament, scavenger hunt, name the baby contest, and banana splits throughout the week. On Friday, festivities were underway with a 70s theme. Employees pulled out their 70s garb (or borrowed or even had their mothers sew some bell-bottoms). The best dressed was preschool teacher Sharon Bartley who wore her prom dress from 1973.

The entertainment was an on-site DJ playing music from the 70s and the department heads transformed into the Village People and performed their rendition of "YMCA". Dr. Smith was very convincing as the construction worker (we are thinking he might have a side job). Service awards were given out and Brenda House was named "Department Head of the Year" and Kathy Welch was named "Employee of the Year". Congratulations to these two and we appreciate all the hard work you do for the tribe. (Pictures on page 9)

### Gyah'-wish Atak-ia

- Wyandotte Nation**
- Board of Directors**
- Leaford Bearskin**  
Chief
- Billy Friend**  
Second Chief
- Ramona Reid**  
Councilperson
- Vivian Fink**  
Councilperson
- Norman Hildebrand**  
Councilperson
- Juanita McQuiston**  
Councilperson

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# The Chief Says . . . . .



Chief Leaford Bearskin

April is here and the grass is turning green, the trees are putting on their leaves and the feeling of an awakening is everywhere. Birds are welcoming us with songs and nest building. Animals are shedding their winter coats and Mother Nature is bursting out all over. A feeling of eagerness and exhilaration is evident in all of us.

We should hope and pray that such a wonderful feeling stays with us all year. The Wyandotte

Nation is doing well. We have so much for which to be thankful.



## From Billy Friend - Second Chief



Kweh,

you in the future here at the Wyandotte Nation.

This year we will end our summer program by taking our youth to Kansas City, Kansas to visit the many Wyandotte historical sites and end the trip with a day at Worlds of Fun amusement park. For more information about the summer program contact our Human Resources Department.

Even though it may seem too early to talk about Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow, it will be here before we know it. I want to encourage you to set aside this time to come and spend the weekend here at Wyandotte and get involved in the activities that take place that week.

As always, it is a great honor for me to serve you as Second Chief and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about the

tribe. Until next time it is my prayer that God watches over and protects you and your families.

Sincerely,  
Billy Friend

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**TURTLE TALK**  
 64700 E HWY 60  
 WYANDOTTE, OK 74370  
 OR FAX TO  
 (918) 678-2944

**Roll # 2323**

I hope this quarter's Turtle Talk finds all doing well and having a great year. It has been a very busy few months here at the tribal headquarters. With a change of administration at our nation's capital, it always brings changes for us and our programs.

With summer being just around the corner, I want to encourage our youth to get involved in our summer internship program. It is a great opportunity to not only earn a paycheck, but also learn about your tribe and the opportunities there may be for

Each edition of the tribal newsletter will include a Roll Number. The lucky tribal member will receive a tribal t-shirt mailed to them. Contact Kim Garcia at 918-678-2297 ext. 217 to claim your prize.

# 20th Annual WYANDOTTE POW-WOW

September 11-13, 2009

# \$12,500



**In Prize Money**

Contests in all Categories

Friday  
8:00 p.m.

**Grand Entries**  
Saturday  
1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Sunday  
1:30 p.m.



**8th Annual Veterans Honor Program**  
All Veterans Welcomed



# \$1,500

In Prize Money

## Drum Contest

Northern & Southern

**Location: Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow Grounds**  
**5.2 miles East of Wyandotte, OK on Highway 60**

Host Motels: Boone Slick Lodge 417-455-0888  
Super 8 Motel 417-455-1888

# Casino News



by Turdie Pendergraft

May is a big event for the Turtle. It will be our 5th Anniversary on May 17th. Chief Bearskin and 2nd Chief Billy Friend will be here to start our day with the cake cutting and a few wise words at

1pm.

VGT will be here at 2pm-5pm for their drawings for \$\$\$\$money giveaways and gifts they will bring to hand out from tickets that were entered. From 6pm-9pm, AGS will

also join us for their drawings for a 50 inch TV. There will be two drawings each hour from earned tickets from their promotion. They will also have gifts to hand out. We want to give them both a big Thank You for helping us celebrate five great years.

June brings yard work and we are going to give one lucky winner a 42in. riding lawn mower. Other winners will also receive money prizes. Come in and join us and sign up to win.

Don't forget to come and visit the Lucky Turtle Casino.

