Merry Christmas

Children’s Christmas Party
December 11th at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Artie Nesvold Community Center
Ages 0-12

2010 Pow-Wow Honored Person
Ramona Reid

The Wyandotte Nation Honored Person for 2010 is Ramona Reid. Ramona is a citizen of the Wyandotte Nation and was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Tribe in 1999 and has served the Nation in this capacity since that time.

Ramona was born in Quapaw, Oklahoma and at a young age moved with her family to southern California where she resided for many years before moving back to the Wyandotte area. Ramona and her husband Robert (Bob) Reid have been married for 51 years and are the proud parents of two children Rory and Ramie and 3 grandchildren Cathleen, Ted and Grace Lee.

Ramona is of the Wolf Clan and is the great, great, granddaughter of John James Harris. She is an avid correspondent and enjoys researching her family genealogy. One of her favorite past times is to sit on the porch of her lakefront home and read a good

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Kweh,

I hope this quarter’s newsletter finds all doing well, in good health and looking forward to the Holiday season.

I would like to commend all Wyandotte Citizens who attended our Annual Meeting, Pow-Wow, and cultural activities this year. I believe we set records for attendance for all our yearly events. Also, a special thank you to the Cultural Committee, Pow-Wow Committee and to all the employees of the Wyandotte Nation who volunteered to help make this year’s events a success. We look forward to hosting next year’s Annual Meeting in our new gymnasium at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center.

I would also like to congratulate Ramona Reid the Wyandotte Nation Person of the Year. Ramona’s dedication, commitment and loyalty to the Wyandotte Nation over the years made her an easy choice for the award this year. Ramona has served on the Board for several years and participates in all board and employee activities.

There are a lot of exciting things happening in our tribal community in the next few months. Beginning in November, we will see Wyandotte families moving into our new housing community just north of the tribal headquarters. When all is said and done, we will have 24 families living in Heritage Acres Housing Community. We also look forward to the ribbon cutting and dedication of the Long Economic Development Building which will be dedicated to Juanita Long McQuistion for her and her family’s years of service to the Wyandotte Nation.

In closing, I want thank everyone for the opportunity to serve you, the Wyandotte Nation, for the next 4 years as Second Chief. It has been a great honor and privilege to serve in this position and I will continue to do my best to further the mission of the Wyandotte Nation to “improve the quality of life for all tribal citizens”. It is my prayer that God would richly bless you and your family this Holiday Season and throughout the New Year.
HEALTH INSURANCE CAN HELP YOUR CHILD SUCCEED

By DR. RENARD L. MURRAY/Dallas Regional Administrator for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

One of the best ways to help your children have a good year in school is to make sure they have health coverage. Youngsters with insurance generally enjoy better health. They can focus on their studies and participate in sports.

Your children may not currently have coverage for a number of reasons. You lost your job, your employer doesn’t offer insurance, or you simply can’t afford it. Whatever the cause, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, or CHIP, may be able to help. More than seven million youngsters now receive low-cost medical care through it.

The federal and state program has been a lifeline for children 18 and younger whose parents don’t qualify for Medicaid but, through no fault of their own, don’t have or can’t afford private health insurance. The youngsters get regular checkups, dental care, shots and prescription drugs. They’re less likely to miss class and fall behind.

Children with health insurance are also better able to participate in organized school sports. Without coverage, youngsters sometimes must pass up the chance to join a team because their families can’t afford the necessary physical or their parents worry they couldn’t pay the doctors’ bills if their children became injured.

Obviously, allowing as many students as possible to get coverage and get in the game is important to the children, who are eager to play sports. But it’s also valuable to a country facing an epidemic of childhood obesity.

One in three American children is now overweight or obese. That should be as startling as if one in three youngsters were found to have cancer. Unless we reverse this trend toward early obesity and the health problems it creates, we will have the first generation of Americans with a shorter lifespan than their parents.

Getting all youngsters insured is an important first step to keeping them fit and conquering childhood obesity. With their children covered, families can develop standing relationships with doctors who can teach their young patients healthy lifestyles and tackle medical problems early, before they become serious.

Still, as many as five million children are eligible for CHIP or Medicaid but not yet enrolled. Many families may think they make too much money to qualify for either program. Others may not even realize the help exists.

Generally, a family of four with an income up to $44,100 a year can get their children covered. Even if you’ve been turned down before, you may be able to have your children insured now, since a number of states have recently broadened their eligibility for CHIP.

CHIP has softened the blow when breadwinners have lost their jobs during the recession. But the program has also helped working parents when an employer has scaled back or ended group health coverage.

A phone call is all it takes to determine if your children are eligible for low-cost health insurance. Call 1-877-KIDSNOW (1-877-543-7669) to talk with a representative or visit www.insurekidsnow.gov. Families can usually complete their applications over the phone, online or through the mail, without taking time from work.

Once your child is enrolled, you’ll be able to pick a physician for your child and see that doctor when your youngster falls sick. You won’t have to worry about how you’ll pay for the visit, and you won’t have to sit for hours in an emergency room when your child could be easily treated in the doctor’s office. Your children will also have access to prescription drugs and dental care to help them stay healthy.

A year ago, President Obama and Congress added money to the CHIP program to expand children’s health coverage. The goal now is to find and sign up each of the five million eligible youngsters who aren’t enrolled. Children deserve good health care to reach their full potential. Parents shouldn’t have to choose between paying for groceries and affording a doctor’s visit. CHIP gives families control over their health care and the peace of mind that comes from knowing they’ll get high-quality care when they need it.
Casino News

by Trudy Pendergraph

The Lucky Turtle would like to invite you to come in and start earning entries for the December 6, 2010 drawing. Mr. Santa Bags will be here for a fun night, and also give out cash to the lucky winners.

