In the late 1950’s Charles learned that a farmer at Craigleith, Ontario, was ploughing up broken native pottery, smoking pipes, bone and stone tools, and other artifacts, from a field where a native village had once stood. No one knew who had lived there or when, or was concerned to save the artifacts from being destroyed by further ploughing. Charles began collecting the artifacts to save and study them, commenced research into the identity of the villagers, located other people similarly concerned, and together lobbied the Ontario government for protective legislation. By the 1970’s, the Ontario Government passed laws protecting archaeological sites and native graves. Charles was President of The Ontario Archaeological Society and had identified the occupants of the site as The Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma.

He contacted the Tribe and received an encouraging reply from Juanita McQuistion. They have remained in touch since. After much correspondence, (continued on page 4)
Kweh,
I hope this quarter’s Turtle Talk finds all doing well and enjoying the fall season and looking forward to the holiday season.

I would like to take this moment to commend all of our Tribal citizens who attended our Annual Meeting this past September. We had 290 registered citizens of voting age and an estimated 500 in attendance for what was one of the most highly attended meetings in our history. It was the first meeting to be held in our new gymnasium and we packed the place out. It was a great pleasure to meet many tribal citizens for the first time and make many new friends.

Our Culture Days and Pow-Wow was also a huge success this year. We had 112 registered Wyandottes during our Culture Week, representing 13 different states. Our Culture Committee did an outstanding job of putting together a wonderful week of events that was both enriching and informational. I know that they are already hard at work planning another great week for next year.

Our 22nd annual Pow-Wow turned out to be one of the best yet, with great numbers in attendance each night and some of the best weather we have ever had. I would like to say a special thank you to our Pow-Wow Committee and maintenance crew for all the time and effort they put in to making this year’s event a great success. If you are interested in volunteering for next year with the Pow-Wow or culture activities please feel free to contact our Tribal Heritage Department.

We were also honored to have Charles Garrad and his wife Ella with us this year. Charles was our Wyandotte Nation Honored Person for 2011. Over the last half century Charles has conducted many archaeological test excavations and wrote hundreds of reports on the Wyandotte village sites and burial (continued on page 15)

From Norman Hildebrand, Jr.
-Second Chief

Kweh,
I hope everyone is well and enjoying the nice weather we’ve been blessed with. If you didn’t attend Culture Days this year you missed a week filled with our history, language, and many special interests. This year there were classes on how to make soap, corn husk dolls and Indian beading. On Thursday there was a choice to attend a Green Corn Feast or a one day field trip to Kansas City, KS. We had members of our Wyandotte Nation from California to Florida attend as well as Wyandot of Anderdon Nation from Michigan, Wyandot Nation of Kansas, and Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma.

Next year for Culture Days the Culture Committee has arranged for Wyandotte and Seneca-Cayuga artifacts from Canada to be displayed at Sam Noble Museum of Natural History in Norman, OK. This will indeed be a memorable trip you will not want to miss it.

We had our first Annual Meeting in our new gymnasium and proud to say it was almost full; there were very few empty seats. Our Annual Pow-Wow rounded out the week with a large attendance all three days. Mark your calendar for September 4 – 7, 2012 and join us in celebrating our Heritage, Culture, and Language.

I want to thank the Culture Committee, Pow-Wow Committee, all the Staff and Volunteers that made Culture Week, Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow such a huge success. Hope to see you there next year.

Norman Hildebrand, Jr.  
Second Chief
# Holiday List of Events

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in July 1975 Chief Leonard Cotter confirmed the Tribe's "awareness and approval of the work you are accomplishing to understand, and at the same time, preserve our ancestral remains in Ontario" and invited Charles to attend the next Annual Tribal Council. At the Council, Charles found that most people knew that their ancestors had come from Ohio via Kansas, but no one present knew that a hundred years before Ohio, the Tribe had lived in Canada, where Charles was researching and preserving their village sites and cemeteries. However, when he visited Cecilia (Cecile) Wallace, a much-respected senior matron, she knew that her grandmother, Mary Williams Walker, had been born in Canada on the Ontario side of the Detroit River (the Anderdon Wyandotte Reserve, terminated 1892) and that her cousin Mary McKee, who was born on the opposite (Michigan) side of the River (River Huron Wyandotte Reserve, terminated 1843) later lived at Anderdon before moving to Oklahoma. Several days after Charles' first visit, Cecile announced that as she was now 83 and had never had a son, she would adopt one now. She adopted Charles on September 4, 1975, in a formal traditional ceremony which was attended by a number of people and recorded in the Miami News Record, and gave him a name owned by the Big Turtle Clan, "Tauromee". The previous Tauromee was the Chief at Kansas at the time that some Wyandottes were removed to Oklahoma.

Already by this time, Charles' work in Ontario was sufficiently well known that the Smithsonian Institution at Washington asked him to publish in their "Handbook of North American Indians". He did so, and provided information to other contributors.

Charles returned to Oklahoma in 1976 to visit his adopted mother and again in 1979 at the invitation of the Tribe to speak at a ceremony. In 1978, Charles received a Certificate of Appreciation and Honorary Membership in The Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma signed by Chief Mont Cotter, Second Chief Philip Peacock and Councilors Gloria Durbin and Mary Jane Newton.

In 1982, a quarter of a century after he first visited the village site at Craigleith, he was able to conclude that it had been "Ekarenniondi", the last principle town of the Wyandotte Deer Tribe, and existed from about 1635 to 1650. In 1648 it received Bear and Turtle refugees from the Town of Osossane, and in 1649 Wolf refugees from the Town of Etharita, which had been attacked by the Iroquois. Mainly due to European diseases, the formerly independent Deer, Wolf and Turtle Tribes were now too few in number to remain tribes, and they politically reorganized themselves as three phratries of one Wyandotte Tribe. For some years, Charles has aggragated that the two village sites where the three names first came together be preserved as a park to commemorate the Birth of the Wyandotte Tribe.

