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THE TURTLE SPEAKS



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2nd Chief Elected !!!



General Council meeting on Saturday, September 9th. Friend was elected over incumbent Earlene Roskob by a vote of 128-77.

Billy is a descendant of Adam Brown, has been employed with the tribe for the past 8 years and has served in several key management positions. He and his wife Ronda and children Allyson, Caleb, Kelsey, Tyler, Cade, and Chloe currently reside in Joplin, MO.

Billy Friend was elected as Second Chief of the Wyandotte Nation at the



Chief Honored

The Wyandotte Nation was honored to have present Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady (his biography can be found at <http://www.af.mil/bios/bio.asp?bioID=4769>) at the annual meeting. Lt. Gen. Brady was in attendance in order to present Chief Leaford Bearskin with an Outstanding Civilian Career Service (OCCS) Award. The OCCS Award is designed to recognize an individual at the time of retirement who has demonstrated significant accomplishments, leadership, unusual competence, and significant impact upon the Air Force mission throughout the employee's career.

This award did not exist when Chief Bearskin retired on June 30, 1979 with over 18 years of civilian service. The Air Force recognized something Wyandotte Nation has been proud of for many years, that "Chief Bearskin was an exemplary employee who truly put service before self."



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Wyandotte Nation
Board of Directors
Leaford Bearskin
Chief

Billy Friend
Second Chief
Ramona Reid
Councilperson
Vivian Fink
Councilperson

Norman Hildebrand
Councilperson

Juanita McQuiston
Councilperson

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The Chief Says



Chief Leaford Bearskin

Our Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow were both an outstanding

success. We had our largest attendance ever at the Annual Meeting.

At the Annual Meeting, I received one of the greatest honors I have ever received. It was from Lieutenant General Roger A. Brady, Deputy Chief of Staff, Personnel, United States Headquarters, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. I was honored with an outstanding Career Service Award for my Civil Service to the United States Air Force.

Our Annual Pow-Wow was also an outstanding success due to the efforts of Sherri Clemons, her Pow-Wow committee, and volunteers.

The fall of the year is fast approaching and plans for the

Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays are being carried out. In these holidays we must always be reminded that our Great Spirit has been good to us this past year. As shown in our last slide of our Annual Meeting presentation, there are several things for us to be thankful for.

We have an outstanding Board of Directors; an outstanding group of Department Heads; an outstanding group of employees; and the most important item of all is that we have the outstanding support of our tribal members. This one fact alone inspires us to greater efforts in striving to serve our people.

I say again – I am the proudest Chief in the Indian World.

From Billy Friend - Second Chief



I want to take this opportunity to thank you for electing me as the Second Chief of the Wyandotte Nation. It is my humble honor to serve the Wyandotte People for the next four years. The future of the Wyandotte Nation has never been brighter. I am looking forward to building a strong, productive relationship with our Board of Directors and working together to accomplish more for our fellow tribal members.

We have a great challenge before us. This challenge is to pass on the Wyandotte legacy to present and future generations.

This challenge can be achieved by making wise decisions, to advance the progress of the Wyandotte Nation and to encourage each of our citizens to earn a quality of life for themselves, their families, communities and Nation.

As I began to reflect on our Wyandotte legacy which we have been entrusted, I realized that a legacy is a gift from our ancestors. Our legacy is that we are a people who face adversity and survive, adapt, prosper, and excel. The decision to accept this legacy and its responsibility is not difficult. What greater honor, what greater opportunity can we have than to provide something meaningful and enriching to our children and grandchildren? History and our children will judge us on the decisions we make and the actions we take today.

On a different note, I would like to commend everyone who attended the annual meeting this year. We had a record turnout with over 200 tribal members' casting votes in the annual election. We want to encourage each tribal member to get involved and participate as much as possible here at the Nation.

My hat is off once again to our wonderful staff here at the tribal headquarters for all the hard work that was put into the annual meeting and Powwow. There is a considerable amount of time, preparation, and work that goes into this weekend each year and I want to say thank you to each staff member and volunteer for making it such a successful event. Our Powwow Committee is made up completely of volunteers who work year round in helping to make our Powwow (continue on page 7)

Editorial



Wyandotte Nation has had an exciting autumn so far. Even though our P o w - W o w grounds were moved, we had a great attendance for the event. Also, we had our biggest turnout ever for the annual meeting. It was an honor to have Lieutenant General Brady with us in order to recognize Chief Bearskin for his years of service. At Annual Meeting, Chief presented Lt. General Brady and Earlene Roskob with Indian Names. Copies of the letter they were given are included.

Congratulations are in order to our newly elected Second Chief, Billy Friend. Billy has been an employee of the Tribe for several years and strives to provide quality services to all

Wyandotte Tribal Members.

Please mark on your calendars for the upcoming 2007 Culture Week. We will begin Culture Week on Monday, May 28, 2007 and will continue throughout the week. Please make any possible arrangements to attend. This is a great time for fellowship with other Wyandottes as well as a learning and cultural experience from our Wyandotte Heritage.

Also note that the address for Wyandotte Nation has changed. Our address is now 64700 E Hwy 60, Wyandotte, OK 74370.

I'd like to thank all that have been sending in "Member News". Please send in any information you would like to have published concerning Tribal Members. You can e-mail me at kgarcia@wyandotte-nation.org or call me at 918-278-2297 ext 217 with any information.

Indian Names

September 9, 2006

Earlene Roskob

It has long been the tradition of our people to honor a special person in some way that will reflect the trust and faith that grows between those who love and respect each other.

Your service to our people for the past twenty-three years has been outstanding.

Your leadership qualifies as Second Chief; Business Committee; Board of Directors, has served our Wyandotte Nation well.

Your dedication, caring attitude, and sacrifices, have contributed greatly in making our Nation one of the best.

Because of these accomplishments from the time the sun sets this day and for all your summers

and winters to come, I will call you, A-YU-ME-DAH-TAH (She places her voice before the people).

This name is bequeathed to you as our honor and a privilege. May you always wear it with pride and dignity.

I ask our great spirit to always walk with you.