New Year’s is right around the corner so plan on coming to Lucky Turtle and start your year with FUN, FREE FOOD and hot seats at 7pm on the 31st for $211.00 every 30 minutes until 11:30pm. Everyone that is playing a machine will receive a ticket every 30 minutes starting at 7pm for the final drawing at midnight for $2,011.00. Just in case we miss you, have a Happy New Year.

From Lucky and the Turtle crew.

Fall has brought a cornucopia of changes to our little venue. The Wii tournaments in the lounge have given patrons another outlet for their entertainment outing. Our 30+ item salad bar is making our guests very pleased. The Twin Bridges restaurant has unveiled the new menu and it has garnered great reviews. We took our baby back ribs from our new smoker to the Taste of Ottawa County and won best Entrée.

We look forward to the holiday season with anticipation. Thanksgiving will feature a large winding buffet complete with salad bar, dessert bar and carving station. We hope to host some great parties on our newly tented patio.

Wyandotte Nation Casino and Overstock.com have teamed to introduce the new Premier Rewards Program. Wyandotte Nation Casino continues to set the bar for excellence in the area. Even with a lagging economy, Wyandotte Nation Casino has consistently shown year over year growth in all aspects of the gaming field, and with the new Premier Rewards Program, Wyandotte Nation Casino is sure to continue winning the loyalty players that visit the property. As always, Wyandotte Nation Casino would like to thank all of its dedicated employees for their hard work and commitment to excellence.

Wyandotte Nation Casino
Tag Office

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

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.
by Sallie Andrews

The 7th Annual Culture Days celebration on September 8, 9, and 10, 2010, was a great experience!

Over 112 people attended over the three days. All were interested and active participants. An analysis of attendees revealed that 16 traveled over 1,000 miles one way to attend. Over 60 percent of the attendees were not from the surrounding/immediate Wyandotte area. This had a positive economic impact on the area with many staying in local motels.

Wednesday night festivities included a time of introductions by each person, with each one telling why he/she was there and where he/she was from. Almost without exception, the attendees stated that they were there to “learn.” Dr. Pearson and Dr. Kopris gave a brief language lesson. A great meal was shared and the stage was set for an exciting two full days to come. A great journal book and pen was given to each attendee as a welcome gift and incentive for note taking!

On Thursday morning, the group met at the old Wyandotte public school gym. At that point attendees had the opportunity to purchase a set of resource books and a backpack for their personal libraries. Then language class began. Both Dr. Bruce Pearson and Dr. Craig Kopris did outstanding and complementary jobs teaching basic language skills. Everyone learned and practiced saying everyday phrases. Following the language class, Second Chief Billy Friend gave a “Know Your Nation” presentation that was excellent and informative. It was followed by questions and answers that met the needs of the attendees. After lunch at the Title VI building, the group reconvened in the gym for a history presentation by Chairman Lloyd Divine on “Stand and Be Counted a Wyandotte” in which he presented excellent demographic information about our nation that shed light on the various periods of our history. It was very well received by the attendees. From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., participants worked on crafts (beading, moccasins) and had the opportunity to learn more about plants, foods and remedies. Over 20 participants made moccasins. A traditional dinner was served in Title VI. This was followed by stomp dance lessons lead by Monty Rains and guests from the Seneca Cayuga Nation.

On Friday morning, the group met again at the gym for language class. Again, the class presented by Dr. Pearson and Dr. Kopris was very well received. The heat and humidity was too severe for our guests – many of whom were from cooler climates – so we moved to the Bearskin Fitness Center for the subsequent presentations. Chief Bearskin addressed the attendees and inspired everyone to continue learning and being leaders in the communities. Chief Jan English presented a session on The Experience of Grief as it related to our Nations’ experience of loss through the relocation periods. The session was of particular significance to at least two attendees who had experienced recent deaths in their families (that we know of), and was interesting to other attendees as it related to history. Following lunch at Title VI, the group reconvened for afternoon presentations. By this time, all of the resource books and back packs were gone. Carol Savage from the Grove, OK, Public Library Genealogy Department instructed attendees on how to begin their genealogical research. Dana Butterfield gave a presentation on tribal citizenship and the rules that the Wyandotte Nation follows. Sallie Andrews gave a history presentation on the War of 1812. From 3 p.m. to 5 p.m., participants again worked on crafts (beading, moccasins) and had the opportunity to learn more about plants, foods and remedies. Evaluation sheets were distributed to all participants. About 5:30 p.m., the Culture Days sessions ended and everyone was free to go to dinner on their own and to attend the Pow Wow.

In summary, Culture Days offered something for everyone. The classes were well received and of interest. There was diversity of subjects and teaching styles. All of the resource materials were quickly sold. The food was excellent; the facilities were good (with the exception of the heat in the gym, which we were able to adjust for quickly), and everyone felt loved and welcomed, well cared for and appreciated.

We look forward to next year and continuing this great program which is unique in the Indian world! Thank you to our leaders for your personal support and for your budgetary commitment to our people and for enabling them to learn about their nation and to have even more pride in being Wyandottes!

It was GREAT!!!

This year’s Culture Days had 112 attendees; and there may have been some who slipped in that we did not capture!

