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2006 ELECTION CHANGE

The 2006 tribal election will be moved from the Artie Nesvold Community Center to the Wyandotte Nation Administration Building. Also, you must show your tribal membership card and photo I.D. to be eligible to vote. This year's election will be for the positions of Second Chief and one Board Member. More election information will be forthcoming in future newsletters and the Miami News Record.

Cultural Week

Culture Week for Wyandotte Nation is fast approaching. We have scheduled the week to begin Monday, May 29, 2006 and to last through Thursday, June 1, 2006. Included in the newsletter is a schedule of events. This will be a time of learning, visiting, and fun for all ages. We will start each day with morning prayer behind the Bearskin Health and Wellness Center.

Monday will be a day of gathering. We will be attending the Veterans' Memorial Service in the Wyandotte Cemetery tentatively set for 10 am (contact Tribal Administration for exact time). We will have a Show and Tell Monday afternoon in the Artie Nesvold Community Center (Title 6 Building). This is a time to bring family artifacts in order to show off. We will be bringing out Tribal artifacts to show as well that people do not usually get to see. That evening we will have a potluck dinner. Please bring your favorite dish to share.

The rest of the week we will be having classes for everybody. During art classes, you can choose to learn pottery, beading – loom and medallion, shawl making, reed fluting making, and

jewelry. These will be in different places depending on what class you choose to attend. The language classes will be broken up in 2 focuses. The morning session will be geared towards Conversational Wyandotte and the afternoon class will be focused on Cultural Wyandotte (prayers, songs, etc). We will have a Genealogy class to inform where and how to research family history. A class on cultural plants will be given by our own Environmental Department. There will be a time to discuss history and a round table discussion on cultural traditions. These classes will be held in Title 6 Building.

We will have dance lessons on Tuesday afternoon and a dinner in the evening prepared by Title 6 Staff. They will be serving pork and corn, green beans and new potatoes, fry bread, and grape dumplings (hot dogs for the kids). There will be a time for Social Dance that evening after the dinner behind the Bearskin Health and Wellness Center. Each evening there will be time for social gathering and games.

There are events also planned for the (continued on page 3)

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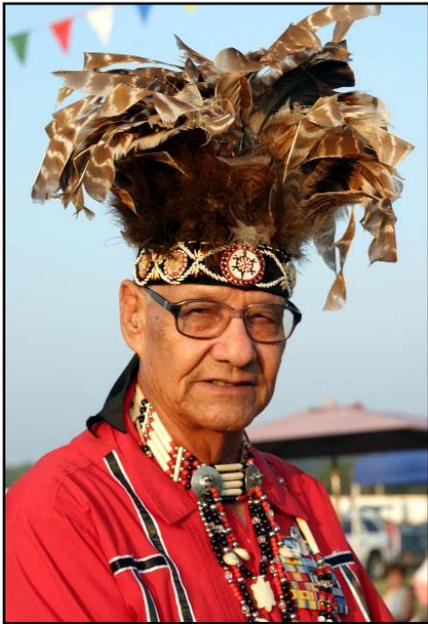
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The Chief Says.....



Chief Leaford Bearskin

It's Springtime

In the fall of the year our Great Spirit prepares our plants, our trees, and some of our animals for winter. He puts them all to sleep. Some of our animals start storing food for the winter. Many of our birds head south for warmer climates for winter. Some of our people head south also. They are called snowbirds.

Fall and winter are usually the two most pleasant times of the year. In the fall of the year He announces the coming of winter by displaying the turning of the leaves into the most beautiful array of colors imaginable.

In the springtime He awakens all those He put to sleep for the winter. There is another amazing display of colors. Plants and trees bloom, animals come

out of hibernation. Animals and people (snowbirds) go north again.

The Great Spirit gave us people a brain with reasoning power so that we could create our own world and set our own destiny. He gave us the tools to be a step above plants, animals, and birds. I wonder sometimes if we were left with the plants, trees, and birds, would our world be a better place to live? People have created a world of chaos, war, greed, and crime. Perhaps we should have created a world of respect, kindness, courtesy, truth, -- one free of man-made disasters and distrust. Is it too late? Maybe it is time that He awakens us.

There really is a Great Spirit.

