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From the Chief

Billy Friend

November a time to honor veterans, remember our cherished heritage

I hope this quarter’s newsletter finds you and your family doing well and enjoying the beautiful fall season.

In thinking of where we are today as a tribal nation there are two dates that are important to Indians and all Americans that occur in November.

Americans, and people around the world, will remember and honor our veterans on November 11, Veterans Day. Originally called Armistice Day or Remembrance Day, November 11 was designated in 1919 by President Woodrow Wilson as the day we honor our veterans. The date coincided with the Nov. 11, 1918 Armistice that ended World War I.

In November we also celebrate our culture during National American Indian Heritage Month. This recognition was established in November 2001 by President George W. Bush. In President Bush’s proclamation designating November National American Indian Heritage Month, he noted that the American Founding Fathers has chosen “E Pluribus Unum” the new country’s national motto. This well-known Latin phrase means “Out of Many, One.”

We celebrate our Indian heritage and also honor our veterans during November.

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important part of the American Revolutionary War, the War of 1812 and the Civil War. In the days of the American Revolution, Indian brigades were vital to the success of the new country and the established Indian nations were recognized for their significance, and their sovereign status, specifically in the U.S. Constitution.

With the outbreak of World War I and America’s entrance into the war in 1917, thousands of Indians volunteered for duty. Remember, this was in the days before many Indian people were even granted citizenship in the U.S. It is estimated over 12,000 Indian soldiers served in World War I, a huge number given the very small total Indian population at that time.

Over 600 Oklahoma Indians served with the 142nd Infantry, 36th National Guard Division in France. The men saw heavy combat and were celebrated for their “enthusiasm for the battle.” Four Indian men received France’s highest military honor, the Croix de Guerre. In World War II, Indians once again served in high numbers. Over 44,000 Indians out of a total population of about 350,000 served. And this time, Indian women were serving as well.

Indian men and women served with honor in Korea and Vietnam, and it should be noted that over 90 percent of those Indian veterans were volunteers.

Our warrior tradition is an important part of our Wyandotte history, our heritage. Indian nations had to develop strong defenses in order to protect their homes, their people and their lands. The warrior culture is deeply ingrained in our people, and that quality has served our nation very well.

It is estimated there are approximately 190,000 living Indian veterans. During this Veterans Day, and this National American Indian Heritage Month, it is fitting we honor our veterans, and our cherished heritage that is such an important part of our survival, and our success.

We are rightly proud of our heritage and our history as Wyandotte’s, and as Americans. Indian men and women have been highly prized in the military for their dedication, loyalty and “enthusiasm for the battle.” We remember those veterans who have served, and have died. And we honor our living veterans who are a testament to service and love of country. Be sure to take the time this November to thank a veteran for their service and celebrate your Wyandotte heritage with your family.

From the Second Chief

Norman Hildebrand, Jr.

Nation continues to grow, breaks ground on Cultural Center/Museum

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This year seems to be flying by at a brisk pace. As we get older it seems to go by even faster. I’m sure some of our more experienced elders may agree with me on this.

We have accomplished a lot here at the Wyandotte Nation: two more duplexes were finished and we finally broke ground on the Cultural Center/Museum. I thought that day would never come with having to go back and make some changes to the floor plan and design of the building to get it down to within our budget. But we did it and construction is
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progressing on schedule due to the beautiful weather we have been enjoying here lately.

The groundbreaking was held Sept. 11 at about 11 a.m. during The Gathering and the day before our Annual Meeting; therefore, we had many Wyandotte Nation Citizens in attendance, which made the event very special.

Next spring we should be moved into our new Cultural Center/Museum, so with that said we need the help of our Nation Citizens to donate or loan items to the museum. We will accept good copies of old photos or documents along with any old military items belonging to tribal citizens that served our country so that they may be honored for their service.

We are in the process of recording and making videos of our elders reminiscing about their lives as Wyandottes. Whatever they want to talk about we want to record it. Juanita McQuistion is the first elder we are recording. We have had one session with her and it will take a few more to get all the stories she has to share with us. Recording all the knowledge that Juanita knows and our many other elders will be a very valuable asset to our new museum.

Hearing their stories of hardships and sacrifices as young Wyandottes growing up during the depression or wartime should make us appreciate even more what this generation had to endure in their life.

On Oct. 24, Chief Friend and I traveled with the Color Guard to the Toledo, Ohio area for the Opening Ceremony at the Fallen Timbers Battle site. The Toledo Metro Parks System and the National Park Service have established an information center and a trail leading back to the battle site. The Wyandotte Nation Color Guard had the honor of presenting the flags during the ceremony and Chief Friend did a smoking ceremony to bless this ground where all but one of our Chiefs were killed in battle. Chief Tarhe was the only Chief to survive and he was severely wounded. The battle, which covered an area of two to four square miles, probably lasted less than two hours and involved more than 3,000 individuals. This is indeed an honor for the Wyandotte Nation and the Wyandot of Anderdon to be a part of this ceremony.

Holidays are fast approaching and I hope everyone takes the time to reflect on the many blessings we have had bestowed on us this year. The Wyandotte Nation is growing and with a growing nation you have to expect some growing pains, but with everyone’s hard work and cooperation we can overcome any obstacle that may be thrown at us. We are Wyandotte. We have overcome many adversities in our history and will overcome many more, but we have to work together as a team to move forward to a bright future.

Wherever I go or whatever I do I have the pleasure of representing the Wyandotte Nation. It is the one thing that I take extreme pride in doing because the Wyandotte Nation is the best in the country and what makes it the best is all of you.

Second Chief

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“He that cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he must pass himself; for every man has need to be forgiven.”

--Thomas Fuller

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PRESERVING THE FUTURE OF OUR PAST

TRIBE BREAKS GROUND ON NEW 7,625-SQUARE FOOT CULTURAL CENTER

Having a central place for Wyandottes to not only preserve, but learn about their history has been an idea in the works for years, and as the shovels hit and stirred up dirt Friday, Sept. 11, the idea became a reality.

The Wyandotte Nation broke ground on its new Cultural Center, located on the old Indian school site just south and west of the Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center, in front of a large crowd of tribal citizens and area media. Fittingly, this momentous
event was held on Chief Leaford Bearskin's birthday. Chief Bearskin's vision for the Tribe and his dedication in making that vision a reality, pushed the Wyandotte Nation to where it is today.

"The Wyandotte Cultural Center will offer a world of opportunity to learn and connect with Wyandotte history," said Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend. "It will give our Wyandotte citizens the opportunity to walk through our past and look to our future -- all in one unforgettable experience."

