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In Loving Memory



Chief Leaford Bearskin passed away Friday, November 9, 2012 at his home. He was born on September 11, 1921 in Wyandotte, Ok, the son of John and Myrtle (Shaw) Bearskin.

He began his active historic life on the territory of Wyandotte Nation. A proud leader, he first and foremost wanted to be known as a Wyandotte Indian. Living the proud life of a young Wyandotte, Bearskin developed into a leader at an early age with his 12 brothers and sisters.

Shortly after graduating from high school in 1939 he set out on a career in the Army Air Corp, as it was called in those days. By the

time of the attack on Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941, he was a sergeant serving in Alaska. Not long thereafter he was enrolled in pilot training and looking forward to his "wings." As with many young men of the time, he had hoped to be assigned to a P-38 fighter squadron. In that he was disappointed. Instead he went to the 90th Bombardment Group where he would soon be flying a B-24, one of the great heavy bombers of World War II. The 90th soon became known as the "Jolly Rogers" Group and was destined to gain fame in the skies above New Guinea. In the absence of fighter cover on one mission he volunteered to fly top cover and was forever respected by his fellow pilots. Engaged in dangerous air missions he was proudest to never
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2013 Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow

In accordance with the Wyandotte Nation Constitution the Annual Meeting will be September 14th. It will be held at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center Gymnasium. There will be elections held this year for the positions of Chief, three Board Members, and three Grievance Committee Members. Watch for a special mail out in April about election details. The Pow-Wow will be held on September 13, 14, and 15, 2013.

The Chief Says.....



Kweh,

I hope this letter finds all doing well and that you enjoyed a wonderful holiday season. I would like to wish each of you a happy and prosperous New Year.

This past year was another great year for the Wyandotte Nation as we continue to see growth in every area of the Tribe. Our scholarship fund increased from \$294,000 the previous year to \$400,000 this past year and we have budgeted \$500,000 for the current year. Our total social service budget, with the addition of the new Nationwide Health Benefit, has gone from \$571,000 this past year to over \$3 million this current year. We have the greatest staff of employees of any tribe in the United States and they are continually looking for new ways to better serve the Citizens of our Tribal nation. We are looking forward to this New Year and the great changes that it is going to bring.

As mentioned in the prior paragraph we are excited to announce for the first time ever a benefit that will touch the lives of every Wyandotte Tribal Citizen regardless of where they may reside. The Wyandotte

Nation Supplemental Healthcare Benefit took effect on January 1, 2013. This new benefit is one that has long been envisioned by our Board of Directors and now due to the hard work of our Tribal staff and all of our dedicated employees this vision has now become a reality. It is our hope that as we continue to grow economically that we will be able to increase this benefit in the years to come. You will find more details in this issue of your newsletter if you should have any questions. On the Economic Development side of things, we once again experienced double digit growth in our total net revenues and our net margins. Total revenue from all of our economic entities was up 11.55% and our net margins were up 15.87%. This past year we also purchased another company which is eData Solutions, a data processing company in Kansas City and we are looking forward to the opportunities that this business will bring to the Tribe. The company is projected and on track to bring in an additional \$2 million in distributions to the Wyandotte Nation. This will enable us to grow and increase our Tribal social programs.

The greatest news is that in two years' time we have brought our total debt down from \$18.6 million in 2010 to \$7.6 million as of December, 2012 and we will eliminate all debt by January of 2014. This is a great accomplishment and I want to thank every employee who is employed in one of our Tribal businesses for the work you do each day that enables us to accomplish all we do.

On a very sad note, last year we lost one of the greatest warriors that the Wyandotte Nation has ever known. Chief Leaford Bearskin, my mentor and my friend, departed from this earth to be with the Creator on November 9, 2012. There are no mortal words to describe the loss or the life of Chief Bearskin; he was definitely a "one of a kind". I had the opportunity to work with him as his Chief of Staff and Second Chief for over 8 years and learned many things from him, not so much what he told me, but by watching him and how he carried himself in every situation. He truly led by example and nobody ever doubted his love for the Wyandotte Nation and our people. It's wonderful when people believe in their leader. It's more wonderful when the leader believes in the people. No one believed in the Wyandotte people more than Chief Leaford Bearskin and he will be missed every day here at our Tribal Headquarters.

As always, it is a great honor to serve you as Chief of the Wyandotte Nation. If you are in the area, my door is always open for a visit. Until we meet again may our God and Creator watch over, bless and protect you and your family. Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Chief Friend



From Norman Hildebrand, Jr. -Second Chief



Kweh

There is a chill in the air and maybe we will have somewhat of a winter this year. I hope everyone is well and not the victim of the various flu bugs that have plagued our preschool and employees. It seems to be getting worse every year.

I had the opportunity of attending the Tribal Nations Conference in Washington D.C. on December 5th to hear President Obama address Tribal Leaders from across the United States. He stressed keeping the Nation to Nation relationship strong between his administration and all the Native American Tribes. Before President Obama took the stage various members of his Cabinet addressed the attendees and outlined what had been done during this administration that has and will benefit Indian Country. The statement that received the biggest response from the attendees came from the representative of the Internal Revenue Service. The I.R.S. has been talking about taxing tribal members for the benefits they receive from the

social services that the tribe provides for them. Due to a lot of opposition from the tribes and the Benefits Exclusion Act the I.R.S. has given up on trying to do this, but they are still looking at taxing per cap payments that other tribes pay to their members.

Governor Fallin here in Oklahoma late in 2012 presented to the Indian Nations across the state some issues that her administration desires to address. These issues are tobacco compacts, cross deputy agreements, land-into-trust matters, car tags and recently added gaming compacts. It is all about money, they claim not enough is going back to the Public Schools. I know here in Wyandotte we give more to the Wyandotte Schools system than they would ever get from property or car tag taxes. The selling point for the Oklahoma State Lottery was more funding for education. I found out recently that only 20 percent of State Lottery funds go to education, the remainder goes to their General Fund. Government funding for Native American Tribes is decreasing every year. We have to subsidize our programs more and more every year because we want our Wyandotte Tribal members to keep benefiting from our various programs.

The Governor says she has respect for our tribal sovereignty and a desire to foster good government-to-government relationships with each tribe. The tribes in Oklahoma have more than an 11 billion dollar impact on the state thru our casinos, employment, tourism and various other economic endeavors. She is not showing good faith by asking us

to do more when the state is not offering to do more. If the state needs more money for education then they should release more funds from the state lottery, that's what it was intended for.

