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President's Report

I hope this newsletter finds everyone doing well. We are fast approaching a year since this Administration has been in office. We hope that all of you find positive changes occurring. There are a lot of things to do over the next month as we prepare for the Wichita/ Pawnee Visitation, Annual Meeting, Referendum Election and then end the summer with the Annual Dance. I will give a brief report and then you will find other information in the newsletter.

Referendum Election

As stated in the April 2013 newsletter, there will be a Referendum Election on Saturday, July 20, 2013. There are nine (9) proposed amendments.

Blood Quantum:

Why 1/32 instead of 1/16 or descendancy? We looked at 1/16 and that was a suggestion by many who were in support of it according to the Input & Feedback Forms received but it still left a need for blood consolidation wording in the Governing Resolution. 1/32 will still allow all of those enrolled under the blood consolidation to remain enrolled. Their blood reflects their true Wichita blood and the blood consolidation was only done for the purposes of computing eligibility. We also looked at descendancy but thought that may be too broad for now and would be something to consider later on in the future.

Why vote on the blood quantum now? In order for us to plan, we need to know what the future holds as far as our membership. The blood quantum issue keeps coming up and so it needs to be addressed so that we can better plan for our programs.

Will it pass? We don't know if it will pass or not. This is the tribal memberships chance to make a huge decision and history for our tribe whether it passes or not. We will either expand our membership and allow those who are Wichita to officially enroll in the Tribe as long as they possess 1/32 Wichita blood or the membership will vote to wait. More than likely if it affects your family you will vote in favor of it and if it doesn't then you will vote against it. One thing to consider before you vote is to look at your family. If your children, nieces or nephews are going to be parents in the next 10 years and their children will be ineligible for enrollment then you may want to consider that before casting your vote. The last amendment to the blood quantum was May 21, 1977 when it was lowered to 1/8 and the blood consolidation was implemented. That was 36 years ago. Prior to that the blood quantum was implemented at 1/4 on June 24, 1972. Regardless of how you vote this will be a huge election and you, as a tribal member, should plan to participate.

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President's Report Continued

Meetings

There have been requests for Quarterly Meetings. Why limit it to receiving reports and receiving input from tribal membership? Over the last few years, motions have been made and recognized for things that our entire membership should have had the opportunity to be able to have a voice in rather than a handful of people. The motions were things not on the agenda that can have a huge effect on our tribe. If it is a Council decision, then the entire Council should have the opportunity to have a voice.

Absentee Voting

As stated in the April 2013 Newsletter, there will be a Referendum Election to amend the Governing Resolution to allow for Absentee Voting. Election notices were mailed out June 19, 2013 to 1,327 individuals. There are 398 tribal members over 18 that have bad addresses on file. Please make sure you contact your relatives about the vote taking place and encourage them to update their addresses with the enrollment office. If this passes, the Committee will need time to get an Election Board and Procedures in place. There are 1,177 eligible voters living in state (Oklahoma) and 538 living out of state.

Remove of Officers

The title needs to be corrected and the removal of officers needs to be included in the Election Procedures to have more defined rules when removing an officer.

Duties of Officers

These amendments are mainly to clean up the document while we have the chance to do it with a possible huge turnout.

Qualifications of Officers

This amendment corrects the name of the Tribe and addresses conflict of interest for those working at the Tribe and serving as Elected Officials. There has been a lot of controversy over this in the past. Right now there is no prohibition by our Governing Resolution, which was passed by the General Council, for someone who works at the Tribe to also be an Elected Official. In the past several years, those elected into office were working at the Tribe and people who voted for them knew they were working there. Even if people felt there was a conflict there was nothing that prohibited anyone from doing so. If you want to make a change then it needs to be done in the Governing Resolution rather than trying to change it in policies and procedures for employees which was attempted.

Place of Meetings

This amendment cleans up some older language and allows for meetings of the Executive Committee to be held in other locations if necessary .

Quorum

Our membership has increased since the original 15 member requirement was approved on May 8, 1961. We didn't want the number too high where a meeting can never be held but felt it should at least double.

Amendments for 20 Members to 5%

There has been a 20 Member requirement to petition for Special Meetings, petition to remove officers, petition to make amendments to the Governing Resolution and petition to inspect records of the Secretary that have been in place since May 8, 1961. Off hand, I don't know what our membership was during that time, but the 20 member requirement has not increased as our membership has increased. We chose a modest 5% instead of just a flat number. The 5% will allow the number to petition to increase as the membership increases. How does that help the Tribe? Over the last several years and really throughout our Tribes history there have been petitions filed over and over that threatens the stability of the Tribe. Legitimate investors and businesses do not work with an unstable Tribe. If we want to maintain stability then we need to increase that number. Does that mean that if it is changed that our membership can't petition to call a meeting, petition to recall an elected official, etc.? No. It just means that a bigger representation of our Council must be included when petitioning.

Dance Building

We had a structural engineer to look at the dance building. It appears that it could be remodeled with limited use which would meet the needs of what we would be using it for. We will be looking at getting bids to have it remodeled. We still aren't sure on the plumbing and kitchen but we will move forward with getting bids.

