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Children's Christmas Party

December 12th at 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Artie Nesvold Community Center

Ages 0-12

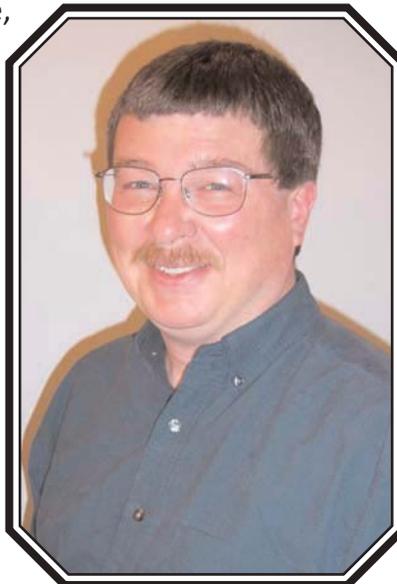
2009 Pow-Wow Honored Person

Lloyd Divine

Lloyd Divine is the newly elected chairman of the cultural committee. He was instrumental in the development and placement of the new Cultural Ordinance of the Wyandotte Nation that was adopted on June 10, 2009. His culture interest are in all areas of Wyandotte history including a linear progression of time, dates, places and events of historical significance.

His vision for the Wyandotte Nation regarding culture is that within the next ten years there will be a museum in place, there will be improved communications between the Wyandotte Nation population, more information will be available for the members, an interactive website with a youth corner, blog and language on the web with video capability.

Lloyd owns and operates Aseno (continued on page 3)



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Billy Friend

Second Chief

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Councilperson

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The Chief Says.....



Chief Leaford Bearskin

In our last Annual Meeting we had an experience that we had never had before. We had applicants for four positions on

our Board of Directors for the first time in our history. Four of our Board of Directors' positions were applied for by four incumbents. Each of these positions was held by previously elected persons. The terms of these four position expired at the time of this year's election. Each of the four incumbents had filed for re-election. Having no opposition, each of them was automatically re-elected. The four applicants were Juanita McQuiston, Norman Hildebrand, Ramona Reid, and myself. These four people will serve on our Board of Directors for the next four years.

At our next election in 2010

Vivian Fink and Second Chief Billy Friend could be elected for another four years. If this comes about we will still have six experienced persons running our tribe for the next several years. This will be very advantageous for us. The same people who have brought us this far will still be in charge.

Our tribal government will be in good hands well into the future.

The holidays are just around the corner. There will be lots of exciting events involving the children and of course lots of dinners with excellent food. I pray the Great Spirit will bless you and your family during this time.

From Billy Friend - Second Chief



Kweh,

I hope this month's newsletter finds all doing well and in good health. As always, I want to say that it is a great honor to serve you as Second Chief.

I would like to commend all of our tribal citizens who attended our Annual Meeting this year. There were over 200 voting members who registered for what was one of the most highly attended meetings in our history.

Our Culture Day and our Pow-Wow were both a great success this year with record

numbers in attendance. I want to say a special thanks to our Culture and Pow-Wow Committees for the outstanding job that was done both in preparation and carrying out these events. The individuals that make up these committees put a lot of time and effort throughout the year into making these events a success.

I would also like to congratulate Lloyd Divine who was chosen this year as our Wyandotte Person of the Year. Lloyd created and maintains our tribal website on the Internet and it is one of the most informative tribal websites in the nation. This past year Lloyd was instrumental in helping to put together an ordinance for our Culture Committee which will help bring structure and organization to this effort, which in turn will help us reach the goals we have set for the future in this area. Lloyd also serves as chairman of

our Culture Committee.

In closing, I would like to say a big "Thank You" to all of our staff here at the tribal headquarters. We have the greatest employees of any tribal nation in the country. People ask me wherever I go "what makes the Wyandottes so successful" and without hesitation I tell them it is our people. From our Board of Directors all the way to our part time pre-school employees we have the greatest people around.

Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions concerning your tribal nation.

Sken:oh, (peace and well being)

Billy



Census 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau is issuing a call to action for every resident of our nation: **"BE COUNTED IN 2010."**

The Census: A Snapshot

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States: in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island Areas.

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted - people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

When: Census Day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day. More detailed socioeconomic information will be collected annually from a small percentage of the population through the **American Community Survey**. The first Census was conducted in 1790 and has been carried out every 10 years since then.

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representatives in the U.S. House of Representatives.

How: Census questionnaires will be delivered or mailed to households via U.S. mail in March 2010; many households that do not respond will receive a replacement questionnaire in early April. Census workers also will visit households that do not return questionnaires.

A Complete Count: The Importance of Census Data.

Every year, the federal government can allocate more than \$300 billion to tribes, states and communities based,

in part, on census data.

Tribal leaders can use census data to gain insight into tribal members living in urban and rural areas and determine the need for tribal development programs.

Census data guide local decision-makers on where to build new roads, hospitals and job training, child-care and senior citizen centers.

2010 Census Questionnaire: Quick, Easy and Confidential

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is one of the shortest questionnaires in history and takes just 10 minutes to complete.

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's census questionnaire responses with anyone, including tribal housing authorities and other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

You can make a difference.

In the past, it has been challenging to obtain a full count of the American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population. As an influential tribal government leader or liaison, you can encourage participation in the census, help ensure accurate census data that affect your tribe's quality of life, and gain more insight into your nation as a whole.

Did You Know?

In 1790, the first census was taken by U.S. marshals on horseback and counted 3.9 million people. Census 2000 counted more than 281 million people

Honored person (cont.)

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Creative, an advertising, marketing and design company providing award winning professional advertising services to small business and non profit organizations. He works with agents promoting nationally recognized talent performing in multiple venues in the Branson, Missouri entertainment industry. He has received five Addy's for design excellence including a silver addy for the Nations website and a gold Addy for the 2004 Cultural poster.

Lloyd is also licensed under the National Registry of EMT's, Missouri EMT B and American Heart BLS/HCP and a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) & Teen CERT trainer for FEMA in Christian County Missouri with additional training in wilderness search and rescue, suicide bombing incidents and Red Cross Shelter Operations/Simulation.

Lloyd is a descendant of the Bland/Armstrong family and lives in Ozark, Missouri with his wife Linda and four daughters; Rebekka (16), Susanne (10), Sara (8) and Rachel (3).



Casino News



by Trudy Pendergraft

Hello! From the Lucky Turtle Casino. Here we are all ready into Fall, and we have a lot going on for the month of November starting the first. We will give a \$15.00 Hot Seat away at 8 p.m. each night through

November 25th, for purchasing a turkey or whatever you choose.

On November 11, we will honor all U.S. Military that have served our great country, by giving a \$5.00 free play. All you have to do is show Military I.D. at the Lucky Turtle Casino cage and receive your free play. A Big Thank You to our Veterans.

