25th Annual
Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow
Images from the historic event

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From the Chief  
Billy Friend

Nation events a success

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." -- 1 Thessalonians 5:18

Kweh Omateru
The splendor of fall will be upon us soon and always with bright colors and falling leaves, and cool temperatures will follow. I hope everyone is preparing for a colder than normal winter. According to the persimmon pits and woolly worms it is going to be a bad one.

Okay, can anyone give me a definition of a normal winter? Here in Oklahoma we prepare for the worst and then adjust to whatever Mother Nature throws at us, kind of what our ancestors did for thousands of years. That is why the Wyandotte people are very resilient, they have learned through the centuries to adapt to any situation.

Sept. 21-24 we got real brave and took our Senior Turtles Group and a guest to visit historical sites in Upper Sandusky and the Detroit, Mich., areas. This trip was a reward for all the hard work rearranging and decorating the gift shop in our Title VI Building. They did a fantastic job.

On Sunday morning Sept. 21 at about 6 a.m. (we had to wait on Julie West) we all boarded the Wyandotte Nation Bus and headed to the Columbus, Ohio area. After a long day of travel we reached our hotel late that evening. After a good night’s sleep we headed to Dublin, Ohio to visit the Leatherlips Monument. Leatherlips was a Wyandot Chief accused of witchcraft and executed by Chief Roundhead.

From there we drove to Upper Sandusky to the Methodist Mission Church that was erected in 1824. We also visited the Court House, Tarhe’s Monument, the Museum, the battle site where we fought Col. Crawford’s regiment and the site of the Big Springs Reserve. We had to cut our expedition short because we still had to travel to Monroe, Mich. I would like to thank Jean Moon and the rest of the historical committee that made our visit to Upper Sandusky very memorable.

Tuesday morning in Monroe we met elders from the Wyandot of Anderdon at the River Raisin Battlefield for a tour and history of the area. Scott Bentley and his crew did a fantastic job in their presentation. Scott, his wife and...
The Gathering

The Wyandotte Nation held 'The Gathering,' formerly known as Culture Days, leading up to the annual Pow-Wow, Sept. 11-12.

The focus of this year’s Gathering centered around the Pow-Wow and its history. In addition to the history, tribal citizens had the opportunity to learn social dances (pictured right) and make shawls and bandoliers (pictured below).

- William Swaim/Wyandotte Nation

Grand Chief Ted Roll, Second Chief Clyde Pidgeon and the Wyandots of Anderdon for going above and beyond (as they always do) extending the hospitality to our group of travelers. I know I left out some names and sites, like museums and historic houses, but they were too numerous to mention.

Our Senior Turtles are still talking about the trip and wanting to go back. A big TIZAMEH to Julie West and especially to Dana Butterfield for her logistical expertise in the planning of this historic trip.

Explorer Cartier visited the Senecas and Wyandots along the St. Lawrence River in 1535, Champlain met the Huron in the Georgian Bay area in 1603, and Antoine de la Mothe Cadillac invited us to settle near Ft. Detroit in 1701. In 1723 the first village was established in Sandusky, Ohio and we were there until 1843. There are numerous publications out there about the Wyandots. You don’t have to read them all but if you see one that looks interesting pick it up and learn about our colorful history. I guarantee it will not disappoint you.

We have an election next month and there will be several seats up for grabs in Congress and the Senate. I am not telling you who to vote for -- that is an individual freedom, but I am asking you to look at the candidates and their views on Native American issues and all other issues that will affect this country that our ancestors fought and died for. Urge your friends and relatives to get out and vote. We need to get people in office for the common good of everyone and not for their personal gain.

It is my pleasure to be Second Chief of the Greatest Indian Nation in the United States, the Wyandotte Nation.

TIZAMEH!
Traditional & Contemporary

**The giving of Wyandotte names**

**BY LLOYD DIVINE**

**WYANDOTTE NATION CULTURE COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN**

Over the last few years’ questions have been posed to the Wyandotte Nation regarding the giving and receiving of a Wyandotte name. Many people have asked, “How do I get my Indian name?”

The following brief will explain how names were and are now given, both from a traditional and contemporary perspective. Traditionally a Wyandotte name was given to a recipient after watching and getting to know the person over several months – if not longer. The parents of a newborn child were not allowed to name their child as the child belonged to the clan and not the family.

Because of the American culture that now surrounds our Wyandotte culture, our contemporary traditions have evolved out of necessity. For example, you are the proud parents of a new baby girl... congratulations! The nurse has just asked, “What is her name,” so the hospital can prepare her birth certificate. You respond, “We'll have to get back with you, and it could take several months for her clan mother to choose a name.”

Now picture the expression on the face of the nurse. Do you think she will understand our cultural anomaly? Do you think a nameless birth certificate would and could be held in reserve until your new little girl's clan mother named her? Yeah, good luck with that!

How can you get a name? After all, names are very important and should truly and wonderfully identify you as to the unique person you are. In Wyandotte tradition there could not be 100 John's, Mary's, Bill's, or Jane's within the Tribe. A Wyandotte name was unique to the recipient and could only be received in one of two ways, a clan name or a bestowed honor name.

In the old traditional way a Wyandotte citizen would have been born or adopted into a clan. Over a period of time you would have received your clan name at the feast of giving names, which was an annual feast incorporated within our green corn feast. Since the clans are no longer currently organized, nor are adoptions recognized, no one today can currently receive a clan name. Your clan mother, and her leading women, would have chosen your clan name. Your clan chief in turn gave your clan name to you in a public ceremony before the assembled Tribe. You would have been known by this unique clan name until death.

In addition to your clan name, you could have also received another Wyandotte name in the form of a bestowed honor name (in certain instances dishonor names were also given). Chief Leaford Bearskin reinstated the tradition of bestowing 'honor names' first to the Wyandotte Nation honor guard. In subsequent years before his retirement he in turn began bestowing honor names to certain Wyandotte citizens.

In the absence of our clan chiefs, the duly elected chief and second chief of the Wyandotte Nation are now the only two people that can legitimately bestow Wyandotte honor names. This follows the tradition of the clan chief having the honor of giving you your clan name. Today an elected chief of the Wyandotte Nation, and only a chief of the Wyandotte Nation, can bestow an honor name.

Wyandotte honor names cannot be given to every citizen wishing to have a Wyandotte name. Honor names are given exactly as indicated – in honor and respect to service given to the Wyandotte people. Other considerations can be extended as deemed appropriate or necessary by our chiefs, but only on rare occasions will this happen.

As a citizen of the Wyandotte Nation you do have the right to claim a name or call yourself by any name you choose. You may publicly announce that name or keep it private among family and friends. If you claim a clan or honor name of a deceased ancestor it is wise to have your English birth name and your chosen Wyandotte name officially recorded by the Wyandotte Nation. By having your chosen Wyandotte name first recorded someone cannot claim, or worse, your name be given to someone else. In due time if our chiefs so choose they officially bestow this name to you as a Wyandotte honor name.

The giving of a clan name is a sacred, time-honored ceremony for the Wyandotte people. It is a serious matter, and cannot be taken lightly, nor performed by anyone other than your clan mother, her leading women, and ultimately your clan chief.

The giving of a Wyandotte honor name is currently the only way a Wyandotte citizen can be officially named. This too is an equally serious matter, and cannot be taken lightly or abused. Given the seriousness and sensitivity of bestowing honor upon an individual the name can only be given by the chief, or second chief of the Wyandotte Nation.

If you desire or have been wondering how to receive your Wyandotte name, hopefully this explanation helps. We encourage you to contact the Tribe with any question you may have.

