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 Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend during Grand Entry at sunset

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## From the Chief

## Billy Friend

# The state of our Nation is strong; best yet to come

This morning, we rest assured knowing that the Wyandotte Nation is the strongest it has ever been in modern times. Since we gathered here one year ago, the number of Wyandottes pursuing their educations and going on to earn their degrees is higher than ever before, we funded over \$700,000 in scholarships this past year.

Today, we are working to provide opportunities for each Wyandotte to meet his or her dreams. We now have even more resources to work with. We have opened new facilities across our nation designed specifically for Wyandottes. New services and new opportunities in every area are opening doors for Wyandottes. This is a time of growth and progress as we continue working together to build this great nation.

We believe that together, we accomplish more. When we are united and unified in our purpose, in our goals, then we will stay on course to improve the overall quality of life of the Wyandotte people.

"United We Succeed" is a simple phrase with so much meaning. United in purpose, over the past decades and centuries, Wyandottes have fought to remain a sovereign and independent nation. The federal government has always underestimated the determination

of Wyandotte people. Wyandotte people never gave in. We did not quit being Wyandotte because we were told we did not have a government or had a terminated status. Wyandotte is who we are. Over the years, Wyandottes have not always agreed, but we have always worked for a better way of life. Today, we unite to continue in the protection of our sovereign rights. Today, we carry on the torch passed to us to improve the lives of all Wyandotte people.

We, are a team, you and I, and all, are part of this team. Since elected to serve the Wyandotte people, the Board of Directors and I have been listening to your input, developing a plan and putting it into action. Much of what has been accomplished is because your voice was heard and was followed. WE is the key word to our success. This is a day for celebration – we are blessed by what has been accomplished. We celebrate, we plan for the future – we endeavor for success. We must remain watchful in the protection of our sovereignty, it is not a right that we can take for granted. The foundation for our success today was laid by those Wyandottes who came before us, those who remained faithful through the years, those who petitioned congress, the Bureau of Indian Affairs and other

Wyandottes to join our cause and unite for the purpose of having a tribal government. Wyandottes can be proud of the leadership provided by those who came before us. We can be thankful for the foundation they laid that has allowed us to build the nation we have today.

We are in a time of great success and progress and together, our future is bright. The Wyandotte people have opportunities unlike ever before. We must continue working to maintain and improve upon what we have. We have challenges to meet and we will meet those challenges head on and find solutions. We will continue working to make improvements that make positive differences in the everyday lives of Wyandotte people.

"United We Succeed", the phrase is simple...yet it is strong. It is true for our government, for our people, for our employees and our leaders as we work to meet our goals, united we will succeed and we will continue to accomplish great things together in the future.

Fellow Wyandottes the state of our Nation is strong and as we unite and work together the best is yet to come.

Thank you and God bless you and God bless the Wyandotte Nation.  
 Tizameh, Chief Billy Friend

## From the Second Chief | Norman Hildebrand, Jr.

# Cultural Center Grand Opening, Pow-Wow, Annual Meeting a success



Kweh,  
 Hello tribal citizens, I just got back from the National Congress of American Indians Annual Convention. NCAI advocates for all the Native American Nations across this great country on all issues that come down from Congress that will affect the future of Indian Country. I have completed my first year as alternate Vice President of the Eastern Okla-

homa area on the Executive Board of NCAI. It is an honor to represent the small tribes of Eastern Oklahoma in this capacity.

The Annual Meeting and Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow was a huge success. It warms my heart to see all of our tribal citizens come to this event and take an interest in what is going on within the Wyandotte Nation. It seems not that long ago at

the Annual Meeting we had to take a head count to make sure there was a quorum so we could have the meeting. We definitely do not have that problem now, but the problem we seem to have now is a facility big enough to hold the large number of tribal citizens that travel back to Wyandotte, Okla., to take part in this

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 2016

#### PRESCHOOL THANKSGIVING DINNER & PROGRAM

Nov.  
17



#### ELDERS THANKSGIVING DINNER

Nov.  
18



#### CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Dec.  
10



#### ELDERS CHRISTMAS DINNER

Dec.  
15



### 2017

#### TOWN HALL MEETINGS CALIFORNIA & TEXAS

TBD



#### GATHERING OF LITTLE TURTLES

JUNE  
23-25



#### THE GATHERING

SEPT.  
6-8



#### 28TH ANNUAL POW-WOW

SEPT.  
8-10



#### ANNUAL MEETING

SEPT.  
9



ALL EVENTS IN WYANDOTTE, OKLA. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

## Second Chief

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yearly gathering.

We had the Grand Opening of our Cultural Center/Museum the morning of Sept. 9 during The Gathering and a lot of rain. Though the weather didn't cooperate, our tribal citizens and most of our special invitees did ignore the rain and attended the Grand Opening. Now that our museum is officially open it can only be as great as you, our Wyandotte Nation citizens, can make it. I am calling on all tribal citizens to look through what might have been left to them by loved ones that have passed on -- old documents, pictures, anything that will let us tell the story of our Wyandotte history. All you Wyandotte veterans, we want pictures of you in uniform and what you did while serving your country so we may honor all of our tribal veterans. The museum has a humidity controlled vault so we can preserve these precious items. Our plans for the Cultural Center/Museum will be the place to not only tell about the history of the Wyandotte Nation, but also the center of the special interest classes that our tribal citizens are interested in learning (beading, finger weaving,

**"The most valuable possession you can own is an open heart. The most powerful weapon you can be is an instrument of peace."**

--Carlos Santana

basketry, etc.).

On Sept. 18, my wife and I left Wyandotte with the elders on a journey to Canada -- this was their first trip to our ancestral homelands. We visited Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Martyrs Shrine, Huronia Museum and took a boat ride around the Georgian Bay. Everyone enjoyed the trip and all was going well until Sue Sapp fell and broke her hip at the hotel in Midland, Ontario. The doctors there wouldn't let her travel until she had surgery to repair her hip, and to make matters worse, she had a passport card so we couldn't fly her from Canada to the U.S. with just the card. Airlines cannot issue a ticket with the card -- it has to be the full passport book, to stay on our schedule we had to leave Sue and her brother Sonny in Canada until she had surgery and was able to travel. So I called my good friends Ted Roll and D'Arcy Tammaro and asked them if they would drive

to Midland and bring Sue and Sonny back across the border. We were able to get them flown back to Oklahoma. I want to thank Ted and D'Arcy for helping us out and taking time out of their busy schedules to come to the aid of Sue and Sonny. I also want to thank Brian Charles, the Aboriginal Liaison Officer with the Georgian Bay Islands National Park. He was a tremendous help looking in on Sue and Sonny during their extended stay in Canada. The Wyandotte Nation is extremely grateful for the help these three people extended to two of our elders. On Oct. 24, I traveled with Kim and Caleb Garcia to participate in Native American Days in Monroe, Mich. It was good not only to see friends but to tell about the history of the Wyandotte Nation to area youth.

Here is a little history about the region: The rivers were the lifeblood of the Wyandotte villages sustaining all aspects of life. The River Raisin, Huron and Detroit River watersheds played a critical role in the fur industry of the early Great Lakes for the many American Indian Nations and French settlers in the region. American Indian land and water trails crossed and paralleled the region leading to villages and French trading posts. Canoes were highly useful for many things. They served as a

means of transportation for hunting and were used to cover the hunters' supply of firewood to keep it dry in wet weather. During harvest, canoes were carried along to assist in collection of the crops. Harvesters would bend corn stalks over the backs of the canoes to assist in collection, and provide a means of transporting the corn. In trade, they were used to get around the lakes and rivers, to transport goods and were valuable items. The Wyandotte built larger canoes and often traded for smaller canoes from their friends the Potawatomi.

Most tribal travel was by water, including streams that seemed to shallow for passage, but were able to be used by Wyandottes and other American Indians who moved along in shallow draft canoes. The Huron River was a major trade route accommodating large canoes carrying as much as a ton of cargo according to George Wahr. American Indians used the Huron River as a little known super waterway that connected Lake Erie to Lake Michigan. From the Huron River, American Indians voyaged in canoes through a series of lakes that connected with the Grand River, which led to Lake Michigan.

It is indeed an honor and a pleasure to serve the Wyandotte people as Second Chief.

# Opening doors to the past

## Wyandotte Nation celebrates Grand Opening of new Cultural Center

By **WILLIAM SWAIM**  
WYANDOTTE NATION

The Wyandotte Nation took a monumental step forward in preserving its past for future generations with the construction and opening of its new Cultural Center and Museum Friday, Sept. 9.

"We know this is something that is not only going to benefit our generation, but generations to come," Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend said to a packed house at the Center's grand opening ceremony. "We as Wyandotte people, because of our forced removal and our trail here, like many other tribes we lost a lot of our culture, our traditions and our ceremonies. They were not dead, but had laid dormant for many years."



