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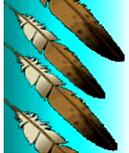
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Wyandotte Nation Annual Meeting

The Wyandotte Nation Annual Meeting will be held on September 9, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Artie Nesvold Community Center. Voting will be from 9 - 10 a.m. Election for the following positions will take place at the Annual Meeting:

- (1) Second Chief, Candidates: Billy Friend, Earlene Roskob.
- (2) One Board of Director Position, Candidates: Vivian K. Fink.
- (3) Two Grievance Committee Postions, Candidates: Marshall

Graham, Loren L. Wright. The 2006 tribal election has been moved from the Artie Nesvold Community Center to the Wyandotte Nation Administrative Building. To be eligible to vote, you must show your tribal membership card and photo I.D.



2006 Wyandotte Nation Annual Pow-Wow PEORIA POW-WOW GROUNDS

The Wyandotte Nation 2006 Annual Pow-wow will be held at the Peoria Pow-Wow grounds located in Miami, OK. We will have signs marking the location. The tribe is working on a location for the new grounds. We hope to have own Pow-Wow grounds before next year. For more information contact Sherri Clemons @ 918-678-2297 ext. 244.

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Community Liaison Specialist

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- Wyandotte Nation**
Board of Directors
- Leaford Bearskin**
Chief
- Earlene Roskob**
Second Chief
- Ramona Reid**
Councilperson
- Vivian Fink**
Councilperson
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- Juanita McQuiston**
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The Chief Says.....



Chief Leaford Bearskin

As many of you know I was in the hospital recently. I was dismissed Friday, July 7th. I want to thank everyone for their cards, visits, and prayers. I am determined to do whatever it takes to build my strength back up and be able to get back to work. My people are very important to me.

Remember to come to the annual meeting September 9th and vote in our tribal election for Second Chief. You will see more about the candidates in this issue of our newsletter. Following our election process don't forget to vote in your state, county, and local elections.

Chief

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From Earlene Roskob - Second Chief

Kweh Omateru

I said "Hello my friends". Being in this office on a daily basis has been so rewarding. I have been able to meet and get to know many of the Elders and other Tribal Members which I had not been able to do during my time of working somewhere else. I have also had the pleasure to become more acquainted with our staff, their programs and all the work they do to provide for our Wyandotte Nation members. Thank you for allowing me this opportunity.

We have had such a busy time during these last 3 months. One of the highlights was Memorial Day when we honored our Veterans and loved ones with a Ceremony by the Color Guard and decoration of graves. Throughout that week-end the Board of Directors along with some staff sat at the Wyandotte

Cemetery taking donations for cemetery maintenance. We also had a map of the cemetery and were able to assist many people in locating their loved ones.

Culture Week immediately followed. We had a smaller group this year, however it was not diminished in interest or fun. Those of you who weren't here really need to try to schedule it for next year. You are missing out on the camaraderie and building of relationships with your Wyandotte Nation family.

Seneca's Green Corn celebration is coming up the first full week in August. That used to be a big part of the Wyandotte traditions and celebrations also. As I have for many years, I plan to attend and hope to see you there.

Casino Groundbreaking was held June 6. We plan to have

it open by January. There will be a lot of new jobs created so hopefully we will be able to put more Wyandottes to work at a livable wage.

As I have stated previously, I am here to serve you. I have an open door policy and you are always welcome. I relish your ideas and suggestions. I want to clear up any rumors or confusion. Very few have come to visit with me, however recently Bill Johnson did. He and Betty want to have the "pay at the pump" at (continued on page 3)



Editorial



The Wyandotte people have suffered through many trials causing them to nearly face extinction.

When the last Wendat speaker passed away, our traditional dances, ceremonies, and festivals were passed on to the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe. Also, on August 1, 1956, Congress terminated the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma's status as a federally recognized and supervised tribe. At the time, I am sure our people had a somber spirit to think that was the beginning of the end of their heritage. However, on May 15, 1978, President Jimmy Carter restored Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma's status as a Federally recognized supervised tribe.

Since then, the leaders of our tribe have dedicated themselves to restoration and development. The three goals of the Wyandotte Nation became cultural restoration, government establishment to provide services to tribal members, and economic development for future well-being of the tribe and its members. In the mid-80s, The Turtle Stop Convenient Store was opened as our first Economic Development project. In 1987, the Title 6 Building (Artie Nesvold Building) was constructed for elder

2nd Chief....

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Turtle Stop. I was pleased to tell them I had already brought this need up several months ago and this is in progress. Also another Wyandotte member complained to me we need to provide Social Services. I advised her we already do with money from Tribal economic development as well as grants. She suggested a way to get some Social Services/Medical dollars to people living anywhere and using a Social Services Committee. I would like to try to implement this suggestion as soon as we are able. I have had a complaint about the money being

services. In 1988, although not an old Wyandotte tradition, the annual Pow Wow was instated (traditionally, Wyandotte dance was a stomp dance and social dancing in a long house instead of a Pow Wow arena). Leaps and bounds have been made since as our nation continues to grow.

Sometimes there are conflicts between the three different areas. Some with traditional ideals worry that economic development ventures are making us greedy. Others believe that services in the present take precedence over culture. Still others believe that making money for the tribe is the most important goal for the future of the nation. At times, each area has had to make compromises with the other areas. A balance is necessary to never forget our ancestors, take care of our people today, and provide for our children in the future. We must remember that the leaders have in mind the best interests for ALL Wyandottes; those before us, those with us now, and those to come. Our leaders are continuously striving to sustain a balance of restoring the past, maintaining the present, and providing for the future... with hopes that those to come will do greater than us. As Chief Bearskin says in his prayer, "Let us be better tomorrow than what we were today."



cut at the Clinic for the extras such as the high cost meds. I was able to explain the money we have to spend is from grants and also economic development. Sometimes that amount of income is cut, therefore we have to cut our spending temporarily. Things improved and the money for the Tribally paid benefits at the Clinic was soon replaced.

I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Meeting Sept. 9.

Oneh, ('til later)

Getting to know your candidates.....



Hello, my name is Vivian Fink. I am the daughter of Lester "Ton" Griffin and Anna Mae Griffin. My father was a Wyandotte and proud of his heritage. I have been married to Shannon Fink for 40 years and we have 2 children; Scott Fink and Kristy Arment, both of Wyandotte. We have 6 grandchildren, some of which have used the educational program of the tribe. I have been with the tribe going on 14 years and I have seen many changes. I remember the Clinic in a house at the bottom of Turtle Drive, the move to the Educational Building and now the beautiful complex on the hill. I remember the groundbreaking and opening of the Turtle Stop. I have seen the progress of the Educational Department and the Housing Department, all of which my family and I have benefited from. It has been a privilege to be a part of this great tribe and see the things we have accomplished. I want to thank you for your confidence and, as Chief always says, let us be better tomorrow than we were today.