Here at the Wyandotte Nation everything is going very well. Our new Health Benefit Plan started Jan. 1st, the recycling center is almost finished, new parking areas at the fitness center are completed, construction on the new senior duplex is going great, and hopefully in about 90 days we can start breaking ground on our community center. The landscape here in the Wyandotte Nation is ever changing for the betterment of our tribal members, and now we can reach out to tribal members all across the U.S. with our new Health Benefit Plan. I know Chief Billy Friend worked very hard to make this happen and we are very proud that we can reach out and help tribal members all across the country.

Norman Hildebrand

A Very Proud Second Chief of the Wyandotte Nation

It is curious that physical courage should be so common in the world and moral courage so rare.

Mark Twain; Author

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Editorial

New Health Benny Card Is Not Free

By Sallie Cotter Andrews

Kweh, Omateru – Just want to remind you that the wonderful new Health Benefit Card and the many other services that you may receive from the Wyandotte Nation this year should not be viewed as “free” money. Indeed, a high price was paid for that card by our ancestors for the benefits that we have today. Few of us have been forced to walk away from our homes, camp for an extended time by a river in the pour-

ing rain, suffered cholera and blindness, saw the deaths of our parents and siblings and those of our friends on a massive scale, become orphans and wards of other people, had our possessions stolen from us, survived a war and walked away again to start over in log cabins and frame houses that were very meager in the comforts that we require today. Over dramatic? No – this is just a part of our true Wyandotte story – our “history.” So, when you swipe your card – don’t think “yahoo – free money!” There was a high price paid forward

for that card. We must also remember and honor Chief Bearskin whose dream it was that our citizens across the USA could all be assisted with their healthcare needs. And we need to thank Chief Billy Friend, 2nd Chief Norman Hildebrand and our Board of Directors for closing the circle and making his dream a reality. Let’s all have a thankful heart for the blessings we will receive in 2013 and remember that they are not free. God bless you all and have a great year!

D.A.R.E



The 2012 -13 school year is now half over. In the first semester, we graduated 55 fifth graders from the D.A.R.E. Program. The top students

for the 10 week curriculum were as follows:

- Mrs. Brandt’s class was Angie Gammill
- Mrs. Baldwin’s class was Stevini Russell
- Mr. Needham’s class was Miranda Grubb

Every 5th grader received pencils, stickers, workbook, a D.A.R.E. certificate, a D.A.R.E. dog tag, and a D.A.R.E. tee shirt. The top students

were selected by their classroom participation, completing their workbook, and writing a D.A.R.E. Report.

We also expanded to the middle school this year. All 65 seventh graders successfully completed the 10 week middle school curriculum. Beginning February, 2013, we will be teaching the D.A.R.E. Program to the 5th/6th grade at Turkey Ford Elementary School.



Wyandotte Nation was named Sam's Business of the month for December.

The tribe has partnered with Sam's on several employee events and membership drives. We are very honored to have been chosen for this award.

Congratulations!



Jolene Tucker has recently accepted the position of Education Specialist. Jolene has been employed as the Preschool Cook for over four years.

During this time she has continued her education and recently graduated. Jolene is very excited about this new opportunity and will utilize her familiarity with the department to assist in her new position. When Jolene is not working she loves to spend time with her family. Congratulations on your new position and we wish you much success!

Congratulations!!



We would like to welcome Jared Robinson to the Wyandotte Nation Police Department. Jared has served as security officer and surveillance officer for the Wyandotte Nation Casino for over two years. He also served as part-time Reserve Police Officer before accepting a full-time Police Officer position. Jared is from Wyandotte and is very familiar with the Wyandotte Community. When he is not working Jared enjoys hunting, shooting at the range, and spending time with his family. We are very excited to have Jared on our team and wish him much success in his new position.



Please join me in congratulating Tribal Member, Leesa Hibbard on her new position as Preschool Cook. Leesa has worked in Title VI as a Food Service Worker for over four years and brings a wealth of experience to the department. Leesa is very excited about her new position and opportunity with the Tribe. Congratulations Leesa and we wish you the best of luck in your new position.



Jon Quick has joined the Environmental Department as Environmental Education Technician. Jon started as a temporary Facilities Technician and was excited at the opportunity to join Wyandotte Nation as a full-time employee on the Environmental Team. In Jon's spare time he enjoys watching bull-riding after retiring from the sport of twelve years. He also enjoys playing pool, fishing, the outdoors, and spending time with his children. We are pleased to have him on our team.



Pat Wilson has transferred to the Police Department as Administrative Assistant. Pat has worked for the Tribe for over thirteen years and spent time at The Turtle Stop, in the Environmental Department and most recently as the Graphic Support Specialist for Turtle Trax. In addition, she has served on the Pow-Wow committee since her first year of employment with the Tribe. Pat brings a wealth of knowledge of the Tribe to the department and we wish her much success in her new position.



Congratulations to Larry Hamilton on his new position as Facilities Technician. Larry has served in many positions for his tribe including Security Guard for Lucky Turtle Casino, Guest Service Representative for Wyandotte Nation Casino, and as Education Specialist for Wyandotte Nation. Upon the posting of the position, Larry jumped at the opportunity to work in the Maintenance Department where his true passion lies. Larry enjoys working outdoors and in his spare time he enjoys serving as a Wyandotte Nation Honor Guard member and spending time with his family.



The Wyandotte Nation Police Department is very happy to welcome Steve Johnston as Police Officer. Steve has over thirty years of experience and brings a wealth of knowledge to the department. He has spent the majority of his career in patrol and also as detective. When Steve is not working he enjoys sports and spending time with his family. We are very pleased to have Steve and welcome him to our team.

Member News

Chief Bearskin continued

(continued from front page) have lost a crew member. Captain Bearskin flew a plane called "Big Chief" on 46 combat missions before he and his war party returned to the United States. The young Wyandotte was made squadron commander and his service to his country did not end when peace came. In 1948 he flew 29 missions during the Berlin Airlift. Later, while a deputy commander of a fighter base in Georgia, he participated in the first flight of jet fighters across the Pacific. Later still, he served as squadron commander during the Korean War. For his service to his country, Mr. Bearskin received numerous honors and citations including the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Medal for Humane Action. He retired from the military in 1960

but continued Government service and worked on various missile systems at Vandenberg Air Force Base. Eventually he really did retire and headed home to Oklahoma.