We too would like to see our clans come out of hibernation, reorganize, select their clan mothers, and once again serve their citizens in a ceremonial way. With the reorganization of our clans every citizen of the Wyandotte Nation could once again receive a unique Wyandotte clan name, in conjunction with their ‘legal’ given English birth name. It’s up to the clans to reorganize as the clans made the Tribe – the Tribe did not make the clans.

Tižamęh
With the rhythmic beat of the drum, Caleb Garcia made his way around the arena with bright colors flying around him as he danced, expending every bit of energy he had.

The dance marked a historic occasion for the Wyandotte Nation as Caleb was the first Wyandotte to compete in the Fancy Dance during the Tribe’s annual Pow-Wow. The Pow-Wow itself was of historical significance as well – marking the 25th anniversary.

The significance of the dance wasn’t lost on Caleb – who spent months preparing and training for the Junior Boys Fancy Dance.

“It means a lot to dance for our people,” Caleb said. “It meant a lot because I could hear everyone cheering me on while I was dancing. At the end of the dance, if I am not breathing hard, I didn’t dance hard enough for my people.”

He said it’s been something he’s wanted to do for some time, back to when Chief Bearskin was Chief of the Wyandotte Nation. “It looked like a lot of fun and there is a lot of meaning to it.”

The preparation for this moment started with Caleb training to condition himself to last through the songs. It was also a team effort, especially in regard to preparing the regalia.

Tammy Charles made the cape, aprons, side tabs and cuffs. Shane Ramsey made the moccasins. Rob Warner made the bustle while Gene Ortner also made bustles, arm bustles, dance sticks and the rocker spreader. Ortner also taught him how to dance. His mother, Kim Garcia, did all of the beadwork.

Before being able to compete, Caleb also had to be roached the first evening of the Pow-Wow. David Culver was there for him, not only for the roaching, but as a mentor.

Following the roaching, Caleb was able to partake in the various dances in the arena over the weekend.

As for his competition on the final day of the Pow-Wow, he said it was a different kind of experience.

“It feels a lot different than being a spectator,” he said. “I talked a lot more to other dancers and got to know them. I noticed more things, like parts of regalia. I now know how much work goes into all of it.

“During the competition, I kept thinking, ‘Don’t fall down. Don’t pass out.’”

Chief Billy Friend said it was a historical day for the Nation.

“Caleb is one of our many outstanding youth across the Nation and has truly embraced his Wyandotte heritage,” Chief Friend said. “It was truly a great day in the Wyandotte Nation when he was brought into the arena for the first time. We are very proud of him and his accomplishment.”

As for Caleb, he plans on continuing to compete in pow-wows. He’s also hoping to inspire others.

“I want to encourage all Wyandottes to get involved, even if it’s just wearing a ribbon shirt,” he said. “It’s important and a lot of fun once you get started.

“Also, I want to say thank you to everyone that helped me and thank you to all of the Wyandotte people.”
For the 7th straight year the Wyandotte Nation took its Summer Interns on a historical journey to former homelands. The last seven years, interns have had the opportunity to visit Ohio, Kansas, Michigan and Canada with the purpose of teaching and introducing the youth to their history and culture. This year, leaders took the interns back to Ohio.

“We had another great trip this year to Ohio,” Chief Billy Friend said. “It was the first time we had toured the Ancient Earthworks in Newark, Ohio, and other mound sites throughout the state. These ancient wonders are 2,000 years old and were built during the Hopewell period and had many signs of a Woodlands culture. The Ohio Museum of History was also of great interest to all of our students.”

According to brochures provided during the trip, the Newark Earthworks are the largest set of geometric earthen enclosures in the world. Built by prehistoric Hopewell Culture between 100 B.C. and A.D. 500, the Earthworks were part cathedral, part cemetery, and part astronomical observatory. The entire Newark Earthworks originally encompassed more than four square miles. Over the years, the growth of the city of Newark destroyed many of the Newark Earthworks.

In addition to the Newark Earthworks, the interns also visited Fort Ancient, the Ohio History Center and the Chief Leatherlips Monument in Dublin, Ohio.

Friend said the intern program, which places Wyandotte Nation youth into various jobs at the Nation and Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma (WTOK) Economic Development, has been one of the most successful programs.

“We started the Intern Program in 2007 with the joint purpose of providing summer employment for our Wyandotte youth and by introducing them to our Wyandotte Culture,” he said. “We wanted them to be able to identify and know what it means to be “Wyandotte.” I believe it is one of the greatest programs the Wyandotte Nation has ever instituted.”
Wyandotte youth attends tribal police academy

Denton Ward, who took part in the Wyandotte Nation Intern Program this summer, had the opportunity in August to attend the Tribal Youth Police Academy (TYPA) in Appleton, Wisc. Aug. 11-16.

Ward interned with the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Police Department.

By attending the youth police academy at the Fox Valley Training Center, Ward had the opportunity to explore law enforcement and other criminal justice careers while gaining classroom and hands-on instruction from tribal leaders and tribal police officers. The academy also offered the chance to participate in a large scale police scenario allowing them to investigate a case from beginning to end.

“Working for the Wyandotte Tribe as an intern has been an experience that has given me more respect for my Tribe and all that it does,” Ward said. “I had the privilege to go to Wisconsin for TYPA and it was a very good experience. It taught me a lot of what I would be faced with in law enforcement. I am honored to have been given the privilege to be able to be a part of such a unique and special learning experience. Over the course of a week we went over officer safety, traffic stop safety, tribal laws, room clearing, and many more tactics that will be useful to a young officer.”

Travel, meals, and lodging were provided by the Dept. of Justice, COPS Office. The program was available to tribal youth aged 14-17.

EPA recognizes Tribe for Tar Creek efforts

By William Swaim

The Environmental Protection Agency and the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality recognized the Wyandotte Nation for its work on Tar Creek projects.

“This was specifically for our yard clean-up efforts and we brought them (EPA) to Wyandotte, to our tribal areas, to sample for lead and we didn’t have any high hits in lead thankfully,” said Christen Lee, Wyandotte Nation Environmental Director.

“We are happy to work with them and we continue to work with them on different aspects of the project.”

Operable Unit 2 (OU 2) activities included cleaning up contaminated residential driveways, yards, public alleyways and parks and properties in Miami, Afton, Commerce, Fairland, Narcissa, North Miami, Peoria, Quapaw and Wyandotte. The State of Oklahoma is taking the lead now on the cleanup of the 40 acre Superfund Site clean-up.

Lee said the next stage is OU 5 and it will bring sediment transport down to the lake. “This is what all the downstream tribes have been waiting to hear,” she said. “That’s how we are getting metals in the water – is from sediments from surface water to groundwater, all from upstream.”

The Tar Creek Superfund site located in Picher and Cardin, Okla. Chat piles left behind by the mining companies contain lead dust that has blown around the city, causing health and other issues.
Tribal Citizen Art Showcase

The Wyandotte Nation hosted its first Wyandotte Tribal Citizen Art Showcase this year around The Gathering and the Annual Meeting this year. After a number of strong entries this year, the hope is to continue this going forward with more entries from tribal citizens wanting to showcase their talents. (COURTESY PHOTOS)

Allen brings Touch Therapy training to Wyandotte

The Northeast Oklahoma Tribal CCDF group was excited to host Wyandotte Tribal Citizen Tina Allen of the Liddle Kidz Foundation for two informative trainings on infant, pediatric and children’s massage.

Tina is a Certified Pediatric Massage Master teacher with over 10 years of experience. She has presented her program to international audiences and conducts intense training sessions to educate individuals. On Sept. 4 and Sept. 8, she spoke to child care providers, teachers, family members and other interested participants at the Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center gymnasium. Her program --

"Nurturing Touch for the Growing Child" -- covered information including when to use touch and massage therapy, the benefits of therapy forms and developmentally appropriate approach and communication.