Hello, my name is Loren Wright and I am running for Grievance Committee. I am 71 years old and have been married to my wife, Mickey, for 50

years. I served in the Marine Corps. On January 1, 1998, I retired from Boeing Aircraft at Wichita. I attended Field and Hammer Schools in Neosho, Missouri. I have one son, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.



My name is Marshal Graham. I was raised in Seneca, MO, which is where my family and I now reside. My wife, Sarah, stays at home with our 2 wonderful children, Tatum and Caleb. I am a graduate of Seneca High School. I have earned an Associate in Applied Science degree, Electronics Technology, from Crowder College and a Bachelor of Science degree, Computer Information Science, from Missouri Southern State University. I am currently employed in the IT department of The Empire District Electric Company as a Systems Administrator.

I think the biggest challenge for the future of the Wyandotte Nation lies in the past and the ability to carry on the traditions, values, and beliefs that have brought us to our success. I think the tribal leadership and dedicated members have done great things to revitalize our history and traditions. I particularly like seeing the involvement of children and youth in these activities. I know that our future success will depend on the success of our children.

I have served on the grievance committee for the past year and look forward to continuing and expanding my involvement.



Hello, my name is Billy Friend and I am running for the office of 2nd Chief of the Wyandotte Nation. I was born in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on December 4th, 1963, to Johnny and Beverly Friend. My Wyandotte ancestry is through the Adam Brown lineage. I graduated from Seneca High School in 1982, receiving a wrestling scholarship to attend Labette County Community College studying Physical Education. After receiving a Ministerial License from Messenger Bible College I moved to Sedalia, Missouri, to Pastor the Sedalia Pentecostal Church of God for 5 years and then moved to Lockhart, Texas, to Pastor Faith Chapel Church of God. Before returning to Seneca, MO I spent 18 months as School Administrator at New Hope Christian Academy in Festus, MO. My wife Ronda and our children Allyson, Caleb, Kelsey, Tyler, Cade and Chloe currently reside in Joplin, MO.

In June of 1998 I accepted the position of Fitness Center Manager of the Bearskin Fitness Center. As manager of the fitness center I developed, implemented, and managed preventive exercise programs. I was also responsible for preparing budget and revenue projections for the facility.

In 2000 I accepted the position of Human Resource Director for the Nation. During my tenure as HR Director I completed 60 class hours at Southwest Missouri State University and obtained my certification in Human Resource Management. Also, during this time I rewrote the personnel (continued on next page)

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policies and procedures and helped develop the first salary scale and schedule for Tribal employees. It was during this time that the Tribe was awarded the Workforce Investment Act Program (WIA) from the Department of Labor. I set up and directed the program for the first year of its operation before the Tribe hired a WIA program specialist.

In 2002 I returned to the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center as the Assistant Director of Health Services to train under the director who was in the process of retirement and upon his retirement I assumed the position of Director. As Director, I was responsible for all management and administration of health services for both the Wyandotte and Eastern Shawnee Nations. I formulated, implemented, and maintained the budget for the clinic and wellness center. I was responsible each year for negotiating the annual funding agreement with Indian Health Service and oversaw all self governance issues regarding the tribal compact. During this time I served as the Vice-Chairman of the Claremore Indian Hospital Board and represented the Claremore area on the Oklahoma City Area Inter-Tribal Health Board.

In 2005 I accepted the position of Chief of Staff for the Wyandotte Nation. As Chief of Staff I was responsible for fulfilling the mission statement and developing, revising and implementing strategic planning to oversee grants and contracts administered by the Nation. I worked directly with the Board of Directors and Department Heads to ensure the nation met all governmental compliance, legal and financial requirements. As Chief of Staff, I represented the Tribe both locally and nationally attending all state and federal meetings affecting the tribe.

In January of 2006 I was asked to take over as President of Gaming Operations

for the Nation. As President, I was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the Lucky Turtle Casino and had oversight responsibilities of the Turtle Stop Convenience Store. It was my responsibility to prepare annual operating and capital budgets and to ensure compliance with internal control and operating policies both tribal and National Indian Gaming Commission standards.

Currently, I am serving once again as Director of Health Services overseeing the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center.

I believe the mission of the Tribe is to "improve the quality of life for every tribal member". Everything that we do and every decision that we make must center on that statement. I see the Tribe as made up of three equally important entities: government, cultural, and economic and each one is dependent upon the other. My goal as 2nd Chief would be to bring these three entities together with one common goal in mind and that is to improve the quality of life for all tribal members. This can be accomplished through providing quality governmental programs and services managed by sound decision-making and competent administration. In my opinion all decision making should be done with consideration of future generations and the protection of our tribal sovereignty. The Tribe must utilize effective stewardship of our human, financial and natural resources.

Governmentally the key to success is through Self Governance. Self-Governance is premised on the government-to-government relationship that exists between us (the Tribe) and the federal government. I have been actively involved in the negotiation process of our Self-Governance Compact for the past 4 years and have attended the National Self-Governance Conferences each of those years. I have been very active in Oklahoma's Self-Governance

committee and have participated in all pre-negotiation meetings with federal officials. I have witnessed first hand how Self-Governance has strengthened the Wyandotte Nation as a governmental entity and has provided the leverage for the Tribe to move into the future in a progressive, strong, and self-reliant manner.

Culturally I believe we are seeing more and more interest in the Wyandotte's culture and customs. The Tribe is very fortunate that we have Tribal members who have dedicated themselves to not only learning but also teaching our language, art, and other customs to all Tribal members that are interested in learning about their past. If I am elected to serve as 2nd Chief, I will continue to support our Cultural Committee in helping to preserve and perpetuate the history of the Wyandotte people.

Economically I believe that the mission of our Tribal Corporation should be to "assist the Wyandotte Nation in attaining self sufficiency". I have seen government funding continue to dwindle over the past 8 years and know that it is a trend that will continue in the future. We must continue to develop new businesses and take advantage of the opportunities that are afforded us through the Small Business Administration's 8a program and continue to diversify into areas other than gaming.

In conclusion, I would like to say that I have embraced the vision that Chief Bearskin has for the Tribe and will continue to work diligently, regardless of my role, to see that vision comes to fruition and that all is accomplished. On Election Day, I ask that you consider both my qualifications and character in determining your vote.



Getting to know your candidates (cont.)

Personal Letter from Earlene Roskob, to You, the Wyandotte Tribal Membership



It has been 23 years since you elected me to a Board Member position. Then two years ago the Chief appointed me as Second Chief...and it's been rewarding serving you all these years. I am truly honored to have been appointed by Chief Bearskin to this position and to have had his guidance. I feel his confidence in me, my training, skills, education and experience will enable me to lead our Nation to a great future.

So much has been accomplished and still more needs to be done. While I've thought of some, most of the good ideas for Tribal development have come from you, the Tribe itself.