In 1999, Wyandotte descendants from Kansas, Oklahoma, Detroit and Quebec met twice in Ontario, to reconcile and form a new Confederacy. Charles was invited to join the group to represent the research that had brought them all together. At that time, and subsequently, he escorted Chief Bearskin, Sherri Clemons, Principal Chief English from Kansas, and other Wyandotte visitors, to the Craigleith area ancestral to the Wyandottes of Kansas and Oklahoma. During her second visit, Chief English adopted Charles, his wife Ella and colleague John Steckley, into the Wyandot Nation of Kansas.

During his more than half a century of research on the Wyandottes in Ontario, Charles conducted many archaeological test excavations and wrote hundreds of reports but every village site and cemetery he found and monitors still exist. With the collaboration of Charles' many colleagues over many years, the migration route of the Wyandottes from Craigleith in 1650, to Kansas and Oklahoma today, is now well established. Charles' continuing research into the ancient history of the Wyandotte people now extends back some 4,000 years. He calculates that, at about seven hundred years ago, the Wyandottes comprised some 25 separate but related tribes, two of which had lived in his part of Ontario.

The Canadian Museum of Civilization has undertaken to publish his research. It took Charles fifteen years to write a manuscript. As no date for publication is set, in conformance with his undertaking to the Tribal Council in 1975 to inform the Tribe as to its ancestral remains in Ontario, Charles and his wife Ella attended the Tribe's Cultural Days in 2011, to present to the Tribe a copy of his (as yet) unpublished manuscript.
Letter from Charles and Ella Garrad

Having safely returned to Canada, it is with a humble appreciation that my wife Ella and I recall the abundant and unstinted kindness, friendliness and generosity of the Wyandotte people towards us during our stay in Oklahoma. The nomination of myself as both 2011 Honored Person and 2011 Pow-Wow Honoree was unexpected and generous beyond measure. We came to Oklahoma for several reasons, principally to donate a text recording our 50-years of work to understand and preserve with respect the evidence of Wyandotte presence in part of the Ontario Home Land. This is in accordance with the undertaking I made to the Tribe and to the Ancestors in 1975. The text is being edited for publication by the Canadian Museum of Civilization in Ottawa, the same Institution which first sent Charles Marius Barbeau to Oklahoma one hundred years ago. We also came to give a talk about Wyandotte history, to honor the Chiefs, to visit old friends and make new ones, and to see the changes since my previous visits. As my last visit to Oklahoma was in 1979, another was long overdue! Thanks to Chief Janith English and Ed English, who kindly drove us from Kansas City, we arrived at the Community Center in Wyandotte on Tuesday afternoon, September 6.

The session on Corn Husk Dolls had ended, but Ella was handed a beautiful and expertly made Doll, the first of a number of spontaneous gifts we unexpectedly received. We were delighted to meet many friendly people who made us feel at home, then, and through the next two days, which we spent being shown the territory, principally through the courtesy of David Culver. My talk on 4,000 years of Wyandot history was well accepted and I have to thank Lloyd Divine and his committee people for the excellent support and facilities they provided. As my room was filled it was just as well there were two events simultaneously! Lloyd presented me with a plaque and in return I thank him and the Culture Committee, which I commend for its slogan "Preserving the Future of our Past". For the remainder of our stay in Oklahoma, people came to us to talk about what we had said, and to advocate the preservation of the two archaeological sites at Craigleith, Ontario, remaining from the villages of Ekarenniondi of the Wyandotte Deer Tribe, ca. 1635-1650 A.D., as "The Birthplace of the Wyandot Nation", because it was there that the three principal elements of the historic Wyandot Nation (Deer, Wolf and Turtle), first came together. We were frequently assured, "You must attend the Annual Meeting". So we did, and found out the reason when we were ushered to the front and I found myself viewing a screen size picture of myself, Chief Friend read the letter I had brought from the Mayor of the Town of the Blue Mountains in Ontario, and then my nomination as "2011 Honored Person". I was called to the Podium to receive a magnificent plaque. Being unwell at the time I was unable to respond verbally to express my gratitude to the Chiefs and the assembly. I would like to do so now. I thank you all, most sincerely, for this singular honor. The question then changed to "You are coming to the Pow-Wow this evening?" and continued until we agreed we were. We discovered the Program included a two-page explanation of my "Honored Person" status, plus my designation as "Pow-Wow Honoree". But before the Honor Dance was held there was yet another honor. During the Honoring of Veterans Dance I was given a chair next to Chief Bearskin. When I first met Chief Bearskin in 1999 in Ontario we discovered we had both served in Germany at the same time, he with the USAF, myself in the British Army. It was a pleasure to shake the hands of the other participating Veterans, one of whom movingly bid me "Welcome Home". As Ella and I stood to join the Honor Dance, Sherri Clemons made the Special Presentation of a magnificent Pendleton Blanket with the design of the turtle that bears the world on its shell. Anyone who attended my talk will know there could hardly be a theme closer to our hearts. Ella and I can only affirm our respect for the Wyandotte Nation, and our thanks and gratefulness for the unrestrained hospitality shown to us during our visit. May God bless you all. Back in Canada, we are very mindful of the honors given to us. In accepting them, we both commit ourselves anew to our quest of preserving and honoring the evidence left by our Wyandotte Ancestors in their Ontario Home Land, and to continue advocating the preservation of the two Wyandotte village sites at Craigleith as a memorial to them and the modern Wyandotte Nation.