November is "Let's Be Thankful" month so on November 18th we will have a drawing for 8 prizes:

1st, 2nd & 3rd - Electric Smoker, Turkey Fryer, & Cooker.
4th - \$150.00 5th & 6th - \$100.00



By Casey Ellett

Wyandotte Nation Casino continues to take strides in the direction of success. We are stepping up our efforts in all areas to reach the paramount goal of becoming the premiere casino in the four states area. The dedication of employees, updates to facilities, and a new swarm of exciting and fun promotions have been noticed by the public, and will continue to be appreciated with even more improvements and ideas on the way.

Wyandotte Nation Casino has been constantly complimented by the public for its excellent service, promotions, and superb ventilation system, earning the casino the nickname the Clean Air Casino. Recently, we have been having great success with our current promotions.

The public has been enjoying several new promotions including the \$154,000 Football Challenge, the Winner Takes All Progressive Drawing, the New Men's and Ladies' Night, and the Halloween themed Mystery Month "Pick Your Treat" promotion. Furthermore, the casino has received great thanks from many of our patrons for the addition of an extra day to the Chiefs Club, which provides senior citizens with free play and a complimentary breakfast. Wyandotte Nation Casino is also planning a night of surprises on New Years' eve with food, prizes, and the celebration of a new year.

These new ideas combined with experienced management ensure a bright future for Wyandotte Nation Casino.

7th & 8th - \$50.00

So come in after the October 14th drawing at 10 p.m. and start receiving your ticket to enter.

On October 27th you can also earn tickets for December's drawing on December 9th. We will be drawing tickets from drum every 15 minutes for \$500.00 and final drawing at 10 p.m. for \$2,500.00 for Christmas.

We are ringing in the New Year with Hot Seat drawings every 30 minutes for \$210.00 starting at 7 p.m. Also we will hand out tickets every 30 minutes for a final drawing at midnight for \$2010.00 for one lucky winner, but that's not all we will hand out, we'll have party hats and free food for our guests. Hope to see you at Lucky Turtle Casino. Happy New Year from the Lucky Turtle Casino Family.



Food and Beverage

Plotting a course for excellence

by Casey Ellett

Twin Bridges Restaurant and Lounge, continues to win the hearts and appetites of four-state people. 2009 has been a busy and exciting year! We fully expect every one in the region to discover our comfortable, top-rated full dining experience.

We have continued our wonderful nightly specials, all you can eat Catfish Mondays, all you can eat barbecued ribs Tuesdays, and all you can eat frog leg Wednesdays. We have added an Italian night on Thursdays with a fresh made Italian delight every week, in addition we have added all you can eat Fried Chicken on Sundays and turned Sundays into another of our busiest days. We have wonderful, affordable daily lunch specials featuring made from scratch soups and sandwiches.

We have been a feature in many area events, most recently our homemade barbecued beef briskets sandwiches at the Native American Weekend. The coming weeks finds us attempting to dazzle the foodies at both The Flavor of the Four States in Joplin Missouri, and the Taste Ottawa County.

We look forward to many special events here in the Restaurant and Lounge, including a big elegant dining event on New Years Eve, followed by our famous Breakfast Buffet to finish off the big night. We will also be featuring a delightful Brunch to kick off New Years Day, come join us for all of our wonderful festivities.

Cultural News

Cultural Days

The Culture Committee is happy to report that the 2009 Culture Days celebration preceding the Pow Wow was a success. Over 50 tribal members participated in two days of activities studying history, language and visiting with each other. Special guests from the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation and the Wyandot Nation of Kansas joined in the program as well as Wyandotte Nation members from as far away as Arizona, Louisiana and Wyoming.

Dr. Bruce Pearson and Dr. Craig Kopriss were there to teach our traditional language which included a skit, making it all the more fun! Impressive and important handouts prepared by Lloyd Divine, committee chairman, including Huron and Wyandot Mythology by C. M. Barbeau,

were distributed to participants both in hard copy and CD form. Our new "Preserving the future of our past...The Wyandotte Nation" brochure was distributed. Chief greeted us and shared stories and Second Chief Billy Friend taught about our nation's government.

Ideas for the next Culture Days on September 9, 10 & 11, 2010, are being developed now and include having evening classes from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday and Friday (9/9 and 9/10) so those who work during the day can participate to a greater extent; more craft activity including flute making and playing; more history handouts so individual libraries can continue to be built; more interactive language work including skits; a native plant class; more communication with members

announcing Culture Days 2010. Your ideas are welcome – please send them to Sherri Clemons at the tribal center. Please contact Sherri to request one of the new brochures.

Culture Days offers a unique opportunity to learn about our heritage.

This kind of free, educational program is not commonly available – it is special, just like all Wyandotte (Wendat) people – so take advantage of it next year! Everyone is invited and welcome!



1920's Buckskin Dress

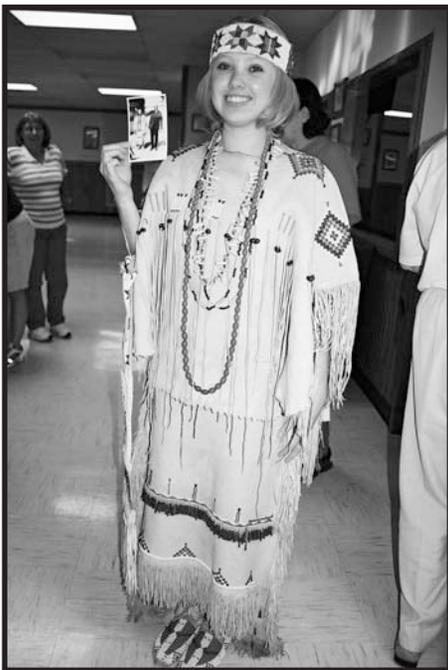


Photo outline:

Ashley Wooldridge modeled the buckskin dress during Culture Days 2004.

1920s Buckskin Dress

Comes Home to Wyandotte, OK...
Its Story To Live On Here

by Sallie Cotter Andrews

We often say, "If these walls could talk..." In this case, if the buckskin dress could talk that the Wyandotte Nation received during Culture Days 2009, it would tell of the strong mind and character of its owner Jane Zane Gordon (born 1871), of her meeting U.S. President and Mrs. Warren G. Harding; speaking before prestigious organizations in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles about the needs of American Indians; and taking part in the planting of memorial trees at the Hollywood Bowl with authors, philanthropists, elected officials and other prominent persons. It would tell of the many organizations she started

to benefit American Indian people everywhere. Before coming to its final home in Wyandotte, Oklahoma, the buckskin dress spent several decades in Lafayette, Louisiana, in the care of Mary Jane and Irv Gallaspy, where it was occasionally worn by Mary Jane to schools where she told of her own Wyandotte heritage. On October 23, 2005, Mary Jane walked on. In 2009, Irv Gallaspy and his daughter and son, Lynn and Alan, donated the dress to the Wyandotte Nation. For more about Jane Zane Gordon and her story, please visit www.wyandotte-nation.org.



