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Wyandotte Language Renewal!!!!!!

Kweh, aweti d' ayomeh de wandat,
(greetings all people-Wyandotte)
nê'di d' a□átsih yuséatah
(myself, be named water vessel)
I am excited and I want to tell you why.

Like many of us, I had grown up believing our Wyandotte language was lost...after all there are no more "speakers" and we have only remnant memories of a few words.

But now I believe there is hope and I believe with determination and work our language can be rescued and revived.

We own a true "time-capsule" that is priceless and links the past with the future.

As you may know, in the early 1900's a linguist named Marius Barbeau came to Oklahoma and recorded traditional songs sung by native speakers. There are several hundred songs available to us. Barbeau also collected traditional stories that he painstakingly transcribed in both English and in "wandat". He also compiled a lengthy handwritten dictionary that is not just lists of words, but he reveals how the language is constructed, how it works, including charts, graphs and examples of sentence structure.

With Linguist Bruce Pearsons generous help the book "Huron-Wyandotte Traditional Narratives" has been published and is available for all of us.

I have spent hours and hours in this book and have made some conclusions:

This isn't just a book of "old Indian stories". It is an example of Wyandot thought processes. It is a map to show how thought was expressed. When I read John Kayrahoo's words (pages 302-316) I feel a deep lament of a past fading away into an uncertain future.

When I read from Catherine Johnson's, I'm amazed at her detailed memory and humor that shines through, and also a fascinating cross-pollination of European and Wyandotte myths, which reveals a unique quality of our people as a nation.

Smith Nichols tells a story of clan "origins" and gives us a blueprint to revive our clans today.

A language class is now being offered on Monday nights 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. in the classroom at Bearskin Wellness center. I'm interested in knowing who is interested in learning "wandat" to read, to write, and to speak. Bruce Pearson has agreed to be standby phone-professor when we get in a jam. Please contact me at (918) 678-3786 or rzs@tds.net

We are the living link from our ancestors into the unknown future and I hope we all understand that to be a responsible tribal member means to be "one who gives".

I know I don't want to be remembered as "he who takes".

Ti□améh (Thanks)
Richard Zane Smith (yuséatah)
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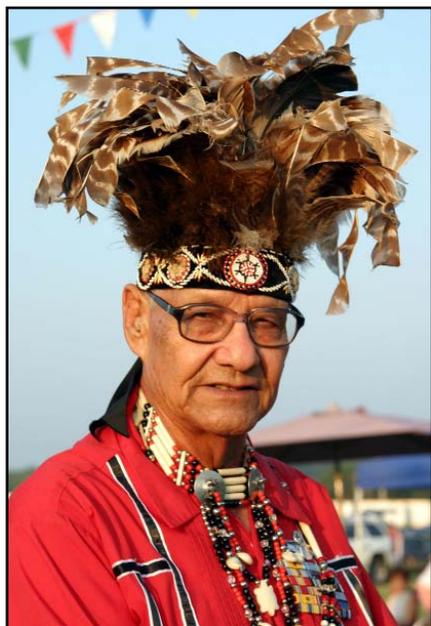
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The Chief Says.....



Chief Leaford Bearskin

The last two months have been most pleasant and satisfying for all of our Wyandotte Nation entities in our area. We pray that all families and Nation members, wherever they are, have enjoyed the holidays as well.

We are starting the New Year off with only one resolution. We all are re-committing ourselves to keeping our Wyandotte Nation the best there is. We ask that all of our Nation members adopt the same resolution. Our future looks bright and with all of us resolving to work together as a team it assures us that we will be successful in serving our people.

May our Great Spirit walk with each of you for all of your summers and winters to come.

Chief Bearskin

Roll #2574

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.



From Earlene Roskob - Second Chief

Kweh,

I hope each of you had a Happy Holiday season. We certainly did here at the Wyandotte Nation Headquarters. The Christmas Party for the Children was a huge success, enjoyed by many children. After the party a Pot Luck and traditional story telling was held by the Culture Committee. Unfortunately not very many Wyandottes participated. Those of us who did attend thoroughly enjoyed Richard Zane Smith's story telling style and Ronnie Burnside's talented puppeteering. ☺ To break it up we also practiced some fun social dances. The lunch was delicious also.

