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President's Report

The holidays are upon us again. I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving with your family and friends. We are continuing to make improvements and expand on our programs. There are a lot of things happening that will hopefully help push us forward in the new year.

New Positions & Job Creation
We are striving to create jobs. We have hired another transporter for the Health Programs. This position will help us meet a need for providing local transportation for those who need assistance getting to their doctors appointments. We have hired a Communications Manager that will be working on the newsletter, website and Facebook page along with other projects. A grant writer has been hired that will focus on bringing in more grant funds in the new year. We also have another maintenance position. We have separated the AoA and Food Distribution Programs. We are creating jobs but in the upcoming year we will be focusing on more job creation through grant programs.

Wichita Travel Plaza
The ribbon cutting ceremony was held on November 8, 2013. The Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission is overseeing the operations of the travel plaza. Over the last week, the travel plaza began serving chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits and other items.

Dance Building Update
The Wichita Executive Committee has selected a design build team for the renovations to the Dance Building. We will be meeting with them over the next few weeks to begin the process of going over the design and getting the contracts in place.

Fitness Center Extended Hours
Several tribal members asked for the fitness hours to be extended. Those hours were extended beginning November 4, 2013.

Sugar Creek Casino
Games are being changed out at the casino. We hope the new event center construction will begin before the new year.

Elder Services
We continue to strive to provide more services to our tribal elders and make those services available for elders no matter where they live. Elders are eligible for up to $300 twice per year through the TSSF Program for assistance with rent or electric. We have the AoA dinner coming up. Elders can get assistance with hearing aids, diabetic shoes, dentures, etc. All elders regardless of residency can get the gift cards for the hams at Christmas. If you are an elder and haven't utilized these services then please call the Tribe and we can explain those that are available to you.

Gift Shop
The Gift Shop has begun selling more items made by tribal members. We want to encourage the purchase of items made by our own people. We have items made by Grace Fields, Charlene Harris, George Wright Jr. and Joshua Woosypitti. These make great gifts for your Wichita relatives and others especially during the Christmas holidays. Please consider and remember these items as Christmas gifts and birthday gifts for your friends and family.

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President's Report Cont.

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Ms. Moore has also ordered some new items that should be here before Christmas including jackets, coffee mugs, mouse pads, small flags, pins and other items. Once the new items arrive, we hope to get those on the website.

Parking Lot

Our Transportation Program recently did a resurfacing and restriping job at the Tribal complex. We will be looking at putting up entrance signs to the complex. Mr. Prince has done a great job on the parking lot and also the travel plaza parking lot.

Commissioner Reports

You will find a summary of the Commission Reports in this newsletter. Quarterly narrative reports and financials were received from all Commissions except for the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission.

Anadarko Public Schools-Title VIII (Impact Aid)

The Anadarko Public Schools will be adopting the Indian Policies and Procedures which becomes a part of the school district's Title VIII Impact Aid Application. There will be a Board of Education meeting on December 9, 2013. I will be taking any comments that are submitted by tribal members to the school board that evening. The letter and policies are posted on the website at www.wichitatribe.com. You may email your comments to: terri.parton@wichitatribe.com. Unless otherwise noted, the comments I receive will be confidential as far as who submitted them but the information will be presented to the school board. I often hear a lot of complaints about the Impact Aid and I expect that there will be some comments. Please see page 4 for the current policies and an explanation of Impact Aid.

Cobell

How many are ready to get their Cobell payment? Don't count on it until you have it in your hand. I had a tribal member in my office asking about it one morning and according to the website it was likely coming out sometime in December. Later that same day, the website changed to say that it would be disbursed in 2014. For more information on the current status, please go to www.indiantrust.com for more information.

Tobacco Compact

The Tobacco Compact for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes will be argued in early December. We hope to have an update in the next newsletter along with a positive outcome.

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Meeting President Obama

Many of you know that I had the opportunity to meet President Obama on November 12, 2013 at the West Wing of the White House in the Roosevelt room. Twelve tribal leaders were selected to meet with the President. It was an awesome experience and more than likely a once in a lifetime opportunity. The experience was even greater sitting in a room with long time tribal leaders. Some had been in office for a very long time. If I was not the youngest then I was second to the youngest and so it was an honor. We weren't' able to take pictures inside but the Oneida Chairman who is fighting the mascot issue took my picture in front of the White House. My report is on page 5. I just want to thank the Wichita Executive Committee for the opportunity to attend. That is my job as the tribal leader to represent our Tribe. I also want to thank our membership for this opportunity. I hope I can use the experience in the future to open up other opportunities for our youth and young leaders that aspire to do good things for our people in the future. Tsu-Theets!

Things Not In This Newsletter

I had hoped to put a plan of the event center in this newsletter but it needs a page to itself so that you can read it. We will have to put it in the December newsletter. Also, I had hoped to put the NCAI report in this newsletter but I thought the Tribal Nations Conference Report and the meeting with the President should be in this one. It is important to me as your tribal leader to let the membership know of how my travel time is spent along. I will get the NCAI report to you hopefully in the next newsletter.

Closing

By the time the next newsletter comes out we will be into a new year. On behalf of the Wichita Executive Committee, I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please be safe. Spend time with your loved ones. Remember those who have gone on and their families. Remember when you have a bad day, there is more than likely someone out there that is having a day much worse than yours. Be good to each other. It is okay not to agree on everything but you have to work through issues. Time is too precious though to hold grudges and to have a negative attitude. Always be thankful for the things the Creator has provided for you. Remember you have the opportunity to do great things in your life if only to do something good for someone else. I hope each of you have a very blessed holiday. Thank you for the prayers for our tribal people and the tribal leadership. May God bring each of you many blessings in the new year.