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Cultural Committee member Deryl Wright presents a knife to Chief Billy Friend and Second Chief Norman Hildebrand with the engravings of the chiefs on one side, and on the other side Chief Leaford Bearskin, along with Tribal Heritage Director Sherri Clemons and the Wyandotte Nation Cultural Committee -- symbolizing the past and the future of the Tribe.

The 7,625-square foot Cultural Center will feature a museum, classrooms, a multipurpose room, gift shop, and Tribal Heritage Department offices. It will play host to language and arts and crafts classes as well as be the site for the annual ‘Gathering,’ which took place this week leading up to the 26th Annual Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow.

The $1,687,000 project is expected to be completed in 190 days. Part of the funding for the project came from an Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) while the rest of the funding came from economic development provided by the Nation's federally-chartered corporation, Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma (WTOK).

"This center will give the opportunity for our citizens to know what it is, and learn what it is to be Wyandotte. From beginning in Canada, coming through Michigan to Ohio to Kansas to here," Chief Friend said. "To have that history in display form where we can teach it to our children, our grandchildren and to their grandchildren -- seven generations in the future will have a better knowledge of who we are than what some of us did when we were younger. It’s a very momentous occasion for us today."

On hand for the ceremony were tribal citizens, the Wyandotte Nation Board of Directors, the Second Chief and the Wyandotte Nation Culture Committee members as well as Thomas Boxley, the architect for the project, and Crossland Construction representative, who will handle the general contracting. Crossland Construction most recently worked on the renovation and expansion on the Wyandotte Nation Casino project.

“It’s a huge day for us. We’ve been waiting for this... for years,” said Wyandotte Nation Culture Committee Chair Lloyd Divine. “It’s going to be a nice landmark, a nice place where we can all come together. We need to take this and pass it on to our kids, so our kids will let the Wyandottes forever live on. That’s what it is about.

“I like what Sherri (Clemons) said in our very first culture committee meeting, she made the little phrase, ‘preserving the future of our past.’ The phrase expresses the very essence of why we do what we do.”

Following the groundbreaking ceremony, a special gift was presented to Chief Friend and Second Chief Norman Hildebrand to mark the occasion and eventually be displayed at the new Cultural Center.

Cultural Committee member Deryl Wright, who is a knife maker, presented a knife with the engravings of Chief Friend and Second Chief Hildebrand on one side, and on the other side, Chief Leaford Bearskin, Tribal Heritage Director Sherri Clemons and the Wyandotte Nation Culture Committee.

The Wyandotte Nation Culture Committee consists of Divine, David Culver, Jan Graham, Loretta Combes, Debbie Dry, Marilyn Young, and Wright.

Wright said it honors the past while also looking at the future, adding that he hoped the knife would represent this day and this time for everyone.
The 2015 Gathering again united Wyandotte citizens from all over the United States. Participants came from Texas, Michigan, California, Ohio, Arkansas, Idaho, Missouri, Kansas, and of course Oklahoma. A handful of other States were represented, and too we were honored to have citizens join our three day event from the Wyandot of Anderdon Nation, and the Wyandot Nation of Kansas.

One of the most anticipated highlights of the year is to see old friends and meet new ones. On Wednesday evening after feasting on Red’s BBQ, everyone was comfortably full as we sat, talked, and told stories as Wyandotte family gathered around a fire pit. Our ancestors undoubtedly told stories; however, I doubt they sat under a gazebo with a finely crafted and welded fire pit holding the logs. The stories told of butterflies and flying squirrels brought both tears and laughter. If a full day’s agenda on Thursday did not necessitate everyone needing to get a little sleep, we could have easily stayed till wee hours of the morning telling the wonderful stories. Well maybe not. The mosquitoes crashed our time of storytelling and they were hungry little fellows. Next year we plan to break out the traditional Wyandotte tiki torches to better ensure our time spent together is spent all to ourselves.

Dr. John Steckley invigorated our time of learning Wandat just as he did with our kids during the Gathering of Little Turtles last June. Everyone enjoyed learning Wandat words as he wrapped them within the telling of tradition and why relationships were so important for our ancestors. Throughout the coming year look for Dr. Steckley to continue our language study with postings on our website. A full curriculum is being developed to teach the basics, and a lot more, all the way to advanced grammar and word study for Wandat enthusiasts.

Finger weaving, beading, and traditional soap making dominated much of the participant’s time during the Gathering. One of the most anticipated events, second only to meeting old friends and making new friends, is our time with traditional crafts. Loretta Combes led the team of instructors as the intricate details of finger weaving was taught to over 40 participants. You know everyone is having a great time when no one wants to stop weaving even to eat. Loretta and Second Chief Norman Hildebrand (a master finger weaver himself) were amazed and taught a new weaving style they had been trying to figure out on their own. By mistake a participant had developed his own weaving style and it was noticed by Loretta. It happened to be the style being sought; therefore, the participant taught Loretta and Second Chief his wonderful mistake.

In the middle of the finger weaving Kim Garcia taught beading to an additional 40 participants. Over the years Kim has secured a loyal following of groupies, or I guess we should say student beaders. Kim’s work is amazing and her teaching abilities are no less amazing.
A good time to gather...

The Wyandotte Nation hosted its annual Gathering Wednesday, Sept. 9 to Friday Sept. 11. Events and activities for the 100-plus tribal citizens who attended included soap making (pictured below), beading (middle right), and finger weaving (top right) as well as language classes (above), and a look at the Wyandottes history regarding food, shelter and clothing. The Cultural Committee also honored Kim Garcia (pictured below) for her selfless and dedicated work. On Friday morning, four tribal citizens (Josh Garcia, Caleb Garcia, Kim Garcia and Emilee Wills, pictured bottom right) were also honored with their Wyandotte names from Chief Billy Friend.

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In honor of the selfless and dedicated work Kim volunteers year after year to the culture committee she was bestowed Culture Honor Person of the Year. Kim was given a wonderful Pendleton Blanket on Thursday afternoon in front of the assembled participants. Again, the culture committee would like to thank Kim Garcia for her selfless and dedicated work to her fellow citizens.

Another 25 participants were taught by Pat Manley how to make traditional soap. The bars of soap looked more like candy, a colorfully swirled fudge with a nasty aftertaste. No I did not try a bite. The bars of soap are works of art that will be sad to watch go down the drain. The artistic bars of soap can be appreciated and admired for several weeks as they cure.

Seeing everyone come together in September is an amazing time for the culture committee. The smiles, laughter, and suggestions of what is liked and disliked are always considered to make next year’s event even better. Next year look forward to even more time to work on your crafts. As you look forward to next year come with anticipation of seeing and gathering for the Gathering in our new Cultural Center. Ground was broken on Friday morning Sept. 11 with a large crowd witnessing the amazing event. As dirt was turned with a shovel the excitement of what was happening was inspirational. Several participants, finally seeing the reality of what was happening, pledged to bring with them to next year’s Gathering artifacts to donate to the museum.