From Earlene Roskob - Second Chief

Kweh omateru,

I said "Hello my friends" even though my second typed "e" is not written the exact way it should be, this is as close as I can get. I have been attending the basic Wyandotte language classes taught by Richard Zane on Monday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 at the Bearskin Wellness Center Classroom. We have had attendees from age 7 to 84, all are welcome. We have learned a variety of words and phrases such as the "counting song," a prayer, and several phrases regarding "eat". It is fun and interesting. We need you to come!!

Our Human Resources Department arranged some great training for us recently and will continue to do so. We recently had Time Management training which is beneficial to all of us. On March 28 we had a wonderful Employee Appreciation Day with an interesting and entertaining motivational speaker, great food prepared by the A-Team, and a great

deal of laughter. Mary Ann Hayworth was honored as Department Head of the Year and Brenda Phillips was honored as Employee of the Year. We recognized and gave Service Awards to employees who have worked for the Nation for 5, 10, 15, and 20 years. Gifts were given to 3 employees for 15 years of service and two employees for 20 years of service. Gift Certificates for gasoline at the Turtle Stop were given to all employees who participated or worked so others could participate.

I have recently attended training and various meetings regarding Gaming and proper oversight by the Gaming Commission. As most of you know, we are planning to build a bigger Casino in Wyandotte as soon as possible. We had planned to start construction months ago, however an endangered insect known as the burying beetle has slowed the process. We cannot start construction until after a survey on the land has been completed to determine if

we have those beetles. The timing of this survey is determined by the temperature of the ground. If we do have the beetles we then make arrangements to move them to another location. All will be done in an environmentally appropriate manner. We hope to break ground late May or first of June, exact date to be determined later. Once we get opened we will not only have a source of income but also have more jobs available for qualified Wyandottes.

Chief and I attended the Pre-School Pow Wow April 11. The children were (continued on page 4)



Editorial



and we're getting very excited about seeing everybody again. Please make arrangements to attend if at all possible.

Language classes continue with Richard Zane Smith. He is an amazing teacher and puts everything he's got into these classes. These classes are every Monday evening from 6:30 to 8:00 in the Bearskin Wellness classroom. He is also teaching Wyandotte language at the Wyandotte Public School and Wyandotte Nation

There are so many things going on at Wyandotte Nation it seems difficult to keep track of all of it. Culture Week 2006 is upon us

Preschool. He has been teaching them songs in Wyandotte, words, and traditional Wyandotte songs.

The other day I heard my 4-year-old son singing. I asked him to sing louder. He was singing the number song in Wyandotte. I asked him where he learned it. He said the Indian man taught him at school. I was very excited to hear him speaking and singing Wyandotte.

During these past few years of working at Wyandotte Nation, I have met a lot of Wyandottes. There are so many great and talented people within our Tribe. If you have any family news or would like to see a feature on a member, please let me know and we will put it in the newsletter. I can be contacted at kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org or 918-678-2297 ext 217.

Cultural News

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kids. We have physical activities and games planned in the morning with our Fitness Staff . There will be Arts and Crafts with our Family Services Department. There will be an Environmental class held by our

Environmental Department. There will be language classes for the children as well.

If you would like to camp out, please contact us so we can let you know where that will be available.

We hope to see many

Wyandottes during Culture Week this year. If you have any questions or would like to help out getting everything prepared, please contact Kim Garcia at kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org or 918-678-2297 ext 217.

Culture Week 2006				
Wyandotte Culture - Yesterday, Today, Forever				
	Monday May 29, 2006	Tuesday May 30, 2006	Wednesday May 31, 2006	Thursday June 1, 2006
8:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
9:00 AM		Language - Conversational	Language - Conversational	Language - Conversational
10:00 AM	Veterans' Memorial Service			
11:00 AM		Art	Art	Art
12:00 PM		Lunch Break	Lunch Break	Lunch Break
1:00 PM				
2:00 PM	Show and Tell	Dance Lessons	History	Round Table
3:00 PM		Geneology	Cultural Plants	Language - Cultural
4:00 PM		Language - Culture	Language - Culture	
5:00 PM				
6:00 PM			Evening Break	Games and Farewell
7:00 PM	Potluck	Dinner and Social Dance		
8:00 PM			Social Time	