They were from the following states:

- Oklahoma – 45
- Kansas – 23
- Missouri – 10
- Indiana – 5
- Texas – 5
- Arkansas – 4
- Washington – 3
- Colorado – 2
- Louisiana – 2
- Ohio – 2
- Arizona – 1
- California – 1
- Florida – 1
- Idaho – 1
- Maryland – 1
- Michigan – 1
- New Hampshire – 1
- Did not give an address – 4

From this group 44 were from the immediate Wyandotte area (Wyandotte, Miami, Seneca, Joplin, Grove, Quapaw, etc.)

Sixteen people travelled over 1,000 miles one way to attend.

The Long family had five generations in attendance.

A mother and three daughters travelled from Washington and Idaho to attend.

A grandmother from Michigan met her granddaughter from Arizona for Culture Days.

A family from Kansas brought their relatives from Texas with them for Culture Days.

Two families met relatives for the first time (that we know of).

Note: Culture Days has a significant economic impact on the community. About 68 people had to stay overnight either with relatives in the area or in area motels.
Member News

Former Lion runner missed indoor facility

By Jim Fryar
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Before Missouri Southern built an indoor track and field facility, athletes on that team were sometimes hard-pressed for workout options during winter weather.

Dalana Lofland Rutledge recalls those days none too fondly.

“I remember not having a place to run when there was ice on the ground,” she said Saturday, the day of her induction into the Missouri Southern Athletics Hall of Fame.

“We would use swim workouts (in Southern’s indoor pool) and I was definitely not a swimmer,” Rutledge said. “I could swim a little, but I swam by the side of the pool so I could grab on to the edge.”

Now, 12 years after her graduation, Rutledge has returned to Joplin for the hall of fame ceremonies. The family spent Friday night at a local motel where the attraction for Devon (9) and Angelina (4) was — you guessed it — the swimming pool.

Dalana Lofland Rutledge may not enter the Southern records in aquatic events, but her speed and versatility left her name prominently in the school’s sprinting records. She ran every distance from 55 meters (indoors) to 100, 200, 400, 600 and 800 meters.

What coach Patty Vavra remembers first about Dalana, however, doesn’t involve talent.

“She was my first recruit, so I guess you could say we were rookies together,” Vavra said. “And for the next four years, she was the leader at every sprint workout. Her work ethic was just remarkable.”

The highlight of Rutledge’s track and field career would have been an All-American performance in the 4x100-meter dash. She joined Carl Junction runners Heather Hoyle and Tina Keller and Kansas City Central product Lakeisha Williams on a team which finished third in the nation in a school-record time of 46.76 seconds.

Dalana also qualified for outdoor nationals in the 200 and 400 dashes as a senior. She had a goal to reach indoor nationals in the 400, but realized late in the winter season she wasn’t going to meet the qualifying time.

“Coach and I discussed it and saw it wasn’t going to happen,” Rutledge said. “So we decided to try the 800. I ran in a last chance meet at Arkansas, the first time I ever ran the 800, and I qualified for nationals.”

The Division II indoor championships were at Indianapolis in 1998 and Dalana wasn’t intimidated by the competition. She won her qualifying heat to qualify for the finals, where she finished seventh. At that time, only the top six in each event earned All-American status. Since then, the top eight in each event are All-Americans.

The story of her track career, Rutledge said with a hearty laugh.

“When I went to school at Wyandotte (Okla.), track was my thing,” she said. “We never had a track so I never had a home track meet. After I left, they built a track. ... When I was at Missouri Southern, we never had an indoor facility, until I left.”

Actually, Rutledge never intended to run track in college. She had completed high school when Vavra was hired to guide the Southern women’s program.

“She called me and convinced me to give it a try,” Rutledge said. “It was probably the best decision I ever made. ... It was a great experience as far as my track career, my friends, my team. ... I actually missed graduation (in 1998) because I was at nationals, which was fine with me. That (nationals) was something we had worked for.”

After graduation, Dalana returned home to Wyandotte and went to work for the Wyandotte Nation as an accountant.

Since then, there has been a marriage to Mike Rutledge, two children and the gradual rise to the position as president of Wyandotte Services, a new operation for the Tribe.

Dalana joined Shally Lundien and Albert Bland as new members of the Missouri Southern Athletics Hall of Fame. The new inductees were introduced at halftime of the Lions’ football game against Lincoln University.

Honored person(cont.)

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book. “Teh hon din she wah” is an accurate description of Ramona, meaning she gets things done.

Ramona enjoys serving the Nation as a Board Member and attends most all tribal and employee functions. She has been a strong supporter of our tribal culture and heritage programs and gets involved in all the activities promoted by our Cultural Committee.

The Wyandotte Nation congratulates Ramona Reid as this year’s “Honored Person”. 

Please send your Member news to:
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Or fax to
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New Members List

