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Employee of the Year



I am pleased to announce that Dana Butterfield, member of the Wyandotte Nation, was recently named employee of the year by her co-workers. Dana has been employed by the tribe since November 1996. Butterfield was chosen for her strong work ethic, dependability, loyalty, and positive attitude. She is very passionate about her job and takes on additional assignments as well as volunteering for projects out-

side of her normal job responsibilities. In her spare time, Dana enjoys reading, exercising, and spending time with her family. Congratulations Dana! We appreciate all of the hard work you do to make the Wyandotte Nation a success.

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Save the Date
Cultural Days September 4-7, 2012
Pow-Wow September 7-9, 2012

Public Notice

Notice of Annual Meeting

On September 8, 2012 the Wyandotte Nation shall hold their Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Bearskin Fitness Center Gymnasium, Wyandotte, Oklahoma. The Annual Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m.

Donna Mercer, Chairperson
Wyandotte Nation Election Board

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The Chief Says.....



Kweh,
I hope this quarter's Turtle Talk finds all doing well and enjoying the spring season. Spring is always a time of renewal as everything that laid dormant during the winter months spring to life. Once again, we find ourselves preparing for a busy summer season. Our summer youth intern program will be

starting in May with approximately 22 Wyandotte Youth participating and working in all the various programs here at the Tribal headquarters. It is a great opportunity for our youth to become involved with their Tribe and to see how a tribal government operates and functions. This year at the conclusion of the program we will be taking them to Upper Sandusky, Ohio to visit former Tribal homelands

and see many of our Wyandotte historic sites.

Just a quick update on the Park City, Kansas land into trust issue. Our case has been transferred to the federal district court in Topeka, Kansas and should come before the court this fall. Meanwhile, our application is still in process at the Bureau of Indian Affairs in Washington, DC and we are actively working with them to take the land into trust, so that we can withdraw our suit and save the legal expenses associated with the case.

We are already looking forward to and planning for our Pow-Wow, Culture Days and Annual Meeting coming up this fall. Our Pow-Wow Committee has begun preparing for this year's event which only seems to grow and get better each year. If you would like to volunteer to help and assist with this year's Pow-Wow do not hesitate to contact Sherri Clemons as they are always looking for good help. The Culture Committee has been working very hard on a special project which you will find more information on in this issue of the Turtle Talk. They have done an outstanding job putting this project together and it will be something you will not want to miss. The Annual Meeting just (continued on next page)

From Norman Hildebrand, Jr. -Second Chief



Kweh

I hope everyone is well and enjoying this spring weather. After a very mild winter and record high temperatures in March, I hope it isn't an indication of a hot summer like we had last year. Our elders have already planted their gardens, so a hot,

dry summer like last year would be devastating. I hope one of them plants yellow squash, one of my favorites. Congratulations to my great nephew, Aaron Shelton. On Saturday, March 3rd at the Oklahoma Cross Country Racing Association in Ada, Oklahoma he took 2nd place in the Mini Quad Division. This was Aaron's first race in a competition. He is the son of Kimi and Jason Shelton of Commerce, Oklahoma and the grandson of Bill and Rhonda (Hildebrand) Klindworth of rural Wyandotte, Oklahoma.

A call to all Veterans: How would you like to become a member of a distinguished group and the pride of the Wyandotte Nation? Our Wyandotte Nation Honor Guard needs new members. If you are interested contact Sherri Clemons or Dennis Smotherman. I have the honor of accompanying this outstanding group of Veterans on a trip to Ontario, Canada at the end of April to visit our ancestral homelands.

My aunt Pauline Keffer, a very proud Wyandotte tribal member, suffered a stroke recently at her Medford, Oregon home. If everyone would include her in your prayers during her recovery our family would be very thankful.

Tizameh
Norman Hildebrand, Jr

Trust men and they will be true to you; treat them greatly, and they will show themselves great.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

The Chief Says...

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continues to grow each year and it is always a great time to meet Wyandotte Citizens from across the country. I hope everyone that is able will plan to attend this year; we have been working very hard on several projects and hope to be able to report on them at that time.