Member News.... Canada News..... 2nd Chief

Heads Up Harris Family

by Ramona L. Reid

Our reunion will be on Saturday, September 9th this year. It will be at the same place, Twin Bridges State Park. It will not be at Shelter 2, but at campsites where a few of our families will be camping. Signs will lead you there. It will be held between the Tribe's Annual Meeting and the evening session of the Pow-Wow Grand Entry, approximately 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. We will just have desserts. We'll provide drinks, plates, and utensils. So bring a dessert and a chair. You'll also need the chair for the Pow-Wow. We are in hopes this will better accommodate those of you who have to work Friday. So, come one, come all. See you there! Questions? Call Marilyn Young at (913) 299-9248 or me at (918) 678-4803.



Kwe (hi)

I am Michel Gros-Louis from Wendake, Quebec. We are organizing another Huron Wendat gathering in our homeland at Ossossane, Ontario, Canada. This year the gathering will be on July 22, 2006. The campground will be opened one week before to welcome people.

Jawenh (thanks)

Michel Gros-Louis

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Roll #2121

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

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so cute in their shawls, headbands, leggings, and decorated shirts. They seemed to really enjoy dancing and playing the drums, almost as much as the spectators enjoyed watching them. We all joined together for a round dance at the end. Many thanks to the Wyandotte Honor Guard for Presenting the Colors.

I am eagerly anticipating May and all it brings, such as Culture Week. I am sure there will be days filled with many interesting things for all of us who attend. Please try to come for all or part of the time, as fits your schedule. You won't regret it.

May also brings the filing to run for the Second Chief position in our next election. I began my service to Wyandotte Nation when I was elected to the Business Committee in 1983, the same year Chief Bearskin was elected Chief. I have had the pleasure to work with him for the benefit of our People for these 23 years. These past two years as Second Chief have been rewarding for me and I hope for the Nation. I am constantly learning new information to enhance our Nation. My door is always open to staff and Tribal members.

Oneh, ('Til Next Time)
Earlene Roskob

Election Notice

On September 9, 2006, at the Annual Meeting, election for the following positions will take place: Second Chief, (1) One Board of Director position, and Two (2) Grievance Committee positions. The filing fee for Second Chief

and Board of Directors is \$50.00. The filing fee for Grievance Committee is \$10.00. These are payable by cashiers check or money order and due the same day the candidate files his/her Declaration of Candidacy. The fees are

non-refundable. The filing period opens May 12, 2006 and closes June 9, 2006. A list of candidates will be posted in the Administration Building on June 14, 2006.

Family Services Department

If you have never been to Northeastern Oklahoma in the springtime you may want to schedule a visit. The redbud, the dogwood and wild plum trees dot the hills of the Wyandotte territory. These signs from Mother Earth take us back to a time when our ancestors saw these elements in nature as specific times for many things, such as fishing crop planting and herb gathering. Neighbors and friends came together to celebrate the awakening of the earth after the long winter months. You have probably heard through the media the State of Oklahoma has had a burn ban on since last November. We await the blessing of the Creator to bring the spring rains to enable the gardens and crops to grow and prosper. Until next time, enjoy this gift of spring and all the good things that come with it.

Vehicle Tag Program: Oklahoma Indian Country

In order to properly serve our tribal members please make an appointment for tag purchases. For New Tags you will need the following documentation.

1. Original State Title (Signed and Notarized)
2. Insurance Verification
3. Wyandotte Nation Membership Card (not CDIB)

For Renewals you must have the following:

1. Insurance Verification

Tribal Membership:

Please keep in mind that Membership applications for new members are required to be submitted no later than August 15, 2006. New members are added to the Wyandotte Nation Roll one time per year during the annual meeting by council vote. An original birth certificate is required for enrollment purposes and will be returned upon request.

Family Services:

The Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center staff and family services staff offer a summer youth camp during the month of June. The program is open to children ages seven through twelve. Activities include fitness, health, cultural education and arts. Please contact Dana or Kate for enrollment information. Additionally, the Northeast Oklahoma Nine Tribes are planning a three day youth camp for area tribal children July 25-27th. The camp will include a safety camp, a trout fishing outing and a trip to an amusement park. Applications and reservations will be required so mark your calendars to contact us.