Abdel Muhyi Adnan Al Hanini
Abed Ur Raqib Al Hanini
Asa’ad Adnan Al Hanini
Nazeha Youman Al Hanini
Nea'amh Adnan Al Hanini
Nurah Adnan Al Hanini
Abd As Salaam Adnan Al Hanin
Sasha Malinda Anderson
Holden Curtis Andrews
Henry James Andrews
Sophia Kate Armstrong
Jacob Park Aston
Addison Joy Ayres
Becca Dezeray Bagnell
Danielle Lauren Bagnell
Jeffrey Allen Bagnell
Freddie Mae Baker
Ryannond Marie Barrett
Debra Lee Barkland
Chelsey Kaye Bots
Walker Sean Bots
Theodore Thomas Boyd
Anakin Ray William Brewer
Nathaniel Brandon Anthony
Bryant
Ewan Ryan Burger
Bryce Jordan Adesegun Callahan
Takoda James Campbell
Wade Leon Carson
Madison Elaine Carson
Sara Dawn Chapman
Callee Laree Clapp
Colton Dean Cochran
Anthony De'shon Coggins
Olivia Elaine Colburn
Kailee Tailer Collinsworth
Joshua Paul Cookinham
Nicholas Brent Cookinham
Rachel Elizabeth Cookinham
Jordan Paul Cortese
Kyle Austin Cortese
Nona Elizabeth Cox
Annabelle Nicolle Croy
Garrett Everett Cummings
Isabella Nichole Daugherty
Abbie Dawn Daugherty
Ryan Nehalem De Koning
William Alexander Drake
Lana Jean Drake
Jagger Johnson Dunaway
Cordell Levi Dunlop
Jasymn Nichol Dunlop
Michael Laine Dunlop
Caleb Tyler Elliott
Chloe Mae Elliott
Reece Allen Fazzini
Michaela Jean Fellers
Noah Wayne Fellers
Emoree Alana Fields
Skye Makenzie Ford
Everitt Gene Franks
Damon Lee Friend
Mekhi Patrick Bell Garrard
Miranda Cheyenne George
Jackson Edward Godby
Tyler David Grant
Nichole Elizabeth Grant
Kyle Alexander Gregoire
Brooke Rosea Guthrie
Rachel Jaclyn Guthrie
Audine Sharon Hamblin
Ella Katherine Harris
Griffin Lee Harris
Alyssa Katherine Hennigar
Kurt James Hennigar
Lorelei Ava Hilton
Brynley Iyana James
Jesse Robert James
James Robert Johnson, Sr
Kevin Shane King
Emily Ray Kinslow
Flannery Rose Krichke
Katelynn Renia Krropp
Brandon Lee Lackey
Debra Lee Langstaff
Gracie Diane Lawson
Gavin Howard Lees
Elisabeth Anna Lewalski
Viktor Leon Lewalski
Atticus Lee Lofland
Marc Lopez
Anberlin Emery Macklin
Kenneth T Mansfield
Austin William Martin
Emilee Elizabeth McCasland
Kaylee Desiree McCasland
John Morgan Joseph McCasland
Hailey Nicole McMurtrey
Tanner Wayne McMurtrey
Nevaeh Louise Misenheimer
Markovich
Michael Gavin Monroe
Margaret Elisabeth Monroe
Marcella Anne Monroe
Harper Jean Moore
Samantha Rae Moore
Loki Milo Morrison
Jaxon Maddox Most
Kaylin Rae Napier
Samuel Joseph Nesvold
Linda Lucille Nielsen
Malachi Omar Lendell Patrick
Ethan Colin Pierce
Mickaile Lyn Price
Joseph Dewayne Pruitt
Caitlyn Abigail Rainsberry
Jayden Willis Rash
Amanda Ray Retherford
Jared Scott Robitaille
Sabryna Lee Ann Rodriguez
Talesha Lee Marinn Rutter
Jazz Christopher Sapp
Lily Jean Schindler
Trinity Love Schindler
Lilly Denee Shaffer
Sandra Ann Shultz
Adonica Rain Louise Sliger
Christine Kate Smith
George Edmund Smith, III
Annie Kate Taylor
Jackson Henry Taylor
Jordan Lee Thomas
Faith Lynn Thomas
Logan Joseph Thompson
Call Edward Tipton
Cooper Michael Lee Trease
Harper Lyn Treat
Nathan Allen Vaughn
Rebecca Ann Wagner
Clara Marley Walker
Emily Renee Ward
Brenna Nadine Watsamura
Ryder James Weaver
Elijah Lee Wells
Ember Rayne Wessel
Drake Aaron White
Meghan Bream Wood
Michaela Ann Nafah Wooldridge
Bennett Coal Zane
James Levi Zumwalt Moore
Jessica Lou Ray Brady
Katie Lee Brinkman
James Robert Johnson, Jr.
Wendy Jon McDonald
Robynne Stacey McFadden
Richard Reeder, Jr
Van Bernard Rusher, III
Randal Stewart Shultz
Sundee Ann Swinford
Cody Jay Turner
Whiteley Slade Botts
Ryan Walker Botts
Derick Riley Brady
Logan Joshua Brady
John William Briggs
Allison Lou Briggs
Ashlynn Clarice Funk
Rolin Gaines Funk
Talon Gunter Funk
Chase Merrick Holt
Zane Khalid Jbara
Zana Elise Jbara
Skylar Ann Swinford
Dylan Michael Swinford
Johnny Denton Wayne Wagner
Rebecca Leann Wagner
Damion Starlin Winkle

Harris Reunion

by Ramona Reid

Well, we did it again. Had another great family get together after the Wyandotte Nation Annual Meeting. The weather was so nice. We’re planning on putting together a “Harris” facebook page. Marilyn and/or Stephanie Hawkins will co-ordinate. Want to participate? Let them know.

So till next year, Happy Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year, Easter, etc.

Sincerely,

Ramona L. Reid
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Tribal Heritage Department

Pow-Wow was a great success! We had over 30 tribes in attendance. This tells a lot how Wyandotte Nation is respected among the other Nations in Indian World. Things could not have been so perfect, it was beautiful weather. The grounds looked amazing, thanks to Charles Robitaille and John Gerhard for all the work they put in all summer. I would like to thank all of the Pow-Wow Committee, everyone did a magnificent job! I hope everyone who attended enjoyed the new restrooms! Thanks to Richard House and crew. We have the best restrooms in the Pow-Wow world! We also did more upgrades this year. New bleachers. Thanks to Ted Nesvold, a Tribal member, for all the wonderful things you do for us. Reports were we had over 2,000 people on Saturday night alone. I think that may be a record. Thanks to all the members who came and supported our Pow-Wow this year. We will see you next year.