In closing, I would like to say a special thank you to outgoing Tribal Princess Cortney "Glass" Chavez. Cortney did an outstanding job representing the Wyandotte Nation all across the country. She was very dedicated and committed to her duties as Princess and she will be missed. Cortney will be handing the reigns over to the new Wyandotte Tribal Senior Princess Emilee Wills at this year's Annual Meeting. We have also, for the first time, established the role of a Junior Princess. Veronica Burnside has been selected for this position. Congratulations to these two special young ladies on being selected to these distinguished positions to serve their Tribal nation.

As always, may God continually watch over and protect you and your family and may you have a great summer. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might." Ephesians 6:10

Supervisor of the Year



Ben Andrews was named Supervisor of the Year for the Hurst, TX, Police Department in February 2012, and in March he joined the department's Criminal Investigation Division as a Detective. Ben is a member of Hurst SWAT team, a first line supervisor, a Police Training Officer and Drug Recognition Expert. His departmental awards have included: Letter of Commendation 2005, Rookie of the year 2006, Certificate of Merit 2006, and Officer of the Year in 2009. He has a Bachelor of

Science Degree in Criminal Justice from the University of North Texas and a Masters of Public Administration Degree from the University of Texas at Arlington. He is a Wyandotte Nation scholarship recipient and is the son of Rick and Sallie Cotter Andrews of Decatur, TX. Ben and his wife, Kristin, have two sons, Holden Curtis age 6 and Henry James age 4, who are also Wyandotte Nation citizens.

Birth Announcement



Nathanael David Smith was born on December 6, 2011 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at 12:43 am. He weighed 7 lbs and 4 oz and was 21 inches long. His proud parents are Dave and Artie Smith. He was welcomed home

by his big brother Nolan, Aunt Sara Freese, and two grandmothers Betty Smith and Artie Freese all of Claremore, OK. Nathan's great-grandparents are the late Harold and Artie Nesvold.

Roll #3742

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.

Harris Family Reunion

Again this year we'll be meeting out behind the Pow Wow grounds under the white canopy between the Annual Meeting, luncheon and the Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow. Bring a chair, dessert and camera.

Hope to see you there.

Sincerely
Ramona Reid
918-678-4803

Wyandotte Nation Tag Office

Please call Dana or Tara
at (800) 256-2539
ext. 219 and ext. 255
respectively for appointments.
Handicapped Plates available

Casino News



Well for most it is that time of year; vacations and a little rest and relaxation...not for Lucky Turtle Casino. Lucky Turtle Casino has tons of great promotions coming up in the next few months.

It's hard to believe, but our beloved Lucky Turtle Casino will be celebrating its 8th Anniversary in May. We have a great time planned for all: t-shirts, cash drawings, and of course a great team of employees to make sure it is an anniversary to remember.

In June and July, Lucky Turtle is revamping some of the weekly promotions along with some large giveaways including the always popular fishing boat and an extravagant destination trip! We are thinking Cozumel, but we also hear Hawaii is nice this time of the year. So stay tuned for details coming soon!

As always, and especially now, we would like to thank everyone who has contributed to making Lucky Turtle Casino a fantastic place to work and play for 8 amazing years!

By: Trisha Burns



With summer in full swing, it is time to party! In May, we are burning rubber with all kinds of racing promotions including "The Dash to Cash Giveaway" and "The Checkered Flag Frenzy." There is sure to be a promotion for all you racing enthusiasts.

In June and July, Wyandotte Nation Casino has a series of great promotions planned; from the always popular scratcher cards to "Jammin' July," a musical event you will have to hear to believe.

The new casino carpet and signs have been met with countless compliments from guests, employees, and even some of our competitors. Recently, a professional photographer, who has photographed multiple casinos in his career, was brought in to update Wyandotte Nation Casino's photo portfolio. He was extremely impressed with the elegance the new interior offered to the photos. With that said, be on the lookout for some new Wyandotte Nation Casino photos in the near future.

There are several great projects taking place at Wyandotte Nation Casino, and with the help of a great team we have many things to look forward to in future months.

