

# GYAH'-WISH ATAK-IA

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### Chief Re-Elected !!



Chief Leaford Bearskin beat opponent Kenneth Estes on September 10, 2005 for the position of Chief of the Wyandotte Nation. Chief Bearskin has held the position since 1983.

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### Wyandotte Nation's Honored Person of the Year



Each year the Wyandotte Nation honors a person for their contribution to the nation. This year's honoree is Mr. Ron Kaiser, Director of Planning and Development for the nation.

Ron, originally from Long Island, New York, came onboard with the nation in 1991 and immediately began the process of developing a plan for the nation to follow to become a progressive and well organized tribal government. He was an integral part of the nation becoming a self-governance tribe and continues to work in the negotiation process each year with the Federal Government on annual funding agreements.

Through his grant writing abilities the nation has been able to continue adding additional services and programs. During his tenure with the nation, Ron has been responsible both directly and indirectly for bringing in over forty million dollars in both government contracts and grant awards.

Because of his accomplishments and dedication to improving the quality of life for all tribal members, Ron Kaiser has been honored as the Wyandotte Nation Person of the Year.

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- Wyandotte Nation**
- Board of Directors**
- Leaford Bearskin**  
Chief
- Earlene Roskob**  
Second Chief
- Ramona Reid**  
Councilperson
- Vivian Fink**  
Councilperson
- Norman Hildebrand**  
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- Juanita McQuiston**  
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## Roll #2369

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.

# The Chief Says.....

## This Chief's Prayer

Oh Great Spirit, I am in need of your eyes, your voice, your heart, and your wisdom.

My people have chosen me to lead them. Show me the way, Great One, so that I may lead properly and wisely.

My heart says to me to be friends to all, yet my head says to me that my greatest need is their respect and loyalty.

I know that sometimes they may not like the ground I walk or the air I breathe. I know that some will feel that I am unfair or unreasonable. I know that at times they will grow tired and I must push them on. I know sometimes that their weaknesses must be punished or penalized. If so, my heart will tell me help carry the load that is imposed. My



Chief Leaford Bearskin

head will tell me that each must carry his own.

Oh, Great Spirit, teach me to push without breaking their spirit. Teach me persuasion with fairness. Show me how to earn respect, not fear. Teach me to treat all men equal, just as you do.

I ask more, Great Spirit: Watch over my people; protect them; keep them unharmed in spirit as well as in body. Help me to regard each life as highly as my own.

And I say to you lastly - I ask not that my pathway be made smooth. I pray that at the end of the path, when we meet, that I can walk to you proud and tall - with pride and dignity.

Oh, Great Spirit, If I measure up, grant me these things.

## From Earlene Roskob - Second Chief

Kweh Everyone,

I was happy to see so many of you in September at our Day of Dance, the Annual Meeting, the Election and Pow Wow. I am pleased to report Chief Bearskin was re-elected by a landslide. Now we can continue with our work on behalf of Wyandotte Nation.

I recently attended an excellent training for Tribal Government Management. The focus was on Economic Development for Tribes and how to create a lasting economy. Of course that

has been the plan of Chief Bearskin, myself, and the Board for many years. As the Federal Government continues to cut its budget regarding Tribal Grants, Wyandotte Nation must continue to invest and diversify in order to create a stable and lasting income to provide for our future and the futures of our children and grandchildren.

Talking about our future, I can't believe we are already in Autumn and almost time for Thanksgiving, then Christmas and the start of a New Year. I look

forward to the Holidays with family and friends, and wish the best to you and yours.

Till next time.



## Editorial

*Atak-Ia - The Turtle Speaks*, has taken on some subtle changes and you may see it change more in the future. I have been given the opportunity to be the new editor. Let me introduce myself. I'm Kim Garcia, Comptroller for the Wyandotte Nation. Usually the question that I get immediately after that introduction is, "What is a Comptroller?" Simply, I'm the Department Head for the

Accounting Department. I'm a Wyandotte Tribal Member and very proud and privileged to work for our great Tribe. This Tribe has given so much to me throughout the years, I am happy that I am able to give back a portion.

Before coming to work for the Nation, I wasn't too involved. I would attend Pow-Wows and that was about it. I didn't know much about our history, culture or traditions. I wanted to be more involved and learn more, but I felt lost. I was embarrassed to show up to the Tribe and ask for help. Since joining the staff over 2 years ago, I have learned that my

situation is very typical of many Wyandottes. I am now involved on several committees and want to help others who feel what I felt.

I want to take this opportunity to encourage members to get more involved in the Tribe. One way is through our newsletter. We would love for you to send in any family news that you would like to share with other tribal members. Please contact me for submissions, questions, or ideas for future editions at 918-678-2297 ext 217 or [kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org](mailto:kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org).

## A Day of Dance by Kim García

Our first annual *A Day of Dance* was a tremendous success! The day's events started off by Richard Zane Smith singing a prayer in our own Wyandotte language. Then Randy White and Paul Barton, along with a group of family and friends, began teaching us some traditional social dances. All were encouraged to participate.

The first dance we learned was the Bean Dance. No pictures are allowed during this because it is a ceremonial, as well as social, dance. The second dance was the Stirrup Dance. Male and female partners are to hold hands and place one foot on top of the partner's foot and hop. Although this dance looks like a lot of fun, it is actually quite difficult and requires a lot of talent (I personally should probably avoid doing this dance). We then learned the Alligator Dance. Partners line up and follow the lead partners. The dance slows down, speeds up, then the people are to whip around like an alligator tail. The next dance was the Duck Dance (my personal favorite). The men partner up and get in a line. The women partner up and dance backward facing the other way in the line. In certain times of the song, the women are to go forward while the men raise their hands. The women go under the men's hands and quack until that part of the song is over. The men continue dancing forward and the women backward. The next dance was the Go-Get-Em Dance. Women line up in front of the men. Calling out songs are sang. Men go choose one to several women to dance with them, and then dance. The men return the women back to the line and then start again. The Coon Dance is where males and females partner up. The girl shuffles backward while the men dance forward. They turn and switch sides. The very last dance we learned was the Stomp Dance. There is a main caller who sings the song and leads the people around. Women and men line up to get into the Stomp, making sure it is male, female, male, etc. The men would answer back to the caller during certain times of the song.

Dancers are to follow the leader, making for a fun time.

After having a lot of laughs and dancing, Paul Barton shared with us some slides nearly 100 years old of Wyandottes and Seneca-Cayugas together during ceremonies. The history he shared with us had everybody enthralled. Everybody was excited to see their family in these photographs. Paul found many of these photographs and studies on our people at [www.civilization.ca](http://www.civilization.ca). If you are interested in learning more about the Wyandottes, you can go to this site and search for keywords such as Wyandottes, Oklahoma, Seneca-Cayuga, and Barbeau.

We then had Chief Bearskin bless our dinner and the Culture Committee served over 100 people. The Title 6 Staff prepared a traditional dinner of pork and corn, green beans and potatoes, grape dumplings, and fry bread. It was absolutely delicious!

The day's activities continued up on the hill behind the Bearskin Wellness Center. Chief Bearskin greeted all who were in attendance and then the Stomp Dance began. We danced many of the social dances that we learned earlier in the day. The Stomp Dance led by Monty Raines was especially fun.