Member News

Newton Named Outstanding Student

Miami native and Wyandotte Tribal Member, Andrea Newton, received top honors recently at an awards ceremony held at the Marriott Inn at Southern Hills in Tulsa.

Each year the Northeastern State University College of Optometry hosts the "Eyeball" which is a celebration of the culmination of four years of graduate work where they recognize the achievement of exceptional students.

Newton was named as the outstanding student in the graduating class of 2009.

The Southwest Contact Lens Society awarded her for excellence in contact lens patient care. She was also recognized as the first place winner of the NSUOCO Annual Symposium for her case presentation on macular pathologies.

She graduated from Miami High School in 2000 and Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College in Miami in 2002. Newton finished her Bachelor of Science degree at Northeastern State University and her Doctorate of Optometry at NSUOCO, Tahlequah. Her internship was completed under the supervision of Dr. Clark McQuigg and Dr. Wade Walls at Eye Associates in Miami.

She is the daughter of Gayle Newton of Miami and Bill Newton III of Oklahoma City. She is the granddaughter of Mary Sheperd of Miami, the late George Greaves, Jane Newton of Miami and the late Bill Newton II.

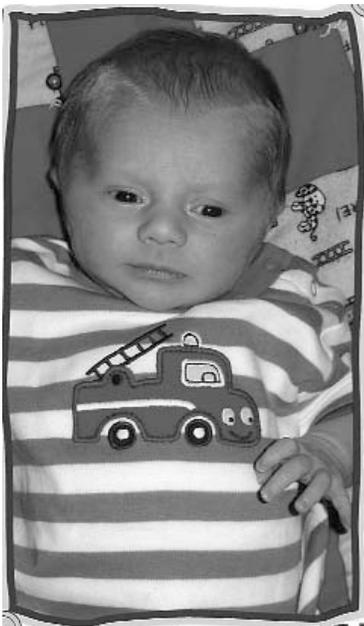
She has purchased a home in southern Oklahoma where she now practices

optometry for the Choctaw Nation.



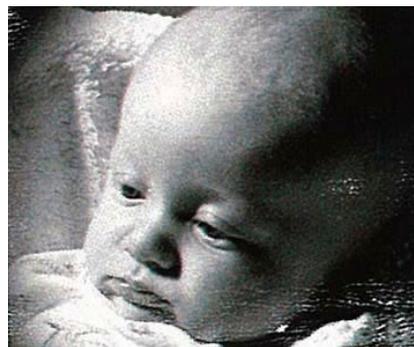
Birth Announcements

Brian Lee Rodecap



Brian Lee Rodecap
Born 2-23-09
6 lbs. 1 oz. 19.5 inches
He is the son of Jeremy
and Angela Rodecap

Nolan Michael Smith



Dave and Artie Smith of Claremore, Oklahoma are proud to announce the birth of their first child, Nolan Michael. He was born May 8, 2009 at 4:20 p.m. weighing 6 lbs. and measuring 19 inches. Nolan's grandmothers are Artie Elaine (Nesvold) Freese and Betty Lou (Taylor) Smith both of Claremore. His great-grandmother is Mildred Taylor of Fort Gibson, Oklahoma.

Brooklynn Dawn Hobbs



Jason and Shelby (Clemons) Hobbs are the proud parents of Brooklynn Dawn Hobbs. She was born August 24, 2009 at 7:35 a.m., weighing 7.5 lbs. and 19 inches long. She has a big brother Benjamin Hobbs. Her Grandparents are Sherri Clemons, Derald and Kandi Clemons, and Gary and Diane Taylor. Her great grandparents are Ted and the late Gail Nesvold Erin Shelton and Trey Clemons are her aunt and uncle.

Member News

WYANDOTTE TAKES GOLD



A sea of flags and roars of pride rocked the stadium in Vienna, Austria as the USA National Anthem announced the arrival of our athletes. It was June of 2009, the International Youth Friendship Games.

Among the athletes was pitcher Richard Bearskin; grandson of Chief Leaford Bearskin, son of Ron and Judy Bearskin.

Richard was one of only 14 players across the entire nation selected to play on the 15 & Under baseball team.

USA I team went 4-0 in Pool-Play. They defeated USA II 11-0, Czech Republic 21-2, Slovakia 21-4 and the Bulgarian II Team 14-7.

Now the team was qualified to play against Bulgaria I, who had also gone 4-0, for the Gold Medal. The formidable opponent team had been formed 3 years ago while the USA team met for the first time as a group that week in Austria.

In the final game Bulgaria I took an early lead of 1-0 in the first inning on a throwing error by the USA catcher. He was attempting to pick off a runner at third base.

USA I responded in kind by scoring a run at the top of the second inning when the Bulgarian third baseman errored, allowing the tying run. The third inning was scoreless. Spectators were on the edge of their seats. The USA scored three runs in the top of the fourth inning on four hits including a double. USA's lead

was 4-1. The stadium was alive with enthusiastic screams! Bulgaria did not score again in the last three innings.

Our own Richard Bearskin was key in the Gold Medal victory. He was awarded the Mound for leading USA I in the Gold Medal Game as the starting pitcher. He recorded a complete game with 8 strike-outs, only 2 walks, no earned runs (ERA 0.00), holding Bulgaria 1 to only one hit. The only Bulgarian hit was recorded in the bottom off the last inning, spoiling what looked like a no-hitter for Bearskin. Keeping his concentration Bearskin struck out the next two batters to record the final outs and seal the Gold Medal for the United States.

Bearskin also went 1 for 3 at the plate with an overall record of 11 hits for 18 at-bats to record a .610 batting average in the series.

Hundreds of cell phone minutes were burned as Ron and Richard phoned Judy across the time zones to report the results after each event and game.

Asked, "What was going through your mind during the course of the game?" He simply replied, "There was no way we were going to allow the Bulgarian Team to win the Gold."

The spectacle of international competition, the comradery and the spirit Dwight D. Eisenhower had intended was overpowering. Since 1956 The International Friendship Games has provided an electric atmosphere; a once in a life-time opportunity for thousands of young athletes from around the world.

Young Bearskin displayed leadership, compassion and established friendships both on and off the field. He brought honor to himself, his family, his heritage and his country. An enriched, victorious young man returned home to Villa Park, CA. Bearskin is a popular sophomore with good grades and a future we look forward to following!

STAY WELL!!

1. Frequent hand-washing (well highlighted in all official communications).

2. "Hands-off-the-face" approach. Resist all temptations to touch any part of face (unless you want to eat, bathe or slap).

3. *Gargle twice a day with warm salt water (use Listerine if you don't trust salt). *H1N1 takes 2-3 days after initial infection in the throat/nasal cavity to proliferate and show characteristic symptoms. Simple gargling prevents proliferation. In a way, gargling with salt water has the same effect on a healthy individual that Tamiflu has on an infected one. Don't underestimate this simple, inexpensive and powerful preventative method.