By: Trisha Burns



Twin Bridges Restaurant and Lounge is geared up and ready for summer!

Twin Bridges Restaurant has recently started weekly lunch and dinner specials, which has resulted in some very satisfied guests and employees. In the near future, Chef Bowen and the Twin Bridges staff plan to update the menus with a variety of new items, while still keeping all the local favorites.

Twin Bridges Lounge has brought back the always popular Wii Bowling League to Tuesday nights. Thus far, every tournament round has been filled to capacity each promotional night! Finally, the Twin Bridges Restaurant and Lounge patio recently opened for outdoor dining, and is expected to hit full stride with Patio parties on Friday nights starting shortly.

Twin Bridges Restaurant and Lounge has continued to prove to be one the premier dining options in the area. With great food, excellent service, and an outstanding team we fully intend to add to that reputation.

By: Trisha Burns

Tribal Department Reports

Wyandotte Nation Environmental Department

The Wyandotte Nation 5th Annual Environmental Festival was held Friday, April 20th and Saturday, April 21st. A total of 18 booths from various Tribal Environmental Departments (Eastern Shawnee, Modoc, Cherokee Nation, Seneca Cayuga, Peoria, Quapaw and Wyandotte Nation) Colleges (OSU Extension Office/4-H and NEO), The WN Tribal Police Dare Officer, NRCS, Twin Bridges and Bernice State Parks, Master Gardeners of Missouri, Missouri Girl Scouts Association, Blue Thumb Program and LEAD Agency. We had a total of 18 Wyandotte Nation Volunteers, and a total of 41 visitors.

We would like to say thank you, to Travis Griffin (WN Tribal Member) for graciously volunteering to be our Turtle for both Friday and Saturday.



Friday was school day and we had a great response from the Wyandotte Nation Turtle Tots, with a total of 56 students and 7 Teachers. Wyandotte Public Schools were represented well with 15 classes attending from Pre-k to High School for a total of 366 Students and 15 Teachers.



Saturday was a good day with a several visitors coming and visiting the booths throughout the day. Some of the children enjoyed making a craft.



The children on both days were able to enjoy the bounce house while waiting to visit the booths. On Saturday, our department handed out Red Bud trees in honor of Earth Day which was Sunday the 22nd, and Arbor Day which is Friday, the 27th. On Friday the 27th we will be attending Quapaw Elementary Arbor Day Celebration, and on April 30th we will be planting trees with the Wyandotte Nation Pre-school.

News From Family Services

Kate Randall, Director Family Services
Tara Gragg, Tribal Social Worker
Dana Butterfield, Tag and Enrollment
Since our last edition of The Turtle Speaks, a mild Oklahoma winter has turned into a lush and amazing spring here in Indian Country. The tribal grounds are continually being improved with the planting of new trees, expansion and growth. In addition to the natural beauty of the area, the pride of the Nation is evident as one tours this historic area we call our homeland. So many of our tribal members live in

other parts of the country and cannot always visit us. We hope through the newsletters that you can see and be a part of the growth of your Nation. To witness the visions come to pass, we thank our Creator in His power to lead and direct our past and present leaders. It is a great time for us as Indian People. We remember our ancestors and their sacrifices. As we go into spring and summer family services has a few announcements and reminders this quarter.

SCHOOL PROGRAMS: JR/SR AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

As the end of the school season is approaching, please be reminded of the following program requirement: Junior/Senior High School Assistance Program: Deadline for turning in receipts for reimbursement, or paying vendors is 7/1/12: This program is for tribal children in their Junior or Senior year of high school that reside within a 200 mile radius of Wyandotte. A \$250.00 benefit is available for items such as cap and gown, announcements, senior pictures, etc. Extracurricular benefit for the school year is \$100.00 per school age student. A 200 mile radius applies. Reimbursement is available with proof of payment for such items as school lunches, school sports, or activities your children pay dues to attend. Please call if you have any questions.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM:

Elders Assistance: A \$250.00 benefit is payable to seniors (62+ residing within a 200 mile radius). The Tribe may reimburse the elder for certain expenses, or the tribe can pay a vendor directly. Receipts and an application are required. This program runs from October 1, 2011-October 1, 2012. If you have not used the program during this period, please contact us and we will assist you.

