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From the Chief

Billy Friend

State of the Nation

NOTE: The following is the 'State of the Nation' address from this year's Annual Meeting.

Let me first thank you for allowing me to be your Chief for another four years. I can think of no greater honor or privilege than to serve the Wyandotte people. We will continue building our nation - together.

We have seen growth and progress this past year. We have seen growth in our business sector, as well as in the programs and services available to the Wyandotte people. While this is progress, there is more to achieve. A characteristic of a great nation is how it serves the needs of its people. We are all proud of what we have accomplished - together.

The journey of the Wyandottes never concludes. Each ending brings a new beginning. Our success cannot be measured in any single achievement. The success that we are experiencing today began in seeds planted long ago. It took many people along the way to make plans come to fruition. The seeds we plant today will supply the generations to come.

Throughout time, Wyandottes have always overcome. We have struggled, but we have triumphed. Many of the stories have become lost. Today we do not know all of the details of hardships that were endured. I do not say this so we can feel sorry for ourselves because we do not. I say this because we are proud. We are strong and each time a group or government has taken lands or privileges away from us, we have come back stronger and more prosperous than before.

Our mission statement is to "to improve the quality of life for all tribal citizens." When we first developed this statement, there were four key areas that we focused on: health, housing, education and economic development. Each area affects the other. Healthcare leads to healthier, more productive lives; housing provides safety, security and a sense of pride; education

opens the doors to new opportunities; economic development provides us with needed funds to reach these targets, improved communities and jobs. We have met many of the goals in each of these four areas and consequently have been able to be successful in many others that we have started anew. Meeting one goal only means we begin working on the next.

The work of the Wyandotte people is never done and our journey continues. Our businesses are important to the future of the Wyandotte Nation. Revenue from these enterprises provides the funding needed for tribal operations. Good use is being made of these funds. This money allows the funding of senior programs, Wyandotte-specific health programs, education scholarships, youth and family programs, housing programs and other beneficial purposes.

It is vital to our future that we continue to look for new opportunities to diversify our business interests. Our economic development team works diligently to look for new opportunities that will be profitable and provide quality jobs for our people.

We celebrate the Wyandotte Nation and the remarkable achievements that the tribe and its people have made. We are continuing to strive to improve all the services and affairs we are involved in. We should not rest until every Wyandotte has an opportunity for an education, until every elder is properly cared for, until every Wyandotte has a suitable place to live, until every able-bodied Wyandotte is employed, until our culture and traditions are once again thriving, until quality healthcare is available to every Wyandotte, until we have completed our vision for our Tribe.

When it comes to education, housing, health care, nutrition, family services and special needs programs, for our people we are continuing to design those things in such a way as to help people live better lives. I think all of us will agree that each generation

has the hope that its children will have it better. It is probably safe to say that the next generation, our children and our grandchildren right now, will indeed be able to avail themselves to more opportunities than we've had. Just as the challenges that we face have been different from those of our parents, so will the challenges of our children be different still. As have our parents at raising us, we must work to prepare our children for those challenges that will be unique for their generation. That is why we are working so hard to build the tribal economy to provide education opportunities, employment opportunities and to foster good health and safe living for all of us. If we are able to help the next generation provide for themselves, they will be free to work for goals and objectives which they will set for their next generation. Our challenges are many, but so are our opportunities. Wyandotte's people have never shied away from our problems. We have always been strong and independent, working together to overcome obstacles.

In closing, without the dedication of our ancestors and their sacrifices to make sure that the Wyandotte Nation continued to exist and to grow, we would likely not be meeting here today to review our accomplishments. Our ancestors put us on the road to being the great nation of people that we are today. We owe them a great debt of gratitude. Their foresight and desire to make the future better has enabled us to grow and to prosper. As we celebrate our remarkable achievements, let us also celebrate those who came before us and made it possible for me to report to you that the state of the Wyandotte Nation has never been better! Fellow Wyandotte's, the state of the Wyandotte Nation is strong. It will take us all, but we will continue building this great nation together.

God bless the Wyandotte people and God bless the Wyandotte Nation.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2017

ELDERS THANKSGIVING DINNER

**Nov.
17**



CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DEC.
9**



ELDERS CHRISTMAS DINNER

**DEC.
14**



2018

TOWN HALL MEETINGS: COLORADO & ARIZONA



**COLORADO
APRIL 28**

**ARIZONA
TBD**

GATHERING OF LITTLE TURTLES

**JUNE
22-24**



THE GATHERING

**SEPT.
5-7**



29TH ANNUAL POW-WOW

**SEPT.
7-9**



ANNUAL MEETING

**SEPT.
8**



ALL EVENTS IN WYANDOTTE, OKLA. UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

From the Second Chief | Norman Hildebrand, Jr.

Projects moving along at Nation



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I hope everyone is well and looking forward to fall weather, and the holidays that soon follow. At this moment it feels like fall here in Wyandotte, I can't wait until we get that first frost so I don't have to mow grass. I have been mowing since March and here it is the middle of October and still mowing grass, but there are some people that say global warming is a hoax – it makes you wonder doesn't it.

Anyway things here at the Wyandotte Nation are perking right along we have a waterline project and a small road and culvert rehab that we are trying to get to the point that we can put it out for bid. We expanded the park in Heritage Acres with more playground area, restrooms and another pavilion to accommodate increased activity there. My wife and I had the pleasure of attending the

"If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other."

--Mother Teresa

9th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors where they honored our own Wyandotte Nation citizen David Keffer at the Western Heritage and Cowboy Museum in Oklahoma City.

On Oct. 14, I traveled to Milwaukee for the National Congress of American Indian Annual Convention and Marketplace. This is an election year for NCAI and we will be voting on a new president and other positions for the executive board. I will be running for another two-year

term as alternate vice-president for the Eastern Oklahoma area and if elected I will term out after I fulfill the next two years.

If you didn't attend this year's Pow-Wow, you missed another good one, it seems like it gets bigger and bigger every year. I enjoy seeing all of our Wyandotte Nation Citizens out there dancing and enjoying great music and singing. Our own youth that dance in competition did very well this year so that is a good excuse to put our Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow on your schedule for next year.

Now for some history: This is about establishing the reservations in Upper Sandusky, Ohio. Following the war of 1812 with the defeat of the British and their associated Indian nations, the balance of power shifted, with the young United States exerting more influence in the Ohio

region. One of the first things the government did was to sign treaties with the established Indian nations.

On Sept. 29, 1817, the Treaty of Maumee Rapids was signed by eight nations, including the Wyandottes, who ceded lands south of Lake Erie and along the Sandusky and St. Mary's Rivers given to them as part of the Treaty of Greenville in 1795. Article Six of the new treaty provided that in exchange, the Wyandottes would receive "a tract of land twelve miles square at Upper Sandusky the center of which will be the place where Fort Ferree stands, and also a tract one mile square to be located where the chiefs direct on a cranberry swamp on Broken Sword creek, and to be held for use of the tribe."