Annual Meeting

I encourage everyone to come and listen to the reports at the Annual Meeting. This meeting will not be about arguing but working together. If you have questions then ask but ask in a good way. The Commission Chairs will be giving the reports for their Commissions.

Closing

I hope you all make efforts to come out and vote and participate in our Annual Meeting. God Bless each of you.

Wichita History

Wichita-Pawnee Visitation 1949

This month we are once again publishing an excerpt from the field notes of Karl Schmitt, an anthropologist/ archaeologist who spent several months during the years of 1948,1949 and 1950 among the Wichita collecting all manner of ethnographic information. The event which he writes about below happened on August 7,1949 when the Pawnees were camped at Camp Creek for the Wichita-Pawnee visitation.

August 7,1949: Butchering

In the morning somebody brought in a small reddish steer in a trailer. This turned out to be the "beef" which had been pledged the year before at Pawnee by Moses Caley. (the one pledged by Joe Warden had been slaughtered near Verden on the 6th and the meat brought to the Pawnees.) I asked how much a steer like that was worth --- was told that it cost $110 --- somebody later told me that Moses's white son-in-law had donated the steer to Moses. (Joe Warden had raised his himself).

The steer was taken to the edge of the woods north of the camps. It had a rope tied about its head and was tied to a tree. Houston Miller was sort of the boss --- he had a Pawnee boy trim some of the limbs from an oak tree --- the plan was to hang the steer over a limb some ten feet off the ground and butcher it while it hung. When everything was ready Houston had Mickey Akers and someone else wrap the rope once around the tree and then pull the steer 'til its head was up against the trunk of the tree. Then Houston took the blunt end of an axe and hit the steer on the back of the skull. He felled it but it still kicked quite a bit --- so he hit it on the skull 4 or 5 more times---- it still continued to kick with reflex action for several minutes more. Houston then took a sharp knife and cut a hole in the chest and either hit the heart or a big artery and the blood ran out like a brook. After a few minutes Micky and I grabbed the tail and dragged it over under a tree. Then they talked about hanging it over the limb --- decided that they didn't have a block and tackle to do the job and that maybe the limb wouldn't hold it anyway.

So, they decided to butcher it on the ground. Houston was boss. The steer was rolled on its back so that the feet stuck up in the air. Houston M., Moses Caley, and the part Walapi part white man who is married to a Pawnee did the butchering. Houston and the others each made a circular cut around a hock and then made vertical cuts down the inside of the leg. Houston finished one first and then made a long cut from just above the anus up to the neck of the steer and started separating the skin from the carcass -- still using a sharp knife. Then the "Walapi" and Moses finished with the legs and helped separate the hide. When they finished with the hide on one side they would roll the body over on the outstretched hide and continue dehiding on the other side. When the hide was all loose Houston cut up the midline from near the anus and the insides were taken out and placed in pans --- intestines, liver, stomache, etc. These were at once taken over to Micky's arbor for the women to get to work on. Then Houston took an axe and cut through the pelvis in the midline (after making circular cut with knife around neck he used axe to cut vertebrae --- and the head loose) --- then he cut the breastbone with the axe and then went down the midline cutting the vertebrae in two --- so that the carcass was in halves. Then the halves were quartered --- the hind quarters cut so that it seemed to have a couple of "floating ribs" attached --- the front quarters so that most of the ribs were attached. They cut "handles" by cutting in back of the big tendon on the hind quarters --- and between two of the ribs on the front quarters. The quarters were immediately carried by the boys (Pawnee and George Clay) to Micky's tent where the women took over the task of cutting the meat up for drying. It wasn't long before there were strips and thin slabs of meat drying on horizontal poles by all the Pawnee arbors.

There was considerable mild kidding between the people butchering and some of the spectators ----- I suspect that it would have amounted to much more if Iva (Note: Karl's wife) had not been there --- she was the only woman watching.

Houston complained about the axe --- he said it didn't work very good --- said it must be a Pawnee axe. The Pawnees said no , they thought it was a Wichita axe. Moses looked at me and then looked the axe over minutely , then said it looked like a Pawnee axe to him. George Lamb said to throw the axe down in the woods and then they would find out who it belonged to --- Houston said that he'd better be quiet, he might be the one who went after the axe.

Iva and I asked about the butchering technique --- was it Indian. The "Walapi", said no it was "white mans" way. Moses Caley then said it wasn't exactly white mans way

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Cultural Events

Arts and Crafts Contest

In conjunction with the 2013 Wichita Annual Dance

Arts Contest

Wichita Myth & Legend

Age Groups
18 yrs. and older
1st-$200, 2nd-$100, 3rd-$50
13—17 yrs.
1st-$100, 2nd-$75, 3rd-$50
12 yrs. and under
1st-$50, 2nd-$30, 3rd-$20

***Enrolled Wichita, Wichita descendants, and spouses of the same.**

DEADLINE: July 15, 2013

Crafts Contest

Craftwork must be of a traditional Indian item

Age Groups
18 yrs. and older
1st-$200, 2nd-$100, 3rd-$50
13—17 yrs.
1st-$100, 2nd-$75, 3rd-$50
12 yrs. and under
1st-$50, 2nd-$30, 3rd-$20

***Enrolled Wichita's and Wichita descendants only.**

DEADLINE: August 9, 2013

Sponsored by the Wichita Cultural Education Program.