SENIOR CITIZEN PROGRAM: SUMMER UTILITY

July 1, 2012-September 30, 2012.
A \$100.00 summer utility benefit is (continued on next page)

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available to seniors (62+ residing within a 200 mile radius). An application and a copy of your utility bill are required for payment.

Announcements of fall programs will be available in the next Turtle Speaks. In the interim, year around services offered by this department include child passenger safety seats, promoting safe and stable families, Indian child welfare, adoptions, nationwide burial, and need based social services. Please contact us if you have any questions.

TRIBAL ENROLLMENT AND TAG:

NEW ENROLLEE BENEFIT: Please remember the New Enrollee Benefit that is available Nationwide to infants. In order to receive your child's \$100.00 gift card and baby blanket, the enrollment office must receive a child's ORIGINAL STATE CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATE with a completed enrollment application prior to the child's first birthday!!! Parents, we encourage you to enroll those new Wyandotte!

ENROLLMENT: The deadline for enrollment for 2012 is August 15th. New members are voted on during the Nation's Annual Meeting. If you need an enrollment application, please contact us.

TRIBAL TAG PROGRAM: Tribal tags are now available to all Oklahoma residents. If you have not registered a vehicle with the Wyandotte Nation and would like information of the process, please contact Dana Butterfield. New and renewal tags may be done through the mail.

ADOPTIVE HOMES NEEDED: Wyandotte Nation Family Services is in need of Tribal Adoptive Homes. The 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act states: "In any adoptive placement of an Indian child under State/Federal law, a preference shall be given, in the absence of good cause to the contrary, to a placement with (1) a member of the child's extended family; (2) other members of

the Indian child's tribe; or (3) other Indian families. This means that whenever a child is in Tribal or State Custody, due to abuse or neglect, and return home isn't possible, the Tribe explores all options for permanency. In some instances, such as voluntary adoptions, a family may desire a tribal placement in lieu of other avenues of adoptions. In any adoption of a Wyandotte child, the Tribe must receive notice. Currently, there are no Wyandotte Tribal Adoptive families waiting for children. It is very important to continue our native heritage in our children and to have these placements ready and available for when the need arises. Please consider whether or not your family would have a place for a child in need of a home. Adoptive homes must complete a home study and federal background checks. For more information, please contact Kate Randall or Tara Gragg in Family Services.

PARENTING TIDBITS, BY TARA

Summer is quickly approaching! Are you wondering what in the world are you going to do with the kids when school is out? Some will go to Summer Programs and some will go to Child Care. But then there are those who stay home. Here are some tips:

Make a Calendar of activities they can do each day. Be creative! This will give your child somewhat of a schedule to their days. A few ideas to plan are water days outside using sprinklers or balloons, craft times, reading time, gardening, outdoor play, game time and snacks. (Planning snack times help cut down on all day grazing!)

Don't let them sleep too late. Getting to "sleep in" during the summer is one of the perks of not going to school, but getting too far off schedule is not good for kids. Try to keep them as close to their regular school year schedule as possible.

Let them help plan menus and help prepare meals. Kids love to help in the kitchen and it is more likely they will eat what is prepared if they had a hand

in making it! Cooking is educational and can make eating healthy more fun. One clever way to eat fruit is to make faces or animals on a plate.

The internet is a great resource for fun ideas. Just search for "summer fun ideas" and you will find loads of activities you can do with your children.

Planning/Development

We recently submitted the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Grant through the Department of Justice. There were four parts that we applied for. The first part is for Public Safety and Community Policing and would provide funding for law enforcement hiring, equipment and training. The second part is for a Justice System, which would provide funding for the establishment and initial operations of a Wyandotte Nation Tribal Court. The third part of the CTAS is Corrections, and would help in developing plans for new quality facilities that would contain justice related services. The final part of the grant is the Youth Program, which is in the pilot stage. The program is for youth age 11-17 and the goal is to increase the number of youth and raise awareness by promoting healthy lifestyle choices, integrate traditional and cultural traditions and provide safe and healthy recreation

The Environmental Department has received a grant to build a recycle center. A site near the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center has been chosen and roadwork, infrastructure and construction will begin soon.