Even though the Wyandottes sup-

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Second Chief

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ported the Americans during the war, they still were forced to give up nearly 4 million acres of land in exchange for roughly 150,000 acres. This must have been a crushing blow to a proud nation. Their great leader Chief Tarhe desired peace with their neighbors, so they accepted the treaty and soon settled on their new homeland.

The Grand Reserve---or the Fort Ferree Wyandotte Reservation, as it was later referred to---was established in the western half of Crawford County in 1818. It was centered at the young village of Upper Sandusky, which grew up around the old fort.

The treaty also established several additional tracts of land to chiefs and persons abducted and eventually welcomed into the nation.

One of these tracts was established along the northern edge of the primary reservation for Chief Horonu, also known as Cherokee Boy. It covered 640 acres along the Sandusky River.

Additional lands were given to the Wyandottes through the Treaty of St. Mary's on Sept. 17, 1818. This provided for an additional sixteen-thousand-acre square tract centered at Big Spring (present-day Springville in Seneca County) along "the road leading from Upper Sandusky to Fort Findlay," including Solomon's Town and the settlements along Blanchard's Fork.

The Delaware Nation also received a tract of land in present-day Wyandot County through the treaty of Maumee Rapids. It established a nine-mile square reservation attached to the southern edge of the Grand Reserve and included Captain Pipe's village. By this time, the town was being led by the son of Captain Pipe. His father was infamous for the torture and execution of Colonel Crawford. The Delawares resided on these lands until they ceded their reservation in 1829. This gives you an idea of how much land we lost in Ohio.

At this time I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season in the coming months. As always it is a pleasure to serve you as Second Chief of the Greatest Nation in the country the Wyandotte Nation.

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Annual Meeting



WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION
 (Above) Princess Emilee Wills signs The Lord's Prayer. (Right) Crowds gather for the election. (Below right) Chief Billy Friend and Second Chief Norman Hildebrand present the State of the Nation. (Below) Past Princesses.



Past Princesses were the Honored Persons for 2017 and were joined by outgoing Princess Emilee Wills and incoming Princess Sara Wright. Past Princesses included Amanda Butener, Maranda McCormick, Mollie Leek, Shelby Hobbs, Laura Johnson, and Cortney Chavez.



Town Halls to be held in Colorado, Arizona

In 2018 the Wyandotte Nation will hold two Town Hall meetings in Colorado and Arizona.

One of the two will be held in Aurora, Colo., April 28 at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Denver Stapleton, 4444 N. Havana St. (denverstapleton.embassysuites.com, (720) 587-5089). Watch the website and Facebook for more news about this meeting. Post cards will also be mailed to those who live in this area.

The other meeting will be held in Phoenix – date and location have yet to be determined. Additional information will be posted on our website, Facebook and mailed via post cards to those who live in the area.

In 2013 the Wyandotte Nation started a new tradition of hosting off-site Town Hall meetings to be able to make connections with tribal citizens/members who live away from the Tribal headquarters in Wyandotte, Okla.

At these meetings citizens were able to meet the Chief, Second Chief and key Wyandotte Nation staff, hear the state of the Tribe, and make connections with family members and other citizens who reside in their local areas.

We are expecting good 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.org.

Elected officials sworn in



COURTESY PHOTOS

(Above left) Catherine Hitchcock. (Above right) From left, Darlene Trimble, Billy Friend, Ramona Reid, Eric Lofland, Derald Clemons and Juanita McQuiston (front).

The Board of Directors was the only contested race in the 2017 election. Incumbents Ramona Reid, Juanita McQuiston and Eric Lofland beat out Janice Wilmoth to retain their spots on the board. Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend ran uncontested and was sworn in as Chief for another term. Catherine Hitchcock, Darlene Trimble and Derald Clemons were re-elected to the Grievance Committee in another uncontested race.

WNTPD hosts National Night Out

By **WILLIAM SWAIM**
WYANDOTTE NATION

The Wyandotte Nation Tribal/Municipal Police Department (WNTPD) hosted a Community Block Party as part of the annual "National Night Out" event Tuesday evening, Oct. 3 at the Bearskin Fitness Center in Wyandotte, Okla., after weather forced the move from Heritage Acres Park.

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, and prizes.

National Night Out is celebrated each year. The introduction of National Night Out, "America's Night Out Against Crime," began in 1984 as an effort to promote involvement in crime prevention activities, police-community partnerships, neighborhood camaraderie, and to send a message to criminals letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. That first year, 2.5 million Americans took part across 400 communities in 23 states.

Annually, communities across the United States join forces and celebrate National Night Out.



WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION
 The Wyandotte Nation Tribal Police Department's Community Block Party was a chance for the public to come out and visit with local law enforcement (pictured left). Rain forced the WNTPD to move the event to Bearskin Fitness Center (pictured above). Several vendors set up booths, including one providing children fingerprinting and kits (pictured below left). Plenty for games for all to enjoy (pictured below).



Grants awarded to Oklahoma tribes for public safety efforts

By **KIMBERLY BARKER**
JOPLIN GLOBE

Three regional Native American tribes will be strengthening their public health and safety initiatives after receiving recent grants.

The U.S. Department of Justice is distributing more than \$18 million in grants to Oklahoma tribal governments.

The Wyandotte Nation received \$200,189 through the department's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services for its public safety and community policing initiatives.

"We were very honored to re-

ceive this COPS award from the Department of Justice," Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend said. "It will better enable us to serve and protect not only the citizens of the Wyandotte Nation, but also the residents of Wyandotte and Ottawa County."

Chief of the Wyandotte Tribal & Municipal Police Department Ken Murphy said the grant will help the agency expand its growing community policing ideology. The department hosts several events catered for the community like the annual National Night Out event, community meetings and Shop With A Cop.

This will be the tribe's third consecutive year to receive the grant, according to Murphy. About \$31,000 will be designated for travel expenses and officer training.

The remaining amount will go toward purchasing updated equipment like new radar or traffic units, as well as upgrading its fleet vehicles.

Murphy said that the tribe has been fortunate in receiving Community Oriented Policing Services grants throughout the years, and this most recent grant will help fund two vehicles until the year 2020.