Tina was gifted a Turtle Pendleton blanket as a token of appreciation for sharing her message, time and talents with the community.

Wyandotte Tribe In Brief

New Turtle Stop coming Soon to Grove

The Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma (WTOK) will be opening a new Turtle Stop in Grove, Okla. around January 2015 (weather permitting).

Wyandotte Services secures DOE contract

Wyandotte Services recently announced it has secured a $11.3 million contract to provide Technical Support Services for the Department of Energy’s (DoE) Western Area Power Administration (Western) facilities in Colorado, South Dakota, Arizona, and California. Personnel will provide Design, Realty and Lands, Graphics, and Procurement Systems Services.

WTOK hires McNeill as Director of Government Operations

Rodney McNeill will take over as Director of Government Operations for the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma (WTOK), moving up from his previous position with Bearskin Services as Program Manager, Information Technology Facility Support Services (ITFSS) at Fort Carson.
Time nearing for WNC's Club 60 West

**By Casey Ellett**

We are counting the days to the opening of Wyandotte Nation Casino’s newest addition, Club 60 West. The construction phase has been a long process, but both the casino team and guests are ecstatic to see the final product. It will truly be a unique entertainment experience that is sure to excite our market.

As the completion of Club 60 West grows near, the planning phase is beginning to take shape. Additional staff is being added to nearly every department, band and entertainment bookings are beginning, a massive amount of new advertising is being organized, including a 50,000 quantity tabloid publication being distributed to a mass of local markets, the addition of nine new billboard locations, television and radio media schedules being compiled, and much more!

Of course with the holidays just around the corner the Wyandotte Nation Casino team is prepping a variety of events and promotions guaranteed to please. With promotions ranging from “It’s All Gravy Drawings” (Thanksgiving type giveaways) to the “Welcome Winter Celebration” (First day of winter event), and the “Goodbye 2014, Hello 2015 Power Picks” we are sure to have a series of events that will spread some holiday cheer.

In closing, I want to thank all of the Wyandotte team for their hard work and dedication during this time of transition. You truly are a special group of people, and Wyandotte would not be the amazing place it is without you.

Twin Bridges continues to thrive, Deli re-opens

**By Katy Berryman**

The past months have been an exciting time for the Wyandotte Nation Casino Food & Beverage Department!

The Casino Deli re-opened last month complete with a fresh look and new menu. Classic favorites still reside on the menu, but most items are making their debut, including a colossal fried pork tenderloin sandwich and a toasty shrimp po’ boy just to name a few. Plus, breakfast at the Casino Deli is back, and both guests and team members are over-joyed by the return of their morning meal.

Twin Bridges Restaurant has continued to thrive since its renovation and reopening in March.

Two new members of management recently joined the Twin Bridges Restaurant team, Val Saamer was appointed manager of the Twin Bridges Restaurant dining room and Dennis Clay has taken the position of Executive Chef. The entire Wyandotte team is excited to see what the future holds with the addition of these experienced culinary professionals.

As construction of Club 60 West begins to wrap up, the new Club menu is underway. Club 60 West will serve as the third dining outlet within Wyandotte Nation Casino. The Club menu will feature traditional sports bar items, along with some of Wyandotte Nation Casino’s own creations.

Lastly, we greatly appreciate the loyal patronage from our guests during this time of change and we look forward to what lies ahead!

7th Street charity golf benefits Heartland Honor Flight

**By Brad Lambertus**

From a new tier rollout to cosmetic improvements, 7th Street Casino is stepping up its game. Our initial sign up offers are unmatched throughout the city and with the remodel of the restrooms finishing up, 7th Street Casino is becoming the best place in Kansas City for gaming. The new tier focuses on giving back to our players through partnership discounts, exclusive free play offers and much more. The team is thrilled with phenomenal turn outs, and could not be happier about closing the 2014 fiscal year with a bang.

With November bringing us the Thanksgiving Holiday, 7th Street Casino will have hot seats, in which guests will win a Thanksgiving gift basket full of cooking supplies, a gift card for $75 to Price Chopper and a gift card for a turkey. We hope that this promotion allows friends and families to come together to build new memories while sharing old ones.

In December, 7th Street Casino is ringing in the New Year in style, giving away over $10,000 in free slot play and cash. All casino guests will have a chance to win Slot Free Play prizes, while DJ Joe plays great tunes for the 7th Street Casino New Year’s Eve Celebration. Prizes will be drawn every 30 minutes until mid-night and one lucky guest will walk away with $2,015 cash!

Along with the many promotions, 7th Street Casino has given back to the community through philanthropic events.

7th Street Casino hosted its fifth annual Charity Golf Tournament Sept. 3, 2014 at Sycamore Ridge Golf Course in support of Heartland Honor Flight. Heartland Honor Flight is a Greater Kansas City area, non-profit organization that transports American Veterans to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at their memorials. Over 120 people participated in the golf tournament and the event raised over $30,000.

The 7th Street Steppers have also been in full motion by participating in local run/walk events. The group have taken part in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure in August and the Get Your Rear in Gear 5k in September. The Steppers are excited to continue participating and welcome newcomers to join them.

We are thrilled about the upcoming events and we have the best team to accomplish another successful fiscal year.

Lucky Turtle gearing up for holiday festivities

**By Wacy Humble**

The fall season is upon us, and the Lucky Turtle Casino is preparing for the much anticipated holiday festivities! The promotional calendars are packed full of exciting events including, Match Plays, Power Pick drawings for cash, retail, and various point prizes, and even a chance to score a relaxing getaway with the “Hot or Cold Vacation Giveaway!”

For October and November, Wyandotte Nation Casino and Lucky Turtle Casino are excited to host a joint promotion—the “Hot or Cold Vacation Giveaway!”

Guests started earning entries on Oct. 21 at both Wyandotte Nation Casino and Lucky Turtle Casino. On Nov. 8, 15, 22, and 29, five lucky players will be drawn at Wyandotte Nation Casino to compete for a beautiful vacation of their choice!

The re-introduction of the Senior Day Drawings have been held in high regards as we give away a progressive cash prize and a branded Lucky Turtle Casino gift every Wednesday from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. To conclude November, we invite everyone to celebrate Turkey Day with Lucky!

On Thanksgiving Day, while dinner’s in the oven, stop by the Lucky Turtle Casino for a chance to win $100 CASH and a Gibson 16-inch Ceramic Turkey Platter every 30 minutes from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m.

While the promotions continue to create a buzz at the Lucky Turtle Casino, Daniel, a Lucky Turtle Casino regular, created some excitement of his own in the month of August. On Aug. 31, Daniel experienced the ride of a lifetime by hitting a massive $74,671 progressive jackpot!

As always, we greatly appreciate all of our valued guests and team members at Lucky Turtle Casino, and look forward to the many new and exciting things to happen in the future!
25th Annual

Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow

To see more images from the Pow-Wow, visit our Facebook page and ‘Like’ us.
www.facebook.com/WyandotteNation
Historic Pow-Wow
biggest one yet

The 25th Annual Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow featured some of the best dancers and music in the country.

With the largest participation in its history -- and the largest prize money ($50,000) -- the Pow-Wow not only attracted top dancers, but well-known drums Yellow Hammer and Redland Singers, as well.

The historic Pow-Wow opened Friday evening with a session, had two sessions on Saturday, and closed out with a final session on Sunday. It featured fireworks and drew its largest crowd in 25 years.

It was a dramatic difference in growth since the Pow-Wow’s humble beginnings.