4. Similar to 3 above, clean your nostrils at least once every day with warm salt water. Blowing the nose hard once a day and swabbing both nostrils with cotton buds dipped in warm salt water is very effective in bringing down viral population.

5. *Boost your natural immunity with foods that are rich in Vitamin C (Amla and other citrus fruits). *If you have to supplement with Vitamin C tablets, make sure that it also has Zinc to boost absorption.

6. *Drink as much of warm liquids (tea, coffee, etc) as you can. *Drinking warm liquids has the same effect as gargling, but in the reverse direction. They wash off proliferating viruses from the throat into the stomach where they cannot survive, proliferate or do any harm.



Holiday List of Events

November 11
Veterans Day (Offices Closed)

November 13
Preschool Thanksgiving Dinner

November 19
Title VI Thanksgiving Dinner

November 26 & 27
Thanksgiving Holidays (Offices Closed)

December 12
Children's Christmas Party

December 17
Title VI Christmas Dinner

December 18
Staff Christmas Party (Offices Closed)

December 24 & 25
Christmas Holidays (Offices Closed)

December 31 & January 1
New Year's Holiday (Offices Closed)

January 18, 2010
Martin Luther King's Day (Offices Closed)

Tribal Heritage Department

POW-WOW NEWS

First, we would like to thank the Great Spirit for the most beautiful weather for this event! Many prayers went up after being rained out the last three years.

The weekend was a success in so many ways. The new grounds looked amazing thanks to the maintenance men who worked long hot days to get all the improvements in place and the grass mowed. Our thanks to Charles Robitaille, Roger Hamilton, and Scott Mills for all the hard work.

Many new things went on this year with some old traditions, Drum Contest, fireworks were brought back, along with the dinner for everyone who wanted to join in. We honored 60 veterans at our Saturday evening session. It seemed everyone really had a great time over the weekend. The Committee would like to thank Chief Bearskin, Billy Friend, and the Board of Directors for the wonderful support they show. It really makes it worthwhile when the leaders stand beside you. We would also like to thank Ted Nesvold for the new bleachers. What a great addition to the grounds.

The Committee thanks all who came and showed their support. Now that we have a permanent place, we would like to ask a favor of the tribal members who several years back made a donation for the benches in memory of a family member to please remind me of who you are and who the donation was made for. I have most, but my computer crashed and I lost the names of some. If you could get

that to me, I will make sure that is done this year. I apologize it has taken so long, just waiting to be able to say we are home.

2009 Winner

JR Boys'

Grass

1. Sonny Boy Stumbling Bear
2. Colman "Baby Boi" American Horse
3. Amos Satepauhoodle

Straight

1. Jacob Lux
2. Lance Harden
3. Brayden Bull

Traditional

1. Geoff Tyner
2. Terrence Tiger
3. Joe Don Waters

Fancy

1. Kyle Sine
2. Justin Blackowl Townsend
3. Tre Littleaxe

Men's

Grass

1. Brandon Tiger
2. Sonny Hawk
3. Jay Roberts

Straight

1. Michael Plumley
2. Drew Dreadfulwater
3. Otto Hamilton

Traditional

1. John Arkeketa
2. Jayson Bender
3. Tony Wahaetton

Fancy

1. Thorpe Sine
2. Larry Tsosie

JR. Girls'

Jingle

1. Cher Satepauhoodle
2. Nawnee Littleaxe
3. Summer Dawn Moore

Buckskin

1. Najoni Tsosie

Women's

Fancy Shawl

1. Crystal Perry
- ##### Jingle

1. Lois Lonetree
2. Jennifer Tsosie
3. Jessica Roberts

Cloth

1. Diana Doyebie
2. Ellen Archer
3. Geneva Horse Chief

Buckskin

1. Charlene Toehay
2. Charisse Satepauhoodle
3. Angela Satepauhoodle

Golden Age Women

1. Karen Haymond
2. Clarice Buffalohead
3. M. Frances Waters Hawk

Golden Age Men

1. Earl Plumley
2. Jess Oosahwa

Northern Drum

Tall Grass

Southern Drum

1. Burr Hill
2. Cross Roads

The Wyandotte Nation Pow-wow would like to congratulate all the winners and thank all of the dancers for supporting our annual event.

Roll #1651

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.

Tribal Department Reports

Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department

October – December 2009

The Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department would like to thank all tribal members that stopped by our booth at the Pow-Wow and completed the cultural survey. Each person that completed the survey, had their name entered into a drawing, with the chance to win either a hand crafted Wyandotte Tribal Clan shaker gourd or a Wyandotte Nation Blanket. Congratulations to Barbara Murray (Tribal Clan Gourd), Megan Krischke (Tribal Clan Gourd) and Jamie Johnson (Wyandotte Nation Blanket). Both Megan and Jamie are Wyandotte Tribal members. Megan Krischke is from Durango, Colorado and will be doing an internship program with our department for approximately 6 weeks.

We are very proud to be a part of the Wyandotte Nation. Our department monitors the lake and streams within the historic jurisdictional areas and conducts water quality sampling on 6 sites within the tribal jurisdiction on a monthly basis. We have initiated a recycling program that continues to grow and inform the community on the importance of recycling and how it ties into our environment. By providing two recycling trailers and a cardboard bailer, we have reduced the amount of waste that is going to the county and state landfills. Our department is working vigorously to serve Wyandotte Nation and its members, by providing a healthy environment.

Along with this, our department provides well testing for tribal members at no charge to you. Each sample is tested for coli-form bacteria and heavy metals.

The Wyandotte Nation held an in-house Radon Poster Contest with Tribal students. The object of the contest is to get the word out about the hidden dangers of Radon. According to

the EPA, Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer. Radon is a natural forming gas in the ground that is odorless, tasteless and colorless. The winners for the Wyandotte Nation are tribal member Kaylee Arment, 1st Place and tribal member Joshua Garcia, 2nd Place. 1st place received \$100, and 2nd place received \$75 for their efforts. Both posters will be forwarded on to the National Radon Poster Contest. The winner of the National contest will win an all expense paid trip to Washington, D.C., along with the students parent and teacher of choice. The National Winner will be announced in January 2010. We wish both Kaylee and Joshua good luck in the National Poster competition. For more information you may contact us at: 918-678-2297



Kaylee Arment
1st Place Winner



Joshua Garcia
2nd Place Winner

Christen Lee (Env. Director) Ext. 241
Kathleen A. Welch (Env. Assistant) Ext. 235
Janice Wilson (Water Technician) Ext. 245

Earl Salisbury (Water and Education Technician) Ext. 252



Below: Picture of the Radon Poster Contest Winners with Chief. Left to Right: Joshua Garcia, Chief Bearskin, and Kaylee Arment

Family Services

Kate Randall, Director Family Services
(918-678-2297 x224)

Dana Butterfield, Enrollment and Tribal Tags
(918-678-2297 x219)

Greetings from “Wyandotte Territory”. Although it has been a rather rainy fall, it is very beautiful here with the changing of the seasons. Since our last newsletter was published in August, the Wyandotte Nation has seen yet another successful annual meeting as well as the 20th year anniversary of the Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow. Let us remember and give thanks to those before us who have paved the way to where we are today. We give thanks to our current leadership as they pave the way to take this Nation into the next generation. Let us remember that our mission of employees and as a tribal family here is that we walk together to serve the people. As we prepare ourselves for the changing of the seasons to come, a Dakota “Chased by Bears” was quoted to have said. “When a man does a piece of work which is admired by all, we say that it is wonderful; but when we see the changes of day and night, the sun, the moon, and the stars in the sky and the changing seasons upon the earth, anyone must realize that it is the work (continued on next page)

Department Reports (cont.)