Wyandotte Nation has a Tribal Historic Preservation Grant through the National Park Service. The grant provides salary, supplies and equipment for our Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO). We have been awarded funds for 2012. 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
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Specialist – (918) 678-2297 ext. 215

ELDER SERVICES

We have been having a lot of fun here in the Wyandotte Nation Elder Services Department. We went to Branson, Mo. to the Dixie Stampede and partnered with the Wyandotte High School SMAC (Students Making a Change) Group and held a Golden Years Prom for the Elders.

We received some great news recently! We will be receiving a "Program of the Year" award at the Oklahoma State Conference on Aging, May 17, 2012 in Norman, OK for our Medicare Part D/Diabetes Health Screening Initiative. The award is based on coordination of services with other entities to best serve the Elders in the State of Oklahoma. Other tribes that we partnered with are the Quapaw Tribe, the Eastern Shawnee Tribe and the Ottawa Tribe. Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging provided staff to help educate the Elders about Medicare Part D. The Oklahoma Lions Club provided a mobile unit for health screenings that included Blood Sugar (diabetes), Blood Pressure, Bone Density, (osteoporosis), Visual Acuity, Glaucoma, Cholesterol, and Basic Pulmonary (lung) Functioning. The local Vo-Tech School in Afton, OK provided Nursing Students to assist with the screenings. Hearing Life provided the ear testing. Saint Maude Mercy Hospital provided a mobile mammogram unit. (No explanation needed for this one). For those of you that live in this area, please mark your calendars for October 3, 2012 as we will be hosting another one.

Music Parties are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.

CAREGIVER

The Caregiver Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Education/Environmental conference room at 10:30 am. It is open to all Care-

givers. Please contact Brenda for information.

We are always available to be of service to the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Members and feel so blessed to be a part of the Wyandotte Nation. Please feel free to call or come by and see us any time. Brenda House, Elder Services Director ext. 227

Kandi Smith, Food Service Team Supervisor ext. 228

Leesa Hibbard, Lynda Wilson, Seth Higginbotham, and Sue Jones, Food Service Team Members ext. 228

Berle Blevins, Experience Works Program ext. 228

Menu, ext. 226

Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center

Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center is committed to providing primary and preventative healthcare and fitness services of the highest quality to tribal members and the community. To encompass this mission, transformations are being implemented on a continuous basis to better meet the needs of the increasing population served.

In the clinic, the addition of the online portal is a great asset for patients needing immediate medical information (Labs, Prescription Lists, etc.) and/or for communicating with staff on non-emergent questions or concerns. However there is a turnaround time of up to three days.

In the fitness center, many changes have taken place recently. The most newly added has been the Youth Program. This program is in the initial implementation stages and has approximately 18 youth enrolled and participating on a regular basis. The goal of the program is to enhance the participant's knowledge and participation in a healthy lifestyle through activities focusing on elements of human enhancement. These include support, empowerment, boundaries and expectations, constructive use of time, commitment to learn-

ing, positive values, social competencies, and positive identity. Summer program enrollment begins April 30.

The pool has been a busy place this spring. The Arthritis Foundation class has been exceptionally popular with participants enjoying the reduction in arthritis pain and stiffness while also creating a fun social outlet for all involved. This group has been visited by the Easter Bunny and been lucky enough to have had local harpist,



Tammy Wilcox, perform on St. Patrick's Day with Irish melodies. Carol Rickey is the instructor and keeps the class on its toes and involved. In addition to this class, party

rentals for the pool and gymnasium are available for summer fun and open swim nights for families have been added. Summer is a busy time and classes will be forming for children's swim lessons and group fitness. Be sure to check out the monthly schedules posted on the pool doors.

The newest amenity to be added is a Hydro Massage bed. Hydro massage is an alternative form of massage therapy that helps to relieve muscle tension, promote relaxation and relieve stress and anxiety. Look for this addition in late May.