(ABOVE) The Wyandotte Nation opened the doors to the Cultural Center's Museum during the Grand Opening. (BELOW) Chief Billy Friend addresses the crowd about the importance of preserving the past for future generations.

**"We wanted a place that we could bring our children, we could bring our grandchildren, and teach them our traditions, our customs, teach them our language, so that in seven generations to come these things will still be taught. These things will still be carried forward. This is such a monumental day for us to be able to do this." -- Chief Billy Friend**

"Many of us grew up not knowing what it meant to be Wyandotte. So many of us did not have the benefit that our children and our grandchildren are going to have today – learning what it is to be Wyandotte and knowing what that actually means, knowing their identity, knowing where they came from, knowing their family, and knowing their ancestors."

The 7,625-square foot Cultural Center features a museum, classrooms, a multipurpose room, gift shop, and the Tribal Heritage Department offices. The facility will also feature an eternal flame, representing the Tribe's historic role as Keepers of the Council Fire.

The Cultural Center will play host to language and arts and crafts classes as well as be the



site of the Tribe's annual 'The Gathering,' which is an opportunity for tribal citizens to con-

# CULTURAL CENTER

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nect and learn more about their culture, traditions, language and history. The Center will also safely house tribal artifacts for the Wyandotte Nation in preserving the Tribe's past.

"As the vision began to come forth and the Creator placed the vision in us to begin to plan and to go forward, this was something we always wanted," Chief Friend said.

"We wanted a place that we could bring our children, we could bring our grandchildren, and teach them our traditions, our customs, teach them our language, so that in seven generations to come these things will still be taught. These things will still be carried forward. This is such a monumental day for us to be able to do this."

Chief Friend closed by thanking the Wyandotte Nation Cultural Committee and the many others who made the Center a reality.

The funding for the \$1,687,000 project came from an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) and



Guests were able to take a tour of the new Cultural Center. Murals appear throughout the halls of the Cultural Center, including the one shown above on the Wyandotte Story of Creation.

from economic development provided by the Wyandotte Nation's federally-chartered

corporation, Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma (WTOK).

Thomas Boxley was the archi-

tect and Crossland Construction built the Cultural Center.



(ABOVE LEFT) The Cultural Center located across from the Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center. (ABOVE RIGHT) A longhouse designed cake.

WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION

# Bringing Wyandottes together

*Tribal citizens travel from across the U.S. to attend annual 'Gathering'*

BY DEBBIE DRY  
CULTURE COMMITTEE

The 2016 "Gathering" was a success. Citizens came from all across the United States to take part.

As in years past, we were honored to have participants from the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation, the Wyandot of Kansas, and the Wendake. We felt a need to start on Wednesday morning instead of afternoon this year because of the enrollment number. This is a very good problem to have. We appreciate everyone that enrolled early to help us get a better idea of supplies needed.

The first day we had welcome and introductions in Wandat by Kim Garcia, along with history told by Lloyd Divine, and Wandat language by Dr. John Steckley.

After a wonderful meal at Title VI, Marilyn Young discussed the Traditional Dress. The traditional dress is a pattern that was decided on by the Culture Committee, and is on display at the Cultural Center.

David Culver discussed the Medicine Book. The Medicine Book is a lot like a scrap book, it is a collection of ideas, pictures and memories that are specific to the person who puts it together. Crafts followed in the afternoon and were taught by members of the Culture Committee. Due to the overwhelming response for crafts, more time was allotted in order to accommodate everyone. Those teaching were



WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION  
(Above) Wyandottes gather for a photo with matching T-shirts on the final day of the Gathering, held at the Bearskin Fitness Center. (Right) A welcome sign greets tribal citizens at the Gathering as they enter to learn more about the history and culture of the Wyandotte Nation.

Deryl Wright (chokers), Kim Garcia (beading), Marilyn Young (traditional dress), Loretta Combs (finger weaving) and David Culver (medicine book). We also had Faye Trice teaching basket making. She has taught this class in the past, and we had many requests to bring it back. Deryl and David are Gourd Dancers, while David is also a member of the Wyandotte Nation Honor Guard. Kim Garcia has been teaching beading classes for several years, and has beaded the regalia for two of her sons, who are Pow-Wow dancers.

After crafts in the afternoon,



free time was taken to work on projects, or just catch up with friends and family. Wednesday evening, everyone gathered at the Community Center to enjoy Billy Sims BBQ and tell more stories, and just enjoy each other's

company.

Thursday morning started with a trip to three cemeteries. The tour started at Bland Cemetery. Dressed in char-

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# Gathering

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acter, and gathered at their graves, the stories of some of the residents there were told. Lloyd Divine played the part of Mathew Mudeater and Ron Fisk played Nicholas Cotter. The second cemetery was the Walker Cemetery, where the part of BNO Walker was played by Bert Walker. The final cemetery was the Wyandotte Cemetery where Jody VanZanten played Catherine Johnson. Chief Billy Friend spoke about Chief Leaford Bearskin, who many knew, and those who didn't wish they had. Time was given after the tour to work on unfinished projects, then another language class and more crafts classes.

The evening wrapped up at Title VI with a traditional meal of beef and hominy, fry bread, green beans and new potatoes and pumpkin bar. Social time was enjoyed afterward.

On Friday, the morning started early with the blessing of the Pow-Wow Grounds with Chief Friend and then another language class with Dr. Steckley. After the last class, everyone walked over to the Cultural Center for the Grand Opening. Chief Friend gave a blessing outside and then we moved inside. Lunch followed, then after lunch Shawn King led us in Social Dancing. We wrapped up the afternoon with many finishing their projects, then it was time to head to the Pow-Wow grounds for the start of an eventful weekend.

This year David Keffer and Tom Keffer were both honored. David and his wife Viki have been teaching classes to tribal and community members. They participate in many cultural activities, and help with dancing instruction to the kids and dancing at our cultural events. Tom Keffer volunteers to maintain the cemeteries. He has been instrumental in repairing and preserving the headstones.



## The Gathering

WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION

The Wyandotte Nation hosted its annual 'Gathering' Sept. 7-9 at the Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center gymnasium. Tribal citizens learned more about the history of the Wyandotte Nation, took part in various arts and crafts, and took language lessons from Dr. John Steckley. (Above and Below) Basket weaving and beading were one of many crafts tribal citizens had an opportunity to learn about. (Right) The Culture Committee recognized David and Tom Keffer for their efforts in preserving the history and culture of the Tribe. (Below Right) Lloyd Divine and others took participants on a virtual history tour of area cemeteries where key figures from the past had their stories told through various actors, including Divine as Matthew Mudeater.



## 2017 Town Hall meetings to be held in Texas, California

In 2017 the Wyandotte Nation will hold two Town Hall meetings. The first will be held in the Sacramento, Calif. area and a date has yet to be determined. An exact site hasn't been contracted yet, but should be soon. Watch the website and Facebook for news about this meeting. Post cards will also be mailed to those who live in this area.

The second meeting is no joke and will be held on April Fool's Day (April 1) in Waco, Texas. Additional information will be posted to the website, Facebook and mailed via post cards to those who live in the area.

In 2013 the Wyandotte Nation started a new tradition of hosting off-site Town Hall meetings to be able to make connections with tribal citizens/members who live away from the Tribal headquarters in Wyandotte.

At these meetings citizens were able to meet the Chief, Second Chief and key Wyandotte Nation staff, hear the state of the Tribe, and make connections with family members and other citizens who reside in their local areas.

We are expecting good turn-outs for both meetings so we will be asking that everyone who plans to attend a meeting to register in advance so we will be prepared.

The postcards will give instructions on the registration process. If you don't receive a post card, but feel you are within traveling distance and would like to attend either of the meetings you are welcome to do so. We just ask that you register in advance.

If you have any questions regarding either meeting please contact Dana Butterfield at (918) 678-6319 or [dbutterfield@wyandotte-nation.org](mailto:dbutterfield@wyandotte-nation.org).

# Additional style of women's Traditional Dress unveiled

For several years women have been commenting on how they wish we had a different style dress. Many didn't like the fullness of the Wyandotte dress. Last fall the subject was brought up again and was decided to start looking into changing the dress. After several months of researching, a style was presented and has been adopted by the Wyandotte Nation as an additional style dress for women. The original "Prairie" style dress is still in place. The new style dress was unveiled during the Gathering this past September. The comments by those attending were very favorable.

During the Gathering women had the opportunity to create their own pattern and discuss possible alterations, collar selections, and materials that could be used.