Leaford Bearskin, Chief
Wyandotte Naiton
September 9, 2006

General Roger A. Brady

It has long been the tradition of our people to honor a special person in some way that will reflect the trust and faith that grows between those who love and respect each other.

Your service to our great country in both peacetime and

wartime has been outstanding.

We have shared the rigors, turmoil, successes, and achievements of our great United States Air Force. We have shared the warpath. You are a warrior among warriors.

Your visit to our Wyandotte Nation will be spoken of around our campfires for many moons to come.

Because of your contributions to the United States Air Force and the welfare of our great country, from the time the sun sets this day and for all your summers and winters to come, I will call you TAH-WIN-DEH (brave warrior).

Leaford Bearskin, Chief
Wyandotte Nation

How to Stay Healthy This Flu Season

Vaccination is not the only way to help prevent the flu. Here are steps you and your family can take to stay healthy this winter.

Perhaps the simplest and most effective way is to wash your hands often-- with soap and warm water. Rub your hands vigorously together and scrub all surfaces. Wash for at least 20 seconds. (Tip: have your children sing the "Happy Birthday" song twice while washing.) It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs. Use regular soap. Antibacterial soap is not necessary. These soaps may contribute to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance.

When soap and water are not available, use alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers. You can find them in most supermarkets and drugstores. If using a gel, rub the gel in your hands until they are dry. The gel doesn't need water to work; the alcohol in the gel kills germs that cause colds and the flu. However, alcohol-based disposable hand wipes or gel sanitizers

do not remove dirt.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs are often spread when people touch something that is contaminated with germs and then touch their eyes, nose or mouth. Germs can live for a long time (some can live for 2 hours or more) on surfaces like doorknobs, desks and tables.

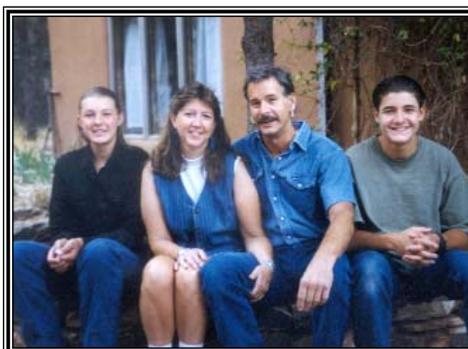
Cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. Viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs cause illnesses like the flu (influenza). The flu usually spreads from person to person when an infected person coughs or sneezes and the droplets from the cough or sneeze move through the air and are deposited on the mouth or nose of people nearby. So, always cough or sneeze into a tissue and then throw it away. Cover your cough or sneeze if you do not have a tissue. Then, wash your hands, and do so every time you cough or sneeze.

If you feel ill, stay home from work and keep sick kids home from school or daycare. And keep in mind; most people with flu will recover just fine.

2006 HONORED PERSONS

This year's Honored Persons were Richard Zane and Carol Smith. Richard and Carol have dedicated many hours of hard work to restoring and revitalizing the culture of the Wyandottes. You can see their passion for the Wyandotte Culture in many ways. Richard is a world-renowned potter who demonstrates traditional techniques in a lot of his work. Richard and Carol have spent many hours creating a curriculum to teach the Wyandotte Language to adults and children alike. They taught a weekly language class and also went into the Wyandotte Elementary School to teach words, songs, and stories of the Wyandottes. Richard and Carol have both been an intricate part in Culture

Week and any other culture activities from traditional dances to reburial ceremonies. Wyandotte Nation is truly honored to have such an exemplary couple dedicated to the renewal of our culture.



Holidays

by Sherri Clemons



The children's Christmas Party will be held in the Artie Nesvold Community Center, Saturday, December 9th from 10 a.m. -12 p.m.

Come see Santa and enjoy the morning. Gifts and refreshments for all the kids.

Sherri L. Clemons
Community Liaison Specialist
Wyandotte Nation

The Nations' Complex will be closed the following days in November & December, 2006.

November 10

Veterans' Day

November 23 & 24

Thanksgiving Holidays

December 14

Staff Christmas Party

December 25

Offices closed

January 1

Offices closed

May 28 - June 1

Cultural Week



Roll #2548

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

Come Back Wendat

by Beverlee Pettit

The fragrance fills the ayre of the tall
green forest centuries old with the morning
light filtering through dark evergreen
branches ever-dripping of the ever-early
morning light.

One tiny, small beam gained strength
from the climbing sun and pushed
into the bowels of the grove
It shot across a clearing
underneath dark limbs of ancient weald
but stopped short instantly,
gently upon the face of she-Wendat
who was resting quietly on the forest floor.

A peaceful woman, timid as a deer
yet strong like rushing waters after a
storm.

She lay on the dust
Of the bones
Of her ancestors

The great waters nearby
Sparkled in early morning fair
Reflecting the fire of the sun
Waters glistened with passions
and flare undone
She stepped into the liquid lake
To sooth the robe of her flesh
And raised her arms at length
To catch the beams that kissed her soul
And sang softly
And sang softly
of joy to behold.

This is her Circle
the Circle of Life.
This is home
The land and water
Without strife.

She spoke.

There was purpose in her voice
And strength with her words
Conviction perceived
Without being heard
So she sang softly
Her notes to
The world.

"Raise up my brother
Arise oh sister
Look to the east
the west
the north
the south."

Declared by her speech
And the tone of her voice
A proclamation
For the people's choice.

"Bow your head
Search your heart
Where is the future
Where is the part
Of courage
To seek within the human soul
That is bonded with the Creator,
Has been
For eons untold.

"Where is the strength
To hold the truth
of the greatest of the great
the loveliest of the lovely;
was never heavy
is not a burden
and lighter than ayre.

"Where is the love
That was given to you freely
Not hidden from the needy
Not taken from the old
Or the young
Or the bold.

"Why did you hide
turn your head aside
From the one
Who first dreamed
Of your birth;
Made you from the earth.

"Where is your language
The words
That set you apart
The words
Those words
That were placed in your heart
Beverlee A. Pettit

"Why did you run
Why did you scatter
What was the fear
What did it matter.

"Who was the enemy
Who was the friend
When did they harm you
When did it end.

"Return to your Home
Return to your Land
Return to the People
Who share this command

"This is your Circle
the Circle of Life.
This is home
The land and water
Without strife.

