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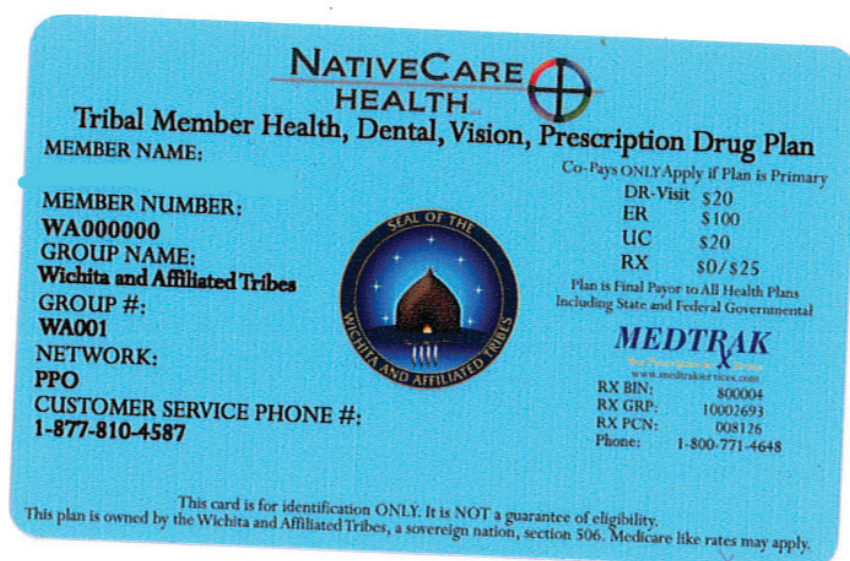
***TRIBE PROVIDING TRIBAL
MEMBER HEALTH PLAN***

Members Contact: Native Care Health Toll Free

1-877-810-4587

Pre-Notification and/or Nurse Hotline

1-855-215-4133



Frequently Asked Questions

Below are some questions that have been asked about the tribal member health plan. Many of the questions came from staff employees and then tribal members.

If you have not signed up your family member then please do so and encourage other family members to submit there's. They will need to use this for eyeglass assistance, special meds, dental, dentures, etc. after the first of the year. There will be a transition period because not everyone will be signed up. Please make sure that you encourage your clients to come and fill out an application.

1. Does the plan cover dentures? **Yes**
2. Does the plan cover orthodontics? **Yes**
3. Does the plan work at out of state hospitals, doctor's offices and pharmacies? **Yes**
4. Does the plan cover glasses more than once a year for an elder that has serious eye problems that requires their prescription to change often? **Eye exams are covered once a**

year, frames and lenses once every 2 years. (Elders should be able to use more than once but trying to verify.)

5. Is there an appeals process for any disputes, chronic illness needs or major medical emergency needs? ***Yes, a letter with supporting documentation can be sent to the address on your card, and the appeal will be reviewed by the Executive Committee.***
6. How does the plan cover prescription drugs? ***If the plan is secondary to any other insurance, it will pick up the patient responsibility at 100% up to the calendar year max of \$500.00. If you have no other coverage, the Tribal Member Plan will have a \$0 co-pay for Generic drugs and a \$25.00 co-pay for brand name up to the calendar year max of \$500.00. If you are 55 years or older, there is no internal limit.***

**ample is coverage of
your Medicare deduct-
ible.**

8. How does someone with Sooner Care benefit from the program? ***Sooner-care is a form of Medicaid in Oklahoma. Many items are considered non-covered. A short sampling is listed.***
9. If someone has a primary insurance, does this affect their primary insurance? ***No. This plan is used to supplement and help covered out of pocket costs for members that have insurance. If you do not have any coverage, this will give you access to basic coverage.***
10. If someone is on their spouse's insurance and has to list this coverage, will it affect their eligibility to be carried on their spouses insurance? ***Same for children. Tribal Member Plans are covered under the Indian Healthcare Reauthorization Act as well as the ACA are not required to be reported as minimum essential coverage in this situation.***

under Medical services. It is the member's choice on how to utilize the \$1,500 first. If you are 55 or older, you do not have internal limits