Please contact Gary McAdams for rules/info

#(405) 247-2425 x 169

Note: Winning Art entries may be used on the Wichita Annual Dance T-Shirts & Program Books.

Wichita & Affiliated Tribes Health Programs

Spirit Walk
&
Spirit of the Wichita's 5k Run

Saturday, August 17, 2013
Wichita Tribal Park
7:00 AM to 10:00 AM

Registration Begins at 7:00 AM

Prayer & Welcome at 7:20 AM

Walk/Run starts at 7:45AM

Free Blood Pressure & Blood Sugar Screenings

Free T-Shirts while supplies last.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Place Medals for 5K in 4 age category; 0-12yr, 13-25yr, 26-49yr and 50yr & older.

Everyone Join Us for the 38th Annual Wichita Tribal Dance
August 15th thru 18th

Wichita History Continued
Wichita-Pawnee Visitation 1949

--- it was sort of half way between --- guessed it was Mexican.

(Note: It has been a long time since any butchering was done during the visitation, probably in the late 70's or early 80's. Still there is a familiarity in the joking around that goes on when Wichita and Pawnee men or women get together during the visitation. Though our lives have changed greatly from the time of our Grandfathers and we do not do things as well as they did; one feels an eerie closeness to them when you are engaged in carrying on their traditions. You can read more about the visitation and what life was like among the Wichita in the mid 20th century in the field notes of Karl Schmitt which are reposited at the Western History Museum, University of Oklahoma.)

Wichita-Pawnee Visitation Begins in July

The Wichita-Pawnee Visitation will begin on July 17, 2013. The encampment will be located at the Wichita Tribal Complex Campground-Danceground. For more information, you may contact Gary McAdams at (405)247-2425, Ext.169.

WCEP Schedules Atlatl/Bow and Arrow Workshop

The Wichita Cultural Education Program will be having a workshop on the use of the atlatl by the prehistoric people of Oklahoma. The workshop will be taught by Dr. Richard Drass from the University of Oklahoma. The workshop will also include a demonstration of the bow and arrow by Kenneth Stephenson. The workshop is open to enrolled Wichita and Wichita descendant youth ages 9 to 17. For more information you may contact Gary McAdams at (405)247-2425 Ext.169. (The date is pending sometime in July.)

Wichita Song Class

The Wichita Song Class instructed by Jimmy Reeder will be meeting at 6:30pm on July 2nd and 9th, 2013. The class will be held in the Portable Building at the Wichita Tribal Complex. For more information you may contact Gary McAdams at (405)247-2425 Ext.169.

Wichita Language Class

The Wichita Language Class instructed by Doris McLemore will be meeting at 1:30pm on June 30th and July 7th, 2013. The class will be held in the Portable Building at the Wichita Tribal Complex. For more information you may contact Gary McAdams at (405)247-2425 Ext.169.

What is a Revenue Allocation Plan?

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- A Revenue Allocation Plan is required by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA) and federal regulations for any tribe that plans to make individual distributions of gaming revenue.
- The Revenue Allocation Plan must be approved by the Department of Interior.
- If the Tribe is not planning to make a per capita payment, no Revenue Allocation Plan is required until the decision is made to make per capita distributions.

How Can Tribes Utilize Gaming Revenue?

- Tribal Government
- General welfare of the tribe or its members
- Promotion of Economic Development
- Donation to charitable organizations
- Operation of local government

How is a Revenue Allocation Plan Created?

- The Tribe must decide how it wants to allocate 100% of the gaming revenue.
- The Tribe must have a structure in place for administering the plan.
- The Plan must be developed and enacted as Tribal law.
- The Plan must be approved by the BIA.
- The BIA will review and determine whether the Plan preserves sufficient funds for the tribal government.
- The BIA will review and determine whether the Plan preserves sufficient funds for economic development.

What are other requirements for a Revenue Allocation Plan?

- The plan must be clear and detailed.
- The plan must protect the interest of minors who are entitled to receive a payment from the per capita distribution.
- The plan must detail how tribal members will be notified of any tax liability resulting from the per capita payment.
- The plan must provide a resolution for disputes.

Are Per Capita Payments Taxable?

- Yes, they are taxable.

Who Can Tax the Payments?

- Federal Government
- State (unless the individual resides on trust land within the reservation boundary.)

What Happens if Taxes Aren't Paid?

- The IRS may pursue the individual and/or Tribe.
- The State may pursue the individual and/or Tribe.
- Penalties may be imposed for non-payment, non-withholding, and/or non-reporting.

What Public Benefits are Affected?

- Section 8 and other housing programs
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
- Subsidized school meals
- Home energy bill assistance
- Family planning services
- College Financial Aid (i.e. Pell grants)
- All need-based government services count it as income

What Limits Does a Per Capita Payment Place on the Tribe?

- Limits ability to build a strong government
- Limits ability to grow
- Limits ability to maintain existing businesses
- Limits ability to diversify
- Limits the ability to help those with greatest needs such as children and elders
- Limits ability to reinvest in enterprises to grow
- Limits ability to maintain relationships with legitimate lenders and investors

Is There Anything Else to Consider?