Wichita Tax Commission Report

Wichita Tax Commission
Quarterly Report
July 1-Septembere 30, 2013
Report Submitted by:
Gary McAdams, Chairman

The Wichita Tax Commission (WTC) submitted their Quarterly Report to the Wichita Executive Committee. Below you will find some of the highlights from the report.

- Reviewed financial reports ending 06/30/2013.
- Quarterly narrative reports were submitted thru 06/30/2013.
- Authorized Smoke Shop Manager to make necessary adjustments during the arbitration process regarding the Tobacco Compact and the State of Oklahoma.
- Approved temporary extension of alcohol beverage licenses for five (total) casino employees during the quarter.
- Addressed issue with calculation from one oil company in regards to the Oil and Gas Severance Tax.
- Revised the proposed budget for FY-2014.
- WTC submitted revisions to the Oil and Gas Severance Tax to the WEC for approval.
- Authorized the tag office to move to another office.
- Discussion with Smoke Shop manager on issues.
- Approved four casino employee alcohol licenses for one year.
- Affirmed that tribal members have to be present for initial/new vehicle registrations.

Statistics:
- Renewals-70
- Late Renewals-62
- New Registrations-67
- Duplicate Titles-17
- Lien Releases-11
- Lien Entries-10
- Personalized Plates-5
- Title Transfers-1
- Repo Titles-1
- Lost Decals-1

The Wichita Tax Commission also submitted financial reports prepared by staff.

Commissioners:
Gary McAdams, Sandra Wilson, Edward Stephenson, Katherine Cunningham and Roger Bruce Birch Sr.

Oil and Gas Severance Tax Collections Reported as of November 22, 2013

July	**$38,954.27**
August	**$40,417.38**
September	**$43,904.96**

Casino Distributions to the Tribe July 2013-September 2013

July	**$443,354.46**
August	**$395,680.42**
September	**$513,882.76**

Note: September was a little higher due to a reconciliation with one of the vendors. 2% of the funds that would normally come to the Tribe are retained by the casino for repairs and replacement of games and equipment.

Where does the Casino money go?

Casino revenues currently fund and supplement many of our programs. It is also set aside to do projects such as the renovation of the dance building. For FY-2014, the casino revenue funds will fund Tribal Government, supplement Indirect Cost, provide burial assistance, funds 100% of the Tribal Social Services Program, provides additional education funding, supplements programs such as ICW and Family Violence and provides in-kind contributions to programs such as EPA, Food Distribution and other programs. We continue to look at expanding our programs so that we can provide more services to our people. The revenues will also be used to create a better financial picture for the Tribe so that we can expand on economic development, create jobs and more opportunities for our people.

WTIDC Distribution
Anadarko Industries

On November 26, 2013, a check for $163,000 made out to the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes was received from the WTIDC. This is 20% of the revenues that WTIDC received from Anadarko Industries in February 2013. These funds along with carryover funds from last year will be used for the Elder Assistance Payment, Children's Clothing, donations, etc. per the approved budget.

Impact Aid

Title VIII (Impact Aid)
Indian Policies and Procedures
Anadarko Public Schools, I020

1. Children living on Indian land participate in school programs on an equal basis with all other children in the Anadarko School District. No teacher or program director is to exclude or limit any district activity on the basis of race. It should be noted that the funds derived from Title VIII are used to assist in the continued effort to provide and equal educational opportunity for those Indian students with special education needs.
2. Pertinent program policies/plans, applications and evaluations will be disseminated through one or more of the following ways:

a. Mail notices in advance to tribal leaders inviting their participation in the process.
b. Inform the Indian parents and community of events in education programs through articles in the local newspaper and the district website.
c. Upon request, mail copies of the Title VIII application and other information concerning education programs to the tribal leaders upon request.

3. The Anadarko Public Schools District Board of Education meets regularly on the second Monday of each month to conduct school business and is by state law open to the public. Any patron may request to address the Board, by scheduling through the superintendent's office, to be placed on the agenda if it is an appropriate agenda item. The agenda is posted on the Thursday prior to said meeting and also is published in the local newspaper and is posted on the district website. A tribe or their designee, parent or parent group, concerned with the educational opportunity of any student or group of students in the Anadarko School may:

a. Present views regarding applications.
b. Make recommendations concerning educational needs of their children.
c. Provide input into the planning and development of the education program of the district.

4. Anadarko Public Schools will:

a. Provide notice of any annual meeting regarding education programs assisted with funds provided under Title VIII to the Indian community and to the tribes.
b. Work with the tribal leaders to seek input form the Indian parents, tribe, and other Indians in the community by using available forms of communication and cooperation to seek and encourage such input.
c. Invite comments and suggestions from the Indian Community with regard to educational programs assisted with funds provided under Title VIII.
d. Review school data and comments from tribal officials and parents to assess the extent of Indian children's participation in the educational programs on an equal basis.
e. Encourage staff members of the LEA to solicit input

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regarding the general educational program from Indian parents and tribal leaders, and to submit such suggestions to the administration for consideration and evaluation.

f. Encourage staff members to use their best efforts in establishing a more amicable relationship with tribal leaders and parents of Indian children to solicit voluntary input.
g. Send IPP to tribal leaders, prior to the board meeting, at which the policies and procedures will be read and approved as written or amended and approved.

The Anadarko Board of Education hereby approves the policies and procedure relating to tribal and parental involvement in the education of children residing on Indian lands in regular session. They shall remain in effect until rescinded by the local board of education.