12. Will there be a brochure developed for the Tribe showing the benefits of the health plan? **Yes, this is in the process.**
13. Is chiropractic care covered? **Yes**
14. Is counseling covered? Are there specific types? **All counseling services are covered as long as they are medically necessary. This does include family and marital therapy which are many times not covered under standard plans.**
15. Can this insurance be used for tax purposes? **This plan is not needed for tax purposes because all those covered are members of a Native American tribe and can use the Native American exemption if they do not already other coverage. The form can be found at [irs.gov](https://www.irs.gov).**
16. Can diabetic shoes be purchased through the plan? **Yes**

All questions were responded to by RWI Benefits.

More information on this plan is offered on pages 2 and 4, as well as on our web-site at <http://wichitatribe.com/programs/tribal-member-health-plan-information.aspx>

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**President’s Report
December Edition
By Terri Parton,
President
December 22, 2015**

Happy Holidays. It’s the Christmas season. While we enjoy the holidays with our families and friends, please keep those that have lost loved ones this year, who are sick and who are in the hospitals in your thoughts and prayers. I am providing a few short updates and hope that in the upcoming year that we will have a lot of things to update you on.

Tribal Member Health Plan

We have had approximately 856 applications processed as of December 22, 2015. We have approximately 200 more that have been received and are being processed. Please make sure that you and your family fill out the applications for the cards. You can pick up the applications at the front desk of the Tribal Administration Building. It only takes a few minutes to complete.

Hinton Travel Inn Renovations

The Hinton Travel Inn will continue to take RFP’s through January 22, 2016.

Strategic Planning

On December 15 and 16, 2015, the Wichita Executive Committee held a two day plan-

ning session from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day. The planning session included coming up with an action plan for the next six months to get projects completed. We eventually hope to move this toward a comprehensive strategic plan for the Tribe that will include the input from tribal membership. This Committee has worked well together and we hope to continue to do so over the six months so that we can leave this term knowing that we have done the best could to work together and move our tribe forward. This will also be a stepping stone for leaders in the next term to continue on projects to keep the tribe moving forward whether that be the same leaders or new leaders in office. We hope to share some of the information with you in the January newspaper.

**Mazzio’s Building
Renovations for the
Wichita Child
Development Center**

The renovations for the Mazzio’s building have been slow in progress but should be completed soon.

Wichita History Center

The Wichita History Center continues to move along. We will begin working on the process of working on the exhibits and displays in early January. We will be looking at the 65% design towards the end of January. The date for the ground

breaking ceremony will be decided within the next few weeks.

White House Tribal Nations Conference

I am still working on the White House Tribal Nations Conference report. I had hoped to include it in this newspaper but we will have to move it to the January edition.

Home Improvement Program for Elders 55 and Over

On December 17, 2015, the Wichita Executive Committee, by a vote of 4-0-1, approved the Home Improvement Program guidelines for Elders 55 and over. Applications will be available beginning January 5, 2016. No one will be able to receive an application prior to Tuesday, January 5, 2016. No applications will be printed prior to this date so please do not ask. On January 5, 2016, elders may request that one be mailed to them but the elder will need to understand that applying by mail will delay the Tribe receiving the application and therefore will delay the time when it is received for the first come/first served basis. Applicants must submit all of the required documentation for their application to be complete and processed. The application must be accompanied by proof of ownership of the home. The home must be located in Oklahoma. The pro-

gram for elders will be done on a first come, first serve basis with a preference given to handicap elders. Elders who applied for the program last year whose homes did not get funded for FY-2015 will be funded this year. Those who received assistance last year may apply but only immediate health and safety issues will be considered but there is no guarantee that those individuals will be funded again depending on the number of applicants for this years program. Allowable uses include but are not limited to modifications for handicap accessibility, repair/replacement of those things that are considered a health risk, plumbing, electrical, replacement of water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, roofs, etc. Items considered luxury items will not be funded. The home will be inspected prior to any work done and after work is completed by Committee Member/Housing Commissioner, Myles Stephenson Jr. or other designee and the repairs will be coordinated by Aldezon (Tito) Saldana with the Maintenance Department here at the Tribe. Applications will be available at the front desk of the Administration Building on January 5, 2016.