Purpose

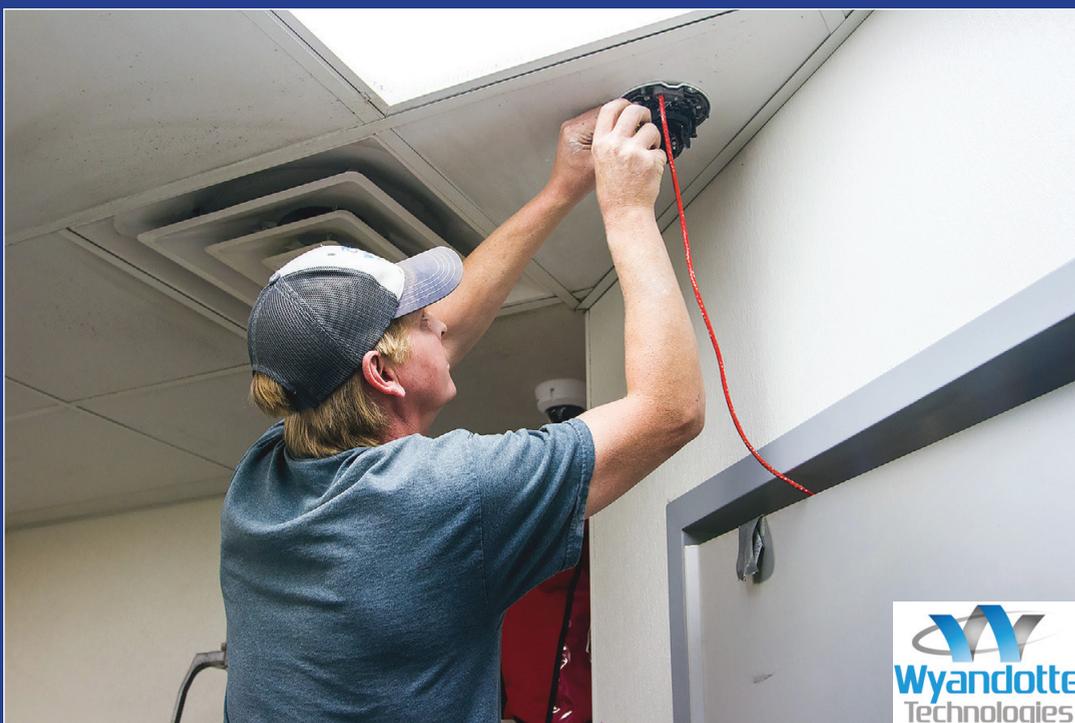
Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation grants through the Justice Department are designed to enhance law enforcement practices, expand victim services, and sustain crime prevention and intervention efforts. Awards cover nine areas: public safety and community policing, justice systems planning, alcohol and substance abuse, corrections and correctional alternatives, children's justice act partnerships, services for victims of crime, violence against women, juvenile justice, and tribal youth programs.

Passing the crown



WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION

(Above) Outgoing Wyandotte Nation Princess Emilee Wills passes the crown to Sara Wright during a special ceremony at the Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow. Wills has served as Princess for the past 5 years. (Top left) Wills gets a hug from Education Director Tammy Charles. (Bottom left) Wyandotte Chief Billy Friend talks to the Princesses during the ceremony.



Wyandotte Technologies provide security system update for recently renovated Turtle Stop in Wyandotte

WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION

Wyandotte Technologies were contracted to do the security update and improvement for the Wyandotte Turtle Stop during its recent renovation.

The Gathering: Bringing History Home

First 'Remembrance Walk' highlights cultural event activities

By DEBBIE DRY
CULTURE COMMITTEE

The 2017 "Gathering" was once again a success. Citizens came from all across the United States to take part. As in years past, we were honored to have participants from the Wyandot of Anderson Nation, the Wyandot of Kansas, the Wendake and representatives from River Raisin. This year's agenda included Dr. Wicks, Dr. John Steckley, Dr. Cox and Daniel Harrison. Once again, we felt a need to start on Wednesday morning instead of afternoon because of the enrollment number. This is a very good problem to have. We appreciate everyone that enrolled early to help us get a better idea of supplies needed.

Wednesday started with welcome and introductions. Following introductions, Dr. Wicks-Director Miami University Art Museum, Oxford, Ohio, gave a presentation on "Safeguarding Your Past: New Tools for Preserving Your Wyandot Heritage". Dr. Wicks discussed a database he is developing for Wyandotte Nation, to include stories, as well as pictures from the past. We hope to work with Dr. Wicks in the near future to make this accessible to everyone. After the presentation by Dr. Wicks, the Wyandotte Nation Family Violence Prevention Program provided a pizza lunch, and presented information on Family Violence Prevention, which included contact information. Following lunch, Dr. John Steckley taught Wandat language. The rest of the afternoon was spent learning different arts, such as; Flint Knapping (Jim Spears), Peyote Beading (Kim Garcia), Coil Pottery (Linda Blake) and Basket Making (Faye Trice).

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(Above) Led by the Wyandotte Nation Color Guard, tribal citizens took part in the 'Remembrance Walk' during The Gathering. The walk started at the Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center gym, proceeded down Turtle Drive, across Highway 60, and to the Wyandotte Cemetery. Those who took part remembered relatives by placing a flower on their graves before making the walk back to the gym.



WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION

(Top left) Dana Butterfield was recognized by the Culture Committee for her dedication. (Above) Young and old came together during The Gathering for the various activities. (Bottom left) Fun with basket weaving.



THE GATHERING

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Thursday morning started with welcome and introductions, followed by a trip to the Johnson and Wyandotte Cemeteries. At the Johnson Cemetery, Carolyn Cox talked about her memories of her grandmother, Ardie Nesvold. After leaving there, we traveled to the Wyandotte Cemetery, where Lloyd Divine spoke about John W. Greyeyes. Following the cemetery tour, we loaded up the bus and went to the River Bend Casino, where they provided a very nice lunch for us all. After lunch, Dr. Steckley taught another language class, followed by day two of the art instruction. We wrapped up the day with dinner at Title VI, and an informal presentation by Daniel Harrison, on the Wampum Belts.

Friday we started the morning at 7 with the Blessing of

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NATION
**There were
plenty of
crafts for
tribal citizens
to take part
in during The
Gathering, in-
cluding basket
weaving.**



the Pow-Wow Grounds by Chief Billy Friend. There was also a "Naming Ceremony", where several Wyandotte's received their Wyandotte name. Following the ceremony, we met at the Bearskin Gymnasium for the "Remembrance Walk". For those unable to walk the distance, a shuttle was provided. The walk started at the gym, proceeded down turtle drive, across High-

way 60, and to the Wyandotte Cemetery. We remembered our relatives by placing a flower on their graves, and then we started the walk back to the gym. Thank you Wyandotte Nation Police Department for the escort, and keeping us safe. Once back at the gym, the Turtle Tots Program provided breakfast for us, and Dr. Cox from Bearskin Health-care and Wellness Center spoke

to us about the issue of diabetes. Know Your Nation with Chief Friend followed breakfast. This year, Dana Butterfield was recognized for her outstanding dedication to Wyandotte Nation and the Culture Committee. Dana assists the Committee every year with the Gathering. Daniel Harrison, Historical Archaeologist from Wayne State University, gave a presentation on, Tarhe, "Mad" Anthony Wayne, and Wampum Diplomacy at the Treaty of Greenville, 1795. Lunch followed at Title VI, and then language moved to the Community Center, followed by social dancing with Shawn King.