Note: These are the policies sent to the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes in a letter received on October 24, 2013 from the Anadarko Public Schools. Please email comments to terri.parton@wichitatribe.com no later than December 6, 2013.

What is Impact Aid?

The Impact Aid law (now Title VIII of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) provides assistance to local school districts with concentrations of children residing on Indian lands, military bases, low-rent housing properties, or other Federal properties and, to a lesser extent, concentrations of children who have parents in the uniformed services or employed on eligible Federal properties who do not live on Federal property. www.2.ed.gov/print/about/offices/list/oese/impactaid/whatisia.html

The funds are considered general aid to the schools who receive them. Recipients may use the funds for current expenditures or capital improvements. There are some Impact Aid funds that must be used for a specific purpose.

School districts are allowed to utilize those funds for various expenses that include salaries for teachers and aides, textbooks, computers, after-school programs, enrichment programs and a variety of other uses.

This information can be found on the Department of Education website. While many do not like the way the Impact Aid is used you can make recommendations on changes to how you would like to see the impact aid used.

After-school programs are definitely a need in our community. Please let me know if you have any other recommendations. Email to terri.parton@wichitatribe.com.

White House Tribal Nations Conference Report

Meeting with President Obama And Tribal Nations Conference By Terri Parton, President

On November 1, 2013, I received notification that there was a possibility that I may be able to attend some side events at the White House. Of course, I was surprised. I was scheduled to leave for the White House Tribal Nations Conference on Monday, November 11, 2013. I was not informed that I would be able to attend the meeting at the White House until Friday, November 8, 2013 after passing security clearance. My flight arrived at 5:05 p.m. DC time and I had a meeting with other tribal leaders, NCAI staff and White House staff at 6:00 p.m. that evening. During the meeting we were told what to expect and to be prepared to speak because the President would be limited on time and not everyone would get to speak.

On Tuesday November 12, 2013, I attended the NCAI meeting where they discussed taxation. I then went and met with other tribal leaders at a coffee place so that we could walk over to the White House together. There was one tribal leader selected from each of the twelve regions. We met in the Roosevelt Room of the White House. We were not allowed to take pictures. We first met with Cecelia Munoz-Domestic Policy Advisor, Sally Jewel-Secretary of Interior, Kevin Washburn, Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs and others. President Obama came in and shook hands with everyone. The main topic was job creation and economic development. During the meeting, tribal leaders in attendance, raised a wide range of important issues they are facing related to job creation, including expanding opportunities for renewable energy projects on tribal lands, increasing access to capital and foreign direct investment opportunities in Indian Country, the successes of tribal self-determination, improving educational outcomes, and jurisdictional challenges. My comments focused on access to capital, promoting economic development on Indian lands and educational opportunities to strengthen job creation. President Obama gave each tribal leader time to speak. After the meeting, President Obama shook hands with each leader.

After the meeting, I went back to the NCAI meeting. Governor Bill Anoatubby, Chickasaw Nation, Chris McNei, CEO of the Sea Alaska Corporation and I provided the NCAI members with a briefing of the meeting. Discussion was held on Contract Support Costs, Land into Trust issues and the land buy back program.

I had also been invited to attend a meeting with Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan at 2:00 p.m. There were several tribal leaders in attendance along with the

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acting director of BIE and the policy advisor. Discussion was held on Impact Aid, BIE funding, the funding freeze on Johnson O'Malley, mascots, study group for the BIE and inadequate funding. Tribes represented included Osage, Navajo, Duckwater, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate, Ute and Creek. I attended the Tribal Leaders Reception held a the National Museum of the American Indian that evening.

On Wednesday , November 13, 2013, I attended the White House Tribal Nations Conference that began at 9:00 a.m. The following Cabinet Officials were present: Secretary of Interior, Secretary of Veteran's Affairs, Secretary of Health and Human Services, Secretary of Transportation, Secretary of Energy and the Attorney General.

I attended the breakout session on Self-Determination. Discussion was held on the buy back program for land, appraisals, jurisdictional issues, making things easier for tribal governments to provide for their people, purchasing trust or restricted lands, land consolidation programs under USDA, contract support costs and coal projects.

Secretary of Interior, Sally Jewel started off the afternoon session with explaining what she observed during the breakout sessions. Those things included listening to tribes, advocating for tribes, budget issues, economic development and a clean Carceri fix. Other discussion included cultural resources. Tom Vilsak, discussed USDA, the farm bill, rebirth of buffalo herds, rural development funds, partnerships and sacred sites.

The White House Council on Native American Affairs then took the stage. There were tribal leaders from across the country that asked questions of the Council. Questions and comments included: treating tribal leaders as partners, Carceri fix, sequestration, IHS budget and advancing funding, tax reform, land into trust, protecting sovereignty, consultation, and job creation.

President Obama then addressed the tribal leaders. President Obama touched on topics that included strengthening justice and tribal sovereignty, the Stafford Act, reauthorizing NAHASDA, Contract Support Cost, Carceri fix, access to broadband, creating jobs as a top priority, Affordable Health Care Act, climate change, permanently reauthorizing Indian Health Care and the Code Talkers ceremony. President Obama then announced that he would make his first trip to Indian Country as President in 2014.

I briefly attended a reception in the Secretary of Interiors office. My flight left at 7:00 p.m. that evening. I returned home about 1:15 a.m.

I just want to thank our tribal membership for the opportunity to serve you and for this opportunity to represent our Tribe.