Yours very sincerely,

Charles & Ella Garrad.
Member News

LEAFORD BEARSKIN HONORED BY AARP

The 2011 AARP Indian Elders Conference on Oct. 4, was held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Leaford Bearskin, former Chief of the Wyandotte Nation, served his tribe as Chief for 28 years. He retired in May 2011. During his time serving as Chief he reorganized tribal leadership and began working with the federal government to gain self-governance status for the Wyandotte Nation. The Wyandotte Nation was the first small tribe in Oklahoma to receive that designation. He also focused on education from early childhood development to college scholarships for tribal members. Through numerous business ventures the number of tribal employees increased from five to over 500. The services in the community improved by establishing an elder’s program nutrition center where seniors can come have a nutritious meal and promote socialization. A state-of-the-art Healthcare Clinic and Wellness Center have been built along with programs in culture, historical, library and housing. Bearskin is a highly decorated World War II bomber pilot, having flown 46 successful missions in the South Pacific and 29 Berlin Airlift missions. Prior to his return home to Oklahoma, he served 20 years in the U. S. Air Force and completed a 20-year career in federal civil service.

New Hire

Please join us in welcoming Leeanna Radabaugh as our new receptionist in the Third Building. Leeanna began working for the Tribe last November as the receptionist for Wyandotte Tribal Corporation. In her spare time she enjoys running, reading, geocaching, and spending time with her family. Leeanna is very passionate about working for her Tribe and we are very pleased to have her on our team. We wish her much success in her new position.

Birth Announcement

Fernando Jordan Espinosa was born May 4, 2011 at 6:20 pm. His parents are Jose Espinosa and Angela Calderon.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE VACANCY

Due to the overwhelming response to the vacancy on the Enrollment Committee the Board of Directors is asking that Tribal Citizens who are interested in serving in this capacity please submit a one page letter and/or resume to the Board by December 1st. Interested persons need not live within a 50 mile radius but must be able to physically attend all meetings held by the Enrollment Committee. Letters/Resumes should be addressed to: Wyandotte Nation Board of Directors, 64700 E Hwy 60, Wyandotte, OK 74370.
Earl Dean and Sharon (Elliott) Crider celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary on October 1. Earl and Sharon were married on December 1, 1951. They celebrated early so they can spend the winter in the Palm Springs area. Joining in the celebration were their four daughters and sons-in-law: Rae Crider and Jerry, Denise Hedrick and Mike, Robyn Barnhart and Mike, and Tammie Crider and Jeff. The 160 guests included family, friends and neighbors. In addition, Earl and Sharon have five grandsons, seven great granddaughters and one great grandson.

Shelby, Brooklyn & Benjamin Hobbs, Kelsey Stewart, Sherrie Clemons, Leeanna Radabaugh in the Education Building trick or treating.


**NOTICE**

As of November 1, 2011, Bearskin Healthcare will no longer be filling prescriptions written by outside physicians. Our dispensary operates under the licensure of the clinic physician; therefore only medications prescribed by the physician at Bearskin Healthcare can be dispensed. The eligible patient may elect to be seen by the clinic physician and receive medication prescribed by that provider.

Patients referred from Bearskin Healthcare to outside providers will need to present an original prescription for review and authorization by the Bearskin Healthcare physician. The physician has the discretion to deny or substitute the prescription and may request additional records prior to approval. Patients denied will be responsible for filling the prescription at their choice of pharmacy at their own expense.
Casino News

Wyandotte Nation Casino finished out the last quarter of our 2011 fiscal year with a bang! We credit much of the 4th quarter success to some popular promotions, property improvements and renovations, and most importantly our outstanding staff.

The Wyandotte Nation Casino property improvements are still moving forward at a great pace. The casino guest and staff are very excited about the renovations and improvements of the interior and décor of the property. Once completed, these changes will enhance the customers gaming experience along with adding to the premier appearance of the casino!

The weather is cooling down, but the promotions are heating up as we enter the holiday season! In November, we will be giving away an extravagant trip to Cozumel or New York City to a lucky winner, followed up with a car giveaway in December! Also, we are gearing up for the always exciting, New Year’s Eve Celebration with over $10,000 in prizes for top players of 2011! This will be a memorable night to show our appreciation to all of our valued guest.

Thank you to everyone at Wyandotte Nation Casino for making 2011 a fantastic year. Let’s get ready for an exciting holiday season, and bring in 2012 with style!

By Wacy Humble

Wyandotte Nation Casino and Twin Bridges Restaurant is proud to welcome our new Sous Chef, Charles Bowen, to Wyandotte Nation Casino. Charles joins us after a long career, full of experience in some of the finest kitchens throughout the world. Charles has had the privilege of working with many talented chefs, and we are excited to have him at Twin Bridges Restaurant. Along with additions to the menu, the Twin Bridges Restaurant team has already begun implementing ideas that are sure to give our customers the best experience possible. We are excited about what the future holds for our reorganized restaurant.

We are also pleased to announce the renovations to the Wyandotte Deli are nearly complete. The feedback from the customers has been extremely positive. The new look and feel has received countless compliments. Soon we will unveil an entirely new menu, adding some delicious new items, while still keeping the local favorites.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our customers and staff for helping us through these transition periods. So get your appetite ready, because 2012 is sure to provide some great dining options thanks to our dedicated Food and Beverage Department.