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of someone more powerful than man.” In closing, may the Great Spirit walk with our leaders and be with you and your family during this coming holiday season into the New Year. We have a great year to look forward to and many great things are yet to come.

FAMILY SERVICE PROGRAMS:

Tribal Enrollment: During the Wyandotte Nation Annual Meeting there were 132 new members added to the Nation's roll. The new enrollee list is published in this Newsletter. The New Membership Incentive Program for Infants has encouraged our new parents to enroll their children before their first birthday. Every enrollment application received for children before his or her first birthday will receive a \$50.00 gift card and a keepsake baby blanket with the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Logo. Although new members are only added to the roll one time a year, we accept membership applications all during the year. In order to keep our enrollment files up to date, please remember to report new births, deaths and changes of address.

Burial Assistance Program: Effective October 1, 2009, the nationwide burial assistance program has been increased from \$500.00 to \$750.00. Required documentation includes the Burial Application; a copy of the death certificate and an itemized funeral bill.

Winter Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

During the month of December, postcards announcing the LIHEAP guidelines will be mailed to all Wyandotte Nation Tribal Members that reside in Oklahoma. Income guidelines do apply and all payments made in the month of January will be made to the utility providers. A detailed application is required and will be available by mail or at the tribal headquarters.

Senior Citizens Energy Program: Winter tribal energy assistance is available to all senior citizens, 62 years of age or

older that reside within a 100 mile radius of the tribal headquarters. Applications are required, along with a copy of the utility bill that provides your heating source. The \$100.00 payment is made directly to the utility company. Social Service Programs: (Income and radius restrictions may apply to some programs). The Wyandotte Nation Family Services Department continues to provide infant car seats in 3 sizes, school supply vouchers, winter clothing allowance, emergency fuel assistance, summer youth programs, Indian Child Welfare, referral, and need-based services. The State and Federal Grant “Promoting Safe and Stable Families” is designed to keep Indian Families intact. The “PSSF” grant is used strictly for families who may be at risk for having their children removed from their homes through the State Court System for abuse or neglect. A Mohawk proverb reads: “Remember that your children are not your own, but lent to you by the Creator”. Embrace this gift, as our children are our future. It is our job as parents to cherish, love, protect and to provide a safe and stable environment for them.

Program Child Support Enforcement:

Through a cooperative agreement between the Wyandotte Nation and the Modoc Tribe of Oklahoma, Tribal Child Support Services are available to Wyandotte Tribal Members residing within the Tribe's jurisdictional area. The goal of the Tribal Child Support Enforcement (TCSE) is to establish paternity and child support orders by determining paternity, locating an absent parent, establishing a child support order, modifying an existing support order and enforcing child support orders. TCSE will assist parents in the establishment of paternity and enforcement of child support cases previously established. Enforcement will occur in the Tribal courts as well as State courts within the Tribes jurisdictional service area. Applications may be picked up in person at the

Modoc TCSE office located at 615 H. Street Southeast, Miami Oklahoma or by phone at 1-888-540-1501. The TCSE website is: www.modoc-cse.org. Mark your Calendar! The Christmas Party is sponsored by the Family Services Department; however, all staff participates in the preparation of this fun event. This year's Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 12th (see holiday calendar of events and special announcements). Santa's helpers have been shopping and there are a variety of great presents, goody bags, sweet treats and Santa! (Children 0-12 years of age). Additionally, a \$25.00 Christmas gift card will be given to the parents of each household.

In closing, please do not hesitate to call us if you have any questions regarding any of the programs listed in this article.

Wyandotte Nation Tribal Roll Additions 2009

Landon Paul Adkins
Devon Cole Autry-Mechling
Dustin Craig Autry-Mechling
Paige Marie Baldwin
Madilyn Elizabeth Barwick
Alison Rose Benson
Avery Isabella Bland
Ethan Aaron Bland
Maddix Andrew Bond
Kloey Ann Bowman
Howard Quenten Boyd
Lydia Nichole Boyd
Kailee MichAnn Brown
Daren Andrew Brown Shockley
Morgan Alexsandra Brownson
Jacie Shindiya Bryce
Takoda McCabe Bryce
Brayden Alex Burt
Brayden Garrett Casey
Riley Scott Casey
Samantha Elizabeth Cooper
Caela Sage Corsbie
Ciara Jordan Cotter
Chase Brodie Cotter
Liliana Gisela Delgado
Cecelia Rose Destefano Elliott
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Heston Ryder Drake
 Connor Everett Dye
 Emily Kathryn Eagan
 Forrest Mackenzie Eagan
 Parker Austin Eagan
 William John Easley
 Madeline Louise Easley
 Gwyneth Anne Easley
 Richard David Elliott, III
 Braxton Wyatt Epperson
 Smoke Scott Leland Ezell
 Ashlea Grace Ferry
 Alexis Paige Gallegos
 Jonathan Ronald Gill
 Trenton Jason Gill
 Daniella Anne Chase Gonzalez
 Joshua Caleb Gragg
 Connor Marshall Gray
 Jayden Erin Green
 Levi Michael Guernsey
 Michael Boone Guidice
 Garrison Lee Hair
 Owen Michael Hair
 James Dillon Handley
 Alexis Renee Hayes
 Otis Valentine Hills
 Josie Lynn Hoag
 Karli Nicole Hoag
 Kole Tyler Hoag
 Carson Anthony Hoeme
 Casey Ryan Hoeme
 Karter Landen Hoeme
 Tyler Anthony Hollis
 Rhylee Belle Hood
 Jonaven Lucas Huck
 Jake Douglas Huth
 Dayton Rowdy Jackson
 Russell Alan Jackson
 Daniel Edward Johnson
 Destinee Lynette Johnson
 Emma Marion Kraft
 Sophia Renee Kraft
 Gavin Isaac Leek
 Shelby Nicole Ling
 Oliver Maxwell Lingenfelter
 Tonia Rana Lister
 Kayle Ann Lofland
 Delores Elouise Long
 Cyrus Alexander Machala
 Toni Anne Laverne Machala