- How do you handle minor and legally incompetent tribal member accounts?
- How do you handle incarcerated individual accounts?
- How do you handle deceased tribal member accounts?
- How do you handle issues with child support and garnishments?
- How do you handle a mechanism if someone wants to "opt out"?

What are the Benefits of Having a Revenue Allocation Plan?

- All tribal members receive a windfall per capita payment
- Provides a plan for the gaming revenue

Is Our Tribe Really Ready to Make a Per Capita Distribution?

- Depends on how you view the Tribe and the future of our people.

Wichita Housing Authority

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HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee Program
In FY 2012 the Authority staff worked on developing a program designed to meet the need of Wichita tribal families with incomes which precluded participation under the income restricted programs. In October 2012 the new program was advertised in the Anadarko Daily News and flyers were posted in tribal administrative buildings. The program and others administered by the WHA have also been mentioned in the Wichita tribal newsletter. WHA has completed the purchase of one home for an applicant that completed the process. Two applicants have initiated the process and have not completed documentation required. Further information is available at WHA offices.

Wichita Tribal Preference in Housing Programs
The Authority is a grant recipient of the Native American Housing and Self Determination Act's "Indian Housing Block Grant". NAHASDA disallows grant funds being restricted to tribal members only. The grant is specific to addressing the needs of American Indians and Alaskan Natives in tribal jurisdictional areas. Tribes in Oklahoma have been limited to funding formulas for specific areas yet tribes are allowed to define their area of service. Wichita Housing Authority has defined the State of Oklahoma as its service area, however federal funding is limited to the joint tribal area of the WCD Reserve and KCA reserve. The grant has two components which are "current assisted stock" and "need". WHA need component is insufficient to construct a single dwelling. The current assisted stock is a subsidy to 96 homes built prior to NAHASDA. WHA receives no funds from the Wichita Tribe directly.

In that restricted tribal service is forbidden, WHA uses a preference guide in offering assistance to eligible applicants. Number one priority of the Authority is enrolled Wichita tribal members. Second priority is Wichita descendants that are enrolled with other federally recognized tribes. Third priority is other Native Americans. No services are offered to non-Indian households as it is prohibited under NAHASDA. The Authority uses the same preference guide under its Low Income Housing Tax Credit projects yet a fourth preference level exists for non Indians due to the regulations of the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency and the U. S. Internal Revenue Service.

The Authority continues to exhaust its waiting list for preference by actually placing eligible families from preferences one and two that are connected to Wichita identity. These two preference levels must be exhausted prior to moving to serving non-tribal families.

Counseling/Evictions
Policies of the Authority are followed in seeking to keep non-compliant tenants or homebuyers in their units. Rents and payments must be made. Physical maintenance and upkeep responsibilities of occupants must be enforced. Breaches of the lease agreements are addressed to bring an occupant into compliance. When a lack of continued cooperation is encountered the Authority has no choice than to seek recovery of the premises. 95 % of the evictions started get settled where the occupant is allowed to remain in the home. The remaining 5% refused to meet their obligations to the Authority as defined in the lease. WHA strives to resolve all issues with its clientele positively.

Tribal Member Receives Home Through HUD Section 184 Program

Congratulations to enrolled tribal member, Jeanne Davilla, for being the first applicant to complete the HUD Section 184 process for the purchase of a home.

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Wichita Housing Authority encourages interested tribal members to apply and follow through with the whole process so that they too can have the opportunity to own a home through this program.

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes wishes Ms. Davilla and her family many blessings as they enjoy their new home. The Tribe would also like to thank Ms. Davilla for sharing the picture shown above of her home so that other tribal members can see what following through with the process can achieve.

Vacancy Announcements

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission Inspectors

The Wichita Tribe Sports Commission has immediate openings for both male and female inspectors for the boxing and MMA events at Sugar Creek Casino in Hinton, OK. Duties include monitoring fighters and seconds, both prefight and during the event to ensure the safety of the fighters and ensure strict adhesion to the rules and regulations set forth by the commission. No experience is necessary. All inspectors will obtain training and certification by the commission. Applicants must be available on Friday and Saturdays to be considered. Applicants must be willing to submit to a background investigation and drug test. Interested parties may obtain an application at the Administration Building at the Wichita Tribe Complex located 1 1/4 miles North of Anadarko on Hwy 281. Indian Preference applies. Closing date is July 31, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. however the Commission will continue to take applications for future events. If you have any questions, please call Commissioner Matt Roberson at 405-623-4191. Tribal Members are encouraged to apply.

WCDC JOB BANK APPLICATIONS

Wichita Child Development Center (WCDC) will be collecting applications for the center's job bank for on-call/substitute/ future positions:

- Teachers with Bachelors in Early Childhood
- Teachers with Associates in Early Childhood
- Teachers with CDA/CCP (or be willing to obtain within 18 months of hire)
- Teacher Assistants, willing to obtain required training/ certifications
- Cook with food handler's permit (or be willing to obtain within 1 month)

All positions must possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License and have adequate transportation. These positions require a successful background check and drug screening. Salary is contingent upon education and experience. Application acceptance is on-going. Indian Preference Applies.