Storm Shelters

If you have not turned in the survey for the storm shelters, please have them postmarked by December 31, 2015. We

will be making a decision soon as to whether or not we will be having a storm shelter program.

Revenue Allocation Plan

As of this date, December 22, 2015, no plan has been submitted by the group that was working on it. The 90 days passed in October.

Conclusion

We have a lot of our tribal people in the hospital and sick during this Christmas holiday. While I can’t name everyone there are a few that have been on my mind that have been in the hospital. Please keep Leslie (Odie) Standing, Clifford Swift, Chris Williams, Aaron St. Louis, Tom Worcester (Wichita Descent and WCD worker) and of course Doris McLemore who has had to take a few weeks off. They are all doing well despite everything that may be going on but it always helps to have our people praying for each other. It is always good to see our tribal people that we don’t get to see often during the holidays. We saw many during the AoA dinner, many have come in and gotten their elder payments, brought in their insurance forms, visited the gift shop or just visited for the holidays. It gives you good feelings inside when we can provide things that bring our people back to the Tribe. On behalf of the Wichita Executive Committee and all of the staff of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, I want to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and blessed New Year. God bless.

Tribal Member Health Plan

For the past year, the Wichita Executive Committee, has been working toward the development of a Tribal Member health care Plan that will provide access to quality medical, dental, and vision care for all Tribal Members. Many of our members have no health insurance and those of us who do have insurance find that the high deductibles, and copays we are required to pay are often the reason we delay needed healthcare. The Tribal Member Plan meets the specific needs of all our Tribal Members, regardless of age or existing health conditions. The Plan has been developed with special consideration given for the unique needs of infants, children, working age adults, and elders. The Plan benefits are unlike any “standard” insurance products. It is a Native American benefit plan developed by Native Americans for Native Americans. The Wichita Executive Committee has unanimously approved the Tribal resolution

authorizing the implementation of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Tribal Member Health Plan.

We believe that the plan will grow to cover more and more benefits in higher amounts in the coming years. This plan will only be allowed to cover enrolled members of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. Here are some of the highlights:

- Benefits limit is \$1,500 per year
- YOU WILL NOT GET 1099’S OR HAVE TO PAY TAXES ON THESE SERVICES!
- Maternity care and newborn baby care
- Physician office visits, including all child immunizations
- Inpatient and Outpatient hospital care
- Emergency room visits
- Diagnostic testing including CT scans, MRI’s, and lab tests
- Preventive care including mammograms, colonos-

- pies, and annual physicals
- Hospice care and hospice supplemental coverage for end of life final expenses
- Home health nursing care to help our elders who are homebound due to illness
- Skilled nursing facility care
- Prescription drug benefits for all ages including our elders who are on Medicare
- Dental benefits for all Tribal Members young and old
- Vision care benefits
- Each Tribal Member will receive our own personalized health care identification card the guarantees access to medical, dental and vision care at any provider without complicated paper work or extended delays. The identification card works the same as any health insurance card. Our Tribal Member Health Benefit Plan identification card insures “access” to care when we need it, wherever we choose to go. Networks have been set up all over the country and even

out of the country to help make our dollars stretch and so you have minimal out of pocket expense.

Each enrolled tribal member will be enrolled in one of the following plans:

Plan A:

- This is for tribal members who have no health care coverage at all.

In Network, \$20 copay for Physician Office Visits

Emergency Room is a \$100 copay

Most all other services pay 90% of the charges without a deductible to the plan maximum for Medical Insurance Prescriptions: Copays \$0 Generic; \$25 Name Brand Prescriptions up to \$500 each year per member

Plan B:

- This is for tribal members who already have insurance to include Group

Health Plans, Medicare, Medicaid or any other type of health insurance coverage already taken.