Veyda Marie Marlow
 Lincoln Louis McCarty
 Kaydence Mae McLemore
 Gabriel Joseph McMullin
 Garrett Allen McMullin
 Alexis Brooke Mechling
 Devin Alexander Medina
 Germain Raul Medina, Jr.
 Jayden Riley Medina
 Malea Trinity Melendrez
 Kaitlyn Dawn Mencl
 Bryleigh Anne Moore
 Aubrey Elaine Morgan
 Bryson Lee Murry
 Kaedynce Anneyce Nielebock
 Melody Lee Penner
 Austin Quinn Pickard
 Sean Thomas Pickard
 Sydney Ellen Pickard
 Victoria Lynn Marie Pickard
 Edwin Raleigh Prater
 Jennifer Rosa Proenza
 Reid Robert Prosser
 Austin Martin Riddle
 Alexander Rain Robinson
 Areana Rose Robinson
 Brian Lee Rodecap
 Maci Shea Ruark
 Sharon Lynn Sabatino
 Samantha Nicole Sabatino
 Anthony Marion Sabatino, III
 Terryn Maylene Sapp
 Carson James Sawyer
 Tristin Morgan Sawyer
 Kelton Tyler Shaffer
 Katheleen Vera Shell
 Alexandria Kyrene Shelter
 Jonas Levi Shelton
 Austin Drake Smith
 Nolan Michael Smith
 Jacob Lawrence Spencer
 Jocelyn Meadow Swanger
 Paige Elizabeth Thomas
 Thomas Michael Todd
 Addisyn Grace Trefry
 Trey Jackson Trefry
 Leyna Adele Wagner
 Gavin Jacob Watamura
 Kyle Bradley Watamura
 Mason Ryan Watamura
 Thomas Bradley Wells

Dawson Michael White
 Hunter Jaxson White
 Chase Benjamin Wilhelm
 Remington Wayne Wood
 Lexie Grace Young

Tribal Tags

The Wyandotte Nation Vehicle Registration Program or "Tag" Program has purchased new software from Data Video Systems. This new software will allow for Wyandotte Nation vehicle registration information to be included in the Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunications System, also known as "OLETS". For the first time, information will be shared with this State office and will allow for any law enforcement official anywhere in the United States access to Wyandotte Nation Tax Commission vehicle registration information. Having this type of access will be a great benefit for both law enforcement officials and for the Tribal members as there will be necessary information readily available at all times.

Something else that is new for the program is the issuance of license plates for the physically handicapped. These will be available beginning January 1, 2010. Individuals who are interested should either come by the office or call to obtain a form that will need to be completed by your primary care physician. Tribal members will also notice a change in the renewal process.

You will no longer be receiving the actual renewal form (the green form). Renewal letters (which will now be white) will continue to be mailed during the month prior to the expiration date of a vehicle. This renewal letter needs to be signed and returned to the office in the same manner as the previous forms.

Tribal tags are issued to Wyandotte Nation Tribal members who live within the boundaries of designated "Indian Country" within the state of Oklahoma. Unfortunately, there are still several (continued on next page)

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counties in the state that we are not able to issue plates based on legal advice. Currently, there are more than 1,000 active tags in the system for passenger, motorcycles and recreational vehicles.

Please remember that if you're purchasing a new or new to you vehicle that the Tribal members name must be on the "assignment". Program staff cannot add or delete names at the time of title transfer. This is especially important if there is a lien against the vehicle.

Just a few reminders for members who already have Tribal plates: you must carry a copy of your Wyandotte Nation membership card in the vehicle at all times, this is proof that a member of the Tribe does own the vehicle and that the Tribe is not issuing plates to anyone but Wyandotte Tribal members; you must carry in the vehicle insurance verification and the vehicle registration; if a vehicle is sold the tribal member is to retain the Wyandotte Nation license plate, this tag can be transferred to another vehicle or surrendered to the Tag office.

It is recommended to make an appointment or at least call to make sure a staff member will be available before coming into the Tag Office, especially with upcoming holidays. Program staff makes every accommodation to be available for the membership, but there are circumstances where the Tag office will be closed. Please feel free to call us if you have questions or concerns regarding this program.

Police Report from Police Chief Ken Murphy Wyandotte Nation Tribal Police

First, for those of you that I have yet to meet, I'd like to tell you a little bit about me. I grew up in Miami and was engaged in Ottawa County Law Enforcement from 1981 until 1992 as a Police Officer, Deputy Sheriff, D.A. Investigator, and Police Chief. In 1992

I traveled overseas and worked as a Detective and Security Manager for military organizations until 1998 when I returned to the U.S. and joined the Corrales Police Department in New Mexico. More recently, I've been employed as an Engineer and Project Manager for Intel Corporation in Rio Rancho, New Mexico. I retired from Naval Reserve Law Enforcement in 2002 after 22 years military service. I received an AAS in Law Enforcement and BS in Management and hold an Advanced Police Certification from the Oklahoma Council on Law Enforcement Education and Training. I'm very excited to be back in Oklahoma, back in law enforcement, and to be your Chief of Police. I hope to provide you with a regular update on our activities and develop a close partnership with all of you to provide a safe and secure Wyandotte Nation. Call or email me anytime if I can be of assistance. Now, down to business...

Exciting News:

The Wyandotte Nation and the Town of Wyandotte have joined forces, literally, in the safety and protection of area citizens and visitors. In September, the Town Council approved a proposal by the Nation to combine their police forces into one under the direct management of the Nation. Such a unification of tribal and non-tribal law enforcement only exists in South Dakota where the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe contributes financially to the Flandreau Police Dept. to also provide Tribal Law Enforcement. Our agreement is unique, and much more exciting, because this will be the first time that the Tribal agency has taken on the responsibility of non-tribal law enforcement. Our agreement with the community will set the standard for true partnerships across the country and has been described as "ground-breaking" by the DOJ Office of Tribal Justice.

School Zone Safety:

School is now in session! Please use

caution near school zones and bus stops. Police will be present in school zones and will be watching for unsafe driving and seat belt use. Remember, seat belts save lives so... **CLICK IT OR TICKET!**

Traffic Safety:

WNTP have increased traffic radar operations on Hwy 60 during morning drop-off times at Turtle-Tots and during meal services at Title VI. Unfortunately, several motorists have been observed traveling in excess of 60 MPH in the 45 MPH zone. An unusual number of out-of-area drivers said that they didn't see the 45 MPH signs so I contacted ODOT and requested that the small speed zone signs be replaced by larger ones. ODOT responded within a few days and placed new signs along our stretch of highway. Over 7,000 vehicles travel that section of Hwy 60 daily and we will continue to monitor traffic and work with ODOT to improve safety near the Tribal Complex, Turtle Stop, and Wyandotte Nation Casino.