Please submit cover letter and resume to:

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
ATTN: HUMAN RESOURCES
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005
Phone 405/247-2425 ~ Fax 405/247-2430

Communications Manager

The Wichita & Affiliated Tribes has an opening for a ***Communications Manager***. Individual will work under the direction of the Tribal Administrator and will oversee the day to day direction and strategic management of the Tribe's web presence and Tribal newsletter. **Duties:** Individual will be responsible for monitoring, developing and maintaining the Tribe's website, and will also be responsible for preparing the Tribal newsletter for production and distribution. Individual will prepare Tribal marketing materials including flyers, pamphlets, and other items intended for public distribution. **Qualifications:** Must possess a Bachelor's Degree in related field, preference will be given to candidates with a Master's Degree and/or experience in a digital agency environment; Preferred knowledge in various web design tools and software; Strong project management experience and high level of accuracy and attention to detail preferred. 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 July 12, 2013 @ 5 p.m.** Indian Preference applies.

Administrative Assistant/ Outreach Worker

The Wichita & 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 and will be responsible for certification of all eligible clients for the FDPIR Program and for the provision of outreach services to needy Native American Families residing within the designated areas of operation as defined in the State Plan of Operation. Individual will be responsible for all clerical office duties such as typing, filing, and answering telephones. Individual must be a high school graduate or possess a GED, must be computer literate, have good communication skills, and must possess basic math skills and problem solving capabilities. 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 July 10, 2013 @ 5 p.m.** Indian Preference applies.

Miscellaneous Information

Sugar Creek Casino
Casino Job Postings

Floor Manager
Security Officer
F&B Cashier

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Indian Preference Considered. Please apply at the Players Club or online at sugarcreek.net

Applications may be faxed to (405) 542-2949 or mailed to Sugar Creek Casino 5304 N. Broadway, Hinton, OK 73047
(As of June 24, 2013.)

Commissioner Vacancies

The following Commissions have one vacancy:

Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission
Wichita Housing Authority

If you are interested in serving on this Commission then please submit a cover letter, and resume, no later than July 31, 2013 to:

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Fax: (405) 247-2430

Pictures Needed!!!

The Wichita Annual Dance Committee is currently collecting pictures for the 2013 Wichita Annual Dance to be held August 15 – 18, 2013. If you have any pictures you would like to submit, you may bring them by the Wichita Food Distribution building to have them scanned or you may also email them to Beth.parker@wichitatribe.com.

For more information, please contact Beth Parker at 405/247-9677 or at the email address above.

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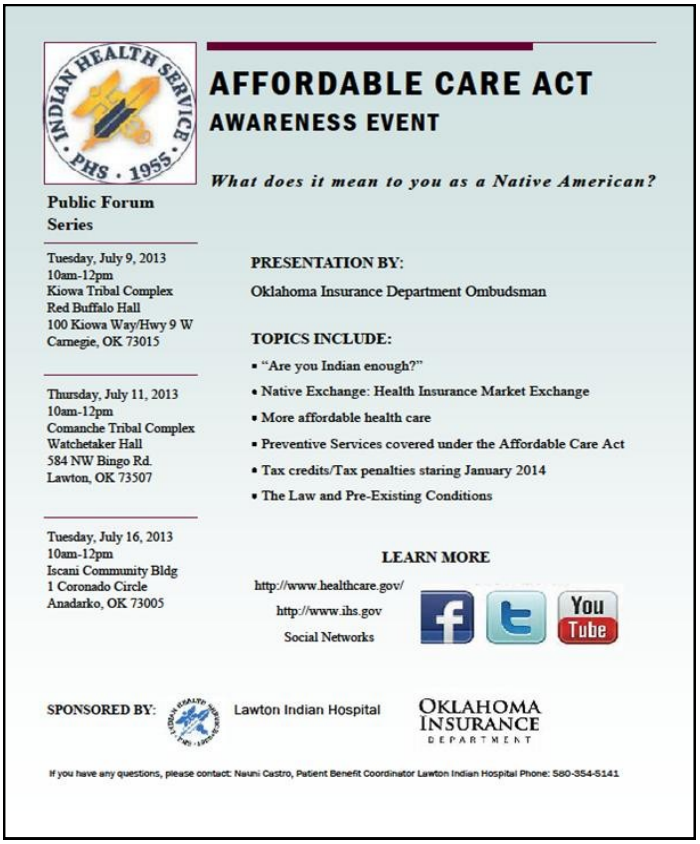
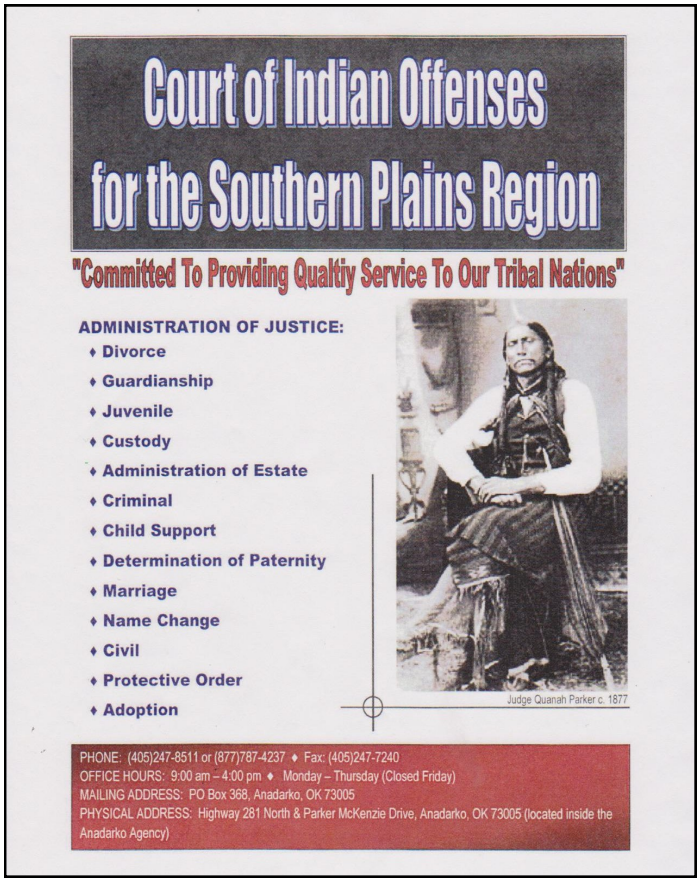