Promoting Safe & Stable Families:

The "PSSF" grant initiative administered through the Oklahoma Department of Human Services enables the Wyandotte Nation to provide assistance to tribal families in our service area. The purpose of the grant is to keep families intact by offering support services. These services may help alleviate some of the family stress that could lead to the breakup of our Indian Families. Family Services Staff act in the capacity as Indian Child Welfare advocates. Unfortunately there are children nationwide who have been removed from their homes and currently are in foster homes. According to State and Federal statistics 25% of tribal children in DHS custody are in foster homes that are not identified as Tribal or relative / kinship placements. We encourage our tribal members to inquire about foster parenting Indian Children in the State in which you reside.

Indian Child Welfare: Tips on Parenting:

Parenting is a difficult job and good parenting begins with treating kids with respect. Parenting expert Barbara Coloroso's pocket guide "Kids are worth it!" has many great tips for raising children to become responsible, resourceful and resilient adults. Communication is one key element of successful parenting and what better time to communicate than at mealtime. As food nourishes the body, food eaten in company also nourishes the individual spirit, the family, the community, and the world. The harmony of a meal eaten together spreads far beyond the table and far beyond mealtime. If you can get your young children to talk with you at meals, they will still talk to you when they reach the teen years, since they will have learned that mealtime is a safe time for sharing. Make mealtime simple by a few quick tips:

1. Have a variety of foods in the house and eat those foods yourself.
2. Teach your children about the food they are eating.
3. Let your children help plan and prepare well-balanced meals.
4. Eat a variety of meals served a variety of ways.
5. At least once a month have a formal celebration with your children.
6. Teach your children cultural or religious customs that have been your families.
7. Teach your kids manners, not etiquette.
8. Teach your children how to shop for groceries and
9. Teach your children to cook!

As parents we need to slow down and take time to celebrate mealtime with our children. Come together as a family to share food, to share good thoughts and to listen with your hearts open.

Tribal Department Reports

Environmental Department

Feb. – Apr. 2006

Well.....Spring has sprung and the Environmental Department has jumped in with both feet (so to speak). We have our Recycle Trailer set up at the East entrance of Turtle Stop for the convenience of the community. It has been emptied once and a great big "Thanks" goes out to everyone who has utilized it. We invite those who haven't to do so. We will be having RECYCLE DAYS during the month of April. Dates for these events are: April 24 at the Recycle Trailer/Turtle Stop and April 28 at the Wyandotte Nation Environmental / Education Building parking lot. Time will be: 9:30 to 11:30 AM both days. Everyone is welcome. These activities are in conjunction with the "Keep Oklahoma Beautiful/Great American Clean-Up" campaign. PLEASE BRING US YOUR RECYCLABLES. We will have FREE information hand outs and FREE goodies at both events.

In March, Kathy helped judge the Wyandotte Schools' 5th and 6th grade Science Fair. She was amazed at the research and hard work the students put into their projects. They were all wonderful and judging was very difficult.



Wyandotte School 5th and 6th grade science Fair

The Environmental Department has completed its' bioassessment of Sycamore Creek, Brush Creek and Lost Creek for this fiscal year. We did an

assessment in the Fall and one in the Spring. This assessment will allow us to evaluate the current health of these streams and determine in the future if their health is improving or deteriorating. We are also continuing our monthly monitoring of the area rivers and streams.



Wyandotte Nation Spring Bioassessment

Christen, Kathy and Janice traveled to Oklahoma City in February to the Environmental Education Expo. We got lots of great 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 (Environmental Director), ext. 235 Kathleen (Environmental Assistant), and ext. 245 Janice (Environmental Technician).

Planning/Development Department April 2006

The Planning / Development Department submitted several grant applications in the first few months of 2006. Two proposals were sent to Administration for Native Americans, one for the language program and another Social and Economic Development (SEDS) application. The SEDS application will enable staff to receive necessary training in core competencies. Staff also submitted the Basic Library grant. This grant funds the purchase of new books and videos

for the library.