The Culture Committee is committed to bringing events to the tribal members throughout the year. The next event is planned for December 10, 2005. That morning will be the Kids' Christmas Party. We would like to take advantage of all attending and invite them to stay for a potluck lunch and then a time of traditional stories and social dances. If you plan on attending, please bring a dish and be ready to have a great time. All family members are invited and encouraged to attend. Also, please plan on attending Culture Week tentatively planned for late May. If you have any questions, or would like to be more involved, you may contact me in the Administration Building or call 918-678-2297 ext 217.



**Top Left:** Richard Zane Smith **Top Right:** Paul Barton speaking about similarities and shared traditions between Wyandottes and Seneca-Cayugas. **Bottom:** Randy White singing a Calling Out Song.



**Wyandott Lyceum \***  
Organized in 1844\* From the papers of William Walker - (born 1800)

**Submitted by Sallie Andrews**

[Note: The following information from 1844 brings to light some interesting facts and shows how our culture was evolving at that time. Despite the difficult circumstances our people found themselves in when they arrived in Kansas in 1843, they organized a debating society where important issues could be considered. This is completely reminiscent of our very early history as recorded by the Jesuits in 1644, "Councils took place most frequently at night. The young men were allowed to be present to initiate them to public affairs. In the presentation of their views, the elders adopted a special intonation that was used at no other time. It was a lofty and measured tone and the delivery was (continued on next page)

## Wyandott Lyceum (cont.)

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slow and very distinct. Each orator took up the proposition, repeated the opinions already expressed and then gave his own with the reasons for it. Their discourses were filled with figures of speech and the nations were called by the names of their chiefs."(1) Perhaps today's internet conversations and e-groups have taken the place of the Wyandott Lyceum and the earlier councils. We can all agree, when we get together online or in person we still love to discuss issues that are important to our people and nation. I am proud we still carry that trait in our spirit and bones. Sallie Cotter Andrews, Historical and Cultural Committee]

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The citizens of Wyandott City met according to notice and organized themselves into a society on the 36th of December 1844 for the purposes set forth in the following rules and regulations.

1. This society shall be called the Wyandott Lyceum.
2. The objects of this society shall be the moral and mental improvement of its members.
3. Its officers shall be a President and Vice President, a Secretary and five Managers.
4. The duties of the President and Vice President shall be to keep order and to act as judges in all matters which may be brought before the society, always however reserving an appeal to the house.
5. In all discussions and disquisition before this society, no personal allusions shall be permitted. Anyone violating this rule shall be immediately called to order and if persisted in, he shall not be permitted to proceed.
6. It shall be the duty of each member of this society once in two weeks or more often to present a proper subject for discussion which shall be recorded by the Secretary and out of which the

President and Vice President shall select one to be discussed at the succeeding meeting.

7. At each meeting the President and Vice President shall designate two persons who shall act as foremen of the discussion at the succeeding meeting. They shall choose sides on the question, select their men alternately one at a time from the members of the society.

8. This constitution may be amended or altered by vote of the society.

9. Any person may become a member of this society by subscribing their name to this constitution.

The following officers were elected: James Washington, President; John Gibson, Vice President; and J. M. Armstrong, Secretary. Members: Henry Jaques, J. M. Armstrong, John Gibson, Francis Driver, Sarralius, James Washington, Thomas Punch, Walter Split the Logs, M. R. Walker, Lewis Lumpy, Mathew Mudeater.

The following topics were discussed by the Wyandott Lyceum:

**No. 1** \* discussed. Should a female committing willful murder on a male person be punished by law?

**No. 2** \* discussed. Are wars productive of more misery than the intemperate use of spirituous liquors?

**No. 3** \* discussed. Is it right to inflict capital punishment?

**No. 4** \* discussed and decided in the affirmative. Does fire possess more power than water?

**No. 5** \* discussed Jan. 21st. Is it productive of the general good of the nation to divide the annuity moneys among the people?

**No. 6** \* discussed and decided in the negative. Is the pursuit of the chase (hunting) productive of more good than agricultural pursuits?

**No. 7** \* discussed. Is it a benefit to our nation to be divided into tribes?

**No. 8** \* discussed January 24th and decided in the affirmative. Would it be

of service to our people to have a town bell?

**No. 9** \* discussed January 24th and decided in the affirmative. Should we compel parents by law to send their children to school?

**No. 10** \* discussed January 26. Is it right or proper that we, the Wyandots alone of the Indian tribes, have a regular written code of laws?

**No. 11** \* discussed and decided in the affirmative. Does the mother possess more influence in training up children than the father?

**No. 12** \* discussed February 17th and decided in the affirmative. Should the Wyandots have a regular written constitution?

**No. 13** \* discussed February 6th and decided in the negative. Should the Indians in Indian Territory unite in one general government?

**No. 14** \* Shall we have a national prison?

**No. 15** \* discussed January 28th 1845 and decided in the affirmative. Is the credit system beneficial to community?

**No. 16** \* discussed February 13 and decided in the negative. Is the mind of woman not really inferior to that of man?

**No. 17.** Is the republican form of government in its nature better calculated to render its subjects happy than a monarchical government?

**No. 18** \* discussed January 28th \* Has thunder a real existence?

**No. 19** \* discussed February 6th and decided in the affirmative. Were the institutions of our forefathers good or calculated to render their people happy?

**No. 20** \* Has our earth a rotary motion?

**No. 21** \* Do our medicine feasts possess the virtues ascribed to them?

**No. 22** \* Is there any truth in witchcraft?

**No., 23** \* discussed January 26th, 1845, and decided in the negative. Is the hog of more value to the farmer than the horse?

(1) from The Jesuit Mission Among the Hurons 1634 - 1650, Lucien Campeau, S.J., page 44.

## Mollie DeWeese



M o l l i e De W e e s e , former Tribal Princess, is a senior at Missouri State University, Springfield, MO. Mollie is majoring in S p e e c h

Communications & Pathology. She will be participating in the Minority Student Leadership Program: Class of 2005, during the ASHA (American Speech-Language & Hearing Association) Convention held in San Diego, CA in November. Mollie was one of thirty chosen from 132 applicants. While there, she will participate in a set of leadership skills focused on educational programs and activities. She will build leadership skills and have the opportunity to interact with others in the professions of audiology, speech-language pathology, and hearing sciences.

Mollie has been on Tribal Scholarship Program for the past four years, and greatly appreciates what the Nation has done for her. She served the Nation for five years as princess. She feels this experience helped her gain leadership skills that she will be able to continue to build upon throughout life. Mollie was united in marriage to Joshua Leek on October 22, 2005.

Mollie wishes to extend a special thank you to Chief Bearskin.