The new style is a Tunic top, wrapped skirt and leggings no longer just a skirt or leggings but both. It follows the lines of the old style, but updated. The top is a shorten tunic version of the original dress, it still has a yoke and long sleeves, but the fullness has been decreased. The length will hit the middle of the upper leg. The wrapped skirt is a shorten version of the original skirt and will hit the middle of the lower leg between the knee and ankle. Leggings will no longer be full length, but go from below the knee to just below the



COURTESY PHOTO

**Tribal citizen Linda Blake in her traditional dress.**

ankle bone. An example of the new style dress is currently on display at the Cultural Center.

This Northeastern woodland style dress should be more appealing and work with various body shapes. Detachable collar and cuffs have been added, as well as a belt, which is optional. The belt can be a simple wide belt that joins to give the appearance of a continuous belt, or a woven belt can be used. This new style can be worn different ways making it more versatile, without

collar or cuffs it becomes very casual. This is something you could wear during the day to The Gathering, a plain collar, cuffs and belt makes it a little dressier. By embellishing the collar, cuffs, belt and skirt, it becomes a dress to wear to a special ceremony, or the Pow Wow.

It was also announced during the Gathering, that spouses of Wyandotte men can wear either style of our traditional dress, in addition, this style can be worn by those who contest dance at Pow-Wows. If you have any questions regarding who can wear the dress, or contest dancing, please contact Sherri Clemons, Wyandotte Nation Tribal Heritage Director.

Additional information regarding the dress, appropriate materials and prints, embellishments, pattern sizing, adjustments and sewing instructions will soon be available on the Nation's website under Community Tribal Heritage. Dress patterns will also be available to order online through the gift shop.

If you have any questions about material, prints, pattern sizing or sewing instructions, please contact Marilyn Young by email, at [marilyn.s.young57@gmail.com](mailto:marilyn.s.young57@gmail.com). It would be wonderful for everyone to share a picture of your traditional dress, new or old style that can be posted on the Wyandotte Nation Citizen's Facebook page. Please email your picture to Marilyn, or [culture@wyandotte-nation.org](mailto:culture@wyandotte-nation.org).

## WNTPD News & Notes

### Shop with a Cop

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching and I'd like to once again ask for your support for the "Shop With a Cop" program. Local families experiencing economic hardships can't always provide their children with their own celebration of Christmas. The "Shop With a Cop" program joins these underprivileged children with local police officers, providing the children with money to

shop for Christmas presents for their families and themselves.

Participating officers will pick up the families at their homes and transport them to a local department store where they will be able to shop and then bring them back to wrap the presents and enjoy pizza and refreshments. The officers will then return the families to their homes following the day's activities.

Your sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

This event is made successful by individuals such as you. If you choose to donate to this event, please return your contribution by November 25, 2016 to the WNTPD -- this deadline will ensure the maximum number of children will be included according to the funding received. Thank you in advance for your generous donation.

**Sincerely, Ken Murphy, Chief of Police, Wyandotte Tribal/Municipal Police Department**



## Honored Person for 2016

The Wyandotte Nation held its Annual Meeting Saturday, Sept. 11. During the Annual Meeting, Chief Billy Friend discussed the State of the Nation, Second Chief Norman Hildebrand introduced staff, and they announced Council Person Vivian Fink as the Honored Person for 2016. (Pictured) Chief Friend, Second Chief Hildebrand and Councilperson Fink. (Photo by William Swaim).

## Wyandotte Nation receives grant to help stop violence against women

The Wyandotte Nation recently received a grant from the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). Grant funds will be used to provide services to victims of domestic abuse, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking residing in the four state area.

Some of the services include, but are not limited to: advocacy, safety planning, housing/rental assistance, utilities, safe communication (cell phones), transportation, childcare, food, household items and toiletries.

There will also be an awareness campaign with the grant to include brochures, billboards, public service announcements, annual 5K, and quarterly cultural events.

Domestic abusive is defined by OVW as a pattern of abusive behavior in any relationship that is used by one partner to gain or maintain power and control over another intimate partner. Domestic abuse can be physical, sexual, emotional, economic, or psychological actions or threats of actions that influence another person. It is estimated that an individual will attempt to leave an abusive relationship 7-10 times before they are finally able to break away. Awareness campaigns are important. They not only provided much needed education to the community about the tragedy of this epidemic, but they also provide information to individuals in abusive relationships as to where they can turn for help and when they are ready to make the decision to leave.

Domestic violence can happen to anyone regardless of race, age, sexual orientation, religion or gender and affects people of all socioeconomic backgrounds and education levels. However, domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women between the ages of 15 and 44 and Native American women are subjected to domestic violence and assault at a rate of 2 ½ times higher than any other group in the US.

If you are living in a situation where you feel unsafe please reach out to the Wyandotte Nation Advocate or any member of the Family Services staff you feel comfortable. All services and advocacy are strictly confidential. If you don't live in the four state area you are still welcome to contact us and we will seek out resources in your area or you can contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline 800-799-7233.

## WNTPD hosts National Night Out event

The Wyandotte Nation Tribal/Municipal Police Department (WNTPD) hosted a Community Block Party during "National Night Out" Tuesday evening, Aug. 2 at the Heritage Acres Park, 14400 S. Porcupine Rd., in Wyandotte, Okla.

It was an opportunity for the community to come together and visit with neighbors and local law enforcement to form stronger partnerships. The evening events featured fun activities, burgers, hot dogs, refreshments, and prizes.

The Wyandotte Nation just completed an upgrade to Heritage Acres Park, which included adding a basketball court, volleyball area, and a pavilion, as well as barbeque grills. The Splashpad was also in full swing for kids and adults alike.

National Night Out is celebrated each year on the first Tuesday of August. The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime," began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community part-



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nerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states.

Annually, communities across the United States join forces and celebrate National Night Out.



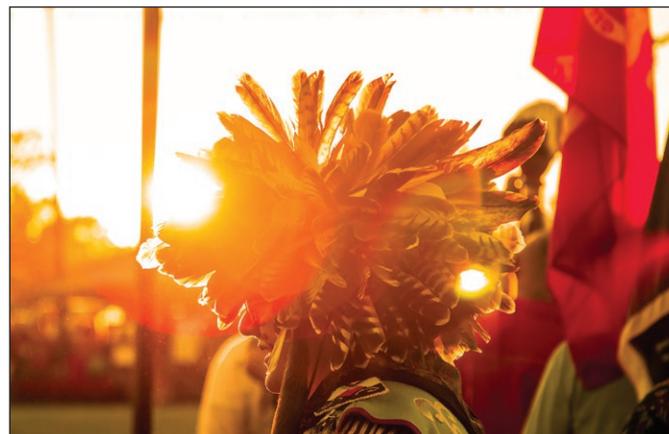
# 27th Annual Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow



The Wyandotte Nation held the 27th Annual Pow-Wow Friday through Sunday, Sept. 9-11, at the Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow Grounds.

The Head Man Dancer was Michael Roberts, the Head Lady Dancer was Donnie Pewo, the Head Gourd Dancer was Walter Dye, the Head Singer was the Sovo Family and the Northern Drum was John Arkeketa (pictured above) and the Redland Singers. The Arena Director was Dude Blalock, the Head Judge was Jay Blalock and the Master of Ceremonies was Steve Kinder.

The Wyandotte Nation also honored veterans at the Pow-Wow.

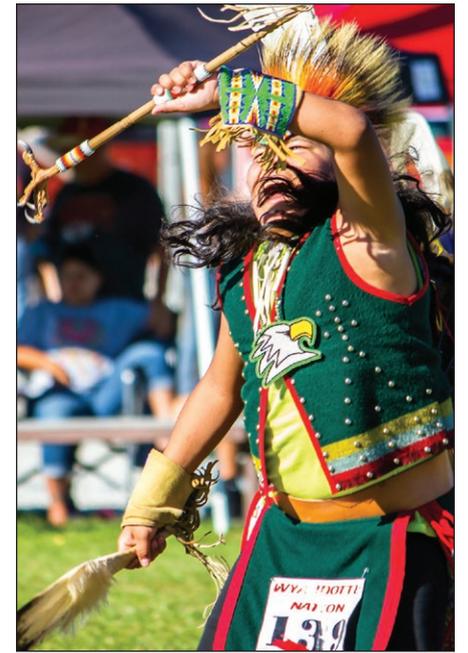


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To see more photos from the annual Pow-Wow, visit our Facebook page and 'Like' us.



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# TRIBAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

## Human Resources

*Submitted by Deana Howard,  
HR Director*



**Friend**

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department would like to welcome tribal citizen Trace Friend as a part-time Teacher's Assistant and Stacie King to her new position as Education Specialist.