Yellow Hammer was the Head Singer, Thorpe Sine was the Head Man Dancer, J.C. Lonetree the Head Lady Dancer, Jim Greenfeather the Head Gourd Dancer, Dude Blalock the Arena Director, Jay Blalock the Head Judge, and Steve Kinder was the Master of Ceremonies.

"I would just like to thank Sherri Clemmons, the Pow-Wow committee and all of our employees who volunteered their time to make our 25th Annual Pow-Wow the best Pow-Wow yet," Chief Billy Friend said.
Birth Announcement

Brody Joseph Cook

Welcome Brody Joseph Cook! Brody is the son of Corie and Joseph Cook, the grandson of Mark and Debbie Baldwin and the great-grandson of the late Hazel Houseman Baldwin. He was born March 18, 2014.

Submitted by Marilyn Young

Hawkins-Markwell Wedding

Kaw Point at Kansas City, Kansas was the beautiful setting for the July 19 wedding between Stephanie Young Hawkins and Todd Markwell. Stephanie is the daughter of Marilyn and Larry Young, KCK. Janie Harris Sexton was her great grandmother. Stephanie is employed as an LPN at the OB/GYN clinic at KU Medical Center. This December she will start classes to obtain her RN degree.

Todd, originally from Parker, Colo., is a machinist for Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Shawnee, Kansas will be their home.

This past September the new family attended the Wyandotte Pow-Wow and Annual Meeting. Todd is looking forward to coming to Wyandotte often and learning more about the Wyandotte Nation.

Todd is a wonderful man and husband to our daughter. We are blessed to have him become part of our family.

--Submitted by Marilyn Young

Charlotte LaVerne Nesvold Machala


Services were held at Martha and Mary Nursing home to celebrate her life. Interment followed where she was reunited with Anthony Machala at Willamette National Cemetery.

Her children wish to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the staff of Martha and Mary Nursing Home; the care provided over the many years has been truly exceptional.

LaVerne was born at the Indian Hospital in Claremore, Okla., Jan. 12, 1938, and grew up in Wyandotte Okla. As a child and throughout her life, she enjoyed many activities, in particular those outside. She graduated from Wyandotte High School in 1956, continued her education at Hillcrest School of Nursing, Tulsa, and became a Registered Nurse in 1959. She later attended the University of San Francisco and became a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner.

Married in 1959 to Anthony Machala, she is the mother of five children, and was very much involved in their lives.

Sadly, early in January 1978, LaVerne’s life was changed forever when an illness took away her independence and her memory.

She is preceded in death by husband Anthony Machala, her parents Harold and Artie Nesvold, and brother Charles Nesvold.

She is survived by her children, Marilyn Cooklin, Mark Machala, Christopher Machala, Christine DeFontes and Cyrus Machala; 11 grandchildren, Rose North, Brittany Cooklin, Jennifer Knaus, Brittany Machala, Tanner Machala, Tonya North, Alex Machala, Emily Machala, ToniAnne Machala, Matthew Machala and Grace Machala; one great-grandchild, Milo Cooklin; brothers, Ted Nesvold, Odell Nesvold, and brother Charles Nesvold.

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In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in her honor may be made to Martha and Mary Nursing Home at www.marthaaandmary.org. Condolences and memories of her may be left in LaVerne’s online guestbook at the Tuell-McKee funeral services website at www.tuell-mckeebremerton.com.

Wyandotte author releases new book

William Shaddox, on behalf of tribal member and author Diann Shaddox, presented Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend with Diann’s new book Whispering Fog during the week of The Gathering. To purchase her new book or her other book, A Faded Cottage, visit www.diannshaddox.com. You can purchase signed copies of the books there.

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Human Resources

New Hires

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department is very happy to welcome Becky Johnson. Becky will serve in capacity of Early Childhood Certified Teacher. Becky has over seven years of experience in the education field. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends and has 2 boys ages seven and nine. She also enjoys baking and reading. As a family they enjoy Silver Dollar City and bonfires. We are very fortunate to have Becky on our team and wish her much success in her new position.

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department is very happy to welcome Kimberly Warren as a part-time Teacher’s Assistant. Kimberly has attended childcare classes and enjoys working with children. She also enjoys doing cross-stitch in her spare time and likes to fish. Kimberly likes hanging out with her daughter Hailey, family and friends. We are very fortunate to have Kimberly on our team.

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department would like to welcome Maddi Green as a part-time Teacher’s Assistant. Maddi has 2 years’ experience in childcare and is currently pursuing a degree in education. She enjoys reading and shopping in her spare time. Maddi likes hanging out with her daughter Paislee. Maddi is a lifetime local resident of the Seneca and Miami area. We are happy to have Maddi join our team.

Family Services

Submitted by Kate Randall

Family Services Director

The 25th Annual Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow was held during the weekend of Sept. 12, along with the Nation’s annual business meeting. The meeting was highly attended by our tribal citizens, family members and guests. It was with great joy and pride the Wyandotte Nation elected me (Kate) as the honored person at this year’s Pow-Wow. Having been employed here for 21 years, my heart and soul go into my service to and for the Wyandotte people. I am looking forward to continuing to serve the Wyandotte people until my retirement.

It was an amazing turnout for this year’s contest dancers. The Pow-Wow registered contest dancers was the highest number that any pow-wow committee member can recall in the past 25 years. There were 146 dancers, including one of our own, Caleb Garcia. The Oklahoma weather could not have been better! If you were not in attendance, I hope you enjoy the pictures and articles in this newsletter.

Family Services has new announcements to make below. There have been some changes in program dates and requirements. I hope the changes will simplify the application process for you and enable the family services staff to process the paperwork in a timely manner.

Change 1: Winter Clothing Program begins Nov. 1, 2014 (in the past it was Dec. 1). Each child will need a separate application for reimbursements. There will be a different form for gift card requests.

Change 2: The age for our senior service programs has changed from age 62 to age 55. This applies to the Elders program and includes senior winter and summer utility assistance.

Change 3: The Extracurricular Activities Program has been expanded and renamed “Extra School Expense and Extracurricular Activities Program.” This has broadened the scope of the program, yet will exclude school supplies. The school supply program is available on Aug. 1 of each year.

Change 4: LIHEAP (if funded). Allotment of funds will be based on a point system in 2015.

Announcement

ACCOUNTS LEFT UNPAID: The Wyandotte Nation Family Services Policy and Procedure Manual was updated effective Oct. 1, 2014. Please note the following: DENIAL OF SERVICES/APPEAL PROCESS: Tribal citizens who have past due balances to any Tribal business or program, of more than 60 days, will be suspended from Tribally funded social service programs until such time said account is made current: In the event an applicant feels they have been denied services unfairly, they must appeal in writing to the Wyandotte Nation Board of Directors.

2014/2015 Tribal Programs

(4 States are OK. AR. MO. KS.), other stipulations as noted.

• Tribal License Plates (All of Oklahoma)
• Tribal Enrollment (Nationwide)
• New Enrollee Program (Nationwide) $100 gift card and baby blanket if enrolled before age 1.
• Burial Assistance (Nationwide) $1,500
• LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) Oklahoma residents only
• Senior Citizen Summer $100 and Winter Energy Assistance ($100.00) (4 States) (AGE 55+)

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- Elders Assistance (4-States): $250 per calendar year (AGE 55+)
- Hardship or Medical Fuel Assistance (4 States)
- Children’s Winter Clothing (4-States): $100 per student (CHANGED TO NOV. 1)
- School Supply Program (4-States) $100 per student
- Extra School Expense and Extracurricular School Expense Assistance Program: (4 States): $100 per student
- Junior/Senior High School Expense Assistance Program (4-States) $250 per student
- Children’s Christmas Party (BEARSKIN GYM) Ages birth through 12 years. (DEC. 13)
- Promoting Safe and Stable Families (Federal and State Program Funding)
- Indian Child Welfare: Protection/placement of Indian Children in State Court Proceedings
- Infant Child Passenger Safety Seats (Available at Tribal Headquarters only)

**Explanation of Family Services Programs**

**Tribal License Plates:** Available in all counties in Oklahoma. The tribal tag program offers private passenger, recreational vehicle, motor home, motorcycle and handicap license plates.

