

# WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES

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## President's Report

Fall has arrived and we are transitioning into a new Fiscal Year. I hope everyone is enjoying the cooler weather. Things are moving along here at the Tribe.

As we move along, we ask that you remember all former tribal leaders in your prayers. There are a few that come to mind who, along with their families, could use your prayers. We have also lost several young tribal members over the last few months. Keep their families in your prayers. Often we all get wound up in the political atmosphere and we forget that we are all Wichita. Even if you can not directly trace another tribal member directly to your family, we all share a common bond in that we are members of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. Pray for each other.

The Wichita Executive Committee has continued to be very busy focusing on the FY-2013 Budgets. Even though it sounds like a single budget, it actually contains various components. We have completed many of the budgets needed to operate but we are still working on a few that we hope to complete over the next few weeks.

We have been moving forward since the elections on July 21, 2012 with a focus on the new fiscal year so that we have a better picture of where we are and where we want to go. I will touch on a few things that have been implemented and through future newsletters, I will discuss other things that we will be working on.

Always remember that there are

a lot of things that we know need to be addressed and we are working towards a goal to address those issues.

### Finance Office

One of the main things that we wanted to address prior to implementing new programs, applying for new grants or expanding services was the Finance Office. After much consideration, the Wichita Executive Committee has chosen to contract out our Finance Office to Finley & Cook. It was a hard decision but we all felt that we needed to take a different approach if we want different results. The Committee has been requesting specific reports that we would just not be able to get if the Tribe continued to function the same way that the Tribe had been functioning. We have been working on getting everything ironed out so that we could make the transition by the new fiscal year on October 1, 2012. We are still in the transition phase and it will take some time for leaders, staff and clients to get used to but within the next 90 days, we believe that we will see a significant benefit to contracting the Finance Office out. This will be a benefit to management, staff, clients and the Tribe as a whole.

Those of you who receive services on a regular basis should contact the program that assists you to see if there are changes in dates to submit your paperwork.

We had three employees working in the Finance Office. The Committee has chosen to move those staff  
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# Wichita History

## Wichita Migrations

This month we are publishing an excerpt of a paper authored by F. Todd Smith which was included in a memoir published by the Plains Anthropological Society in November, 2008. The memoir included several articles about the Wichita and was dedicated to the memory of Mr. Virgil Swift and Dr. Robert E. Bell for their efforts to explore and preserve Wichita heritage.

F. Todd Smith's paper, *Wichita Locations and Populations, 1719-1901*, traces the movement of Wichita people in a seemingly huge semicircle from the present boundary of Kansas and Oklahoma, south to central Texas and then ultimately northwest to south western Oklahoma and he estimates our population at 200,000 when contacted by the Coronado expedition in 1541 with most of them residing in the central Arkansas River Valley in present Kansas. To conclude his article, Dr. Smith writes:

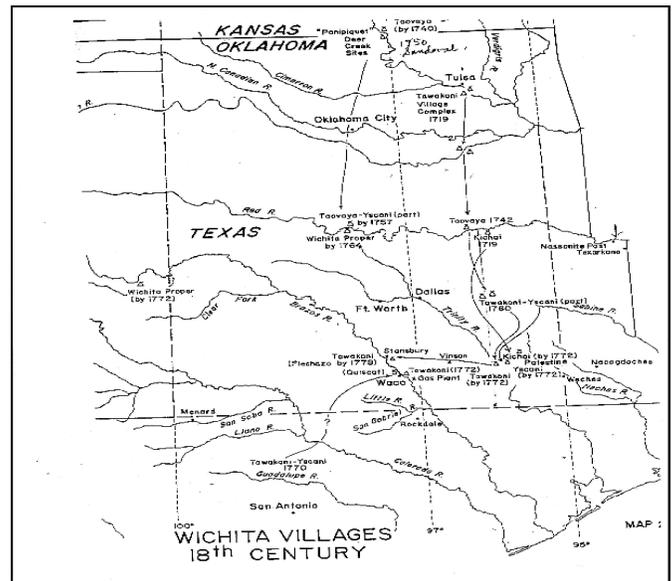
"In 1719, 20,000 people lived among the five groups that made up the tribe that would eventually be known as the Wichitas. Four tribes – the Tawakonis, Taovayas, Guichitas, and Iscanis – lived within 97 km of one another in three settlements located in the central Arkansas River Valley, while the Kichais resided on the south bank of the Red River in Texas. Beginning in the 1730s, all the Wichita groups began migrating southward and by about 1780 the 4,000 remaining tribesmen lived in three main settlements; the Taovayas on the Red River, the Kichais on the Trinity, and the Tawakonis on the Brazos. While the latter two tribes remained in the same general area for the next half-century, the Taovayas began a north westward migration in the second decade of the nineteenth century, its 1500 members eventually settling north of the Red River south western Oklahoma by the 1830s. Following various moves to the northwest beginning in 1830, in the 1840s the 700 surviving Kichais, Tawakonis, and Wacos – an offshoot of the Tawakonis – established a settlement on the Brazos River about 161 km south of