Some may think that a Tribal Leader should be strong, as in plowing ahead with his/her own agenda, at all costs. That is not me. Sure, I have some ideas that I think would help the Tribe...but ultimately, you set the agenda with your concerns and needs. Primarily, my job would be to continue to sift through those concerns and needs and try to figure out how to implement the best of them, as quickly as possible. While the Chief and Board have final authority and properly so, I believe in the team process, the give and take among equals. I, and any leaders associated with me will listen to you, the Tribal membership, and honestly try to respect your wishes. Conflicting opinions and priorities will inevitably occur, and some things are not always practical at

the time, but all will be sincerely listened to.

This is not vague political talk and easy promises to curry favor. Rather, this is a serious commitment to make actions and words one and the same. I know how to address and handle difficult issues because I have had to do it. I want to continue to build up and make even better, without the need to first tear down and start over. It shouldn't be a case of one portion of our Tribe taking advantage of another portion of our Tribe. Rather, it should be a situation where all can expect fairness and honesty, without favoring some because of their social status or family ties.

How can you, the membership, know in advance that all this is the case with me? Simply, you cannot. However, you can get an awfully good idea of what is likely to happen with me by noting my history, my track record in office...in other words, my responses to your past concerns:

1). TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY...

Under this administration, of which I am a part, we have rewritten our constitution, renamed ourselves from Wyandotte Tribe to Wyandotte Nation and earned the right to be a self-governing and sovereign Nation...a federally recognized tribe with rights to long promised benefits and monetary assistance.

2). JOBS...

We hire the most qualified first, and if that is approximately equal, then preference is given to Tribal Members. After that, other Native American tribal members and then finally non-Indians are hired last.

When I was elected in 1983 we had 5 employees. Since then, we have gone to 72 on the Government side and approximately the same number on the economic development side. That amounts to approximately \$2,376,860.75 in salaries and benefits for the Governmental side only. This

does not count the economic development side, including those future additional employees needed for our major Casino expansion. The economic development side figures were temporarily unavailable due to the wide spread and diverse nature of those businesses and the short time I had for a deadline to pull all this together and get it to press and into your hands in a timely way. However, it is still possible to summarize in general, we have gone from 5 employees to approximately 140 and from very little money in salaries and benefits to a substantial sum. More jobs and therefore more money and services coming into the hands of our people...that is one of our primary goals and we will aggressively pursue it until it is achieved or you tell us to refocus onto other, more demanding needs.

3). PHYSICAL PRESENCE...

We went from renting a small office building in Miami, along with having an unoccupied building near the town of Wyandotte...to building two other buildings along side the previously unoccupied building. These house Tribal Administration, our Nutrition Center and Caregiver programs, our Pre-School, and Library with Internet access, Historical, Housing, Tag Offices, Family Services, Community Liaison, Environmental and Membership offices.

In still another new building we have initiated a Fitness Center (with weights, a walking track and a whirlpool), along with our new Clinic and a Classroom. We started the Turtle Stop, with its gasoline and diesel pumps, showers for truckers, a car/tall truck wash, a convenience store, a small diner and small Casino. We sponsor an ambulance service for most of the Wyandotte High School football games to aid in any injuries.

Seventeen years ago I began the Pow Wow as a one-person committee. Now, (continued on next page)

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we have 20 people on the committee and give out \$10,000.00 annually in prize money. Although Pow Wows are not traditional for the Wyandotte people, I started it as a fun way to get the Wyandotte people to come together to socialize, to get to know each other and to renew an interest in our culture and heritage. It also was a way to obtain money for scholarships. We now have other ways we sponsor Higher Education Academic Scholarships for our young people...and we hope to increase that amount soon.

We have a growing police force to protect us and enforce the law. We are now visible and strong.

4). RESPECT...

We have worked to be both responsible and aggressive about pursuing our Tribal goals. In that regard, despite the obvious need for jobs and independence, nothing was more important than the respect we ourselves were willing to give to our tribal elders, those older members whose wisdom has grown, even as their health was declining. Personally, how could I not make this a priority, given that my father was a veteran of World War II and my mother suffered from asthma and pneumonia in the last years of her life...it was both our tradition and the right thing to do.

Therefore, we listened to you and our hearts and started the Tribal Elder Nutrition and Social Center. The Tribe, and we as its elected leaders, needed to let the older members know they are valued. For folks with decreasing physical abilities and limited/eroded incomes, at least one free hot meal a day is important. Just as important, is providing a regular time and place to get together, so that they can talk to each other, listen to their most often self-made music and even occasionally take entertaining tours to points of interest (Branson/Eureka Springs/etc,.) ... often while we listen and learn from

their hard earned wisdom.

Associated with this effort were my and others' efforts to get a Cultural Week started, to study, learn and preserve our past. Our elders contributed immensely to that project with their knowledge and memories. Pottery and language lessons (both of which I attended) are but a few of the areas previously emphasized.

Finally, I have personally spent some part of almost every Memorial Day week-end taking donations at our cemetery, for its upkeep and maintenance...for the last 23 years.

5). DEDICATION...

To what do I ascribe the accomplishments listed above? Talent? Ability and training? Mutual respect among the members of the leadership team? All this, but much more, and that "more" can be summed up in the word...Dedication.

In my case, I have graduated from Pittsburg State University with a Bachelor's Degree. Owned and operated a home interiors business in Grove, Okla. I worked for both the Kansas State Social and Rehabilitative Services and the Oklahoma State Department of Human Services as a social worker. In time I rose to become the Craig County Child Welfare supervisor. In that capacity I was occasionally called upon to oversee multiple counties, for significant periods of time...finally retiring in May of 2005 to accept the appointment of Second Chief. However, it is my unswerving dedication to this tribe and the welfare of its members for the last 23 years that I think is most important. My health is good, my effort remains productive and my time is yours, undivided by outside work or raising a family.

I WANT to continue to help raise our overall standard of living, our pride in being a Wyandotte, and our sense of accomplishment as the most progressive Tribe in our area and one of

the most progressive in the United States.

After all, when it's all said and done, we really are all one big family, a family of blood, with a rich tradition and history and I would appreciate another chance to continue to add to those positive ongoing accomplishments.

Therefore, please consider me for re-election to the Second Chief position in this, our Wyandotte Nation.

With all sincerity,
Earlene (Angel) Roskob
Second Chief
Wyandotte Nation

Prospective Future Goals, conditional on input regarding your needs, your priorities and finally, the Chief's review:

SHORT TERM GOALS:

- 1) Most urgent and I have already initiated, handle problems, especially safety issues. Do not ignore problems and hope they will go away.
- 2) Although there is a need to have a separation of Government and Economic entities, there must be better accountability of all. It is the responsibility of your elected Leaders to monitor all Tribal activities and finances.
- 3) Tribal Members to always get interviews for prospective open positions and, if another is chosen, to get a follow-up letter stating such and advising of any available training which would better qualify them for any future such positions.
- 4) Comprise a Health Board of members with Medical background and knowledge.
- 5) Finish building the new larger Casino and get it into full operation, plus a hotel.
- 6) Employ more Tribal members in the Tribal operations and its associated (continued on page 15)

Tribal Department Reports

Turtle Talk Environmental Department May – June 2006

Well, here we are in the midst of summer and we in the Environmental Department have been very busy. On May 4th and 5th Christen and Janice attended the 8th Annual National Conference on Tar Creek in Miami, OK. This year's theme was "Our Voices Will Not Subside". The conference had many wonderful speakers and was very informative.