2013 Annual General Council Meeting Notice

MEETING NOTICE

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

2013 Annual General Council Meeting

Saturday, July 20, 2013

10:00 a.m.

Iscani Gym Located Behind Walmart

AGENDA

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Invocation**
3. **Minutes**
4. **Tribal Administrator Report**
5. **WTIDC Report**
   a.) CrossTimbers and Other Business
   b.) Wichita Industries-Jesse Jones, Chairman
   c.) Anadarko Industries-Kenn Hall for Tom Short, CEO
   d.) Wichita Tribal Enterprises-S. Robert White Jr., CEO
6. **Lunch**
7. **Wichita Housing Authority Report**
8. **Wichita Tax Commission Report**
9. **Wichita Tribe Sports Commission Report**
10. **Wichita Gaming Commission Report**
11. **Sugar Creek Casino Report**
12. **President's Report**
    a.) Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker
13. **Treasurer's Report**
    a.) Finley & Cook
    b.) FY-2013 Budget Report
    c.) FY-2014 Proposed Budget Information
14. **Other Business**
15. **Adjourn**

(Lunch will be served.)

Wichita's Doing Great!

Joshua Woosypitti Receives Award from NAJA

On June 26, 2013, the winners for the 2013 Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) were announced. NAJA celebrates members' achievements and recognizes media professionals. Enrolled Tribal member, Joshua Woosypitti received a media award from NAJA. Joshua placed second in the College-Best Feature Category and he received his award for "Watchman on America's Next Top Model". According to Joshua, this is his fourth award from NAJA.

Congratulations Joshua on your achievements!

Enrollment Office Seeking to Locate Tribal Elders

The Enrollment Office of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes is trying to locate the following individuals:

Cleve Ross	Michael Crismon
David Miller	Mitchel Crismon
David Zipprich	Phillip Arekeketa
De Loyce Crismon	Ralph Setzer
Delbert Setzer	Reba Holder
Don Zadoka	Robert Ashley
Dwayne Davis	Robert Hunt
Jodene Smith	Ronald Swift
John McIntosh	Russell Brim
Joyce Setzer	William Zipprich
Ladonna Quinlin	Yoeman Hendrix
Loretta Santeo	
Mark Haddon	

Please contact Juanita Moore, Tribal Government Services Specialist at (405) 247-2425 ext. 134.

Website Updates & Facebook Page

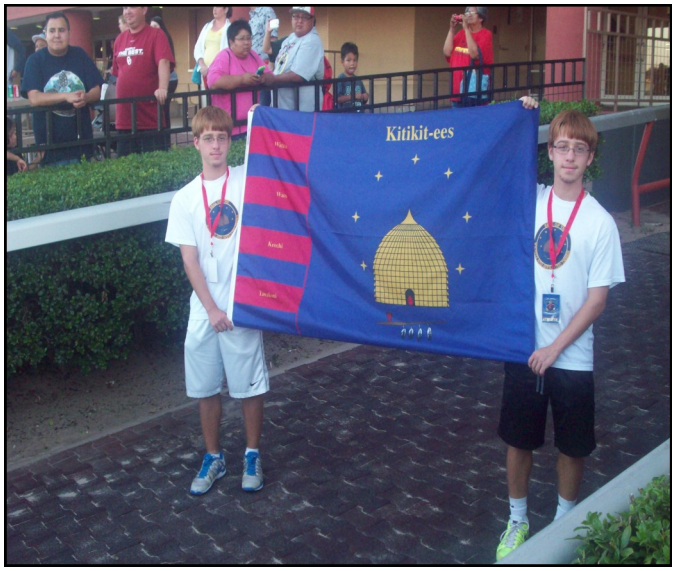
The new website is up and running. Please visit www.wichitatribe.com.