the Taovayas. In 1859, the 1,100 Wichitas of all four groups came together once and for all on lands the federal government set aside for them between the Washita and Canadian rivers in the Indian Territory. Although, they were temporarily driven from these lands during the civil war – during which their population dropped to about 700 members – the Wichitas returned in the late 1860s to establish farms on Sugar Creek within 24 km of its junction with the Washita River across from the town of Anadarko, Oklahoma. In 1901, only about 350 Wichitas (a 98 percent decline in population over two centuries) remained to go through the allotment process and the dissolution of their reservation."

If you would like to read the rest of F. Todd Smith's article and the other Wichita related articles in the memoir, you can order back issues of the *Plains Anthropologist* by writing to the Plains Anthropological Society, PMB #152, 3201 South Street, Lincoln, NE 68502-3266.

Smith, F. Todd, "Wichita Locations and Population, 1719-1901", *Plains Anthropological*, Vol. 53, No. 208, Memoir 40, 2008, p. 407. Ibid. pp. 413-414.

Note: The map of 18<sup>th</sup> century Wichita villages was produced by William W. Newcomb, Jr. in his unpublished study, *The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas*.



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into other areas. There were needs in Procurement and HR and so those employees were able to move into those areas that have been needing attention.

We understand that there was a lot of misinformation being put out about the whole transition to Finley & Cook. If you ever have questions, please contact me, the Tribal Administrator or one of the other tribal leaders who can answer your questions. The transition will take some time to get used to.

We are also working on contracting out our payroll services. This too is taking a little longer than we expected. Once it is in place then we will finally be able to be in the 21st century and offer our employees direct deposit.

Contracting out the Finance Office will require more funding to an extent. The payroll services are more than half the cost of having someone to do the payroll with the added benefit of direct deposit.

Please be patient with us over the next 90 days as we continue in this transition period.

## **Website & Newsletter**

Mr. Caruso has been getting some more bids for a complete overhaul on our website. We are hoping to see the bids for that in the upcoming week. Hopefully we will be able to offer up-to-date information. There are a lot of times there is information that needs to get out even between the monthly newsletters. We hope to integrate email updates so that in between newsletters you will be able to get up to date information emailed directly to you, if you choose.

The newsletter ran late this month due to the need to work on budgets, the new fiscal year and the changing over that took place with the Finance Office. There are a lot of details and paperwork that needed to be completed. We apologize for the newsletter being a few weeks late. We hope to stay on track in the future. There are improvements that can be made to the newsletter and we appreciate your input.

## **Wichita Sports Commission**

The Wichita Sports Commission has been regulating fights at Sugar Creek Casino. On September 18, 2012, the Wichita Executive Committee amended the Wichita Sports Commission Act

to allow the Wichita Sports Commission to regulate fights in other jurisdictions. Of course, there are specific laws that they must adhere to in order to have the authority to do this. This does open doors for our Sports Commission to expand into other areas.