**Tribal Enrollment:** (Nationwide Program) The Wyandotte Nation Constitution, ratified Sept. 29, 1999, outlined criteria for membership in the Nation: Article 5: Section 1. Membership: The following persons shall be eligible for membership in the Wyandotte Nation provided: That such persons are US. Citizens and not enrolled members of any other federally recognized tribe, nation, band group or community: (A) all persons whose names appear on the official census roll of the Nation as of January 1, 1937; (B) all issue by blood of a Wyandotte Nation tribal member listed in Section I (A), of this Article: and (C) the degree of blood quantum of an individual proven to possess Wyandotte blood will not be a factor in determining Wyandotte membership: Section 2: Membership by Council Vote: a person of Wyandotte Nation ancestry who does not meet the requirements of Section 1 of this Article may be accepted for membership by a majority vote of the Nation Council.

**New Enrollee Program:** (Nationwide Program) The Wyandotte Nation would like to encourage all parents to enroll their children as soon as birth certificates become available. As an incentive for doing so, the Tribe is providing a $100 Gift card and a commemorative baby blanket with the Tribal logo if the enrollment office receives the membership application and birth certificate before the child reaches his/her first birthday.

**Burial Assistance:** (Nationwide Program) This program was initiated Oct. 1, 2008 and will pay $1,500 for burial assistance. The burial application must be accompanied by a copy of the death certificate and an itemized funeral bill. Payment will be made directly to the service provider unless there is verification family members have paid the funeral bill.

**LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program):** (Oklahoma Residents only). This federally funded program is subject to availability of grant dollars. Please contact the family services staff on Dec. 1 to check on the funding availability. Postcards are no longer sent to Oklahoma residents. A point system has been developed that will determine the amount of funds each family will be eligible for.

**Senior Citizen Energy Assistance Program:** (4 State Area): Senior citizens 65+ may apply for this summer and winter utility assistance which will pay $100 to the utility company on your behalf. A current utility bill must be provided with the application. Winter program begins Oct. 1, and the summer program begins July 1. Please note, the utility service date must coincide with the program dates.

**Elders Assistance:** Oct. 1, 2014 – Sept. 30, 2015. (For Senior Citizens 55+ residing in the 4 State Area): This program provides $250 per fiscal year to seniors for expenses such as rent, household expenses, vehicle repairs, or personal needs. Payment will be made directly to the vendor, or with proof of receipt of payment, the tribal member may apply for reimbursement.

**Hardship or Medical Fuel Vouchers:** Turtle Stop fuel vouchers may be obtained from the Family Services Department if a family is experiencing a hardship. Tribal members who need help purchasing fuel to reach their medical appointments may also apply for the medical fuel assistance.

**Children’s Winter Clothing:** (4-State Area: Kansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Arkansas). This program will begin Nov. 1, 2014 – March 1, 2015. Winter clothing vouchers are offered and/or the family may apply for direct reimbursement with receipt verification. Please note there are deadline requirements for Walmart receipts to be sent back to family services. (No exceptions)

**School Supply Program:** (4-State Area). Effective Aug. 1, eligible enrolled Wyandotte children receive a $100 Walmart gift card toward back to school expenses. A cost reimbursement program is also available for families who directly purchase supplies at the stores of their choice and present receipts for reimbursement. This program is scheduled for Saturday, Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. to Noon. Come and go.

**Promoting Safe & Stable Families:** This State and Federally funded program provides family preservation and support services designed to prevent the breakup of our Indian Families. This program may be able to assist at-risk families with needs based social services, referrals, emergency assistance and

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**Protecting your family from germs...**

Cold and Flu season is upon us! With cooler weather coming, everyone will be in closer contact with each other staying inside more often. Germs can stay on surfaces for days or linger in the air after a person sneezes or coughs. Here are some simple steps to remember to help keep your family healthy this winter:

- Wash your hands often. Especially before eating.
- Sneeze or cough into your elbow.
- Wash fruits and vegetables thoroughly before cooking or eating.
- Wash bath towels once a week and hand towels every few days. However, if towels are used by someone who is sick, wash after every use. Kitchen towels must be washed separately from bath towels or underwear.
- Clean contaminated surfaces with a bleach based product or hydrogen peroxide.
- Steam-clean carpets and upholstered furniture regularly.
- Disinfect surfaces commonly touched, such as telephone or other hand held device, TV remote, computer keyboard and mouse, door knobs, coffee tables and TV trays.
- Vacuum crumbs and clean up spills immediately. This will prevent bacteria from growing.
- Scrub and disinfect the kitchen sink often. Place your wet kitchen sponge in the microwave for 2 minutes to reduce bacterial contamination.

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appreciative tribal programs. The goal is to ensure the health, well-being and safety of your family. The PSSF grant enables the Wyandotte Nation to assist families across the nation wherein children are in State Custody due to child abuse or neglect. This program applies if an outside referral has been reported that a child or child(ren) may be at risk in the household.

**Indian Child Welfare:** The 1978 Indian Child Welfare Act mandates the State Court Systems across the Nation notify the Tribe when a referral is made regarding a Wyandotte child, or if a Wyandotte Child has been removed from their home. Please contact Family Services as the Tribe works with all States to provide appropriate services to assist in the reunification process.

**Child Passenger Safety Seats:**
Newborn through booster sizes are available to enrolled Wyandotte children. Expectant Parents may receive the newborn size after the 7th month of pregnancy. Child Safety Seats must be picked up from Tribal Headquarters. In the event the parents are unable to pick the seats up, family members may do so.

Please feel free to contact any member of the Family Services staff directly: Kate Randall, Director at 918-678-6324, krandall@wyandotte-nation.org, Tara Gragg, Tribal Social Worker at 918-678-6355 tgragg@wyandotte-nation.org. Dana Butterfield, Tribal Tag/Enrollment Officer at 918-678-6319 dbutterfield@wyandotte-nation.org, and Leeanna Radabaugh, Family Services Assistant, at 918-678-6329 lradabaugh@wyandotte-nation.org.

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**Wyandotte Nation Tribal Roll Additions**

260 Total New Tribal Citizens

Acord, Ayla Nicole
Acord, Heather Nicole
Acord, Mya Bradley
Adams, Amiah Kate
Adams, Marissa Amber
Adams, Nathaniel James
Adams, Ricky John Wayne
Allen, Max Bennett
Anthony, Kourtney Nicole
Armund-Rice, Rylee Danielle
Arredondo, Martin Wayne
Arredondo, Trevor Paul