This year the Gathering was bigger than ever. To fit everything in, next year we may have to plan to have a week of activities. Thank you to everyone that participated and made this year a success.



28th Annual Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow

The Wyandotte Nation held its 28th Annual Pow-Wow Friday through Sunday, Sept. 8-10. The Head Man Dancer at this year's Pow-Wow was Ricky Eaves, the Head Lady Dancer was Judy Fields and the Head Gourd Dancer was Dude Blalock. Yellow Hammer was once again Head Singer and the Northern Drum was Red Scout. The Arena Director was Sam Howell and the Head Judge Jay Blalock. The Honor Guard was the Wyandotte Nation's Honor Guard. Wyandotte Nation Princess Emilee Wills opened Friday evening with The Lord's Prayer before Grand Entry and passed the crown to Sara Wright Saturday, who signed The Lord's Prayer for Saturday and Sunday's grand entries. Wills has served as Princess the last five years.





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

Thanksgiving Pie Sale

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pie!

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All proceeds will go towards the Wyandotte Nation Youth Program, helping develop the leaders of tomorrow.

TRIBAL CITIZEN & COMMUNITY NEWS

My journey with diabetes

By **DAVE CULVER**

WYANDOTTE NATION
HONOR GUARD

I have been blessed with good health for most of my life. A kidney stone, broken arm and gunshot wound were my only major issues. I truly took my good health for granted. I had a physical examination and eye exam in December of 2016 and was told that I did not have any significant health issues.

In March of 2017, I noticed that I began to have dry mouth and was on a constant search for bathrooms. I went to a local Oklahoma City doctor and was called on March 17 and told I had full-blown diabetes with an A1C of 14 (insulin dependent level). It was a life altering diagnosis. My dad's mother, a full blood Choctaw/Chickasaw, died in a diabetic coma and other members of my family have suffered from the disease. I went to a local clinic and was given limited information and told to go to Walgreens and pick up a large bag of medicine and testing supplies. I felt overwhelmed and not sure where to turn. The turning point was when I was mowing my lawn a few days later and blacked out waking up on the floor.

As I live three hours from the Wyandotte Nation, I knew that driving there for care was not an option. I called Karen Duderstadt at the Bearskin Health Clinic, a longtime friend, and asked for advice. She recommended the OKC Indian Health Clinic. To say I was skeptical was to put it mildly. I had been a patient at other Indian Health and US Army facilities before and experienced less than impressive care. Heeding Karen's recommendation, I made an appointment and could not have been more wrong. Every person I met was helpful and demonstrated caring and genuine concern.



WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION
Wyandotte Nation Honor Guardsman Dave Culver brings in the flag during Grand Entry at the 28th Annual Wyandotte Nation Pow-Wow.

I began a five-week program called BRAID (being responsible American Indians with diabetes). It was a walk with others in the same situation. Upon the completion of the program, I was educated and informed as to how to fight the disease.

Since that diagnosis, I have lost 48 pounds and have modified my diet, adding exercise to my everyday routine. I ride exercise bikes most days but enjoy kayaking, as well. I have found peacefulness and calmness to be great weapons in my fight.

A few weeks ago, I received a letter stating my A1C was down to 5.2 and doing well. I owe the OKC Indian Clinic my health and it proves once again that the Wyandotte Nation, and its employees, care about all its citizens, even those who have to seek resources out of the area.

I recommend that you contact the Nation with your questions. They cannot be the answer to all problems, but can definitely help you with your journey.

I am proud to be a Wyandotte!



COURTESY PHOTO
Tribal citizen David Keffer (2nd from left) received recognition from AARP.

Sacred Vessel

By **DAVID KEFFER**

(NOTE: KEFFER RECEIVED RECOGNITION RECENTLY FROM THE AARP INDIAN ELDER HONORS FOR CARRYING OUR WYANDOTTE CULTURAL CRAFTING INTO OUR TRIBAL FUTURE. HE PREPARED A SPEECH IF GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY AND WANTED TO SHARE IT HERE)

Each of our children is a sacred vessel that we, as parents or elders, have a responsibility to fill with all that is needed to carry our culture into the future. Encourage, support and participate in all that is the essence of your rich tribal past and legacy. If we tribal adults find any aspect of our culture embarrassing, do or say anything to lessen the richness of our past we will fail them. Lead the way by example. Honor the ceremonies, share the history, learn what you do not know and pass it on to them. It is not enough just to tell them "you are Indian". We must nourish a pride in a personal history that offers them a unique identity few are able to claim. They come from a lineage of strong, resourceful and determined peoples who endured so much just to retain their way of life and sense of oneness.

You are the key which can unlock many doors of your culture for the children of your Nation. Research your history and traditions and pass on the knowledge to your children and grandchildren. Participate in their becoming Native. In doing so you also will become more of the Indian you never had the resources to become when you were young. You will be passing on a one of a kind identity and uniqueness to their individuality that today's social culture can never give them. We are a people that have a proud, rich and sometimes heartbreaking substance that will offer a wonderful fiber to the often-confusing mysteries of their everyday lives. They will become the incarnate of from whence we as a people come.

Your individual tribal websites have so much available to help you learn our history and pass it on to our children. As I was growing up my mother always reminded us that we were Wyandotte but she knew little else to give that statement any kind of real substance. My reconnection with who we are has come late in my life but I am determined to give all I can to help bring us as a Native Nation into the future stronger than we were yesterday.

Commit a little time here and there to dig into "from whence you come" as a Native Nation and share it with the children and their future.

Submit Your News: Submit a story idea or your latest news and photos. To submit, email William Swaim at wswaim@wtok.org. Or mail to: The Wyandotte Nation, 64700 E Hwy 60, Wyandotte, OK 74370, ATTN: TurtleTalk. We want to hear from you and give you a chance to share your news with other tribal citizens.

TRIBAL DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Human Resources

*Submitted by Deana Howard,
HR Director*

The Wyandotte Nation Education Department would like to welcome tribal citizen Amanda Hamilton as a full-time Teacher's Assistant in our new toddler class; Katy Stovall in new position as Education Specialist; tribal citizen Kaylee Arment as a part-time After-school Childcare Assistant; and tribal citizen Lynnea Cox as a part-time After-school Childcare Assistant.