## **Sugar Creek Casino**

For many of you that visit Sugar Creek Casino often, you will find that the big fence behind the casino has been removed. We are now able to utilize that property for much needed parking. We continue to work on improvements to the casino.

You will also find job postings for Sugar Creek Casino in this newsletter. We offer employees transportation to Hinton from Anadarko through the shuttle. Right now the shuttle only runs at certain times so there are shifts that are not covered. The shuttle service allows us to promote employment for our tribal members who live in the areas between Anadarko and Hinton especially for those who don't have transportation but need to work.

## **Travel Plaza**

We ran into a few areas that needed some expertise and things that needed to be corrected in regards to the Travel Plaza. The Wichita Executive has hired Gerald Collins on a temporary basis to oversee the Travel Plaza construction. Mr. Collins has extensive experience in the ICDBG programs. He wrote the grants and completed the construction process for the Water Tower, Health Building, Social Services Building, the Restaurant Building, FDPIR and the Child Care Center. As you can see, he has a lot of experience in seeing the construction process through.

## **Tribal Social Services Program**

We will be addressing the issues that continue to come up with this program. If you have had issues with the program, we are trying to address those. We should have more information on the guidelines in the October edition of the newsletter at the end of month.

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## Outstanding Issues

There are many outstanding issues. We are aware of those issues and will continue to move forward in considering how we want to address them.

There are issues such as Blood Quantum, Absentee Voting, Revenue Allocation Plan and other issues that have been discussed and they are on our list of things to address. This does not mean that we guarantee that they will be passed, approved or will be implemented. These are big issues that you as a tribal member should have more information about so that you can make an informed decision in the future. As we move ahead over the next few months, we will provide more information on these issues. All we can do is plan and move forward.

Just for some additional information the absentee voting issue along with the conflict of interest and other issues were voted on in a referendum vote in 2003. They did not pass and only 105 voted in that election.

We are in our third month as a new Committee so please be patient. There is no way that we can address everything in three months. I hope everyone understands that there is a huge amount of issues that we deal with on a daily basis. We appreciate your patience and look forward to providing you with more information.

## Closing

We hope that each of you get something out of each edition of the newsletter. Just like any newspaper that you may read, there are certain things that each person looks at that interests them. We hope you enjoy this edition and future editions. Please keep us as leaders in your prayers and pray that we make the best decisions for our Tribe. May God bless each of you!

## Program Offered by IHS

### **IHS-DSFC Program can provide assistance to address water and wastewater needs at Indian Homes**

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) program provides water and wastewater facilities for individual Indian homes. The program is able to provide water and wastewater services to New and Like-New Indian homes (including mobile homes) and to existing Indian homes in need of water and sewer repairs. The SFC program is looking for all possible Indian homes in the area so that their needs may be evaluated.

To request an application for services you may contact the IHS OEH&E Field Office in Lawton via mail at Indian Health Service, OEH&E Lawton Field Office; 1515 N.E. Lawrie Tatum Road; Lawton, Ok 73507; via phone at 580-354-5661. Or you could always pick up an application in our office located at the Lawton Indian Hospital.

## **FREE COLLEGE TUITION Oklahoma's Promise (OHLAP)**

### *For further information*

You may contact your local high school academic counselor, our office, or:

Oklahoma's Promise  
Oklahoma State Regents for  
Higher Education

1.800.858.1840

Email: [okpromise@osrhe.edu](mailto:okpromise@osrhe.edu)

[www.okpromise.org](http://www.okpromise.org)

[newsletter@wichitatribe.com](mailto:newsletter@wichitatribe.com)

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# Tribal Youth-Our Future

## Youth Video Workshop

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes would like to thank Mary Linn, Native American Languages Associate Professor, for considering the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes as part of their Youth Video Workshop. They are utilizing our facilities as a classroom. We have 6 students that are participating along with others. The youth are learning how to make videos to document language. Hopefully, this will encourage our youth to pursue higher education in fields that will help document our language. Every year the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Language Program and Wichita Little Sisters perform at the Language Fair held in the spring at the Sam Noble Museum.