Next year come and bring an artifact to donate! You will not want to miss seeing the excitement of holding the Gathering in our very own cultural center and museum. It’s going to be a great time.

See you there!
Wyandotte Technologies recently installed a High Resolution PTZ camera near the top of the 100ft tower located near WT's office. The camera will be utilized currently for time lapse recording of the Cultural Center construction project. In the future, WT will be using the camera for weather updates, tribal area still shots and video, and overall security of the tribal grounds.

There will be a live camera feed from the tower available on the WT website: www.wyandottetech.com soon as well as a link to the time lapse recording of the Cultural Center construction. Updates from the camera will also be posted to the WT Facebook page.

Looking for Elders, Veterans, others for Feature Stories
We are looking for tribal citizens to feature in upcoming issues, whether you live in the Oklahoma area or some far off distant land, we want to hear your story; elders and veterans especially.

Have News? Share it:
We want to hear from you! Send us news or stories you may have or suggest features for us to work on. Email: wswaim@wtok.org
In 2016 the Wyandotte Nation will hold two Town Hall meetings. The first will be held in the Los Angeles, Calif. area and will be Saturday, March 19. An exact site hasn’t been contracted yet, but should be soon. Watch the website and Facebook for news about this meeting. Post cards will also be mailed to those who live in this area.

We are very excited to announce that the second meeting will be held on the campus of Evergreen State College in their Longhouse! Evergreen is located near Olympia, Wash. This meeting will be held Saturday, April 16. Additional information will be posted to the website, Facebook and mailed via post cards to those who live in the area.

We are expecting large turnouts for both meetings so we will be asking that everyone who plans to attend a meeting to register in advance so we will be prepared.

The postcards will give instructions on the registration process. If you don’t receive a post card, but feel you are within traveling distance and would like to attend either of the meetings you are welcome to do so.

We just ask that you register in advance.

If you have any questions regarding either meeting please contact Dana Butterfield at (918) 678-6319 or dbutterfield@wyandotte-nation.

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WNTPD hosts National Night Out Aug. 4

The Wyandotte Nation Tribal Police Department hosted the annual National Night Out Tuesday evening, Aug. 4, at the Bearskin Fitness Center after the weather forced the event indoors. It was an opportunity for the community to come together and visit with neighbors and local law enforcement to form stronger partnerships. The evening events featured fun activities, burgers, hot dogs, refreshments, prize drawings and music by Resonation.

Chief Friend among AARP honorees

Six members of Indian tribes in Northeast Oklahoma were honored recently by the AARP at an event in Oklahoma City.

Wyandotte Chief Billy Friend, Cherokee tribal member Pamela Jumper Thurman, Quapaw tribal member Henry McNeer Ellick, Peoria tribal member Annette Black, Miami tribal member James Battese and Eastern Shawnee tribal member Norma Kraus were recognized at the seventh annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors.

In all, 50 people from 30 Oklahoma tribes and nations were honored.

AARP cited Friend’s effort to help expand health, social services and educational opportunities for the Wyandotte Nation as well as the Tribe’s creating an event for tribal children, “Gathering of the Little Turtles,” and is building a cultural center that will include a museum and classrooms.
The Wyandotte Nation held the 26th Annual Pow-Wow Friday through Sunday, Sept. 12-14, at the Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow Grounds. The Pow-Wow featured Tribal Citizen Josh Garcia (pictured above at sunset before Grand Entry, and left with David Culver) entering the arena for the first time and competing in the Men's Grass Dance. The Head Dancer was Tony Wahweotten, the Head Lady Dancer was Frankee Cunningham, the Head Gourd Dancer was Ira Kaulay, the Head Singer was Yellow Hammer and the Northern Drum was the Redland Singers.

Photos by William Swaim
To see more photos from the annual Pow-Wow, visit our Facebook page and ‘Like’ us.

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Robitaille Family History Research Project

Searching for personal recollections and copies of old photographs of your Robitaille ancestors.

My name is Paul Robitaille and I am the U.S. representative of the Robitaille Family Association in Ancienne Lorette, Quebec, near Quebec City. I have been writing history papers on Robitaille ancestors who were born in Quebec and migrated to the United States in the 1700s and 1800s. As you may know, a branch of the Robitaille family became part of Wyandotte Nation when “Robert” Robitaille married Elizabeth Zane in Ohio. “Robert”, (which is the name Jean Robitaille used when he moved to the U.S), and Elizabeth had two sons; Robert Grant, who's photo is above, and James, (who later went by Jean Jacques Robitaille). My current research project is to document the history of this branch of the Robitaille family. I have gathered a great deal of information to date, and some photographs, of the family. With this data I have prepared a family tree and sent a copy to the Wyandotte Nation Culture Committee, along with copies of some early photographs of several family members which I found in my research. My plan is write this family’s history over the winter and share it with Wyandotte Nation at next year’s gathering.

Your personal recollections and memories of these ancestors and any old photographs you may be willing to share will greatly enrich this family history. With the photographs, please take a good quality picture of the original photograph and send me the copy along with the approximate date of the original photo, the name of the individual(s) in the photo, and your name so I can give credit to you as the source of the photo in my paper. The final version of the family history and family tree will be shared with Wyandotte Nation and the following organizations: Oklahoma, Kansas, and Ohio Historical Societies. It will also be be printed in the Robitaille Family Association Newsletter.

The Culture Committee has my contact information. Thank you for your participation in this project!

-- Paul Robitaille

Wright sweeps Tulsa State Fair buckle series

Submitted by the Wright Family

Rachel Wright, whose Wyandotte name is Tasihkwa a ute’hke, which means ‘little horse,’ swept the Buckle Series at the Tulsa State Fair horse show Oct. 3 -- a rare feat. Rachel is a senior at Wyandotte High School and a member of the Wyandotte FFA officer team. She has received the Equine Science Proficiency Award in FFA each year since 8th grade.

Wright has competed locally, as well as at the state and regional level. In August 2013 she competed regionally thanks to the Wyandotte Nation, who sponsored her trip to Louisiana where she received 5th overall in the Southwest region of the United States at the 4H/FFA Regional Finals Horse Show.

At the Tulsa State Fair, she entered the 4H/FFA horse show in barrel racing, pole bending and stakes racing, receiving first in each event and the champion buckle in each event. She was accompanied by her very best friend with 4 hooves and a tail, Hoss, an American quarter horse gelding. Hoss is registered as PS MIGHTY BARS BOY out of MIGHTY BARS and THREE BARS.