Trace transferred from our Summer Youth Program and has experience in childcare. He enjoys music and playing in the band. Trace also likes hanging out with family and friends in his spare time. Trace is a lifetime local resident of the Wyandotte area. We are happy to have Trace join our team.

Stacie has several years' experience in childcare and has her degree from the University of Arkansas. She enjoys reading and gardening in her spare time. Stacie also likes spending time with her husband, daughter and grandson. We are happy to have Stacie on our team.



**King**

Tammy Ball has joined the Wyandotte Nation as a Substitute. Tammy enjoys working in the kitchen and in the classroom and she loves to work with children. Tammy enjoys spending time with her family and



**Ball**

likes photography. We are pleased to have Tammy and wish her much success in her new position.

The Wyandotte Nation Gaming Department is very happy to congratulate Gary Bisbee on his promotion to Executive Director in our Gaming Department in our Kansas City, Kansas office. Gary is a Navy Veteran and retired from the Kansas City



**Bisbee**

Police Department in 1991. Gary began his casino experience in security transferring to the slot department as a Slot Shift Manager and was then promoted to Operations Manager. He also served as Director of Slot Operations prior to joining our team at 7th Street Casino as a Regulatory Compliance Officer. Gary transferred from this position to the Wyandotte Nation Gaming Department three years ago as a Background Investigator/Internal Compliance Officer. Gary has many years of casino experience and brings a wealth of knowledge. Gary enjoys spending time with his family in his spare time. Gary also enjoys hunting, riding his Harley, and traveling with his wife and close friends. We are very fortunate to have Gary on our team and wish him much success in his new position.

The Wyandotte Nation Gaming Department is happy to welcome Jordan Jenkins. Jordan will serve as Background/Compliance Internal Audit Officer. Jordan comes to us from 7th Street Casino where he has been since 2007 and brings with him a wealth of casino knowledge.

He enjoys spending time with his family and friends in his spare time. Jordan also enjoys golfing, reading, fishing and volunteering. We are very fortunate to have Jordan on our team and wish him much success in his new position.



**Jenkins**

## Family Services

*Submitted by Dana Butterfield,  
Family Services Director*

As most of you know, the weather here in Oklahoma is unpredictable at best. The week before the Pow-Wow this year, we experienced a fair amount of rain and worried about the weekend event. However, the Heritage Director and Tribal leaders made a brave decision on Thursday, that the Pow-Wow would proceed as planned outdoors, based on the forecast. What a beautiful weekend it turned out to be. Although the Wyandotte people didn't traditionally "Pow-Wow," this event has become an annual event that tribal citizens have come to look forward to and

enjoy as a time to meet up with friends and family from all across the Nation.

The Gathering continues to grow each year both in number of attendees and in the quality of the event. This year participants learned history, language, crafts and enjoyed wonderful fellowship time as well as some really good food. The week's event was highlighted by the grand opening of the new Cultural Center and Museum. The Center is a great addition to the Tribal complex and has a beautiful display of the history of the Wyandotte people. If you haven't seen the Center yet, it's a definite must see when visiting the area.

The Annual Meeting was attended by 357 adult Wyandotte Nation citizens and approximately 150 children and invited guests. During the meeting 230 new Wyandotte Nation citizens were voted into citizenship. Chief Billy Friend and 2nd Chief Norman Hildebrand, as usual, did an excellent job at presenting the tribal programs and the "State of the Nation." Gifts were presented to the eldest Wyandotte present, Ms. Ruth Jones of Buffalo, Mo., and the youngest Wyandotte, Isaac Bowser, son of Meghan Bowser of Grove, Okla. The Family Services staff have a few of the slide presentations available if you missed the meeting and would like the information.

If you have never been able to attend the events, I would encourage you to add it to your "bucket list." If you were in attendance this or past years and have suggestions to help improve them, please reach out to the staff. The events are for YOU and it's the desire of the staff here at the Wyandotte Nation to provide the best quality events and services we can for the Wyandotte people.

The Family Services Department has many programs and services to offer tribal citizens. In the remainder of this article you will find highlights of those programs. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact us: Dana Butterfield, Director, 918-678-6319; Tara Gragg, ICW Supervisor, 918-678-6355; Leeanna Radabaugh, Family Services Assistant, 918-678-6329; and Tiffany Webb, ICW Social Worker/DV Advocate, 918-678-6324. Be sure to visit the Wyandotte Nation website [www.wyandotte-nation.org](http://www.wyandotte-nation.org) and follow the Wyandotte Nation Facebook page to stay up-to-date on events and program announcements that will be posted in between issues of the newsletters.

## Upcoming Winter Programs:

### Children's Christmas Party –

The party will be held Saturday, Dec. 10 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center gym. Doors will open at approximately 9:45, depending on the weather of the day. Each Wyandotte child ages birth to 12 will receive a gift from Santa and tribal parents who are present with their eligible children will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card (1 per household). Grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, etc. are all welcome to attend and enjoy cookies, punch and the joy of Christmas!

**Winter Clothing** – Begins Nov. 1 and ends Feb. 28 for pre-K (must be enrolled in a structured learning program) through grade 12. OK, MO, AR, KS residents. Reimbursement program or Walmart gift card for \$100 per student. Applications, along with guidelines, will be available on the home page of the Tribe's website. Please note there are separate applications for the gift card and reimbursement program. If you did not return your receipts for either the School Supplies or last year's Winter Clothing gift cards you will be required to use the reimbursement program this year.

**Senior Energy** - \$100 assistance paid directly to the utility provider. Eligibility requirements; 55 or older, OK, MO, AR, KS resident. Program begins Oct. 1 and ends Feb. 28.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAMS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POST MARKED BY Feb. 28 TO BE ELIGIBLE AND BILLS/RECEIPTS MUST BE DATED BETWEEN OCT. 1, 2016 AND FEB. 28, 2017.**

**LIHEAP** – LIHEAP is a grant program and if funding is received will be available beginning Dec. 1 for tribal citizens residing in Oklahoma. The program is income based. Programs that run throughout the year for residents in OK, MO, AR, KS. Applications must be received or post marked by Sept. 30:

**Elders Assistance** – One-time expense for \$250 for tribal elders aged 55 and over.

**Extra-Expense/Extracurricular Activities** – One-time payment of \$100 per student aged pre – K through 12th grade.

**Jr/Sr Benefit** - \$250 benefit for expenses associated with the Junior and Senior years of High School.

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**Fuel Assistance** – Programs available for fuel assistance: Hardship – personal hardships, travel for work/job interviews, etc; Medical – travel to/from doctor/dental appointments and pick up prescriptions; Major Medical – extreme medical issues (must be life threatening, terminal, etc. not chronic medical issues) that require multiple trips outside of the local area.

**Other Programs provided by the Family Services Department:**

**Child Safety Seats** - Each child is eligible for 3 seats in different sizes and can be picked up at the tribal office.

**Promoting Safe & Stable Families/Indian Child Welfare** – Program is funded through a federal grant from the Administration for Children and Families and is designed to help keep children in their homes with the family or ensure that if there is a need for removal that federal guidelines are adhered to and the best interest of the child is first and foremost. If your family is in a

situation where the state is involved, please contact the Tribal Social Worker.

**Enrollment** – Aug. 15 is the deadline to be considered for enrollment at the 2017 Annual Meeting. Applications must be submitted along with an original state certified birth certificate.

**New Enrollee Benefit** - If a child's application is received prior to their first birthday they will receive a \$100 Walmart gift card and a blanket with the Tribal Turtle.

**Tribal Tags** – Available for tribal citizens who reside in Oklahoma. Passenger, RV, Motorcycle and Handicap tags are available. Please call the office for prices and additional information.

**Supplemental Health Benefit (Benny Card)** – This program has been renewed and accounts will be re-loaded Jan. 1, 2017. The benefits will be the same as previous years with a \$1,000 per year benefit for adult (18 and over) tribal citizens. Tribal citizens who have enrolled Wyandotte Nation dependents will receive an additional \$1,000 for a

maximum of \$2,000 per account. Individuals who were voted into citizenship at the Annual Meeting will receive their account information in December and accounts will be active Jan. 1, 2017. Quarterly statements are mailed by CoreSource to show remaining balances, but account balances can be obtained at any time via [www.mycourcesource.com](http://www.mycourcesource.com) or by calling 800-990-9058 ext 42086. Family Services staff can also answer questions about the program and provide balances. However, they may need to refer you to CoreSource in some instances.

**Burial Assistance** - \$1,500 to be paid to the funeral home or to the family representative if the funeral is paid in full.

**Family Violence Prevention Program:** The Wyandotte Nation has received a grant through the Office of Violence Against Women (OVW). Funding for this grant will be used to provide advocacy to individuals who are victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. There will also be awareness campaigns, events and cultural activities to educate the community. Please see the article in this newsletter for additional information about this program.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Young and elder alike enjoyed some dancing at the Picnic at the Park event.**

sides. There were 33 in attendance. We plan to go back in the spring for the Thoroughbred Races.