Hamilton



Stovall



Arment



Cox

Kaylee Arment transferred from our Summer Youth Program and has experience in childcare. She is a senior in high school and enjoys cheerleading and beading. Kaylee also enjoys spending time with her friends in her spare time. She plans to enlist in the Air Force after graduation. Kaylee is a lifetime local resident of the Wyandotte area. We are happy to have Kaylee join our

Employees honored for years of service



WILLIAM SWAIM/WYANDOTTE NATION
Wyandotte Nation Chief Billy Friend and Second Chief Norman Hildebrand honored employees for their years of service Thursday, Aug. 31. The employees were presented with gifts and treated to cake. Those recognized for their service: Brenda House 30 years, Linda Coatney 25 years, Kelly Friend 15 years, Lisa Ramirez 15 years, Rachelle McCloud 15 years, Heather Douglas 10 years, Loretta Combes 10 years, Becki Burleson 10 years, Amy Dickert 5 years, and Steve Johnston 5 years.

team.

Lynnea Cox transferred from our Summer Youth Program and has childcare experience. Lynnea is in her first year of college at NEO and was a 2017 Wyandotte High School Graduate. Lynnea enjoys spending time with family and friends. We are very fortunate to have Lynnea on our team.

Family Services

*Submitted by Dana Butterfield,
Family Services Director*

I would like to give a heartfelt "thank you" to the Cultural Committee for choosing to honor me this year at The Gathering. It is a true honor to work for the Wyandotte

Nation and it is my privilege to be able to give back to the Tribe and the Wyandotte people by assisting the Cultural Committee to the best of my ability.

It was wonderful to see so many citizens here for The Gathering, Annual Meeting and Pow-Wow. These events continue to grow and get better each year. The Cultural Committee members put a great amount of time and effort into putting together The Gathering events and it shows in the quality of event. Sherri and the Pow-Wow Committee continue to do a great job hosting the best Pow-Wow in the area (of course that's my opinion). The Annual Meeting was attended by approximately 500 people this year and 194 new citizens were added to the roll (see the list of names on page 20). The events always coincide with the second Saturday in September so

now is a good time to start preparing for your future visit.

With the holiday season coming up there will be several days the offices are either closed, or short staffed, so please give us a call if you have questions, need assistance or are traveling to the office from a distance. In the remainder of this article you will find highlights of programs offered by the Family Services Department.

Also, be sure to visit the Wyandotte Nation website www.wyandotte-nation.org and follow the Wyandotte Nation Facebook page to stay up-to-date on events and program announcements that are posted in between issues of the newsletters.

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Upcoming Winter Programs:

Children's Christmas Party –

The party will be held Saturday, Dec. 9 from 10 am to 12 pm at the Bearskin Healthcare and Wellness Center gym. Doors will open at approximately 9:45, depending on the weather of the day. Each Wyandotte child ages birth to 12 will receive a gift from Santa and tribal parents who are present with their eligible children will receive a \$25 Walmart gift card (1 per household). Grandparents, aunts, uncles, siblings, etc. are all welcome to attend and enjoy cookies, punch and the joy of Christmas!

Winter Clothing – Begins Nov. 1 and ends Feb. 28 for pre-K (must be enrolled in a structured learning program) through grade 12. OK, MO, AR, KS residents. Reimbursement program or Walmart gift card for \$100 per student. Applications, along with guidelines, will be available on the home page of the Tribe's website. Please note there are separate applications for the gift card and reimbursement program. If you did not return your receipts for either School Supplies or last year's Winter Clothing gift cards, you will be required to use the reimbursement program this year. Please note that you must submit original receipts and applications this year. Receipts must be for clothing and winter apparel only (Coats, gloves, earmuffs, hats, scarves, pants, shirts, socks, underwear, pajamas and shoes/boots).

Senior Energy - \$100 assistance paid directly to the utility provider. Eligibility requirements; 55 or older, OK, MO, AR, KS resident. Program begins Oct. 1 and ends Feb. 28.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE ABOVE PROGRAMS MUST BE RECEIVED OR POST MARKED BY Feb. 28 TO BE ELIGIBLE AND BILLS/RECEIPTS MUST BE DATED BETWEEN Oct. 1, 2016 AND Feb. 28, 2017.

LIHEAP – LIHEAP is a grant program and if funding is received will be available beginning Dec. 1 for tribal citizen residing in Oklahoma. Program is income based.

The following programs that run throughout the year for residents in OK, MO, AR, KS. Applications must be received or post marked by Sept. 30, 2018:

Elders Assistance – One-time expense for \$250 for tribal elders aged 55 and over.

Extra-Expense/Extracurricular Activities – One-time payment of \$100 per student aged pre – K through 12th grade. When providing receipts please be sure there is a date included along with other pertinent information such as, payee and type of program (gymnastics, soccer, lunch fees, etc.).

Jr/Sr Benefit - \$250 benefit for expenses associated with the Junior and Senior years of High School. Receipts must include a date and payment information (who is being paid and for what specifically).

Fuel Assistance – Programs available for fuel assistance: Hardship – personal hardships, travel for work/job interviews, etc.; Medical – travel to/from doctor/dental appointments and pick up prescriptions; Major Medical – extreme medical issues (must be life threatening, terminal, etc. not chronic medical issues) that require multiple trips outside of the local area.

Other Programs provided by the Family Services Department:

Child Safety Seats - Each child is eligible for 3 seats in different sizes and can be picked up at the tribal office.

Promoting Safe & Stable Families/Indian Child Welfare – Program is funded through a federal grant from the Administration for Children and Families and is designed to help keep children in their homes with the family or ensure that if there is a need for removal that federal guidelines are adhered to and the best interest of the child is first and foremost. If your family is in a situation where the state is involved, please contact the Tribal Social Worker.

Enrollment – Aug. 15 is the deadline to be considered for enrollment at the 2018 Annual Meeting. Applications must be submitted along

with an original state certified birth certificate.

New Enrollee Benefit - If a child's application is received prior to their first birthday they will receive a \$100 Walmart gift card and a blanket with the Tribal Turtle.

Tribal Tags – Available for tribal citizens who reside in Oklahoma. Passenger, RV, Motorcycle and Handicap tags are available. Please call the office for prices and additional information.

Reminders for the Tag program

*Renewal notices are mailed as a courtesy by the 15th of the month prior to the expiration month. However, it is the tribal citizen's responsibility to be cognizant of the expiration date and renew in a timely manner.

*If you have moved please let the office know so we can keep your records up-to-date. It is also beneficial to notify the office if you no longer own a vehicle.

*Insurance Verification must be presented when getting new tags and for renewals. (except for RV's and Travel Trailers). Please have verification ready prior to coming into tag office.

*If you are purchasing a new/used vehicle, the Tribal Citizen's name must be on the Title at the time of assignment. Wyandotte Nation Tax Commission staff can not add or delete names.

*It is suggested that you carry a copy of your Membership/Citizenship Card in the vehicle, along with your insurance verification.