Wichita Housing Authority Report

Wichita Housing Authority

Quarterly Report
July 1-September 30, 2013
Report Submitted by:
Shirley Davilla, Chairperson

The Wichita Housing Authority (WHA) submitted their Quarterly Report to the Wichita Executive Committee on October 25, 2013. Below you will find some of the highlights from the report.

- FY-2013 IHBG went into a single funding mode.
- Multiple open year grants are no longer allowed.
- The IHP submission was on time.
- As of October 25, 2013 the WHA was awaiting the Funding Approval Agreement due to lack of congressional appropriation.
- HUD received a budget cut.
- The fee account for NAHASDA related activity and the CPA firm conducting the accounting for the General Partnerships have continued their work as outsourced accountants.

Programs operated by the WHA:

- Low Income Rental (40 units) 1937 US Housing Act
- Mutual Help Homeownership Opportunity (55 units) 1937 US Housing Act
- Low Income Rental (10 units) NAHASDA funded
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit rental (25 units) WHLP 1
- Low Income Housing Tax Credit rental (40 units) WHLP 2
- NAHASDA Rent to Own (16 units) ARRA of 2009
- Newly instituted HUD Section 184 Home Loan Guarantee Lease to Purchase (1 unit)

During the reporting period, the Wichita Housing Authority had one MH family successfully complete the program requirements and the family now possesses the home.

The Board of Commissioners met monthly during the quarter to transact business for applicants to be placed into vacant units from the established waiting list. At the close of the quarter, WHA had one unit unassigned. All other units were occupied.

The Wichita Housing Authority is considering new development possibilities in surrounding areas. The Wichita Housing Authority has undergone reorganization. The WHA has undergone management reviews. The financial report will be submitted to the Wichita Executive Committee at the end of the annual closeout.

Nutrition Education Cooking Classes

Marisa Creepingbear won a prize for attending the Nutrition Education cooking class on November 20, 2013 held at the Food Distribution Program. Anyone interested in attending future classes please contact Melonie Saldana or Beth Parker at (405) 247-9677.

Leonard Dale Rose, Vietnam Veteran

Leonard Dale Rose was a member of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. He was born on March 6, 1948. Leonard was ranked PFC in the United States Marine Corps. Leonard passed away on January 23, 1969 in Quang Nam. Leonard was honored on the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial on panel 34W, row 67. For more information or to leave a remembrance of Leonard Dale Rose please visit the Virtual Vietnam Veteran's Wall of Faces website.

Seeking Service Information for Tribal Veteran's

If you have a picture of a Veteran and their service information, please submit those to newsletter@wichitatribe.com. The Tribe would like to collect a picture and information on all of our tribal members who have served and are currently serving so that we can work on a project to recognize all of our Wichita Veteran's in the upcoming year. If you have suggestions on the type of project that you would like to see then please email those to newsletter@wichitatribe.com.

Spiro Mounds Visit

Visit To Spiro Mounds

President Parton and Cultural Program Planner Gary McAdams traveled to the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Park on October 25, 2013. The purpose of the visit was to observe the excavation of suspected house features that were being threatened by their location along an eroding stream bank. The features were first discovered by Oklahoma Archaeological Survey (OAS) personnel who previously performed a near-surface geophysical investigation at the site. OAS conducted the excavation led by Scott Hammerstedt who also authored the scope of work for the excavation.

In regard to the Spiro Mounds site, Scott wrote: "Spiro is located along the Arkansas River just west of Ft. Smith, Arkansas and is one of the most significant archaeological sites in the United States. It encompasses at least 33 ha (80 acres). Spiro was occupied perhaps as early as AD 800 but most of the site was constructed and used between AD 1200-1450. During this time, a dozen earthen mounds were built, some of which were used as platforms on which to place prominent buildings and others to bury material of cultural significance. It was the investigation of those mounds at the site in the 1930s that brought the site to international attention. The most prominent of the mounds at the site is known as the Craig Mound which contained a one-of-a-kind ritual display known as the Great Mortuary (Brown 1996, 2012). The Great Mortuary is famous for the largest accumulation of exotic and prestige goods anywhere in North America."

The Spiro Mounds culture is deemed by most academia as being ancestral to the Wichita and the Caddo.

Gary McAdams and Scott Hammerstedt

Students and staff from OU working the excavation of a round structure at this site

Structures used to sift through the dirt at the site

Gary McAdams, Scott Hammerstedt and President Parton

Vacancy Announcements

Juvenile Services Director

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has an opening for ***Juvenile Services Director.*** Under the supervision of the Tribal Administrator, primary responsibilities are management and administration of the P.L. 93-638 Juvenile Services Contract. Duties include case management, attendance at court proceedings, liaison on behalf of clients, transporting, home visits, providing referrals, and program progress reporting and budget management. Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, or related field and work experience with at-risk youth. Must have a valid State of Oklahoma Driver's License. Must pass a drug screening test and a criminal background investigation in accordance with P.L. 101-630. Applicants may apply at the Administration Building, Wichita Tribal Complex, 1.5 miles North of Anadarko on Highway 281. Indian Preference applies. Applications must be submitted by **closing date on December 13, 2013 before 5 p.m.**

Applications available at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Administration Building or at www.wichitatribe.com. For additional information please contact Human Resources Manager at (405) 247-2425.

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.