"This is your future
This is your heart
This is the strength
The circle
The circle of life.

"Come back Wendat
Return
to the Circle
within your heart."



A member of the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma, Beverlee Pettit is the daughter of Myrtle Elizabeth Tussinger and granddaughter of Susie Bearskin. Born in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, she came home with her mother and lived in a small one room cabin along the Illinois River outside of town. She remembers the voice of her mother singing lullabies to her as a child who lay in a cradle hanging from the limb of a tree near the winding river.

Beverlee had dropped out of school and worked many odd jobs in her teenage years but finally settled in a career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs where she climbed the job ladder for thirteen years beginning in Albuquerque, New Mexico; traveling to (continued on next page)

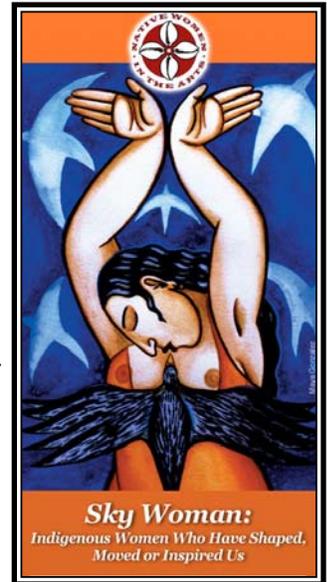
Come Back Wendat (cont.)

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Northern California and ending in Arizona with the Colorado River Indian Tribes in the fields of Administration and Human Resource.

Beverlee loved working with the various Indian Tribes; however, sought more in her profession and obtained a position in the Indian Health Service in Anchorage, Alaska where she spent eight years continuing to increase her knowledge of the Federal sectors that serve the American Indian and Alaska Native peoples. An adventurous woman, she next obtained a position outside of the Federal Sector with an Alaska Native Non-Profit Health Organization where she became Director of Human Resources with Maniilaq Association within the Arctic Circle in Kotzebue, Alaska. After five years with that organization, she returned to Northern California and is now working with the California Indian Manpower Consortium, Inc. as a Workforce Development Coordinator III.

She has had poetry published in anthologies, magazines and newspapers. In October of 2005, she was one of the 39 indigenous women, including Buffy St. Marie, to have her work published in an anthology of poetry, literature and art called *Skywoman: Indigenous Women Who Have Shaped, Moved and Inspired Us*. With a love of writing songs, music, poetry and short stories; she says that she will continue to strive for a balance in life in order to be an example for all Native women.



Lucky Turtle Casino

November brings new adventures for the Lucky Turtle Casino, with a new General Manager, Danny Captain, in command. We are going with a new promotion in November, as well. Lucky Turtle Roundup, on Monday and Tuesday nights which will consist of 'hot seat' drawings twice an hour from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Your chance to pick a lucky turtle, for cash prizes from \$25.00 to \$500.00, possible winnings of over \$4000.00. Come in and see how the 'Roundup' is done and join in on the fun.

Beginning November 1st through November 23rd, the Lucky Turtle Casino will be having 'hot seat' daily drawings for a gift certificate for a free turkey from Wal-Mart in Miami. On November 22nd we will be having three separate drawings for the following; a roaster, a smoker and a turkey fryer.

December will be a busy month! We will have drawings for three \$500.00 gift certificates to Wal-Mart in Miami. The drawings will be held on December 20th. Santa will be coming soon and it will be time to

decorate for 'The Park of Lights'.

Last, but not least, January brings a new year and a New Years Eve party at the Lucky Turtle Casino. We will have 'hot seat' drawings until midnight. All customers will receive a ticket for the Midnight Drawing for a prize of \$2007.00. Free food and party hats will be available. So, come on in and join us for a good time with your Lucky Turtle Casino family.

Watch for the opening of our new casino projected for February 2007.

New Princess

Wyandotte Nation is pleased to announce Laura Guilford as the new Wyandotte Princess. Laura is a 15-year-old freshman at Checotah High School. She is the daughter of Linda Jones of Checotah, OK and Lloyd and Tiffany Guilford of Miami, OK. Laura has an older brother, Trae, a younger brother Cody, and a younger sister Kaytlyn. Laura enjoys singing, dancing, acting, musical theater and performing. She is also active with her church youth group and enjoys

attending church camp at Camp Egan in Tahlequah. Laura is the lead Emcee for the Radio Disney Frequency Performing Arts Group in Tulsa. During July, she met and interviewed the singing duo Aly & AJ while they were in Tulsa for a concert. At the Tulsa State Fair, she opened for teen-star, Raven. Laura believes youth need to be true to themselves and proud of their heritage. She lives life to the fullest and has dreams of someday performing on Broadway. Laura is honored to

have the opportunity to represent the Wyandotte Nation of Oklahoma as Indian Princess.



2nd Chief

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one of the best in the nation.

In closing, I want to invite you to stop by and introduce yourself if I have not yet had the opportunity to meet you. Seeing that this is the last newsletter until after the New Year, I want to wish every family a Merry Christmas and I pray that God richly blesses you and your family throughout the holiday season.

Sincerely,
Billy Friend
Second Chief



Student of the Day

Kortney Nesvold was chosen as "Student of the Day" on October 13, 2006 at Iva E. Wells Seneca Middle School

2006 Pow Wow Memories



Tribal Department Reports

Environmental Department July – December

July has kept our department busy with meetings and monthly water monitoring of our jurisdictional waters.

On July 10th, N.A.T.U.R.E. (Native American Tribes Understanding Resources in the Environment) met at the Bearskin Health Center classroom to discuss various Natural Resource Damage issues. The group consists of Environmental Departments from the Wyandotte, Seneca-Cayuga, Eastern Shawnee, Ottawa, Miami and the Peoria Tribes.

July 11th, Christen Creson attended the TCTC (Tar Creek Trustees Council) meeting at the Fish & Wildlife Office in Tulsa. The Tar Creek Trustees Council consists of both State Officials and Tribal Environmental Departments that have a vested interest in the Tar Creek Superfund site.

