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### Casino Opens



The Wyandotte Nation celebrated the grand opening of the new Wyandotte Nation Casino on Monday, April 16, 2007. Distinguished guests included Chief Leaford Bearskin, Second Chief Billy Friend, Wyandotte Nation Board Members, members of the Wyandotte Nation, Wyandotte Nation Tribal Employees, and local dignitaries from the surrounding

communities.

Opening festivities began at 6:30 pm with Second Chief Billy Friend (continued on page 4)

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# The Chief Says.....



Chief Leaford Bearskin

Spring is here and our Great Spirit has awakened all things he put to sleep last fall.

The month of April brings two worthy events to the Wyandotte Nation. The first is that our new Wyandotte Nation Casino will be open for business on the 16th of April. The profits from our casino will be used to supplement the tribal assistance programs the Nation receives from the U. S. Government. The end result is better services for our Nation membership.

The second worthy event is the decision by the United States

Justice Department and the 10th Circuit Court which opens up our way to establish a casino in Kansas City, Kansas. Profits from that casino will also be used to provide better services for our people.

The coming year holds promises for more good things for the Wyandotte Nation. For those of us who work together, it causes progress for everyone.

Chief Bearskin

## From Billy Friend - Second Chief



Kweh,

I hope this letter finds all doing well. Spring is here and everything is beginning to come to life here in Northeast Oklahoma. Much has changed since our last newsletter.

After over twelve years of litigation in Kansas City, Kansas, we are now in the process of doing a complete remodel of our property there and are looking to open a casino in the early fall of this year. This has been a long uphill battle for the Nation, but we are now beginning to see the light at the end of the

tunnel. This will be another source of income for the Nation that we will enhance tribal services for all of our citizens.

The new Wyandotte Nation Casino, here in Wyandotte, opened its doors for our citizens and V.I.P. guests on April 16th and opened to the public the following day. The casino has been hailed as the most beautiful casino in the area and the only casino that actually has Native American theme and design. The casino employs approximately 200 employees, many of which are citizens of the Wyandotte Nation. This too will be a source of needed income to enhance and further develop our social service programs.

Our S.B.A. 8a businesses, Wyandotte NetTel and Bearskin Aviation continue to do well and prosper. There is

an unlimited potential for each of these entities in the realm of governmental contracting.

We also have good news to share concerning the acquisition of 165 acres of our original allotment land, just 6 miles east of our tribal headquarters, where we will be relocating our Powwow grounds. We hope to begin the site work before the end of April and are planning on having our first Powwow there in September. Along those lines, I want to let you know that it is not too late to volunteer for our powwow committee. There will be a lot of added work and preparation that has to take place to have this event on our new grounds. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Sherri Clemons.

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# Editorial



Kim Garcia

May is the time of new beginnings for many young people. These young people will hear many words of great wisdom yet the excitement of graduating will overshadow any advice given them. So instead of focusing only on those graduating from high school or college, I'd like to share with everybody a few pearls of wisdom I heard at a recent workshop for Internal Controls.

- In life, there are those that listen, and those that are waiting to talk ... learn to listen.
- If you always do what you've always done, then you'll only do what you've always done.
- Change is inevitable. Know

what you are prepared to do when things do change.

- When the same rules don't work for you anymore, change them.
  - If you ever find yourself where your job is negatively affecting your health and family, get out. Those things you can't get back.
  - The unhappiest people love things and use people. The happiest people love people and use things.
  - Everyday, for the rest of your life, take in one new idea. To do this you need to set aside time each day to read a newspaper, magazine, book, etc, learn to view people as resources in life, and always have resources available.
  - In 20 years when today's youth are the bosses, facial piercings may be appropriate business attire. But until then, don't wear unusual piercings to a job interview.
- Congratulations to all of the graduating seniors and I pray that all of our

Wyandotte Graduates will have happy, healthy, and successful lives.