Not content to just ride his horses and catch an occasional fish, Mr. Bearskin took an active interest in his tribe. Since September 1983, Mr. Bearskin had been Chief of the Wyandotte Nation until his retirement in June of 2011. He worked hard for his people and brought to fruition a number of innovative and imaginative projects for the advancement of his tribe. Today he is recognized as one of the historic leaders of Native Americans anywhere in the country. He received the 1986 Indian Achievement Award presented by the Center for the History of the American Indian in

Chicago.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, of the home, a daughter Nancy (Bearskin) Murphy and her husband Brian, and one son, Ron Bearskin, and his wife Judy. Also surviving are 9 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, other relatives and many friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, November 15, 2012 at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center Gymnasium in Wyandotte, Oklahoma with Rev. Danny Burleson officiating. Interment was in the Wyandotte Cemetery with Chief Billy Friend conducting Native American rites. Pallbearers were the Wyandotte Nation Color Guard and honorary pallbearers were Chiefs of the eight local Indian tribes.

Birth Announcement



Sophia Katherine Garofola

11-12-12

6 lbs 8 ounces

18.5 inches long

Born at 4:41 AM, To Lore'K (Elliott) Garofola (Wyandotte mother) & Chris Garofola and big brother Miles Elliott-Lam (Wyandotte) Grandparents Steve & Karin (Elliott) Taylor (Wyandotte grandmother) Grandmother Beverly Garofola Great grandfather Merlin Elliott (Wyandotte)

Indian Trust Settlement

If you were alive AND on the Wyandotte Nation roll AND under the age of 18 in 1985 when the Wyandotte Nation received their one-time cash distribution, then you may be an eligible class action member in the Cobbell v. Salazar lawsuit, also known as, the Indian Trust Settlement. Please contact the Indian Trust Settlement to determine your eligibility at www.indiantrust.com or 800-961-6109. The deadline to file a claim is March 1, 2013.

Roll #2781

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.

Member News

Bearskin Strong Man Competition

Any Area Gym Can Sponsor an Athlete...
 Heavy Weight 230 & Above
 Light Weight 229 & Below

Pre-Registration \$35 Before 3/22
 Walk Up Registration \$50

Events Will Be Held at
 Bearskin HealthCare &
 Wellness Center
 1 Turtle Drive
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Events
 Keg Relay
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 Fire Truck Pull
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-- FREE --
 Run for Nisasi'Kawa
 5K & 1 Mile Fun Walk
 Led By a Lantern Lift Off
 Run for Nisasi'Kawa is a Free Event
 Nisasi'Kawa Means Hope
 in Shawnee



APRIL 20, 2013



Columbus's Napier earns another MIAA wrestling award



Columbus, Kan., native C.J. Napier of Fort Hays State University was selected as the MIAA Wrestler of the Week by a panel of conference sports information directors, it was announced Monday.

Napier, the No. 6-ranked wrestler at 141 pounds, finished 5-0 for the week in dual action. He knocked off two ranked wrestlers

to help the Tigers to a record of 3-2 in the duals he participated in.

Napier started the 5-0 run for the week with a pin of Eric Mateo of Central Missouri with five seconds remaining

in the match helping FHSU to a 31-9 victory. He then knocked off fifth-ranked Josh Myers of Ouachita Baptist, 4-3, in a 33-11 win for the Tigers over No. 10 OBU. At the NWCA National Duals on Saturday, Napier started his day by defeating B.J. Young of Newberry, the No. 2 team in the nation. He then scored a 12-3 major decision over Zach Frederick of Augustana (S.D.) to help the Tigers to a 22-10 win over the No. 13 team in the nation.

He ended his week with a 7-3 win over Joseph White of No. 8 Findlay.

Napier is now 18-3 overall on the season for the Tigers. The junior 141-pounder wrestled at both Columbus Unified High School and the University of Nebraska.

Casino News



By: Wacy Humble

The Lucky Turtle Casino renovations are complete! Customers and employees alike are very excited about

the newly painted walls, colorful carpet, higher ceilings, enhanced lighting, new PA system, and the flat screen hi-definition televisions mounted throughout the property.

In addition to the property getting a makeover, the Lucky Turtle Casino website has also received a facelift! With a variety of new features, we urge everyone to check it out for yourself at <http://luckyturtle.wyandottecasinos.com>, or you can access it from the Wyandotte Nation Casino website.

Finally, the installation of KCMS (Konami Casino Management System) is scheduled to be live at the Lucky Turtle by the end of February. This is a very exciting time to be a LTC player or team member! KCMS enables guests to play with Club Wyandotte cards to earn valuable points which can be used for a multitude of things, including Free Play, dinner at Twin Bridges Restaurant or The Deli, gift shop purchases, or even gas at Turtle Stop! With the addition of KCMS, there will now be a Club Wyandotte representative at the property to assist guests with player club tasks. Through playing with Club Wyandotte cards at the Lucky Turtle Casino, guests will be able to experience rewards like never before!

As always we greatly appreciate all of the valued guests and staff at Lucky Turtle Casino, and look forward to all the changes taking place in the near future.



By Casey Ellett

2012 is in the books, and we are ready to make a statement in

2013, with some great events, new additions to the casino floor, and a team ready to assist guests in any situation.

Wyandotte Nation Casino is aware that the competition has become even more intense, in this casino filled market, with the addition of a large casino just a few miles down the road, and we can confidently say we are ready to meet this new challenge. Recently, Wyandotte Nation Casino revised its mailing matrix, now mailing monthly promotional booklets and postcards to over 20,000 players in the market. Wyandotte Nation Casino has also picked up four new billboard locations, and is proud to announce the new website has officially launched.

Combine these new advertising avenues with some events you have to see to believe, and get ready for some fun!

As always we would like to say "thank you" to all parties who help make Wyandotte Nation Casino such a great place to work and play. We can sincerely say, we could not do it without you.



By Wacy Humble

Twin Bridges Restaurant and Lounge is looking forward to the spring season after another successful New Years Eve celebration!

With over 375 dinner reservations in a six hour time window this New Years Eve was a huge success for the Twin Bridges team.