On August 17th & 18th with the help of the Maintenance Department, the in house weather station was set up. Once it is fully functional we will be able to record daily weather occurrences and rainfall amounts. Janice and Christen traveled to Enid, on August 30th for a listening session with State Cooperative Conservation Groups.

September found us helping get ready for the pow-wow. Christen set up a booth with T.E.A.L. (Tribal Efforts Against Lead) information and passed it out to the participants and visitors at the pow-wow. The Department would like to say congratulations and welcome to Billy Friend, our new 2nd Chief. On September the 11th and 12th, Christen attended the TCTC Meeting which was held at the Ottawa Tribal Building. The 12th found Janice driving to Stroud for a TECO Meeting. On the 13th and 14th Christen and Janice attend a USGS Water Quality Review and Training Workshop at NEO

College.

The first of October we had an Archeological survey conducted for the new infrastructure project. This will then be added to the Environmental Assessment that we send to BIA. After this is approved the new roads and infrastructure project can begin. The EA was completed for the preschool expansion, and we are awaiting the release of funds from HUD so the project can begin. Janice and Kathy will attend the Tri-State Mining District Partnership meeting in Kansas City. The department continues to be active with the Asarco mining bankruptcy. Christen will attend the EPA Tribal Summit in Albuquerque. Topics that will be discussed include: tribal environmental justice, TAS, Tribal water quality standards, and the new Water 106 guidelines. The new recycle trailer will be placed at the Turtle stop. A cardboard bailer was purchased and will be placed on the Tribes' property. It will eventually be used for multiple recyclables. Both of our EPA grants were approved and we continue to work on our deliverables. These include surface water sampling, well testing, the winter bio-assessments and environmental education. Staff hope to attend mold training in December.

Upcoming events: ATSDR (Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry) and the Oklahoma State Department of Health will be hosting public availability sessions to present the findings from the report "Occurrence of Selected Health Conditions in Ottawa County" and ATSDR's Plan for the Tar Creek Superfund site. Representatives will be on hand to hear your comments and concerns related to the Tar Creek Superfund site. Please make plans to attend a the session at the Miami Civic Center, 129 5th Street, NW, Miami, OK:

Tuesday, November 28, 2006 or
Wednesday, November 29, 2006

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

NOTICE: On July 1, 2006 we resumed the private well testing. This service is limited to Tribal Members only. If you need you well tested for bacteria, please call our office to schedule a date and time. We recommend that wells be tested once a year. If you have any questions please feel free to contact us.

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

REMINDER: The Recycle Collection Trailer is still located at the east entrance of the Turtle Stop. It is being very well utilized. Please continue to do so. We will be placing another one at the new casino as soon as it opens. Thank you so much for "Keeping our land grand."

ELDER SERVICES

After working on the National Indian Council on Aging conference for the past year and a half, it finally came to pass, September 14-19, 2006 in Tulsa, OK. There were Elders there from all over the United States. There were several that came from Alaska. We held a lot of neat workshops, a silent auction, raffles, receptions at the local casinos, a pow wow, a fashion show, and a traditional feast. All of the food for the receptions and the feast were donated by the tribes from the Oklahoma Indian Council, which we are a part of. We had a large assembly line going at the feast. Some were cooking buffalo burgers. Others were dipping the potato salad, baked beans (continued on next page)

Department Reports (cont.)

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etc. We don't really know how many of the 1,831 registered ate but it seemed like it was all of them plus their neighbors in the hotel next to us. It was awesome to see so many of the Oklahoma Tribes working together as one. We were so happy to see the last day of the conference come to an end as we worked morning, noon, and night to make sure that it was a huge success. Our Chairman of the Oklahoma Indian Council said that if he ever got any more bright ideas for us to host another National Conference that we could CHOKe HIM!!!! . We assured him that WE WOULD!!!

It is almost time to start the annual grazing season. We will begin October 31, 2006 with our Halloween party. We will have smoked turkey legs, potato salad, baked beans, homemade hot rolls and fried apples. We will also have a music party and prizes for the best costume. Our Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Friday, November 17, 2006. We will have turkey and dressing and all of the trimmings. Our Christmas buffet will be held Friday, December 15, 2006. We will have smoked brisket, turkey, homemade candy, cookies, salads, rolls, and lots of other good stuff, too much to mention.

Remember that we now have two music parties each month. They 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 for a fun filled day.

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

ARE YOU A CAREGIVER?

Do you perform tasks to help with personal care, shopping, bills, errands, transportation, etc. for your spouse or parents? Do you raise your grandchildren in your home and need

childcare (respite) for a much needed break?

CAREGIVER SERVICES

Individual counseling. Respite enables the caregiver to be temporarily relieved from their caregiver duties. Our program will pay a respite provider of the family's choice so they may have a break.

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. We wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

Brenda House, Director, Elder Services ext.227

Dari Ann Hunnicutt, Caregiver Specialist ext.253

Vonda Keller, Food Service Team ext.228

Alexandra Boyd, Food Service Team ext.228

Kandi Smith, Food Service Team ext.228

For the menu ext.226

NEW GIFT SHOP ITEMS

Candles

Beaded lighters, pens, and key chains
Native pride caps including all branches of the military

New pottery by Wyandotte Tribal member Gerald Hurt

Children's sweat shirts, onesies, baby blankets, and shawls

Tote bags with Wyandotte or Native

Pride logo

New polo shirts, t-shirts and sweat shirts

Family Services

Kate Randall, Director

Dana Butterfield, Family Service Assistant

As Indian summer is passing and fall announces its return, let us take time to slow down and embrace all Mother Nature has to share with us. We embrace the changing of the seasons as the leaves explode with color and cooler evenings provide just the right atmosphere for a gentle bonfire. The Children are filled with excitement over hayrides and Halloween. Before you know it, the Holiday Season will soon be upon us and at this time we want to remind and invite our Tribal Families to attend the December 9, 2006 Christmas Party.