Our Halloween Party was Monday, Oct. 31 during the noon hour. We had a Costume Contest for the Elders and prizes for those in costume.

We will host the only Medicare Part D Enrollment Clinic in Ottawa County Nov. 9 from 10 am – 2 pm in the Artie Nesvold Community Center (Title VI). Kay Harlan with Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging will be providing the information and assistance with the enrollment. Prescription Plans need to be reviewed annually. Please contact her at 1-800-482-4594 ext. 261 if you are planning to attend. Please bring your Medicare Card and a list of your medications.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Nov. 18 from 11:30 am – 1 pm. We will have turkey and dressing and all the sides. We will have volunteers to serve the elders so they won't have to stand in line.

We will have a Food Distribution from the Tulsa Food Bank at the High Winds Casino parking lot Nov. 29. If you are in need of food or know of someone that is, please contact Brenda for information. Anyone in need is eligible regardless of race or age.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 15 from 11:30 am – 1 pm. We will have brisket and all the sides. We hope to have Santa visit

## Wyandotte Nation Family Services Program Dates to Remember

**Children's Christmas Party:**  
December 10

**Elder's Assistance:**  
October 1 – September 30

**Senior Energy: Winter:**  
October 1 – February 28

**Winter Clothing:**  
November 1 – February 28

**Extracurricular Activities:**  
October 1 – September 30

**Jr./Sr. High School Assistance:**  
October 1 – September 30

**Note: All applications must be in our office or post marked on or before the last day of the program.**

## Elder Services

*Submitted by Brenda House,  
Elder Services Director*

The summer just flew by and before we know it Ole Man Winter will be upon us.

We recently partnered with the Quapaw, Eastern Shawnee, Ottawa, Peoria and Seneca Tribes, Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging and Good Shepherd Hospice to hold our annual Picnic at the Park event at the Twin Bridges State Park in Wyandotte, Okla. The amazing Duke Mason provided our wonderful Elvis music. We did the chicken dance, the train and lots of two stepping and line dancing. The Wyandotte FFA students helped serve the meal. There were a lot of really nice door prizes and great food! There were 453 in attendance.

We recently attended the Horse Races at Will Rogers Downs in Claremore, Okla. These were the short races with Quarter Horses and Paints. The Chef prepared a really nice buffet for us with fried chicken, chicken fried steak and all of the

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and hand out our homemade candy and cookies. We will also have volunteers to serve the dinner.

The Bearskin Health and Wellness Center provides free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings the third Thursday of each month beginning at 10:30 am in the Artie Nesvold Community Center dining room (Title VI).

Our music parties are still the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Come out and play with us!

## Caregiver

The Caregiver Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month. Our meetings are held in our new safe room in the Artie Nesvold Community Center (aka Title VI) at 10:30 am. The group is open to all current and past Caregivers. Please contact Brenda for information.

As always it is a pleasure serving the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Citizens. Please feel free to call or come by and visit us anytime.

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## Education

*Submitted by Tammy Charles, Education Director*

The seasons are changing, students are back to school and the Wyandotte Nation Education Department is busy with its various programs. Preschool and the before and after care program are busy with day-to-day events. Our steady numbers of enrollment continue to indicate that we provide an essential service to our community. We do have a few openings in preschool and enrollment for before and after care is open as well.

The preschool program is operating four morning classes this year with extended care in the afternoon. During the month of September and October, preschool classes will visit Right Choices Corn Maze, will have family night for families to

## Ready for Back-to-School



get acquainted with the staff and enjoy projects with their students, parent teacher conferences, and Halloween Program, Parties and Carnival. November will bring our annual Thanksgiving Dinner and Program on Nov. 17. In December, the students will attend a play at a local college and have holiday happenings. All of the special events are in addition to the normal curriculum in each classroom and swimming at the Bearskin Fitness Center.

The staff of the preschool work diligently to find new ways to intro-

duce a letter, number, shape and color each week. A new addition to our program this year will be Wyandotte Language classes instructed by Loretta Combes. Our preschool cooks are bringing the alphabet to the lunchroom with "try it Tuesday." Each week the children will try a food that begins with the letter of the week that doesn't normally appear on their tray.

Afterschool program has been taking advantage of the cooler temperatures to enjoy the new playground equipment. After fall break, they

COURTESY PHOTOS  
(ABOVE) The library was ready for students and back-to-school. (LEFT) Kolton Richards and family enjoy activities during an open house event at the preschool.

will begin a new reading program in the library. In addition to the reading program, the staff assist with homework and plan enrichment activities for the children to do after their afternoon snack.

The Child Care and Development Fund received their new federal regulations and the staff are busy making some internal changes to implement the new rules. The program is currently serving around 200 children per month. It was a pleasure to meet Nikkolas and Brooklyn Irwin in Reno, Nev., in August. Brooklyn attends Little Lites Christian Learning in Reno and with assistance, the family was able to enroll in child care assistance with the Inter Tribal Council of Nevada. The family fees for care dropped to \$10 a month from \$160 a week. If you live in an area beyond the 100-mile radius of tribal headquarters, please feel free to contact me to see if I can assist you with child care expenses.

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## Environment

*Submitted by Christen Lee, Environmental Director*

### July

Summer started off with a bang, and the warm temps and humidity were proof of it. The Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting was held in Albuquerque, N.M., during the week of July 11-13. Kathleen Welch attended this meeting and represented Wyandotte Nation as a voting member. The following week the Inter Tribal Environmental Coalition held its annual conference in Catoosa, Okla. Christen Lee, Janice Wilson and Welch attended various sessions pertaining to environmental issues during the event.

On July 19, EPA Region 6 held a stakeholders meeting at the Quapaw Tribe to discuss Operable Units 4 & 5 activities that are taking place within the Tar Creek Superfund site and the effects of it is having on the downstream tribes. Welch was in attendance for the Wyandotte Nation at this meeting.

### August

One of the perks of our job is being



COURTESY PHOTO

(Above) Janice Wilson discusses the water cycle with kids at the Eastern Shawnee Water Festival.

able to share with Wyandotte Nation Summer Kids Program. On Aug. 4, We held a Lead education event, where we talked to the kids about the importance of being lead free. A short video and a story was read to a

total of 95 kids.

On Aug. 13, Janice Wilson and I attended the Shoal Creek Water Festival at the Wildcat Glades in Joplin, Mo. We shared a booth with Eastern Shawnee Environmental

Department, and information was presented to the public about the importance of water and the environment.

During the week of Aug. 15-20, our department had an information booth at the Ottawa County Free Fair. We open up the booth and invite other tribal environmental departments and local agencies to share their information. We had the Eastern Shawnee, Modoc, Peoria, Seneca Cayuga, and Quapaw tribes, along with LEAD Agency participate.

The week of Aug. 22-26 the Lost Creek Recycle Center hosted an E-waste and Tire Collection event. We collected a total of 246 car tires, 42 truck tires, and 2 trailer loads of E-waste.

On Aug. 24, Ron Kaiser and I attended a FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) meeting at the Inter Tribal Council in Miami, Okla. If you live in Oklahoma, you need to be aware of the impacts that could possibly take place on proposed revisions. For Ottawa County residents you can go online to [www.oklahoma-county.org/EmergencyManagement/FEMA.htm](http://www.oklahoma-county.org/EmergencyManagement/FEMA.htm). You can also access the

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The library enhancement grant project teamed up with the historical committee to help facilitate some of the events at the Gathering held prior to annual meeting. It is always a pleasure to be able to partner to enhance the programs we offer for tribal citizens. Unfortunately, this enhancement grant will end in December and we were notified that our latest proposal was not funded. Mrs. Deb Haynes has done a good job of planning and facilitating a variety of workshops over the grant period and we look forward to submitting a grant in the future. With school back in session, her teen advisory board will resume meeting as well as the local tribal librarians gathering to share resources.

In the scholarship program, many students have submitted updated transcripts to continue their educational endeavors. The newly funded students are beginning their adventures into higher education. Plans are in the works to host an informational event with Coffeyville Community College to educate our citizens on the programs available online. Please watch for more details on the



## Enjoying time at pumpkin patch

COURTESY PHOTO  
Students visited a pumpkin patch, enjoying some of the activities there including taking a hay ride around the property.