Chef Bowen and his staff continue to satisfy customers with delicious lunch and dinner specials daily. With that said, Chef Bowen is putting the finishing touches on the new additions to the already delicious Twin Bridges Restaurant menu! Also, be on the lookout for a new Deli menu coming in the near future. Chef Bowen has some fresh ideas that are sure to liven up the Deli menu.

Twin Bridges Lounge survived the excitement of all the college and NFL games throughout the 2012 football season, and are now looking forward to the always exciting, March Madness! With big screen TV's on every wall (including two new 42 inch televisions above the bar), Twin Bridges Lounge is the place to be for great drink specials, exciting games, and an always friendly staff!

Twin Bridges Restaurant and Lounge continues to strive to be one of the premier dining experiences in the area, exceeding in food and customer service.



By Casey Ellett

7th Street Casino finished up 2012 with a bang, and is gearing up for more of the same in 2013. The new promotions and events at 7th Street Casino have been met with great results, and

we have no intention of letting up. January has been anything but dull with the Winter Wonderland Slot Tournament, Cash Stash Giveaway, and the Ladies and Men's night cash drawings.

In February and March, we are planning on more of the same with some great holidays to compliment these fun events, including: the "Mardi Party" on Fat Tuesday, the "Sweets & Sweethearts Couples Slot Tournament" on Valentine's Day, the "Day off- Pay off" on President's Day, the "Big Game Blitz" just prior to Super Bowl Sunday, and finally "A Shamrockin' Good Time" on Saint Patrick's Day.

7th Street Casino is also preparing for a new flight of television and radio ads to kick off 2013 in style, plus the new website is set to launch at the end of January.

All of the events and new concepts would be for nothing, if it wasn't for the fantastic team at 7th Street Casino. I sincerely thank them for all of their efforts and continued dedication. Let's get ready for an exciting 2013!

Tribal Department Reports

Wyandotte Nation Police Department

Wyandotte Nation Tribal Court

Wyandotte Nation will have its own Tribal Court as of March 1, 2013. The Tribal Courts will entail a Supreme Court and District Court. The District Court will be comprised of a District Court Judge and Prosecutor to manage the cases that are filed with the court. There will be a Supreme Court consisting of five Supreme Court Judges. All decisions made by the District Court will be recognized by the State and CFR Courts. The Supreme Court has full authority on any appeal from the District Court to affirm, reverse, modify or vacate any action in the District Court or other entity from which an appeal is taken as authorized by law.

The Tribal Courts have jurisdiction over all civil and criminal actions arising under the Constitution and Laws of the Wyandotte Nation which arise in the Tribal jurisdiction, or which may be assigned to it by Legislative or Executive Order.

The focus of the Tribal Courts is to respond to issues that affect life, civility, and safety in the Wyandotte community and to make the justice system more accessible and responsive to Tribal Members, local residents and businesses. It is designed to respond to a growing need in the community to address crime-related problems that were ignored or given low priority by the larger justice system because of the high volume of more serious matters it was struggling to address.

For additional information contact Jan Everley, Court Clerk/Administrator, at 918-678-3100.

Sex Offender Registration

The Wyandotte Nation Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) of 2012 has been approved and implemented by the SORNA Office of the Tribal Police Department. All persons required to register under the

Act who live, work, or go to school, on Tribal property must register in person at the Police Department (Section 202). Offenders registered within the Wyandotte Nation can be found on the SORNA Public Web Site at <http://wyandotte.nsopw.gov/>. For additional information contact SORNA Officer Ken Brodrick at 918-678-3100.

Family Services News:

It was great to see such a big turnout for the 2012 Children's Christmas Party. The event was held in the new gymnasium at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center with room to spare! We had 160 children visit Santa. Thank you for coming. The New Year brings great things to come for the Wyandotte Citizens. The supplemental medical benefit program began on January 1st. This Nationwide program has generated updates from our Citizens regarding addresses, membership inquiries, and questions regarding tribal programs. We hope this edition of the Turtle Speaks will help clarify contact information, not only for the benefit cards, but for all services provided from the Nation. Tara Gragg, social worker for family services, just celebrated her 1st year with the Nation. As a citizen of the Wyandotte Nation, Tara has become acquainted with our Tribal families throughout her first year and we encourage you to stop by the Family Services Department any time. The Family Services staff has an open door policy. We are here to serve our Tribal Citizens, their children, and their families. Below is a recap of family services programs as well as articles from Tara and Dana Butterfield. In the "Indian Spirit" for the New Year let us thank the Creator for everything that makes us feel good, to be thankful that we are well, to have mercy on us for the year to come. This year, let us take a new direction: To slow down, to strive for purification, joy, good health, growth, endurance, wisdom, inner peace, warmth and hap-

piness.

FAMILY SERVICES PROGRAMS:

OKLAHOMA LIHEAP: The program served 48 families this year during the month of December and January. The deadline was January 10th. The "Low Income Home Energy Assistance" is a federally funded program that the Nation applies for annually. This is our 5th year to receive this funding.

WINTER SENIOR CITIZENS ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: This program is offered through March 31st this year. Eligibility requirements: 62+ and residing within a 200 mile radius of the Wyandotte Nation. An application and current energy bill is required. \$100.00 paid directly to the utility provider. The summer senior utility program will begin on July 1, 2013.

ELDERS ASSISTANCE: The Elders program provides a reimbursement of \$250.00 to seniors 62+ that reside within a 200 mile radius. Most household expenses are reimbursable. A vendor may be paid directly, if you choose. Begins October 1, 2012, ends September 30, 2013.

NEW ENROLLEE BENEFIT: This Nationwide program provides a \$100.00 gift card, as well as a baby blanket with the Tribal Logo. The enrollment application must be received in the enrollment office before a child's first birthday.

CHILDRENS WINTER CLOTHING: This program begins December 1-and ends on March 1, 2013. There is a 200 mile radius applicable. Preschool students through 12th grade are eligible. The program allows for reimbursement of clothing to parent (with proof of receipts), or you may request a Wal-Mart gift card. (Receipts must be turned in). **SCHOOL SUPPLY PROGRAM:** Beginning August 1, 2013 there is a \$100.00 benefit available for children ages preschool through 12th grade in a 200 mile radius. You may submit receipts for reimbursement, or you may (continued on next page)

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request a Wal-Mart gift card.