Tribal Enrollment:

At the September 9th 2006 annual meeting the Nation's counsel approved the ninety-six new members that are listed in this edition of the Turtle Speaks. New members are added one time per year at the Nation's annual meeting. Membership applications may be requested throughout the year and we encourage all eligible applicants to send them to us any time during the year. We do require that you send original state certified birth certificates (hospital birth certificates are not accepted). Upon request, those original documents will be returned to you. The new member are as follows:

Avery Elizabeth Armstrong
Bethany Elaine Christy Bagnell
Alexander Bruce Barkley
Allison Michelle Barkley
Ecko Rain Bettes
Robert Odell Rogers Blake, Jr.
Makenzie Kaylyn Bounds
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Department Reports (cont.)

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Dagan Cole Brooks
 Elizabeth Michelle Brown
 Rachel Ann Brown
 Brennan Kade Childers
 Sarah Tyler Cooper
 Kendra Ellen Cox
 Patrick Alan Cox
 Jessica Marie Cummings
 Dillion Anthony Cunningham
 Kaylynn Alexis Daniel
 Sadie Belle Davis
 Brooke Lynn Delany
 Rachel Isabel Divine
 Johnnie Wayne Drake
 Luca Bella Diana Duncan
 Taylor James Genzler
 Simeon Scott Chase Gonzalez
 Amy Jo Hale
 Felix Edison Harbine
 Kayleigh Nicole Hart
 Alexis Nicole Harville
 Victoria Renee Harville
 Conner Dean Hildebrand
 Erin Lea Hill
 Benjamin Kelton Hobbs
 Evan Walker Houk
 Julia Karinne Houk
 Matthew Richard-Cooper Houk
 Jasmine Faith Irwin
 Tyrel Devonn Jackson
 Anneka Grace Jenkins
 Rachel Allison Jenkins
 Katelyn Don Johnson
 Kayden Jeffrey Ker
 Sarah Elise Kern
 Christopher Andrew Kline
 Diana Gayle Knight
 Cole Michael Lawrence
 Cordell Dewayne Love, Jr.
 Madilynn-Mae Justine Lyman
 Katelynn Fayann Lynch
 Kylie Noel Lynch
 Logan Lafe Lynch
 Joshua Andrew Martin
 Ireland Dawn McCleary
 Sadie Marie Melhorn
 Beverly Diane Muncer
 Christopher Forest Nance
 Taryn Allison Oden
 Holden Anthony Pace

Shawn Dean Parman
 Tyler Justin Pierce
 Sarah Emily Grace Robertson
 Chynia Sky Rodgers
 Angelina Marie Rutledge
 Anthony Michael Ray Seymour
 Tanner Joseph Seymour
 Trevor Leroy Seymour
 Nicholas Walter Simington
 Mason Kade Slaughter
 Kurk Russell Sloan
 Weston Wrede Sloan
 Carly Grace Smith
 Christian Alan Smith
 Collin Alexander Smith
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 Zoe Makayla Thomas
 Bryce Stenberg Thomsen
 Katherine Grace Thomsen
 Haleigh Alexandra Tussinger
 Jennifer Sue Tussinger
 Maci Alexandra Watts
 Alec Lee Weaver
 Madison Paige Weaver
 Brynlee Kole Wilson
 Landon Tyler Wood
 Micah Alexis Nicole Wooldridge
 Jasper Lee Wright
 Marion Joan Wright
 Amber Michele Drake
 Tiara Lynn Tedlock
 Shari Ray Napier
 Jailen David Heizer
 Liam Seth Kelly
 Paige Ashton Knight
 Charles Jordan Napier
 Logan Todd Napier
 Caden Knight Tedlock
 Presley Ray Tedlock

Family Services:

The 2006/2007 Promoting Safe and Stable Families Grant Initiative offer an array of need-based social services for Wyandotte Nation Families that reside in our service area. To apply for or to make inquiries regarding tribal programs, please telephone this office at 1-800-256-2539, extensions 224 or 219.

Child Passenger Safety Seats:

The Tribal Tag program continues to support the distribution of children's passenger safety seats. The safety seats are available only at the tribal headquarters and are offered in three sizes that include newborn, infant and booster. In order to qualify, we ask that the child is enrolled or an enrollment application is on file with this department. Due to funding, the passenger seats are offered to only the child's parent(s) or legal guardians.

Community News:

During the month of July the Ottawa County Nine Tribes sponsored a four day youth camp of which 11 Wyandotte Nation Tribal youth attended. During the week we offered a child's safety camp, an environmental trip to a Missouri Cavern, a trip to the Tulsa zoo (of which a picture of four of our monkeys is in this edition) and the



grand finale trip to Silver Dollar City located in Branson, Missouri. A special thank you to all the Tribes and sponsors that made this event possible.

Indian Child Welfare & Traditional Parenting:

In our last edition of the Turtle Speaks, we covered historical Indian child-rearing practices. These practices were to teach us well-defined customs and practices once used to nurture, protect and guide our children. In this segment, we will address child rearing (continued on next page)

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ways of the past that expressed and promoted harmony and balance in families and the community. The concept of harmony has been an important one for most Indian groups. It refers to the balance and relationship between all things. In nature it refers to people living in a cooperative co-existence with the forces around them. The key elements in traditional child rearing that relate to harmony are respect, awareness of relationships, sharing and non-interference. Children were once given the freedom to explore and figure out their own relationship with the world around them through their observation of nature. Children were taught early to share, and customs and rituals reinforced the idea that everyone should share what they had. Cooperation was stressed more than competition. In many tribes children were taught not to interfere with the choices or affairs of another person. Non-interference is a way to maintain the harmony and balance between people. By creating a world which was harmonious for children the family provided a necessary part of care. Harmony in today's family life is just as valid as it was in the past. We can structure or plan our homes and lives to avoid problems, to keep relationships strong, and to grow responsible children with planning and the whole family working together. Everyday things we can do in our homes is: to put things out of reach of the younger children; to assign tasks to children that are age appropriate and praise them for a job well done; to be a good role model by setting an example through sharing feelings, ideas, successes, and failures. When a child knows just what is expected, is much easier for them to fulfill the expectations. Through honesty a child learns to trust the parent. By creating a home in which good things have a better chance of happening we avoid becoming overwhelmed and stuck in negative

cycles. Remember, respect, planning, realistic expectations, clear rules, consistency and sharing are the things that help maintain the balance. Until next time; Happy Parenting.