Wright has not had lessons, does not attend barrel clinics, and hasn’t had a horse trainer. She is and has always been the sole horse lover, the trainer, the nutritionist, the vet, the stall hand, etc., for this horse as well as the family’s eight other horses.

Hoss has become everything he is because of this tiny 5’10” 100 pound little girl. There have been lots of tears of joy and frustration along the way.

Rachel is the daughter of Tracy and Rebecca Wright, the big sister to Sara and JT, all of Wyandotte Okla. She is the granddaughter of Tracy Wright of Grove, Okla., David and Sherri Clark of Broken Arrow, Okla., and Bill and the late Nickey Bigheart of Miami, Okla. Great granddaughter of the late Tracy Sr and Gertrude Wright of Miami, Okla., Virginia and the late John Morgan of Commerce, Okla., the Morgan and Addington families of Nowata, Okla., who are of Cherokee and Delaware decent, and of the late Ed and Juanita Bigheart of Pawhuska, Okla. Rachel is also the great-great-granddaughter of Wash and Grace Bigheart of Grayhorse on her mother’s side.

We would like to congratulate her and honor her for her hard work and success.


Ronald “Slick” Elliott was born January 12, 1938 to Richard and Dona Elliott. He was the oldest sibling of 6 children. At an early age the family moved to rural Wyandotte, OK where he attended a country school before attending Wyandotte High School where he graduated.

Upon graduation Ronnie enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After his first term he left the Navy for a brief time to attend Missouri Southern College in Joplin, MO. Ronnie later re-enlisted in the Navy where he stayed until he had full retirement.

He married Guadencia S. on May 31, 1998, she survives. Family members surviving are three stepchildren Maria, Diana, and Vincent all living in California. Siblings surviving include one brother David Elliott of Stockton, CA and two sisters, Brenda Gray of Seneca, MO and Shirley Couch of Tablequeah, OK.

Ronnie was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Donald "Porky" Elliott and Wayne Elliott.

Funeral services were held in Chula Vista, CA with full military honors held at Miramer National Cemetery in San Diego, CA.

Submit your News: submit a story idea or your latest news and photos. To submit, email William Swaim at wswaim@wtok.org or call (918) 848-0724. Or mail to: The Wyandotte Nation, 64700 E Hwy 60, Wyandotte, OK 74370, ATTN: TurtleTalk
Submitted by Bill Elliott

Hello, Wyandotte Nation!

As a recipient of the Wyandotte Nation master’s level scholarship program I recently got the opportunity to go to Thailand for a public health conference. It was outstanding and I feel I really got a better feel for what public health, my chosen field of study, is all about.

The conference lasted three days and I had the opportunity to stay a few extra days. As Thailand is known as the ‘land of smiles’ my wife and I had a great time visiting the many temples and Buddhist sites in the vicinity. Every household has its own mini-temple as well, as they believe that all places have spirits already living at every location, spirits of the land, spirits of the animals and the spirits of previous human occupants. So, if someone wants to build a house on a site they also build a little temple-house off to one side so the spirits who were there first will also have a place to live and therefore be partners rather than adversaries.

I feel public health is a much needed field of study in our Native communities as Native Americans are often at a higher risk for many health related issues including diseases such as diabetes and hypertension to poor lifestyle choices ranging from domestic violence, alcoholism and suicide prevalence.

Public health professionals not only study these trends but are uniquely equipped to offer solutions as to how decision makers can help in offering answers to these health care needs and interventions. It offers answers to questions such as how people can make better choices and choose better, healthier, lifestyles. Public health practitioners also do research and collect data so that decision makers who will make decisions that will affect other people’s lives will be science based.

The conference had a global public health theme with speakers from all over the world speaking on health issues that potentially affect us all, everything from food poisonings in Sri Lanka due to poor sanitation practices to the need for better water supplies in South Africa to help improve people’s health there.

As the saying goes, ‘think globally and act locally.’

My cousin Kenneth Brumbaugh up in Washington State (he’s gone now) was a great friend and a great man in general. He once told me this analogy, “A man had a plugged stove pipe, he did everything he could think of to unplug it without success so he finally called in a professional. The stove pipe man looked at the pipe for a minute or so, tapped on it a few times with his knuckles then proceeded to get a hammer of his toolkit and struck the pipe just so, releasing a cloud of ashes into the stove and fixing it once and for all.

He then turned to the man and said, ‘That’ll be a hundred dollars.’ The man, who had watched the whole affair that hadn’t taken five minutes, protested and demanded an itemized account for the high price. ‘That’s no problem,’ replied the professional, ‘the price is one dollar for the hammer blow and ninety-nine for knowing where to hit it.’”

This illustrates public health pretty well I think. Thanks to the Tribe for their generosity and for all the other help they’ve given me as well.
The Wyandotte Nation Education Department is very happy to welcome tribal citizen Catherine (Abby) Baldwin as a Substitute Teacher’s Assistant. Abby is currently attending her senior year of high school at Wyandotte where she is a member of the school choir. Abby enjoys reading, singing, participating in plays and spending time with friends at Upward Bound in her spare time. We are very fortunate to have Abby on our team.

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department would like to welcome back Amy White. Amy previously worked as an after school teacher’s assistant while attending Wyandotte High School and is currently pursuing her degree at NEO A&M College. Amy will utilize her childcare experience and education as a full-time teacher’s assistant. She loves outdoor activities including hunting, fishing, and mud-mudding in her spare time. Her favorite times are spent with close family and friends. Welcome back Amy!

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department is very happy to welcome Brittany Simpson as an after school Teacher’s Assistant. We first welcomed Brittany as a summer youth employee and were fortunate to bring her on as a permanent employee. Brittany is currently attending her junior year of high school at Wyandotte where she participates in high school band playing the baritone saxophone. Brittany loves spending time with her family and friends and watching Tim Burton movies. We are excited to have Brittany on our team and wish her much luck in her position.

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department is very happy to welcome Cassandra White. Cassandra will serve in capacity of Early Childhood Teacher’s Assistant. Cassandra enjoys being a part of the education and development with children. She enjoys spending time with her family and friends especially her nieces and nephew. She also enjoys arts and crafts and likes to travel and explore. We are very fortunate to have Cassandra on our team and wish her much success in her new position.

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department is very happy to welcome Julie Hamilton as an Early Childhood Food Service Cook. Julie comes to us with over 6 years of food service experience and enjoys working with children. She enjoys singing, reading, and roller skating in her spare time. Julie also enjoys spending time with her family, attending church, going out to eat, shopping, and watching movies with her daughters Courtney and Candace. Some of her favorite times are spent with her granddaughter. We are very fortunate to have Julie on our team and her the best of luck in her position.