Supplemental Health Benefit

(Benny Card) – This program has been renewed and accounts will be re-loaded on Jan. 1, 2018. The benefits will be the same as previous years with a \$1,000 per year benefit for adult (18 and over) tribal citizens. Tribal citizens who have enrolled Wyandotte Nation dependents will receive an additional \$1,000 for a maximum of \$2,000 per account. Individuals who were voted into citizenship at the Annual Meeting will receive their account information in December and accounts will be active on Jan. 1, 2018.

Quarterly statements are mailed by CoreSource to show remaining balances, but account balances can be obtained at any time via www.mycourcesource.com or by calling 800-990-9058 ext. 42086. For smartphone users CoreSource also has a handy app available for quick access to balances. Family Services staff

can also answer questions about the program and provide balances, but may still need to refer you to CoreSource in some instances. There will be approximately 2,800 Benny cards expiring Dec. 31, 2017.

CoreSource will be mailing new cards which should be received in early December. The new cards will be blue in color so be sure to watch your mail for them.

Burial Assistance - \$1,500 to be paid to the funeral home or to the family representative if the funeral is paid in full.

Family Violence Prevention Program: Services are available for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking. If you are in need of these services please give our advocate a call or come to the office to see how we can help you.

Housing

Submitted by Kathy DeWeese, Housing Director

There are currently 103 units owned by the Housing Department. Of those, 47 units are homeowners, and the remainder are rental units. Two new senior duplexes will be added in the coming year.

All Housing applications are now online. Those include Rental/Homeownership, Home Improvement, Down Payment Assistance, and Well & Septic. If you are interested in housing or any of the other programs offered, please send in a completed application with all proper documentation. Incomplete applications will be returned.

The Community Center is open daily from 8 am - 4:30 pm. Pool tables, a ping pong table, air hockey, and a variety of board and card games are available for use. The cost of renting the center after hours and on weekends is \$50 for tribal citizens, and \$75 for non-tribal, with a \$25 cleaning deposit. Several dates have already been reserved.

If you are interested in renting the facility, please contact the housing office.

Department Staff:

*Kathy DeWeese- Housing Director
Valari Richards- Housing Specialist
Don Graham- Residential Maintenance Technician
Drew Lankford- Facilities Technician
Levi Griffin- Project Coordinator
Paul Parker- Project Coordinator*

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Education

**Submitted by Tammy Charles,
Education Director**

School is back in session, tribal citizens are involved in academic adventures, and it is our mission to be of assistance to you!

August brought the beginning of another year of preschool classes in the Carla Culver Education Center. The toddler program is off to a good start, and the staff and students are excited about all that is ahead! We are accepting applications for our programs on site. Contact any of the education staff for information or applications.

The Education Department is thrilled with the announcement that the Wyandotte Nation has been awarded another IMLS Enhancement Grant. We are making plans to begin implementation of the proposed programs in the coming weeks. Ms. Deb works diligently to promote the library and assist patrons. In the computer lab, a recent partnership with Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College has installed new computer terminals and we are excited about the potential for students to participate in online courses in our library.

The childcare subsidy program has openings to accept applications for families in need of assistance. Parents must be working or attending school to apply. You must reside within 100 miles of our tribal headquarters to apply. I am more than willing to help you locate assistance in your area with another grantee if you do not live in our "service area." If you are interested in more information, please contact the education staff.

A friendly reminder that to renew your scholarship from semester to semester, you must submit an official or unofficial transcript in its entirety. Our scholarship programs are a vital source of funding for you as you further your education or enhance your skill set. Undergraduate scholarship is \$2250 per semester for up to eight semesters if all requirements are met. The master's program can fund up to four semesters at \$1500. Higher volumes of vocational training applications are being sent out to tribal citizens. Vocational funding is based on length and intensity of the course and the fees associated. For high school students, we assist with college concurrent course expenses as well as AP exam fees.

The Workforce Innovation and

Opportunity Act continues to serve Native American citizens from the Southeast Kansas or Southwest Missouri area. Please contact the office to see if you may be eligible for assistance with educational endeavors.

The Education Department staff is available to assist tribal citizens with resources in the areas of educational funding, childcare and the tribal library. Please contact us if we can be of service to you. A new year will begin soon and if you are contemplating a change of career or beginning a new educational opportunity, please consider us a partner in the process!

Elder Services

**Submitted by Brenda House,
Elder Services Director**

We had a fantastic turnout for our Annual Picnic at the Park this year with 398 in attendance.

We will be hosting a free Medicare open enrollment Tuesday, Nov. 7, in

the Artie Nesvold Community Center dining room (Title VI) from 10 am – 2 pm. We will have trained Medicare Counselors from Grand Gateway Area Agency on Aging to help explain all of the plans and assist participants with their enrollment.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Dinner is Friday, Nov. 17. We will have turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. We will have volunteers to serve the lunch so our Elders do not have to stand in line.

Our Annual Christmas Dinner is Thursday, Dec. 14. We will have smoked brisket and sides. We will have volunteers to serve the Elders at this dinner as well. We are planning to have a visit from Santa. He will be handing out homemade cookies and candy, and we will be giving away a Lazy Boy recliner to a lucky ticket holder.

The Bearskin Health and Wellness Center provides free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings the third Thursday of each month beginning at 10:30 am in the Artie Nesvold Community Center dining room (Title VI).

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. Our meetings are in the safe room in the Artie Nesvold Community Center (Title VI) at 10:30 am. The group is open to all current and past 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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Environmental

**Submitted by Christen Lee,
Environmental & Planning Director**

Well with summer and the heat behind us, we look forward to fall and the cooler temperatures, and the changing colors of the foliage.

July kept us busy with monthly water sampling, private drinking water well sampling and working on the 319 Non-Point Source water project, which deals with the water runoff from the splash pad at Heritage Acres Park. The last week of

July, Janice Wilson and Kathy Welch attended various breakout sessions at the Inter-Tribal Environmental Conference in Catoosa, Okla.

Aside from our day-to-day duties, we attended various outreach education events. On Aug. 12, Christen Lee and Janice had a booth at the Audubon Water Festival, held at Wild Cat Glades near Joplin, Mo.

The following week of Aug. 14–18, a Tribal Lands Forum was held in Tulsa. As part of the Forum, a Tribal Recycle Center Tour/Field Trip took place. Our own Lost Creek Recycle Center, along with Red Cedar Recycling (Modoc) and Four Feathers Recycling (Eastern Shawnee) were showcased. Tribal citizens from various tribes throughout the United States took part in the tour



and learned about each center's recycling program.

Also on this day, Janice met up with another group at the Forum, for a Field Trip of In-Stream Monitoring and Community Engagement Strategies. During the month, we performed additional dirt work and planted various shrubs and plants at our 319 Non-Point Source Storm water project.

School is back in session and on Sept. 8, our department had a booth at the Lost Creek Water Festival that the Eastern Shawnee Environmental Department hosted.