Tribal Tags

by: Dana Butterfield

The Wyandotte Nation Vehicle Registration Program has been an overwhelming success the past several years. This program allows Tribal members to register their vehicles through the Tribe at a discounted rate, while generating much needed funds for tribal services.

Tribal tags are issued to Wyandotte Tribal members who live within the boundaries of designated Indian Country within the state of Oklahoma. Unfortunately, there are still several counties in the state that we are not able to issue plates based on legal advice. Currently, there are more than 1,000 active tags in the system for both passenger and recreational vehicles with this number growing every day. In the very near future there are plans to implement the titling and registration for motorcycles and farm vehicles.

One thing I would like to make Tribal members aware of is that when you are purchasing a vehicle (new or used) the Tribal members name must be on the Assignment. Program staff cannot add or delete names at the time of title transfer. This is especially important if there is a lien against the vehicle.

For those members who already have Tribal plates, please remember you must carry a copy of your Wyandotte Nation membership card in the vehicle at all times. This is proof that a member of the Tribe does own the vehicle and that the Tribe is not issuing plates to anyone but Wyandotte Tribal members. As with the state, you must also carry in the vehicle, insurance verification and the vehicle registration. However, one factor where the tribe's program differs from the state is if a

vehicle is sold the tribal member is to retain the Wyandotte Nation license plate. The tribal member can then transfer this tag to another vehicle.

It is recommended to make an appointment or at least call to make sure a staff member will be available before coming into the Tag Office. Kate and I will try and make every accommodation to be available for the membership, but there are circumstances where the Tag office will be closed.

WYANDOTTE NATION

HOUSING

October 2006

The Wyandotte Tribe Housing Department administers different housing programs. One program is HIS-121 program which will provide a rural water connection; drill a well; put in a septic and drainfield or connect to a rural water district line. This program has as its regulations, historical boundaries – meaning – we have designated areas we can service. If your well, pump, septic is not working properly, or you need to obtain one of the above or should you need a connection to a rural water service please check with Reba or Kathy to see if you qualify for assistance.

Another program available to Wyandotte Tribal Members is a program which provides home-ownership opportunities to low-income Native American families. We do abide by all federal guidelines, as well as boundaries for this program. We are currently accepting applications from all Native Americans but service priority is given to Wyandotte Tribal Members.

If you are interested in any of the above programs, please do not hesitate to contact the housing personnel to obtain applications. We will be delighted to send you an application. (continued on next page)

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When it is returned to us, it will be reviewed to see if you qualify for the above programs.

Reba Guilford Housing Director – ext 239

Kathy DeWeese Housing Specialist – ext 236

Planning/Development Department October 2006

During the last several months the Planning/Development Department has received several grants we discussed in our July 2006 article. The proposal from the Department of Justice to purchase new police vehicles was funded. Also the Workforce Investment proposal was funded and the program will continue. Also funding was received from the Oklahoma Arts Council for the Tribe's annual pow wow. This small grant helps with expenses for this annual event.

Plans continue to move forward on both our ICDBG projects. The Tribe received the release of funds from Housing and Urban Development for the Housing Infrastructure project. This project is moving forward with continued planning involving the Planning/Development Director and Housing Director along with the engineer from Allgeier Martin and Associates. Plans also continue to move forward on the Pre-School addition project. Planning/Development Director, Planning/Development Specialist and Child Care Director met with architects to continue the plans development phase of this project.

Construction continues on the new casino. See pictures of construction activities as of October 10, 2006. Crossland Construction has been contracted for both the building and the roads. Indian Reservation Roads funding is paying for the construction

of new roads associated with the casino. Planning/ Development Director continues to serve on the committee for this new venture.



Construction as of
July 14, 2006



Construction as of
July 19, 2006



Construction as of
July 31, 2006

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Construction as of August 4, 2006



Construction as of September 1, 2006



Construction as of August 16, 2006



Construction as of October 10, 2006



Construction as of August 25, 2006

Below is a land use photo. This photo depicts proposed plans for future land usage for the Wyandotte Nation.

Land Use Plan

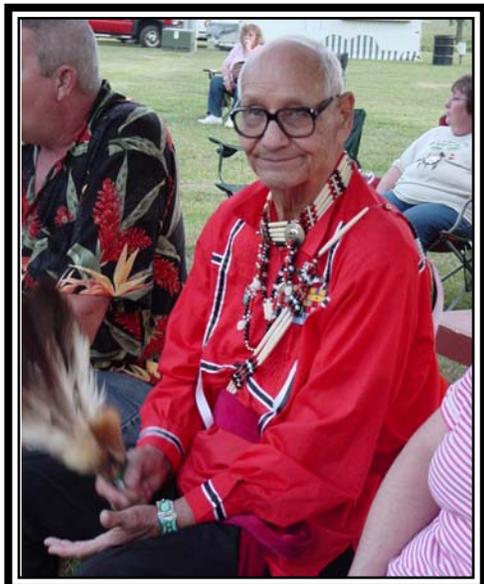


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| Health Care | Conservation | Community Center | Light Industrial | Social Services |
| Agricultural | Cultural Center | Low Density Residential | Med Density Residential | Tribal Administration |
| Cemetery | Flood Way | High Density Residential | Infrastructure | GRDA |
| Commercial | Green Belt | | | Housing |
| | | | | Wyandotte |



1 inch equals 0.130650 miles

2006 Pow Wow



Noah Thomas Vaughn

Born: October 10, 2006 @ 3:10 pm

Weight: 6 lbs. 1 oz.

Length: 19 1/2 inches

Son of Brett & Natasha Vaughn



PowWow Calendar

The 2007 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.