There are many health benefits associated with regular exercise. These include weight loss, aging more slowly, stress reduction, improved sleep, increased joint and muscle strength, blood pressure control, prevention of artery disease and reduced blood sugar. However, it is necessary to follow recommended guidelines to meet the minimal amount of exercise required to produce these benefits. Recommendations are 20 – 60 minutes of aerobic activity 3 – (continued on next page)

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5 times a week. This includes walking, bicycling, dancing, swimming and running. As always, tribal members receive a free membership. The spouse of Tribal member's, age 55 and older, are also eligible for a free membership. The Tribal member must come in with their membership card and spouse to sign up. This is a great way to get started taking steps to a healthier lifestyle.

Bearskin Healthcare is excited to announce the addition of the practice portal, where patients may access specific medical information online. Access will include the ability to:

- * Email the physician (Non urgent clinical questions)
- * Email business services
- * Request an appointment
- * Request medication renewals
- * Request a referral
- * Complete medical forms online

* Access personal medical record

In order to utilize this portal, patients will need to visit the clinic and request a portal letter, which will have an assigned Personal Identification Number (PIN) that will be needed to access the portal site.

Once PIN number is obtained, the patient will be able to register online and create a personal password for secure access.

Please be advised that the name entered on the portal must match the name printed on the initial letter received for the clinic.

The website is:

www.bearskinwellness.com

HOUSING DEPARTMENT

Construction of a senior duplex unit is underway, with completion expected by the end of June. This will make our 10th senior unit.

Our Project Coordinators have been

busy working on several homes for homeowners. These units were in need of weatherization and repairs. A grant was received to restore eleven homes. Those projects have already been chosen. If you are in need of repairs on your home, please contact our office for an application.

If you would like more information on our housing, or would like to submit an application, please contact our office. Federal income guidelines are followed. If you live in the Indian Health Service Area, which include nine counties in Oklahoma, and are in need of water or sanitation services, please contact our office for an application.

We look forward to serving you.

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

D.A.R.E.

The Wyandotte Nation Tribal Police Department had its D.A.R.E. culmination April 5th, 2012. All 58 fifth grade students of the Wyandotte Public Schools successfully completed the 10 week curriculum. The students received a certificate of completion, a D.A.R.E. t-shirt, a D.A.R.E. dog tag, and a free game of bowling at Playland Lanes.

The students had to write a report based on what they had learned during the course. Four students received a stuffed D.A.R.E. lion for their outstanding work on their reports. D.A.R.E. not only stands for Drug Abuse Resistance Education, but it is also used as the DARE Decision-Making Model. (Define, Assess, Respond, Evaluate). Our goal at the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Police Department is not only to educate our youth about the harmful effects of drugs, but also to teach them how to make good decisions. CONGRATULATIONS Wyandotte fifth graders!!!



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Education Department

Preschool: With the arrival of spring, the days become busier and busier. Preschool Pow-Wow, Week of the Young Child, Environmental Festival and the events that include Preschool Graduation fill up the calendar. The children have been working on using the Wyandotte Language in preparation for Pow-Wow and are doing very well on the dances that we will participate in. Enrollment forms for the next school year are coming in and it looks as though we will have another outstanding group of students. If you are interested in our Preschool program please request an application soon as we can only accommodate 80 students at this time.

Before and After School Program: Before and after school programs will end for the summer on May 17 as we will transition into our summer program and all of the activities that come with it.

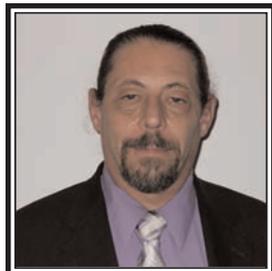
Library: New materials in the library and some rearranging of titles have kept the library staff busy.

Child Care & Development Fund Program: The Child Care program is teaming up once again the host activities during the Week of the Young Child. Our annual Child Care provider banquet was held in March at Buffalo Run in Miami. The assistance program is available to tribal members who reside within 100 miles of headquarters. To ask questions about the program or to speak with staff about any child care related issue, just all the office and speak to Loretta or Tammy.