Facebook pages! As we move into the fall semester, I must say with emphasis, if you haven't renewed your scholarship for fall, you need to contact the offices IMMEDIATELY. As the semesters/quarters end be mindful that to renew funding for subsequent semesters, an official or unofficial transcript in its entirety is to be supplied to the Education department. The Education Department is privileged to offer the following benefits for enrolled tribal

members: Concurrent high school courses are covered for tuition or fees only; Vocational assistance is for programs that are not degree seeking and funding is dependent on intensity and duration of coursework; Undergraduate scholarships currently fund up to \$2,250 per semester for up to 8 semesters if all requirements are met; Masters level and beyond programs have a maximum of four semesters of funding at \$1,500 per term.

Of interest to families with college age children is the new dates of submission for the free application for student aid. The new opening date for funding is Oct. 1 of the current year. I want to also remind families that the Education Department is available to assist with some expenses for vocational programs and college course work while still in high school. It is our plan to facilitate a few visits to local colleges and universities to introduce our tribal youth to the world of post-secondary education and help the student make solid career decisions. Parents play a crucial role in the development of the student as they set parameters for school expectations.

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act continues to be guided by the new federal regulations. If you are a Native American citizen from the Southeast Kansas or Southwest Missouri, you may be eligible for assistance with educational endeavors.

The staff of the education program is eager to assist Tribal citizens with available resources in the areas of educational funding, child care and the tribal library. Please contact us if we can be of service to you.

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## Planning

*Submitted by Ron Kaiser, Senior Advisor*

There are two, Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) projects that are being closed out.

- The Culture Center project.
- This second project is also closing out expansion to the Artie Nesvold Community Center Title 6 Building which is an activity room that functions as safe room. The Carla Culver Education Center has a new activity room functioning as "Gross Motor Skills" classroom and is a FEMA compliant safe room.

The new ICDBG project calls for improvements to a tribal housing area that needs improved potable water and street work. This housing area is located in proximity to the town of Seneca, Mo.

Since the existing Ottawa County Rural Water District has the capacity to serve the Wyandotte Nation housing development and they offer the least monthly cost to residents, linking with the water district line will help current tribal members experiencing water quality issues with their individual wells.

Facilitation of egress to and from the housing complex will be accomplished by a roadway/driveways/drainage improvement, which will include: storm water drainage, driveways and a roadway improvement in the neighborhood. Having a roadway system that is of high quality will ensure adequate drainage, reduced maintenance and provide for a better return on expenditures. Funds requested for the Roadway/Drainage Project, will come from ICDBG and Tribal Funds.

In response to proposed changes to FEMA new Floodplain levels. Maps that illustrate impact to Tribes are being developed and presented to FEMA which has resulted in lowering the proposed floodplain.

We are updating road inventory which is used to calculate Wyandotte Nation's allocation of roadway construction funds.

We are working on tribal properties for different projects, ranging from replacing fencing, removing downed trees, protecting potential historic features, to clearing brush on several properties to maintain land quality. Also we are implementing Tribes Wildlife commission hunting and fishing regulations on trust properties.

We purchased a three bedroom house directly south of the Adminis-



COURTESY PHOTO

**Kathleen Welch was recognized for her efforts at the Tar Creek Superfund site as she received a Mike Synar Award.**

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national website at FEMA.gov. Also, the Tribe has been keeping up with the proposed changing of the rule making for lake levels on Grand Lake of the Cherokee and FERC (Federal Energy Regulatory Commission).

### September

On Sept. 2, our department had a water education booth at the Eastern Shawnee Water Festival. Janice Wilson presented information on the Water Cycle and the importance of clean water and healthy streams. Students from both Wyandotte Public Schools and Seneca, Mo. Public Schools attended the event.

On Sept. 8, Wilson was in attendance at the Spring River Wraps Meeting in Baxter Springs, Kansas. Various local state and tribal agencies attend this monthly meeting to learn about activities taking place within the Spring River water shed that could have impacts on the surrounding communities.

The 18th Annual Tar Creek Conference was held Sept. 13 at the Miami Civic Center. This was a two-day event that had speakers presenting on various environmental issues

concerning the Tar Creek Superfund Site, the Tri-State Mining District and Ottawa County. Each year, the Mike Synar Awards are presented to individuals who work to bring awareness to the issues at Tar Creek. This year Kathleen Welch was recognized for her "Sustained efforts to give voice and hope for the restoration of the Tar Creek Superfund Site."

On Sept. 29, we hosted another Rain Barrel Education Class. A total of 18 citizens were in attendance, with 15 receiving rain barrels. We plan to host more classes in the spring of 2017, so watch for more class information at a future date.

Our department continues to monitor the local waters within the Wyandotte Nation jurisdiction on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis.

### Services provided:

Private Water Well Tests  
Septic Assessments  
Recycling Center

### Department Contacts

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tration Building that includes 7 acres.

As part of Fee to Trust activity, the Tribe has to update "Arrowhead Building" title commitment, Environmental Assessment, and have a final walk over with BIA Staff. The Title Insurance policy is currently issued. An application is with the solicitors' office for a final title opinion.

We are working with a surveying firm to develop materials for Trust Land application for the Gibraltar, Mich., property known as "Six Point."

If you have any questions for the Planning/Development Dept. you can contact:

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(918) 678-6325

Robby Graham, Land Management Technician, (918) 678-6357

## Housing

**Submitted by Kathy DeWeese,  
Housing Director**

Beginning in October, the Down Payment Assistance Program has been expanded to include homes purchased within a 50-mile radius of tribal headquarters in Wyandotte. Applicants must be able to obtain a loan from an approved vendor and meet federal income guidelines set by HUD.

The Community Center is open daily from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. Pool tables, a ping pong table, air hockey, and a variety of board and card games are available for use. The cost of renting the center after hours and on weekends is \$50 for tribal mem-

bers, and \$75 for non-tribal, with a \$25 cleaning deposit. Several dates in 2017 have already been reserved. If you are interested in renting the facility, please contact the housing office.

The Heritage Acres Park expansion was completed this summer with the addition of playground equipment, a basketball court, and a volleyball area. The pavilion at the Heritage Acres park was completed this summer and is available for public use year-round.

All Housing applications are now online. Those include Rental/Homeownership, Home Improvement, Down Payment Assistance, and Well & Septic. At this time, the Indian Health Service well and septic money has been expended. Additional funding will not be available until the Fall of 2017. If you are interested in housing or any of the other programs offered, please send in a completed application with all proper documentation. Incomplete applications will be returned.

### Department Staff:

Kathy DeWeese- Housing Director  
Valari Richards- Housing Specialist  
Don Graham- Residential Maintenance Technician  
Drew Lankford- Facilities Technician  
Levi Griffin- Project Coordinator  
Paul Parker- Project Coordinator

## Health

**--Submitted by Kelly Friend,  
Director of Health Services**

Bearskin Healthcare is stocked and ready to treat you and your loved ones this flu season. The flu vaccine is here and appointments are now being made. Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Call 918-678-2282 to schedule your appointment today.

In addition, fall and winter bring a busy season here at Bearskin Healthcare. Bearskin Health Care Clinic gladly sees patients Monday through Friday by appointment only. Due to recent high volume, we are unable to accept walk in patients. We strive to schedule same day appointments, however based on medical priority and provider availability, it may take up to 48 hours to get an appointment. You may reach the clinic at 918-678-2282. With multiple providers, patients may not be called back in the order of arrival.

Please remember that in order for the clinic to stay on schedule, patients over 10 minutes late will have to be rescheduled.

## Purchased/Referred Care

PRC funds are intended to pay for care where no other sources of health care payments are available, or to supplement other alternate resources after they have been exhausted. The use of alternate resources allows PRC to maximize funds so that a wider range of health care may be provided to as many tribal members as possible. Purchased/Referred Care is a supplement to other third-party reimbursement services.

Payments for healthcare can only be authorized by a PRC ordering official. No one else can authorize payments. PRC payments are authorized through a process using federal guidelines and eligibility criteria. Additionally, the program provides quality, cost-effective/efficient services that preserve the rights of the clients. Each and every visit must be pre-authorized by a PRC official at Bearskin Healthcare.

Eligibility for services are limited to those individuals who are enrolled members of the Wyandotte Nation or Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma; reside within one of the twelve counties in Northeastern Oklahoma (Ottawa, Craig, Mayes, Wagoner, Delaware, Rogers, Okmulgee, Nowata, Tulsa, Creek, Okfuskee, Washington), which comprise the Service Delivery Area (CHSDA).

PRC is designated as a payer of last resort meaning that all other available alternate resources must first be used before PRC payment. An Indian Health/Tribal/Urban (I/T/U) facility is deemed an alternate resource when available and accessible.

When services are not available at Bearskin Healthcare, contracted facilities or an IHS facility, the physician will initiate a referral to a contract specialty provider. After the referral is initiated by the physician, the patient must meet with a member of the PRC staff to approve scheduling of the appointment.