Aston, Joshua Alden
Badley, Hudson Lee
Bagnell, Brittany Diane
Bannister, Tank Carter
Barnett, Hudson David
Bell, Kolby James
Bilke, Eden Elise
Boldey, Ashley Nicole
Boldey, Caleb Elliott
Boldey, Ethan Oscar
Bowyer, Sage Ryan
Brewer, Jaedyn Miya Rayne
Brownfield, Megan Renee
Bunting, Irene Theresa
Butler, Arrow Garam
Callahan, Audrianna Renee
Callahan, Liam Jared
Callahan, Nolan Joseph
Carter V, Hreivl Adam
Carzoli, Daniel George
Carzoli, Sarah Ann
Chesley, Marley Marie
Collinsonworth, Justin Raol
Connell, Christofer Wendell
Connell, Joshua Allen
Conner, Andrew Jerald
Conner, Lori Adair
Cook, Brody Joseph
Cook, Joseph Michaele
Cookin, Mio Tomas
Cox, Kaylee Deluca
Custer, Thomas Bailey
Daly, Addison Louann
Davis, Riley Cooper
Deshayes, Levi Jackson
Dodgen, Madison Lynn
Dodgen, Samantha Marie
Dunaway, Cooper Bennet
Dvorak, Ethan Charles
Dvorak, Madison Grace
Edwards, Haley Brooke
Elbert, Isaiah Damien Curtis
Evans, Brian Lee
Evans, Katyn Christine
Eytcheson, Alonna Leandra
Eytcheson, Devin Adley
Eytcheson, William Michael
Eytcheson, Zaccarius Rylan
Farmer, Gatlin Hunter
Fields, Chanley Jade
Fife, Ryan Thomas
Flack, Noah Cache
Flewhitey, Brody Michael
Folger, Nicholas Todd
Ford, Jessie Shae
Franklin, Cory Austin
Franklin, John Earl
Franklin, John Nathan Kyle
Frey, Electra Renee
Frey, Nicholas Cheyne
Frost, Jordan Allen
Fullerton, Ronald Drake
Garner, Ashlyn Kristi
Gentry, Lauren Allison
Gaskins, Landen Tyler
Giese, Madalyn Senamari
Giese, Maralyn Ruth
Giese, Matthew Scott
Giese, Nicole Leigh
Golday, Alysse Adelene
Golday, Nadia Marie
Golday, Nicole Taylor
Goode, Brianna Rae
Goodrich, Carolyn Mike
Goodrich, Sydney Jeanette
Grace, Lindsey Marie
Grace, Tyler
Grant, Jessica Renee
Grant, Ryan Jeffry-Dean
Grant, Sean Michael
Gray, Harper Andrew
Gray, Lola Ann
Greenzyke, Jack Henry
Greenhalgh-Adam, Errol David
Laverne
Griffin, Kaden Levi
Hagert, Alexandria Louise
Hahn, Ainsley Kay Jeanne
Hall, Dustin Jay
Hankins, Kaenan Jon
Hansen, Daniel James
Hart, Anna Grace
Hart, Bellamy Jean
Hassan, Karson Nichole
Hassan, Mitchell David Scott
Hassan, Quinten Mostafa
Henderson Jr., Antoine Demond
Hildebrand, Abigail Charlotte
Hildebrand, Ryan Scott
Hinds, Remington Wade
Hobson, Levi Grant
Hodge, Lucas Andrew
Holt, Shelly Lyn
Hopper, Brody Baker
Hopper, Emily Ann
Hunter, Cayden James
Hunter, Cecilia Ann
Hutchins, Elliott Carl
Hutson, Tucker Joe
Idleman, Dylan Scott
Jacks, Walker Orinon
James, Elizabeth Kimiko
Jarnagin, Madison Paige
Jarnagin, Miliana Jade
Jensen, Ava Grace
Johnson, Abbygail Rayann Nicole
Johnson, Belle Sanna
Johnson, Layton Michael
Jordan, Michael David
Kibbons, Tyler Wayne
Kovaleski, Austin Calvin
Kovaleski, Garrett Burton
LACount IV, Leon Christopher
Lankow, Emilee Elizabeth
Lawrence, Christopher Rhyan
Lawrence, Isaac Aaron
Lawrence, Jason Ryan
Lawrence, Joshua David
Lemus, Mila Lucille
Levin, Ava Jo
Levin, Lia Jo
Long, Connor James
Long, Rhyen Fane
Long, William Bright
Lovell, Jane Maeve
Loyd, Amber Alyssa
Loyd, Sara Lynn
Mattingly, Jaelyn Charles
Mazzare, Ethan Matthew
McCann, Nolan Cruz Jack
McCombs, Marisa Lynn
McCombs, Monica Rose
McKeown, Michael Anthony
McQuiston, Hayden Ray
Menc, Brianna Deonne
Menc, Carlie Michelle
Menc, Randall Kenneth Wiley
Merz, Kashlynn Nicole
Metcal, Rain Monroe
Miday, Embry Cordova
Monroe, Mark Angus
Monroe, Michele Alison
Moody, Jason Raymond
Moody III, John C
Moody Jr., John C
Moody, Joseph David
Moore, Wesley Gage
Moores, Henly Nicole
Morefield, Kenneth Lynn
Mueller, Aleia Madeleine
Mueller, Christian Eduard
Mueller, Kaitiana Roswitha Estella
Mumford, Belle Marie
Mumford, Jonathon James
Mumford, Wesley Lee
Octon, Retysn Cole
Octon, Riley Klein Theroux
Ordaz, Elaina Melanie
Ordaz, Julia Danielle
Parker, D'Shaelnn Marie
Perkins, Drew Marie
Pickard, Michael Anthony
Pickard, Noah James
Plock, Clara Jane
Poe, Robert Ryan
Pruitt, Isaiah Matthew
Rainsberry, Joshua Ryan
Rainsberry, Rebekah Grace
Reed, Alexander Lee
Roberts, Jax Allen
Robitaille, Akira Ivy Rose
Roller, Aden Wayne
Ross, Brayden Alexander
Ruark, Konnor Dale
Russell, Kohlton Matthew
Russell, Nolan Matthew
Rust, Mervianne Renee
Sako, Jessica Marie
Sapp, Layla Avery
Scott, Alyssa Nicole
Scott, Brianna Renee
Scovel, Mallory Lynn
Scovel, Tyndal Richard
Sherrell, Nora Juniper
Smith, Hunter Hoffmann
Smith, Trenton J
Sowter, Triston James
Spencer, Alexander Ivan
Spencer, Sean Kristopher
Spencer, Victoria Joy
Stanhope, Payton Anne
Stanhope, Siler, Chayitie Leanne
Stanich, Deborah Renee
Starks-Watts, Jadin Dewight

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child in our program please contact the offices.

Before and After School Program

The 2014-2015 before and after care program has reached record numbers in participation. We are averaging 19 children before school and 55 for after.

Library

We are pleased to announce that Wyandotte Nation was awarded an Institute of Museum and Library Services 2 year enhancement grant. The processes are in the works to begin implementation. This grant will fund another staff member in that area and will begin to offer classes and opportunities in the areas of culture and technology. Please stay in contact with the library attendant and be watching for announcements of events.

Child Care & Development Fund Program

The Child Care and Development Fund is in the process of reviewing recertification papers. We are partnering with Missouri Southern State College to offer some educational training for providers in that area. The program has added new clients in the past months and is available to assist Tribal citizens with child care if you reside within a 100 mile radius of tribal headquarters.

Tribal Scholarships

Scholarship funds have been disbursed to new and returning students for fall 2014. At the close of this term (Semester or Quarter) recipients need to submit an updated transcript with most recent grades and next term schedule. The staff resource for capturing all needed information is to submit unofficial transcripts via email.

We are very excited to announce that the Wyandotte Nation Board of Directors approved the addition of a semester of funding for our Master’s level students. This addition brings the program numbers to 4 semesters for $1,500 each.

If you have any questions about any of the scholarship or adult training programs, please contact the office by phone or email. It is my pleasure to assist you in any way possible!

Workforce Investment Act (WIA)

The Workforce Investment Act is accepting new clients. This program offers tuition assistance at colleges or universities or vocational programs for members of any federally recognized tribe that lives in Southeast Kansas or Southwest Missouri.

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.