Chief Bearskin and I were in the Procession in Tulsa for the National meeting of the National Congress of American Indians on Oct. 31. It was a huge gathering with State and National speakers discussing

various issues of importance to Native Americans. On Dec. 7, Chief and I attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Eastern Okla. Region, Report to Regional Tribal Leaders meeting in Muskogee. That meeting provided an opportunity for the BIA officials to hear and discuss issues of concern to Native Americans.

Those in power do know our concerns. Let us wait to see if they are addressed.

If not, we should join together as Native Americans and elect people who will.

We are now starting a New Year with all the hope and promise that it brings. Governmental grants are being cut. We are always searching for ways to improve and expand our economic development ventures. As many of you know, we have a small, cozy and fun Lucky Turtle Casino connected to our Turtle Stop convenience store which also offers

showers and fuel to truckers. The small Bearskin Diner is at the other end of the store. If you haven't eaten there yet, you are really missing out on some delicious home cooked food. We are planning to expand these ventures, starting in the near future. We do hope you will make a special effort to patronize and support us.

Have a Happy, Healthy and Prosperous New Year!!

Earlene Roskob
Second Chief



Editorial



Since the last issue went out, I have heard from several readers. I have met some great people over the last few months via phone, e-mail, and at the storytelling event. There were a few that e-mailed me that I was not able to respond. If that was you, I wasn't ignoring your wonderful letters; the e-mail simply would not work. If you do e-mail me, please include a phone number so I can contact you in one form or another.

In last edition of the newsletter, we placed a Roll Number on the front. This caused many to dig out their tribal cards to check their number. Jobi Thomas from Missouri was the winner of a t-shirt. Be sure to check the Roll Number on page 2 to see if your number is the one chosen this time.

As you may have noticed, there is a section in our

newsletter for Member News. I would like to invite any members to send in family news they would like to share with others. This can include a family reunion, recognition of scholastic achievements, or anything outstanding you would like to share.

Another way of keeping in touch with other Wyandottes is through our website www.wyandotte-nation.org. There is a section "Members Only" that is an online forum. This is a great tool made available to us if we can get enough involved. By the way, this website is filled with tons of information and resources to use. Tribal member Lloyd Divine does a wonderful job maintaining this site and has won a Silver ADDY for the design of the website.

I appreciate your comments on the newsletter. Keep it up. That's the only way I know this isn't being used as the lining for your birdcage. I can be contacted at 918-678-2297 extension 217 or kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org.

On November 1, 2005, the Culture Committee had the privilege of escorting the Board of Directors to a historic event. All tribes from Oklahoma came together for a ground blessing ceremony held in Oklahoma City. Tribal officials, leaders, elders, and representatives joined together with city and state officials for a time of dance, song, prayers, and blessing the ground for a new Cultural Center to be built. To see future plans of the center go to www.nacea.com.

Cultural News

This past holiday season, my children partook in the same tradition of going to the Children's Christmas Party that I did as a child. They were able to see Chief dressed as Santa Claus, pick out a nice toy, and have some wonderful treats. It is always good to get with other Wyandotte Tribal Members to enjoy the holidays.

This year, the Culture Committee celebrated a new tradition after the party. A few Wyandotte families stayed to have a potluck lunch then enjoyed a story telling time with storyteller Richard Zane Smith and puppeteer Ronnie Burnside. We heard of a lot of adventures of Fox and Raccoon. The adults enjoyed the story telling time almost as much as the kids. Some Wyandotte words were introduced in the stories such as skê-shu for fox and kwe'-já- kwe' for raccoon. We use these words in our house almost daily. It was a fun time and made it fun to learn the words.

Culture Committee Member Richard Zane Smith has begun a language class open to the community. We have had one class so far and those who attended are having a lot of fun communicating with each other in our traditional language. Richard teaches in a very simple manner; so no need to be nervous. The class is held every Monday at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the classroom at the Bearskin Wellness Center.

The Culture Committee has tentatively planned this year's Culture Week to begin on Monday, May 29. We are planning to have a day of Show And Tell. We will be asking people to bring in any artifacts they are willing to share with others so we can all learn from each other. We will also try to bring out tribal artifacts that are not on display year-round. Throughout the week, we will have Wyandotte language classes, beading classes, pottery classes, history, time of games, social activities, dancing, and more. Please begin making arrangements to attend.

The Culture Committee is open to new ideas for activities and projects. If you are willing to help, please contact me at 918-678-2297 extension 217 or kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org.