**Important Notice:** All services REQUIRE prior authorization before obtaining services or a 72-hour notification following self-referred care (emergent care).

## Tribal Heritage

### John Stewart: A Door of Life

There are many "door" sayings. Many have heard something said like, "When a door in life seems to close, God opens another." Most of the sayings, though not exactly Biblical, are close. Consider Revelation 3:8a-b: "I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut." It's the Biblical version that seems a better description of an altered history for a people whose history was altered by force.

In a self-published book, Wyandot Indian descendant Lloyd E. Divine, Jr. makes the observation that, "after the War of 1812, the Wyandot Tribe sunk into a repressive state and a condition of waywardness. The Wyandots were a tribe of warriors and for the first time in recent memory there was not a war to be fought."<sup>1</sup> A first treaty had already been signed in 1815 when one door was about to be closed as another opened.

Since about 1786, the presence of one man more than any other, proved to bring wisdom to the gatherings at the Council House—Chief Tarhe,<sup>2</sup> otherwise known as the Crane. But before any future in such an uncertain time could be counseled by his Wisdom, Chief Tarhe died in November 1816. A door was closed.

By an act of God, another door stood open—the calling into missionary service a man named

John Stewart who had procrastinated, but finally relented and came to the Wyandot people near the upper rapids of the Sandusky river in, yes, November 1816. A door had been opened. Though hopeless, the Wyandot people were not going to receive anyone from outside of their clans except with suspicion. Even as the terms of an additional federal treaty were being worked out by congress, one thing was abundantly clear about the prophetic counsel of Chief Tarhe, the encroachment for land by white settlers was not going to be averted by the tomahawk. And yet to become fully assimilated into white society was also not realistic. God would provide yet another door. Through John Stewart, a man who surely knew persecution first hand, the Wyandot people would begin to learn what they needed in order to survive the trauma of a door that would be slammed closed upon them in the next generation: the forced movement west beyond the Mississippi.

**Next Issue:** John Stewart: Beginning With One Lone Woman

<sup>1</sup> Lloyd Eldon Divine, Jr., *On the Back of a Turtle* (48hourbooks: Akron, 2016) p. 372.  
<sup>2</sup> For more information about Chief Tarhe, see a description by Thelma Marsh online: <http://www.wyandot.org/tarhe.htm>

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# TRIBAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

## New Flu Information for 2016-2017

Getting an annual flu vaccine is the first and best way to protect yourself and your family from the flu. Flu vaccination can reduce flu illnesses, doctors' visits, and missed work and school due to flu, as well as prevent flu-related hospitalizations. The more people who get vaccinated, the more people will be protected from flu, including older people, very young children, pregnant women and people with certain health conditions who are more vulnerable to serious flu complications. This page summarizes information for the 2016-2017 flu season.

### What's new this flu season?

A few things are new this season: Only injectable flu shots are recommended for use this season.

Flu vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses.

There will be some new vaccines on the market this season.

The recommendations for vaccination of people with egg allergies have changed.

What flu vaccines are recommended this season?

This season, only injectable flu vaccines (flu shots) should be used. Some flu shots protect against three flu viruses and some protect against four flu viruses.

Options this season include:

- Standard dose flu shots. Most are given into the muscle (usually with a needle, but one can be given to some people with a jet injector). One is given into the skin.
- A high-dose shot for older people.
- A shot made with adjuvant for older people.
- A shot made with virus grown in cell culture.
- A shot made using a vaccine production technology (recombinant vaccine) that does not require the use of flu virus.
- Live attenuated influenza vaccine (LAIV) – or the nasal spray vaccine – is not recommended for use during the 2016-2017 season because of concerns about its effectiveness.

There is a table showing all the influenza vaccines that are FDA-approved for use in the United States during the 2016-2017 season.

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## Dental, Audiology, Optometry

Benefits	
<b>Optometry</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Clinic</li> <li>• Must be seen by a practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years</li> <li>• Services must be provided by a contracted provider</li> <li>• As funding allows</li> </ul> <p>\$175 for single vision, including exam and one pair of glasses or contacts \$225 for multi-focal vision, including exam and one pair of glasses or contacts</p>
<b>Audiology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be seen by a practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years</li> <li>• Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Healthcare</li> <li>• Services must be provided by a contracted provider</li> <li>• As funding allows</li> </ul> <p>\$1000 per ear towards hearing aids \$75 per hearing exam</p>
<b>Pharmacy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be seen by a practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare</li> <li>• Fills prescriptions written by Bearskin providers</li> <li>• Prescriptions from practitioners outside of Bearskin Healthcare are only filled if approved and re-written by a Bearskin Healthcare Physician under his/her authority</li> </ul> <p>Call (918) 678-3247 for more details</p>

Each and every appointment, service, treatment, etc. must be pre-approved, including follow-ups.

### Bearskin Fitness Center

Bearskin Fitness Center was recently honored as being voted "Best Fitness Center of Ottawa County" for 2016. They have received this honor 4 times with 3 being consecutive since 2014! The staff loves what they do and take pride in assisting patrons.

Be sure to follow the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center Facebook page for the latest events being offered. In addition to events, closings are posted and tips on wellness.

### What viruses do 2016-2017 flu vaccines protect against?

There are many flu viruses and they are constantly changing. The composition of U.S. flu vaccines is reviewed annually and updated to match circulating flu viruses. Flu vaccines protect against the three or four viruses that research suggests will be most common. For 2016-2017, three-component vaccines are recommended to contain:

A/California/7/2009 (H1N1) pdm09-like virus,  
A/Hong Kong/4801/2014 (H3N2)-like virus and a  
B/Brisbane/60/2008-like virus (B/Victoria lineage).

Four component vaccines are recommended to include the same three

Benefits	
<b>Durable Medical Equipment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have or establish a current medical record on file at Bearskin Healthcare</li> <li>• Medicare and insurance eligibility will be checked prior to purchase</li> <li>• Practitioner order will be required</li> <li>• As funding allows</li> </ul> <p>Call (918) 678-3243 for more details</p>
<b>Purchased/Referred Care (CHS) Specialty and Emergency Services</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be eligible for direct patient care services provided by Bearskin Healthcare</li> <li>• Must reside within the 12 county service area of Oklahoma to be eligible</li> <li>• Meet federal criteria and provide documentation of proof of residency</li> <li>• PRC is a payer of last resort</li> <li>• For specialty services, other than emergency, must be seen by a Bearskin Healthcare provider</li> <li>• As funding allows</li> </ul> <p>Call (918) 678-6337 for more details</p>
<b>Special Diabetes Program for Indians</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must have a current medical record on file at Bearskin Healthcare</li> <li>• Must be seen by a Bearskin Healthcare provider</li> <li>• Must follow program policies and procedures to be provided continued care</li> <li>• Foot care, nutrition education, supplies, medications, dental and optometry exams</li> </ul> <p>Call (918) 678-3258</p>

viruses above, plus an additional B virus called B/Phuket/3073/2013-like virus (B/Yamagata lineage).

### When and how often should I get vaccinated?

Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine every year by the end of October, if possible. However, getting vaccinated later is OK. Vaccination should continue throughout the flu season, even in January or later. Some children who have received flu vaccine previously and children who have only received one dose in their lifetime, may need two doses of flu vaccine.

A health care provider can advise on how many doses a child should get.

## Dental Benefits (918) 678-3222

### Wyandotte Reserve Dental

- Up to \$750 per year
  - Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Clinic
  - Must have a current medical record on file at Bearskin Healthcare
  - Services must be provided by a contracted provider
  - 18 years and older
  - As funding allows
- Services excluded include orthodontics, whitening and sedation

### Wyandotte Adult Emergency

- Up to \$750 per year
  - Must be seen by a practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years
  - Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Healthcare
  - Services must be provided by a contracted provider
  - As funding allows
- Limited exam  
Limited x-ray  
Extractions

### Children's Dental

- Must be seen by a practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years
  - Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Healthcare
  - As funding allows
  - Services must be provided by a contracted provider
- Services excluded include orthodontics, whitening and sedation

### What should I do to protect myself from flu this season?

CDC recommends a yearly flu vaccine for everyone 6 months of age and older as the first and most important step in protecting against this serious disease.

In addition to getting a seasonal flu vaccine, you can take everyday preventive actions like staying away from sick people and washing your hands to reduce the spread of germs. If you are sick with flu, stay home from work or school to prevent spreading flu to others. In addition, there are prescription medications called antiviral drugs that can be used to treat influenza illness. Visit What you Should Know About Flu Antiviral Drugs for more information.