Heritage Department is going strong with Ora Lea Combs scanning all Historical Documents and helping visitors with research. The department is working with government to governments on issues to do with Wyandotte historical lands that are in the process of development in the east.

Holidays

Kids Christmas Party – December 11, 2010. 10 a.m. till 12 p.m.
Party is for Wyandotte Nation Tribal children ages new born thru 12 yrs of age.
Children must be enrolled. Come see Santa and enjoy the morning.
Have a great fall.

Community Spirit Award

An acclaimed Wyandot potter whose work has received award recognition at the Blue Rain Gallery during the prestigious Santa Fe Indian Market and elsewhere, Smith was given a 2010 Community Spirit Award for revitalizing long-dormant tribal pottery making traditions as well as helping children learn the Wyandot language.

Sponsored by First Peoples Fund, the awards recognize not individual achievement but the broader, collective impact of Native artists on the cultural renewal of Native communities. In the spirit of giving back, Smith turned the spotlight from himself to the audience.

“One of the first songs that we teach our little kids is a Wyandot woman’s dance,” he said. “This is all about giving thanks. I want to give thanks to all the women that are here, and, in fact, when I sing this song I’d like you to stand because I’d like to honor you.”

Sept. 10 was a night of thanksgiving and celebration in St. Paul. Smith and five other artists were honored in a ceremony featuring tribal song, dance, humor and ample doses of humility.

First Peoples Fund honors six Native artists’ community spirit

By David Cournoyer

ST. PAUL, Minn. On the night before he was to receive a national Community Spirit Award for the impact of his work within his community as an artist, Richard Zane Smith said he suddenly woke up with inspiration about just how he should accept the special honor.

“I woke up at 4 a.m. this morning, and knew what I had to do.”
**Housing Department**

It has been a very exciting year for the housing department. Our senior units have now been occupied for a year, with the exception of the last two built. Behind the senior units, a gazebo has been built. This gives the seniors a place to gather and visit or have family events. On Oct. 8th, we enjoyed a cookout with the seniors at the gazebo. The Housing department provided the burgers and hot dogs, and the seniors brought covered dishes. Those seniors do know how to cook! Door prizes were given away. Sharon Lewis was the winner of the scarecrow, Anne Roper won the apple potpourri, and Merlyn Brown was the winner of the decorative pumpkin. The plan for the near future is to build three more senior units.

![Image of cookout]

All twelve of the family units are built and will be occupied by the middle of November. It is very exciting to be able to provide housing to our tribal families. If you have not had a chance to see our new housing additions, please take time to come see us. Also, if you would like an application, please contact our office and we will be glad to provide one to you. Federal Income guidelines are followed.

If you live in the Indian Health Service Area and are in need of water or sanitation services, please contact our office.

Kathy DeWeese, Housing Director
Valari Eby, Housing Specialist
Paul Paquin, Project Coordinator
Don Graham, Project Coordinator
Brian Adkins, Residential Maintenance Technician

**News from Family Services**

Since our last newsletter was published in August, school has started, the Annual Meeting was held, and we had the best Pow-Wow ever. The summer heat and humidity have given way to the beginning of a beautiful Indian summer. The best news from Family Services are the announcement of increased program funding for existing programs and the announcement of new programs: So if you missed the Annual Meeting about the announcement of the new programs, thank you to the leadership as well as the Wyandotte Nation Board of Directors for this increased funding for Family Services. Our goal is, and has always been, to promote the safety and stability of our tribal members and their families. We are here to serve you. (Certain radius and income guidelines apply to some programs.)

**BURIAL ASSISTANCE:** (RADIUS: NATIONWIDE: AMOUNT $1,000.00)

Burial Assistance has been increased to $1,000.00 effective October 1, 2010. Payment is made directly to the Funeral Home. This application process must be executed within 60 days of death.

**NEW ENROLLEE BENEFIT:** (RADIUS: NATIONWIDE: AMOUNT $100.00)

Enroll your child before his/her first birthday to receive a $100.00 gift card and a baby blanket with the tribal logo. A membership application and birth certificate must be provided to receive this benefit.

**MEDICAL: FUEL ASSISTANCE (RADIUS: 50 Mile: AMOUNT $250.00)**

Effective December 1, 2010 through March 1, 2011, a $100.00 clothing allowance is provided to tribal members age pre-K through the 12th grade. Families that are income eligible may obtain Wal-Mart Gift Cards by providing check stubs for all employed family members or we can accept a copy of your 2009 Federal Income tax return. Families that are not income guideline eligible are required to use a cost reimbursement program and submit receipts for reimbursement.

![Image of application process]

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**SCHOOL EXPENSE ASSISTANCE CHECK: EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: (RADIUS 50 MILES: AMOUNT $100.00)**

The School expenses assistance allotted from October to May to tribal members ages preK-10th grade for expenses related to school attendance and school participation such as: class pictures, school lunches, school supplies, instrument rental, lab fees, testing fees, sports activities, academic fees, etc. If you have a question regarding allowable expenses, please call.