## Harris Family Reunion

By Ramona Reid [Granddaughter of Tillie (Harris) Mathews, daughter of Ruby (Mathews) Rice]

John James Harris Family Reunion was held at Twin Bridges, Wyandotte, OK on September 9, 2005. Although our group was small this year, we had a great time. The weather cooperated, not too hot, with a slight breeze. Due to gas prices, illnesses, and work, many were unable to come. We're going to try something different next year. On Saturday of the Pow Wow, after voting, annual meeting, lunch in Title VI, we will gather for desserts at Twin Bridges. There will be lots of talking, sharing and good old-fashioned fun. We will return to the Pow Wow grounds for evening grand entry and festivities. So put the date on your calendar, Pow Wow Weekend after Labor Day. Taking the prize for oldest in attendance was Reva Waubunser of Miami, OK Youngest: Wes Combes of Wyandotte, and Shirley (Garner) Yancy of Lancaster, CA traveled the furthest distance to attend. She's Tillie (Harris) Mathews granddaughter, Philomas, daughter. So join us next year. You'll find it fun and educational attending the Pow Wow, annual meeting and reunion.

## Honor Your Veterans.....

by Patty Garrison

It has been said "there is no greater love for one another than to lay down ones life". What a wonderful gift our veterans have given to us. We have our freedom, the right to vote, and an opportunity to live our lives as we choose. Heroes that gave their lives, we can pray for. For the Veterans that returned home, we can say THANK YOU and always remember them. Our Nation was built on LOVE. Our warriors are brave and have made our great country the home of the free.

THANK YOU  
HAPPY VETERANS DAY



## Tribal Princess Wanted

by Sherri Clemons

The Wyandotte Nation is looking for a new princess. Shelby Clemons has stepped down and will crown a new princess at next year's pow-wow. The young lady must be between 15 to 17 years of age, carry a grade point average of 3.5 or better, be able to travel with the Chiefs and also attend speaking engagements on her own. The

princess must attend all local pow-wows to represent the nation and attend tribal functions. Some history of the tribe is required and some of our language is a plus.

If you meet the standards and feel you would like to try out for this position, contact Sherri Clemons at 918-678-2297 ext. 244 to set up an interview.

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# Nation Employee Review - Get Acquainted !

Josh D. McLaughlin, a Wyandotte Nation Tribal Member, is the son of Dannie and Annetta (Roark) McLaughlin. Josh was born on January 30, 1983 and has two younger siblings, Andrea and Reilly.

Josh graduated from Seneca High School in Seneca, MO, class of 2001. Shortly thereafter, he became employed by the Wyandotte Nation Housing Department as a Housing Maintenance Specialist. He has been employed for the Housing Department since that time and has been instrumental in assisting many tribal members in projects to renovate and/or rebuild homes and also new construction of homes.

In addition to his dedication to his position with the Wyandotte Nation, Josh is an excellent vocalist. He has performed at various church

functions, employee appreciation, and fund-raisers and provided his talent as a featured vocalist for the country music band "Willow



Creek". Josh and former co-worker and guitarist, Gaylon Hayworth, combined for a very successful duo and performs country and gospel music in various community events.

In addition to singing, Josh is learning to play the guitar and also

likes anything outdoors including, deer hunting, coon hunting and fishing. He uses various types of weaponry (bow, gun and muzzle loader) to hunt game.

Josh, although single, purchased a home through the Wyandotte Nation Housing Authority, which provides a further glimpse that he has embraced employment and secured a home at a very young age. Josh is not only responsible, but has many talents. His next goal is to become a heavy equipment operator for future employment with the Nation or perhaps step into another position elsewhere.

The Wyandotte Nation is very proud of Josh and we all wish him the very best in any future endeavors.



Ronnie Burnside dancing with his women during the Go Get Em Dance.

## Tumbleweed....

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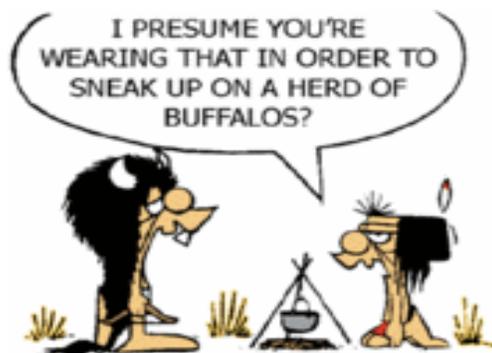
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# Tribal Department Reports

## News from Family Services

Kate Randall, Director

Dana Butterfield, Family Services Assistant

Indian summer remained with us here in Northeast Oklahoma until early October when temperatures soared to 90 degrees. Mother Nature brought the northern winds to remind us that winter is on the way. In the interim we anxiously await the arrival of fall foliage, holidays and time spent to reflect on the passing and blessings of another year.

## Tribal Operations/ Family Services/Tag

This September 10, 2005 Annual Meeting and Pow-wow brought tribal members, families and friends together to celebrate the ways of the Wyandotte People. There were 153 new members that were added to the tribal roll this year. The enrollment committee made up of members Shirley Kropp, Janet Walker, Catherine Hitchcock, Ruth Bardt, Debbie Bailey, and Leesa Hibbard did a great job in verification of eligibility for those new members. Additionally, we want to say thank you to those members for attending the Annual Meeting. It was a pleasure to see each and every tribal member in attendance. New Tribal Members please let us know as soon as possible if you have NOT received your tribal membership cards. The cards were mailed at the addresses listed on the membership application. It is very important to use proper mailing addresses. The postal services requires all rural residences to use a "911" address for mailing purposes instead of the Rural Route/Box numbers of the past. New members may request Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood cards. This card requires a separate application and the "CDIB" card certifies that you possess a certain degree of Wyandotte Indian Blood. The membership cards you receive when you enroll have your enrollment

number on them and certify that you are a member of this Nation.

The Family Services Department have had a busy fall with the issuance of tribal tags, school supply vouchers, trial enrollment, child passenger safety, and assisting tribal families in need. Service area is applicable on many of our programs, including tribal tags which are issued only in the State of Oklahoma (some counties are excluded). Please call to make an appointment for new license tags or tag renewals or questions pertaining to the tribal tag or family services programs.

## Indian Child Welfare:

The Great Sioux leader Sitting Bull was quoted to have said "Yet they say I am a bad Indian. Who has ever seen me beat my wives or abuse my children? What law have I broken? Is it wrong for me to love my own? It is wicked in me because my skin is red, because I was born where my fathers lived, because I would die for my people and my country?" The great Sioux leader showed an amazing recognizance for the problems Indian families faced in their interaction with the dominant culture. By the year 1947 the Association of American Indian Affairs showed that 25 to 35 percent of all Indian children had been removed from their families and placed in foster, adoptive or institutionalized care at some point in their lives. The Indian Child Welfare Act was enacted by Congress in 1978 to stem the removal of Indian children from their homes. There remains a shortage of Indian foster and adoptive homes for those children who cannot return to their own family or extended family. The Wyandotte Tribal Members nationwide are encouraged to open their hearts and homes to Native Families. Please call this office if you are interested in becoming an adoptive or foster family. State Agencies and tribes nationwide can assist you with this process.

Parenting: Our Wyandotte Leader, Leaford Bearskin wrote his Principles for "Teaching Our Children". These words of wisdom are meant to be passed on to every generation: Those Principles are: (1) listen when your old ones speak, they are wise in the ways of your world. (2) never speak with a forked tongue. (3) let your ears be bigger than your mouth, (4) a person does not have to be tall to cast a long shadow, (5) friendship is wonderful-the harder you try to give it away the more it returns, (6) no matter how tall you become-always look up to your parents and grandparents, (7) there really is a Great Spirit over all of us.