Please submit application, 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

Sugar Creek Casino
Casino Job Postings

(2) Food & Beverage Cashiers
(1) Porter / Housekeeper
(1) Part-Time Maintenance
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and Indian Preference Considered. Please apply at the Players Club or online at sugarcreek.net

Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Committee
College Summer Internship

WTIDC College Summer Internship – WTIDC is seeking interest from 2014 college juniors or seniors who may be interested in corporate management. Successful candidates will be employed for a six to seven week period in Houston Texas as an apprentice to Project Managers and Chief Executive Officers of Wichita Tribal Enterprises and Anadarko Industries. WTIDC is seeking to provide informational packets and application prior to February 1, 2014 with a deadline for application submittals by March 15, 2014. Prerequisites will be announced in the January 2014 Wichita Tribal Newsletter per the WTIDC.

Wichita Travel Plaza

Wichita Travel Plaza ~ the WTIDC continues to seek qualified candidates for the positions of Cook, Cashier, Assistant Manager and Manager. Immediate openings are available for the positions of cashier and cook.

Wichita Travel Plaza is excited to announce the opening of its food court. On Saturday November 23, the store will begin selling CHAMPS Chicken and sides. Whether you would just like tenders or a whole meal, it will be available. The store will also have other broasted or deep fried foods such as sausage, burritos, breakfast sandwiches, and cold sandwiches.

Commissioner Vacancy

The following Commission currently has one vacancy:

Wichita Housing Authority

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

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission

On November 23, 2013 The Wichita Tribe Sports Commission sanctioned **Sugar Creek Showdown 20:Vinte**. This was not only a milestone for the tribally owned and highly acclaimed fighting series; but this also marked our 16th Mixed Martial Arts event as a commission. The WTSC has become one of the most experienced tribal athletic commissions in the country in regards to regulating Mixed Martial Arts. This has been a great year for our commission as we continue to learn and grow.

The most exciting accomplishment this year has been our ability to grow our team using tribal members. After the change in the makeup of the commission we have gone from having no tribal members as inspectors to having 75% of our current inspectors being enrolled Wichita members. This year we have regulated six events and have issued over 206 licenses to fighters, coaches and cutmen.

After a few months with a vacancy for the third commissioner, the WTSC was strengthened by the Executive Committee's decision to add tribal member Robert Smith as a commissioner. His law enforcement background as well as his love for our Tribe has made him a valuable addition. We have added several tribal members as inspectors as well. Denise Punley is a former ring girl and has a lot of experience with boxing as she has had several relatives in the sport. Jaycee Lamar has extensive experience as an athletic trainer. This comes in handy when monitoring the athletes as they wrap their hands and ankles before competition. Julie Littlecalf-Telfer has helped immensely with book keeping and monitoring the fighters' corners during the bouts. She has background in security which is a great asset in keeping order before and after a bout. Joneil Tahmahkera has recently joined the commission as an inspector and has done an outstanding job in the short amount of time he has been with us. Cassandra McAdams and Amanda Enrique are our two newest inspectors.

They were able to observe the last event and look to be a great addition to our commission. We are planning on having additional training after the holidays to strengthen everyone's understanding of the complexities of Mixed Martial Arts and Boxing.

Matt Roberson sits on the Tribal Advisory Committee for The Association of Boxing Commissions. The Committee is actively working on putting an end to unregulated boxing and MMA events on tribal lands. This is very important because there are no regulations that have to be followed in terms of insurance or bloodwork requirements at unsanctioned fights. There are also no minimum health or fitness requirements, in some cases there is not even a

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission Cont'd...

medical doctor present. These fights are unfair to the fighters as well because if they fight at an unsanctioned fight, it does not count on their official record. Many fighters do not realize it is an unsanctioned fight until after the event. The Tribal Advisory Committee is working to urge tribes to form their own commission and compact with other tribes.

This year has been full of learning and doing as much as we can to be the best tribal athletic commission in the nation. As the year winds down, we feel that with the support of the Executive Committee and President that we have laid the groundwork to be successful. We are very excited about what the future may hold with the new event center at the casino. We wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Mike Snyder (Vice Chairman), Matt Roberson (Chairman), and Robert Smith (Commissioner)

Joneil Tahmahkera, Cassandra McAdams, Denise Punley, Mike Snyder, Jacey Lamar, Matt Robertson, Teka Henry, Robert Smith, Amanda Enrique, Kasey Bussell and Julie Telfer.

Wichita Travel Plaza Ribbon Cutting-11/08/2013

Remembering Our Past

Can you guess who these Wichita women are? See page 11 for the answer. Picture courtesy of Nahusheah Mandujano.

Transportation Program

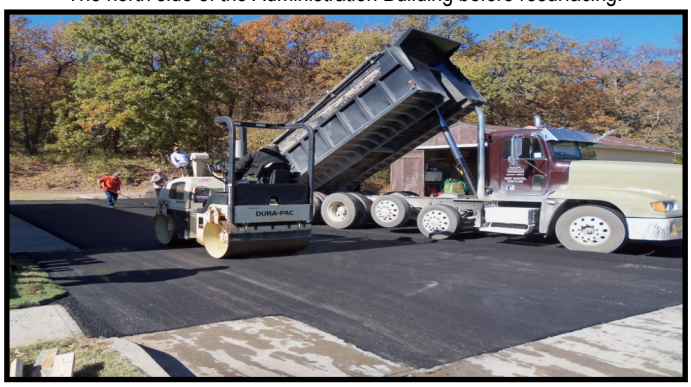
Transportation Program
2013 Projects
Submitted by: Jarrod Prince

The fourth quarter has brought the completion of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes resurfacing and remarking project to the end. The project has made minor adjustments to the Tribal Complex in order to enhance the safety and accessibility for elderly tribal members. There have been new elderly parking spaces installed at the Administration Building. The NE entrance to the dance area has been widen by six feet to reduce the amount of vehicles driving off the entrance area. The main parking lot curbs have been painted yellow to allow for drivers to properly recognize their location. We are very pleased with the results and would like to thank the tribe for the opportunity to be part of the resurfacing and remarking of the Tribal Complex. If there are any questions regarding the Tribal Transportation Program, please contact Jarrod Prince at 405-247-2425 ext. 131.