Member News.....

Mary Jane Gallaspy

Memorial services will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, 3001 Verot School Road, Lafayette, Louisiana, on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 3:00 PM for Mary Jane Gallaspy, who died at home on October 23, 2005, following a nine year battle with cancer.



Interment services for family and friends were held at Lafayette Memorial Park. Reverends Ewing Brown and Gaylord Dodgen will officiate at the service.

Mrs. Gallaspy was a native of Wyandotte, Oklahoma, born on July 6, 1931. Her parents were Josephine and William Andrew Simpson. In 1941, her parents moved to Wichita, Kansas, where she attended public schools, graduating from North High School. Upon graduation, Mary Jane enrolled in the University of Oklahoma Nursing School and received her diploma as a Registered Nurse in 1954.

Mary Jane married Irvin Lee Gallaspy in 1954 and accompanied him to Germany where he was serving in the United States Army. Upon his discharge, they returned to Oklahoma City where she began a lengthy and gratifying career as a surgical nurse.

She became a Louisiana resident in 1958 and began her nursing career in Lafayette as a surgical nurse for over thirty years. Her special love was teaching and at one point, she taught surgical technicians in three different hospitals. Her dedication to the medical profession was evident when she became the first president of the Lafayette Chapter of

American Association of Operating Room Nurses.

Mrs. Gallaspy was a member of the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma and was extremely proud of her Indian heritage. She attended functions of the tribe whenever possible.

Survivors are her husband of fifty-one years, Irvin Lee Gallaspy, one daughter, Lynn Gallaspy Miller of Lafayette, one son, Alan C. Gallaspy of Reno, Nevada; one brother, William J. Simpson, Midland, Texas and five grandchildren, Will, Grace and Allison Gallaspy of Lafayette, Louisiana and Brian and Michael Gallaspy of Nevada.

Her parents, Josephine and William Andrew Simpson; two sisters, Catherine King and Pauline Bright; one brother, George Simpson and her oldest son, Lee A Gallaspy preceded her in death.

The family request that in lieu of flowers that any contributions be made to the Hospice of Acadiana, 2600 Johnston Street, Suite 200, Lafayette, LA 70503. Where Mary Jane served as a dedicated volunteer. the family is grateful for the wonderful care provided to us by the Hospice staff during her final days.

View the obituary and guest book online at www.mourning.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Martin & Castille Funeral Home, Inc. of Lafayette. 337-234-2311.

*Sherri L. Clemons
Community Liaison Specialist
Wyandotte Nation*

Press Release



November 15, 2005

Sherri Clemons, Community Liaison of the Wyandotte Nation, in recognition of her contributions to the preservation of Native American Languages in the State of Oklahoma has been selected by the Native American Heritage Committee to be an honoree of the 2005 Native American Heritage Celebration to be held at the Oklahoma State Capitol on November 21st.

This year's theme is "Preserving Our Languages, Building Bridges to the Future" with the focus on Oklahoma Indians who have set themselves apart through their actions and accomplishments by being the first in their particular fields.

Sherri is an enrolled member of the Wyandotte Nation and has worked extensively in helping to revive the Wyandotte's language and cultural traditions. Sherri also teaches the Wyandotte language to the students in the Wyandotte public school system.



Wyandotte Nation Vehicle Tag Program

by Dana Butterfield

The Wyandotte Nation Vehicle Tag Program has been an overwhelming success since its implementation in August of 1999. This program allows Tribal members to register their vehicles through the Tribe at a discounted rate, while generating much needed funds for tribal services. Currently there are more than 1,150 plates in the system for both passenger and recreational vehicles, with this number growing every day. Fees associated with title and registration are as follows:



Titles	\$10.00
Duplicate Titles	\$10.00
Late Penalties for Renewals	.25 / day
Late Penalties for Titling	\$5 / month
Registration	
1-4 years	\$51.00
5-8 years	\$45.00
9-12 years	\$33.00
13-15 years	\$21.00
16 years and over	9.00

In addition to title and registration fees new and used vehicles purchased by Tribal members will be assessed an Excise tax. Excise taxes are based on the year and the base invoice price of the vehicle and is guaranteed to be at least 40% less than what the State of Oklahoma would charge for the same vehicle.