Life affords no greater responsibility, no greater privilege, than the raising of the next generation. Our Children are our Greatest Gift from the Creator to cherish, to love and to prepare for the future.

The Wyandotte Nation Council approved the addition of 153 new tribal members at the September 10, 2005 Annual Meeting. The new members are as follows:

Anna Elizabeth Bixby  
Brock Edward Boomer  
Eli James Adams  
Ginger Marie Anderson  
Jack Turner Austin  
Devan Christi Laine Bagnell  
Austin Wade Barker  
Kassidy McKay Barker  
James Ronald Bettes  
Cheryl Jeanne Blake  
Dale Allen Rogers Blake  
Karen Sue Blake  
Linda Louise Blake  
Hannah Morgan Bond  
Spencer Thomas Breckenkamp  
Allyn Todd Burnside  
Troy Layton Butler  
Cory Lee Coleman  
Kaleb Todd Collinsworth  
Kimberly Dawn Collinsworth  
Grace Michelle Conner-Staehnke  
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 Morgan Leigh Denney  
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 Donald Lee Drake  
 Gertrude Elaine Drake  
 Jimmy Edward Drake  
 Johnnie Leroy Drake  
 Mary Ellen Drake  
 Mickey Thomas Drake  
 Mildred June Drake  
 Tyler Lee Gordon Duley  
 Katelyn Marie Fairchild  
 Jamie Lynn Fox  
 Kenneth Russell Fox  
 Gabriel Elliott Garcia  
 Noah William Garent  
 Keisha Shianne George  
 Carson Clayton Goldmeer  
 Caleb Marshal Graham  
 Addison Ann Gray  
 Elizabeth Ann Gutierrez  
 Christopher Steven Handley  
 Natash Lyn Handley  
 Carter Patrick Hatfield  
 Jade Niccolle Hatfield  
 Berek David Hawkins  
 Elizabeth Denise Hicks  
 Velouria Christine Highsmith  
 Katherine Grace Hodson  
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 Taryn Rose Huck  
 Derald C. Hurt  
 Gerald G. Hurt  
 Katelynn Michelle James  
 Shelby Monaye James  
 Jacey Kay Johnston  
 Blake Matthew King  
 Samuel Stephen King  
 Nikos Mikkelson Kuimelis  
 Joanna Margaret Lewis  
 Timothy Ray Linkous  
 Brady James Lofland  
 Charles Curtis Long  
 Caleb Zebulun Lundy  
 Cheyenne Nadine Mansfield  
 Olivia Grace Matthews  
 Emily Marie Miles  
 William Randell Miles  
 Conner Lane Moore  
 Brianna Michele Rafferty  
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 Kacie Renee Rupert  
 Rebekah Marie Shaffar  
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 Britney Michelle Smith  
 Raven Lynn Smith  
 Natasha Katherine Spencer  
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 Cam Critten Summers  
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 Kaitlyn Elizabeth Waston  
 Kessler Todd Watson  
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 Tyler Harrison Watson  
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 Timothy Alan Wilson  
 Alexys Rose Young  
 Kiersten Brianne Blake  
 Michelle Jeanne Allen  
 Tina Marie Allen  
 Ashley Lauren Blake  
 Roger Allen Blake  
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 Joshua Lee Boyles  
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Mackenzie Chrystine Rash  
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 Alura Jocelyn Garcia  
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 Terry Joe Hicks  
 Destiny Dawn McLain  
 Skylor Christopher Evans McLain  
 Kylee Anna Newport  
 Stephen Douglas Rash  
 Gabriel Markus Retherford  
 Caylob Anthony Rogers-Blake  
 Aliyah Marie Salcido  
 Jordann Brianna Mills Salcido  
 Blaise Ashton Vaughn  
 Sydney Breanne Vaughn  
 Trevor Ryan Wilder

We look forward to seeing you over the Holiday Season.

## Wyandotte Nation Tag Office

**The Tag Office is now housed in the East Building of the Tribal Complex. Beginning January 1, 2005, the Tag Office will be open on a "BY APPOINTMENT" Basis. Please call Dana or Kate at (800) 256-2539 ext. 219 and ext. 224 respectively for appointments.**

## Department Reports (cont.)

### **Environmental Department.**

The Environmental Department has been very busy these last few months. We continue our monthly water monitoring of streams and rivers in the area. We are also doing a second round of bio-assessment on Lost Creek and one on Sycamore Creek. We will be using Brush Creek as a reference stream for Sycamore Creek.

The Environmental Department will also be putting a large recycling trailer with 8 bins 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.

Kathleen Welch and Janice Wilson attended a Tribal Water Quality Standards Academy in Polson, MT. It was put on by EPA and hosted by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes. This was a very informative training.

We will be gearing up soon for our annual KEEP AMERICA BEAUTIFUL KEEP OKLAHOMA BEAUTIFUL "GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP" campaign in March, April, and May.

If there is any thing we can help you with, 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).

Christen, Kathleen and Janice want to wish everyone a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY, HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

### **Planning and Development**

Ron Kaiser, Planning and Development Director

Kari Griffin, Planning and Development Specialist

The Planning and Development Department is gearing up for several construction projects in the near future.

One project is coordinating 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. At this time, we are also beginning preliminary work for the construction of new roads with funds from the Indian Reservation Roads Program.

During the month of August the Planning and Development Director attended ICC Indian Enterprises training on Acquisition and Disposal of Lands I and II in San Diego, CA. This training will be beneficial to the Tribe for any future land acquisitions.

In September we received the signed Self Governance agreement from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for fiscal year 2006. Planning and Development Staff along with the Chief of Staff and Second Chief attended the negotiations for this agreement during the month of August at the Tribal Complex.

The Human Resources Director along with Planning and Development Staff set up records management training for all staff during the month of November 2005. This training will enable the staff to have a standard of dealing with all records.

Maintenance staff has been busy with preparations and clean up from the Pow-wow. Maintenance also moved office furniture for Bearskin Aviation. September 30th was the last day for seasonal staff this year.

### **Wyandotte Nation Housing**

#### **IHS - 121 Program**

Reba Guilford, Housing Director, ext.239

Kathy DeWeese, Housing Specialist, ext. 236

The Tribe has an Indian Health Service - IHS - 121 Program, which is a program for wells, septic drainfield systems, rural water hookups, sewer line hookups, etc. These are provided for 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.

The Housing Department also has other programs available such as rehab or homeownership programs. If you have, would like to inquire about any of our programs, please do not hesitate to call either Reba or Kathy at 918-678-2297, ext. 236 or 239.

### **Education Department**

by Carla Culver

#### **Preschool**

Classes began August 15th with an enrollment of 47 students. We have three classes this year: a four year old, a three year old and a mixed three and four year old. Plans are under way for the fall activities. Our Halloween Party and program for the parents will be Monday, October 31st. The children will trick or treat the various offices in the Wyandotte Nation Complex. We will celebrate Thanksgiving with a dinner at the Eastside Assembly Church on November 10 with entertainment from the preschoolers.