The main parking lot before resurfacing

The main parking lot after resurfacing

The north side of the Administration Building before resurfacing.



The north side of the Administration Building being worked on.

The entrance to the main parking lot before resurfacing.

Remembering Our Past
Softball Team at Falls Creek
Names to picture on page 10

Rochelle (Standing) Swift
Linda (Standing) Johnson
Berdena Thompson
Peggy Punley
Judy (Hendrix) Pino
Marcella (Smith) Ruckman
Verna Jane (Standing) Capes
Betty (Thompson) Wauahdooah
Thamar (Thompson) Goombi

Cultural Activities

WCEP Schedules Visit To Deer Creek Site

WCEP Planner, Gary McAdams, will be traveling to the Deer Creek archaeological site located at Kaw Lake in north central Oklahoma to take part in a site assessment along with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) and Oklahoma Archaeological Survey (OAS) Staff on December 11, 2013. The site is located on government property and under the jurisdiction of the COE.

The Deer Creek Site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places (NHRP) and is a National Historic Landmark (NHL). For many years, the Tribe along with others in the historic preservation community have expressed concerns about the potential adverse effects that the overgrowth of trees and understory might be having on the intact cultural deposits at the site.

This past August the Tribe once again voiced its concerns to the COE and it resulted in the COE visiting the site, noting erosion of the cutbank which extends along the length of the site and ongoing looting and vandalism. Subsequently, the COE successfully applied for some funding to identify subsurface features at the site and assess the degree to which they have been impacted.

In its application the COE described Deer Creek as: "a Protohistoric site – or Contact Period – dating to the early 1700's and closely associated with the French exploration of the southern and central Plains. It is one of only three such (known) sites in the southern Plains. Specifically, the site is directly related to the southern Plains expeditions of the explorers Jean-Baptiste Benard sur de la Harpe and Claude-Charles du Tisne. Previous, limited test excavations at Deer Creek several decades ago yielded an extensive assemblage of Wichita artifacts coupled with French glass trade beads, gunflints, and metal musket parts. These investigations also identified the artifactual remains of an extensive bison hide trade and European goods network that was then developing between the Wichita Indians and the French."

Tribal Offices Closed

December 24, 2013 Closing @ 12:00 p.m.-Christmas Eve
December 25, 2013-Christmas Day
January 1, 2013-New Year's Day

Tribal Enrollment
As of 11/30/2013
2,701

WCEP Sponsors Basket-Weaving Workshop

On November 9, 2013 the Wichita Cultural Education Program (WCEP) sponsored a basket weaving workshop at Oklahoma Basket Supply Company in Wellston, Oklahoma. The students attending the training were Sydney Prince, Charlie McAdams, and Micah McAdams. The instructors were Barbara Hair and Risi Thelander, members of the Oklahoma Weavers Association, who donated their time, talent and personal expenses in providing the training. The students who received the training were selected because of the aptitude they exhibited at the weaving workshop held this past June. The completed baskets represent the first baskets created by Wichita weavers in centuries. It is hoped that these students will continue to practice the art of weaving and pass on their knowledge in future workshops to be conducted by the WCEP.

Sydney Prince, Charlie McAdams, and Micah McAdams

Foster Parents

FAMILY & CHILDREN SERVICES DEPARTMENT is looking for individuals who are interested in becoming certified as a Foster Care Provider for our Wichita children as well as other Native American children who have been removed from their homes and are either in State or Tribal custody. All Oklahoma Tribes are expressing a need for more foster homes for our children. If you have the time to spend with a child, can pass a background check, have room in your home, have a desire to help children in need and are able to provide a safe and loving environment then please contact our office at (405) 247-8620 and get the application process started.

You will always stand taller when you kneel to help a child.

Wichita Gaming Commission Report

Wichita Gaming Commission
Quarterly Report
July 1-September 30, 2013
Submitted by Andrea King, Executive Director

The Wichita Gaming Commission staff processed a total of 43 employee license and 98 vendor technician licenses July through September. The WGC office successfully passed the National Indian Gaming Commission Tribal Background Investigation (TBIS) audit that took place in September 2013. Members of the WGC board attended the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association (OIGA) conference in Oklahoma City, OK.

Three members of WGC staff have started the ESC Group; which reviews policies, incident reports and assists with any other compliance issues as necessary.

The Wichita Gaming Commission also submitted Financial Reports to the Wichita Executive Committee on October 18, 2013.

Wichita Young Men's Society

Wednesday's

7:00 p.m.

Wichita Tribal Complex-Portable Building

Open to Wichita boys who are either enrolled or descendants of all ages.

The group is to promote our Indian heritage and our Wichita tribal culture among the young men of our Tribe.

The boys will be taught gourd dancing, Wichita songs, how to drum, and proper etiquette around the dance arena along with other activities.

Cassandra McAdams who is also the organizational leader for the Wichita Little Sisters will be the contact person for the Wichita Young Man Society. You may contact Cassandra at (405) 638-1817 for more information.

Elders With Unknown Addresses

The following individuals need to contact the Enrollment Office as soon as possible. We need your current address.