We have also increased patrols in and around Wyandotte Nation Housing Areas. Please report any suspicious activity to dispatch (918-542-2806) and let them know that you're calling from a Wyandotte Nation housing area or property and request that your Tribal Police respond. Even though the Sheriff's Department and WNTP share responsibility for these areas, WNTP's primary responsibility is to provide a safe and secure environment for all residents and employees in and around Wyandotte Nation properties. We are here to **Protect and Serve** you!

**DRUNK DRIVING, OVER THE
LIMIT, UNDER ARREST!
DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE!**

Police Headquarters

The WNTP Headquarters is now located in the old Wyandotte City Hall at 14 N. Main. The building has (continued on next page)

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 undergone a face lift and will provide an attractive secure environment for police operations. Stop by and visit if you see a police vehicle parked out front.

To Contact Tribal Law Enforcement

As always, **EMERGENCY DIAL 911**.
All non-emergency calls should be directed to the radio dispatcher at 918-542-2806.

The Sheriff's Department dispatches WNPd and WPD day or night.

Stay connected to Wyandotte Nation Law Enforcement and Ottawa County Emergency Management by receiving text and email alerts with information you should know!

Messaging services will include public safety alerts, traffic information, weather/flood information, and important neighborhood advisories. It's Free, Simple & Trusted.

Nixle is a new community information service provider built exclusively to provide secure and reliable communications. Its authenticated service connects municipal agencies and community organizations to residents in real time, delivering information to geographically targeted consumers over their cell phones (via text messages), through e-mails and through Web access.

Please go to www.nixle.com to find out more about this free service and to register for your account. Since messages are geographically targeted, please be sure to use the Wyandotte Nation Police Department address as one of your locations (14 North Main Street, Wyandotte, OK, 74370) if you live outside of the Wyandotte area and want to receive local alerts and information.

Housing Department

We are excited to report that the senior duplex units which were started in July are now fully completed. Seniors began

moving into the duplexes during the first week of October and are currently still in the process of moving in. To qualify for the senior units, you must be at least 55 and meet federal income guidelines. The open house went very well on September 12th with several visitors stopping in to take a look at the new duplexes. Pictured below and to the right are Betty Johnson, Don & Merlyn Brown and Patricia Ball.



We still have hand towels and magnets in our office that were handed out at the open house. If you did not receive one and would like one, stop by our office and pick yours up!

We are looking forward to beginning construction of the new single-family units that will be constructed near the senior duplexes. We have already selected an architect and are getting ready to open the bidding process for contractors. Once a contractor is selected and weather permitting, construction will begin shortly after.

If you are in need of a well, rural water connection, or a septic system, please contact our office. There are no income guidelines, but you must live within the Claremore Indian Health Service area. If you would like information about any of our programs, feel free to contact us by phone, extensions 236 or 239 or come by the office and see us.

Kathy DeWeese- Housing Director
 Valari Eby- Housing Specialist
 Paul Paquin- Project Coordinator
 Brian Adkins- Residential Maintenance Tech

ELDER SERVICES

It was great to see everyone once again (continued on next page)

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at the Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow. We are very busy preparing for the holidays. We will have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner Thursday, November 19, and our Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 17. Both will be sit down dinners with staff from other departments assisting with serving the elders at their tables.

The Wyandotte Nation, Quapaw Tribe, Ottawa Tribe and Eastern Shawnee Tribe are partnering with Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging, State Health Insurance Assistance Program and the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation to provide free mobile health screenings. The screenings will consist of visual, glaucoma, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, basic pulmonary, lung function, and bone density. There will also be volunteers to assist elders with Medicare part D enrollment. Participants will receive prizes, refreshments and lunch at the following locations:

Schedule of Events:

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. daily

December 1, 2009

Vinita, OK.-Vinita Senior Center

December 2, 2009

Miami, OK.-Miami Civic Center

December 3, 2009

Wyandotte, OK.-Wyandotte Nation, Artie Nesvold Community Bld.

December 4, 2009

Jay, OK. -Jay Senior Center

December 7, 2009

Fairland, OK. -First United Methodist Church

We have several new items in the gift shop. The most exciting item is the new book KWA-HOO-SHA-HA-KE American Indian Warrior Hero. It is a glimpse into the life of Chief Bearskin. It touches on all three careers and some of his early childhood. We also have Wyandotte Nation, OU and OSU blankets. Call Brenda or Dari to place an order.

We wish all of you a very happy and healthy holiday season!

Brenda House, Director, Elder Services ext. 227

Dari Ann Hunnicutt, Caregiver Specialist ext. 253

Kandi Smith, Food Service Team Supervisor ext. 228

Leesa Hibbard, Food Service Team Member ext. 228

Lynda Wilson, Food Service Team Member ext. 228

Seth Higginbotham, Food Service Team Member ext. 228

Menu ext. 226

Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center

Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center celebrated its 8th Annual Health Fest on October 17, 2009 from 8 am – noon. While the weather was chilly, the fun still prevailed. Approximately 250 individuals registered at the event, with many more unaccounted for. Free blood pressure, glucose and total cholesterol screenings were available. Body compositions and flu shots were available to those over 18, as well.

Hayrides were a big hit with the children and adults alike. Various departments for both Eastern Shawnee and Wyandotte Nation competed in a scarecrow contest that decorated the hayride trail. The Bearskin Healthcare Team won the contest with their display titled "Catch a fish, not the flu!" A close second was the Bearskin Fitness Team with their scarecrow, "If only I had Muscles" and rounding it up was the Wyandotte Nation Casino Surveillance Team.

Inflatable games were popular with the young at heart. An octopus bounce house, obstacle course and velcro launch pad/ wall were available for all to play on. Several times throughout the day, you could find your healthcare & wellness team playing on the equipment themselves. It was common to see someone strapped into a velcro

suit stuck 10 feet in the air on a wall.

Fun was had by all in attendance. The fun walk had many brave souls bundle up and participate. A health fest t-shirt was awarded to all who participated in the one mile fun walk. Even though the cold weather kept some away, all 50 t-shirts for the fun walk participants were gone within the first two hours.

After the fun walk, participants were able to venture inside to warm up with some hot spiced cider served up by Bearskin Clinic Ladies, Karen Duderstadt and Linda Coatney. Those gals made you feel right at home with their hospitality and munchies that they had to offer.

New to the event this year was a Zumbathon. Instructor, Lacey Stansill, led a group of patrons in raising money to support St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. While raising money for a cause, this event also allowed individuals to see firsthand what Zumba was and how rewarding it can be in providing cardio fitness for all. According to the Zumba official website, "The Zumba® program fuses hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy-to-follow moves to create a one-of-a-kind fitness program that will blow you away. The routines feature interval training sessions where fast and slow rhythms and resistance training are combined to tone and sculpt your body while burning fat".