CHILDRENS EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: This program is effective for calendar year October 1 - September 30. After October 1, no receipts dated before September 30 can be accepted. A 200 mile radius applies for school age children, and the benefit is \$100.00. This includes school lunches, pictures, dues for school programs, and activities your child is enrolled in.

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL BENEFIT: A \$250.00 reimbursement program is allowable beginning October 1st for all Junior/Senior students. This reimbursement may be used for announcements, cap and gown, school ring, just to name a few. If you need the vendor paid directly, we must have an order form.

INFANT/CHILDREN PASSENGER SAFETY SEATS: Newborn up to 20 pounds, Forward facing 20-40 pounds, and booster 30-100 pounds. Infant seats must be picked up at the Tribal Headquarters.

PROMOTING SAFE & STABLE Families: This State and Federal Program was designed to assist Tribal Families; to prevent the breakup of Indian Families; and to provide emergency services to at risk families with children. No radius restrictions apply if your children are involved in State Court Proceedings.

INDIAN CHILD WELFARE NEWS...

Good news! We are almost ready to improve our own Wyandotte Foster/Adoptive Homes! The Family Services Department receives inquiries from other tribes looking for Foster/Adoptive placements on a weekly basis. Sadly, we do not yet have any to offer. Oklahoma is in dire need of Tribal Foster and Adoptive homes. If you live in a 200 mile radius of the Wyandotte Nation offices, please consider contacting us to become a Tribal Foster or Adoptive home. There are many Native American children of all ages that need safe, loving homes.

Tara is looking forward to being trained

in the Positive Indian Parenting curriculum. Look for good things to come from this training soon!

Please contact the Family Services Department for questions about Indian Child Welfare issues. Tara Gragg ext. 255 or Kate Randall ext. 224

SUPPLEMENTAL HEALTHCARE BENEFIT:

The new Wyandotte Nation Supplemental Healthcare Benefit went into effect on January 1, 2013. This new benefit can be used to pay for medical related expenses for enrolled Wyandotte Nation Citizens. If you have not yet received your information please contact the Family Services staff and we will see what we can do to get the information to you as soon as possible. Some important things to keep in mind regarding this benefit: 1) It can only be used for enrolled Wyandotte Nation Citizens. 2) The plan year will run from January 1, 2013 thru December 31, 2013. Expenses must be incurred during this period for the benefit to cover the costs. 3) Some over the counter items may be covered if you obtain a letter of medical necessity from your healthcare provider, but must be purchased up front and then a claim sent to FMH CoreSource to be reimbursed.

If you have specific questions about eligible expenses please contact FMH CoreSource at 800-990-9058 ext 42086

ENROLLMENT:

Applications are accepted at any time through the year for enrollment. However, new members will only be added once a year at the Nation's Annual Meeting which will be held this year on Saturday, September 14th. The deadline for applications is August 15, 2013. The Enrollment Committee will meet after that date to verify all the applications presented to the General Council at the Annual Meeting meet the qualifications established in both the Constitution and the Enrollment Ordinance. If a child's application is received prior to their first birthday then they will receive

a \$100 Walmart gift card and blanket with the Tribal logo.

New Citizenship cards can be obtained at the Enrollment Office or through the mail. These new cards have a photo option and can be used as a legal valid form of identification if the photo is included. This year is an election year and in order to vote you will be required to present your Membership/Citizenship card so if you don't have one, please contact the Enrollment Office.

TRIBAL TAGS:

Any enrolled Wyandotte Nation Citizen who resides in the State of Oklahoma is eligible for this program. For new vehicles you must present the original title and proof of insurance to be transferred from the previous jurisdiction to the Wyandotte Nation. Fees are based on the year, make and model of the vehicle and are guaranteed to be 40% less than what the State would charge for the same vehicle. When purchasing a vehicle the Wyandotte Nation Citizen's name MUST be on the title at the time of assignment. The Wyandotte Nation Tax Commission staff can't add or delete names. Renewal notices are sent approximately two weeks prior to the month of expiration.

Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center

Cracking the Code: Contract Health Services

The purpose of Contract Health Services (CHS) at Bearskin Clinic is to assist Eastern Shawnee and Wyandotte Tribal members with needed medical services not available within our health-care system.

The physician at Bearskin Clinic determines if a medical service is needed and fills out a patient referral notice and directs the patient to the CHS office. The CHS staff will counsel the patient and explain the CHS guidelines and possibly schedule an appointment with an outside provider.

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Persons who require emergency care at another facility and are not able to utilize our facility must notify CHS within 72 hours after the beginning of treatment. This is called an emergency call-in and this is just to notify CHS that you received treatment. Medical records have to be obtained and presented to the CHS Office for determination.

Not all specialty care needed by our patients can be paid for by Bearskin Contract Health Services. Because the budget cannot accommodate every need for every patient, medical priorities have been established for determining which referrals can be authorized for payment. All referrals and emergency room call-ins for eligible patients are taken before the CHS Medical Review Committee and ranked according to medical priority for "life threatening or life disabling" conditions. From this ranking and availability of funds, the CHS committee determines approval or denial of funds for the patient.

Those patients that are approved for funding will have appointments scheduled and will have their care authorized through CHS. **Patients are responsible for contacting CHS with each and every appointment made through and with the referred provider.** Those patients that are denied funding can have an appointment scheduled but **will be responsible for payment** of their care.

You are entitled to appeal a CHS denial in writing within 30 days of the denial notification. These written appeals should be addressed to Bearskin Health Clinic, attn: Contract Health Appeal. Each appeal will be considered and a response will be given within 30 days of receiving the appeal.

Please contact Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center if you have any questions regarding Contract Health Services. Our phone number is (918)678-3227.

Planning/Development

The Environmental Department received a grant for a new recycle center. The building is in place and located near the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center and will be open to the public. The building was constructed by Sprouls Construction from Lamar, MO. Kenny Singer Construction from Aurora, MO. is responsible for the road work, parking lot and also added an additional parking lot at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center. With the expansion of the BFC, more parking was needed.

With the extreme temperatures over the summer, we lost several trees. We recently replaced all that were lost and planted several more at the Pow-Wow grounds. You may also have noticed the new memorial markers placed in the ground near the trees just north of the Healthcare and Wellness Center. The markers replace the ones that kept breaking, and look very nice.

Parking lot lights in front of the three Tribal services buildings have been installed.