Dwayne Davis	Sean Stephens	Delbert Setzer Jr.
Ernestine Frank	David Leonard Jr.	Robert Reams Jr.
Joyce Setzer	Debbie Scroggins	Robert Ashley
De Loyce Crismon	Reba Holder	Gilbert Blackburn
Cleve Ross	Thomas Hubbard	Ladonna Quinlin
Arthur Punley	John McIntosh	Robert Hunt
Michael Crismon	Neva Zizzo	David Miller
David Zipprich	Don Zadoka	Phillip Arkeketa

Oil and Gas Sale

Notice from DOI/BIA-Sale of Oil and Gas Mining Leases-Kiowa, Comanche, Apache, Fort Sill Apache, Caddo, Delaware and Wichita Tribal & Allotted Lands

Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Anadarko Agency-Oral Auction to be held on December 16, 2013

A notice from the Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs is posted at the Administration Building.

Office of the Special Trustee

Whereabouts Unknown

The B.I.A. is seeking addresses for the following enrolled tribal members:

Boyiddle, Madelynne B
Delaware, Necomah Daelyn
Hagan, Tracie D
Hunt, Robert A
Klinekole III, Gregg L
Maretta Gallegos Lopez, Ethel M
McDonald, Jamie M
Paquin, Ladonna M
Parks, Maxine
Poolaw, Trina N
Ross, Priscilla J
Stribling Lipscomb, Christian D
Williams, William B

OST is seeking current addresses for Individual Indian Money (IIM) account holders. All Whereabouts Unknown (WAU) accounts have either interests in lands and/or funds to be disbursed to rightful owners. For more information please contact Michael Dietrich at the Anadarko Agency (405) 247-6677 ext. 564.

Burial Program Guidelines

Administrative Guidelines for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Burial Program FY-2014

PURPOSE: The Burial Program for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes shall be for the purpose of providing financial assistance in meeting the burial expenses of the members of the Tribe.

FUNDING: The program will be administered with **$84,000** from Casino Revenue. The Burial Program has been developed in accordance with the approved Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Gaming Ordinance as approved by WT-02-23 on April 22, 2002. Section 4. A. 1 and 2.

Section 4. Use of Gaming Revenues A.

A. Net Revenues from Class II and Class III gaming shall be used only for the following purposes:
1. **to fund tribal government operations and programs;**
2. **to provide for the general welfare of the Tribe and its members**
3. to promote tribal economic development
4. to donate to charitable organizations

BENEFITS: Burial benefits shall be made for members of the Tribe and those who are eligible for membership with the Tribe at the time of their death. Burial benefits can be applied to any and all costs including, but not limited to the allowable costs listed below. The burial benefits are not to exceed the amount set forth below in "Limitation".

Allowable costs:
1. Transportation of the body from the point of death to the point of funeral and/or burial
2. Casket and vault.
3. Preparation of body and funeral services.
4. Cemetery charges-Grave Marker/Headstone
5. Cemetery Plot
6. Opening and closing of grave

Limitation: $7,000.00 per tribal member.
$2,000.00 for Fetal/Stillborn Deaths

ELIGIBILITY: All tribal members whose names appear on the approved membership roll of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma prepared as of **10/01/2013**, and all persons eligible for membership with the Tribe at the time of their death.

APPLICATION: An application providing information on the decedent and the burial expense claim, together with the required documentation, shall be filed by the next of kin or other person responsible for burial arrangements with Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

TIME LIMITS: An application for assistance must be filed within ninety (90) days following the decedent's date of death.

DISBURSEMENTS: The Executive Committee shall be in

Guidelines Cont.…

charge of all disbursements and shall make provisions for maintenance of accounting records, receipts, etc. for reporting to the Tribal Council and shall designate a depository whereby the funds will be deposited. Upon approval of the application, the payment will be made directly to the vendor/provider of supplies or services, e.g., funeral home, cemetery, monument company, etc. The designated family member should contact the Enrollment Office immediately so that arrangements can be made between the Tribe and funeral home for payment. Payments made by individuals directly to the funeral home may be reimbursed provided that proper documentation has been received proving that the bill has been paid.

NOTICE: Upon approval of the guidelines, notices of the Tribe's Burial Program published in the Wichita Tribal Newsletter and sent to all adult members at their last recorded address, together with instructions for utilizing the benefits of the Tribe's Burial Program.

CHANGES: Changes to the guidelines set forth herein may be made by a majority vote of the Wichita Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. In the event that payments for burial assistance threaten to exhaust the funds set up for burial assistance, the Wichita Executive Committee is authorized to make such amendments in the amount of payment as deemed necessary to deal with the situation.

Resolution WT-14-22-WEC Approved 11/21/13 Vote 6-0-0

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.