Tribal Scholarships: High school graduation time has increased the number of requests for scholarship applications. The application process is very easy and the form may be found in the member's only section of the Wyandotte Nation website. We have added many non-traditional students this year and we find it quite exciting to assist these adults as they enter or return to college or vocational school to enhance their skill set.

If you have questions about any of the education programs at the Wyandotte Nation, please contact Tammy Charles at Ext. 230 or Loretta Combes at Ext. 243.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA): The Education Department staff is very happy to welcome our newest team member, Mr. Larry Hamilton. Larry will serve as an Education Specialist and will assist in the department in all of its day to day operations. He is a Wyandotte tribal member and is very excited about the opportunity to work for his tribe and his fellow members.



The WIA grant is in the writing stages and we look forward to beginning a new round of funding.

Submitted by:
 Tammy R. Charles
 Education Director



Front Row: Benjamin Hobbs, Connor Marlow
 2nd Row: Gracie Kinsey, Addison Stovall, Tierany Sloan, Addison Schnautz, Makailey Mitchell, Kali Spurgeon



Top Picture: Jack Jones, Cameron McDade, Bryson Walker, Wyatt Lee
 Bottom Picture: Brooklyn Hotulke, Kaylynn Millhollin



ARTIFACTS GONE FOR 100 YEARS ARE COMING HOME FOR A VISIT

by Sallie Cotter Andrews

In 1911 and 1912, Dr. Charles Marius Barbeau, a young anthropologist from the National Museum of Canada, came to Oklahoma to do research about the Wyandotte people. While he was here, he also worked with Seneca-Cayuga citizens. He came to record our language, songs, stories, traditions and to take photographs. He also purchased personal items belonging to our citizens to take back to the National Museum of Canada.

On September 6, 2012, at 1 p.m., you will have the opportunity to see over 50 of the items Dr. Barbeau collected, to see photographs of our ancestors whom he interviewed, and to learn about this period in our history. The Barbeau Exhibit will take place at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History at the University of Oklahoma in Norman beginning Thursday, September 6, 2012, and running into mid-November. The key date to be there is on September 6. On that day from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. there will be a special reception for the exhibit opening; then from 4:30 p.m. until 6 p.m., when the museum is closed to the public, there will be a private time for our people to be there with the exhibit for reflection and discussion.

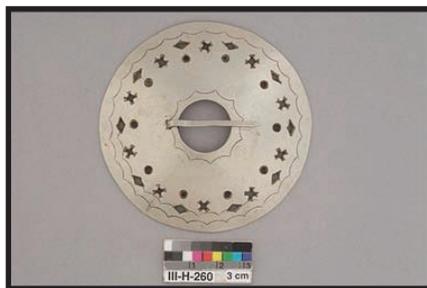
The Barbeau Exhibit will be a special part of the 2012 Culture Days schedule which begins on Tuesday, September 4, and runs through Friday, September 7. Information about carpooling and transportation from Wyandotte, OK, to Norman, OK, will be coming soon. Please visit the Wyandotte Nation website at www.wyandotte-nation.org for details. If you participate in Culture Days, you will have the opportunity to go to the exhibit opening.

Several months ago the Wyandotte Nation Culture Committee discussed the significance of the 100th anniversary of Dr. Barbeau's time in Oklahoma and the impact that his work is having today on our nation in the areas of language and Green Corn revitalization. Committee Chairman Lloyd Divine contacted the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History to see if they would be interested in hosting an exhibit if we could work out arrangements with the Canadian Museum of Civilization (formerly called the National Museum of Canada). To our delight, they said "Yes!" Lloyd approached the Wyandotte Nation Chiefs and Board of Directors to see if there was support for this plan and if the

committee should continue to pursue the exhibit, and there was tremendous support for it. Next, Lloyd approached the Canadian Museum of Civilization, and they also said "Yes!" The exhibit will take place museum to museum. That does not mean, however, that we have nothing to do except show up! We have a LOT of work to do right now – and your help is needed. Seeing our beautiful baskets, bows and arrows, moccasins, jewelry, handbags, beadwork, a tomahawk, pipe, drum, flute, cradleboard, war club and more will be very interesting – but knowing something about the person who made or owned the object will bring it to life!