We appreciate Kelly Walker and Kim Wade for the physical fitness program they coordinate at the Wyandotte Nation's Wellness Center. Each class participates for 30 minutes and tremendously enjoys their P.E. Day.

Our appreciation to the Jerry Buzzard family for their generous contributions in his memory to the Wyandotte Nation Preschool. Many donations have been received and the entire Education Department extends their condolences to the Buzzard family.

#### **Library**

The Wyandotte Tribal Library is open from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. New materials are added monthly to enhance the available materials in the area. Karen McNelis and Jessie Winscott are familiar with (continued on next page)

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our facility and look forward to meeting you and providing assistance. The Library Grant has received an extra \$1,000 this year for materials.

### **Child Care & Development Fund Program**

The Child Care Program is currently serving 124 families, which includes 90 Wyandottes. We utilize 64 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.

### **Tribal Scholarships**

Scholarship recipients' checks have been sent to their respective 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 funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

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

Approximately 32 students are being served at various colleges and technical schools.

## **Certificate Program**

**Karen Bowman** – classes - Park University

**Freda Selvy** - class –Lindenwood University

**Carolyn Nesvold** - class –NEO A&M College

**Nancy Spiva** – classes – Crowder College

**Lynn Wilson** - class – Williamette Carpenter Training Center

**John Tracy Wright** - Plumbing Exam

**Amanda Knight** – class - Ozark Technical Community College

**Kimberly Shelton** – Northeast OK Vo-Tech – Nursing

# SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS

Name	Name
1. Mollie DeWeese, Seneca, MO Southwest Missouri State Univ. Springfield, Missouri Major - Speech Pathology	11. Alexandria Christy, Denver, CO Colorado State University Ft. Collins, CO Major - Music Education
2. Jerrod Oakley, Bernice, OK Northeastern OK A&M College Miami, Oklahoma Major – Undecided	12. Brian DeShayes, Los Alamos, NM University of New Mexico Albuquerque, NM Major – Mech.Engineer/Business
3. Heather Hart, Commerce, OK University of Arkansas Fayetteville, Arkansas Major – Art Education	13. Crystal Farmer, Welch, OK Northeastern A&M College Miami, OK Major – Biology
4. Brandi Ruth, Derby, KS Butler County Community Coll. El Dorado, Kansas Major– Admin.of Justice/Police Science	14. Caleb Frame, Basin, WY Casper College – Casper, WY Major – Construction Technology
5. Jarrett Watters, Edmond, OK University of OK, Norman, OK Major – Sports Medicine/Business	15. Tyler Hews, Van Buren, ME Husson College Bangor, ME Major – Physical Therapy
6. Anna Watts, Agency, MO William Jewel College Liberty, MO Major – Undecided	16. Jason Lankston, Kansas, OK Northeastern State Univ. Tahlequah, OK Major - Sports Training
7. Jennifer Betts, Wyandotte, OK Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, OK Major – Secondary Education	17. Deverie Misenhimer, Canyon City, CO Colorado State Univ. Ft. Collins, CO Major – Business Finance
8. Sarah Adams, Tecumseh, MI Michigan State University East Lansing, MI Major – Education	18. Michael Prator, Cottonwood, AZ Yavapai College Clarkdale, AZ Major – Business Management
9. Lee Irene Allen, Greenfield, WI University of Wisconsin/Madison Madison, WI Major – Medical Science	19. Marci Russell, Redfield, Ks Ft. Scott Comm. College Ft. Scott, KS Major – Pharmacy
10. Adam Carter, OK City, OK Oklahoma State University Norman, OK Major – Film Studies	20. James Sherry, Greenwood, MO Longview Comm. College Lee's Summit, MO Major – Math or Engineering

## SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS (cont.)

Name	Name	Name
21. Caley Ballard, Dunnegan, MO Southwest Baptist University Bolivar, MO Major- Undecided	31. William Isaacs, Bethany, OK Univ. of Central OK Edmond, OK Major – Computer Science	41. Jeffery Perry, Ozawkie, KS Washburn Univ. Topeka, KS Major – Business
22. Maggie Burnside, Tulsa, OK Northeastern State Univ. Tahlequah, OK Major – Elementary Ed.	32. Natasha McLeesVaughn, Seneca, MO Missouri Southern State Univ. Joplin, MO Major - Radiology	42. Cray Allred, Springfield, MO Drury University Springfield, MO Major - Communications
23. Crystal Spybuck, Eules, TX Univ. of North Texas Denton, TX Major – Urban Planning	33. Andrea Rickman, Miami, OK Univ. of Central OK Edmond, OK Major – Education	43. Valerie Eby, Joplin, MO Missouri Southern State Univ. Joplin, MO Major – Undecided
24. Natalie Williams, Allen, TX Utah State Univ. Logan, Ut Major – Photography	34. Angela Rickman, Miami, OK Univ. of Central OK Edmond, OK Major – Psychology	44. Samantha Elbert, Seneca, MO Crowder College Neosho, MO Major – Elementary Ed.
25. Megan Wright Genzler, Clever, MO Southwest MO State Univ. Springfield, MO Major – Undecided	35. Jamie Smith, Tonkawa, OK Northeastern State Univ. Tahlequah, OK Major – undecided	45. Caitlin Buel, Oskaloosa, KS Cowley CO. Comm. College Arkansas City, KS Major – Pre-veterinary Med.
26. Lauren Andre', Puyallup, WA Univ. of Washington Seattle, WA Major – Undecided	36. Katy Newton, Ruskin, FL Univ. of South Florida Tampa, FL Major – Business	46. Melissa Butle, Phoenix, AZ Northern Arizona Univ. Flagstaff, AZ Major – Nursing
27. Lea Baldwin, Wyandotte, OK Northeastern OK A&M, Miami, OK Major – Nursing	37. Jessica Vickers, Jay, OK Northeastern State Univ. Tahlequah, OK Major – Physical Therapy	47. Travis Tice, Springdale, AR Northwest AR Comm. College Bentonville, AR Major – Sports Medicine
28. Sonya Bruegel, Seneca, MO Missouri Southern State Univ. Joplin, MO Major - Comm. Science Disorders	38. Jae Lynn Hudson, Noel, MO Northeastern OK A&M Miami, OK Major – Veterinary Medicine	48. Kristen Clardy, Fayetteville, AR Northwest AR Comm. College Bentonville, AR Major – Elementary Ed.
29. Lindsay Glass, Kansas, OK Bacone College Muskogee, OK Major- Physical Therapy	39. Mandy Elliot, Seneca, MO Southwest Missouri State Univ. Springfield, MO Major – Undecided	49. Joshua Clapp, Quinton, OK Northeastern OK A&M Miami, OK Major- Undecided
30. DeWayne Isaacs, Bethany, OK Univ. of Central OK Edmond, OK Major – Computer Science	40. Jo Ann Osburn, Baxter Springs, KS Pittsburg State Univ. Major – Automotive Tech.	50. Casey Biswell, Houston, TX Stephen F. Austin State Univ. Austin, TX Major – Secondary Ed.