On another note, due to several circumstances, Culture Week will be moved this year. We will not be meeting the last week of May this year. We are planning to meet for a few days before Pow-Wow in September. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused but we are hoping this will allow many more to attend the festivities.

As always, if there is member news that you would like to share with your Wyandotte family, please let me know and we will get it in for the next newsletter. I can be contacted at extension 217 or at [kgarcia@wyandottenation.org](mailto:kgarcia@wyandottenation.org).

## Wyandotte Nation Tag Office

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

## Second Chief continued

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Everything that we endeavor to do, whether it is economically, culturally, or through governmental services, our mission is always to "improve the quality of life for the citizens of the Wyandotte Nation." While this sometimes may seem to be a slow process, I believe we are on the right

path and that the visions Chief Bearskin and our Board of Directors have envisioned for the Nation are beginning to come to fruition.

As always, it is a pleasure and a privilege for me to serve you as Second Chief and please feel free to contact me concerning any questions or issues you have in regards to

your tribal government. Until next time, may our Creator watch over, protect, and bless you and your families.

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**1-877-WYN-DOTT**  
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## Casino (cont.)

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welcoming all in attendance and introduction of the Wyandotte Nation Casino team. Chief Bearskin completed the opening ceremonies by performing the Wyandotte Smoking ceremony to declare the Wyandotte Nation Casino officially open.

Wyandotte Nation Casino opened the doors to the public at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 17, 2007. Wyandotte Nation Casino is open 24 hours, seven days a week and is located 150 yards from the Lucky Turtle Casino on Highway 60.

With just over two weeks of operation under our belts the casino is doing well. And so far the Lucky Turtle Casino is gaining increased business.

The new Wyandotte Nation Casino has over 500 slot machines, 8 blackjack tables and a 5 table non smoking poker room.

We also feature Campfire Concessions and Twin Bridges Restaurant and Lounge. Twin Bridges is open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week with the best Chicken Fried Steak in Oklahoma.

Campfire Concession is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The inside of the casino is beautiful, featuring Native American design, the most comfortable casino seating in the country and a state of the art air circulation system.

Come by and check out your new casino for some great gaming and a great meal!



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# Member News

## Harris Family Reunion

by Ramona Reid

Join us for Culture Week, Pow Wow, and the Harris Family Reunion. The reunion will be held after annual meeting on Saturday at Twin Bridges campgrounds. Bring a dessert and a chair. Also, plan to attend Culture activities the week before Pow Wow. Come to learn all about your tribe, history, language, songs, dance, crafts, and lots of sharing. Hope to see you there!

## Mural Dedication

by Billy Friend

“Wyandot Echos” a mural designed by artists Alisha Gambino, Joe Faus, and Duane Dudley, with Wyandot descendants and historians was dedicated in Kansas City, Kansas on Sunday, April 22nd. The mural represents two migrations. First is the Wyandots’ journey from Ontario to Ohio to Kansas and to Oklahoma. The second is a spiritual journey back to the past, gaining sustenance from memory and ancestors. This second journey is represented by the Conley sisters, whose fight to preserve the cemetery went all the way to Supreme Court in the early twentieth century.

“Wyandot Echos” is approximately 1440 square feet in size. It measures 60 feet long and 24 feet high. The mural is being installed on the building belonging to Mercy and Truth Medical Missions and will face the Huron Cemetery.

The ceremony was attended by members of the Wyandot Nation of Kansas and others from the Wendat Confederacy. Second Chief Billy Friend represented the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma.

## New Physician



Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center Welcomes New Physician.

Dr. Brian Smith, D.O. of Neosho, MO, began his duties at the Bearskin Clinic on April 30th as the new full-time physician.

Dr. Smith is originally from Prague, OK, and is a graduate of Oklahoma State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. He is Board Certified in Family Practice by the American Osteopathic Board of Family Practice.

## Roll # 2685

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.