Plates are issued to Wyandotte Tribal members who live within the boundaries of designated "Indian Country" within the state of Oklahoma. Also, in order to title and register the vehicle with the Tribe, the Tribe must have a financial interest in the vehicle and it must be principally garaged in Oklahoma Indian Country. Unfortunately, there are still several counties in the state that we are not able to issue plates based on legal advice. These counties are in the Oklahoma City and panhandle areas.

For those Tribal members who already have Tribal plates, the program staff would like to remind them they must carry a copy of their 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. As with the state, you must also carry in the vehicle, insurance verification and the vehicle registration. However, one factor where the Tribe's program differs from the state is, if a vehicle is sold, the tribal member is to retain their Wyandotte Nation license plate. The tribal member can then transfer this plate to another vehicle if they choose.

Please feel free to stop by the office or give us a call at (918) 678-2297 ext. 219 if you have questions concerning the program. Program staff asks that you please make appointments for Tag purchases. This helps to alleviate the Tribal member having to wait on the staff or possibly having to return on a different day. This program gives many Tribal members a connection with the Tribe and allows them to be able to show their pride of being a member of the "Wyandotte Nation".

Education Department

Preschool:

- November 10 th: Thanksgiving Dinner was celebrated at Eastside Assembly Church with approximately 200 in attendance. The children entertained with songs and poems followed by a delicious dinner attended by preschoolers, parents, Wyandotte Nation Staff and Wyandotte Public School officials and staff.
- December 1st: The Preschool attended a Christmas Play "How Santa Got His Tree" at Crowder College in Neosho, Missouri. Following the play, we had lunch at the First Free Will Baptist in Neosho.
- December 20th: Christmas Party was enjoyed by the children, parents and staff with games and refreshments. Santa made his visit and presents were given to each child by Ms. Carla Culver, Education Director. Following the party, the children entertained parents, guests, and staff at the Title VI Community Building.
- December 21st: Winter Break began December 21st. Child care services were available at this time. Activities planned during this period for student's enjoyment were bowling, movie, and pizza at CiCi's. We appreciate and want to thank Kelly Walker and Kim Wade for assisting with Winter break field trips. The break ended on January 3rd and classes resumed on January 4th.

Library:

The Wyandotte Tribal Library is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. New materials are added monthly to enhance the available materials in the area. Karen McNelis and Jessie Winscott are familiar with our facility and look forward to meeting you and providing assistance. The Library Grant has received an extra \$1,000 this year for materials. There is no charge for a membership card which entitles you to utilize the library.

Child Care & Development Fund Program:

The Child Care Program is currently serving 130 families, which includes 95 Wyandottes. We utilize 63 licensed facilities to provide services for our Native American children. We offer assistance based on income to all federally recognized tribes. Participants must reside within a 100-mile radius of the tribal headquarters.

Application Requirements: Copies of:

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

Tribal Scholarships:

Applications are now available at the Education Office for the fall semester of 2006. Grades and school schedules are currently being received from scholarship recipients. Checks are being sent to their respective (continued on page 10)

Tribal Department Reports

Environmental Department

Dec. 2005—Jan. 2006

Hello Everyone,

The Environmental Department hopes you all had a wonderful holiday. The month of December was very hectic. We continued our normal water monitoring activities of the area streams and rivers. We also began our bio-assessment with the fall season sampling (yes we did get it in before winter began on Dec. 21) of two sites each on Sycamore Creek and Brush Creek. We also continued our assessment of Lost Creek by doing a fall sampling of one site. We will be doing a spring sampling of these sites. That will give us an idea of the health of these streams through all seasons.

The Environmental Department is getting prepared for our "GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP" activities in the spring. Our huge recycle bin trailer has arrived and will be in place soon at the Turtle Stop. It will be available to the public to sort and recycle paper, glass, aluminum, plastic and cardboard. We hope everyone takes advantage of the convenient location and utilizes it to help keep our lands and waters clean and pollution free. We will have days set aside for special recycling activities at the recycle bin with giveaways and information brochures. These special activities will coincide with "KEEP OKLAHOMA BEAUTIFUL, GREAT AMERICAN CLEAN-UP". Watch for posters displayed in area businesses for dates and times. We are hoping for a huge turn out.

Christen attended NRD training in Salt Lake City, Utah on Jan. 9-13. Information obtained will be useful to the Tribe for assessing Natural Resource Damages when necessary.