By Jodi Morgan
Tribal Department Reports

Family Services
Since the August edition of the “The Turtle Speaks”, the Wyandotte Nation held the September 10th Annual Meeting in the new spacious gymnasium located at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center Facility. There were 290 adult registered tribal members, along with their families and guests. In addition, the weather was perfect for the Wyandotte Nation’s 22nd Annual Pow-Wow festivities. After a record hot summer, this blessing was indeed a gift from our Creator. It was wonderful to see so many of our tribal members, families, and visitors at both our Annual Meeting and the Pow-Wow. Each year the attendance has increased. The Wyandotte Nation has so much pride, not only in its past, but the ever present evolving plans for its future. It is an exciting time in the history of the Nation. If you missed the Annual Meeting, Family Services would like to recap our new, existing, and expanded social services, referrals, and programs designed to prevent the breakup of Indian families. This program may be available in the entire State of Oklahoma.

Winter Liheap: Contingent upon Federal Funding. Income guidelines apply: If funded, Oklahoma residents will receive a postcard from the Wyandotte Nation in December.

Children’s Winter Clothing: No income guidelines apply: 200 mile radius: $100.00 per school age child, effective December 1, 2011, ending March 1, 2012.

Children’s Extracurricular Activities: No income guidelines apply; 200 mile radius: $100.00 per school age child, effective for 2011 school year.

Junior/Senior High School Assistance Program: No income guidelines apply: 200 mile radius: $250.00 per school year.

School Supply Program: No income guidelines apply: 200 mile radius: $100.00 per school age child per school year: August 1 through September 30th.

Child Passenger Safety Seats: No income guidelines apply: Infant seats must be picked up at the tribal headquarters: Sizes include newborn through booster.

Promoting Safe & Stable Families: The “PSSF” program is a State and Federally funded program that provides family preservation and support services designed to prevent the breakup of Indian families. This program may be able to assist at risk families with need based social services, referrals, and emergency assistance.

Indian Child Welfare: The 1978 Indian Child Welfare Acts mandates the Tribe be notified in the event a Wyandotte Child is involved in State Court Proceedings to ensure placement preferences are met as well as reunification efforts to keep families together.

Tribal Tags: Available in the entire State of Oklahoma:

Tribal Enrollment: Applications are accepted all during the year; however, new members are not eligible for enrollment until approval of the Tribal Council during the Nation’s Annual Meeting held the 2nd Saturday of September.

Children’s Christmas Party: This event will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2011 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. Mark your calendars to attend.

List of new members for 2011

Cooper Lynn Allen
Lydia Mercy Allred
Henry James Andrews*
Mason Lee Arnts
Carter Sean Patrick Arnts
Jaxyn Riley Arnts
Gary Colt Ayres
Brittany Suzann Bagnell
Rhylee Kay Bagnell
Connor David Bailey
Gwendolyn Lauren Bailey
Cade Wayne Bailey
Elena Louise Barnett
Felicity Dawn Batzer
Feather Cheyanne Bauer
Courtney Angele Bellais
Darlene Lynn Berry
Malea Grace Bilke
Emmalyn Jade Bock
Dean Searson Boland
Natalie Louise Boland
Thomas James Borders
Carter Rose Boydston
Leona Ruth Brookshire
Emilee Elizeabeth Brown
Victoria Elizabeth Burnell
Lucas Ian Butler
Jairus Allen Buzzard
Jessica Renee Caywood
Colton James Chelsey
Trent Thomas Chelsey
Alyvia Faith Clapp
Stephen Marcus-Miguel Conner
Isaac James Cotter
Lily Nicole Cox
Alyssa Kay Nichole Daniel
Jasmine Jolie De Leon
Cayden Cruz De Leon
Isaac Alexander Delgado
Glenda Sue Dowd
Stacey Edwina Dowd
Thomas William Dowd, IV

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Paige Brielle Dretzka
Alicia Marie Evans
Fernando Jordan Espinosa
Easton Gene Finney
Jodi Gabrielle Fischer
Jessica Grace Fischer
Jackelyn Greer Fischer
Piper Mackenzie Frame
Mckinsey Anne Franklin
Keelee Jade Frazier
Summer Christine Garcia
Reagan Rachael Garufi
Eli James Genzler
Jesse James Cyirus Gibney
Alison Lee Ann Gill
Mattie Marie Godfrey
Wyatt Cole Graham
Brooklyn Taylor Green Lawson
Colette Brooklyn Guidice
Dominic Cruz Hamilton
Joas Edwin Haper
Marie Elenor Harris
Gavin Michael Hart
Ivy Marie Hawkins
Grant Colton Higgins
Gracen Brooke Higgins
Brooklynn Dawn Hobbs
Allison Renee Holt
Carlene Dianne Holton
Kinsey June Holton
Kenlan Nevaeh Joy Holton
John Miles Irwin
Emily Marie Jack
Aaron Michael Jack
Jayden Dakota Jackson
Lawrence Isaac Johnson
Michael Shane Johnson
Jeremiah Gene Johnson
Skylar Isaac Johnson
Amelia Nikole Erin Johnson
Cianna Alexis Johnson
Isabella Marie Johnson
Seajay Jones
Abbie Jo Knox
Brian Theodore Kontos
Soren Matthew Krischke
Dana Denise Kromka
Sophie Elizabeth Leek
Avery Mae Lingenfelter
Courtney Nicole Lock
Scott David Lock
Travis Matthew Lock
Skye Elizabeth Lofland
Rebekah Renae Long
Todd Joseph Lopez
Kayla Ashlea Nicole Lozano
Nicole Marie Madsen
Erick Christopher Madsen
Sávana Victoria Martinez-Lopez
Victoria Jayn McCleary
Glenna Aileane Miller
Sofia Rae Moore
Kaci Chayse Rae Moore
Lillian Elizabeth Rose Murray
Benjamin Garrett Naylor
Jacob Brent Naylor
Matthew Paul Naylor
Trinity Allen Ray Neu
Lexi Ada North
Brittney Michelle Pearson
Richard Lee Pearson
Diem Rae Perkins
Orion Bear Phillips
Billy Joe Qualls
Seth Thomas Ramsey
Cayden Jacob Rayos
Coralie Diane Rice
Joshua David Riddle
Bailey Laine Roberson
Sylvia Diane Roberts
Kambree Grace Robitaile-Stith
Justin William Roddecap
Briggs William Rozinski
Jefferson Thomas Sapp
Daemon Michael Saxinger
Ainsley Autumn Sexton
Ryan Gordon Shirey
Melody Paige Shirey
Jonah Chase Smith
Natalie Mariana Spisak
Andrew Trent Stevens
Austin Trent Stevens
Ayden Trent Stevens
Reagan Suzanne Stevens
Kacee Elaine Stoner
Andrew James Stoner
Diana Alyse Mercedes Kathleen Strelow
Michael Lawrence Strelow
Todd Eric Strelow
Morgan Paige Taffner
Navi Lynne Taylor
Torey Lynn Tedlock
Noah Michael Thompson
Eli Matthew Treat
Connor Slade Tuder
Angalena Sophia Uribe Drake
Rory Lyn Vinson
Stephen Alec Ward
Jenna Katherine Ward
Olivia Claire Ward
David Wayne Watts
Jennifer Marie Watts
Kristin Ann Watts
Conner John Whitney
Alexander Edward Williams
Sarah Elizabeth Williams
Rachel Marie Williams
Devon Joseph Wilson
Lindsay Kay Kimberly Wood
Shanna Nicole Wright
Brett Michael Wright
Amanda Marie Wright
Natalie Ann Wright
Trevor Joseph Zane
Sabrina Rose Zane-Lopez
Total: 168
* Inadvertently omitted from the 2010 list.

Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department

In August, the Environmental Department hit the ground running, and has not looked back. On Saturday, August 13th, Christen Lee and Jessica Stoerger participated in the Shoal Creek Water Festival at Wildcat Glades in Joplin, MO. they had a booth setup with a stream table built by Jessica, showing the public the issues with stream bank erosion within the watershed.

For the past three years, we have been involved with the Ottawa County Free (continued on next page)
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Fair and this year was no exception. During the week of August 21st thru the 27th, our department along with 4 other tribes and LEAD Agency had a booth setup that talked to the public about the various environmental issues throughout Ottawa County. The issues ranged from water quality to “Last Chance” yard cleanups in Ottawa County. If you live within Ottawa County and know of or suspect chat was used in and around your residence, you have until December 31, 2011 to have your yard tested and cleaned up. You may contact Robert Sullivan (EPA Remedial Project Manager) by phone at (214) 665-2233 or Janetta Coates (EPA Community Involvement Coordinator) at (214) 665-7308 or 1-800 533-3508.
The week of August 22nd thru the 26th, Department Director Christen Lee traveled to Green Bay, Wisconsin for the Tribal Lands Forum. Then on August 31st, Christen and Kathleen, along with Roxanne Weldon of the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma, and Meredith Garvin of Tribal Environmental Management Services, presented a check to the Tulsa University Law Department. This was a very monumental day for all involved, as it marked the end of a 10 year period in which the tribes were able to make amends for past cost issues pertaining to NRDAR issues.
September is always an exciting month for all who are in some way connected to the Wyandotte Nation, whether it be thru being a tribal member or an employee. The 22nd Annual Pow-Wow proved to be another successful event with record attendance for the weekend. Our department had a booth this year with a Tribal Fish Survey, in which we had approximately 40 people stop by and fill out the survey. Thank you to Sherri Clemons and the Pow-Wow Committee for all your hard work and dedication. This month also had us involved in the Tar Creek Conference on September 21st and 22nd. This was the 13th year in which the area tribes and LEAD Agency have come together to bring public awareness to Tar Creek and the issues surrounding it.
Janice Wilson and Kathleen Welch, closed out the month by attending the 4-State Watershed Meeting in West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma. The states of Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma brought in State Legislators and Representatives, along with watershed alliances to discuss the growing concerns of the watersheds within the 4-state region.
The cool weather has arrived just in time to usher in the month of October. With that comes the Fall Recycling/E-Waste Roundup which was held on October 5th. We had a very good participation from the community and filled 2 Gaylord boxes full of e-waste (computers, printers, televisions, etc) and collected several large appliances. The e-waste was delivered to the Neosho Missouri Recycling Center and the appliances were taken to the Neosho Scrap Yard.
The following day we attended the Indian Health Service Health Fair at the Miami Civic Center. We set up a booth that had informational handouts and giveaways for the general public. Our next event was the Bearskin Health Fair on Saturday, October 15th, from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.
The end of the month was rounded out with us being visited by the Tribal Preschool Trick or Treating on October 31st.
Our Department is still offering free bacteria and heavy metals testing on private well drinking water, and also free Septic System Assessments. These two services are for both tribal and non-tribal citizens located within a 50 mile radius of the Wyandotte Nation, and within the Grand Lake Watershed area. For more information you may contact our department at: 918-678-2297 or 800-256-2539.
Christen Lee (Env. Director) ext. 241
Kathleen Welch (Env. Assistant) ext. 235

Janice Wilson (Env. Tech) ext. 245
Jessica Stoerger (Env. Recycling Tech) ext. 252

Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow
The Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow was a great success this year! The weather was perfect, with sunny skies and temps in the low 80’s. This year we saw many tribal members in attendance enjoying the dances, food and a few family reunions! There were new vendors and everyone really enjoyed the shopping and pretty sure no one left hungry. We would like to thank the Head Staff, all of the volunteers and the dancers who without them, we could not make this happen.
On Saturday afternoon, we had a group from Africa, who was sponsored by the U.S. State Department, visit the event. They were from 10 different counties. Sunday afternoon a group from China was in attendance, also sponsored by the State Department. This was their first Pow-Wow.
The attendance for the weekend was up with an estimate of over 8,000 for the weekend.
The Pow-Wow Committee would like to thank everyone who came out and supported them and really would like for you to come back next year and bring friends. Also if you know of any veterans, please let them know they are welcome to come for the special dance on Saturday evening. We honor all veterans, not just Native Americans.
We would also like to thank everyone who helped get the grounds ready, The maintenance crew, Michael Weldon, Ted Nesvold and Richard House. You guys did an amazing job.
Sherri Clemons

ELDER SERVICES
It was so good to see everyone once again at the Annual Meeting and Pow-
Wow. Participation in the Cultural Days grows more each year. Recently, the Wyandotte Nation and Eastern Shawnee Tribe partnered with the Oklahoma Lions Service Foundation, Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging, NEO Vo-tech Nursing Program, Hearing Life, and the St. Jude Mobile Mammogram Unit to provide free health screenings and Medicare Part D information. A continental breakfast, lunch and goodie bags were provided to the record setting 109 participants. We also partnered with the Quapaw Tribe, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Ottawa Tribe and Good Shepherd Hospice and held our first “Picnic In The Park” event. The 210 participants were served smoked chicken, baked beans, potato salad, coleslaw, homemade hot rolls and cobbler at the Twin Bridges State Park. Country music singer Rich McCreedy provided the entertainment. One of their favorite events was the wet t-shirt contest (not what you think it is!!) They received lots of free goodies. The weather was just beautiful. Everyone enjoyed the event so much that we plan to hold it annually.

We are looking forward to the holidays. Our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner will be Thursday, November 17, and our Christmas Dinner will be Thursday, December 15. These once again will be sit down dinners with staff from other departments assisting with serving the elders.

We wish you all a very happy healthy holiday season! As always it is a pleasure serving the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Members.

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

Planning/Development
The new gymnasium was used for Culture Week and the Annual Meeting. I think everyone will agree that with the growing number of tribal members in attendance, it was much more accommodating than the Title VI Building, which we had out grown. There was a good turnout for lunch at the Title VI building after the Annual Meeting, which was provided by our Title VI crew.

We were not funded by HUD for the Indian Community Development Block Grant this year. We will reapply for the next one, in hopes of building a Community Center in our new housing complex. If funded, the Community Center would include; housing offices, storm shelter/safe room, generator, game room and an area to host social gatherings. This is a competitive grant we apply for once a year, and it helped fund the Wellness Center Expansion, Water Tower Project and Housing Rehabilitation.

We are working with Rural Development to link a new water system we were funded for, to our current water system. The water system project was funded by a past ICDBG, and will allow the tribe to provide clean and safe drinking water to those in the area.

If you have any questions for the Planning Department, you may contact:
Ron Kaiser, Planning/Development Director – (918) 678-2297 ext. 225
Debbie Dry, Planning/Development Specialist – (918) 678-2297 ext. 215

BEARSKIN HEALTH CLINIC CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES
Bearskin Health Clinic Contract Health Services (CHS) is a federally funded program to assist eligible patients financially with specialized care that is not directly available from the Bearskin Health Clinic. Other contracted facilities are Hillcrest Medical Center in Tulsa, Integris Baptist Regional Health Center in Grove and Miami, St. John’s Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Missouri, Craig General Hospital in Vinita, Wagoner Community Hospital in Wagoner, and Claremore IHS Hospital.

ASSISTANCE DEPENDS ON ELIGIBILITY, RESIDENCE, MEDICAL PRIORITIES, ALTERNATE RESOURCES, AND AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING.

The Bearskin Health Clinic CHS program also contracts with specialty care physicians, hospitals, diagnostic groups and other health care providers to treat our patients at prearranged fees.

The Contract Health Service Program is funded yearly with federal funds by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Not all referrals for specialty care can be paid for by Bearskin Health Clinic Contract Health Services, because the funding they receive cannot accommodate every need of every patient. Medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR BEARSKIN HEALTH CLINIC CONTRACT HEALTH SERVICES:

1. Must be eligible for direct patient care services provided by Bearskin Health Clinic contracted facilities and/or an IHS facility. An individual is eligible if they are of Indian descent and a member of the Wyandotte Nation or Eastern Shawnee Tribe.

2. Non-Indians may be eligible in these situations: A non-Indian woman who is pregnant with an eligible Indian’s child through pregnancy and postpartum; A non-Indian member of an eligible Indian’s household who resides within the CHS service area is eligible for CHS if the Medical Officer in charge
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determines that services are necessary to control a public health hazard or an acute infectious disease. Patient must reside within the Bearskin Health Clinic 12 county CHS service area.
3. Out-Of-State residents are not eligible for CHS funds.
4. You must use all other resources to pay for your medical care, such as Medicare, Medicaid, VA, Workman’s Comp, Title 19, Sooner Care, automobile insurance, and/or group health insurance, including IHS facilities when applicable.

5. CHS IS A PAYOR OF LAST RESORT!
The priority system helps patients have equal opportunity for specialty services and to make sure the funds are used to give the best possible benefits.
When services are not available at Bearskin Health Clinic and contracted facilities or at an IHS facility where the patient regularly receives care, a physician will initiate a referral to a contract specialty provider.

Contract Health Services Specialist at the Bearskin Health Clinic prepares all referrals to submit weekly for the CHS Review Committee. The Review Committee meets every week. Referrals from the Bearskin Health Clinic are reviewed and categorized in accordance with approved Bearskin Health Clinic CHS medical priorities.