**HIGH SCHOOL JUNIOR OR SENIOR ASSISTANCE CHECK REQUEST: (RADIUS 50 MILES: AMOUNT $250.00)**

The $250.00 High School Junior and Senior assistance program is provided to tribal members to help offset the added expense of junior/senior expenses. The application must be supported by a statement from the high school official on letterhead stating the date of planned graduation. The student must state the purpose of the assistance such as yearbook, class pictures, cap and gown, announcements, letter jacket, pictures, class ring, school lunches, school supplies, instrument rental, testing fees, college testing, sports activities or other related expenses. Payment can be made directly to the vendor, or reimbursed to you with proof of payment receipts.

Applications for the above programs may be obtained from the Nation’s Website under “Members Only Section”, or to request by mail please call Kate Randall or Dana Butterfield at 918-678-2297 Extension #224 or 219.

**Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department**

The month of August is always busy for our department. The 2nd and 3rd found Christen and Kathy attending the Tribal Air Forum, hosted by the Quapaw Tribe at the Downstream Casino and Resort. During this forum many presenters from EPA to other Tribes distributed very valuable information on indoor and outdoor air quality within Northeast Oklahoma.

On the 17th, our department was able to assist the Tribal Summer Youth Program in attending the Jenks Aquarium. Seeing the youth so interested and involved in the multiple hands on stations within the aquarium, gives one a longing to be young again.

August 15th thru the 21st was the Ottawa County Free Fair. This year our department shared a booth with LEAD Agency, the Peoria Tribe, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, and the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe. Public awareness of environmental issues is a very important part of our program and work hard to get education out to tribal members and area residents.

Where August left off, September picked up with Janice Wilson and Earl Salisbury attending the USGS Sedibury attending the USGS Sediment Training in OKC from 8/30/2010 thru 9/03/2010.

September 8th, the Wyandotte Nation Preschool held a Fire/Tornado Safety Drill. Kathleen Welch is the designated building Safety Officer, and helped monitor the drill. The 2nd Wednesday of each month has been assigned for the Safety Drill. The first drill went well and commendations need to be given to the Education Staff for their successful efforts of making sure all students were safely evacuated from the building in a timely and safe manner. Parents should feel at ease knowing that their students are in Great hands at Wyandotte Nation Turtle Tot Preschool!

September 17th, Kathleen Welch attended the Wonders of Wetlands Class which was hosted by LEAD Agency. The class was the starting activity for the 12th Annual Tar Creek Conference. The Tar Creek Conference was held in Miami, OK at the Civic Center on September 22nd and 23rd. This year’s conference not only focused on environmental issues due to Tar Creek Superfund site, but, also touched on both indoor and outdoor air quality.

Throughout the past two months Christen and Kathy have spent a lot of time on Natural Resource Damage Assessment and Restoration (NRDAR). This is a very hot topic and pertains to contamination from the heavy metals that come from the Tri-state Mining District. Heavy Metals such as lead, zinc, and cadmium can be health threatening if received into the body by two path ways, inhalation or ingestion.

Because Wyandotte Nation is downstream from the Tri-state Mining District, which includes the Tar Creek Superfund site, the Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department feels it is very important to be involved actively in the NRDAR process to better serve and educate tribal members on the
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(continued from previous page) possible threat from heavy metals to tribal members and their culture.

Upcoming Events
This year has added to the Water 319 Non Point Source Grant, Septic System Assessments. We will be having a certified contractor come out and do a visual inspection of septic systems to determine if there are any systems failures that need to be addressed. This opportunity is being offered to tribal and non-tribal citizens within a 50 mile radius of Wyandotte Nation and within the Nation’s watershed. You may contact Environmental Director Christen Lee or Kathleen Welch for more information.

Private drinking water well testing for tribal members is still available thru our department. This service is free to all tribal members.

Contact information: 918-678-2297
Christen Lee (Environmental Director) Ext. 241
Kathleen Welch (Environmental Assistant) Ext. 235
Janice Wilson (Water Technician) Ext. 245

WYANDOTTE NATION TRIBAL POLICE
by Ken Murphy, Chief of Police

The Wyandotte Nation Tribal Police Department, in partnership with the Wyandotte Public Schools, will begin a Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) Program later this school year. An officer will be trained in late January and begin instruction soon thereafter. The Police Department is committed to a strong partnership with the community and views the D.A.R.E. program as an essential element. One of the part-time officer positions was converted to full-time to support this effort.

A Community Advisory Committee will also be formed later this year to strengthen information and idea sharing with members of the community and clustered tribal housing areas. If you are interested in serving as an Advisory Board Member, please contact Chief Murphy at 918-678-2297.

The Wyandotte Nation was awarded over $460,000 this month through COPS and Tribal Justice Program grants. The COPS funds were requested to upgrade the 1999 and 2003 police vehicles and to add new communications and mobile computing equipment to the patrol units. Funding these equipment purchases through grants will allow the department to continue to focus local funds on community programs like D.A.R.E. and frequent patrols through clustered housing areas. The goal is to have the information and equipment available to officers out in the community rather than spending the majority of their time in the office conducting investigations and writing reports. This is a major step in improving the efficiency of the Police Department. Mobile computers with wireless network access will allow officers to check registration, driving records, criminal history searches, access stolen vehicle and property records, and do warrant and protective order searches. They will also be able to prepare their reports and access prior reports from their mobile office. Two new SUVs will be purchased later this month to replace aging sedans and to ensure police response to remote areas and during hazardous weather. Updating the older vehicles with more fuel efficient vehicles will drastically reduce fuel and maintenance costs.

Tribal Justice Program funds will be utilized in updating the Tribal Criminal and Civil Codes and Court Procedures. This is the initial phase in establishing a Tribal Court for the Wyandotte Nation.