The Tribe also has a Facebook page. Search "Wichita and Affiliated Tribes". The Facebook page will have more up to date information than the website.

Ahshapanek Boys Carry in the Wichita Flag at the 2nd Annual Jim Thorpe Native American Games

Daniel Ahshapanek (left) and Andrew Ahshapanek carried in the Wichita Tribal Flag at the opening ceremonies of the 2nd annual Jim Thorpe Native American Games 2013. They represented the tribe in the sport of tennis.

We also understand that the boys met up with another Wichita young lady at the games and were able to take a picture with her.



Tribal Offices Closed

July 4, 2013, Independence Day
July 5, 2013, Administrative Day
Labor Day, September 2, 2013

Tribal Enrollment
As of 06/30/2013
2,661

Dates to Remember

3rd Annual American Indian Festival
Wichita, Kansas
July 13-14, 2013
Wichita/Pawnee Visitation
July 17, 2013
Annual General Council Meeting & Referendum Election
July 20, 2013
Wichita Annual Dance
August 15-18, 2013

Election Procedures for July 20, 2013 Election

ELECTION PROCEDURES (as amended)
WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES

SECTION 1-APPLICABILITY OF PROCEDURES:
These election procedures are applicable to all elections conducted by the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakonie) pursuant to Articles VII, and XI of the Wichita Governing Resolution. In case of disputes as to compliance with these procedures, substantial rather than complete compliance shall be deemed adequate. Copies of these procedures shall be distributed to any eligible voter requesting them.

SECTION 2-ELECTION NOTICES:
An election notice shall be mailed no less than 10 days before such election to all eligible voters with identifiable addresses. The notice shall contain a list of all candidates, the positions they're running for and information regarding the time and place of the election. In elections called pursuant to Article XI-Amendments, the notice and proposed amendments shall be mailed to Tribal members not less than 30 days before such election.

SECTION 3-FILING NOTICE:
Candidates must file their notice of candidacy with the Secretary of the Wichita Executive Committee 30 days prior to the date of any regular or special election. There will be a filing fee of $125.00 for candidates filing for the office of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and a $100.00 filing fee for those candidates filing for the office of Committee Member. These filing periods will apply to any filing period after July 12, 2004, the date of this amendment.***

SECTION 4-OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POLLS:
The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and remain open for 8 hours. The polls will close at 5:00 p.m. All eligible tribal voters shall register with the polling place officials in order to verify their membership and right to vote.

SECTION 5-POLLING PLACE:
The polling place shall be in the Conference Room of the Wichita Tribal Administration Building located north of Anadarko, Oklahoma. There shall be no loitering in or around the lobby area of the polling place while the polls are open ** or during the counting of the ballots.****

SECTION 6-POLLING PLACE OFFICIALS:
The officials who shall conduct the election shall be selected by the Wichita Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall select ~~three* two**~~ three individuals and one alternate to assist with the balloting and three individuals and one alternate to count the ballots.

A. It shall be the duty of the polling place workers who assist with balloting:
1. To count the blank ballots prior to the opening of the polls and to verify that the total of the number of ballots voted, plus the number of spoiled ballots, and the number of unused ballots equals the number of blank ballots available at the beginning of the balloting.
2. To see that the names of each person offering to vote is entitled to be on the official voters list of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.
3. To require that each member who votes to present a valid federal, state or Tribal photo identification (ID).*****
4. To deny to vote, any member who is intoxicated.******
5. To require that each member who votes signs his name beside the listing of his name on the official voters list.

Or

To require that each member who votes signs his name on the sheet provided and to assure that the listing of each member who votes is marked clearly on the official voters list with the word "voted". (Any voter who signs with an ""X" or a thumbprint shall have that mark initialed by two polling place officials.)

6. To issue one ballot ~~for each position, amendment or issue~~* to each eligible voter. (Should any voter spoil or mutilate his ballot(s) in his effort to vote, he/she shall fold it in such a manner that the polling officials cannot see how he had voted, and return with it to the table where ballots are being issued. Such voter shall then, in the presence of the polling officials, destroy the ballot. The polling officials shall make a record of such destruction and shall provide such voter with another ballot(s).
7. To see that the ballot is marked and deposited in the locked ballot box by the voter himself.
8. To assure that the ballot box remains locked at all times.
9. To assure that no person is allowed to electioneer within ~~20*~~ 50 feet of polling place.
10. To insure that there is no loitering in or around the lobby area of the polling place while the polls are open (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).**

B. It shall be the duty of the polling place worker who assists with the counting of ballots:
1. To count the ballots immediately after the closing of the polls.
2. To certify the election results.
3. To package the ballots, together with the unused ballots, the signed voter list and other records of the election and see that it is securely stored at the Anadarko Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs for a period of thirty (30) days.