If your referral is denied, the patient and/or provider has 30 days from the date of the denial letter is received to appeal for reconsideration. Appeal should be made in writing and mailed to: Attn: Appeals Review Board, Bearskin Health Clinic, One Turtle Drive, Wyandotte, OK 74370.

EMERGENCY CALL-IN PROCEDURES:
Call-ins are to be reported to the Bearskin Health Clinic in Wyandotte, Oklahoma (918) 678-2282 Ext. 4427. This call should be made when a patient has an emergency and is unable to go to the nearest Bearskin Health Clinic contracted facility or IHS facility. The patient must call the CHS office within 72 hours after the beginning of the treatment (THIS DOES NOT GUARANTEE PAYMENT UNTIL IT IS BROUGHT BEFORE THE CHS REVIEW COMMITTEE!)

REFERRAL STEPS ARE:
1. Nurse/Provider will direct your referral to the Contract Health Services office.
2. Contract Health Services Specialist will counsel with you regarding eligibility, alternate resources such as Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, VA, Workman’s Comp, Sooner Care, and Title 19, and schedules the appointment if necessary.
3. Patient will need a referral from Bearskin Health Clinic for additional procedures, tests, follow-up exams, and or hospitalization. This is the patient’s responsibility to contact the CHS Specialist each and every time!
4. If a patient schedules or reschedules an appointment without proper CHS authorization, the patient will be responsible for payment!
5. Get to know your CHS Specialist at the Bearskin Health Clinic to help with any scheduling and questions regarding Contract Health Services.

Further clarification and/or additional information concerning CHS may be obtained from the Contract Health Services Specialist, Bridget Burleson at 918-678-3227.

There have been many misunderstandings involving Contract Health Services.
Here are some examples:
• If you call in your emergency on an ER visit, this does not mean that your visit will be paid for. This is only a qualification for consideration by a determination from the Contract Health Services Committee. The only cases being considered at this time are Category I or Priority I cases. If funding allows, Category II & III’s will be considered near the end of the fiscal year for payment.
• If your illness has persisted for days, you have the opportunity to come in to the clinic to avoid an unnecessary emergency visit, which might not be paid for or considered a Category I case. Any family member can call in an emergency visit if you are unable to in order to meet the 72 hours deadline.
• If you are denied, you have 30 days to appeal this decision.
• If you choose to go on your own to a physician for services, or any other type of facility, Bearskin Contract Health Services will not be responsible for payment on your bill (including outstanding balances). In order to qualify for payment, you will need to come through this clinic and let our physician write up a referral to be submitted to our Contract Health Services Committee for review. In order to be eligible for Contract Health Services through the Bearskin Health Clinic, you need to have a current chart here or electronic health record. If you do not, you will not be considered until you fill out the information and send it in to the clinic.
• Once you have been approved on a visit or an emergency room visit, you are required to report each and every visit ahead of the scheduled time, in order for this to be approved through the Contract Health Services Committee. Every visit must be pre-approved. If you do not contact Bridget Burleson, Contract Health Specialist, before going to another scheduled appointment, that visit will not be paid for by our funds. This is a very strict requirement. This is to emphasize that this is the patient’s responsibility, not the physician’s office or the hospital’s offices.
• If you do not have insurance, you may be required to fill out an application for alternate resources for medical assistance. It is mandatory that you apply within the month of your hospital (continued on next page)
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visit, ER visit, or whatever the case may be. An application may be filled out online at www.ohca.org. These are necessary rules that we have to abide by. If you have an ER visit, and do not have health insurance, you will be required to apply the day of the ER visit. The hospitals should have information on how to do this while you are at the hospital, or you may apply online on the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority website. If you have any questions regarding these new rules, you can contact Bridget Burleson at 918-678-3227.

Education Department
Preschool: The Preschool year is off to a fantastic start with 79 children enrolled and another to begin classes soon. Our first school project was to participate in the Pow-Wow raffle fundraiser. We were delighted to show our facility to all of the trial members who attended the Annual Meeting. Fall has brought trips to the local pumpkin patches and corn mazes and we are preparing for Thanksgiving and Christmas events. The classes are off to a busy start with a variety of classroom themes, goals and lots of fun ahead.

Before and After School Program: The before and after school programs are busy on a daily basis and our after-school program is growing all the time. These children get help with homework, a snack and lots of supervised time to play and enjoy. If you are interested in placing your child in this program, please contact the Education Department and complete the necessary paperwork.

Library: The library is taking shape with new books and videos and a little re-arranging. The library has the new materials that you have heard about. If there is a title we can assist you with, please let the staff know and we will be happy to locate it for you.

Child Care & Development Fund Program: The Child Care and Development Fund plan for the next two years has been approved by the federal government and we look forward to assisting eligible applicants with their child care related needs. This grant source assists tribal members within 100 miles of our tribal offices with the expenses of child care. To ask questions about the program or to speak with staff about any child care related issue, just call the office and speak to Loretta or Tammy.

Tribal Scholarships: Fall term applications have been processed and soon it will be time to submit fall grades and spring schedules to reapply for next semester funding. The announcement of an increase to $2,000.00 per semester for full time students is very exciting for all current and prospective scholarship recipients. All scholarship participants please be aware that, as of January 1, 2012, class schedule changes and or school changes are due no later than February 15 for the spring and October 1 for the fall semester. Please remember that we are available to fund a variety of programs so contact the tribal office to see how we may be of assistance to you. High school graduates for the spring of 2012 need to contact the education office after January 4, 2012 to request an application or look at the tribal website for the updated version.