On May 12th Christen and Janice went on a plant ID excursion with consultant Meredith Garvin. We identified and photographed many culturally significant plants. We plan on using this information in our Environmental Education program.

During the week of May 15-19, Kathleen attended a Watershed Training in Fayetteville, AR. It was intensive training with classroom activities and field trips

Christen attended a Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Conference in Bar Harbor, Maine. She presented a power point about the Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department and its many activities. The Society was so glad to have an Oklahoma Tribe present. It had been 10 yrs. since an Oklahoma Tribe had attended.

May 31st and June 1st Janice and Kathleen attended a Tri-State Mining Restoration field trip. We toured restored mining areas in Missouri, Kansas, and Oklahoma. These included Prairie State Park (MO), Center Creek Revegetation Site (MO), Diamond Grove Prairie (MO), McNeely/Green Restoration Site (OK), West Commerce Restoration Site (OK), Little Shawnee Creek Project (KS), and two Restoration Sites in Galena, KS. These represented several different types of mining restoration plans available.

We have attended several classes. On

June 2, Kathleen and Janice traveled to Tulsa for a 4 hr. Class D Water/Wastewater License renewal class. This class keeps us current on water testing procedures. They also attended intermediate and advanced Excel classes on June 7th, 13th and 14th. These classes allow us better knowledge for data entry.

On June 26th and 27th, we presented educational programs to the Summer Youth kids. On the first day, with the 7-9 yr olds, we discussed the importance of protecting our "Mother Earth" and what the gifts are she gives to us. They watched a video called "Walking with Grandfather" which told about the Corn Maidens. They took a



tour of the vegetable garden at the Fitness Center where they learned about the "Three Sisters" corn, beans, and squash and they were read a story about why things from the garden are



good for you. On the second day, with the 10 to 12 yr olds, we went on a scavenger hunt. We gave each child 4 cards with pictures of trees or plants and their names. The object was to see how many of these the children could find. They did really well identifying

their specific plants and had a great time on their walk with nature behind the fitness center.

REMINDER: The Recycle Collection Trailer is still at the east entrance of the Turtle Stop. It is being very well utilized. Please continue to do so. Thanks so much for "Keeping Our Land Grand".

NOTICE: On July 1, 2006 we will resume private well testing. This service will be limited to Tribal members only. If you need your well tested for bacteria, please call our office to schedule a date and time. We recommend wells be tested once a year. Also, if you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

If you have questions about any of our activities or any environmental issues, please feel free to contact us at 918-678-2297 ext. 241 Christen (Environmental Director), ext. 235 Kathleen (Environmental Assistant), and ext. 245 Janice (Environmental Technician).

Family Services

1-800-256-2539, extensions #224 and #219

Kate Randall, Director
Dana Butterfield, Family Services Assistant

We hope you are having as good of a summer season as we are having in Oklahoma. Our prayers for spring rain were answered. As a result, the gardens are flourishing with corn, potatoes, squash and soon tomatoes and melons. As a lover of tomatoes I look forward to that first ripe tomato and a traditional bacon and tomato sandwich. The 2006 pow-wow will be here before we know it, so make early plans to come and celebrate with us. You will find Dana and me at the annual meeting as well as at the Pow-wow Dance Registration (continued on next page)

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table. Please stop by, say hello and let us know your family news.

FAMILY SERVICES:

School Supply Vouchers will be available August 1, 2006. In order to qualify for this program your children must: Reside within a 100 mile radius of the Wyandotte Nation, be of school age and be an enrolled member of the Wyandotte Nation. Applications will be available at the tribal headquarters or you may request one by mail. The 2005/2006 Promoting Safe and Stable Families grant continues to offer an array of need-based social services for Wyandotte Nation Families residing in our service area. To apply for assistance or for inquiries regarding services, please contact this office.

TAG OFFICE:

Please be reminded the tag office is open on a "By Appointment" basis for your convenience. Appointments are encouraged as many of our tribal members do drive considerable distance and we want to make sure we are in the office to process your new tag or renewal. The tag office will issue new tags and renewals by mail for your convenience as well. The rising cost of fuel is an issue and we certainly want to work with you on providing this service in an efficient manner.

SUMMER YOUTH CAMP:

Family Services Staff, Bearskin Wellness Center Staff, and the Environmental Department all participated in the June 2006 summer youth camp. There were 60 children enrolled in the summer program and we were taught a great deal about exercise, nutrition, and the environment. Crafts included the making of a Native American Dance Stick, sand paintings, chokers and jewelry. The program finale was the swim party at Big Splash in Tulsa of which a group photo is in

this issue.



TRIBAL ENROLLMENT:

Please be reminded that the deadline for new enrollees is August 15th, 2006. The enrollment committee meets prior to the September 9, 2006 annual Meeting to review all documentation to ensure each prospective new member meets eligibility criteria. Membership applications may be requested by telephone for your convenience. We encourage all families to get children enrolled as soon as birth certificates are available.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY SEATS:

Child passenger safety seats in three sizes are available at the tribal headquarters for enrolled members of the Wyandotte Nation. This program is funded through the tribal tag program revenues.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE & TRADITIONAL PARENTING:

Historical Indian child-rearing practices have a great deal to teach us as parents today. Indian parenting has a unique history and there are cultural strengths to rely on when rearing children. Through well-defined customs, values and practices parents and other care-takers nurtured, protected and guided children. Children were taught the right way to do things, how to get along with others and how to have self-control. Children were seen as gifts from the Creator who might be taken back if they were not

treated well. Tribal elders used praise and reassurance to encourage positive and loving relationships between parents and their children. The children were not talked down to and in some tribes it was believed that a child would die of shame if punished too harshly. Children were given the freedom to develop at their own pace and given opportunities to learn from nature, adults and other children. Through the telling of stories and legends, children learned about proper relationships with other people and the environment. There were many lessons in the storytelling. Trickster stories such as coyote stories had a moral teaching and these legends stressed that one should not be greedy, boastful or make fun of others. The children were taught to be good listeners and to regard words as sacred. Children were taught to be good observers and to understand the meaning of non-verbal communication. Traditionally Indian people listened with their hearts and eyes, as well as with their ears. In closing, one aspect we must remember is the old child-rearing ways of mutual respect. Respect was the utmost principle behind parenting skills and family communication. This respect was not necessarily hammered into the children, but respect was shown by adults to each other and also to the child. With the heritage of kindness and patience parents can tell their children how they feel about something without putting them down or criticizing. Our children have to learn to walk before they run, but they have to have an environment first in which it is safe to walk. Our next Indian Parenting will be on Harmony in the Home. Until next time!