SECTION 7-ASSISTANCE FOR INFIRM VOTERS:
When any voter presents himself for a ballot and states that he/she because of physical disability or infirmity is unable to mark his ballot, one of the polling place officials shall cause such voter to be sworn after the following:
"Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you are unable to mark and prepare your ballot for voting because of physical disability or infirmity?"
Should voter so qualify himself, it shall be the duty of two polling place officials to give the voter such assistance as he needs, but in all such instances the voter must without suggestions from such officials state the way he/she wishes to vote and in no instance shall an election official volunteer any suggestions to such voter as to how he should vote. Such assistance shall be given at the ballot box, and all voters, other than the election officers, shall be kept sufficiently distant so that they will not hear or know how such disabled voter voted. No ballots will be taken from the polling place for voting.

SECTION 8-ABSENTEE VOTING:
All persons desiring to vote in this election shall present themselves at the polling place during the hours of voting. No absentee voting will be permitted.

SECTION 9-COUNTING OF BALLOTS:
Immediately following the closing of the polls, the polling place officials who have assisted with the balloting shall deliver the locked ballot box to the three officials who are to count the ballots. The place designated for counting shall be the conference room of the Tribal Administration Building. Each of the candidates will be allowed to have a representative to serve as observer for the counting of ballots. Each candidate will provide written verification of their selected representative to the Secretary of the Executive Committee prior to the counting of the ballots. These representatives, the invited representatives of the Superintendent of the Anadarko Agency and the three counters and the alternate******* shall be the only persons present during the counting of the ballots.
The ballot box shall be opened in the presence of the above named persons (provided however, that if any of representatives are not present when the polls close the counting may begin without them). One counter shall lift the ballot from the ballot box, identify which position, amendment or issue it concerns and read the vote on that particular ballot. The other two counters shall tally the votes on tally sheets as they are being read. The counting shall proceed in this manner until all three counters agree on the number of votes received for each amendment or issue.
So long as the three counters agree that the clear intent of the voter can be discerned on the ballot, it shall be counted. If the mismarking is such that the counters cannot agree on the clear intent, the vote for that ballot shall not be counted. Whenever a ballot or any portion thereof is not counted, this fact shall be clearly marked on the face of the ballot with the reason indicated. This statement shall be initialed by the counters.

SECTION 10-CERTIFICATION AND ANNOUNCMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS:
Following the completion of the counting, the counters shall sign the tally sheets indicating their certification of the count and shall then make publicly known the results of the election and shall post these results on the door of the Wichita Tribal Office.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Election Procedures were approved by the Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes on September 9, 1992, with a vote of 4 for 0 against, with 0 abstentions. On July 10, 2000, the Executive Committee Amended Section 6, Section 6 A4, and Section 6 A7 by a vote of 4-0-0. On June 14, 2004, the Executive Committee amended Section 5, Section 6, and added Section 6 A8 by a vote of 5-0-0. On July 12, 2004, the Executive Committee amended Section 3 by a vote of 4-0-0. On July 30, 2004, the Executive Committee amended Section 5 by a vote of 5-0-0. On June 04, 2012, the Executive Committee added Section 6 A3 by a vote of 4-0-0 and Section 6 A4 by a vote of 3-0-0. On June 27, 2013, the Executive Committee amended Section 9 by a vote of 4-0-0.

Signed: Myles Stephenson, Secretary Signed: Terri Parton, President

*Amended on July 10, 2000
**Amended on June 14, 2004
***Amended on July 12, 2004
****Amended on July 30, 2004
*****Amended on June 04, 2012
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*******Amended on June 27, 2013

Owners Meeting & Travel Plaza Pictures

EDUCATION INCENTIVES

Enrolled Wichita Tribal Members

High School Incentive for 2013 Graduates

Submit: Application, High School Transcript, Diploma, & CDIB

Grade Incentive Award for 2013

Submit: Application, Final Official Report Card, & CDIB

Enrolled Wichita youth in the 6th-12th grades. Awards (Gift Cards) are given once at the end of the academic year.

Deadline: July 31, 2013

Grade	GPA
6th-8th grade	2.0+
9th-12th grade	2.5-2.99
9th-12th grade	3.0-3.99
9th-12th grade	4.0

College Incentive for 2013 Graduates

Submit: Application, Final Official Transcript, & Diploma for Associates Degree , Bachelors Degree , Master's, PhD

For an application or more info call the Education Office #(405) 247-8612. Funding is based on the FY-2013 yearly budget. Incentives are given while funds are available.

The pictures to the left are of the Wichita Travel Plaza.

Annual Owners Meeting Held

The Annual Owner's Meeting was held on June 15, 2013 in Oklahoma City. The Annual Owner's meeting brought together Anadarko Industries, Wichita Tribal Enterprises, the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission and Wichita Executive Committee Members. Those attending the meeting included: Terri Parton, President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes; Megan Williams, Manager of Wichita Tribal Enterprises; Kent Rose, Manager of Anadarko Industries; Katherine Cunningham, WTIDC; Jesse Jones, WTIDC/WEC; Tom Short, CEO of Anadarko Industries; Dru Nikirk, 49% Owner; Benjamin Hatfield, WTIDC Chairman; Shirley Davilla, Wichita Executive Committee Member; Karen Thompson, Wichita Executive Committee Member; Karen Rose, Manager of Anadarko Industries; S. Robert White, Jr. CEO of Wichita Tribal Enterprises/Treasurer and Gary McAdams, WTIDC.