## Elder Living

Dear Tribal Elders:

The Miami Nation is in the process of building a 45 Unit Elder Living Facility. Along with this will be the Myaamia Elder Community Building, a 15 unit Assisted Living Center, and the Myaamia Wellness Center located at 54401 E. 65 Road Miami, Oklahoma. In our facility we will have 41 one bedroom units and 4 two bedroom units.

The qualifications to live in the Facility are as follows:

1. Head of house must be 62 years and older.
2. Meets under the income guidelines.
  - A. Family of 1- income less than \$15,000
  - B. Family of 2-income less than \$24,999

The Nation is very excited to be involved with building a community to help take care of our Elders needs.

If you are interested in living in our new facility please call 918-540-2514 or mail the following information to have your name added to our list.

- Name:
- Age:
- Income:
- Number in Family:
- Phone Number:
- Address:

Thank You,  
 Lou Boman  
 Housing Director  
 Miami Tribe of Oklahoma  
 P.O. Box 1326  
 Miami, Ok 74355

**NOTICE**

**Cultural Week will NOT be held the last week of May. We will be holding events the week before POW-WOW.**

# Tribal Department Reports

## News from Family Services:

Spring arrived in record time in Oklahoma, only to be followed by a cold winter blast that even took Mother Nature by surprise. April snow showers are unusual in our region. There's a possibility the freeze did affect the fruit trees, grapes for wineries, pecan groves and other fragile buds that were also fooled by the warm March temperatures. I look so forward to stopping in at our local farmers markets and country farms for that much anticipated fresh fruits, berries and vegetables. Mother Earth will reveal and heal as spring turns into summer.

## Community News:

Northeast Oklahoma Ottawa Area Tribes Host "National Week of the Young Child".



The Wyandotte Nation Turtle Tots attended festivities during the "National Week of the Young Child" in Miami, Oklahoma during the week of April 16th through April 20th. The National Week of the Young Child focuses public attention on the rights and needs of young children, which is dedicated to improving the quality of early childhood education for all young children and their families. Since 1999 a collaboration of the nine Ottawa County Tribes has sponsored the week's activities. I hope you enjoy



seeing the Wyandotte Nation's Turtle Tots and Staff working hard at having fun at the fun festival and petting zoo.

## Family Services: Tribal Operations: Tribal Enrollment: Tribal License Plates

The 2006/2007 Promoting Safe and Stable Families Grant and the Tribal Social Services funding continues to offer an array of need-based social services for Wyandotte Nation Families that reside in our service area. To apply for or to make inquires regarding tribal programs, please feel free to contact us. There continues to be a nationwide shortage of both foster and adoptive homes for Native Children. The Department of Human Services as well as Indian Nations recruit families in all States. If you have the resources to be considered as a placement and do not know who to contact, we can help answer your questions about the process, or make inquires on your behalf. Summer Program: During the month of June, Wyandotte Nation Turtle Tots attendees ages 7-12 will participate in the Summer Youth Program sponsored by the Family Services, Environmental, and Wellness Center Staff. The focus for the program is to provide our children with knowledge pertaining to health and fitness, environmental issues, and culturally related education including arts and crafts. The Fitness Staff are busy educating our children on the positive effects of diet and exercise while the environmental staff has focused on nature walks, identification of Oklahoma Native plants and wildlife, gardening, watershed and its effects on our reservation. The Family Services Staff provides children with educational tools that enhance their growth and development along with Native Arts and Crafts Projects. We made beautiful native chokers last year as

well as decorating pine walking sticks. This year's art projects will include the history and making of a Wyandotte Longhouse using materials indigenous to our area.