## SCHOLARSHIP STUDENTS (cont.)

Name	Name
51. Erica Hews, Van Buren, ME Birkshire Institute, Lenox, MA Major – Education	62. Stephanie Young, Kansas City, KS Kansas State Univ. Lawrence, KS Major – Dance/Business
52. Stephanie Taylor, Miami, OK NEO A&M College, Miami, OK Major – Veterinary Med.	63. Margretha Long, Riverside, CA Univ. of California at Riverside Riverside, CA Major – Chemistry
53. Ashley Stockdale, Lake Worth, FL University of Florida Gainesville, FL Major – Political Science	64. Jessica Taylor, Seneca, MO Crowder College Neosho, MO Major – General
54. Allison Gallaspy, Lafayette, LA Tulane Univ., New Orleans, LA Major – Bio-Medical Eng.	65. Megan Gallup, Chaska, MN Crown College St. Bonifacius, MN Major – Undecided
55. Kayla Armstrong, Broken Arrow, OK Univ. of Oklahoma Oklahoma City, OK Major – Physical Therapy	
56. Casey Barton, Lawrence, KS Baker University Baldwin City, KS Major – Psychology/Physic.	
57. Sallie Lofland, Scappoose, OR Univ. of Oregon Eugene, OR Major – Undecided	
58. Lisa Elst Strong, Whitelake, WI McMurray Univ. Abilene, TX Major – Undecided	
59. Timothy Nance, Blue Springs, MO Univ. Missouri/Rolla, Rolla, MO Major – Engineering	
60. Brian Hurt, The Woodlands, TX Univ. of Texas at Austin Austin, TX Major – Aerospace	
61. Laura Henderson, Jay, OK NEO A&M College Miami, OK Major – Education	

### Title VI News

Brenda House, Title VI Director  
Dari Ann Hunnicutt, Caregiver Specialist  
Laura Staggs, Food Service Supervisor  
Ora Lee Combes, Food Service Worker  
Laura Foreman, Kitchen Aide

We went to the Tulsa State Fair September 30, 2005. Some of the Elders went to the Ice Capades and others decided to just mill around the Fair. Everyone had a great time. We will be going to the Horse Races in Sallisaw, OK. October 21, 2005. Our Halloween party will be Monday, October 31, 2005. We will have a costume contest. Prized will be awarded for the best costume. The band will be here to play for us and we will have Turkey legs and fried apples. Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Friday, November 18, 2005. We will have Turkey and dressing and all the trimmings. Our Christmas buffet will be held Friday, December 16, 2005. We have smoked brisket, numerous finger foods, homemade cookies, candies, fruit cake and many other items. The dinners will be held during our lunch time which is 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please come and share the fun and great food with us. Have a great holiday season!

## Gift Shop News

### \*\*\*FOR WINTER\*\*\*

Izod Jackets with tribal logo!  
Black or Gray - \$60  
Fleece Jackets with tribal logo!  
Cream or Gray - \$34  
Fleece Blankets with tribal logo  
and carrying strap!  
Red, Black or Gray - \$30

### \*\*\*Handcrafted Pottery\*\*\*

by tribal member Matthew Zane  
starting at \$15

### \*\*\*Leanin' Tree Cards\*\*\*

Decorative Stationary - 18 sheets  
with envelopes \$8.50  
Laser and Inkjet compatible

### \*\*Still Available\*\*

Decorative Gourds

Wyandotte Nation T-shirts,  
\$6 to \$18 dollars.  
Sizes: Sm - M - Lg - 2X - 3X

### \*Check out our other Gift Items\*

Wyandotte Nation Coffee Cups  
1 - for \$5.00 2 - \$9.00  
Tribal Logo & Creation Turtle  
Cups

Metal Turtle Shapes - \$8.00  
Made by tribal member  
Monica Raines  
Golf Towels  
CD Cases: 12 & 42 Count

Indian art on leather - \$18.00  
Indian Art on Pillows - \$45  
Made by Tribal Member  
Angela Davis  
Authentic Silver and Turquoise  
Jewelry

Wyandotte Cookbooks  
Volumes 1 and 2 - \$6 each  
Wyandotte Nation Clocks with  
Turtle Logo

For information on how to place  
an order and receive it in time for  
the holidays, call Brenda House  
at (918) 678-2297 or  
1-800-256-2539 ext. 227

# What Is Healthy People 2010? by Kristin Thomas

Healthy People 2010 are a comprehensive set of disease prevention and health promotion objectives for the Nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century. Created by scientists both inside and outside of Government, it identifies a wide range of public health priorities and specific, measurable objectives.

## Overarching Goals:

1. Increase quality and years of healthy life
2. Eliminate health disparities

## Focus Areas:

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| 1. <i>Access to Quality Health Services</i>                    | 15. <i>Injury and Violence Prevention</i>     |
| 2. <i>Arthritis, Osteoporosis, and Chronic Back Conditions</i> | 16. <i>Maternal, Infant, and Child Health</i> |
| 3. <i>Cancer</i>   | 17. <i>Medical Product Safety</i>             |
| 4. <i>Chronic Kidney Disease</i>                               | 18. <i>Mental Health and Mental Disorders</i> |
| 5. <i>Diabetes</i>   | 19. <i>Nutrition and Overweight</i>           |
| 6. <i>Disability and Secondary Conditions</i>                  | 20. <i>Occupational Safety and Health</i>     |
| 7. <i>Educational and Community-Based Programs</i>             | 21. <i>Oral Health</i>                        |
| 8. <i>Environmental Health</i>                                 | 22. <i>Physical Activity and Fitness</i>      |
| 9. <i>Family Planning</i>                                      | 23. <i>Public Health Infrastructure</i>       |
| 10. <i>Food Safety</i>   | 24. <i>Respiratory Diseases</i>               |
| 11. <i>Health Communication</i>                                | 25. <i>Sexually Transmitted Diseases</i>      |
| 12. <i>Heart Disease and Stroke</i>                            | 26. <i>Substance Abuse</i>                    |
| 13. <i>HIV</i>   | 27. <i>Tobacco Use</i>                        |
| 14. <i>Immunization and Infectious Diseases</i>                | 28. <i>Vision and Hearing</i>                 |

## What Are the Leading Health Indicators (LHIs)?

The Leading Health Indicators are 10 major health issues for the nation. The LHIs are:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1. <i>Physical Activity</i>           | 6. <i>Mental Health</i>          |
| 2. <i>Overweight and Obesity</i>      | 7. <i>Injury and Violence</i>    |
| 3. <i>Tobacco Use</i>                 | 8. <i>Environmental Quality</i>  |
| 4. <i>Substance Abuse</i>             | 9. <i>Immunization</i>           |
| 5. <i>Responsible Sexual Behavior</i> | 10. <i>Access to Health Care</i> |

## What Is The History of Healthy People 2010?

Healthy People 2010 builds on initiatives pursued over the past two decades. The 1979 Surgeon General's Report, Healthy People laid the foundation for a national prevention agenda. The 1980 Promoting Health/Preventing Disease: Objectives for the Nation, and Healthy People 2000: National Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Objectives, both established national health objectives and served as the basis for the development of State and community plans.