The Bearskin Healthcare Team provided free screenings to all who were interested. For the last few years, there has been trouble with the screenings taking too long of a time to run. This year, Amanda Johnston, Lab Technician, spearheaded the search to improve screening times. She was successful in her endeavor, as screening times were cut in half, which allowed for much shorter lines.

The Bearskin nursing staff, Rachelle and Donna, handled the flu shots. Many individuals began waiting in line (continued on next page)

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 around 7 am to make sure that they were a part of this offering. One hundred shots were advertised to be given out for the community. The girls had a steady flow all morning until they had given all shots. In addition to the 100, Tribal Members were able to get their flu shots too.

Exhibitors on hand for the event were:
 Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department, Wyandotte Nation Caregivers Program, Wyandotte Nation Social Services, Eastern Shawnee Police Department, Eastern Shawnee Community Health, Ottawa County Health Department, American Red Cross, Integris Baptist Regional Health Center, Integris Regency, Cooper-Althouse Funeral Home,

Amedisys, Community Crisis Center – Domestic Violence, Alzheimer’s Association, Grand Gateway, Osborn Drugs, Progressive Water Solutions, Beltone Hearing Aid Center and Heaven and Earth Hospice. When participants visited all booths, they were eligible to enter into a door prize drawing. The Wyandotte Nation Social Services Department also sponsored a drawing for a child safety seat.

Safe Kids of Tulsa held a child safety seat check. Their team was available from 10 a.m. – noon to answer any highway safety questions or check child safety seats. Many who participated found that their car seats were incorrectly installed or had recalls on them. This team was very effective in

communicating the hazards involved with having a child restraint system in wrong. Tips were given to choose car seats, install car seats and on air bag safety. The team actually got into personal vehicles and repositioned car seats in the safest manner. They were successful in teaching 16 families the importance of car seat safety.

Overall, the Bearskin Health Fest was a huge success in promoting a healthy lifestyle to the community of Wyandotte. We hope for the event to grow annually in attendance. If you have not attended, look for a reminder at the Wyandotte Nation Annual Meeting. The event is always held in October.

Planning/Development

One of the nicer projects to get funded this year is the Tree Grant project, which calls for planting a series of trees between the parking lot and Highway 60 right of way at the Administrative Complex. Also included, are trees at the cemetery on highway 60 and the northern part of the Tribal Pow-Wow grounds. We are hoping to have this project complete by March 2010. The grant is sponsored by Oklahoma Department of Transportation and the Forestry Department. Below is a picture of Chief Bearskin being presented the tree grant by Melody Johnson from ODOT and Alanna McFarland from Department of Forestry. Also in the photo are Ron Kaiser and Debbie Dry from the Planning/Development Department.

The acceptance of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) money came with consequences, and that numerous hours were devoted to reporting activities undertaken by the ARRA projects. The projects include; the renovations to the existing Clinic and Wellness Center, medical equipment, roads project, housing construction and childcare.

Working through the details of the Wellness Center Expansion, which includes, orientation of parking areas, which backup generation to use, drainage and of course the details of floor coverings, doors, windows and color.

The Water System Improvement Project has seen installation of compaction rock on the roadway. The water well has been drilled and tested and the next phase of the project is completion of the well house and water tower, which are now possible with roadway accessibility.



Education Department

Preschool:

The fall season brings outings to fall festivals and classroom parties. The classrooms are full of excitement and energy as they prepare for the holidays. Our yearly trip to Frederickson's Farm, to pick pumpkins and a hayride, was rained out. Our alternate plan included a trip to Johnson's Corn Maze in Diamond, Missouri. The ground was still damp but the children enjoyed the maze and the trip to CiCi's Pizza for lunch. The annual Preschool Thanksgiving Dinner will be held on Friday, November 13th. This event for students, their parents and Wyandotte Nation dignitaries and employees will be held at Eastside Assembly Church. We will observe Thanksgiving Break on Wednesday through Friday November 25 -27. As December begins, we will attend a play entitled School House Rock at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin. We will have Christmas parties and family programs prior to dismissing for Winter break on December 23rd. Classes will resume on January 4th.

Before and After School Program:

Before and after school programs are operating daily and averaging about 10 before-school and 35 after-school children. The staff assists with snack and helps with homework and supervises the children until they leave for the evening. The after-school program provides a much needed service for families in our area.

Library:

The library area recently received several new books and movies that are available for patrons to check out and enjoy. With the upcoming cold winter weather a great book is a wonderful way to spend the day. So curl up by the fire and read!

Child Care & Development Fund Program:

The Child Care and Development Fund was the recipient of ARRA Stimulus funds that are being utilized to enhance quality of care and availability to our child care families. A new security system is being installed in the Wyandotte Nation Education Center through the stimulus funds. The program is currently preparing for a multi-agency child care provider workshop and training to be held on Saturday, November 7th in Miami, Oklahoma.

Tribal Scholarships:

The Scholarship Program is full to capacity! Grades will be due with the next semester schedule prior to receiving funding for the spring semester. The announcement has been made that scholarships will be increased to \$1,250.00 a semester beginning with the spring semester of 2010.

On October 1, 2009, Carla Culver, Education Director, attended a dorm dedication and smoking ceremony for the Poloke-Bosen Hall which houses Native American students. The Wyandotte Nation received the invitation on behalf of Kenny Glass a student at Bacone College in Muskogee. Kenny was an intern for the Nation during the summers 2008 and 2009.

Whitlee Douthit, Wyandotte Tribal member and scholarship recipient, was inducted into the National Society of Collegiate

Scholars. She is a sophomore at Kansas University and concurrently enrolls at Haskell University. She is the granddaughter of Charles and Barbara Stoner.

Tribal member and scholarship program participant, Andrea Newton, completed the school of optometry program at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah. She was recently recognized as the outstanding graduate in the class of 2009. Andrea has relocated to southern Oklahoma where she will work for the Choctaw Nation.

If you have questions about the education programs at the Wyandotte Nation, please contact Ms. Carla Culver at Ext. 230.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA):

The WIA Program is currently unable to accept new clients due to budget constraints; however, Mr. Anderson is still available to assist prospective clients as they work to further their job skills.

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

Submitted by:
Carla J. Culver



Above: Mrs. Bartley's and Mrs. Burleson's class as they prepare for school day.

Below: Mrs. Johnson of Johnson Farms talks to the preschool students as they learn about corn and its many uses.



Cultural Week Photos



Harris Family Reunion

Although we were few in members, it was a really interesting get together. The weather co-operated for the whole weekend. The Pow-Wow was a success and the campers enjoyed themselves. We had a big crowd at the Annual Meeting and the tour of the new senior duplexes was great. Everyone was saying how nice they are. It sounds like quite a few of the families are planning to move in. I jokingly said we may have to call it "Harrisville" Ha! Till next time.

Ramona L. Reid
Tillie (Harris) Mathews
Granddaughter

Wyandotte Nation Tag Office

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



2009 Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow pictures



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