Please keep the Wyandotte Nation aware of address changes as most Postal Operations are requiring the use of "911" addresses. Address changes may be reported to this department for processing. Additionally, the Wyandotte Nation has new addresses at all of our locations as the Post Office Box #250 has been phased out. Please note new tribal addresses on the front page of this edition of the Turtle Speaks. Enrollment applications are available at the tribal complex or they can be mailed to you upon request. Our enrollment deadline is August 15, 2007. Please be reminded that an ORIGINAL state certified birth certificate is required for enrollment purposes. Upon request, the original will be returned after it has been certified as an original document. If you have lost or misplaced your tribal membership card, please request duplicates by written request with your full name, including maiden name and current address. Replacement cards will be sent within two weeks from the date we receive your request. If you have a Wyandotte Nation tribal license plate, renewals are mailed the 15th of the Month preceding the month your tag expires. New tags and renewals may be obtained at the tribal office or through the mail. In order to register a vehicle with the Wyandotte Nation please provide the original state title (signed and notarized), insurance verification and proof of membership. In order to better serve our tribal members, please call and schedule an appointment to avoid scheduling conflicts. Family Services has an open door policy, so feel free to stop in and visit us when you are in the area. Kate Randall and Dana Butterfield.

## Planning/Development Department

Construction has begun on the addition to the Tribe's pre-school. The new playground has been fenced in and work is beginning on new driveway and road associated with this project. Crossland Construction was the lowest bidder and (continued on page 7)

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was awarded the contract for the project. This project was funded by Housing and Urban Development's Indian Community Block Grant Program and the Childcare Development Block Grant. The project will include construction of approximately a 5,000 square foot addition which will include five classrooms and a multi-purpose room. The project is scheduled for completion this summer. See pictures of construction below.



Construction begins on the Pre-School Addition Project!



Check out the new Playground for the Pre-School!!!

Requests for bids were sent out in March for the other ICDBG grant which will be used for the construction of infrastructure for a future housing project. This project includes roadways and water and sewer lines. Bids will be opened in April for this project. Preparation is underway for a new ICDBG proposal which will involve an upgrade to the Tribe's water system.

The Tribe purchased property in April for the future pow wow grounds approximately 160 acres, which is part of the Issac Walker and Mary Walker and

Kitty Greyeyes allotments. Site work will include the construction of parking areas, entryways and restructuring of the drainage patterns, as well as adding electric/water and building of the arena. The Tribe closed on this property April 4, 2007 after extensive abstracting work involving historic research from this office. Construction should start in May for this project.

### ELDER SERVICES

We held our Easter party April 5, 2007. We had music, an egg hunt, Easter bonnet contest, and men's leg contest. Prizes were awarded to the winners.

Brenda and Dari attended the Oklahoma Minority Aging Conference in Tulsa, March 21 -23, 2007.

Brenda will be attending the National Listening Sessions in Baltimore MD. April 30 -May 4, 2007. New reporting requirements will be discussed, funding, and National Title VI elections will be held.

Our music parties are the 2nd and the 4th Thursday of each month. If you play a musical instrument, sing, or just want to enjoy the party, please come and join us. We also have cards, dominos, and puzzles.

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

### CAREGIVER

March 8, 2007, the Northeast Oklahoma Caregiver Coalition, which consists of the Wyandotte, Quapaw, and Miami Tribes and the Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging held a Caregiver training and luncheon at the Quapaw Tribe. There were fourteen attendees. Grand Gateway presented a film on Caring for the Caregiver. There were also representatives from Hospice and Encompass Home Health. They informed the attendees of their services. There was also group discussion. Participants were given door prizes and goodie bags donated by the Coalition.

Support Groups. Caregiver Group meets the 1st Thursday of the month at 10:30

a.m. at the Wyandotte Tribal Complex. Grandparents Group meets the 1st Friday of the month at 10:30 a.m. at the Grove Public Library.

Eligibility. Caregiver or person receiving care has to be (55) years of age or older, have a CDIB card or tribal card. Grandparents (55) years or older who are primary caregivers of grandchildren (18) years of age or under.

Questions about our Caregiver program? Please call 1-800-256-2539 ext. 253 or 227.