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department is very happy to welcome Lindsay Cooper. Lindsay will serve in the capacity of Early Childhood Teacher’s Assistant. Lindsay has three years of experience working with children and is excited for this new opportunity. She enjoys spending time with her family and attending her children’s ballgames and participating in Powder Wows with her daughter. We are very fortunate to have Lindsay on our team and wish her much success in her new position.

The Elder Services Department is very happy to welcome tribal member Neoma Roark. Neoma is a substitute on-call Food Service Team Member. Neoma in her spare time enjoys beading, reading, camping and traveling. She enjoys spending time with her spouse, grandchildren, and children. She is a current Senior Turtles Gift Shop Volunteer and enjoys spending time with the elders. We are very happy to have Neoma on our Title VI team.

The Bearskin Fitness Center is very happy to welcome Payton Rawlins. Payton will serve as the Fitness Center Youth Program Assistant. Payton is currently attending Crowder College. In his spare time he enjoys spending time with family, and watching sports. He also enjoys hunting, fishing and golfing. We are very fortunate to have Payton on our team and wish him much success in his new position.

**Family Services**

-- Submitted by Kate Randall, Family Services Director

The signs of fall are upon us in Northeastern Oklahoma Wyandotte Territory. For those of you that reside in other parts of the country, here are some of the things we enjoy the most. The humidity leaves, the trees are spectacular, walnuts and pecan season arrives, birds migrate, and everyone is happy that lawn mowing season is over! For locals, we enjoy our outdoor fire pits, our Oklahoma and Oklahoma State Rival football teams, our Wyandotte Bears sports teams from the Wyandotte Schools, and preparation for the holidays. This year’s Pow-Wow and cultural events were well attended. Tribal enrollment is up as well as annual meeting attendance. The beautiful weather and contest dancers at the Pow-Wow was the highlight of our year here at the Nation. Moving forward, family services staff have the following announcements to make for this next quarter.

The continuing programs are offered to all members in the four state area as of Oct. 1, 2015:

- Senior Citizen Winter Energy assistance;
- Elders Assistance; Hardship or Medical Vouchers; Children’ Winter Clothing; Extra School Expense/or Extra Curricular Activities Program;
- Junior/Senior High School Expense; Children’s child safety seats; Promoting Safe & Stable Families Initiative;
- Nationwide Programs from Family Services include Indian Child Welfare; Burial Assistance; New Enrollee Benefit (children enrolled before their first birthday); Other Nationwide Programs from the Tribe include Higher Education and the FMS Coresource “Benny Card.”

Please feel free to contact the family services staff with any questions regarding our tribal programs. The “back to school” program has expired until the fall of 2016. At this writing, the Wyandotte Nation is waiting to receive notice of funds from the federal government for the “LIHEAP” program. Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program. Please contact the family services staff in December regarding LIHEAP.

**Announcements:** On Saturday, Nov. 14, the Wyandotte Nation is hosting the “Fostering Inter-Tribal Traditions” Conference (see flyer, page 13). All 9 Ottawa County, Oklahoma Tribes are participating. There is a crucial need for foster and adoptive homes on a nationwide level.

**Grant Announcement:** The Wyandotte Nation received a Domestic Violence Grant in the amount of $233,945.00 from the Department of Justice/Office on Violence Against Women. The purpose of this 3 year grant is to provide victims’ advocacy, develop awareness and provide services for domestic abuse victims. This grant not only includes victims of domestic violence but also victims of dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking. We start “By Believing.”

Some of the outreach projects will include cultural gatherings for community and victims, a SK run, public...
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Dates to Remember

**Elder’s Assistance:** October 1 – September 30

**Senior Energy:** Winter: October 1 – March 1

**Senior Energy:** Summer: July 1 – September 30

**School Supplies:** July 1 – September 30

**Extracurricular Activities:** October 1 – September 30

**Jr./Sr. High School Assist:** October 1 – September 30

**Winter Clothing:** November 1 – March 1

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**Note:** All applications must be in our office or post marked on or before the last day of the program.

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Tribal Tags

Wyandotte Nation citizens who reside in the state of Oklahoma are eligible to title and register their motor vehicles with the Nation. Currently, the Nation is registering passenger vehicles, RV’s, travel trailers and motorcycles. Handicapped plates are available for those who meet the requirements and individuals must obtain a form from the Wyandotte Nation Tax Commission to submit to their physician for completion. Citizens may be asked to provide proof of residency to be eligible for this program. Appointments are suggested, but not required.

During a recent conference that was attended by the Tax Commission staff it was learned that the state of Florida is the only state that is not recognizing tribal licenses plates. Tribal citizens from other nations have had issues with their tags while visiting the state of Florida and the tribal governments have attempted to rectify this situation with the state, but to no avail. For now, tribal citizens need to be aware that if you are visiting the state of Florida, you may want to consider taking a rental car or at least be as prepared as you can be if you stopped for a traffic violation. If you have any questions regarding this issue or any tag related question please contact a member of the Tax Commission/Family Services Department.

Supplemental Health Benefit “Benny Card”

The Supplemental Health Benefit has been renewed for 2016. Over the past two years this program has paid out over 8 million dollars for health and medical expenses. This has been a great benefit for tribal citizens nationwide. Tribal citizens should receive quarterly statements from CoreSource with account balances or can be checked through the on-line portal. However, citizens can contact CoreSource or Family Services staff to obtain this information.

Funds can be used to pay for health care needs not met by insurance or if no insurance is available. As a reminder, the Benny card can’t be used for over the counter medications such as pain relievers and cold/flu remedies or insurance premiums. Your Benny card can be swiped at any facility that accepts MasterCard AND has an IRS approved inventory control system in place (most medical facilities and businesses with pharmacies such as Walmart, Walgreens, CVS, etc.). Citizens can also pay for medical expenses up front and submit a claim form to CoreSource along with receipts for reimbursement.

Citizens have until Feb. 28, 2016 to file claims for 2015 funds.

If you have questions about this benefit you can contact any of the Family Services staff or CoreSource directly at (800) 990-9058 x42086.

Planning/Development

-- Submitted by Ron Kaiser, Senior Advisor

There are two, Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) projects that are being implemented. These projects are funded in part by Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

The Culture Center project had been modified so re-advertisement for construction bids will yield pricing, within budget. The bid opening was on July 31, 2015. The project was awarded to Crossland Construction. Ground breaking began on Sept 11, 2015. Much of the site preparation has been accomplished; earth work for building pad, concrete footing has been poured and underground rough plumbing is in progress.

This project provides expansion to the Ardie Nesvold Community Center Title 6 Building to include an activity room that will function as safe room. The Carla Culver Education Center will have a new activity room function as “Gross Motor Skills” classroom and will be a FEMA compliant safe room. This project has been advertised for construction bids were also opened July 31, 2015. The July date did not receive 3 bids and has been rebid. The bids were opened and this project was also awarded to Crossland. This project is also underway with mobilization to begin Oct. 12.