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(Above) Water line project in tribal housing area near Seneca. (Below) Road project next to tribal casino.



Planning & Development

Submitted by Christen Lee, Environmental & Planning Director

The Planning and Environmental Departments have now merged and are now under the supervision of Christen Lee. Lee has been with the Wyandotte Nation almost 14 years as the Environmental Director and worked closely with Ron Kaiser during his time as the Planning and Development Director.

Lee has managed both the departments during the interim since Kaiser's retirement in March and it was decided that merging the departments would better serve the Nation for planning and environmental oversight purposes. This includes realty, property management, leases, Hunting and Fishing access, fee to trust, construction, environmental assessments, sanitary/kitchen inspections, water utilities, EPA programs and Natural Resource Damage Assessment work and Tribal Long Range Planning.

During this time the department has been very busy with property

management and real estate projects. In May the department purchased another house and a couple acres next to the Pow-Wow grounds. Another property that we manage is currently being updated with new plumbing and sewer lines and septic. The department currently manages a total of four houses and maintains approximately 500 acres of open property for leasing and other uses.

Hunting and Fishing season has been very busy this year with our department issuing access to our Tribal areas. Currently our properties are full for this fall/winter hunting season. For more information on this please contact the Tribal Wildlife and Hunting Commission.

The department is currently working on two construction projects. The first is widening County Rd 640 next to the casino property. This will include widening the turn off on Highway 60 giving big trucks the ability to pull in on that road to access the hotel and casino. Drainage work and new culverts are also included in this project. The second construction project is the water line project to our Tribal housing area near Seneca, Mo. This project has consisted of working with multiple agencies including the Modoc Tribe, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, BIA and the Rural Water District# 5. Both of these projects are in the Engineering and planning stages and should begin this fall with some dirt work.

Other Department projects include fee to trust property work, updating leases and planning for upcoming construction projects.

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More than 500 participants attended the event, including students from three area schools.

On Sept. 20, Christen and Kathy talked to the Turtle Tots Preschool Classes about the importance of recycling, and RENIE ROBOT made a special guest appearance.

As a part of our Education Outreach in our GAP and Water Grants, Christen teaches environmental education to a local Boy Scout Group. During September, one of the teaching sessions was a nature hike on the trails

at the Audubon Society Wild Cat Glades near Joplin, Mo.

Along with these outings and activities, we continue to perform our daily, weekly and monthly duties, sampling events, and meetings.

Meetings attended by staff:
ITEC, RTOC, NATURE, TECO, TCTC, TCTCIT and Spring River WRAPS

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Tribal Heritage

Submitted by Sherri Clemons, Tribal Heritage Director



Members of the Youth Group worked with Tribal Heritage to create a diorama.

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Health

*--Submitted by Kelly Friend,
Director of Health Services*

Now is the time to get your flu shot. According to the CDC, the best way to prevent seasonal flu is to be vaccinated every year. Bearskin Healthcare is ready to assist in protecting you and your family. The clinic has the vaccine available for those 6 months and older. Make your appointment today.

In addition, pneumonia vaccinations are available. Be sure to ask your provider if you are at risk.

Policy Updates

As of Oct. 1, 2017, all patients are required to be seen by a Bearskin Healthcare provider once every three years to be eligible for services. This includes dental, optometry and audiology services.

To establish a medical record at Bearskin Healthcare, the patient must present:

- Current ID such as Driver's License or Picture ID for adult patients
- Tribal Membership Card (Including infants after enrolled or a letter from tribal office until enrolled)
- Social Security Card
- Name Change documentation such as marriage license, court order, divorce papers
- Insurance card, if applicable

Children's Dental Services

A Bearskin contracted provider must provide all services, if the patient does not have primary insurance. If the patient has primary insurance and Bearskin Healthcare is considered secondary, the patient may see the provider of their choice, covered by their insurance plan.

If specialty care, such as an endodontist or oral surgeon, is required and the specialist is not contracted, payment will be made in full, provided that initial referral to specialist was made from a Bearskin contracted provider.

Adult Emergency Dental Services

All services must be provided by Bearskin contracted providers, if the patient does not have primary insurance. If the patient has primary insurance and Bearskin Healthcare is considered secondary, the patient may see the provider of their choice, covered by their insurance plan. Provider must agree to bill Bearskin directly.

Health Fair



WILLIAM SWAIM /
WYANDOTTE NATION
The Bearskin Healthcare & Wellness Center's 16th Annual Health Fair was held Friday, Oct. 20, and featured free health screenings, free flu shots, a fun walk, vendors, food, goodies, prizes and Special Guest Duke Mason.



If specialty care, such as an endodontist, is required, payment will be paid to the provider at the rate in which contracted rates apply. Any additional cost will be the responsibility of the patient.

Dental Services

Excluded services: orthodontics, whitening, IV sedation, conscious sedation and general anesthesia.

Important Notice: All services, appointments, treatments, surgeries, etc. REQUIRE prior authorization through Bearskin Healthcare before obtaining services. This includes follow-ups.

Optometry

Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years prior to appointment for service; Services must be provided by a Bearskin Contracted Provider; Must be authorized prior to visit by

Bearskin Clinic; AS FUNDING ALLOWS.

- \$175 for single vision – includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts
- \$225 for multi-focal vision – includes exam and one pair of glasses OR contacts
- \$50 towards fundoscopic exam for retinopathy - for participants in the Bearskin diabetic clinic only

Audiology

Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years prior to appointment for service; Services must be provided by a Bearskin Contracted Provider; Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Clinic; AS FUNDING ALLOWS.

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Cold vs. Flu: Know the Difference

Influenza, also called “the flu”, and the common cold, are both respiratory illnesses, but they are caused by different viruses with different symptoms. Use this chart to learn the difference between them. The term “stomach flu” is used to describe an illness with symptoms of diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting, but the “stomach flu” is not the same thing as influenza.