Healthy People 2010 is a set of health objectives for the Nation to achieve over the first decade of the new century. It can be used by many different people, States, communities, professional organizations, and others to help them develop programs to improve health.

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People 2010 was developed through a broad consultation process, built on the best scientific knowledge and designed to measure programs over time.

Healthy People 2010 offers a simple but powerful idea: provide health objectives in a format that enables diverse groups to combine their efforts and work as a team. It is a road map to better health for all and can be used by many different people, States, communities, professional organizations, and groups to improve health. The initiative has partners from all sectors.

## What Are Its Goals?

Healthy People 2010 is designed to achieve two overarching goals:

- **Goal 1: Increase Quality and Years of Healthy Life**

The first goal of Healthy People 2010 is to help individuals of all ages increase life expectancy and improve their quality of life.

- **Goal 2: Eliminate Health Disparities**

The second goal of Healthy People 2010 is to eliminate health disparities among different segments of the population.

Each of the 28 focus area chapters also contains a concise goal statement. This statement frames the overall purpose of the focus area.

Examples of focus area goals are:

- 3. Cancer:

Reduce the number of new cancer cases as well as the illness, disability, and death caused by cancer.

- 6. Disability and Secondary Conditions:

Promote the health of people with disabilities, prevent secondary conditions, and eliminate disparities between people with and without disabilities in the U.S. population.

- 10. Food Safety:

Reduce food borne illnesses.

## What Are the Leading Health Indicators?

The Leading Health Indicators will be used to measure the health of the Nation over the next 10 years. Each of the 10 Leading Health Indicators has one or more objectives from Healthy People 2010 associated with it. As a group, the Leading Health Indicators reflect the major health concerns in the United States at the beginning of the 21st century. The Leading Health Indicators were selected on the basis of their ability to motivate action, the availability of data to measure progress, and their importance as public health issues.

The Leading Health Indicators are—

- Physical Activity
- Overweight and Obesity
- Tobacco Use
- Substance Abuse
- Responsible Sexual Behavior
- Mental Health
- Injury and Violence
- Environmental Quality
- Immunization
- Access to Health Care

# THE TURTLE COMPLEX

## A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE

by Tom Colgan

A few weeks ago in the middle of August, a combined meeting of all employees in the "Turtle" complex was told that they were to be congratulated for the continued positive forward progress of each of these groups. All were meeting as one for the first time, including those who made up the workforce for the Lucky Turtle Casino, the staff at the Turtle Stop Convenience Store, the Bearskin Diner group, and the crew taking care of the Car Wash Complex.

Casino Management had taken over the reins of control for the whole complex a couple of months before and new directions were being headed by each of the participating entities. It was exciting for the groups to join together and feel the synergy in their midst, the overlapping bonds of mutual strength. But, it was also a time to recognize a new challenge, and that was to see the possibilities of the future.

This was the challenge to make a commitment to excellence. They were challenged to take even greater pride in their work, and in their jobs, and to try and realize how good they could become and how outstanding the total complex can become.

This article is part of a newsletter that gathers information from Wyandotte entities and shares that news with tribal members and friends all across this part of the world. It goes to those who may be several thousand miles away, but who still have ties, and cares, and heritage with the happenings near this home we call Wyandotte. It is to these people that our excitement needs to be conveyed that they might understand the impact of eighty plus people all striving to do their best, all committing to working hard for achieving excellence in our businesses.

Excellence means your volume grows, your customers increase, and it means

you have to work more, work harder, work smarter, and work with more responsibility. Each job grows more and more complicated with more tasks and more activity. The need for better interaction between employees grows as interdependence becomes essential. At each level and in each of the groups, the commitment to excellence is happening, the pride is growing, employees are blossoming, and results are manifestly positive.

### TURTLE STOP CONVENIENCE STORE

Motorists heading east on U.S. 60 look for the big red numbers on the tall marquee to slowly come into sight, and they look to see if that top number will tell them what they have come to expect—the Turtle Stop has the lowest gas prices in the area. That reputation is spreading and you can almost hear the CB radios of the truckers spreading the word on the price of diesel. Every night almost two dozen truckers will be parked in the vast lot behind the complex.

Fuel volume has increased so dramatically in the past 3-4 months that total store sales volume has almost doubled from the early months of this year. Fuel Inventory Control Management has been put into place and the timing of fuel purchases by careful observation of price fluctuations has enabled the best prices to be offered. The timing of price changes helps drive the fuel volume of sales, numbers of customers, and the sales volume of the inside store. Close associations with the suppliers and constant contact has helped accomplish this, despite the hurdles of two major hurricanes and the most volatile period of gas pricing in recent history.

The store interior has been remodeled and inventory adjusted. Three cashiers run almost constantly and lines are not

uncommon. Employees know they need to be good at what they do, and they are, and they are getting even better. New uniforms have given a greater sense of being a part of a team, and have raised the awareness of approaching work professionally.

Excitement is in the air. The store is busy, filled with customers who know it is a place serving their needs, and filled with employees wanting the store to be the best, wanting it to be better than any other store around. These are people taking pride in their work, striving for excellence and working hard for the Wyandotte Nation.

If you are sitting many hundreds of miles away, but still connected despite the distance, you can smile, too, and be proud of their efforts.

### BEARSKIN DINER

The food at the Bearskin Diner is something new, you can only understand by experiencing. Whether it is the chicken fried chicken, the pork loin steak, the ribs, the chicken fried steak, or any other daily special, it is deliciously good. The staff, run by Chef Jim Cole, turns out daily offerings and desserts that make it a great place to eat any time of the day.

The staff also puts out a wide variety of hot deli items all day long that are sold in the convenience store and these are becoming big daily favorites for store customers. As motorists are headed east or west on U.S. 60, they are becoming more and more familiar with the food offering of this complex, realizing it is, indeed, a great place to eat!

### TRUCK AND CAR WASH COMPLEX

Many people may fail to realize the level of quality that is present in our wash complex, built last year. The car (continued on next page)

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wash industry has changed radically in recent years with the advent of high-tech equipment, multiple kinds of soap, and inventive ways that they are applied scientifically. And, ours is, in reality, the best quality of anywhere in the area. With laser equipment, the automatic wash is able to perform soap applications and rinsing that cleans with incredible efficiency. The opportunity for car care is available to all the growing numbers of customers in the complex. An anticipated marketing in the coming Spring should help increase productivity of this part of the complex by strong margins.

### LUCKY TURTLE CASINO

This part of the complex continues to carve out a huge niche in the regional gaming industry. Though limited by present size and number of machines, it has deservedly earned a reputation with the other bigger and major facilities in

the area, as a major competitor. It is common to hear people say, the "Turtle" is their favorite place to play.

The Lucky Turtle Casino has created a strong foundation by emphasizing the importance of great customer service to all its employees. It is a commitment to excellence by all to make sure that we have the friendliest environment and the cleanest. Also, our understanding of the machines we offer for play, and the recognition of the power of machine payoff percentage, give us a reputation with the savvy players, that we are the place to play with the greatest possibility of an expectation to win.

The future is incredibly bright with the potential for tremendous growth, when facilities are in place that will provide much greater opportunities for our thriving philosophy and foundations to be utilized.