Debbie Dry and Ron Kaiser attended a two day training that was taught by Mike Johnson of Johnson Mapping Software in Casper, WY. The training helped identify plots using the legal description and placing that drawing over a TOPO map. The training was held at the Quapaw Tribe.

We are working on the CTAS (Community Tribal Assistance Solicitation) that is due in March. This grant would provide funding for courts, youth programs and equipment and training for the police department.

We are completing the architectural drawings of the new Community Center that will be located in our housing/duplex area, and we will be advertising for a contractor soon. We had a community meeting in the beginning phase which involved the residents, architects and staff. Drawings were presented and suggestions were made. This should be

a community center that everyone can enjoy. The grant that is funding the building is from the ICDBG (Indian Community Development Block Grant) from last year. We are preparing for the next ICDBG grant application, in which we hope to secure funding for a cultural center. We are narrowing down locations for the building in hopes of having a beautiful cultural center for everyone to enjoy.

If you have any questions for the Planning/Development Department, you may contact:

Ron Kaiser, Planning/Development Director- (918) 678-2297 ext. 225

Debbie Dry, Planning/Development Specialist- (918) 678-2297 ext. 215

Environmental Department

In mid-October, the ground work started on our Recycling Center. The construction phase of the building is close to completion and we anticipate being operational in the very near future. Watch for our Grand Opening notice.



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In November our department went through some staff changes. Jessica Stoerger's last day with us was on November 8th, as she took a position with the Peoria Tribe Environmental Department. We wish Jessica the best in her new endeavors, and we are sure we will cross paths with her at various tribal meetings in the near future.

On November 14th and 15th Christen Lee and Kathleen Welch traveled to Kansas City for the Tri-State Trustees Council Meeting. This meeting is held twice a year and is attended by employees from the 7 tribes on the Tar Creek Trustee Council, the Department of Interior, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the State Environmental Agencies from Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri, and Region 6 & 7 EPA. Christen and Kathleen continue to stay updated on NRD (Natural Resource Damages) that pertain to Wyandotte Nation, as a downstream Tribe with effects of heavy metal contamination from the Tar Creek and Tri-State Superfund sites.

On November 20th, our department was voted to retain the secretary position for TECO (Tribal Environmental Council of Oklahoma). TECO meets on a bi-monthly basis at the Sac n Fox Nation in Stroud, OK to discuss and update tribes on the ever changing needs, regulations and requirements within the environmental world.



On November 26th we welcomed our newest staff member, Jon Quick. Jon will be over recycling duties and will be

helping out with water and education activities.

December is always a busy month for our department and this year was no exception. On December 6th, Christen, Kathleen and Jon met with NE Oklahoma tribes, EPA Region 6 reps, and their subcontractors CH2M Hill and toured the OU-4 (Operable Unit 4) site within the Tar Creek Superfund site.



The week of December 10th – 14th found Christen flying to Dallas for the Regional Tribal Operations Committee Meeting and EPA Summit. During this week Tribal Staff are able to meet with their prospective EPA Project Officers for the various EPA Grants which are utilized by the Tribe.

Our department continues to perform monthly water monitoring on 7 sites within the Wyandotte Nation Historic Jurisdiction area. We also have a daily recycling schedule that includes picking up recyclables from the Tribal Housing Duplexes and Family Units, a cardboard pick up route that includes the Casino, Turtle Stop, Wyandotte Schools, and The Bank of Wyandotte, and a weekly pick up of recyclables throughout the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Complex, Wellness and Fitness Center, and Tribal Police Station.

Services Provided:

Free Private Water Well Testing for Tribal and non-tribal citizens within a 50 mile radius of the Wyandotte Nation Offices.

Free Private Septic System Assessments for Tribal and non-tribal citizens within the Grand Lake Watershed area.

For more information please feel free to contact our department at 918-678-2297

Christen Lee (Env. Director) Ext. 241
Kathleen Welch (Env. Assistant) Ext. 235

Janice Wilson (Env. Water Tech) Ext. 245

Jon Quick (Env. Education Tech) Ext. 252

Upcoming Events

April 15 - 19, 2013 - NRDAR Workshop, Phoenix, AZ

May 2 – 3, 2013 - 5th Annual Wyandotte Nation Environmental Festival, to be held at pow-wow Grounds

Education Department

Preschool:

The Preschool students enjoyed the holiday season with parent/family programs for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The New Year brought the return to class along with preparations for the spring Preschool Pow-Wow, Week of the Young Child and Graduation soon to follow. Applications are arriving at a steady pace for the Fall classes that will begin in August 2013.

If you are interested in our Preschool program, please contact the education offices and we will be happy to answer your questions.

Afterschool Program:

Fall and Christmas decorations were a big part of the afterschool program daily routine as we had several ongoing projects and ended the season with a big tree trimming party and yummy snacks. The afternoon group is steady in numbers with an average of 27 attending for afterschool care.

Library:

The automation process has started in the library. When you visit the facility in the future, a copy of your identification will be stored in our computers to assist the staff as we get closer to self-checkout. If you have a book you are trying to locate, please ask Leeanna or (continued on next page)

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Elnora to assist you. We continue to work with patrons to purchase the types of materials that you enjoy!!

Child Care & Development Fund Program:

The Child Care Department is working with families on our program to complete the recertification process and with licensed facilities to meet the training needs that they have. The Wyandotte Nation staff will be attending a two day training in February as our facility works with others to offer the best care in the area.

Tribal Scholarships:

The students on the Wyandotte Nation Scholarship program did quite well academically as a group and the grades and schedules for the spring are being received so that the next round of funding can be sent out. A number of new master's level students are participating in this advanced educational opportunity.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

The Workforce Investment Act participants are also submitting documents for the next semester for funding.

If you are interested in any of the programs that are housed in the Education Department, please call our offices or send an email and we will do our very best to help you with answers and services.

Submitted by:

Tammy R. Charles
Education Director

ELDER SERVICES

We would like to thank everyone that helped with our Annual Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners. Without you these events would not have been possible. The Elder's enjoyed their visit from Santa, the homemade candy bags and the big stockings. We love spoiling our beloved Elders.

Lynda Wilson has been out with an illness for several months and has finally returned to us. We would like to give

her a big WELCOME BACK!!