## Cultural & Historical News

### Honored with Flag

In November 2008, the Wyandotte Nation Honor Guard was presented with an American Flag that was unfurled atop the Central Criminal Court of Baghdad Iraq. The Honor Guard was very honored for this special gift. They held a special meeting to change the colors on the flagpole that has carried the same American Flag for almost 13 years. They will post the Colors with this flag in all their ceremonies this year and then it will be retired to a flag case and placed in an honorable place for the rest of the time. The Wyandotte Nation would like to thank the men who carried this flag and David Culver (Honor Guard Member) for making all the contact with the military and receiving this wonderful

gift for the Honor Guard and for all the people of the Wyandotte Nation.

Please remember all of our service men and women and pray for them and their families. The story and picture follow.

### Pow-Wow Grounds

Spring is finally here and so are the rains. The maintenance crew is working hard at many projects at the new grounds. The main thing is to get the drain system put in place just in case it rains. The Pow-Wow Committee has already started our prayers this will not happen three years in a roll. We are building new parking lots and adding on to the ones from last year. This is an attempt to cut back on the walking to the arena. When you come this year, we

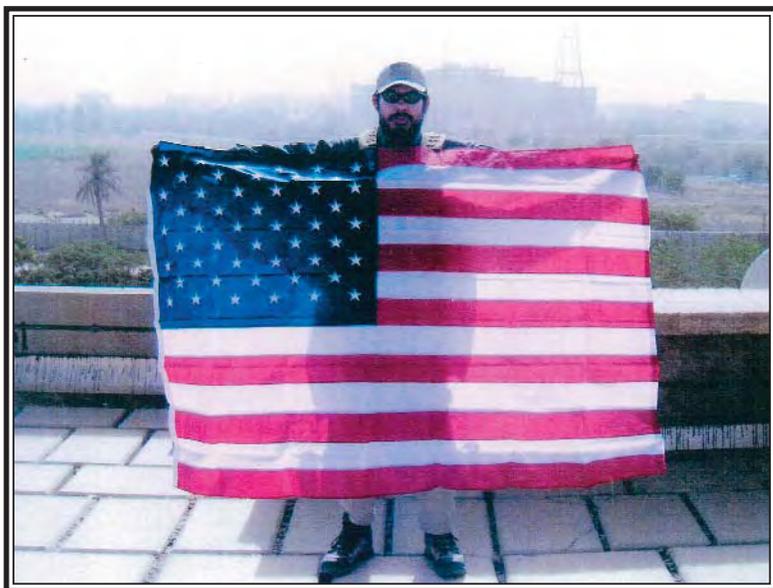
hope you like the new improvements and we plan to continue to make them better.

### Trip to Ohio

The planned trip to Ohio in May has had little interest shown for this year. If you are interested in going at the end of May, you will need to contact the tribe and get your name on the list. As of now, we only have two members signed up to go. We will need at least eight Tribal members to make the trip.

The Nation is only able to help with members. We do request no small children in car seats be included, due to space.

Dead Line for sign up is May 11th. If we do not have enough this year, we will try next year.



This flag of the United States of America accompanied Special Agents of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) assigned to a Joint Task Force (JTF) on numerous rotary and fixed wing aircraft flights throughout the country of Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF). This flag also accompanied AFOSI Special Agents on multiple counterterrorism ground missions into the city of Baghdad, Iraq in support of OIF. This flag was unfurled atop the Central Criminal Court in Iraq in Baghdad, Iraq by AFOSI Special Agent Charles K. Benton. The locations this flag has traveled throughout Iraq include the national capital Baghdad, Baghdad International Airport, Camp Sather, the United States Embassy, Join Base Balad, Balad, Iraq, Al Kut, Iraq and Al Asad, Iraq.

# Member News

## Wyandotte Sports Representative

### WYANDOTTE ATHLETE TO REPRESENT THE UNITED STATES AS A PEOPLE TO PEOPLE SPORTS AMBASSADOR

Richard Bearskin, grandson to Chief Leaford Bearskin and the son of Ron and Judy Bearskin, a baseball player and a student at Villa Park High School in Villa Park, California, has been accepted into the People to People Sports Ambassador Program. In summer 2009, Richard will train for 3 days in Vienna, Austria, before competing in an International Baseball Tournament, as part of the Youth Friendship Games. As part of the program, he will represent the United States of America as one of the thirteen teammates selected from throughout the United States.