Our casino is literally, in the "heart" of the gaming community of northeastern Oklahoma. People are criss-crossing

the area everyday, going from the north to south, and to the east, from Miami to Seneca, to Grand Lake, and always passing through the center, the heart, which turns out to be the best place to play in the whole area.

The Lucky Turtle Casino...The Turtle Stop Convenience Store...The Bearskin Diner...The Car Wash... This is the "Turtle" Complex, and it is a place...where there is...a commitment to excellence.

So, the next time, in your mind, as you are far away, or in your car, when you are here, the next time the "Turtle" complex starts coming into view, may you start anticipating the lowest prices, the greatest tasting food, the best and most efficient car wash, and the most fun and friendly place to win a lot of money, and may your anticipations make you smile, and feel pride, and may your anticipations be fulfilled.

## Who is Wyandotte Net Tel?

Wyandotte Net Tel is an information technology company owned by the Wyandotte Nation under the federal charter of the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma. Wyandotte Net Tel functions as a provider of telecom services and products. From Computer hardware and network engineering to help desk, programming, consulting and project management; WNT provides products and support services to meet the needs of corporate, institutional and government users.

### Services:

- Administrative Management
- Consulting
- Configuration
- Custom Computer Programming

- Engineering
- Help Desk
- Human Resources
- Networking Solutions
- Project Management

### History of SBA 8(a) Certification

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In 1991 the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma applied to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) for certification as a participant in the 8(a) program for Small and Disadvantaged Minority businesses. Wyandotte Tribal Petroleum, Inc. (WTPI) was started with an approved primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code of 5172. Later that same year WTPI submitted a business plan and applied for secondary SIC codes 5983 and 5984. The SBA

approved that business plan, and continued to help WTPI expand with certification for another eighteen SIC codes.

By 1995 WTPI branched out with a new division, Wyandotte Network Communications (WNC), to service the telecommunications SIC codes that the SBA had approved.

WNC serviced federal contracts with GSA Kansas City, Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SPAWAR) Charleston, South Carolina and was awarded solicitations from GSA Bremerton, Tinker AFB, Edwards AFB, Wright Patterson AFB, Robins AFB, Bolling AFB, McConnell AFB, Kadena AFB (Japan), Ramstein AFB (Germany), Aviano AFB (continued on next page)



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(Italy), Fort Knox, Fort Campbell, Fort Monmouth, Fort Bragg, Camp Pendleton, Army Corp of Engineers, Social Security Administration, IRS, FBI, Unicor and the Department of Commerce just to name a few. WNC's 8(a) status expired in June of 2000.

In March of 2000 the Wyandotte Nation received certification of another 8(a) and Wyandotte Net Tel was formed to continue and expand the scope of work established by Wyandotte Network Communications.

### Why is Wyandotte Net Tel Different?

WNT can help any government procurement personnel meet all of these set-aside goals . . .

- (SDB) Small Disadvantaged Business
- 8(a) Certified
- HUBZone
- Native American
- 100% Tribally Owned

Another benefit to doing business with WNT is that being tribally owned we have no ceiling to our transaction dollar amount on sole source selections.

### Current Relevant Contract Sample . . . .

October 2002, Center for Army Analysis (CAA)  
Information Technology Center,  
Fort Belvoir, VA

Wyandotte Net Tel (WNT) is the prime contractor for the Center for Army Analysis (CAA) to provide technical expertise, training, and management of a Local Area Network (LAN), which utilizes state-of-the-art technology in communications. CAA requires technical assistance in the areas of Project Management, Configuration Management, Systems, Administration support of Windows 2000, Windows NT, Sun Solaris, SQL Server, Exchange and Web Servers.

### Sub-contractors . . .

WNT's corporate policy is to have sub-contractors of the highest caliber to serve our federal customers. Alcatel, ISC and SAIC are companies that meet high performance and quality standards and they have developed an excellent sub-contracting relationship with WNT. Through these partnerships WNT has been able to fulfill many federal contracts with outstanding quality ratings.

### ■ ALCATEL

Alcatel provides end-to-end communications

solutions, enabling carriers, service providers and enterprises to deliver content to any type of user, anywhere in the world. Leveraging its long-term leadership in telecommunications network equipment as well as its expertise in applications and network services.

### ■ ISC (Information Sciences Corporation)

ISC is a Native American, Small Disadvantaged Minority Business providing information technology and services to businesses and the Federal Government in the Washington, D.C. area.

### ■ SAIC (Science Applications International Corporation)

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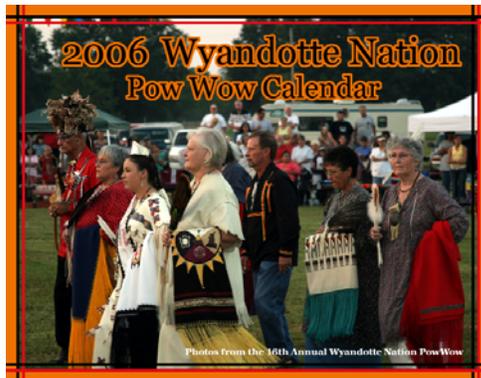
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The Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow Committee would like to thank all Tribal Members and Employees that came and supported our annual event. It was a great success and we hope everyone had a good time. Twenty different tribes were represented for the contest dances. This year during the Veterans Special we had 108 and that is not including the ones who could not get in the arena that the committee handed out. This special is one the committee is very proud of and we would like to invite all veterans, men and women to come and let us honor you for the price you paid for all of us. This special is on Saturday evening and we begin sign up on Saturday afternoon. It is and has always been the goal of the tribe and committee to make the pow-wow a fun and safe event. With the support of the police department and the maintenance department, we feel this goal was achieved. A big "Thank You" to all the guys. We hope to see everyone next year and if you have any comments, feel free to contact my office at 918-678-2297 ext. 244.



## PowWow Calendar

The 2006 PowWow Calendars will be available for purchase in November. If you would like to buy one, they are \$10.00 each. For more information contact Sherri Clemons at 918-678-2297 ext. 244.



# 2005 Pow Wow Photos





## 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

## Holidays.....

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### Kids Christmas Party

December 10, 2005

10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Kids - birth thru 12 years

There will be a gift for the children, age's birth thru 12 years old plus cookies and punch.

For additional information contact Sherri Clemons, 918-678-2297 ext. 244.

### Calendar of Events:

#### November 10

Preschool Thanksgiving Dinner

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

#### November 11

Veterans' Day

Offices Closed

#### November 18

Title VI - Thanksgiving Dinner

#### November 24 & 25

Thanksgiving Holidays

#### December 10

Kids Christmas Party

10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Culture Potluck Lunch/Story Time

12:00 p.m. till ?

#### December 15

Staff Christmas Party

11:00 - ?

#### December 16

Title VI - Christmas Dinner

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Preschool Christmas Program

(Tentative) 10: 00 a.m.

#### December 21 - Jan 3

Preschool Winter Break

(Childcare still available)

#### December 23

Offices close at noon

Reopen on December 27

#### December 30

Offices close at noon

Reopen on January 3, 2006