Christen, Kathy and Janice will be traveling to Oklahoma City in February to the Environmental Education Expo. We will be getting ideas and

information on ways to expand the environmental education program of our department.

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

[Protect our Land, Protect our Future, Keep it Natural](#)

Family Services Department

Since our November edition of "The Turtle Speaks" the Holidays have passed and a New Year has begun. The 2005 Children's Christmas Party was enjoyed by 98 excited children, their parents, grandparents and extended family members. During late fall and early winter we have experienced drought like conditions to our beautiful region, however, as Indian People we respect the ways of Mother Earth and her ability to heal our land and spirits. In the interim we will gather by our fires, tell stories and have faith 2006 will be a year of many blessings from the Creator.



Tribal Membership:

Tribal members are united by a common language, common experiences, and common cultural traditions. It is the membership in the

tribe that allows tribal members to continue to share their past and a shared future. Native Americans enjoy a unique legal status, and many Federal services and programs are designed especially for them. To be of Indian ancestry is very special in itself and those who have the right to tribal enrollment are likely to value it highly. The Wyandotte Nation has a Constitution and a Tribal Enrollment Ordinance that determines membership criteria. Although a large percentage of our tribal population resides outside of Oklahoma, the Wyandotte Nation cannot emphasize how important it is to the Nation that all eligible tribal members are enrolled and maintain a relationship with the Nation. Tribal Membership applications and Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood applications are available upon request from this enrollment office.

Family Services:

The 2005/2006 Promoting Safe and Stable Families Grant Initiative offer an array of need-based social services for Wyandotte Nation Families residing in our service area. To apply for or to make inquiries regarding tribal programs please telephone this office.

Child Passenger Safety Seats:

The Child passenger safety seats are available at the tribal headquarters for enrolled members of the Wyandotte Nation. There are three sizes available that include newborn, infant and booster. This program was initiated through an Indian Highway Safety Grant and has been continued through funding by the Tribal Tag Program.

Indian Child Welfare: Parenting

Good parenting begins with treating kids with respect. It means giving them a sense of power in their own lives and offering them opportunities to make decisions, take responsibility for their (continued on page 8)

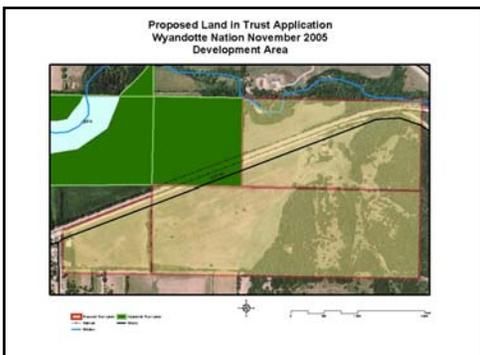
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actions, and learn from their own successes and mistakes. As parents we must set examples for our children by teaching them the value of respect. As Native People it is our responsibility to empower our children by giving them a secure, safe, nurturing environment, offering them unconditional love and concern for their physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. Keeping our Families intact remains a number one priority to the Nation. For those children who have not been afforded this opportunity we must open our hearts and our homes by offering an adoptive or foster home in our community.

Kate Randall, Director (918) 678-2297,
Extension #224

Dana Butterfield, Family Services
Assistant, Extension #219

Planning/Development Department - January 2006

The Planning / Development Department is continuing to work with the Housing Department on infrastructure construction for a proposed apartment complex. This project has been funded through the Housing and Urban Development Indian Community Development Block Grant. A Request for Proposals was published in October and an engineering firm was contracted to develop plans and specifications for the infrastructure project.



The road project being built in

conjunction with the proposed economic development activity is currently being designed. In February the project should be finalized and ready to initiate the contracting process.

Planning/Development Staff along with Family Services and Accounting staff attended records management training conducted by staff from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Special Trustee. This training was conducted in November and held in the conference room of the Administration Building. This training will be useful with the tribal offices change to a standardized system of filing for all departments. Included will be plans for vital records protection and the Office of Special Trustee is providing fireproof file cabinets for protecting records.

Planning / Development Staff attended several trainings during the month of December. ICC Indian Enterprises gave one training on leasing and the other was given by the Administration for Native Americans on their grant applications. Both trainings will be beneficial to the future of the Wyandotte Nation.