Accounting Department Report

By Kim García

Wyandotte Nation is separated into two separate entities: the Government (continued on next page)

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and Economic Development. The Wyandotte Nation Government is responsible for obtaining and administering grants, as well as tribal funds, in order to provide services for Wyandotte Tribal Members and the community. Wyandotte Nation Economic Development has the purpose to provide funds to the Government in order to provide services to tribal members, both now and in the future.

Last fiscal year the government had expenditures totaling \$6.5 Million. Of that, \$5.7 Million was from grant and contract revenue and program income. This money is restricted by the guidelines of the contracting agencies, whether it is the Federal Government, State Government, or some other funding agency. The remaining funds, tribal funds, were expended according to tribal guidelines approved by the Board of Directors, Chief and Second Chief. The tribal funds are monies the government receives from the economic development entities.

Based on last fiscal year actual expenditures and proposed future needs for the Nation, a budget for this fiscal year was approved by the Board of Directors, Chief, and Second Chief for tribal funds. Total proposed expenditures for fiscal year 2006 were approximately \$900,000. Some of the significant budgeted expenditures are: Salaries and fringe at \$150,000, \$100,000 for indirect costs (utilities, salaries, general maintenance, etc), \$55,000 for equipment, \$186,000 for loan repayments, scholarships for \$100,000, Professional Fees for \$10,000, support for the community for \$6,800, and \$220,000 for tribal contributions.

Within the contributions, the Nation pledged to spend \$70,000 on dental services, \$50,000 on high cost medications, \$15,000 on family services, \$10,000 for PowWow, \$5,000

for Culture, \$15,000 to supplement the Diabetes Grant, \$26,000 to supplement the Title 6 Grant (elder nutrition), and \$4,000 to supplement the Caregiver Grant. This was \$10,000 more for medications, \$5,000 more for family services, and \$45,000 more to supplement grants than the previous year. Funding for these expenditures are solely from economic development transfers based on profit pulls. The funding may or may not increase from year to year, or may be decreased or eliminated, if profit pulls are reduced for business purposes or as funding allows.

Due to immediate cash flow issues that had to be dealt with on economic development side, the Government's tribal funds were decreased by \$150,000 and other transfers were being delayed. Because of this, immediate actions were necessary to reevaluate the tribal funds budget. Many items were decreased in the budget. It was decided by Chief and Second Chief to temporarily decrease funding for high cost medications by \$10,000 and dental services by \$10,000. All other services were left intact. Although the \$150,000 was not reimbursed to the government, other tribal expenditures were cut back significantly in order to fund services to the full pledged amounts. In June, after evaluating tribal expenditures, it was established that high cost medications and dental services were funded back to the original budget.

Due to the Nation's practice of separating government and economic development, as the Government Comptroller I am not privy to economic development budgets and unable to comment on why the \$150,000 has not been reimbursed.

HOW IS YOUR HOUSING SITUATION???

(June - 2006)

The Wyandotte Tribe Housing Department is in the process of administering different housing programs. One program is IHS-121 program which will provide a rural water connection; drill a well; put in a septic and drainfield. This program has as its regulation, historical boundary guidelines--meaning that we have a designated area we can service. If your well or septic is not working properly or you need to obtain one of the above or be connected to rural water or put in a septic system plus drainfield, please check with Reba or Kathy to see if you qualify for assistance.

Also, the Housing Department has a HIP Program. This is a repair, program designed to help low-income Indian families who have a sub-standard home which needs renovation to be brought up to standard. This includes: roofs, heating, plumbing, insulation, storm windows, doors and perhaps floors which need to be repaired. If your home is in need of repairs in any of the above areas, once again, please contact Reba or Kathy to see if we can be of assistance to you.

Another program available to Wyandotte Tribal Members is a program which provides home-ownership opportunities to low-income Native American families. We are currently accepting application from all Native Americans with priority given to Wyandotte Tribal Members.

If you are interested in any of the above programs, please do not hesitate to contact the housing personnel to obtain an application. We will be delighted to send you an application. When it is returned to us, it will be reviewed to see if you qualify for any of the above programs. It is our goal to try and service all of the qualifying Tribal Members and ----- just remember ----- we will always TRY OUR BEST to be of service to you. ANY questions you might have, we (continued on next page)

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will gladly answer. PLEASE DO NOT
HESITATE TO CALL!!!!

**AND NOW-----
FOR OUR LATEST MOST
EXCITING NEWS!!!!**

The Tribe has acquired 57 acre tract which adjoins the tribal complex. Housing has been working for quite some time to plan what the development of this would be that would benefit our Tribal Members the most!!

We have come up with the plans to use the front portion of the acreage as a Senior Unit Development and the rear of the acreage with family units. In the middle, as a division, we plan to construct an office complex which would contain not only offices necessary to the care and maintenance of the division but also a large and unique community center to benefit all of our Tribal Members.

We have secured architects and engineers to help with the planning and also an initial ICDBG grant which will put in all of our necessary infrastructure (utilities, water, sewage) for this project. We have roads money from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, with which to install our roads and parking lot for this.

Now the necessary thing for us to do is to find funding to complete the construction of this project. This is a time consuming and difficult task; however, we are pretty sure of where this funding can be obtained.

We wanted all of you to know what our plans are but, rest assured, this will NOT be a project which will be able to be accomplished overnight. We are striving to make this a dream come true as quickly as we possible can.

We are planning when the project is totally completed to have approximately 8 to 12 senior units and approximately 18 to 20 family units. We hope to make this a MODEL

community that every Tribal Member will be proud to say this is part of our tribe!!!

Be assured we will keep you informed on the progress and we hope you are as excited about this project as we are!!!

**HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT
ANNUAL MEETING!!!!!! PLEASE
BE THERE!!!!!**

If you are interested in any of the information above please do not hesitate to call either of the people below ---- we are anxious to serve any of you at any time as best we can!!!!!

Reba Guilford, Housing Director - ext 239

Kathy DeWeese, Housing Specialist - ext 236

Planning / Development Department July 2006

The Planning / Development Department submitted several grant applications during the last few months. A proposal was sent to the Department of Justice for the law enforcement to purchase new police vehicles. The Title IV B grant proposal was sent in for the Family Services Department. The Workforce Investment Act grant was also submitted to the Department of Labor.

We begin work on the roadways associated with the casino construction. Crossland Construction was awarded the contract for the roads project and began work in June 06.

A Picture is included below:



Plans continue for the project funded with the Indian Community Development Block from HUD for the infrastructure associated with a proposed housing project. A picture of the site for this project is below. Infrastructure included in this project includes: electric, sewer, gas, parking area and roadways associated with the proposed housing.



Plans also continue for another project funded through HUD for an addition to the Tribe's pre-school. Contracts have been signed with an engineer and we are in the process, along with the Education Director of receiving final plans for this project. Plans are to expand the pre-school and will include a multi-purpose room which will be used on the days when weather does not permit the children to play outside. A picture of the proposed site is below.