As you try to contact our offices for assistance, we want to distribute our new telephone numbers: Tammy Charles 918-678-6330 (tcharles@wyandotte-nation.org); Loretta Combes 918-678-6334 (lcombes@wyandotte-nation.org); Anita Jolene Tucker 918-678-6331 (ajtucker@wyandotte-nation.org)

Housing

Goins Construction is the Contractor for the new Water System Expansion Project, which will include, standpipe, well house and miscellaneous. The standpipe is currently in place.

We have been working with EWC1 Architects, on plans for the Culture Center, and we will advertise for a contractor once this process is complete. All three of these projects were funded through Housing and Urban Development (HUD), from an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG).

In September, we sent the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), a proposal for Water Resource Program Funds, to prepare a comprehensive Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP). If funded, the WRMP will serve as the Tribe’s Strategic Plan for the comprehensive management of its water resources over the next 10 years. This will be a 12 month project, with the final product, a Tribal approved Watershed Plan.

I am working on the FEMA storm shelter applications again and hope to have them submitted very soon. I recently became the Grant Writer, so I will be able to dedicate all of my time to this and other grants. I appreciate your patience.

If you have any questions, you may contact: Debbie Dry, Grant Writer (918) 678-6315

Planning & Development

Good News! Soon we will be expanding the Artie Nesvold Community Center (Title VI) Building, and the Carla Culver Education Center. The Artie Nesvold Community Center will have an activity room which will function as a safe room, with a capacity of 122. The Carla Culver Education Center will have a “Gross Motor Skills” classroom which will also function as a safe room, and will have a capacity of 150. Both areas will have HVAC, lighting and generators. The Title VI Building will also get new energy efficient windows throughout.

Submitted by Kathy DeWeese

Housing Director

Two duplexes have been completed, which provided housing for four families. This coming year, we hope to build another family duplex, as well as a senior duplex.

The splash pad was a huge success this year. It was not only used by our preschool, but also other area schools. It will re-open in May and will be open until Labor Day.

The community center is available for rent. The cost is $50 for tribal members or $75 for public, with a $25 deposit which will be returned if the building is left clean. The dates are filling fast. If you would like to reserve the center, please contact our office.

If you live in the Indian Service area, which includes nine counties in Oklahoma, and are in need of water or sanitation services, please contact our office for an application.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Submitted by Sherri Clemons
Tribal Heritage Director

Happy fall! What an exciting September! I think the Wyandotte Nation set some amazing records attending the Gathering, Pow-Wow and Annual Meeting. The weather was cool but beat the heat we have had to endure in the past.

The Gathering was a great success in all aspects. This year it included a lot of hands on and get up and dance time. The goal of the committee was to try and get members to feel comfortable to get out and dance during open dances. I was very happy to see fellow tribal members dancing some of the social dances. A dream of mine.

Huge participation in the special interest classes. The committee had 70 shawls ready and enough for 50 bandoliers. It was touch and go if we would run out but everyone that attended got to do their craft. I hope the women who did shawls finish them and bring them back next year to dance.

The Cultural Committee met Saturday, Oct. 11 to start making plans for next year’s events.

Plans to continue camp for The Little Turtles is in the planning stages and will be on the web page as they progress, so keep an eye out for that. Also, the committee has started plans for next year’s Gathering. The survey posted on the web page is a big help in trying to plan, so if you can, please fill one out and submit.

The Committee wants to say Tizameh to Barbara Collier and Shawn King for coming and helping out with the Story of the Pow-Wow and social dancing. Also Ben Barnes and the Shawnee for hosting the Stomp Dance.

Barbara Collier, having grown up at pow-wows her entire life, (Quapaw Tribal Member), shared so many wonderful stories and when she came to work at Wyandotte in 1994, was charged by Chief Bearskin to do the annual pow-wows, she took it to a whole new level. She was by far the joy of the Gathering.

Now for the 25th Pow-Wow -- What a weekend! It was by far the biggest one to date.

With the Prize money (thank you Chiefs and Board) it brought in a lot of dancers. Good dancers from across the nation. The Head Staff were wonderful. Yellow Hammer is a group with a huge following and Red Land is one of the top Northern Sing-

Environmental

Submitted by Christen Lee
Environmental Director

Our department continues to remain busy with the water sampling of 7 sites on a monthly basis. Three on Lost Creek, two on Sycamore Creek, and 1 site each on the Spring and Neosho Rivers. This summer with the amounts of heavy precipitation, the bacteria levels were above the recommended criteria standards, thus resulting in No Swimming Advisories for Spring River and Lost Creek. The heavy rain down pours we experienced did not allow for the rain to soak into the ground, but instead to flush everything immediately into the water ways. Janice Wilson our Water Tech keeps up to date on this situation and keeps Tribal Officials informed.

On July 29th and 30th, Janice Wilson and Kathleen Welch attended the Inter Tribal Environmental Coalition Conference at Tulsa, Okla. Janice gave a power point presentation which highlighted our Water Programs from the beginning until present day. Kathleen Welch gave a presentation on our Recycling Program from the beginning of it when we first got “RENE the Recycle Robot” to present day with our Lost Creek Recycle Center.

In August Christen Lee and Janice Wilson attended the Shoal Creek Water Festival and shared a booth with the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Environmental Department. This event was held at the Wildcat Glades in Joplin, Mo. In August we had a booth at the Ottawa County Free Fair. For the past several years we have invited other Tribal Environmental Departments and local agencies to share

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Health Fair 2014

The Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center held its 13th Annual Health Fair and Medicare Part D/Diabetic Screening Project Tuesday, Oct. 7. The event featured a mobile health screening truck (pictured right) as well as vendor booths providing health-related information for those attending.

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in setting up at the booth. This year there was our department, the Eastern Shawnee, Peoria, and Quapaw Tribes, and the LEAD Agency.

September is always a busy month preparing for the Pow-Wow. Each year our department hands out complimentary hand washing kits to the food vendors at the event.

The Shoal Water Creek Festival.

Suicide is a major public health concern. Around 38,000 people die by suicide each year in the United States. More people die by suicide each year than by homicide.

Suicide is tragic. But it is often preventable. Knowing the risk factors for suicide and who is at risk can help reduce the suicide rate.

Who is at risk for suicide?

Suicide does not discriminate.

People of all genders, ages, and ethnicities are at risk for suicide. But people most at risk tend to share certain characteristics. The main risk factors for suicide are:

• Depression, other mental disorders, or substance abuse disorder
• A prior suicide attempt
• Family history of a mental disorder or substance abuse
• Family history of suicide
• Family violence, including physical or sexual abuse
• Having guns or other firearms in the home
• Incarceration, being in prison or jail
• Being exposed to others’ suicidal behavior, such as that of family members, peers, or media figures.

The risk for suicidal behavior also is associated with changes in brain chemicals called neurotransmitters, including serotonin, which is also associated with depression. Lower levels of serotonin have been found in the brains of people with a history of suicide attempts.

Many people have some of these risk factors but do not attempt suicide. Suicide is not a normal response to stress. It is however, a sign of extreme distress, not a harmless bid for attention.
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What about gender?

Men are more likely to die by suicide than women, but women are more likely to attempt suicide. Men are more likely to use deadlier methods, such as firearms or suffocation. Women are more likely than men to attempt suicide by poisoning.

What about children?

Children and young people are at risk for suicide. Year after year, suicide remains one of the top three leading causes of death for young people ages 15 to 24.

What about older adults?

Older adults are at risk for suicide, too. In fact, white males age 85 and older consistently have the highest suicide rate than any other age and ethnic group.

What about different ethnic groups?

Among ethnicities, American Indians and Alaska Natives tend to have the highest rate of suicides, followed by non-Hispanic Whites. Hispanics tend to have the lowest rate of suicides, while African Americans tend to have the second lowest rate.

How can suicide be prevented?