In addition to building athletic skills, Richard can earn academic credit while getting to know the people, culture and history of the places visited. He will take part in a variety of activities such

as visiting Schonbrunn Palace, touring Mauthausen Concentration Camp and trying the rides at Prater, the oldest amusement park in Vienna.

Acceptance into the Sports Ambassador Program is an honor. The international competition and education program was founded by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1956. After being invited to apply, Richard submitted references and participated in a successful interview with program coaches and leaders. Before departing he will attend orientation meetings with a local coordinator and coaches to prepare for the journey.

Richard will be met overseas and accompanied by a team of experienced coaches and teacher-leaders. The athletic delegation will be escorted by a local delegation manager who coordinates the cultural and recreational excursions and is very familiar with local customs.

President Eisenhower founded People

to People during his presidency with citizen leaders including entertainer Bob Hope, Olympic champion Jesse Owens, amusement entrepreneur Walt Disney and Hallmark Cards founder Joyce Hall. Having served as a military commander, Eisenhower believed that ordinary citizens of different nations could make a difference where governments could not. People to People Student Ambassador Programs is based in Spokane, Washington, and has been coordinating the educational travel programs for nearly 50 years.

## YWCA's Creative Arts



MPAC's Cynthia West, director of research, was named Creative Arts Leader for YWCA Maricopa County 16th annual "Tribute to Women" awards.

The nine honorees were chosen for their commitment to empowering women and girls through service, leadership and advocacy. Cynthia is a member of the Wyandotte Nation and the daughter of Shirley Barber and granddaughter of the late Kenneth Brumbaugh.

## New Member



Aloha: Daniella Anne Chase Gonzalez was born September 13, 2008 in Maui Hawaii. Proud parents are Refugio and Quinn Gonzalez who reside in Haiku, Hawaii. Daniella was also welcomed home by her three older brothers, Luke, 10 Emmanuel, 5 and Simeon, 4.

## Wyandotte Nation Tag Office

Please call Dana or Kate at (800) 256-2539 ext. 219 and ext. 224 respectively for appointments.

Job Hotline  
1-877-WYN-DOTT  
(1-877-996-3688)  
Announcements  
Only

# Tribal Department Reports

## Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department

**Jan. 09 --- March 09**

Environmental Director—Christen Lee, ext. 241

Environmental Assistant – Kathleen Welch, ext. 235

Environmental Tech – Janice Wilson, ext. 245

Water & Education Tech – Earl Salisbury, ext. 252

Well we survived the holidays and are back in the working mode. Well some of us! While Christen, Janice and Earl were enduring the cold, Kathleen was on a Caribbean Cruise.

### JANUARY

January 5th thru the 9th found Christen and Janice attending an Indoor Air and Mold Training at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Environmental Office.

January 14th we hosted a meeting with a Department of the Interior Economist- Kristen Skrabis, and the Miami, Ottawa, Peoria, Eastern Shawnee, Seneca Cayuga, and Cherokee Tribes of Oklahoma. We learned the value of tribal culture past and present.

January 20th Janice and Earl traveled to Stroud, OK for a Tribal Environmental Committee of Oklahoma (TECO) Meeting. These meetings are very informative and keep our department up with the most current EPA and Federal rulings.

### FEBRUARY

The first week of February found Christen traveling to Dallas, TX for the Region VI Groundwater Summit and meet with our Region VI EPA Project Officers. Christen and Kathy were kept busy this month with several NRD meetings and conference calls, getting prepared for the upcoming DOI NRDAR Workshop in Phoenix, AZ in April.

Christen and Kathy were asked to be members of the Employee Health and Wellness Committee, and have attended

meetings to address issues on employee health.

### MARCH

March has given us some very nice days in which to go out and perform our monthly water testing at 6 sites within the Wyandotte Nation Historic area waters. Along with this on March 24th, Janice and Earl performed our quarterly Bacteria, nutrients and heavy metals testing, per our Water 106 Grant Quality Assurance Project Plan.

March 25th, Christen and Kathy attended a Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory council meeting at Northeast Oklahoma Vo-Tech, located near Afton, OK. There are several programs thru the NRCS (Natural Resource Conservation Service) for tribal members who are farmers or have cattle. Please feel free to contact Christen or Kathy for more information.

During the month of March, Earl Salisbury conducted a Fish Survey to help determine the number of Fishermen, the amount of fish caught, the species of fish, and how they are prepared in the Twin Bridges area.