Planning / Development Director and Specialist attended Excel training provided by the Tribe during the month of June. Planning / Development Specialist also attended training from (continue on next page)

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Housing and Urban Development for the new Indian Community Development Block Grant received for the addition to the pre-school.

Maintenance welcomes a new staff member. Roger Fidler joined our maintenance staff in June 2006. Maintenance has been busy working on the usual summer projects such as: mowing grounds, weed eating etc.

TITLE VI ELDER SERVICES

Our department received a visit June 30, 2006 from the Health Inspector from the Eastern Shawnee Environmental Department. We passed with flying colors. Great job!!!!!!

Our Caregiver program will be hosting a back to school picnic for the Grandparents raising Grandchildren. It will be August 4, 2006 at the Cherokee Hills, Grove Spring Park. It will start at 10:30 a.m. For more information contact Dari Ann.

We are continuing to work with members of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging on the National Indian Council on Aging conference to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in September 2006. If you would be interested in attending please contact Brenda or Dari Ann for more information.

We will now have two music parties each month. They will be held the 2nd and the 4th Thursday of each month. If you play a musical instrument, sing, or just want to enjoy the party, please come and join us for a fun filled day.

The Bearskin Clinic still provides us with free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings the 3rd Wednesday of each month.

We have been working with a registered dietitian. She has been trying to help us develop some new recipes for our diabetics. On an average 25 out of every 100 participants in our program have

diabetes.

As always, we invite you to come and visit us anytime.

Brenda House, Director, Elder Services ext. 227

Dari Ann Hunnicutt, Caregiver Specialist ext. 253

Vonda Keller, Food Service Team ext. 228

Alexandra Boyd, Food Service Team ext. 228

Kandi Smith, Food Service Team ext. 228

For the menu ext. 226

Turtle Stop News!

by Julie Hangartner

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. I am Julie Hangartner, the new store manager for the Turtle Stop. I assumed my duties the end of June and still am getting familiar with everyone. I enjoy meeting all our customers so come on by and introduce yourself. I would be happy to hear your comments good or bad regarding the service that we provide you! I was privileged to meet Chief Bearskin last week while he was eating at the Diner. What an honor to meet Chief! Thanks Chief, for making me feel so welcome. I am excited to announce that the Turtle Stop employees are going to be wearing new uniforms beginning July 24th! It will be nice to see them stand out in the crowd and look professional. Let us know what you think! Remember-it may be hot outside but it is nice and cool at the Turtle Stop. Come on by!

Bearskin Diner!

by Julie Hangartner

The Bearskin Diner staff would like to thank everyone for stopping by for breakfast or lunch. It is exciting to see the Diner full of great customers!

Whether you are hungry for an omelet, pancakes, hamburger or roast beef

sandwich-you can get it at the Diner. We provide a daily special each day to include our homemade onion rings and delicious salads. It is our goal to once again extend our hours in the near future. Keep your ears open and let us fill your stomach!

Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center

by Kim Wade

FYI to Wyandotte Tribal members-

The Wyandotte Tribe has placed \$50,000 into a "high-cost" medication account for use by patients of the Bearskin Health Clinic. As most of you are aware, the clinic is able to carry a limited number of medications with Clinic funding, however, there are medications that cannot be carried due to high costs. The Nation has made the decision to supplement the limited funding with this "high-cost" money to expand the list of necessary medications to members of the Tribe. The staff of the Clinic, under the direction of Dr. Hopper, has created a formulary, or list, of medications that can be covered with this money. Of course, the Clinic will not be able to provide all medications, but the staff has prioritized those medications they feel are most important.

Any time your medications change, please discuss these with Dr. Hopper and the staff of the Clinic. The Clinic may be carrying new medications, which were not carried previously, because of this generous contribution from the Board of Directors. This formulary may change at any time due to funding constraints and/or patient needs.

Please contact the Clinic with any questions. 918-678-2282 or 888-864-0725





Ground breaking for the New Wyandotte Nation Casino

After several months of delay, the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Wyandotte Nation Casino was held on June 6th. Construction of the new facility had to be postponed due to the possibility of an extinct beetle that "could have been" in the soil. As Luck would have it, there was no beetle so construction could begin!

Phase 1 of the new Wyandotte Nation Casino will be approximately a 50,000 square feet facility with 500 machines, poker room, table games, restaurant and lounge. The new facility, which will employ more than 100 people, will have a Native American theme throughout the casino.

If weather permits and the general contractor, Crossland Construction can continue on pace, the new casino should be complete mid- to late January, 2007. This should allow for an early February grand opening.

For all of the loyal Lucky Turtle faithful, do not fear; the Lucky Turtle Casino will continue to operate as the same customer service oriented establishment.



POW-WOW CONTEST SCHEDULE

Friday 8:00 p.m.	Saturday 1:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.	Sunday 2:00 p.m.
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Friday, September 8
Evening

Saturday, September 9
Afternoon

Sunday, September 10
Afternoon

Jr. Girl's Buckskin
Jr. Boy's Straight
Women's Fancy Shawl
Men's Grass

Jr. Girl's Jingle
Women's Cloth
Jr. Boy's Fancy
Men's Traditional

Jr. Girl's Fancy Shawl
Men's Straight
Women's Jingle
Jr. Boy's Traditional

FRIDAY NIGHT

Saturday, September 9
Evening

SUNDAY MORNING

49 Contest
Jennifer Lunsford
Coordinator

Tiny Tots
Jr. Girl's Cloth
Men's Fancy
Jr. Boys Grass
Women's Buckskin
Two Step
Stomp Dance

Children's Games &
Obstacle Course
(Ages 3-12)

**SPECIAL
GRANDPARENT DAY
HONOR
DANCE
PRIZES
FOR THE OLDEST
GRANDMOTHER AND
GRANDFATHER
PRESENT**

**ALL SPECIALS
HELD SATURDAY
AFTERNOON
CONTACT
THE ARENA
DIRECTOR
FOR
ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION**

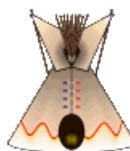
Gourd Dancing
1 hour prior to
all sessions.

Location: Peoria Pow-Wow Grounds

3 mi. East of Miami, OK at County Road 137 and College farm road (E-90 Road)
(Just 4 mi. South of Quapaw, OK on County Road 137)

Host Motels:

Best Western Inn of Miami 918-542-6681



Camping

Spaces Available

Getting to know your candidates (cont.)

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businesses.

7) Develop a long-term storage (surplus capacity) of food and essential supplies, for Tribal Disaster Readiness...tornado, flood, supply disruptions, etc.

8) Develop vocational programs for aspiring Tribal members seeking skilled employment with the Tribe and its associated businesses...perhaps through the nearby Vocational Training Facility near Afton.

9) Sponsor training for those deeply committed to pursuing older traditional crafts (pottery, painting, dance, music, weaving, etc.).