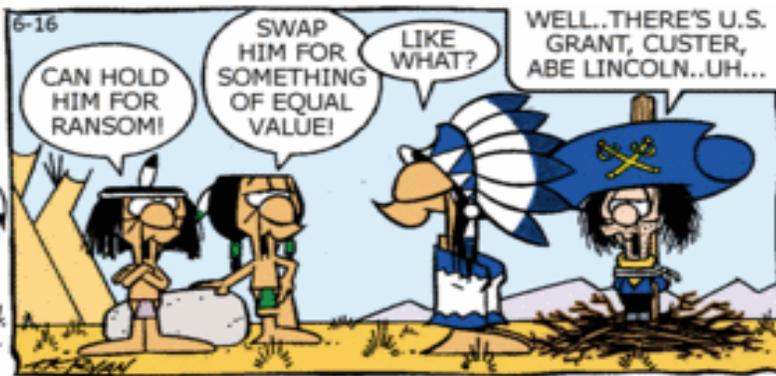


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Tumbleweed



Health Fest

by Kelly Walker

Free preventive health screenings were the major attraction at the Fall Health Fest sponsored by Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center and INTEGRIS Baptist Regional Health Center. The Health Fest was Saturday, October 14 from 8:00 am to Noon at the Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center in Wyandotte. Over 400 were in attendance, making this the largest presence ever.

Among the health screenings that were offered at the event were cholesterol screenings, blood glucose checks, blood pressure

readings, body fat analysis, as well as free flu shots to the first 50 participants.

In addition to screenings, the event featured more than 20 informational booths, which provided the community an opportunity to learn of valuable resources within the area. Vendors participating in the event included: Boys and Girls Club of Ottawa County, Grove Fire Department, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Agape Pregnancy Center, INTEGRIS Baptist Regional Health Center, INTEGRIS Generations, INTEGRIS Regency Home Care, Eastern Shawnee Police

Department, Wyandotte Nation Police Department, Osborne Care & Rehab, Ottawa County Health Department, Ottawa County United Way, Miami Rotary Club, Wyandotte Nation Environmental, Ottawa County Free Clinic, Autumn Place, Alzheimer's Association, Heaven and Earth Hospice and INTEGRIS Health Diabetes Center.

The event was for the entire family. Several activities were held for children attending the event as well including pumpkin painting, hayrides, face painting, slides, bungee run and a moonwalk.



Education Department

Preschool:

August: The Preschool school year 2006-2007 began August 10 with an enrollment of 32 children. We took our first field trip October 3 to the Shank's Farm in Diamond, Missouri. The children toured the apple orchard and picked two apples to bring home. The preschoolers also toured the pumpkin shed and were able to select a pumpkin or gourd of their choice. They enjoyed touching the largest pumpkin weighing 137 pounds. After our visit to the farm, we greatly enjoyed eating pizza in Neosho, Missouri. We ate at a place that was new to us and the management and staff was extremely helpful and courteous. Our next activity will be at the Coleman Theatre in Miami, Oklahoma for a Fire Safety Program on October 10th. The program will be presented by the Miami Fire Department which consists of clowns, audience participation and student interaction. Children are looking forward to celebrating Halloween with a party at the preschool and the presenting of a program for their families and the elders who attend the Title VI Program. The date for the Preschool Thanksgiving Dinner is November 3rd at the Eastside Assembly of God Church. This dinner begins the holiday eating season for the entire Wyandotte Nation Staff.

Library:

The Wyandotte Tribal Library is open from 8am to 4:30pm Monday through Friday. New Native American DVD and VHS selections have recently been added. A set of four volume books entitled Native American Men have been added to the library. Also new additions including well-known authors such as: Mary Higgins Clark, Anne Tyler, Brenda Joyce, Karen Kingsbury and Agatha Christie have been added. New DVD's include: The Aviator, Pirates of the Caribbean, The Shaggy Dog, The Brothers McMullen, Racing Stripes, Hoosiers, Ladder 49, After the Sunset, and Walk the Line. Karen McNelis and Jessie Winscott are library clerks and look forward to meeting you and providing assistance. There is no charge for a membership card which entitles you to utilize the library.

Child Care & Development Fund Program:

The Child Care Program is currently serving 132 families, which includes 85 Wyandottes. We utilize 75 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. Child care providers are required by the state to have additional hours of training each year to meet their licensing requirements. To enable the child care providers to achieve this goal, we have co-sponsored with the other seven Northeast Oklahoma Tribes trainings such as: CPR and First Aid Classes, Music Workshop, Nutrition Workshop, and a Child Care Mini Conference. The providers are very appreciative of this opportunity since this is no expense to them and the trainings are held in a close proximity of their facilities.

Application Requirements: Copies of:

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

Tribal Scholarships:

Checks have been sent to our new and continuing scholarship recipients for the school year 2006-2007. If you are a continuing student and have not submitted your grades for the spring semester of 2006, please do so quickly. Your check for the fall semester will not be processed until the grades for the spring semester and your fall semester schedule has been received in our office. Scholarships are in the amount of \$500.00 each semester. You must meet all criteria to remain on program and submit your grades in a timely fashion to insure funding. Currently 65 students are being funded either by Tribal scholarships or Higher Education which is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs. 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.

Educational Department continued.....

Students completing eight semesters:

Sarah Adams
 Sonya Bruegel
 Tiffany Dunaway
 Mollie DeWeese Leek
 Andrea Rickman
 Lisa Elst Strong

Kayla Armstrong
 Maggie Burnside
 DeWayne Isaacs
 Sallie Lofland
 Angela Rickman
 Anna Watts

Congratulations to: Mollie DeWeese Leek who has been accepted in graduate school at Southwest Missouri University, Anna Watts who graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing, has passed her licensing exam and is working as an RN in a Kansas City area hospital, Sonya Bruegel is teaching Special Education in Anderson, Missouri. If you are a recent graduate, we would appreciate you notifying the tribal office of your current work or school status.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA):

Approximately 25 students are being served at various colleges and technical schools. Congratulations to: Chelsea Higginbotham, a 2006 graduate of the University of Missouri at Columbia, majoring in General Agriculture. Chelsea was awarded an Agriculture internship in Ireland her senior year. She is currently serving as the volunteer coordinator and oversees 10 counties for the Missouri Food Bank in Columbia. Two students, Mollie DeWeese Leek and Sonya Bruegel, have also successfully graduated from their respective schools. Mollie is in graduate school and Sonya is employed as a teacher in the Anderson, Missouri Public School System.