The Culture Committee is writing biographies about each of the following persons whose belongings are coming home for the exhibit. If you have any information at all about them, please contact Sallie Andrews immediately at 817-455-0819 or by email at culture@wyandotte-nation.org. Information is needed about: Kate Armstrong, Mary Bearskin, Susan Bearskin, Kate Bee, John Bland, Isadore Chene, Alexander Clark, John Coon, Maggie Coon, Jeff Cotter, John Crow, Daylight Davis, Becky Dushane, Mary Greyeyes, Jackson Jamieson, Catherine Johnson, John Kayrahoo, James Logan, Mary McKee, Alex Nichols, Smith Nichols, Lizzie Peacock, Bli Pine, Jane Sarahass, Jim Schrimpsheer, Eva Spicer, Jack Spicer, Henry Stand, Mrs. Isaac Whinney, Mary Williams, Hiram Young and Alex Zane.

"This exhibit looks back 100 years into our history, and it looks forward into the future. The exhibit may include video recordings, radio interviews, graphic art for posters, postcards, ads, information on the web and more. The Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History will use our project as a model for other Oklahoma tribes who wish to partner with the museum. We are always honored when the Wyandotte Nation is the leader. We are proud that the work of our Culture Committee is of high standard and profile," says Chief Billy Friend.



The Gathering of Traditions

A Centennial Celebration of Dr. Charles Marius Barbeau in Oklahoma

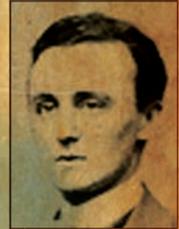


Hello, Friends --

My name is Catherine Coon Johnson. I was born in 1851. I am a Wyandotte, of the Deer Clan. My Wyandotte name, Ya rona'a wi, means "she is sailing or floating in the sky."

WELCOME! Let me invite you to a once-in-a-lifetime event.

100 years ago in 1911 and 1912, a young stranger came from Canada to visit us in Oklahoma. On two separate occasions he stayed for a total of six months. He was Dr. Charles Marius Barbeau, an anthropologist from the National Museum of Canada.



He had met our cousins, the Hurons of Lorette, in Quebec, and had learned that we Wyandotte people were living in Northeastern Oklahoma. While in Oklahoma, he also met our Seneca-Cayuga cousins.

Dr. Barbeau came to hear our stories, learn about our ceremonies, record our songs, take our photographs, and to purchase our personal belongings. He paid us to visit with him each day, and several of us did, because we needed the money. We were sad to sell our belongings, but Dr. Barbeau seemed genuinely interested in what we told him and what we sold to him.

He recorded 40 of our stories in his notebook using special markings so he could correctly pronounce our words. He recorded our songs on wax cylinders using his special recording machine. He took our photographs individually and in group settings. He purchased over 100 of our belongings and took them to Canada for the museum archives.

Now for the first time in 100 years our artifacts are returning home!

Join me on September 6 thru November 23, 2012

For a special exhibit celebrating "The Gathering of Traditions"

At the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History in Norman, Oklahoma

Over 50 artifacts and 29 photographs on display, along with original recordings of our traditional language.



Daylight Davis
Seneca-Cayuga



Becky Dushane
Wyandotte



Mary McKee
Wyandotte



Maggie Coon
Wyandotte



Mrs. Isaac Whimney
Seneca-Cayuga



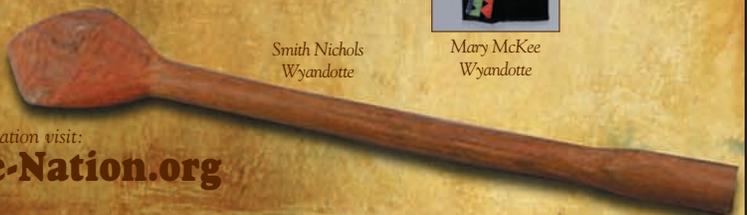
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