LONG TERM GOALS:

1) Economic self-sufficiency for the Tribe, independence from fickle and un-dependable Governmental grants/supplements/handouts.

2) Decent jobs, with livable wages for all Tribal Members willing/able to

work.

3) Full Academic Scholarships for qualifying Tribal youth, dependent on Tribal need. These students would be expected to work for the Tribe for a specified amount of time.

4) Establish a Youth Leadership and Internship program. Those who succeed could benefit from our Scholarships and eventually come to work for Wyandotte Nation. Succession planning at its best.

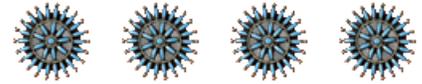
5) Seek out and establish mutually positive relationships with other surviving elements of the Wyandotte Confederation.

6) A Retirement Center, at minimal patient cost, for our elders who are no longer able to take care of themselves and wish to reside in such a Tribal run family facility.

7) Look into the possibilities of establishing future business partnerships between the Tribe and various enterprising Tribal members

(those who want and could benefit from such a partnership).

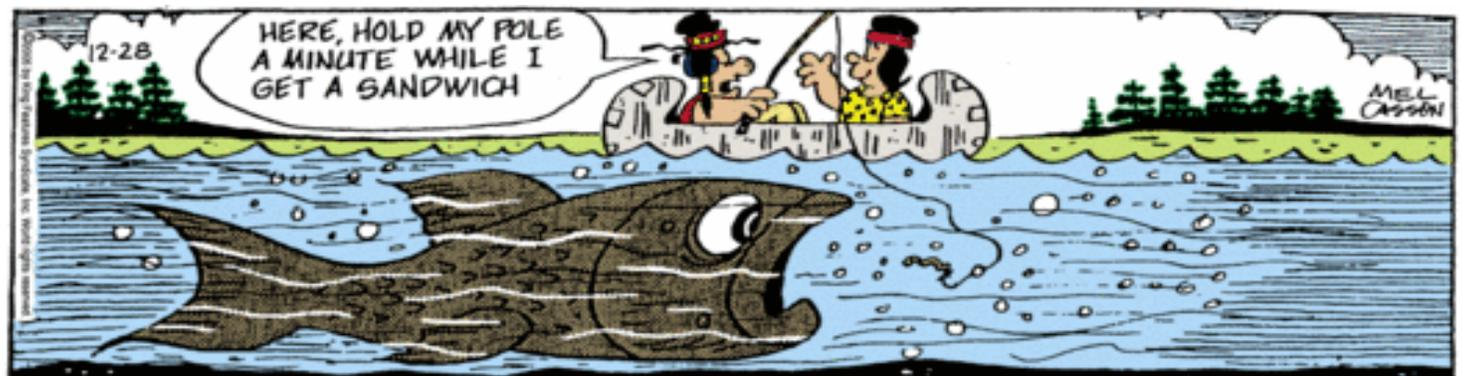
8) Establish a Judiciary to allow us the option of keeping some criminal legal matters regarding our own members within the Tribe and out of the common courts/jails.



Roll #3946

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 García at 918-678-2297 ext. 217 to claim your prize.

REDEYE



Education Department

Preschool:

July, 2006: Currently taking applications for Preschool. Preschool begins August 10.

Library:

The Wyandotte Tribal Library is open from 8am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. New Native American DVD and VHS selections have recently been added. A set of four volume books entitled Native American Men will be added to the library within two weeks. Karen McNelis and Jessie Winscott are library clerks and look forward to meeting you and providing assistance. There is no charge for a membership card which entitles you to utilize the library.

Child Care & Development Fund Program:

The Child Care Program is currently serving 132 families, which includes 77 Wyandottes. We utilize 54 licensed facilities to provide services for our Native American children. We offer assistance based on income to all federally recognized tribes. Participants must reside within a 100-mile radius of the tribal headquarters.

Application Requirements: Copies of:

-  CDIB or membership card
-  Social Security Cards for every member of the household
-  Birth Certificate and shot record for child/children attending day care
-  Verification of present employment
-  Proof of residence
-  Class schedule if attending education classes
-  Divorce decree, if applicable

Tribal Scholarships:

New Scholarship recipients for the school year 2006-2007 are now being processed in the Education Office. Letters will be going out to the new applicants the week beginning July 17. If you are a continuing student and have not submitted your grades for the spring semester of 2006, please do so quickly. Your check for the fall semester will not be processed until the grades for the spring semester and your fall semester schedule has been received in our office. Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00 each semester. You must meet all criteria to remain on program and submit your grades in a timely fashion to insure funding. Currently 65 students are being funded either by Tribal scholarships or Higher Education which is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Application requirements:

-  Copy of Student Aid Report (all pages) from the Free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application (it may take 3-4 weeks to obtain results, so plan ahead).
-  Copy of your Wyandotte Nation Membership card.
-  Copy of your Certificate Degree of Indian card (CDIB)
-  Copy of your social security card
-  Official high school transcript (7) semesters or GED scores
-  Official ACT/SAT or College Placement Scores (ACT/SAT may be listed on high school transcript).
-  Copy of acceptance letter
-  Official undergraduate transcripts (if applicable)
-  A completed and signed application
-  Letter of reference section – 3 letters of reference. One must be from a school official or educator. No letters from relatives.
-  One page essay entitled “Tell Me About Yourself”
-  Wallet size photo of applicant

Educational Department continued.....

Dates to Remember:

- 📖 Award Notification: August 1, 2006
- 📖 Change of School (Fall '06): August 22, 2006
- 📖 Change of School (Spring '07): February 27, 2007

Workforce Investment Act (WIA):

Approximately 25 students are being served at various colleges and technical schools.

Submitted by:
Carla Culver

Tribal News

The Bland boys, Bud and Keven, are living out a dream that they have shared for a long time. Teresa is 8th after one race.

They are involved in drag racing. Bud drives a 1971 Chevy Nova with a 540 big block Chevy motor. He runs the quarter mile in 9.64 seconds. In 2004, he was named as a member of the "Toughest-Ever Rookie Class" at MoKan Dragway. In 2005, he finished 13th in the Central Drag Racing Association (CDRA) Northern Division, and was a runner-up at the September 25 NAPA Bracket Series Race at MoKan in the No-Electronics class. Bud is retired from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. He and his wife, Karen, live in Fairland, Okla.

Keven started out racing a 1969 Chevy Truck, but decided to become a crew chief for his wife Teresa, and brother Bud, and painted both of their drag cars. Teresa drives a 1971 Chevy Camaro with a 505 big block Chevy motor and runs the quarter mile at 9.82 seconds at 136 mph. She was named to the same Toughest-Ever Rookie Class as Bud and was also named as the 2004 Sportsman of the Year by MoKan management and personnel.

In 2005, Teresa finished fourth in the NAPA Bracket Series No-Electronics class and tied for fourth in the CDRA Northern Division. Keven was awarded the Crew Chief of the Year by the MoKan management and personnel. Keven is a painter at Newell Coach and Teresa teaches at Picher-Cardin High School. She also teaches photography classes at the Northeastern Technology Center in Afton, Okla. and is the public relations director for MoKan Dragway. They live in rural Miami.