Each month our department performs ambient water testing on 6 sites within the Wyandotte Nation jurisdictional area waters. These tests help us to monitor the health of the waters within the jurisdictional waters.

Well Testing – Our department is conducting well testing for Tribal members that live within the Wyandotte Nation Historic Jurisdictional area. We will be conducting Arsenic and Bacteria testing. Please contact Janice Wilson for more information.

Environmental Education Programs- Our department provides environmental Education Programs for surrounding area schools and community organizations. Our programs include Recycling, Watershed education, Water quality Education and Environmental Education. We have a Gazebo located to the south of the

Wellness Center in which we can use for outdoor education activities. For more information contact Christen, Kathy, Janice or Earl.

## Wyandotte Nation Housing Department

In 2005, the Nation received and Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) for the infrastructure on our proposed housing addition, directly North of the Tribal Complex. The infrastructure, as well as the roads are complete. It is exciting to report that plans are underway for the first four senior duplexes. The expected start time will be in a few weeks. Future plans are to construct family units.

The IHS-121 Program is to ensure that tribal members have safe drinking water and proper sanitation systems. If you are in need of a well, rural water hookup, or a septic system, we can help.

There are no income guidelines for this program, but you must live within the following counties: Craig, Creek, Delaware, Mayes, Nowata, Okfuskee, Okmulgee, Ottawa, Rogers, Tulsa, Wagoner, or Washington. There is also limited funding for residents of Missouri. If you have a need, please contact our office.

If you would like more information on any of our programs, give us a call at extension 236 or 239.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kathy DeWeese  
Housing Director

## Family Services

**Kate Randall, Family Services  
Dana Butterfield, Tag & Enrollment**

### NEWS FROM FAMILY SERVICES:

Spring has arrived in Wyandotte Territory as is evidenced by the changes of Mother Nature. It is beautiful here (continued on next page)

## Department Reports (cont.)

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right now. Speaking of Wyandotte Territory, visitors traveling through the Nation's former reservation lands now know where the Wyandotte Nation boundaries begin and end. In March, new highway signs were posted which mark the former reservation lands. The new signs posted are "Entering Wyandotte Nation" and "Leaving Wyandotte Nation". Wyandotte's history indicates that it wasn't until the mid 1870's that the fiber of the present Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma finally arrived in Indian Territory. We became a Nation of allotted lands. What did that mean to us as Indian People? Tecumseh once said: "Sell a country! Why not sell the air, the clouds, and the great sea, as well as the earth? Did not the Great Spirit make them all for the use of his children?" A Blackfoot Chief once said: The land... was put here for us by the Great Spirit and we cannot sell it because it does not belong to us. Although most of the Wyandotte Nation allotted lands have now passed hands, the Tribe is expanding its land base. As I walk upon the boundaries of the present Wyandotte Nation reserve, I am amazed by the beauty here at the foothills of the Ozarks. There are hills, springs, clear creeks, bluffs, rolling Meadows, lakes, and the most beautiful assortment of indigenous trees in the country. Even though the passages of time have changed many things, it has not changed the Indian Spirit and here at the Wyandotte Nation we are preserving all that we can of our lands and our history here.

### SENIOR CITIZEN SUMMER ENERGY ASSISTANCE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Effective July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009, senior citizens ages 62+ living within a 100 mile radius of the tribal headquarters are eligible to apply for \$100.00 utility assistance. Applications are available at the tribal headquarters or one can be mailed to you. A copy of your utility bill will be required and the payment will be made

directly to the utility company.

### TRIBAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS:

Spring has been a busy time for everyone as the school year comes to an end. The Family Services Department is already making our summer event plans. During the week of April 20-24th, the nine tribes of Ottawa County coordinated events for "Week of the Young Child". The National Association for the Education of Young Children encourages all communities to focus on early childhood development. This year's events included 4 days of education and fun for child care centers, tribal preschools, elementary schools, head starts and rural country schools. There was a fun festival, a 2 day musical concert and a petting zoo. The Turtle Tots attendees had a wonderful time.

### SUMMER YOUTH CAMP:

During the first two weeks of June, the Wyandotte Nation Family Services Department, Environmental Department and Bearskin Fitness Center Staff will host a two week afternoon youth camp focusing on fitness education, environmental education as well as Native American crafts projects. The youth camp begins at 1:00 P.M. and ends approximately at 2:30 P.M. Tribal members ages 7-12 are invited to attend. Please contact Dana or Kate for additional details.