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

Brenda House, Director, Elder Services ext.227

Dari Ann Hunnicutt, Caregiver Specialist ext.253

Alexandra Boyd, Food Service Team ext.228

Kandi Smith, Food Service Team ext.228

Vonda Keller, Food Service Team ext.228

For the menu ext.226

### Environmental Department

This has been another very busy quarter for the Environmental Department staff! The first part of the month found us in several meetings concerning the Tar Creek Superfund site. Several other meetings were attended through out including Tar Creek Trustee Council, NATURE, EPA OU4 and OU5, TECO, ATSDR Health team, and Tri-State Mining District. The staff participated in the Fish and Wildlife Service sediment sampling study in March. Under our Water 106 grant we conducted our winter bio-assessments on Sycamore and Brush Creeks. The Director attended Tribal NEPA training in Denver the last part of March. The Director also assisted the Tribe in the environmental processes to build the Pow Wow grounds on the newly purchased property. Water sampling and Tribal well testing continued. We continue to encourage Tribal members to contact us to sample their wells for bacteria, it is approved until the end of June. We are in the process of writing our new Water 106 project proposal, and we want to continue to offer this service. The (continued on next page)

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recycling trailers continue to be a big success in the area. The staff are planning the upcoming Earth Day and Arbor Day activities at this time. We are planting tree seedlings with the preschool and planning a "Recycling Roundup on April 27th from 9 to noon. The community will be able to drop off plastic, paper, cardboard and metals. There will be games and prizes for those who attend!



We hope to have another activity like this in the future!

Some other activities that our department is participating in are: The Tar Creek Conference May 17 and 18 at the Miami Civic Center. This is a great forum for people to get information about the federal, state and tribal environmental and health programs that are going on in the community. We are also working with LEAD agency on producing a video and book concerning the TEAL program that we housed for the last 9 years. We are very excited about both of these projects!

We continue to provide environmental education programs. So please give us a call if you would like to set up a time for a program or just to discuss any environmental concerns.



River Shiner from Bio-assessment



Bio-assessment on Sycamore Creek

Our staff includes: Christen Lee - Director x241, Kathleen Welch-Assistant x 235, and Janice Wilson- Water Technician x245.

### WYANDOTTE NATION HOUSING WELL, SEPTIC, SEWER, RURAL WATER INSTALLATION IHS - 121 PROGRAM

The Tribe has an Indian Health Service (IHS-121) Program, which is a program for installation of wells, septic tanks and/or septic drainfield systems, rural water hookups, sewer line hookups, etc. These are provided for Wyandotte Tribal Members within a specified service area. If you are in need of any of the above mentioned water/sewer projects, please check with this office to see if you are in the specified area.

We would be happy to assist you with an application and any information you might need for the above program. If you would like to inquire about this or any of our other housing programs, please do not hesitate to contact the housing department office at (918) 678-2297, either extension 236 or 239.

### Housing Department News Spring 2007

Perhaps we have not gotten around to telling all our Tribal Members our good news. The Housing Department is in the process of beginning to construct a rental housing complex for families and seniors which will adjoin our present Tribal Complex. We have approximately 56 acres adjoining this property and it is our goal to construct approximately 8 senior units and 20 to 24, two and three bedroom family units on this property. These plans are something which are

definitely going to happen. It will probably be about two years before this whole project is ready for occupancy.

We will be beginning very soon to put in infrastructure and roads for this project.

We are very, very excited about this and hope to make it the best in the whole Indian Country for our Tribal Members.

Please keep in touch for further updates on this project.

Reba Guilford, Housing Director  
Wyandotte Nation

## T-Shirt Design

The Pow-Wow committee is looking for a T-Shirt design for this year's 18th Annual Pow-Wow. We know there are many talented people out there and would like to see what you can come up with. The design that is chosen will be announced at the Pow-Wow and will receive a gift. All entries must be submitted before July 20, 2007. All entries received after this date will not be accepted. Submit all entries to:  
Wyandotte Nation  
ATTN: Pow-Wow Committee  
64790 E Hwy 60  
Wyandotte, OK 74370