| Symptoms | Common Cold | Flu |
|--|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appearance of Symptoms • Fever • Chills • Headache • Muscle Aches and Pains • Feeling Tired and Weak • Cough • Stuffy Nose • Sneezing • Sore Throat • Chest Discomfort | <p>Symptoms appear gradually</p> <p>Uncommon</p> <p>Uncommon</p> <p>Uncommon</p> <p>Uncommon or mild</p> <p>Sometimes—usually mild</p> <p>Common—mild to moderate hacking</p> <p>Common</p> <p>Common</p> <p>Common</p> <p>Sometimes—can be mild to moderate</p> | <p>Symptoms appear suddenly—can appear within 3—6 hours</p> <p>Common—100 to 102°F or higher, lasting 3—4 days</p> <p>Common</p> <p>Common—can come on suddenly and be severe</p> <p>Common—can be severe</p> <p>Common—can be moderate to severe; can last for 2—3 weeks; extreme tiredness can occur suddenly</p> <p>Common—can become severe and last for several weeks</p> <p>Sometimes</p> <p>Sometimes</p> <p>Sometimes</p> <p>Common—can be severe</p> |
| Treatment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antihistamines • Decongestant • Pain reliever/fever reducer • Rest and plenty of water | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Antiviral medicines</u>—see a doctor as soon as possible • Antihistamines • Decongestant • Pain reliever/fever reducer • Rest and plenty of water |
| Prevention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use good hand hygiene • Avoid close contact with anyone who has a cold • Cover your cough and sneezes • Clean all surfaces touched by you and others often • Stay home when sick | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Annual vaccination</u> • Use good hand hygiene • Avoid close contact with anyone who has the flu • Cover your cough and sneezes • Clean all surfaces touched by you and others often • Stay home when sick • In certain situations, your doctor may prescribe antiviral medications to prevent you from getting the flu |
| Complications/Severity | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sinus congestion • Middle ear infection • Asthma • Usually does not cause severe health problems | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bronchitis • Pneumonia—can be life threatening • Sinus and ear infections • Sepsis • Secondary bacterial infections • Hospitalization can occur |

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- \$1000 per ear towards hearing aids
 - \$75 per hearing exam
- (Hearing aids will only be replaced every five years. If they are lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed before reaching the five year mark, it will be the tribal member's responsibility to replace these appliances.)

Pharmacy

Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare; Fills prescriptions written by Bearskin providers or providers that patients are referred to from Bearskin Healthcare.

Prescriptions from practitioners outside of Bearskin Healthcare are only filled if approved and re-written by a Bearskin Healthcare physician under his/her authority.

Wyandotte Adult Reserve Dental

Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years prior to appointment for service; Up to \$750 per year; Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Clinic; Services must be provided by a Bearskin contracted provider; AS FUNDING ALLOWS; Services excluded: orthodontics, whitening, IV sedation, conscious sedation and general anesthesia.

Wyandotte Adult Emergency Dental

Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years prior to appointment for service; Up to \$750 per year; Services must be provided by a Bearskin Contracted Provider Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Clinic; AS FUNDING ALLOWS; Services provided: Emergency adult dental consists of limited exam, limited x-ray, re-cement of crowns, extractions, partials and/or dentures and wisdom teeth removal, as approved as being necessary, only. Dentures and partials will only be replaced every five years. If they are lost, stolen, damaged, or destroyed before reaching the five year mark, it will be the tribal member's responsibility to replace these appliances.

Children's Dental

Must be seen by practitioner at Bearskin Healthcare once every three years prior to appointment for service; Must be authorized prior to visit by Bearskin Clinic; Services must be provided by a Bearskin Contracted Provider; AS FUNDING ALLOWS; Services excluded: orthodontics, whitening, IV sedation, conscious sedation and general anesthesia.

New Tribal Citizen Enrollment

Allen, Kennedy Shaye
 Anderson, Chantell Nancy Rose
 Angel, Gunner Wesson
 Aristo, Hayden Christian Thompson
 Arment, Keenon Lee
 Auerbach, Nathaniel Jack
 Ault, Jon Maclean
 Baker, Barret David
 Bardt, Rylen Paisley Marie
 Barnett, Luke David
 Barton, Knixon Lee
 Barton, Sawyer Lane
 Behrens, Margot Celeste
 Behrens, Rosalind McKenna
 Behrens, Uriah Luke
 Boggess, Kadance Sue Lee
 Bond, Hallie May
 Boswell, Gabriel Lee
 Boswell, Samuel D
 Botts, Darby Kayd
 Brady, James Townsend
 Brady, Joann Claire
 Brady, Kathleen James
 Brady, Simon Hayes
 Brioady, Anabell Malaya
 Brown, Seth Aaron
 Burrough, Elias Nathaniel
 Burrough, Zane Thomas
 Butcher, Colton Dean
 Butler, Beau Austin
 Cady-Cordova, Tashner Josephine
 Carlson, Carolyn Joyce
 Carter, Josephine Danielle
 Casarez Tyrrell, Xzavier Scott
 Clark, Leo David
 Connel, Kimberly Marie
 Cooper, Brendan Isiah
 Cooper, Ryan Kylar
 Covey, Heath Denver
 Cox, Keira Isabella
 Curtis, Amos Dean
 DeArmond, Chance Allen Wayne
 DeArmond, Sahara Kay Lynn
 Deffenbaugh, Anna Melissa
 Deffenbaugh, David Christopher
 Deffenbaugh, Luke David
 Deshayes, Kelsey Amber
 Donley Hurtack, Nora Mae Violet
 Winter
 Dunaway, Jase Jensen

Eads, Oaklee Wayne
 Ediger, Xander Samuel-Keith
 Edwards, Avree Renee
 Edwards, Michael Ray
 Edwards, Rachel Renee
 Eggers, Callie Ann
 Elliott, Ethan
 Elliott, Shaniah
 Fitzgerald, Madison Elizabeth
 Franco, Jakob James Manuel
 Franco, Joseph Donald
 Franco, Julia Madison
 Franco, Lukas Joseph
 Frey, Yancy Anastasia
 Gabriel, Levi Allen
 Garrity, Damian Sean
 Garrity, Summer Moon
 Garwood, Garrett David
 Gaylor, Maddox Clu Michael
 George, Kohlsen James
 Grantham, Laythyn Reid
 Gray, Jackson Scott
 Gray, Olivia Kaye
 Gutierrez, Grayson Taylor
 Hahn, Averie Jay Lynn
 Hamilton, Hendrix Kade
 Hancock, Cruze Alexander
 Handley, Landon Dean
 Hassan, Rory Nicholas
 Hilton, Alexandria Rose
 Hilton, Penny Kay
 Holeman, Charleigh Jo
 Holland, Arvin Joe
 Holland, Krista Leann
 Honl, Henry William
 Idleman, Blakely Jo
 Jackson, Mia Katon
 James, Brantley Brian
 James, Piper Lynn
 Johnson, Oliver David
 Jones, Quinn Harrison
 Jordan, Colson Daniel
 Jorgenson, Nathaniel John
 Kelley, Carson Kenneth
 Kellogg, Peter Richard
 Klass, Collette Elizabeth
 Kurtovic, Natalie James
 Lara, Chastity Michele
 Lemus, Penelope Noelle
 Lewis, Annabel Marie
 Lewis, Isaac Bryan

Lewis, Zane Grey
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 Lollis, Huxley Joe
 Long, Aurora Jane
 Long, Carter Shane
 Long, Craig Bradley
 Long, Holly Christine
 Long, Olivia Colleen
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 Martin, Christopher James
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 Moore, Nevaeh Rose
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 Weber, Shane Bryan
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