ELDER SERVICES
It was so good to see everyone once again at the Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow. The attendance for the Cultural Days was fantastic! It is great to see more of the Wyandotte people getting involved and learning about their culture and heritage.

We are preparing for Old Man Winter to arrive. We are all trying to guess if the persimmon seeds will have forks, spoons or knives this year. We sure hope it is not knives!

Recently, the Wyandotte Nation and the Eastern Shawnee Tribe partnered with the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging, NEO Vo-tech, and Hearing Life Company to provide free mobile health screenings. The screenings consisted of visual, glaucoma, blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol, basic pulmonary, lung function, bone density, and hearing. Medicare Part D Packets were available for anyone needing assistance with their enrollment. The Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department also had a booth providing information about Water Sheds. The 62 participants were provided refreshments, lunch and really nice goodie bags!

We are looking forward to the holidays. Our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, November 18, and our Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 16.

These will be sit down dinners with staff from other departments assisting with serving the elders. Santa will be visiting us on Wednesday, December 15.

We wish all of you a very happy and healthy holiday season and if we may be of assistance to any of you please feel free to contact us.

Brenda House, Director, Elder Services ext. 227
Dari Ann Hunnicutt, Caregiver Specialist ext. 253
Kandi Smith, Food Service Team Supervisor ext. 228
Leesa Hibbard, Lynda Wilson, and Seth Higginbotham, Food Service Team Members ext. 228
Berle Blevins, Experience Works Program ext. 228
John Charloe, Vista Volunteer ext. 227
Menu ext. 226
Planning/Development

Construction is well underway for the Wellness Center Expansion, which is scheduled to be completed in March 2011. The walls and upper decking for the safe room have completed and the steel framing for the gymnasium can be seen in the picture below. So far everything is on schedule; let’s hope the weather doesn’t slow us down too much.

The new water tower is complete and online. The automation of the new tower allows for each tower to start filling as the level of the other lowers.

A connecting road to link Wolf Rd. to Porcupine Rd. has been paved and is nearing completion. The connection is near the duplexes and housing, and will allow for future growth. This project is being funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

We received notice that we have been funded on this years Tree Grant by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. We plan to plant trees along the roadway leading up to the Wellness center, and also add to the trees at the Pow Wow grounds that we planted last year.

A grant from the Department of Justice, under the COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) has been awarded to Wyandotte Nation. There were two parts to the award. The first part, which is $265,861, will be used to purchase equipment to enhance the Wyandotte Nation Community Police Program. Another area funded was to develop and enhance a Tribal Court System, which we were awarded $185,361 for that project.

We are currently applying for an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG). This grant would provide housing rehabilitation for tribal members who meet the requirements. The ICDBG is the grant that funded the new water tower and Wellness Center expansion.

Ron Kaiser Planning/Development Director ext. 225
Debbie Dry Planning/Development Specialist ext. 215

Human Resources News

Please join us in congratulating Tammy Charles on her recent promotion to Education Director. Tammy has been employed by the Tribe since November of 2001 as Resource Referral Specialist and Childcare Intake Manager before her recent promotion. Tammy is very passionate about her job and takes on additional projects outside of her normal job responsibilities including serving on the Health Fair and Pow-Wow committees. She also serves on the Craig County Fair Board, Vinita Ag Boosters and is the leader for two 4-H Clubs. In her spare time, Tammy enjoys spending time with her family and taking care of her animals. We are very fortunate to have Tammy on our team and wish her much success in her new position.

Zumbathon

On October 9th, Bearskin Fitness Center hosted a Party in Pink Zumbathon Charity Event, at the Wyandotte Nation Education Center. Participants grooved for a cure and proceeds donated went to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Over $600 was raised! Lacey Stansill, Bearskin Zumba Instructor and Employee, coordinated the event, assisted by Sharon Bartley, Assistant Manager. These two individuals led dances and warm-ups activities, as well as hosted the event. Additional instructors included Jessica Cornett of Conway, Arkansas, Kayla White, Wyandotte Tribal Member of Conway, Arkansas and Dana Brassfield of The Gym, Miami, Oklahoma.
We are beginning to experience a few problems on different issues involving our OB patients. I hope that these pointers will help clarify a few issues we are experiencing:

• Once a patient is sent out to an OB physician, she will need to notify Bridget, in Contract Health, of any type of tests that will need to be performed once she is under the OB physician’s care. This would include ultrasounds, any x-rays, CT scans, for example.

• Once the baby is born, it will be the mother’s responsibility to inform the clinic medical records of the birth. We need to establish a chart in the system, as soon as possible after the birth of the baby. This information has to be in our system, in order for our Contract Health Department to pay on the ‘baby’ bill when we receive it.

• Also, after the baby is born, it is required that you apply at your tribal office for the baby’s tribal membership. The baby will be seen in the clinic under the mother’s membership, until it has been established within your tribal enrollment office.

• An application for a new social security number will also be required as soon as possible after the birth of the baby. This is for information needed in our software system, in order to report data to Indian Health Service for their reporting requirements.

• The mother’s follow-up visit after the birth of their baby, will be covered at her OB/GYN physician’s office.

• The two week follow-up visit for the newborn baby, will need to be here at Bearskin Health Clinic. If patient wants to take their newborn to a pediatrician, that request will be sent to the Contract Health Services Review Committee for prior approval or authorization. If not notified before the visit, the visit will not be covered.

• As in all bills concerning Contract Health Services, it is the patient’s or parent’s responsibility to turn them in to the CHS office or Bridget for payment. On occasion, the hospital sends the bills directly to the patient. The bill cannot be paid without turning the bill or claim into our CHS office. This does not happen all the time, but please make sure to turn in all bills or claims.