## Wichita Little Sisters

Wichita Little Sisters have been very busy recently. They are celebrating 20 years as an organization. They participated in the Wichita/Pawnee Visitation, the American Indian Exposition and the Wichita Annual Dance. They performed at the Anadarko Indian Health Center Rededication on September 21, 2012. They were invited by the Miami Area Chamber of Commerce to perform at the Miami NOW event on September 29, 2012 in Miami, Oklahoma. They also performed for the Breast Cancer Awareness Activities on October 12, 2012 for the Health Programs at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. The Wichita Little Sisters normally meet on Sundays at 2:00 p.m. If your child is interested in participating please contact Cassandra McAdams at (405) 638-1817.

## Chalk Art Contest

A 2012 Monster Chalk Art Contest was recently held in Anadarko with eight schools and 155 students participating from the Caddo County area.

Sylvester Luther (Wichita) and Edy Perez, represented Anadarko Middle School with the Native American Man and placed 1st in the Junior High School Division.

BreeAnn Luther, Cherica Eckiwaudah, Dariann Williams (Wichita) and Laci Unah represented the Anadarko High School with Gold Koi Fish and won Best of Show for all divisions.

Annissa Courtney (Wichita descendent) and Aide Cervantes won in the Junior High Division for Anadarko Middle School.



**Khloe Alexandra Courtney**  
**Born 06/13/2012**

Congratulations to Courtney and Chase Courtney on their new arrival, Khloe Alexnadra Courtney born on June 13, 2012. Her grandparents are Alfred and Charlene Harris, Keith and Alicia Courtney, and Linda Love. Her maternal great grandmother is Grace Fields. Her paternal great grandparents are Shelby and Robert Jarboe.



Native American Man



Gold Koi Fish

# Anadarko Industries

## Anadarko Industries LLC

Submitted by Tom Short, President/CEO

In my first newsletter article I expressed my opinion about the importance of hiring people that have experience in the business you plan to pursue. My objective in this issue of the newsletter is to identify another important ingredient necessary for achieving success. The first thing that comes to mind is financing.

This notion leads to a question that I expected someone to ask, which is as follows: Why did the tribe decide to form a partnership in order to start a business? No one asked but it is a valid question, and it deserves an answer.

To begin with, I cannot think of any new business that DOES NOT need money in order to get started. The normal solution is to borrow money from relatives, friends, or a lending institution like a bank, or use your own financial resources if you are fortunate enough to have cash that is not being utilized.

If you want to borrow the money the lenders will want some sort of collateral or assurance that the borrower will be able to repay the loan. This could include confidence that the business will eventually be successful, and therefore able to repay the loan. This is directly related to my discussion in the first newsletter about the SBA looking for assurance that the company requesting an 8(a) certification will be successful. The SBA was established by the government specifically to help small business but they still also want to minimize the risk that the company might fail. In a way, the SBA regards approval of the 8(a) certification as an investment in the company. The SBA may also agree to be a guarantor on loans made to the small business by banks. However, the SBA will still want to minimize the risk and they will normally opt to for the lowest risk possible.

There are in fact some alternatives available for financing but they are hard to find, and they usually involve a reward for the investor that is taking the risk to underwrite the success of the company. This sort of financing will normally be based on a partnership arrangement. For example, instead of going to a non-participating lender for assistance (bank), and then assuming the entire risk for repay-

ing the loan, it is not unusual for the person(s) or organization that wants to start a business to look for a partner that can help provide the financial support. This sort of partnership will usually have an incentive other than just the repayment of the loan plus interest. One such incentive might be participation in the business, and if the business is successful, this will be a better and more profitable arrangement for the investor. If this same partner can provide other assistance that will further enhance the probability of success, in addition to deep pockets, so much the better for both partners.

Gary McAdams was the President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma when the partnership between the WTIDC and the Anadarko-Wichita Holdings (AWH) organization was formed. Under this partnership arrangement, the financing required to start the company was guaranteed by AWH. WTIDC received 51% ownership, and had zero risk if the business was unsuccessful.