## Active Duty

If you have or know of a Wyandotte Nation member who is serving in the military and is over seas, the Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow Committee would like to honor them. Saturday evening we have a special dedication to the veterans and read their name and any information they choose to release for public knowledge. We understand these heroes can't be here, but we would love to include their names and honor them along with the rest of the veterans. We would also like to send them a gift for their bravery in the freedom they give us everyday. Please send your information to:

Wyandotte Nation  
ATTN: Sherri Clemons  
64790 E. Hwy 60  
Wyandotte, OK 74370

# Education Department

## Preschool:

**January:** We returned to school for the second semester on January 4th, but were soon off again due to the icy weather. A total of seven school days were missed due to snow days.

**February:** The first day of February was a snow day then we settled in to preschool. We had our Valentine Party on the 14th with food, games and exchanging of valentines. The Homeroom Mothers did a wonderful job coordinating the activities. After the party the children entertained their parents, grandparents, staff and elders in the Title VI Building with a variety of songs and poems. On February 22nd we attended the play "The Jolly Roger Pirate" at Missouri Southern State University.

**March:** Spring Break was the 19th through 23rd and was enjoyed by the students and staff. The children had fun attending various activities during the week. Preschool students attended the Viet Nam Memorial Wall parade in Seneca, Missouri, on the 28th. The children waved their flags as the Cycle Connection motorcycle riders escorted the wall through main street making their way to the Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

**April:** The Pow Wow was held April 10th at the Wyandotte Public School Gym. Grand Entry was led by members of the Wyandotte Nation Color Guard followed by Chief Bearskin, Ms. Carla Culver, Education Director, and Laura Guilford, Wyandotte Nation Princess, the preschoolers and preschool staff.



The program consisted of:

- The Eagle Dance
- Fancy Shawl Dance
- The Round Dance

Family members and friends enjoyed participating in the Round Dance with the preschoolers and staff.



## Library:

The Wyandotte Tribal Library is open from 8:00 am to 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. New books and videos are being added for our patron's enjoyment. If you have a particular book or video that you are interested in, please contact Karen McNelis or Jessie Winscott. They 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 125 families, which includes 72 Wyandottes. We utilize 70 licensed facilities to provide services for our

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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 Card 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 for the school year 2006-2007 have been received in the Education Office. Those receiving scholarships will be notified no later than July 1. If you are a continuing student, please send your grades for the spring semester as soon as you receive them. Remember, to be funded for the fall semester, your grades for the spring semester and your schedule for the fall semester must be in the Education Office before your check will be requisitioned. Housing assistance grants are available for those students who live in the four-state area which includes, Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, and Arkansas. To receive housing assistance you must reside in the dorm or be renting an apartment or house for the current semester that you are attending college. Proof of rent must be provided. If you meet the criteria and are not receiving assistance, please contact Ms. Carla Culver at Ext. 230.

### **Scholarship Requirements:** New Applicants Only

- 📖 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

### **Workforce Investment Act (WIA):**

Carla Culver and Tammy Charles will be attending the 28th National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference April 15th through the 20th in Newport, Rhode Island. Approximately 25 students are being served at various colleges and technical schools. The WIA Program serves 9 counties Crawford and Cherokee in Kansas, in Missouri, Barton, Jasper, Newton, McDonald, Dade, Lawrence and Barry. If you reside in one of these counties and you are interested in schooling of any type, please contact Ms. Culver at Ext. 230 or 234. If you reside in Oklahoma, please contact Helen Christie at Inter-Tribal Council in Miami, Oklahoma at 918.542.4486.

Submitted by:

Carla Culver



# Flag Etiquette

## Standards of Respect

The Flag Code, which formalizes and unifies the traditional ways in which we give respect to the flag, also contains specific instructions on how the flag is not to be used. They are:

1. The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal.
2. The flag should not be used as a drapery, or for covering a speakers desk, draping a platform, or for any decoration in general. Bunting of blue, white and red stripes is available for these purposes. The blue stripe of the bunting should be on the top.
3. The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, napkins, boxes, or anything intended to be discarded after temporary use. Advertising signs should not be attached to the staff or halyard.
4. The flag should not be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except that a flag patch may be used on the uniform of military personnel, fireman, policeman and members of patriotic organizations.
5. The flag should never have placed on it, or attached to it, any mark, insignia, letter, word, number, figure, or drawing of any kind.
6. The flag should never be used as a receptacle for receiving, holding, carrying, or delivering anything.