We would like to congratulate Leesa Hibbard on her promotion to Head Cook at the Wyandotte Nation Preschool. We miss you Leesa! We would also like to congratulate Berle Blevins. He has worked part time with us on the Experience Works Program for the past three years and has been promoted to the Food Service Team.

Our Valentine Party will be Thursday, February 14, 2013 during the noon hour. As always we will have prizes for the couple that has been married the longest, the Oldest Valentine, the Newlyweds and the one that has been married the most times and is willing to admit it.

Hope White with the Pelivan Transit Program will be here to present a Public Forum February 28, 2013 at 11:45.

Our music parties are still the second and fourth Thursday of each month. Come out and play with us!

CAREGIVER

The Northeast Oklahoma Caregiver Coalition held a Caregiver Christmas Banquet Dec 6, 2012 at the Beautiful Coleman Theater in Miami, OK. It was a huge success. There were 92 participants. They listened to several good speakers, played games, ate a wonderful catered lunch and received really nice door prizes. Mr. and Mrs. Clause were also on hand. Santa told some really funny stories and gave out some awesome goodie bags.

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 Caregivers. Please contact Brenda for information.

As always it is a pleasure serving the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Members. Please feel free to come by and visit us anytime.

Brenda House, Elder Services Director ext. 227

Kandi Smith, Food Service Team Su-

pervisor ext. 228

Lynda Wilson, Seth Higginbotham, Berle Blevins Food Service Team Members ext. 228

Menu, ext. 226

Tribal Heritage Department

The Tribal Heritage Department wishes everyone a Happy New Year and is looking forward to a busy year.

The Cultural Committee held their first meeting of the year on Jan. 12. Two new members were voted in. Welcome Marilyn Young and Deryl Wright.

The committee truly feels Marilyn and Deryl will bring ideas and memories to the Cultural Days.

Pow-wow is only nine months away so the Committee is working on selecting the Head Staff and planning a few fund raisers .

The Pow-Wow dates for this year are September 13-15. Hope to see everyone who can attend .

We have been working with FCC and Historic Preservation trying to get Tribal lands surveyed for Tribal Historic Preservation .

Sherri L. Clemons

Tribal Heritage Director

Wyandotte Nation Tag Office

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



Run for Nisasi' Kawa (Hope) 5K & 1 mile Fun Walk



April 20, 2013

**Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center
1 Turtle Drive, Wyandotte, OK**

**Lantern Lift Off starts at 6:00 a.m.
(Lanterns to first 50 participants)
Run starts at 8:00 a.m.**

**All registrations must be received by April 12, 2013.
Packet pick-up on day of race from 6:30 to 7:30 a.m.**

REGISTRATION FORM
Print and fill out form.

Personal Information

Please indicate child or adult T-shirt size: Youth (S, M, L, XL) Adult (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

Note: Pre-registration by April 12th to be guaranteed a T-shirt.

Registration is free for both Adult and Children. Children Must be with an adult to participate in the race/walk.

First Name _____ Last Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Shirt Size: Youth _____ Adult _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-Mail _____

WAIVER AND RELEASE STATEMENT (All Athletes must read and sign)

I have read the accompanying event information and understand the policies of the event. I know that running and walking a 5K is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter unless I am medically able and properly trained. I assume all risks associated with my voluntary participation in this event, including but not limited to, falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather, including extreme temperatures, traffic and all conditions of the road, all such risks being known and appreciated by me. Knowing these facts and in consideration of your accepting my entry, I for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators, or anyone else who might claim on my behalf, covenant not to sue and WAIVE, RELEASE and DISCHARGE Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center, race officials, workers or volunteers, their representatives, successors or assigns for ANY AND ALL claims or liability, whether foreseen or unforeseen, for death, personal injury or property damage arising out of, or in the course of my participation in this event. I further grant full permission to the above mentioned Wellness Center or agents authorized by them, to use any photographs, videotapes, motion pictures, recordings or other record of the event for any reasonable purpose.

Signature of Participant or (signature of Parent or Guardian if entrant is age 17 or under)

Date

Please fill out and return to:
Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center,
Attn: Shelby arrasmith or Kim Wade
1 Turtle Drive
Wyandotte, OK 74370
Phone: 918-678-2282 Fax: 918-678-3042
<https://www.signmeup.com85839>

Flu & You



Are there medicines to treat infection with flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines (pills, liquid or an inhaled powder) that fight against the flu in your body. While a flu vaccine is the first and most important step in preventing flu, antiviral drugs are a second line of defense to treat the flu if you get sick. Antiviral drugs are not sold over-the-counter; you must have a prescription to get them. Antiviral drugs are not a substitute for vaccination.

How long should I stay home if I'm sick?

CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) Stay away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick. Continue to cover coughs and sneezes and wash hands even after you return to work. It is important to know that even if you don't have a fever, you may have flu and be contagious if you get flu symptoms.

- Endocrine disorders (such as diabetes mellitus)
- Kidney disorders
- Liver disorders
- Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)
- Weakened immune system due to disease or medication (such as people with HIV or AIDS, or cancer, or those on chronic steroids)
- People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy
- People who are morbidly obese (Body Mass Index, or BMI, of 40 or greater)

If you (or your child) are in one of the groups above and develop flu-like symptoms, consult a health care provider to get advice about seeking medical care. Also, it's possible for otherwise healthy people to develop severe illness, so any one concerned about their illness should consult their doctor.

There are "emergency warning signs" that should signal anyone to seek medical care urgently.

Emergency Warning Signs In Children:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish skin color
- Not drinking enough fluids
- Not waking up or not interacting
- Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough
- Fever with a rash

In Adults:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen
- Sudden dizziness
- Confusion
- Severe or persistent vomiting

Flu Symptoms can include

- fever *
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting

*It's important to note that not everyone with flu will have a fever.

For more information, visit

<http://www.cdc.gov/flu>

or call

800-CDC-INFO



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Influenza (Flu)

Prevention

Flu is a serious contagious disease that can lead to hospitalization and sometimes death.

How does flu spread?

Most experts think that flu viruses are spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. A person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own eyes, mouth or nose.

How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People infected with flu shed virus and may be able to infect others from 1 day before getting sick to about 5-7 days after getting sick. This can be longer in some people, especially children and people with weakened immune systems. This means that you may be able to pass on the flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

How severe is illness associated with flu?