We are working tribal properties for different projects; ranging for stocking fish in a pond on 230 track, protecting potential historic features, Brush-Hogging Several properties to maintain pasture quality, cleaning/ updating two houses that tribe recently purchased.

There are 3 pending Fee to Trust applications with the Miami agency, the Arrowhead Building, Heritage Acres, and Catherine Crotzer Tract 1.

Preparing a modified fee to trust application for Park City.

Goal for this fiscal year is to have 3 additional applications submitted.

Department Contacts:

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Housing

-- Submitted by Kathy DeWeese, Housing Director

It is hard to believe that summer is over. The Splashpad has been winterized and equipment stored. With a new season upon us, we are excited about changes coming to the park area. New equipment will be added to the park. A pavilion and a basketball court are also in the works. If the weather hold, this will be happening soon, and by next spring the park will be the most popular place in the Wyandotte community.

Down payment assistance is now being offered to qualifying tribal applicants. The applicant must be able to obtain a loan from an approved vendor and the home must be in Ottawa County. These funds are limited to the first ten qualifying applicants. All our applications are now online. Those include Rental/homeownership, home improvement, the down payment assistance, and well and septic. If you are interested in housing or any of the other programs, please send in your application with the proper attachments. Incomplete applications will be returned.

The Community Center is open daily from 8 am - 4:30 pm. Pool tables, ping pong table, and air hockey are available for use. The cost of renting the center is $50 for tribal member, and $75 for non-tribal, with a $25 cleaning deposit. The dates for 2016 are already beginning to fill. If you are interested in renting, contact the housing office. We look forward to hearing from you.

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

Environmental

-- Submitted by Christen Lee, Environmental Director

Happy Fall y’ll!!!
Wow, where has summer gone to?
On Aug. 8, Christen and Janice had a booth at the Wildcat Glades Audubon Water Festival and provided information about the importance of water quality and how it is affected thru out the watershed.

The third week of August found Christen traveling to the National Tribal Lands Forum in Minneapolis, MN. That was also the week of the Ottawa County Fair, and our department shared a booth space with various other tribes and the LEAD Agency. This gives the tribal Environmental Departments and LEAD Agency a chance to get environmental information and issues out to the surrounding communities.

On Friday, Aug. 21, Janice Wilson participated with a department booth at the Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma Water Festival.

Students from Wyandotte and Fairland, Oklahoma schools attended the festival and learned many issues dealing with water quality.

September is always busy starting with Cultural Week and the Powwow during the week of Sept. 8-13. Each year our department provides the food vendors at the powwow with hand washing and sanitizing packets.

Sept. 10, Janice Wilson attended the Spring River WRAPS Mtg. which is held on a monthly basis at Baxter Springs, KS.

The week of Sept. 14-17, our department held a tire and e-waste collection at the Lost Creek Recycle Center, with a total of 29 tires collected during this event, and trailer full of e-waste.

On the 16th, Kathleen Welch attended a Risk Assessment Training in Tahlequah, OK at the Cherokee Nation.

On the 17th we hosted our 4th Rain Barrel Education Class at the Bearskin Fitness Center Tornado shelter. We have had very good tribal and community participation at these classes, and we plan on having more come next spring.

On Sept. 21-23, Janice Wilson attended a Region 6 EPA Water Quality Training, hosted by the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah, Okla. The following week of Sept. 28 thru Oct. 1, found Kathleen Welch traveling to Oklahoma City for a HUD Environmental Review Training.

Sept. 29-30, Christen Lee, Janice Wilson and Jon Quick attended the 17th Annual Tar Creek Conference at Miami, Okla. The Tar Creek Conference addresses various environmental issues within Ottawa County, and has a wide variety of speakers and presenters.

On Tuesday the 29th, Janice Wilson gave a presentation on “The State of Tribal Water Quality,” and on Wednesday the 30th, Christen Lee gave a presentation on “Non-Point source and “The Rain Barrel Project.” If you have never attended one of the conferences, I highly recommend you attend the event next year.

Our department continues to monitor the local waters within the Wyandotte Nation jurisdiction on a monthly, quarterly and annual basis.

Services provided:
--Private Water Well Tests
--Septic Assessments
--Recycling Center

Meetings attended:
--TECO – Kathy
--Tar Creek Conference Planning Meetings – Christen

Department Contacts
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Kathleen Welch – 918-678-6335
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Lost Creek Recycle Center – 918-678-4001
Scott Mills – 918-678-6386
Elder Services

--Submitted by Brenda House, Elder Services Director

It was so good to see everyone again at the Cultural Events. I hope everyone enjoyed the “Hog Fry” lunch after the Annual Meeting. That will be a nice relief from construction. They should be complete by January. It will be a nice relief that we will have somewhere safe and close to go. We can also use these rooms for meetings, exercise classes and games.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held Nov. 19, 2015. We will have our usual traditional turkey and dressing with all the sides. It will be once again a sit down dinner with staff and volunteers serving the Elders.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner will be held Dec. 17, 2015. We will have brisket and all the sides. This will also be a sit down dinner with staff and volunteers serving the Elders. We will have homemade candy and goodies for all participants.

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

Caregiver

The Caregiver Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month in the Education/Environmental conference room at 10:30 am. It is open to all Caregivers. Please contact Brenda for information. As always it is a pleasure serving the Wyandotte Nation Tribal Citizens. Please feel free to call or come by and visit us anytime.

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Menu, (918) 678-6326

Education

--Submitted by Tammy Charles, Education Director

The 2015-2016 Wyandotte Nation Preschool year began Aug. 20, 2015. We have five classrooms with 95 students enrolled in our morning and afternoon programs. The fall season brings trips to the pumpkin patch and our first party for family and friends. The Preschool Thanksgiving Dinner is scheduled for Nov. 20 at Bearskin Fitness Gymnasium. We will be attending a Christmas play at Missouri Southern State University in December.

Smart boards were installed in each of the preschool classrooms prior to the school year beginning and the staff are utilizing them in a variety of ways to educate the children using technology. It is great to see the children recognize their name and move it to the correct location to “check in” for their class. The jump start on introducing technology is just another way the Wyandotte Nation Preschool helps prepare our students for the future. Currently, there are openings in the afternoon program if you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the office.

The child care and development fund program is entering a very exciting time as the federal plan is being revised and the needs of the grantee are being addressed on a new level. At the National Indian Child Care Association meeting, Loretta Combes was recognized for her work with the Wyandotte language in the early childhood program.