Submitted by:
 Carla Culver

Harris Family Reunion

by Romona Reid

Another year and another reunion... Having it on Saturday we got to see some new faces. Although we were down in number because of moving, a wedding and illnesses, we enjoyed ourselves. We had lots of good desserts and much talk. So be sure to join us next year. It is the same time and place: Twin Bridges Park after the annual tribal meeting and lunch. Also plan to attend the Pow-Wow! Pow-Wow is the second weekend in September; Friday night, Saturday, and Sunday. So if I don't see you before... happy days!

Sincerely,
 Ramona Reid



Historical

by Juanita McQuiston

We all have a beautiful season upon us this time of the year.

Historical would like to thank everyone for the donations of historical articles, genealogy, books, sharing their family history, and those who have donated money "in Memorial" of their loved ones. The books and the publication list we have for sale are funded through these donations. Thanks to you all!

We have "Moccasin Trails to the Cross", "Daughter of Grey Eyes" the story of Mother Solomon, "Lest We Forget" a brief sketch of Wyandot County History by Thelma Marsh "In the Wigwams of the Wyandots" the story of Jonathon Pointer by Myrtle Felkner, "The Heritage of the Wyandots and the Armstrong Story" by Paul

Youngman, "The Provisional Government of Nebraska Territory" the Journal of William Walker, Provisional Governor of Nebraska Territory edited by William E. Connely, "Super Natural Beings of the Huron and Wyandot" by C.M. Barbeau, and "Native American History of International Wildlife Refuge" by Dr. Kay Givins (The area known today as the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge was once the traditional homeland of the Wyandot Indians).

The Historical office is open every day. Juanita is here on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 am until 2:00 pm. Call and make an appointment (918) 678-2297 ext 242.

Juanita McQuiston
 Historical Committee-Volunteer
 Wyandotte Nation

Wyandotte Nation Pow Wow News

The Wyandotte Nation 17th annual Pow-wow was held on September 8th, 9th and 10th at the Peoria Pow-wow grounds, located east of Miami, OK. For weeks the committee and many members of the Board of Directors have heard members complaining of the loss of our own grounds, but for what it was worth the Peoria Tribe was very open and gracious with their ceremonial grounds. We had a great time and a wonderful turn out of dancers and visitors. Tribes that were represented were 42 and registered dancers were 113. Friday evening the new Tribal Princess Laura Guilford was crowned. Laura will serve the Nation, traveling with the Chiefs and appearing in several different public speaking engagements. We are very proud to have her representing us. Saturday evening we honored the Veterans in the fifth Annual Veterans Special, with 98 veterans coming into the arena, at which time the committee presented them with a cap and mugs, which was donated by the Lucky Turtle Casino. Sunday the crowd enjoyed dancing and several contest such as the potato dance which couples must dance, not touching, but having to keep a potato between them at their fore head. It gets pretty exciting at times. The Committee realizes Pow-wows are not traditional to Wyandotte's, but it is a way to have fun and see old friends or make new ones. It opens us up to other tribes and tells them "We the Wyandotte people welcome you to come and celebrate with us at this joyous gathering."

The Nation is in the process of rebuilding our own grounds, but we would like to thank everyone who came and supported the Pow-wow and the Peoria Tribe for the use of their grounds.

Sherri L. Clemons
Community Liaison Specialist
Wyandotte Nation



Jr. Girls Fancy Shawl

1. Yahna Bender
2. Sunny Boado
3. Kaylyn Rogers



Jr. Girls Jingle

1. Frankee Ann Cunningham
2. Sadie Redeagle
3. Brionna Graham



Jr. Girls Cloth

1. Rosie Motah
2. Charlsie Cunningham
3. Clarissa Perry



Jr. Girls Buckskin

1. Toni Shawnee



Women's Fancy Shawl

1. Matilda Littlehead
2. Leah Bates
3. Nicole Sine



Women's Jingle

1. Mollie King
2. Lois Wildcat
3. G. B. Bender

Wyandotte Nation Pow Wow News (cont.)



Women's Cloth

1. Alicia McClellan
2. Amy NoEar
3. Karen Haymund



Women's Buckskin

1. Tonya Moore
2. Charlene Cozad
3. Alisabeth Deerinwater



Jr. Boy's Grass

1. Travis Leonard
2. Christian Rangel



Jr. Boy's Straight

1. Brayden Bull
2. Branden Kasler
3. Dakota Rowbothum



Jr. Boy's Traditional

1. Isaac Hamilton
2. Coleman American Horse
3. Xander Stumbling Bear



Jr. Boy's Fancy

1. Kingston Pipestem
2. Simon Washee
3. Sonny Littlehead



Men's Grass

1. Audie Todome
2. Mark Bolin
3. Spencer Donnell



Men's Straight

1. Howard Todome Jr.
2. Francis Stumbling Bear
3. Milton Cunningham



Men's Traditional

1. Jason Bender
2. Josh Williamson
3. William Tsosie

Men's Fancy

1. Larry Tsosie
2. J Thorpe Sine
3. Vernon Tsosie



Services Provided to Tribal Members

Service	Program Contact	Phone Number	Extension
Dental	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Vision	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Clinic (for appointments)	Linda Coatney or Elaine Fidler	(918) 678-2282	228 or 230
Pharmacy	Carolyn Nesvold	(918) 678-2282	224
Fitness Center	Kelly Walker	(918) 678-2282	259
Contract Health	Bridget Burleson	(918) 678-2282	227
Diabetes Clinic	Donna Krewson	(918) 678-2282	257
Nutrition	Brenda House	(918) 678-2297	227
Caregiver Services	Dari Ann Hunnicutt	(918) 678-2297	253
Housing Programs	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Low Income Home Ownership	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Rental Program	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Student Housing Assistance	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Housing Improvements	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
Well-Septic Construction	Reba Guilford	(918) 678-2297	239
School Supplies	Kate Randall	(918) 678-2297	224
Car Seats	Kate Randall	(918) 678-2297	224
Emergency Assistance	Kate Randall	(918) 678-2297	224
Scholarships	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Job Training	Brad King	(918) 678-2297	234
Pre-School	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Library	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Adult Education	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Childcare	Carla Culver	(918) 678-2297	230
Environmental	Christen Creson	(918) 678-2297	241
Human Resources	MaryAnn Hayworth	(918) 678-2297	220
Turtle Trax Printing	Pat Wilson	(918) 678-2297	238