Planning / Development Staff along with the Education Director published a request for proposals for the Architect/Engineer on the addition to the pre-school. The Planning / Development and Education Directors will interview two firms from the submittal received. Several construction projects are in the near future that the Planning/Development staff will be involved in that include: Indian Reservation Roads project, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) infrastructure construction for proposed apartment complex and addition to the Tribe's pre-school (also funded by HUD).

Contracts were signed for the road project being built in conjunction with the proposed economic development activity. The Planning / Development Director continues to serve on the committee for the new economic development activity.

In the last month most of the Planning/Development staff and all of the Maintenance staff were re-certified in CPR/AED. Other trainings attended by Planning / Development Staff included time management training and Indian Reservation Roads Training. During the month of April additional training is scheduled with ICC Indian Enterprises Training on the terms and conditions of Agricultural Leasing. This training is scheduled for April 27 and 28th and will be held at the classroom at Bearskin Health Center. The Tribe's Indirect Cost Proposal was submitted in February and we are awaiting final approval of this rate.

The Maintenance Department is gearing up for the busy summer months. Mowing of tribal grounds has already started. Maintenance installed automatic door openers on the Title VI building. Maintenance also painted parking spots on the administrative parking lot for the Chief and Second Chief. (continued on page 7)

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Title VI Elder Services

The National Indian Council on Aging conference will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma in September 2006. Brenda and Dari have been working with members of the Oklahoma Indian Council on Aging on the Planning Committee for the past year and a half. We are expecting 2,500 to 3,000 Elders. For more information contact Brenda or Dari.

Our Music/Easter party was held April 13, 2006. Winners of the Easter bonnet contest were Joyce Smith and Janie Neal. Winner of the men's leg contest was Larry Blevins. Larry Blevins also found the prize egg.

Our Caregiver program is doing well. Caregivers are very grateful to have this program and say that the respite that they are receiving has been a real life saver. As we start into our fifth year of the program it is very rewarding to know that we have been able help take some of the stress off of the Caregivers and Grandparents raising Grandchildren.

Our Caregiver Support Group meetings in Wyandotte and Grove are slowly growing. The average attendance is usually 7-10 participants. If you are a Caregiver and feel the need to talk to a friendly understanding group that has the same or similar circumstances as you, please feel free to join us. We have refreshments and door prizes. We also have training films to check out. The Caregiver Support Group meeting is the 1st Thursday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Wyandotte Nation. Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Support Group meeting is the 1st Friday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Grove City Hall, Room 4.

We extend an invitation to everyone to come and meet our new Food Service

Team.
Brenda House, Director, Elder Services
Dari Ann Hunnicutt, Caregiver Specialist
Vonda Keller, Food Service Team
Jan Vercruysse, Food Service Team

Wyandotte Nation Housing Department

The Wyandotte Nation Housing Department under the direction of Reba Guilford, Director, and Kathy DeWeese, Housing Specialist consists of five programs. They are the Indian Health Service-121 Program, which is the connection of rural water, well drilling and wastewater septic and drainfields; the Bureau of Indian Affairs Housing Improvement Program (HIP); Wyandotte Nation Housing Authority; "ICDBG" Rehabilitation Program; "ICDBG" Infrastructure Program; and NAHASDA.

This year we were able to service several families with IHS-121 funds. We put in several wells, rural water connections and septic and drainfield systems. This is a program specifically for these items. If you have need of one of these services, please call Reba or Kathy at (918) 678-2297, ext. 236 or 239 for further information.

We are also in desperate need of applications for the HIP Program. This is a program designed to service low and very-low income Tribal families which need repairs made to their home. Please contact this office to obtain information and see if you qualify for services under this program.

Please contact the Housing Department office to obtain an application or information on any of the above mentioned programs.

The Housing Department is currently in the process of examining different programs with the hopes we will be able to expand our services. The Housing Department is striving to better serve all Tribal members.