The tribal scholarship program welcomed several new recipients to the list for the fall semester of 2015 and beyond. We have students in undergraduate, masters, vocational and dual credit earning programs as they begin to develop skills for the future. The undergraduate scholarship is renewable for up to 8 semesters for a maximum of $2,250 based on enrolled hours. The master’s program is renewable for up to 4 semesters for $1,500.

Vocational funding varies based on student and program requirements. The assistance that is available for dual credit earning students will offset vocational supplies and college fees while still in high school. Please contact the office with questions or for documents. A reminder to all current recipients, to renew funding for subsequent semesters, you must submit an official or unofficial transcript.

The Tribal Library has started the year with story time and workshops for patrons. The iPad basics workshops were well attended. Coming events include stress reduction time during the noon hour and a promotion for “Rock the Mocs” week in November. An order of new materials will be completed soon. If you have items you would like for us to look into purchasing, please contact the staff.

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Workforce Investment Program is in the process of changing names to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act. The Wyandotte is pleased to announce that the name change doesn’t greatly impact the services we currently offer. If you are a Native American citizen from the Southeast Kansas or Southwest Missouri, you may be eligible for assistance with educational endeavors. The staff of the education program is eager to assist Tribal citizens with available resources in the areas of educational funding, child care and the tribal library. Please contact us if we can be of service to you.

Health

--Submitted by Kelly Friend, Director of Health Services

Dental Services

As of March 1, 2014, it became policy that all dental procedures were to be provided through Bearskin Healthcare contracted providers. By using a contracted provider of Bearskin Healthcare, this allows the patient to receive greater services for the amount of funding approved. Two funds are available through the clinic for these services.

The Wyandotte Nation govern-
2. Procedures and services must be completed by a Bearskin Contracted Provider. Failure to do so is subject to declination of payment for services rendered.

3. All treatments must be pre-authorized by Bearskin Healthcare. It is the patient’s responsibility to verify that treatment plans have been authorized, before treatment is rendered.

4. In the event an appointment must be cancelled or rescheduled, Bearskin Healthcare should be notified. Habitual failure to show for a scheduled appointment may result in revocation of dental services for one fiscal year. Habitual is defined as failure to call or attend three consecutive appointments. For all appointments, appointment date and time must be called in to dental benefit coordinator at Bearskin Healthcare at least 24 hours prior to the scheduled appointment. Failure to do so will result in declination of payment by our facility.

Services provided by Bearskin Healthcare run from the Fiscal Year cycle of Oct. 1 to Sept. 30. Services excluded are orthodontics, whitening’s and IV sedation.

The second fund available is for children and adult emergency dental, audiology and vision for both Eastern Shawnee and Wyandotte Nation citizens. All Wyandotte Nation and Eastern Shawnee tribal members, regardless of residence in the United States are eligible for emergency dental (if over the age of 18), children’s dental (under the age of 18), optometry and audiology services.

Requirements to utilize this benefit are:

1. Tribal members must be seen by a physician at Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center once every three years to maintain an updated medical record. If patient has not been seen in the clinic within the last three years, they will not be eligible for these benefits until appointment is completed. Information needed at visit includes: tribal membership card, insurance card (if available), social security card, driver’s license and medical history form.

2. All appointments must have prior authorization with the providing facility. Failure to do so is subject to declination of payment for services rendered.

3. All treatments must be pre-authorized by Bearskin Healthcare. It is the patient’s responsibility to verify that treatment plans have been authorized, before treatment is rendered.

4. In the event an appointment must be cancelled or rescheduled, Bearskin Healthcare should be notified. Habitual failure to show for a scheduled appointment may result in revocation of dental services for one fiscal year. Habitual is defined as failure to call or attend three consecutive appointments. This source, in addition to the previous, is only available as funding allows.

Emergency adult dental consists of a limited exam, limited x-ray, re- cement of crowns, extractions, partials and/or dentures and wisdom teeth removal only.

Again, it is the patient’s responsibility to contact the Health Services Technician or Purchased/Referred Care Coordinator and receive approval on each and every appointment or change in appointment initiated by the patient of provider for any contracted service. This includes Purchased/referred care (PRC), dental, optometry or audiology.

The guidelines are policies set at Bearskin Clinic to be able to continue to serve those outside our contract health services delivery area (CHSDA) as long as possible with selected services.

The mission of the government of the Wyandotte Nation is to improve the quality of life for all tribal citizens. This goal is continuously the focus of services provided by Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center and is reflected upon as decisions, policies and procedures are created and updated.

Legally, Bearskin Healthcare is only required to serve those within our CHSDA. This CHSDA consists of the 12 counties in Northeast Oklahoma. Historically and currently, serving outside the CHSDA has been based on the discretion and availability of funds by Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center. These services include: Adult Dental, Optometry, Audiology and preventative services.
### New Tribal Citizen Enrollment

- Adams, Ky’Aila Destiny Jade
- Adams, Ky’Vaunte Jevion Richard
- Almaraz, Adriannah Lezette
- Almaraz, Gabriella Angalee
- Almaraz, Mari Abelinamaria
- Anacker, Allie Marie
- Anacker, Emma Ann
- Anacker II, Rodney Martin
- Baker, Disrael Nichole
- Barkley, Ezekiel Bruce
- Bearskin, Zaydin Leoford Lloyd
- Bonds, Maliya Renee
- Bowline, Maverick Lane
- Breaux, Uriah Theali
- Bright, Johnathan Travis
- Brumbaugh, Jacob Matthew
- Bryant, Judith Ann
- Bryant, Shaun Patrick
- Bullock, Brylee Isabel
- Burton, Annabel Leigh
- Burwell, Jozelyn Jean
- Butler, Madison Leean
- Butcher, Tyler Wayne
- Butler, Alaynna Joy
- Campbell, Charisma Grace
- Chrestenson, Lyllyan Eve
- Connel, Elisabeth Marie
- Connel, Jacqulin Tess
- Connel, Trenton Jackson
- Conner, Charli Ann
- Conner, Mavalee Hazel
- Cook, Jonathan Michael
- Cox, Daisy Mae
- Croy, James Elliott
- Cuevas, Austin Michael
- Cunningham, Beau Augustus
- Cunningham, Kori Patrick
- Davis, Kiesha Kizzy Drushana
- Davis, Lorrie Christine
- Dees, Cabela Donice
- Deshayes, Connor Brady
- Donley Hurtack, Lillyan Rose Autumn
- Doty, Lincoln Caroline
- Drake, Mackenzie Ann-Marie
- Duley, Easton Michael
- Eckelt, Amber Dawn
- Eckelt, Lindsay Nicole
- Eckelt, Taylor Dawn
- Ediger, Zane Clayton-Dean
- Eggers, Maximillian Stewart
- Ekstrand, David William
- Ekstrand, Jacob Allen
- Falon, Malakhxy Christopher James
- Finney, Emery Joe
- Fites, Declan Dean
- Floe, Kastle Jena
- Foster, Raeann June
- Frey, Sterling David
- Fritts, Ashtyn Lorraine