Effective suicide prevention is based on sound research. Programs that work take into account people’s risk factors and promote interventions that are appropriate to specific groups of people. For example, research has shown that mental and substance abuse disorders are risk factors for suicide. Therefore, many programs focus on treating these disorders in addition to addressing suicide risk specifically.

Psychotherapy, or “talk therapy,” can effectively reduce suicide risk. One type is called cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT). CBT can help people learn new ways of dealing with stressful experiences by training them to consider alternative actions when thoughts of suicide arise.

Another type of psychotherapy called dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) has been shown to reduce the rate of suicide among people with borderline personality disorder, a serious mental illness characterized by unstable moods, relationships, self-image, and behavior. A therapist trained in DBT helps a person recognize when his or her feelings or actions are disruptive or unhealthy, and teaches the skills needed to deal better with upsetting situations.

Some medications may also help. For example, the antipsychotic medication clozapine is approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for suicide prevention in people with schizophrenia. Other promising medications and psychosocial treatments for suicidal people are being tested.

Still other research has found that many older adults and women who die by suicide saw their primary care providers in the year before death. Training doctors to recognize signs that a person may be considering suicide may help prevent even more suicides.

What should I do if someone I know is considering suicide?

If you know someone who is considering suicide, do not leave him or her alone. Try to get your loved one to seek immediate help from his or her doctor or the nearest hospital emergency room, or call 911. Remove any access he or she may have to firearms or other potential tools for suicide, including medications.

If you are in crisis:

Call the toll-free National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 1-800-273-TALK (8255), available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The service is available to anyone. All calls are confidential.

For more information on Suicide in America:

National Institute of Mental Health Science Writing, Press & Dissemination Branch
6001 Executive Boulevard
Room 1814, MSC 9663
Bethesda, MD 20892-9663
Phone: 301-443-4513 or Toll-free: 1-866-615-NIMH (6464)
TTY Toll-free: 1-866-415-8051
Fax: 301-443-4279
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Web site: www.nimh.nih.gov

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Red Ribbon
Wyandotte, Okla.
5k RUN AGE GROUP RESULTS

MALE AGE GROUP:  1 - 8
Place/Name    Age/City    Time
1  Charlie Gould  5  Wyandotte  43:59

MALE AGE GROUP:  9 - 12
Place/Name    Age/City    Time
1  Jace Pal  12  Wyandotte  25:01
2  Jacob Burney  12  Wyandotte  25:19
3  Mikey Lawson  11  Wyandotte  28:04
4  Jaret Burney  9  Wyandotte  32:09
5  Anthony Barrea  12  Wyandotte  33:53
6  Matthew Anderson  12  Wyandotte  41:08
7  Bronsen Hopper  12  Wyandotte  46:40

FEMALE AGE GROUP:  9 - 12
Place/Name    Age/City    Time
1  Jaci Clinton  12  Wyandotte  24:00
2  Jennelle Lundien  11  Wyandotte  25:29
3  Ally Bartley  11  Wyandotte  31:52
4  Cymbre Edwards  12  Wyandotte  35:04
5  Grace Goins  11  Wyandotte  38:52
6  Cassie Past  12  Wyandotte  46:29
7  Arianne Barrers  10  Miami, Ok  51:36

MALE AGE GROUP:  13 - 15
Place/Name    Age/City    Time
1  Kainen Clapp  15  Wyandotte  20:43
2  Ben Artussee  13  Wyandotte  22:27
3  Cody Teal  14  Wyandotte  24:27
4  Kiante Edwards  15  Wyandotte  29:41
5  Cymon Hibbard  14  Wyandotte  39:56

FEMALE AGE GROUP:  13 - 15
Place/Name    Age/City    Time
1  Angel Brooks  13  Wyandotte  31:52
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18-Braden Bennett 18 Wyandotte 23:57
19-Brandon Arnold 16 Wyandotte 24:10
20-Drake Martel 19 Wyandotte 25:07
21-Jesse Lewis 19 Wyandotte 25:36
22-Devon Dollison 16 Wyandotte 26:23
23-Brock Warren 19 Wyandotte 26:47
24-Cory Barnett 19 Wyandotte 31:19
25-Shawn Beeson 19 Wyandotte 31:25
26-Jordan Drybread 19 Wyandotte 31:31

MALE AGE GROUP: 20 - 24
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Nick Meck 20 Wyandotte 20:25
2-Austin Allen 20 Wyandotte 20:57
3-Zack Dobbins 20 Wyandotte 22:21
4-Justin Mark Hobson 21 Wyandotte 23:22
5-Daniel Carrillo 20 Wyandotte 23:39
6-Michael Williams 22 Wyandotte 23:39
7-Clay Archer 20 Wyandotte 24:51
8-John Davison 21 Wyandotte 24:52
9-Dylan Collins 20 Wyandotte 25:03
10-Ryan Klahr 20 Wyandotte 26:23
11-Bryan Dutton 20 Wyandotte 26:25
12-Samuel Johnston 20 Wyandotte 26:48
13-Kenny Cleveland 21 Wyandotte 31:09
14-Caleb Cotter 21 Wyandotte 31:11
15-David Ingram 22 Wyandotte 32:48

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 20 - 24
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Kelly Wieczorek 24 Wyandotte 31:52
2-Jenna Ingram 23 Wyandotte 32:48

MALE AGE GROUP: 25 - 29
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Jennifer Cole 28 Wyandotte 32:48
2-Kristin Hitchcock 29 Wyandotte 35:19

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 25 - 29
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Kelsey Lee 41 Wyandotte 32:48
2-Allison Suman 43 Wyandotte 46:50
3-Jeanie Cox 42 Wyandotte 54:18
4-Wendy Tucker 44 Wyandotte 54:18

MALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 34
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Adam Pulley 32 Wyandotte 22:15
2-Austin Gould 33 Wyandotte 37:33

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 34
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Joyce Payne 33 Wyandotte 25:03
2-Summer Aldridge 34 Wyandotte 30:03
3-Kellie Francisco 31 Wyandotte 30:57
4-Holly Hilliard 32 Wyandotte 31:26
5-Kim Fidler 33 Wyandotte 32:13
6-Emilie Gould 32 Wyandotte 43:59

MALE AGE GROUP: 35 - 39
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Joe Renfro 37 Wyandotte 21:17
2-Matt Edwards 37 Wyandotte 35:04

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 35 - 39
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Kelli Clinton 37 Wyandotte 27:09
2-Tara Oelke 37 Wyandotte 28:09
3-Laura Goins 36 Wyandotte 38:10

MALE AGE GROUP: 40 - 44
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Brian Estep 42 Wyandotte 23:15
2-Mike Edwards 43 Wyandotte 26:30
3-Robert Suman 44 Wyandotte 51:37

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 40 - 44
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Shaon Hines-Ice 45 Miami 24:12
2-Lori Estep 45 Wyandotte 25:34
3-Lisa Goode 46 Fairland, OK 27:59
4-Lisa Teal 48 Wyandotte 42:30

MALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 54
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Rusty Johnson 50 Wyandotte 25:34

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 54
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Tanya Reece 51 Wyandotte 29:04
2-Kathy Mustain 50 Wyandotte 29:04
3-Missy Burns 54 Wyandotte 42:30

MALE AGE GROUP: 55 - 59
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Martin Pierce 59 Wyandotte 30:59

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 55 - 59
Place/Name Age/City Time
1-Cathy Brummet 58 Wyandotte 30:59
2-Toni Brown 59 Wyandotte 46:16

Honored Person for 2014

Wyandotte Nation Chief
Billy Friend and
Second Chief
Norm Hildebrand honor
Family Services
Director Kate Randall with a plaque as the Honored Person for 2014.
The presentation was made at the Annual Meeting Sept. 13 at the Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center.

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