Currently, Bud is 14th in the NAPA Bracket Series No-E class and Teresa is in 6th place. In the 2006 CDRA Northern Division points race, Bud is 14th and



Pictures - Bud and Karen Bland are shown with his 1971 Nova after his September 2005 runner up finish.

Keven and Teresa Bland are shown with MoKan Dragway owner Carl Blanton (center) after Keven was named as the 2005 Crew Chief of the Year and Teresa received two plaques and jackets for her fourth place finishes in the NAPA Bracket Series and CDRA Northern Division.



Tribal News (cont.)

CLANS....

While going through some genealogy information, I found that George Wright belonged to the Wolf Clan. His sister "Sallie Wright" Clark was the adoptive mother of Susan Clark, my great, great-grandmother. So all of you John Harris folk, you belong to the Wolf Clan.

While we're bringing back our Wyandotte language, dance, songs, arts and crafts, let's also include our clans. Sound good?

There are books, census reports and other information that can be found in the Historical Office and library. Also Juanita McQuiston is a great source of information.

Let's do it! I'm excited, are you?

Ramona Reid
(The-on-di-she-wa)

All-Stars..



Joshua Garcia, 8 years old, will be a third-grader at Seneca Elementary School. This summer he played for the Pirates and was chosen for Seneca Little League All Stars.

Clora Gladys Powell



Clora Gladys Powell of Wyandotte, Oklahoma died Friday June 23, 2006 at her home. She was 96 years old.

Mrs. Powell was born May 8, 1910, to Ulysess Grant Wright and Maude (Blackorbay) Wright in Wyandotte. She worked as a housemother at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah and also at the Methodist Children's Home. She was a member of Sycamore Chapel Methodist Church near Wyandotte. Mrs. Powell was an enrolled member of the Wyandotte Nation.

She married Carl Powell, a Methodist minister on October 9, 1939 at the Sycamore Chapel parsonage. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1962. She was also preceded in death by one daughter, Teddy Earlene Plemmons and one son, Glenn Darrell Powell, two brothers, Buck Blackorbay and Harvey Spencer, two sisters, Alta Christine Elrod and Gertrude Myers.

Survivors include two daughters, Carla Culver of Wyandotte and Shirley Shockey of Granby, MO. One devoted sister-in-law, Gladys Wyatt of Miami, OK: six grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, one great-great grandchild and many friends.

Lindle Elbert Divine

Funeral services for Lindle Elbert Divine, 41, Blue Eye, MO., were held Tuesday, July 18, 2006, at 10 a.m. in the New Life Temple, Hollister, MO. Pastor Jerry Haynes and Pastor Don Blansit officiated. Lindle was buried in the Bland Cemetary, Miami, Oklahoma, Tuesday, July 18, at 3 p.m.

Lindle passed away Saturday, July 15, in the Cox Medical Cneter South, Springfield, MO.

Lindle was born on August 28, 1964, in Miami, Oklahoma, the son of Eldon and Wanda Divine. Lindle began school in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, and attended there through the fifth grade. He, with his family, moved to Hollister in 1975. Lindle graduated salutatorian of his class from Hollister High School in 1982.

Lindle and wife, Connie, have been the owners of Divine Construction for the last 14 years. Lindle had built many beautiful homes in the Tri-Lakes and Springfield, MO. areas.

He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Jerry Smith; and maternal grandfather, Bert Bland.

Lindle is survived by his loving wife, Connie, of the home; his parents, Eldon and Wanda Divine, of Hollister; mother-in-law, Kelly Smith, of Hollister; a brother and sister-in-law, Lloyd and Linda Divine, of Ozark, MO.; a sister and brother-in-law, Laina and Scott Smith, of Berryville, Ark.; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. L.E. Divine, of Hollister; his maternal grandmother, Mary Bland, of Quapaw, Oklahoma; his brother-in-law and wife, Paul and Michelle Smith, of Mesa, Ariz.; and one nephew and seven nieces, Corey Divine and Caitlyn and Carly Smith, all of Berryville, Rebekka Divine, of Billings, MO., Susanne, Sara and Rachel Divine, all of Ozark, and Alyssa Smith, of Mesa. Lindle is also survived by numerous uncles, aunts, cousins and friends.

Memorials may be made in memory of Lindle Divine to the College of the Ozarks, P.O. Box 17, Pt. Lookout, MO. 65726.

Tribal News (cont.)



Billy and Ronda Friend of Joplin, Missouri, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, **Chloe Rachele Friend**, on Friday, July 7, 2006. Chloe was born at 7:39 a.m. at St. John's Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. Maternal grandparents are Larry and Jewel Bond, Seneca, Missouri, and Jim and Kathy Paxson, Granby, Missouri. Paternal grandparents are Leonard and Beverly Farmer, Seneca, Missouri, and the late Johnny Friend. Maternal great-grandparents are James and Faye Bond, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Paternal great-grandparents are Ivie Robbins and Pauline Friend both of Seneca, Missouri. Chloe was welcomed home by her siblings; Ally, Caleb, Kelsey, Tyler and Cade.



Lloyd and Linda Divine have welcomed into their home, yet another girl, **Rachel Isabel Divine**. She was born June 30, 2006. She weighed 9 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 21 3/4 inches long.



Tribal Princess Shelby Clemons would like to introduce her new addition to the tribe. **Benjamin Kelton Hobbs** was born May 22, 2006. He weighed 8 lbs. 2 ozs. And was 21 inches long. He is the grandson of Sherri Clemons and Derald Clemons. Benjamin is the Great Grandson of Ted Nesvold and the late Gail Nesvold, Great-Great-Grandson of the late Artie Nesvold. Shelby, Jason and little Ben reside in Wyandotte.



Micah Alexis Nicole Wooldridge

When:

July 1, 2006 at 5:05 a.m.

Weight:

8 lbs. 8 ozs.

Parents:

Jared & Ashley Wooldridge



Angelina Marie Rutledge

When:

April 7, 2006 at 11:07 a.m.

Where:

Integrus Baptist Regional
in Miami, OK

Weight:

7 lbs. 3 ozs.

Length:

19 1/2 inches

Parents:

Mike and DeLana Rutledge

Big Brother:

Devon Michael Rutledge

Grandparents:

Doug and Judy Lofland
James and Peggy Rutledge



Brennan Kade Childers

Born April 19, 2006 at Integrus Grove Hospital to Shekinah J. Childers. He weighed 8 lbs. 7 ozs., 21.7 inches long. Brennan is the grandson of Dee and Tommy Killion and great-grandson of Reba and Lloyd Guilford. Brennan is the nephew of Jennifer Dawn Childers.

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
Housing Programs	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Low Income Home Ownership	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Rental Program	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Student Housing Assistance	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Housing Improvements	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Well-Septic Construction	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
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