The Wyandotte Nation Housing Department:
Reba Guilford, Housing Director
Kathy DeWeese, Housing Specialist
Paul Paquin, Maintenance Project Manager
Jeff Hitchcock, Housing Maintenance Specialist

Bearskin Fitness Center by Kelly Walker

Do you have an extra 30 minutes of time three to five times a week? US Surgeon General Reports show that a minimum of thirty minutes per day on most days of the week can do everyone a world of good. Statistics show that over 60 million people in the United States are overweight and that 50 million experience high blood pressure. Thirteen and a half million people have coronary heart disease and approximately 8 million suffer from adult onset diabetes (Nutrstrategy). Not only does exercise help improve chances of living a longer and healthier life, it also helps reduce the risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, high blood pressure and colon cancer. Other benefits include reduced feelings of depression, weight control, healthy bones, joints and muscles, as well as promotion of psychological well being. Whether toning up, trimming down or trying to maintain a healthy lifestyle, Bearskin Fitness Center has everything to accomplish the exercise goals in mind. The best part is that use of the facility is free for members of the Wyandotte Nation and Eastern Shawnee Tribe and discounted rates are available for spouses and immediate family.

Not only does the facility offer the traditional plate loaded free weights, also offered are treadmills, ellipticals, recumbent bicycles, Nu Steps, arc trainers, hydrotherapy (whirlpools), indoor walking track, video theater, pro (continued on page 8)

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and tanning for a minimal fee.

The Bearskin Fitness Center prides itself on the friendliness and cleanliness of the staff members and facility. The center currently services over 750 members and always looks forward to new members joining the excitement of the state of the art facility. The Bearskin Fitness Center offers free fitness assessments and consultations conducted by a National Academy of Sports Medicine Certified Personal Trainer. In addition to having a personal trainer on staff, the entire team has been instructed or is currently taking and received certification in a foundations of personal training class.

The summer season is an especially busy, but pleasurable time for the employees of the Bearskin Fitness Center. In conjunction with regular

duties and tasks, the team has joined with the Turtle Tots Education Center and Family Services Department to provide a summer youth health education program. Elements of this project include lifetime wellness activities, social interaction and peer pressure, nutrition and cultural education. It is anticipated that approximately 35 children, ages 7 – 12 will participate in the program this summer.

A major component of this year's program is to produce a successful garden, similar to the Native crops that were so vital to tribal ancestors years ago. The vision is to educate the children and introduce the traditional farming methods and diets that are rich in nutrition and high in fiber.

Native Americans are three times more likely to be affected by diabetes

than any other ethnicity in the world. Researchers theorize that the reason for this being that Native foods were replaced in families' diets by store bought foods of low nutritional value in the last half century.

This year an invitation is being extended to all Tribal elders who would like to participate in educating these young minds in traditional gardening techniques. It is always innovating to learn new ideas and methods of cultural ways and always a pleasure to see the children and their families benefit from what they have planted and cared for during the summer growing season.

If interested in volunteering, please contact Kelly Walker at Bearskin Fitness Center, 918-678-2070 or 888-864-0725.

Lucky Turtle News



The Lucky Turtle Casino will celebrate its 2 year anniversary on Wednesday, May 17th. There will be free giveaways and

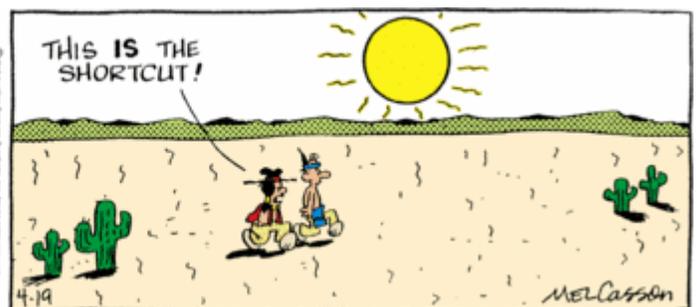
hot seat drawings throughout the day with a prize balloon release scheduled for the afternoon. The Casino staff would like to extend an invitation to all tribal members to come take part in this special celebration. The Lucky Turtle Casino has enjoyed great success over the past 2 years due to the wonderful support of our customers and the great service provided by our employees. We look forward to continued growth and success in the future as the Wyandotte Nation continues to grow and expand in the gaming industry.

Collector Knife

The Wyandotte Nation has for sale Special Collector Knives in an Oak Mirrored Display Case. The knife itself has a genuine antler handle and the blade has engraved the Wyandotte Nation Logo. Each knife has its own serial number. Only two knives are available at this time. The price is \$350 each. Please contact Julie Wills-West at 918-678-2297 ext 222 or jwills@wyandotte-nation.org if interested.