## New Tribal Citizen Enrollment

Adams III, Frederick E  
 Angel, Jared David  
 Aragon, Harlea Quinn  
 Arehart, Waylen Duane  
 Artripe, Wyatt Chase  
 Aston, Olivia JaneRose  
 Auerbach, Jonathan Matthew  
 Avery, Makayla Marie  
 Badley, Braven Michael  
 Bailey, Elizabeth Nicole  
 Bailey, Elliot Edward  
 Ballard, Serenity Faith  
 Bannister, Titan Eric  
 Beale, Ashten Gean  
 Beale, Hayden Steven  
 Beale, Kellen Dean  
 Big Eagle, Tomas Otto Valliere  
 Blake, Gracie Irene  
 Bond, James Cannan  
 Bowser, Isaac Michael  
 Boydston, Jasie Mae  
 Boydston, Kylie Elizabeth  
 Boydston, Madison Paige  
 Boydston, Nicklaus Jay  
 Brady, Susan Jane  
 Briggs, Nicole Lynn  
 Brown, Hunter Wade  
 Brown, Kingston Kaiser  
 Buelt, Victoria Rose Jane  
 Burgess, Mariya Jolene  
 Burwell, Adelynn Jane  
 Bustamante, Tripp Joseph  
 Buszkiewicz, Nathan Adam  
 Buszkiewicz, Tyler Zane  
 Carder, Mason James Tyler  
 Carlson Dill, Cady Melinda  
 Carlson, James David  
 Carlson, Jeffrey Albert  
 Carlson, Joel Anders  
 Charlton, Jerzey Elissa Grace  
 Clark, Asher Jadon  
 Cole, Blaine Michael  
 Cole, Christine Lea  
 Cole, Lea Delores  
 Cole, Natalie Faith  
 Collier, Charles Cameron  
 Collier, Lily Emerson  
 Collier, Penelope Kate  
 Cottam, Austin Ethan  
 Cottam, Madelyn Grace  
 Cox, Alexandria Britney  
 Cross, Madelynn Raye  
 Crotzer, Addilynn Jazmine Belle  
 Delany, Samantha Mae Rayne  
 Deshayes, Micah James  
 Dick, Mason Alexander  
 Divine, Greyson James  
 Douthitt, Nolan Douglas  
 Ducey, Annabelle Mischelle

Elliott, Eylidia Brooke  
 Elliott, Jaxon Carter Miles  
 Elliott, London Leona  
 Enochs, Zephyr Addison  
 Espy, Abbygale Mae  
 Everroad, Caleb Ian  
 Everroad, Cullen Sage  
 Fallis Jr., Anthony Curtis  
 Farley, Beckett Ryan  
 Farmer, Rilynn Sophia  
 Farrar, Tyler Lee  
 Franklin, Levi Dennis  
 Freeman, Amelia Jade  
 Frey, Ella Grace  
 Friend, Honovi Elu  
 Fullerton, Faith Ann  
 Fullerton, Garren Drake  
 Fullerton, Ronald Devon  
 Gabriel, Angel Cheyenne  
 Gaskins, Naomi Renee  
 Geddes, Marcella Lee  
 Gentry, William Dean  
 Girard, Catherine Connor  
 Girard, Christina Noel  
 Girard, Jonathan Michael  
 Girard, Meghan Ashley  
 Goldthorpe, William Everett  
 Goodrich, Susan Esther  
 Greendyke, Thomas Phillip  
 Griffin, Evyrlee Elaine  
 Griffin, Olivia Rose  
 Griffo, Wyatt William  
 Havens, Margot Penelope  
 Henderson, Ezra Zachariah  
 Hensley, Corbyn Aaron Walker  
 Herdocia, Joaquin Paul  
 Hilton, Izlyn Sophia  
 Hoag, Jace Michael  
 Hobson, Axel Merritt  
 Huerta, Noah Cyrus  
 Huntley, Sandra Lynne  
 Hurt, Charlotte Catherine  
 Hutchins, Brooks Davis  
 Irwin, Brooklyn Violet  
 Johnson, Ember Marie  
 Johnson, Jacob Ryan  
 Johnson, Julian Arrow  
 Johnson, Sharon Marie  
 Johnson, Zarina Lee Marie  
 Johnston Jr., Markham Lee  
 Jones, Maverick Emerson  
 Kallicott, Lauren May  
 Kallicott, Lindsey Ann  
 Katschke, Jay Lance  
 Kelly III, Edwin Harold  
 Kibbons, Caroline Amelia  
 Kilpatrick, Amber Rose  
 King, Matthew Thomas  
 Kneese, Brooke Evelyn

Knowles, Lora Lizette  
 Knox, Jax Byron Owen  
 Koch Jr., Austin James  
 Lalli Hills, Adrienne Laura  
 Lalli Hills, John Henry  
 Lalli, Janet Catherine  
 Lawson, Archer Andrew  
 LeFevre, Chylee Shae  
 LeFevre, Geoffrey Creighton  
 LeFevre, Paula Shay  
 LeFevre, Richard Zay  
 Lila, Alyssa Kathleen  
 Lila, Amy Pauline  
 Ling Jr., David Spencer  
 Long, Jayden Michael  
 Ludwig, Jemmial Kay  
 Lujan, Easton Dean  
 Lyman, Jasen Edward  
 Martin, Catherine Danielle  
 Martin, Timothy Joseph  
 Mathews, Silas Barrett  
 Mazzare, Alexis River Jayne  
 McCarty, Gunner Glenn  
 McCord, Colton Zayne  
 McCord, Izzabella Raven Aurora  
 McCullum, Dylan James  
 McJimsey, Anthony William  
 McMullin, Caelyn Sophia  
 Miller, Cheyenne Genette  
 Miller, Shalisa Jordin  
 Mix, John Isaac  
 Mosser, Adrian Anne  
 Mosser, Andrew Steven  
 Mumford, Bode Douglas  
 Murry, Titus Blaine  
 Myers, Isaac Damien Lee  
 Napier, Charles Hudson  
 Neil, Fenway Parke  
 Nigh, Myles Ray  
 O'Dell, Miles Deane  
 Patterson, Dakotah Kristopher  
 Pavey, Oliver Lee  
 Phillips, Tallulah Violet Grace  
 Pope, Jordon Elizabeth  
 Poulton, James Alexander  
 Provin, Emma Nicole  
 Provin, Hannah Rachelle  
 Reid, Simone Thiale  
 Remarke, Elias Jason Nathaniel  
 Remarke, Sophia Renee Francis  
 Retherford, Sophia Elaine  
 Rice, Ryann Denise  
 Richardson, Kennedy Brooke  
 Roberts, Brix Lathan  
 Rogers, Cayleb Alan  
 Roller, Deklan Andrew  
 Ross-Elliott, Timothy James  
 Russell, Aubrynn Mae  
 Rust, Natalie Renee

Rust, Samantha Alexis  
 Sabadlab, Janessa La Pureza  
 Sabadlab, Janeya Rae  
 Sangl, Sadie Grace  
 Savage, Jasmine Noel  
 Seymour, Dylan James  
 Shamon II, Michael David  
 Smith, Dakota Rayeanna  
 Smith, Hananiah Jazmine  
 Smith, Shonna Marie  
 Smith, Spencer Joseph  
 Solis, Ava Daisy Rae  
 Solis, Damian Murphye  
 Solis, Kyla Leann  
 Soutee, Caleb Michael  
 Sowter, Jaxon Peter  
 Spears, Jackson Denver  
 Spencer, Wayne Russell  
 Spoon, Jaxon Wyatt  
 Start, Blakeley Grae  
 Stevens, Reece Layne  
 Stone, Areya Rose  
 Stowers, Abigail Marie  
 Stowers, Gage Thomas Laurence  
 Taffner, Ashlyn Grace  
 Taylor, Garrett Allyn  
 Thomas, Charlotte Myrlene Francesca  
 Thompson, Evelyn Aine  
 Tussinger, Arianna Nicole  
 Tyler, Elias James  
 Underwood, Madison Heather  
 Vaughn, Allyson Dawn  
 Vaughn, Isaac Jacob  
 Vaughn, Tanner David  
 Vaughn, Thomas David  
 Walker, Addalyn Marie  
 Walker, Nolan Berthet  
 Walker, Scott Leigh  
 Watson Jr., Joshua Douglas  
 Weathersby-Smith, Ja'Rell Joshua  
 Weaver, Leighton Maryruth  
 Webb, Chase John  
 Webber, Danielle Lynn  
 Weeks, Henry Franklin  
 Weninger, Cecilia Marie  
 Williams, Ahmani Levar  
 Williams, Gabriel Aaron  
 Williams, Maelah Sarie  
 Winkler, Holleigh Aiyanna  
 Woods, Alyce Tymora  
 Wright, Azalea Lou  
 Wright, Kie Matthew  
 Wright, Mia Dawn

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