Elder Services

Elder Assistance Program FY-2014

AUTHORITY: Article V of the Governing Resolution empowers the Wichita Executive Committee to transact business and otherwise speak or act on behalf of the Tribe in all matters of business.
PURPOSE: The Elder Assistance Program is for the purpose of recognizing, showing respect and honor and assisting elderly members of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes who are 55 years of age or older through this annual annuity payment.
FUNDING: The program will be administered with **$119,000** of the revenues received from the Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission which are revenues derived from the 51% ownership in Anadarko Industries.
BENEFITS: The annuity will be given each year to assist elderly tribal members to defray costs and to contribute to their overall health and well-being as elder members of our community.
ELIGIBILITY: All tribal members over the age of 55 and those that become 55 during the calendar year of **2013** are considered eligible. All elderly members, regardless of residence are eligible.
APPLICATION: An application must be filled out for each elder requesting their payment. Only the tribal elder can pick up his/her check, unless otherwise specified in a note from the elder. This shall include the name of the individual who has the elder's authority to pick up their check, as well as a telephone number where the elder can be contacted to verify this information. A copy of the elder's tribal ID, driver's license, federal ID, State ID or other acceptable form of identification must accompany the application to ensure that the tribal elder is the individual requesting and receiving the benefit.
DISBURSEMENTS: The Wichita Executive Committee shall be in charge of all disbursements and shall make provisions for maintenance of accounting records, receipts, etc. The Wichita Executive Committee shall designate a depository whereby the funds are deposited and disbursed from. Information regarding eligibility of tribal members will be taken directly from the tribal roll. Each tribal elder will receive the sum of **$500**.
NOTICE: Each tribal member in the age group starting at 55 years of age and older will be notified of the program either by mail or through the tribal newsletter and will be furnished with the information as to how much, when and how the annuity payment will be presented.
AMENDMENTS: The Wichita Executive Committee plans to continue this program on an annual basis utilizing the revenues the Tribe receives from the 8(a) companies. The guidelines will be reviewed on an annual basis. In the event that the amounts set forth for the Elder Assistance Program threaten to exhaust funds, the Wichita Executive Committee will make such adjustments, as deemed necessary, to the amount of payment.
CHANGES: Changes to the guidelines set forth may be made by a majority vote of the Wichita Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

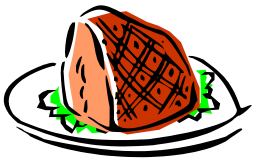
Elder Assistance Program Schedule

November 1, 2013: Notices and applications mailed to elders with current address.
November 22, 2013: Deadline for first disbursement of checks.
December 11, 2013: Elders applying for assistance by November 22, 2013 may pick up their checks.
December 13, 2013: Elders requesting their checks to be mailed will be mailed no later than this date if they have applied by November 22, 2013.
Remaining check dates: Those who apply after the November 22, 2013 will be disbursed depending on the application dates.

Administration on Aging Program Christmas Dinner

Thursday, December 19, 2013
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Everyone Welcome!!

For more information or to volunteer to help serve, contact Roxanne Coker at (405) 247-2425 ext. 116



Hams for Elders December 16-20, 2013

The Tribal Social Services Fund Program will be distributing Wal-Mart gift cards to elders for the purchase of a ham for the Christmas holiday. The age for eligibility is 55 years and older. You may come in and receive your gift card during the week of December 16-20, 2013 from 8a.m. -5p.m. in the Family and Children Services Building. A short application must be completed along with a copy of your tribal identification card before a card can be received. If you wish to have someone come in and pick up your card we must have a written statement with the person's name of who you are giving permission to. Proper identification will be requested at time of pick up. Please contact Cynthia Billy, Ty Tofpi or Jamee Ware if you have any questions. Thank you and Happy Holidays!!

The Flu

From the Desk of Nahusheah Mandujano, RN/PHN

What is influenza (also called flu)?
The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The best way to prevent the flu is by getting a flu **vaccine** each year.

Signs and symptoms of flu
- Fever or feeling feverish/chills
- Cough
- Sore throat
- Runny or stuffy nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Headaches
- Fatigue (very tired)

Some people may have vomiting and diarrhea, though this is more common in children than adults.

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might also get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, eyes or possibly their nose.

Complications of flu can include bacterial pneumonia, ear infections, sinus infections, dehydration, and worsening of chronic medical conditions, such as congestive heart failure, asthma, or diabetes.

Preventing seasonal flu: **Get vaccinated**
Who should get vaccinated?
Everyone 6 months and older should get a flu vaccine each year. This recommendation has been in place since February 24, 2010 when CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP)

Who is at high risk for developing flu-related complications?
- Children younger than 5, but especially children younger than 2 years old
- Adults 65 years of age and older
- Pregnant women

American Indians and Alaskan Natives seem to be at higher risk of flu complications

- People who have medical conditions including:
  - Asthma (even if it's controlled or mild)
  - Neurological and neurodevelopmental conditions [including disorders of the brain, spinal cord, peripheral nerve, and muscle such as cerebral palsy, epilepsy (seizure disorders), stroke, intellectual disability (mental retardation), moderate to severe developmental delay, muscular dystrophy, or spinal cord injury]
  - Chronic lung disease (such as chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [COPD] and cystic fibrosis)
  - Heart disease (such as congenital heart disease, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease)
  - Blood disorders (such as sickle cell disease)
  - Endocrine disorders (such as diabetes mellitus)
  - Kidney disorders
  - Liver disorders
  - Metabolic disorders (such as inherited metabolic disorders and mitochondrial disorders)
  - Weakened immune system due to disease or medication (such as people with HIV or AIDS, or cancer, or those on chronic steroids)
  - People younger than 19 years of age who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy

People who are morbidly obese (Body Mass Index [BMI] of 40 or greater)

Some people should not be vaccinated without first consulting a physician. They include:

- People who have a severe allergy to chicken eggs.
- People who have had a severe reaction to an influenza vaccination in the past.
- Children younger than 6 months of age (influenza vaccine is not approved for use in this age group).
- People who have a moderate or severe illness with a fever should wait to get vaccinated until their symptoms lessen.

People with a history of Guillain-Barré Syndrome (a severe paralytic illness, also called GBS) that occurred after receiving influenza vaccine and who are not at risk for severe illness from influenza should generally not receive vaccine. Tell your doctor if you ever had Guillain-Barré Syndrome. Your doctor will help you decide whether the vaccine is recommended for you.

If you have questions about whether you should get a flu vaccine, consult your health care provider. **For full article go to:** Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333, USA 800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348 - Contact CDC-I