Redeye.....



Education Department

Preschool:

January 3rd:	Second semester of the Pre-school year began.
February 14th:	Valentine Party and family program in the Title VI Building
Spring Break:	Child care children were taken on an outing for bowling and a movie.
April 3-7:	Week of the Young Child Activities- Inflatable toys at Miami Civic Center, Buddy Breakfast, Trout Fishing in America Concert in Miami, Picnic on the playground with family, Petting Zoo NEO arena in Miami, Lunch at Pizza Hut
April 11:	Wyandotte Nation Pre-school Pow Wow
April 13:	Easter Parties and egg hunt for Pre-school students
April 20:	Children's play at MSSU in Joplin

Upcoming Events:

May 16:	Wyandotte Nation Pre-school Graduation – 7pm Wyandotte High School Gymnasium
May 19:	Last day of classes for 2005-2006 school year
May 22:	Summer Program begins

Library:

The Wyandotte Tribal Library is open from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. New Native American DVD and VHS selections have recently been added. Karen McNelis and Jessie Winscott are library clerks and look forward to meeting you and providing assistance. There is no charge for a membership card which entitles you to utilize the library.

Child Care & Development Fund Program:

The Child Care Program is currently serving 130 families, which includes 80 Wyandottes. We utilize 66 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. In addition to providing assistance to families, we also help fund Week of the Young Child activities and many of our preschool and after-school activities.

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:

Scholarships for the school year 2006-2007 were due in the Education Office May 1st by 4 pm. Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00 each semester. You must meet all criteria to remain on program and submit your grades in a timely fashion to insure funding. Currently 65 students are being funded either by Tribal scholarships or Higher Education which is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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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

Wyandot Words

Pronunciation Key	Word	Meaning
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Getting to know.....



Valari Eby, 19, is currently working as an Intern in the Wyandotte Nation Government Accounting Department. Valari, an only child, is living with her parents, Chris and Teresa Eby in Seneca, Missouri and is attending Missouri Southern State

University in Joplin, Missouri. Valari is just completing her freshman year in college and for now, has not declared a major, but enjoys being a member of the Missouri Southern Choir.

Valari attended Seneca Public School from kindergarten through graduation in 2004. She is also currently involved with coaching 3rd and 4th grade girls' volleyball. She is also an active member in her church, Community Chapel in Joplin, where she teaches Wednesday night children's class. Valari enjoys being apart of the youth group as a fill-in sponsor. She sings in the church choir and occasionally sings special

solos.

Her interests revolve around singing, reading, and writing. Music is a very integral part of her life, as well as being able to express herself through fictional poems and stories. Valari also enjoys spending time with her boyfriend and German Shepherd. Valari feels she is an introverted person and generally is always quiet.

Valari has been a tremendous asset to the accounting department, where she does filing and data entry. She enjoys her co-workers and finds her position entertaining and interesting. Valari is an exceptional young lady.

Beadwork by Brian Long

Kweh Everyone,

First, let me say, I feel honored to be featured here in an article in our newsletter. Now please let me introduce myself. My name is Brian Long and I am a self-taught Native Artist from the Big Turtle Clan of the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma.

I do all types of Native American artwork, but I am best known for my beadwork. My Blue Ribbon leather and beadwork designs are made using only the finest quality traditional materials, producing fine art with a message. Key to the value of my work is the mastery of beading techniques and original, intricate, designs that include part of my inner being. Each article I produce is a one-of-a-kind creation, guided by centuries of Native American tradition and spirituality, to become a family heirloom and be handed down for generations to come.

I live in the Pacific Northwest

and my artwork is featured in the Rising Moon Gallery (Richland, WA), as well as several other Native-themed stores. Some of the things I make are given as gifts or used to decorate our home. If you would like to contact me to see pictures of my artwork (Breastplate,

Rifle Cases, Dreamcatchers, Jewelry, Beaded Bottles, Beaded Feathers, etc...), or maybe to complete a special project you have in mind, you can e-mail me at: turtlesbeadedpath@yahoo.com

Tizameh, all my relations,
Brian Long



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	MaryAnn Hayworth	(918) 678-2297	220
Turtle Trax Printing	Pat Wilson	(918) 678-2297	238