• If you have to go to the ER, for any reason, during your pregnancy, you still have to abide by the 72 hour call in period. The same guidelines will apply during this time period. This will be taken through the Contract Health Services Review Committee.

• We will work with you on where you want to go for your pregnancy, such as hospital providers and OB physicians, that are covered under your insurance plan. If you do not have insurance, you will be sent to our contracted physicians and hospital facilities. Currently, we use Integris Miami and Grove facilities, Freeman Health Systems, and St. John’s in Joplin, and their affiliated physicians.

If you are unsure of anything, while in the care of your OB physician, or during your pregnancy, please feel free to call Contact Health Services or Bridget, at 918-678-2282, Ext. 227.

The Bearskin Health Clinic is having some difficulty in obtaining certain information that is required from our tribal members. Some of the information we are required to have is:

• Current ID such as Drivers License or Picture ID (this has to be scanned)

• Copy of tribal card (including babies after enrolled, or letter from tribal office until enrolled)

• Copy of SS# card (including babies, application should be made as soon as possible after birth)

• Name change documentation such as marriage license, court orders, divorce papers

(Name cannot be changed without this documentation in our system)

• Bringing in Insurance Card (this has to be scanned)

This information is critical for reporting the data to Indian Health Services at the end of each fiscal year. I know it seems we are always asking for this information, but it is required not only for our tribal audits, but for the User Population Reports submitted every year. We would appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

Karen Duderstadt
Business Services Manager
Preschool:
Each August a new group of students begin their formal education as they enroll and attend Wyandotte Nation Preschool. Classes began on August 18, 2010 and we have thirty-one Native American students and of those, seven are Wyandotte Nation tribal members. We are busy working on school readiness skills and it is a complement from public school instructors in the area when they acknowledge the children who have attended our program as being the best and brightest. This year we are again fortunate to have physical education classes coordinated by Bearskin Fitness Center and Wyandotte language instruction by Richard Zane Smith.

Before and After School Program:
Back to school time brings the opportunity to serve the families in the area with our before and after school care program. Our bus provides transportation to and from school and the staff serves snacks, assists with homework and supervises the children while their parents are working or attending class. If you are searching for a quality program for your child to attend, please contact Tammy at ext 230.

Library:
The library has undergone a facelift in the past sixty days!! While the room was cleared for new carpet installation, Jessie Wincsott and her party of assistants sorted titles and made some room arrangement changes. As the colder weather approaches, we encourage you to stop by and check out the book and video titles to enjoy when possible.

Child Care & Development Fund Program:
The Child Care and Development Fund is working to help prepare a quality training for local child care providers to be held on the campus of NEO A&M College in October. The focus of the workshop is Dr. Debbie Bailey’s program on conscious discipline. The opportunity to bring speakers to help the child care workers gain skills as they care for our tribal children is an added benefit of the CCDF program. Our numbers of children receiving assistance remains at a high level, indicating that the program is a much needed service for tribal families.

Tribal Scholarships:
The Wyandotte Nation Scholarship program currently has ninety five participants. New scholarship participants are listed to the right. These students are on the program at various institutions and levels of instruction and all are working diligently to further themselves and ultimately the Wyandotte Nation as they go out to represent the Tribe. To receive funding for the next semester of class work, please submit your current semester grades and schedule for the next semester as soon as you have them available. The applications for the 2011-2012 school year will be available after January 1.

If you have questions about the education programs at the Wyandotte Nation, please contact Tammy Charles at Ext. 230.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA):
The WIA program is preparing for the Western Regional Conference to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. By having the conference locally, our WIA specialist will have an opportunity to tell others what the Wyandotte Nation WIA program is doing. For the last reporting cycle, the numbers of clients are as follows: 46 clients served this year with five of those being added in the last three months. There is a possibility of adding a few more clients at the semester break.

The WIA program is also working to coordinate with the National Indian Council on Aging work program at the Wyandotte Nation. Presently we have one elder working in the Education Department with two more applications in the processing stage. If you are interested in more information, contact Arthur at ext 234.

Submitted by:
Tammy Charles

List of Scholarship Students for 2010
Lauren Fowler, Northwest Arkansas Community College
Seth Matlock, Missouri Southern State University
Olivia Coye, University of Tulsa
Eva Fazzini, Seattle Community College
Amy Shaffer, Missouri Southern State University
Cody Childers, Rogers State University
Ryan Hildebrand, Northeast Technology Centers
Nick Wills, Ecclesia College
Lindsay Ivins, Arizona State University
Michaela Schmidt, Metropolitan Community College
Richard Zane, Missouri State University
Jeffery Kelley, Crowder College
Tiffany Webb, Oklahoma State University
Jennifer Davis, Northwest Arkansas Community College
Veronica Copher, NEO A&M College
Kassandra Lankford, Crowder College
Samantha Finlayson, University of New Mexico
Samuel King, Eastern Oklahoma State College
Jonathan Nance, Metropolitan Community College
Chris Salcido, Intellitec College
Kadee Wise, Rogers State University
Danielle Goodman, University of California Santa Barbara
Caleb Kropp, University of Central Missouri
Molly Gettle, University of Central Oklahoma
William Easley, University of Oklahoma
Courtney Glass, NEO A&M College
Ryan Lofland, Portland Community College
Travis Griffin, Walden University
Shayn McCleary, Indian Capital Technology Center
Megan Boydston, Rose State College
2010 Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow pictures
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