When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object; it should be received by waiting hands and arms. To store the flag it should be folded neatly and ceremoniously.

The flag should be cleaned and mended when necessary.

When a flag is so worn it is no longer fit to serve as a symbol of our country, it should be destroyed by burning in a

dignified manner.

**NOTE:** Most American Legion Posts regularly conduct a dignified flag burning ceremony, often on Flag Day, June 14th. Many Cub Scout Packs, Boy Scout Troops, and Girl Scout Troops retire flags regularly as well. Contact your local American Legion Hall or Scout Troop to inquire about the availability of this service.

## Raising and Lowering the Flag

The flag should be raised briskly and lowered slowly and ceremoniously. Ordinarily it should be displayed only between sunrise and sunset. It should be illuminated if displayed at night. The flag of the United States of America is saluted as it is hoisted and lowered. The salute is held until the flag is unsnapped from the halyard or through the last note of music, whichever is the longest.

## Displaying the Flag Indoors

When on display, the flag is accorded the place of honor, always positioned to its own right. Place it to the right of the speaker or staging area or sanctuary. Other flags should be to the left. The flag of the United States of America should be at the center and at the highest point of the group when a number of flags of states, localities, or societies are grouped for display. When one flag is used with the flag of the United States of America and the staffs are crossed, the flag of the United States is placed on its own right with its staff in front of the other flag. When displaying the flag against a wall, vertically or horizontally, the flag's union (stars) should be at the top, to the flag's own right, and to the observer's left.

## Parading and Saluting the Flag

When carried in a procession, the flag should be to the right of the marchers.

When other flags are carried, the flag of the United States may be centered in front of the others or carried to their right. When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.

## The Salute

To salute, all persons come to attention. Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute. Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder, hand over the heart. Members of organizations in formation salute upon command of the person in charge.

## The Pledge of Allegiance and National Anthem

The pledge of allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag, and saluting. When the national anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention and salute at the first note and hold the salute through the last note. The salute is directed to the flag, if displayed, otherwise to the music.

## The Flag in Mourning

To place the flag at half staff, hoist it to the peak for an instant and lower it to a position halfway between the top and bottom of the staff. The flag is to be raised again to the peak for a moment before it is lowered. On Memorial Day the flag is displayed at half staff until noon and at full staff from noon to sunset. The flag is to be flown at half staff in mourning for designated, principal government leaders and upon presidential or gubernatorial order. When used to cover a casket, the flag should be placed with the union at the head and over the left shoulder. It should not be lowered into the grave.

## Services Provided to Tribal Members

Service	Program Contact	Phone Number	Extension
Dental	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Vision	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Clinic (for appointments)	Linda Coatney or Elaine Fidler	(918) 678-2282	228 or 230
Pharmacy	Carolyn Nesvold	(918) 678-2282	224
Fitness Center	Kelly Walker	(918) 678-2282	259
Contract Health	Bridget Burleson	(918) 678-2282	227
Diabetes Clinic	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Nutrition	Brenda House	(918) 678-2297	227
Caregiver Services	Dari Ann Hunnicutt	(918) 678-2297	253
Enrollment	Dana Butterfield	(918) 678-2297	219
Tags	Dana Butterfield	(918) 678-2297	219
Housing Programs	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	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Pre-School	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Library	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Adult Education	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Childcare	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Environmental	Christen Lee	(918) 678-2297	241
Human Resources	MaryAnn Hayworth	(918) 678-2297	220
Turtle Trax Printing	Pat Wilson	(918) 678-2297	238