- Fulbright, Aydrick Mcktyalin Edward
- Gallup, Adalyn Grace Louise
- Gallup, Eleanor Jane
- Gallup, Elijah Mark
- Garaey, Brantley Isaac Cade
- George-Decarlo, Kasen Jacob
- Grantham, Luci Leann
- Greenhow, Daemon Xander
- Grewe, Henry Tucker
- Grifin, Brandon Vaughn
- Griner, Riley Chase
- Guy, Briar Calton Ray
- Halvorson, Joshua Cade
- Hancock, Ava Marie
- Harmon, Ilill J Raymond
- Harmon, Lukas Charles
- Harmon, McKenzie Ruth
- Harper, Christian Michael
- Harrold, Tracy Ann
- Henson, Bentley Todd
- Hoeme, Theodore Jarrett Max
- Holcomb, Aiden Lynnon
- Holloway, Aiden Sebastian
- Holt, Jessica Danielle
- Holt, Nicholas Starlin
- Holt, Tamara Michelle
- Holt, Tonya Nicole
- Hooker, Evelyn June
- Hooker, Joseph Bearskin
- Hooker, Nathan Levi
- Howard, Nolan Marcus
- Howe, Carmen Diane
- Jackson, Kaili Alexis
- Jackson, Kamrynn Pajie
- Jackson, Oliver Duke
- Jackson, Tiana Diane
- James, Analyn Tane
- Johnson, Kambryn Hurst
- Johnson, Natalieh Brooklynn
- Johnston, Margo JoAnn
- Jones, Regan Marie
- Kilpatrick, Brandon Lee
- King, Chelsea Dawn
- King, Katelyn Renee
- King, Shawn Dale
- Kurtovic, Preston Noah
- Land, Riley Eva
- Land-Bagley, Raegan Mae
- Lawrence, Ericka Elaine
- Lenhart, Sarah Pauline
- Lewanski, Elaina Lee
- Ling, Arianna Victoria
- Ling, Isaiah Scott
- Long, Juliet Ashlynn
- Long, Noelie Zoe
- Maness, Christopher David
- Maness, Kyrie Aislinn
- Maness, William Eugene
- Mann, Kaileigh Diana
- Markwell, Emily Marie
- Martin, Justinn Christopher
- Martin, Rilynn Jo
- Mason, Taylor Jane
- Maughan, Aubrey Anne
- McDonald, Austinn William Harvey
- McIntosh, Mark Raymond
- McLaughlin, Silas Joe
- Mead, Madison Faith
- Mead, Savannah Hope
- Menci, Paisley Andrea-Elena
- Mendoza, Oliver Curtis
- Mertens, Sadie Lynn-Marie
- Miller, Lauren Ann
- Monroe, Jack Edward
- Monroe, Kathryn Marley
- Moore, Holley Sue
- Moore, Kadie Lynn
- Moores, Alden Scott
- Nesvold, Landrie Dawn
- Nguyen, Tyler Duy
- Norton, Lillyan Marie
- Norton, Mikal James
- Owens, Lilyanna Destiny Violet
- Palmer, Josiah Daniel
- Parnell, Austin Shane
- Parnell, Tiaorah Lynn Renea
- Pelletier, Shannen Paige
- Peretti, Maxxyn Benjamin Allen
- Peterson, Lindley Ann
- Piil, Connor Lloyd
- Pihl, Kaitlyn Charlene
- Plummer, Lexi Jayne
- Prescott, Jaxson John
- Proctor, John Louis
- Proctor, Nathian Charles
- Quist, Dakota Charles
- Rash, Cyrus James
- Rice, Jaehla Raelynn
- Rice, Kaylee Joy
- Rice, Reagan Nicole
- Richards, Aaron Scott
- Richards Il, Cory Ray
- Ritter, Calvin Sylvester
- Ritter, Chemey LeAnn
- Ritter, Sadie Dawn
- Robitaille, Destiny Jeanorva
- Robitaille, Dylan Jade
- Roe, Asher Grey
- Root Jr., Michael John
- Rozo, Hudson Lee
- Sanchez, Braxton Taylor
- Sanchez, Brayden Martin
- Sanchez, Elijah Alan
- Sanchez, Mason Joseph
- Schrick, Connor Michael
- Schrick, Evan Michael
- Scott, Lincoln Christopher
- Scott, Micah Laroc
- Seabase, Brandon Devoe
- Seabase, Kourtney Breann
- Shepherd, Easton Alan
- Sherry, Emma Grace
- Shockley, Cale Tucker
- Slack, Emma Marguerite
- Slayton, Kaia Jane
- Smith, Beckham Robert
- Smith, Destiny Dawn Leigh
- Somerville, Cheyenne Ray
- Sowater, Dominiq Zechhariah
- Spangler, Benjamin Kyle
- Stanich, Joshua Brent
- Stanich, Peyton Elizabeth
- Stanich, Terrence Brent
- Stevens, Landon Seth
- Stewart, Charles Embree
- Stewart, Cohen Embree
- Stewart, Courtney Louise
- Stewart, Emily Ann
- Stone, Teagan Saphira
- Sukstorf, Dash Ronald
- Taylor, Mason Stephen
- Terry, Maddison Ann
- Thomas, Leah Jane
- Thompson Jr., Shawn Michael
- Tipton, Logan Bennett
- Trease, Preslee Renee
- Turnbough, Kyaivn Allen
- Turnbough, Korum Louise
- Turner, Jake Benjamin
- Tyler, Morgan Elizabeth
- Tyler, Riley Matthew
- Van Dam, Johanna Norene
- Vaughn, Payson Christine
- Wadino, Bentley Dean
- Wadino, Jackie Dale
- Wadino, Joel Bradley
- Wadino, William Bradley
- Waldman, Blake Nichole
- Wallace, Wyatt Richard
- Warfield, Ezza Michael
- Waters, Jaelyn Everly
- Watts, Easton Allen
- Webb, Landon Bradley
- West, Kortnee Rebecca
- Wheeler, Melodee Saige
- White, Kaison Levi
- Whitley, Amanda Chantel
- Whitley, Asia Christine
- Whitley, Ethan Michael
- Wilmoth, Avery Maree
- Worthington, Carlee Ann
- Wright, Ishah Lee
- Wunsch, Edward Martin
- Yancey, James William
- Yancey, Jesse Ambrose Arigo
- Yancey, Sky Cynthia
- Yancey IV, William Lowndes

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