Planning / Development Staff began work on the trust application for the Old Passley Place property. This site is a 230-acre tract of land that will, once placed in trust, double the size of Tribal lands. A map of this property is included in this article.

Planning / Development Staff received notice that the Tribe was awarded funding with Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Development Block Grant Program. The amount received for this project is \$794,700.00. This grant will be used to construct an addition to the Tribe's Pre-School. Included in the addition will be a multi-purpose room, which will allow the children additional space to have indoor activities during the winter months, a conference room and much needed classroom space.

The Tribe received a small grant from

the Oklahoma District Attorney's Council to purchase rifles for the Tribe's law enforcement. This grant will allow each officer to have a rifle for his patrol car. Staff will attend grants management training for this project during the month of January.

The Planning / Development Department welcomed a new staff member during the month of November. Erin Daugherty will be working with Ron on the Indian Reservation Roads Program and will assist Julie Wills with Facilities Management duties.



Erin graduated from Wyandotte High School, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College and attended Missouri Southern State College. Erin is a member of the Loyal Shawnee Tribe and brings proficient computer skills and experience to her position as Planning/Development Aide. Erin has one child, a son named Kaleb.

Ron Kaiser, Planning and Development
Director

From the Housing Department of Wyandotte Nation

Hello!!!!

This is the first Turtle Talk of the New Year. The Housing Department wishes to take this opportunity to wish each and every Tribal Member the "Happiest Year you have ever experienced!!"

The Housing Department has at this time, a total of three (3) programs. One is the Housing Improvement Program (continued on page 9)

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(HIP) offered by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. The second is the water and septic / sewer program offered by Indian Health Service (IHS - 121). The third being the major program of the Housing Department. It is the NAHASDA Program offered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). This is the primary program used by the Housing Department; however, each program is different and very necessary to fulfill the needs of all our Tribal Members.

The HIP program, offered by the Bureau, is for the renovation of very, very low income families to repair sub-standard homes.

The IHS-121 Program is for the purpose of drilling wells, hooking to rural water districts, hooking to sewer lines or installing a septic / drainfield system where sewers are not available. This is a program which has no income guidelines; again, however the rules state that this program must be used within the area boundaries used by the Claremore Indian Health Service to service the Wyandotte Nation.

The NAHASDA Program, as stated, is our primary program. It is used to provide rentals, homeownership, and renovate substandard homes. Recently we have added another service; rental assistance to qualifying college students living away from home and meeting all the guidelines of the Wyandotte Nation Education Scholarship, living within the four-state area.

The HIP and NAHASDA programs must meet Federally mandated income guidelines. We are always glad to furnish you with an application and explain our programs to you. If you would like more information, or would like to receive an application for any of the above programs, PLEASE do not hesitate to call our toll free number (1-800-256-2539 - either extension 236 or 239) and ask for either Kathy or myself for an explanation of any of the

above programs. We are always more than happy to hear from you and do our very best to service you.

Again -- we wish each of you a "Happy New Year" and are certainly looking forward to hearing from you, and hopefully, being able to service you within the coming year.

Reba Guilford, Housing Director
Wyandotte Nation

Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center

As part of our IHS Diabetes Grant, we have established an exercise program with the goal of preventing diabetes in youth by increasing physical activity and reducing incidence of adolescent obesity. In an attempt to reach this goal, we are working closely with the child care department of the Wyandotte Nation in developing programs for the children.

Each week, the three and four year olds from the Turtle Tots preschool program come to the Bearskin Fitness Center for a 30 minute PE class. Currently three classes of preschoolers are participating, each class having an average of 15 participants. At the start of the school year, each child was tested in different categories including fine and gross motor skills. Kelly Walker, Bearskin Fitness Center Manager, and Kimberly Wade, Assistant Director / Wellness Coordinator work together to plan and implement a variety of activities. These activities help the children improve their fitness level as well as increasing their abilities to perform these various tasks while reducing their susceptibility for adolescent obesity. A few examples of activities include running on the fitness center walking track, obstacle courses, nature walks, gymnastics, etc. This is the second year this program has been offered and we have seen significant improvement in the children's physical capabilities

every year.

The "Fitness Center" day for the preschoolers is every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:00. We would also like to thank the Turtle Tot Preschool program including Carla Culver- Director, Tammy Charles, Renee Zumwalt, Debbie Moore, Sharon Bartley, Rhonda McCarty, and Shirley Mangum. The teachers and classroom assistants assist with each class. Without their assistance, this program would not be possible.