Each flu season, different flu viruses spread and affect people differently based on their body's ability to fight infection. Even healthy children and adults can get very sick from the flu and spread it to friends, co-workers, and family. In the United States, thousands of healthy adults and children have to visit the doctor or are hospitalized from flu complications each year.

While flu can make anyone sick, certain people are at greater risk for severe illness resulting in hospitalization or death. This includes older adults, young children, people with certain long term health conditions such as asthma, diabetes, and heart disease and women who are pregnant. (See "What should I do if I get sick?" for the full list of high risk persons.)

What can I do to protect myself from getting sick from flu?

CDC recommends a three-step approach to fighting the flu: vaccination, everyday preventive actions, and the correct use of antiviral drugs if your doctor recommends them.

#1 A flu vaccine is the first and most important step in protecting against flu viruses.

- While there are many different flu viruses, the flu vaccine protects against the three viruses that research indicates will be most common.
- Flu vaccines protect against three influenza viruses; an H1N1, an H3N2, and an influenza B virus.
- Everyone 6 months of age and older should get vaccinated against the flu each year.

■ Vaccination of high risk persons is especially important to decrease their risk of severe flu illness. Vaccination also is important for health care workers, and those who live with or care for high risk people to keep from spreading flu to high risk people.

- Children younger than 6 months are at high risk of serious flu illness, but are too young to be vaccinated. People who care for or live with them should be vaccinated to protect these babies.

#2 Take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs that cause respiratory illnesses.

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- Stay home if you are sick to avoid spreading flu to others.

#3 Take flu antiviral drugs if your doctor prescribes them.

- If you get the flu, antiviral drugs can treat your illness. These drugs can make illness milder and shorten the time you are sick.
- Antiviral drugs work best when started in the first 2 days of symptoms to treat people who are very sick (such as those who are hospitalized) or people who are sick with flu symptoms and who are at increased risk of severe flu illness.

If You Get Sick

What should I do if I get sick?

If you become ill with influenza symptoms you should stay home and avoid contact with other people except to seek medical care. Most people are able to recover at home from flu without medical care.

However, some people are at greater risk of serious flu-related complications. They are:

- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- People 65 and older
- Pregnant women
- People who have:
 - Asthma
 - Neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability (mental retardation), moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury].
 - Chronic lung disease (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD] and cystic fibrosis)
 - Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)
 - Blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease)

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2013 SAIGE YOUTH PROGRAM PRESS RELEASE

SAIGE Announces Youth Program at 10th Annual National Training Program

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Government employees. SAIGE will host their 10th annual National Training Program, *Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions*, June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Washington, at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino, owned by the Kalispel Tribe.

As part of the Training Program, SAIGE will also host the annual Native Youth Program. This program is designed to provide Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to participate in professional and personal development workshops and leadership training, and to network with Native American professionals.

SAIGE encourages Native American youth to realize their potential to become leaders in their communities and schools, continue their educations by obtaining a college degree, and ultimately, to seek a career in the government sector in one of the multitude of civil service professions. Federal agency representatives attending the conference will have the opportunity to participate as Exhibitors, meet students, and promote career opportunities within their respective agencies.

SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships for Native students to attend the 2013 Training Conference June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Washington. The scholarships will include conference fee, airfare, hotel accommodations and meals.

The Youth Program is open to Native Students between the ages of 18 and 25 who can demonstrate they are currently enrolled in good standing at an accredited high school, college or university. Students must be interested in gaining a professional degree and in the possibility of pursuing a career with the federal government. SAIGE invites American Indian/Alaska Native students to submit their application form, letter of reference, proof of school enrollment, and completed emergency medical information form for consideration to attend the conference. A short essay about their interest in government careers and information about themselves is also required. Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than **April 1, 2013**. To obtain a complete application visit our website at: www.saige.org under Youth Program.

We look forward to you joining us in Spokane, Washington

Contact: JoAnn Brant
Youth Program Coordinator
(202) 564-0375
brant.joann@epa.gov

Preschool Thanksgiving and Christmas



Children's Christmas Party

Left Picture: Allison and Paige Thomas

Middle Picture: Hunter Hankins

Right Picture: Traylen Robitaille



Kallie Murray



Sara and TJ Wright



Brooklynn Hobbs



Michaela Rice

Services Provided to Tribal Members

Services	Program Contacts	Phone Numbers	Ext.	Email
Clinic	Kelly Walker	(918)-678-3259	4459	kwalker@wyandotte-nation.org
Dental - Vision	Amanda Johnston	(918)-678-3221	4457	ajohnston@wyandotte-nation.org
Clinic (for appointments)	Linda Coatney	(918)-678-3228	4428	lcoatney@wyandotte-nation.org
Clinic (for appointments)	Elaine Fidler	(918)-678-3230	4430	efidler@wyandotte-nation.org
Pharmacy (Call in only)	Brian Workman	(918)-678-2282	4424	bworkman@wyandotte-nation.org
Fitness Center	Sharon Bartley	(918)-678-2070	4431	slbartley@wyandotte-nation.org
Contract Health	Bridget Burleson	(918)-678-3227	4427	bburleson@wyandotte-nation.org
Diabetes Clinic	Donna Spaulding	(918)-678-3258	4458	dspaulding@wyandotte-nation.org
Nutrition	Brenda House	(918)-678-2297	227	bhouse@wyandotte-nation.org
Caregiver Services	Brenda House	(918)-678-2297	227	bhouse@wyandotte-nation.org
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Student Housing Assistance	Kathy DeWeese	(918)-678-2297	239	kdeweese@wyandotte-nation.org
Housing Improvements	Kathy DeWeese	(918)-678-2297	239	kdeweese@wyandotte-nation.org
Well Septic Construction	Kathy DeWeese	(918)-678-2297	239	kdeweese@wyandotte-nation.org
School Supplies	Kate Randall	(918)-678-2297	224	krandall@wyandotte-nation.org
Car Seats	Kate Randall	(918)-678-2297	224	krandall@wyandotte-nation.org
Emergency Assistance	Kate Randall	(918)-678-2297	224	krandall@wyandotte-nation.org
Scholarships	Tammy Charles	(918)-678-2297	230	tcharles@wyandotte-nation.org
Job Training	Tammy Charles	(918)-678-2297	230	tcharles@wyandotte-nation.org
Preschool	Tammy Charles	(918)-678-2297	230	tcharles@wyandotte-nation.org
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