### SAFETY CAMP:

The Ottawa County Nine Tribes will once again host a Native American Safety Camp during July 22nd-July 24th for Native children ages 8-12. The safety camp will include one day of safety education and two fun filled field trip days. Applications are required. There are limited slots available for each Tribe. Please mark your calendar to contact us in early July.

### FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS:

Tribal License plates, New Enrollee Initiatives, Tribal Enrollment and membership cards, Certificate of Indian Blood Cards, Children's safety

passenger seats, Emergency Assistance, Indian Child Welfare, Promoting Safe & Stable Families, Adoptions, Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, Senior Citizen Energy Program, Burial Assistance, School Supplies, Children's Winter Clothing, Domestic Violence and need based family services. Service area and income restrictions may apply. If you have any questions pertaining to these tribal programs, please feel free to contact Kate Randall or Dana Butterfield. In closing, we have an open door policy and our goal is to serve our tribal members and keep our children and families intact. Thank you for allowing us the privilege.

### **Bearskin Health Care & Wellness Center**

We have published the Bearskin Health Clinic Contract Health Services guidelines in this Turtle Talk. We feel that it is necessary to print this information for everyone to read and understand.

There have been a lot of misunderstandings involving the Contract Health Services. Here are some examples:

- If you call in your emergency on an ER visit, this does not mean that your visit will be paid for. This is only a qualification for consideration by a determination from the Contract Health Services Committee. The only cases being considered at this time are Category I or Priority I cases. If your illness has persisted for days, you have the opportunity to come in to the clinic to avoid an unnecessary emergency room visit, which might not be paid for or considered a Category I case. Any family member can call in an emergency visit if you are unable to since it has to be called in within 72 hours.

- If you are denied, you have 30 days to (continued on next page)

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 appeal this decision. You cannot wait months, 1 year, or more.

- If you choose to go on your own to a physician for services, or any other type of facility, you cannot expect for the Bearskin Contract Health Services to pick up your bill on your balances. In order to qualify for payment, you will need to come through this clinic and let our physician write up a referral to be submitted to our Contract Health Services to be reviewed at a committee meeting which are usually held every Thursday. These days are subject to change occasionally.
- In order to be eligible for Contract Health Services through the Bearskin Health Clinic, you need to have a current chart here or electronic health record. If you do not, you will not be considered until you fill out the information and send it in to the clinic.
- Once you have been approved on a visit or an emergency room visit, you are required to report each and every visit ahead of the scheduled time, in order for this to be approved through the Contract Health Services committee. Every visit has to be pre-approved. If you do not contact Bridget Burleson, our Contract Health Specialist before going to another scheduled appointment, that visit will not be paid for by our funds. This is a very strict requirement. This is to emphasize that this is the patient's responsibility, not the physician's office or the hospital's offices.
- If you do not have insurance, you may be required to fill out an application at Department of Health Services in your county. It is mandatory that you apply within the month of your hospital visit, ER visit, or whatever the case may be. You can have the hospital call in to the state DHS office if it falls on the last day of the month. We can't help that these are necessary rules that we have to abide by.

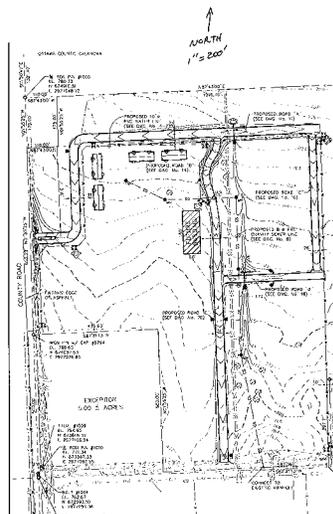
Please read these Contract Health

Services Guidelines carefully. It is very critical that you abide by these rules. I wish we did have the funds to take care of every health problem that comes across our clinic, but unfortunately, we do not.

Karen Duderstadt, Business Services Manager, Bearskin Health Clinic  
 (918) 678-2282

### Planning/Development

In the very near future you will see several projects taking place. We have three projects that are funded by Indian Community Development Block Grant money; Housing, Wellness Center Expansion and Water Tower. There are many factors that take place before a project is started and that is the reason for delays. We will be starting four senior duplexes (8 units) in the new housing addition behind the Tribal Center. We have met with contractors and will have a deadline of April 29th to have bids in. When the duplexes are complete, the houses will start going up followed by more duplexes.