Kristin Thomas, Health Services Director (918) 678-2282 ext. 231



Fitness Center and the Education Department working together to improve the children's fitness level

Educational Report (cont.)

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colleges and universities. Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00 each. You must meet all criteria to remain on program and submit your grades in a timely fashion to insure funding. Currently 65 students are being funded either by Tribal scholarships or Higher Education which is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Application requirements:

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

Dates to Remember:

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

Workforce Investment Act (WIA):

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

Submitted by: Carla Culver

Redeye.....



Wyandotte Nation Employment.....

The Wyandotte Nation Human Resources Department's role relating to employment is responsible for advertising, posting and collecting applications and/or resumes for open positions. This department also assists with interviews, initial job offers, provides orientation, conducts background and reference checks, schedules pre-employment physical and drug screens, etc.

In filling positions, by appointment, promotion, transfer, reassignment, reinstatement, or any personnel action, we give preference in selection to qualified tribal candidates.

The Nation provides equal employment practices and consideration will be made without regard to any non-merit factor such as race, color, religion, sex, national origin, politics, marital status, age or membership or non-membership in any employee organization.

Our goal at Wyandotte Nation is to recruit, hire and maintain a productive workforce. Wyandotte Nation provides preference in employment decisions to qualified tribal members of the Wyandotte Nation. Preference does not mean hiring unqualified applicants. The Nation hires the most qualified candidate. Preference is also provided to Native Americans (other than tribal members), Veterans and Employees that may be promoted from within. Opportunity for employment with the Wyandotte Nation shall be open to any person who can present satisfactory evidence of qualifications for the position.

All vacant positions will be posted. In some instances, the open position will be placed in local newspapers. It

shall also be the policy of the Nation to promote employees from within whenever possible.

Currently, a pilot project is being considered. This pilot project would assist in constructing a database for future employment opportunities. This process would consist of developing an individual employment profile and/or career development profile to assist in a timely placement of qualified tribal members. Due to the nature of some tribal businesses, a three to five day posting could hinder business needs.

This project "Tribal Opportunities to Employ Members" or "TOTEM" would be constructed in phases. This type of program would take time to develop and could only be populated with information received from tribal members. This project, when completed, could provide for a more efficient and effective avenue to house information related to knowledge, skills and abilities; along with work experience and interest. The initial phase will simply be to gather feedback from those who are interested in participating in this pilot project.

Human Resources is asking that anyone interested in providing profile information for this project to complete the enclosed insert and return to:

Mary Ann Hayworth, HR Director
Wyandotte Nation
P. O. Box 250
Wyandotte, OK 74370

Please be reminded this initial phase is to gather information only and is not a solicitation for current employment.

Tribal Veterans



The Wyandotte Nation is currently seeking information on all members that served in the armed forces. All tribal veterans that served or are serving in the United States Military are encouraged to respond to this request. Please provide the following:

- * Name
- * Address
- * Branch
- * Rank
- * Service Dates
- * War or Wars Served
- * Medals Received

Please submit information to:

Sherri Clemons at
sclemons@wyandotte-nation.org; or
phone (918) 678-2298, ext. 244.

You may also mail information to
Wyandotte Nation, ATTN: Sherri
Clemons, P.O. Box 250, Wyandotte,
OK 74370.



Services Provided to Tribal Members

Service	Program Contact	Phone Number	Extension
Dental	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Vision	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Clinic (for appointments)	Linda Coatney or Elaine Fidler	(918) 678-2282	228 or 230
Pharmacy	Carolyn Nesvold	(918) 678-2282	224
Fitness Center	Kelly Walker	(918) 678-2282	259
Contract Health	Bridget Burleson	(918) 678-2282	227
Diabetes Clinic	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Nutrition	Brenda House	(918) 678-2297	227
Caregiver Services	Dari Ann Hunnicutt	(918) 678-2297	253
Housing Programs	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Low Income Home Ownership	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Rental Program	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Student Housing Assistance	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Housing Improvements	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Well-Septic Construction	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
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	Brad King	(918) 678-2297	234
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 Creson	(918) 678-2297	241
Human Resources	MaryAnne Hayworth	(918) 678-2297	220
Turtle Trax Printing	Pat Wilson	(918) 678-2297	238