It was agreed that the money borrowed to start the company would be paid from the proceeds of the company prior to paying any dividends to the owners. Per the same agreement, once the debt was retired, the profits would then be used to grow the company, and make distributions to both partners in the form of dividends. All distributions made to the partners since the inception of the company have been based on 51% to the tribe and 49% to the AWH.

Guess what? The banks are now more than happy to loan money to the company because the company is essentially debt free, and our success provides comfort that there is little or no risk involved with doing business with Anadarko Industries.

There are no restrictions in regard to how the dividends received by the WTIDC can be used. In my opinion, this has been a very good arrangement for both partners.

Note: These articles are being presented to educate those tribal members not familiar with Anadarko Industries, its concept and why the Tribe chose to pursue this type of business.

**Please visit the Anadarko Industries website at:  
[www.anadarko-industries.com](http://www.anadarko-industries.com)**

# Vacancy Announcements

## Cobell Settlement

A petition was filed on September 19, 2012. This was the last day to file a petition. The Obama administration and the Cobell plaintiffs are due to file a response by October 22. (This information was taken from [www.indianz.com](http://www.indianz.com).)

## Tribal Offices Closed

November 12, 2012 for Veterans Day  
November 22, 2012 for Thanksgiving  
November 23, 2012, for Wichita Day

## Teacher Position Advertisement

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes is now accepting applications for all Teacher Staff positions for the Wichita Child Development Center located in Anadarko, Oklahoma. To qualify as a candidate for the positions applicant must be at least 18 years of age. Must have a High School Diploma, GED. Must have or be willing to obtain CDA/CCP (within 18 months of hire). Preferably a BS AA in Early Childhood Development, Child Development Associate (CDA), Certified Childcare Professional (CCP) Must meet all state Child Care licensing requirements, accreditation criteria. Must possess a valid state driver's license and have no felony convictions or misdemeanor convictions for offenses relating to children. Must satisfactorily complete background check and drug testing. **Salary is** contingent upon education and experience.

Application/ resume, along with any Certifications may be submitted to Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Attn: Tribal Administrator, P.O. Box 729, Anadarko, Ok 73005 or Fax to 405-247-2430. **Position Application is on-going.** Indian Preference Applies.

## Sugar Creek Casino Casino Job Postings

Accounts Payable (Not a shuttle shift)  
Slot Attendant (Not a shuttle shift)  
Drop Team Supervisor (Not a shuttle shift)  
Drop Team Lead (Not as shuttle shift)  
Maintenance I  
Bartender (Not a shuttle shift)  
F&B Cashiers  
F&B Cooks  
F&B Dishwashers  
Cashier  
Security  
Part Time Event Staff

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Indian Preference Considered. Please apply at the Players Club or online at [sugarcreek.net](http://sugarcreek.net)

Applications may be faxed to (405) 542-2949 or mailed to Sugar Creek Casino 5304 N. Broadway, Hinton, OK 73047  
(As posted on October 8, 2012.)

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**\*\*RE-ADVERTISEMENT\*\*** The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has an opening in the Food Distribution Program for an Administrative Assistant/Outreach Worker. Individual will work under the direction of the FDPIR Program Director. Will be responsible for certification for the FDPIR Program, providing outreach services to needy Native American Families, also responsible for all clerical office duties such as typing, filing, and answering telephones. Must be a high school graduate or possess a GED, must be computer literate and have good communication skills, both verbal and written. A valid State of Oklahoma Driver's License is required and applicant must pass a drug screening test and a criminal background investigation. Applications/ Resumes may be addressed to: Wichita & Affiliated Tribes, Attn: Human Resources, P.O. Box 729, Anadarko, OK 73005. **Closing date is October 26, 2012 @ 5 p.m.** Indian Preference applies. Previous Applicants need not re-apply.

# Happy Halloween-Trail of Terror

Wichita Tribal Complex  
1.25 Miles North of Anadarko on Hwy 281  
October 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 31st  
8:00 pm to 12:00 a.m.  
\$3.00 per Body

WHO OR WHAT WILL YOU FIND IN THE WOODS??