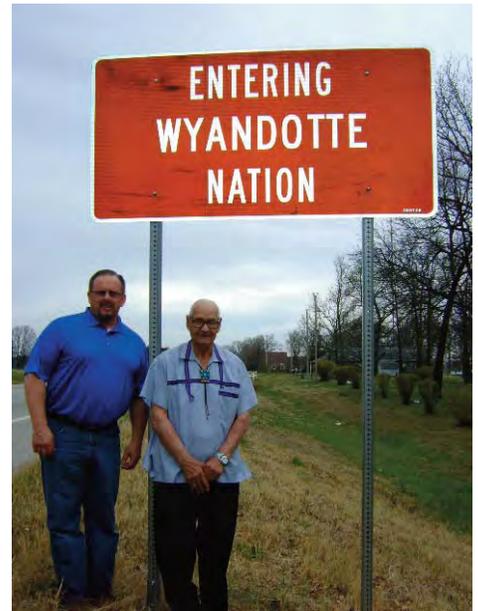


We are currently selecting an architect for the Wellness Center Expansion, and hope to get this project started soon. The expansion will include a gymnasium, safe room and generator which would serve as an emergency shelter that will accommodate a large group of people. Making sure this was

in the project was important, and once the architect is chosen we will discuss the other items to be included.

The Water Tower Project will begin soon. The contractor for the road leading to the water tower has been chosen, and they will begin work by May 1st.

The Entering/Leaving Wyandotte Nation signs have been installed by ODOT and are in 5 locations.



Landscaping will begin soon on the cemetery and housing. The perimeter of the cemetery will begin soon, which will include various trees and plants, and be a beautiful addition.

### Elder Services

Our Elder Services Department was honored recently with a visit from Dr. Yvonne Jackson from the Administration on Aging, Washington, D.C. and Cynthia La Counte from Kauffman & Associates, Inc., Spokane, WA. After touring the different departments at the complex and visiting with the Elders, Cynthia was inspired to write a news article in the monthly edition of the National Spirit of the Elders Newsletter. She decided to call (continued on next page)

## Department Reports (cont.)

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it Ham n' Yams.

Most of you see every day how important Title VI is to our elders...the greeting called out to friends and staff as they enter the senior center...the laughter of shared stories...the eager plans for the next group trip...the excitement of a new puzzle to put together with friends... KAI is starting a new feature that we're calling "Ham 'n Yams" to honor special Title VI people and to give you a glimpse into their lives. We'll launch the series and give you the first story, and it's up to you to give us all the ones to follow!

This month's "Ham 'n Yams" is about Bill and Betty Johnson from Wyandotte, Oklahoma. Bill's favorite meal was "ham 'n yams", and everybody knew it. He loved it when Brenda House, the Title VI Director, had his favorite dish on the menu, and

never missed the meal.

Bill was diagnosed with cancer, but kept his spirits up, and kept coming to the center. It became harder for Betty, to bring him in for lunch, but it made such a difference in his day that she continued. Bill also loved Brenda, and everyone knew that, too. His nickname for her was "Little Girl".

Even when Bill's health grew worse he continued calling his "Little Girl" and asking when she would have ham 'n yams for him again. And whenever it was served, Bill was there. His last ham 'n yams were served at the center one week before he passed on. Betty made certain that he was there. It was that important.

Betty works for the Wyandotte Tribe now, as a Title V worker. "Little Girl" knew how important it was to keep Betty occupied and busy after Bill passed on. Now Betty greets the

pre-school children as they get off the bus. The children run eagerly to her for their daily hug as they get to school, and Betty's eyes sparkle with their energy.

Bill and Betty Johnson's story should serve as a reminder to us all. Title VI provides essential, nutritional meals, but it does much more than that. Title VI provides friendship, companionship, laughter and love as well. It enriches the lives of our elders in so many ways. Only a program with so much heart and soul could serve up ham 'n yams. For more information about our Elder Services please contact Brenda House at 918-678-2297 ext. 227 or Dari Ann Hunnicutt ext. 253. Food Service Team: Kandi Smith, Leesa Hibbard or Lynda Wilson ext. 228. The menu is ext. 226.



### EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION

Above: Dance Contest  
Below: Department Heads



### WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD

Left: Tanner Nesvold, Right: Chloe Friend



### "Village People"

Left to Right:  
Ron Kaiser  
Kim Garcia  
Kelly Walker  
Doctor Smith  
Carla Culver  
Christen Lee



# Education Department

## Preschool:

The Wyandotte Nation Preschool year is fast coming to an end. Graduation ceremonies will be held in the Wyandotte High School Gym on Thursday, May 21 at 7pm. Our Preschool Pow-Wow was wonderful and we had a large crowd of family and friends to help close the evening with a round dance. Thank you to Richard Zane Smith for his time and patience as he worked weekly with our students to instruct them in dance and the use of the rattle with song. The annual week of the young child activities April 20-24 were enjoyable and well attended by students, staff and family guests. We participated in inflatable fun at the Miami Civic Center, our family chicken dinner had a guest list of over 175 and the petting zoo at the NEO Equine Center was great with camel and pony rides, trout fishing and many baby animals to pet. Applications are being accepted for the 2009-2010 school year.

## Before and After School Program:

We are still transporting children to and from school on a daily basis and it will wrap up in the next few weeks as school dismisses for the summer. Enrollment is open year round.

Summer program and all of the activities associated with it will begin on May 22, 2009. The staff has many exciting things planned for the participants. Contact the education office for details.

## Library:

New books and video selections are added regularly. A membership to our library is available upon completion of an application and it can be the key for you to enjoy all we have to offer.

## Child Care & Development Fund Program:

The Child Care Program is currently serving over three hundred children within our one hundred mile service area. The staff has been working to facilitate training for facility employees as well as planning the yearly child care provider appreciation banquet.

## Tribal Scholarships:

Applications have been mailed out to over sixty students who have expressed interest in the tribal scholarship fund for the fall of 2009. The deadline for fall semester applications is May 1, 2009 and letters of acceptance will be mailed in the summer.

The Master's degree program is still active and awaiting more enrollees.

The Vocational Education funding has been of assistance to the tribal members as they begin to gain new career skills or enhance those they already possess.

Housing applications have been sent to students who live in the following states: Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. To receive housing assistance you must reside in the dorm or be renting an apartment or house for the current semester that you are

attending college. Proof of rent must be provided. If you meet the criteria and are not receiving assistance, please contact Ms. Carla Culver at Ext. 230.

## Workforce Investment Act (WIA):

The WIA program is excited about offering some special funding for students that are eligible participants who plan to attend summer school. A collaborative educational program was conducted at the site of employment to help program participants enhance their business and customer service skills. Future trainings topics include resume and college application process assistance and much more.

Interested individuals must reside in Barry, Barton, Lawrence, Newton, Jasper, Dade and McDonald County in Missouri or Crawford and Cherokee counties in Kansas and be a member of a federally recognized tribe.

If you are interested in applying, contact Arthur at ext 234.



## Preschool Pow-Wow



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Please mention company code: **(2462134)**.

**It is not just for Tribal Employees but for Tribal Members too!  
You must be able to provide proof of Tribal Membership or  
Employment with the Wyandotte Nation. You can also go in to  
any AT&T store to get signed up for the discount.**

## Services Provided to Tribal Members

Service	Program Contact	Phone Number	Extension
Dental	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Vision	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Clinic (for appointments)	Linda Coatney or Elaine Fidler	(918) 678-2282	228 or 230
Pharmacy	Carolyn Nesvold	(918) 678-2282	224
Fitness Center	Kelly Walker	(918) 678-2282	259
Contract Health	Bridget Burleson	(918) 678-2282	227
Diabetes Clinic	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Nutrition	Brenda House	(918) 678-2297	227
Caregiver Services	Dari Ann Hunnicutt	(918) 678-2297	253
Enrollment	Dana Butterfield	(918) 678-2297	219
Tags	Dana Butterfield	(918) 678-2297	219
Housing Programs	Kathy DeWeese	(918) 678-2297	239
Student Housing Assistance	Kathy DeWeese	(918) 678-2297	239
Housing Improvements	Kathy DeWeese	(918) 678-2297	239
Well-Septic Construction	Kathy DeWeese	(918) 678-2297	239
School Supplies	Kate Randall	(918) 678-2297	224
Car Seats	Kate Randall	(918) 678-2297	224
Emergency Assistance	Kate Randall	(918) 678-2297	224
Scholarships	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Job Training	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Pre-School	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Library	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Adult Education	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Childcare	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Environmental	Christen Lee	(918) 678-2297	241
Human Resources	MaryAnn Hayworth	(918) 678-2297	220
Turtle Trax Printing	Pat Wilson	(918) 678-2297	238