If you have questions about any of the education programs at Wyandotte Nation, please contact Tammy Charles at Ext. 230 or Loretta Combes at Ext. 243. Workforce Investment Act (WIA): The WIA program has been approved for another cycle of funding and Arthur is available to assist any prospective student and to help try to meet the financial needs of qualified applicants. Feel free to contact Arthur at ext. 234.

Submitted by:
Tammy R. Charles

Housing Department
Three new senior duplexes are completed and occupied. Another duplex is in the process of being put out for bidding. It is wonderful to have our seniors living close to our facilities. If you are 55 years and older and are interested in our duplexes, please contact us for an application. Federal income guidelines apply.

We received a rehabilitation grant for eleven homes. One home rehab has been completed and three are in the process of being completed.

If you have a need for water or septic and live within our service area, please contact us for an application.

A survey will be conducted regarding the need for a community building. If you are asked at the Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner or the Children's Christmas Party to fill out the survey, please help us out and take the time to complete one.

Kathy DeWeese- Housing Director
Valari Richards- Housing Specialist
Don Graham-Residential Maintenance Technician
Paul Paquin- Project Coordinator
Levi Griffin- Project Coordinator

Please send your Member News to:
Turtle Talk
64700 E HWY 60
Wyandotte, OK 74370
OR FAX TO
(918) 678-2944

Roll #265

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.
New Tribal Princess

The Wyandotte Nation is seeking applications for a new Princess. You must meet all the requirements to be considered for an interview.

- Enrolled member of the Wyandotte Nation
- Between the ages of 15-17
- Live within 50 miles of the Tribal Center
- Unmarried
- Carry a “C” average in school with low absenteeism (due to some travel)
- Capable of serving in this position for a minimum of three years
- Know some history of the Tribe
- You must be drug, alcohol and tobacco free

If you feel you meet these guidelines and would like to try out for “Tribal Princess”, please complete the form and return to:

Wyandotte Nation
Princess Program
64700 E Hwy 60
Wyandotte, OK 74370

Name: ____________________________________________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________
Telephone: ________________________________________________________
Roll #: ________________________________

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(continued from page 2) grounds in Ontario, Canada. With the collaboration of Charles’ many colleagues over the years, the migration route of the Wyandottes from Craigleith, Canada in 1650, to Kansas and Oklahoma today, is now well established. Charles’ continuing research into the ancient history of the Wyandotte people now extends back some 4,000 years. I would like to congratulate Charles on being our Honored Person for 2011.

With the holiday season nearing it is always a time to stop and reflect upon the past year that we have had. The past year has been a great year for the Wyandotte Nation and God has blessed us as a Nation and we truly have much to be thankful for.

A man once said, “find something you love to do and you’ll never have to work a day in your life”, that is the way I have felt for the past 13 years that I have spent working for the Nation. I realize every day that it is a privilege and an honor to serve you as Chief.

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise you the LORD”. Psalm 150:6

Tizameh,
Chief Friend
Culture Days a Fabulous Success

By Sallie Cotter Andrews
Culture Committee Vice Chair

Over 120 of our people from across the United States and Canada came to Wyandotte, OK, on September 6 - 9, 2011, for the 7th Annual Culture Days activities. Not a single person was disappointed with the information they received, the fellowship that they enjoyed, and the classes that were offered!

There was plenty of time for language and to learn new words and phrases with our linguists, Dr. Bruce Pearson and Dr. Craig Kopris. There was time for history and to learn how majestic our legacy is and how proud we can be to be called Wendat people with our friend from Canada, Charles Garrad. There was time to learn about our history, stories, songs and Green Corn Feast with Richard Zane Smith and Paul Barton. There was time to learn new skills, such as beading lead by Kim Garcia, soap making lead by Patricia Manley, and cornhusk doll making lead by Shannon and Jeremy Turner. And there was time for either experiencing our Green Corn Feast at Carol and Richard Zane Smith’s home or making a one-day field trip to Kansas City on Thursday with Chief Billy Friend and Lloyd Divine. Either choice – the day was overflowing with experiences that will never be forgotten.

What is it about Culture Days that is so important and absolutely intriguing? It is simply this – there is no other nation that offers a condensed time of study and fellowship like this each year, free to its citizens. It does not matter if you know a lot about your Wyandotte heritage or nothing at all. The door is wide open for everyone to come and participate. The information is free-flowing – nothing is held back. Our language is spoken and sung – our dances are taught and danced. Our Green Corn touches the core of our being. Seeing the sites in the Wyandotte, OK, area or going up to Kansas City, KS, makes all you learn come alive and draws you back year after year. When you are at Culture Days, you are with your extended family, there are lots of hugs, and it is fun! This year we had family with us in Oklahoma from the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation (Michigan) and the Wyandot Nation of Kansas as well as the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma. Mark your calendar now for Culture Days 2012 – September 4 – 7, 2012. It is going to include a celebration that has been over 100 years in the making and a field trip to the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, OK, on September 6, 2012, to see our Wyandotte and Seneca-Cayuga artifacts in a beautiful museum setting. This trip – in addition to more of what was mentioned above -- will be well planned and designed with you in mind. The Wyandotte Nation makes understanding your heritage very easy and comfortable. Don’t let this unique, fabulous opportunity pass you by in 2012! See you next year!
Cultural Days

Paul Barton, Seneca Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, teaches about our many shared traditions.

Richard Zane Smith gives history lesson in new gym.

Friends enjoy time together at Green Corn - Richard Zane Smith, Paul Barton, and Kesler Jacobs.

Social dances such as the Duck Dance were lots of fun at Green Corn.

Shannon and Jeremy Turner’s little guys enjoy Culture Days.
2011 Pow-Wow Pictures
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