For more information contact Beth at (405) 247-9677

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes is not responsible for accidents, injury or disappearing people.  
All proceeds will go towards the Wichita Employees Fund

## Juvenile Services Program



*Wichita & Affiliated Tribes  
Juvenile Services Program  
proudly presents*



**“TOGETHER WE CAN KNOCK OUT DRUGS!”**

October 18, 2012  
10:00am - 2:00pm  
Iscani Community Gym - Anadarko

Free tickets available at Wichita & Affiliated Tribes  
Family Services Building  
Open to the first 200 youth age 12-18 years  
(*must* have ticket to enter)

Lunch will be provided                      Free t-shirts  
Autograph & photo sessions with Comanche Boy!!  
For more info please call 405-247-8625 or 247-8620

# Commission Vacancy

## Commission Vacancy

The following Commission has one vacancy:

### **Wichita Gaming Commission**

If you are interested in serving on this Commission then please submit a cover letter, and resume, no later than October 31, 2012 to:

#### **Wichita and Affiliated Tribes**

**Attn: Secretary**

**P.O. Box 729**

**Anadarko, OK 73005**

**Fax: (405) 247-2430**

## Mental Health Program

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes  
Chemical Dependency/Mental Health Program  
P.O. Box 729  
Anadarko, OK 73005  
(405) 247-8650 Fax: (405) 247-7511

### ADDITIONAL SERVICES FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS

Our program has been providing services for the Adult tribal members; this will continue.

In addition, the program will now provide services for Tribal Youth, Children and Family members seeking help for Substance abuse, Prevention and childhood trauma.

We have educational videos for alcohol, drugs and addiction for adolescents. Also a wide variety of topics and informational pamphlets that can be picked up at our office located in the Health Programs Building at the Tribal complex.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to phone Linda Bruner, Counselor at (405) 247-8650 or Sanah Scott, program assistant at (405) 247-8659.

Submitted By:  
Linda Bruner, CADC, Counselor

## Diabetes Education

### **Special Diabetes Program**

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Special Diabetes Program is sponsoring Diabetes Education Classes. The classes will focus on:

- Essential Components of Diabetes Care
- Diabetes Self-Management
- Prevention

The classes will be held every Tuesday on the following dates from 11:30am-12:00pm (Lunch) and then 12:00pm-1:00pm (Class):

October 16, 2012

October 23, 2012

October 30, 2012

November 6, 2012

November 13, 2012

Meetings will be fun and informative with useful incentives.

Please contact Terri Anquoe/Coordinator at (405) 247-8656 or Chris Holder, SDPI & Fitness Assistant at (405) 247-8652 for more information.

# Special Diabetes Program

**WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES  
IN COLLABRATION WITH THE  
DELAWARE NATION AND  
ANADRKO IHS**

**Date: Oct 17th 18th 19th**

**Time: 17th 18th 1pm-4pm / 19th 9pm 3 pm**

## **FALL BREAK KIDS CAMP**

THE WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES SPECIAL DIABETES PROGRAM IN COLLABRATION WITH THE DELAWARE NATION SDPI PROGRAM AND ANDARKO IHS WILL BE HAVING A KIDS (AGES 8-14) DAY CAMP . FUN PHYSICAL FITNESS NATIVE GAMES AND DIABETES/NUTRITION CLASSES. THE CAMP WILL BE FROM 1PM-4PM OCT 17TH AND 18TH AND A FIELD TRIP TO THE COMANCHE NATION CHILDRENS SAFETY FAIR ON FRIDAY THE 19TH 9AM-3PM LUNCH PROVIDED. FIRST 12 KIDS TO REGISTER . HEALTHY SNACKS AND DRINKS WILL ALSO BE PROVIDED . PLEASE PRE REGISTER AT 405-247-2425 HEALTH PROGRAMS.



**WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES COMPLEX PARK  
LOCATED 1 1/4 MILES NORTH OF ANADARKO,OK**

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