In Network, no copay for Physician Office Visits

Emergency Room \$25 copay All other services pay at 100% in network to the plan maximum after the primary coverage has paid.

Prescriptions: Copays \$0 For Prescription balances not paid by the Primary Insurance Payment up to \$500 each year per member

Prescription Drugs

1. RX is limited to \$500 per Member per benefit year.

Vision Insurance

This will be paid through the VSP network with the following:

1. Eye Exam every 12 months, Frames or Lenses every 24 months paid at 100% up to \$150.

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Notices

Congratulations to the recipients of the American Heart Association Scholarship, Brittany Bert and Tasha Fridia. Each were awarded \$1250 for their spring semesters.



Elder Payments Unclaimed

The Wichita Executive Committee has approved the Elder Assistance Program for FY-2015. The Wichita Executive Committee recognizes that our elders are the most important assets to our Tribe. We hope that this modest payment will be of assistance to you. The following is a list of elder tribal members who have not picked up, or made arrangements to have their checks mailed to a valid address. If your name is on this list please contact Amber Komahcheet in enrollment at 405-247-2425 ext. 134. If you have a friend or relative on this list, please encourage them to contact to receive.

- Delbert Setzer Jr.
- De Loyce Crismon
- Don Zadoka
- Dwayne Felix Davis
- Jeffrey Frosio
- John McIntosh
- Loretta Santeo
- Michael Crismon
- Rebecca Marie Trout
- Mitchell Crismon
- Robert Ashley
- Robert Hunt
- Vaughn Williams Jr.

New Year’s Eve Watch Night

The Wichita Little Sisters and the Wichita Young Men’s Society are sponsoring a New Year’s Eve Watch Night on December 31, 2015 at the Wichita Community Building, Wichita Tribal Complex which is located one mile north of Anadarko on Hwy. 281, and one half mile west on Wichita Lane.

The evening will begin with a pot luck dinner at 6:00 PM followed by handgame, social dancing, traditional Wichita dances and ghost dance. At midnight a cedaring ceremony will be held. Shortly thereafter, the first meal of the new year will be shared with all who attend. Other activities will include raffles, games, cake walk and a concession.

*The event is open to the public.
Please bring your own chairs.
No alcohol or drugs allowed.*

*For more information you may contact
Gary McAdams at (405) 247-2425, Ext. 169.*

Requests for Proposals 01-RFP-2016

Hinton Travel Inn Renovations

For More Information and the complete RFP please contact:
Terri Parton, President, 405-247-2425 ext. 101,
terri.parton@wichitatribe.com

Proposal Deadline: January 22, 2016 by 5:00 p.m.

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes is requesting proposals for the following Scope of Work, required for the renovation of the Hinton Travel Inn located in Hinton, Oklahoma. The Tribe is seeking proposals from qualified firms, contractors or architects that have the experience in working with hotel renovations and tribes. The successful contractor will work with the Wichita Executive Committee to facilitate the renovations at the Hinton Travel Inn. The successful contractor should also be willing to work with a third party contractor, of the Tribe’s choice, that will inspect specific stages of work.

SCOPE of WORK

- Task 1-Exterior
- Task 2-Interior
- Task 3-Swimming Pool
- Task 4-Meeting Rooms
- Task 5-Standardize Rooms

Responses to this Request for Proposals should include the following: statement of qualifications, proposal approach for completion and a budget that breaks down the cost of each task.

Responses must be hand delivered, mailed, faxed or emailed by Friday, December 18, 2015 before 5:00 p.m. (Central Time) to:

Terri Parton, President
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, Oklahoma 73005
Hand deliveries to: 1/ ¼ miles North of Anadarko on highway 281 at the Tribal Administration Building
Faxes will be accepted at: (405) 247-2430
Emails will be accepted at: terri.parton@wichitatribe.com



Note

Hello all,

Please follow us on Facebook and Twitter for many that are not seen in the print format. This print format will be continuing, but due to the distribution time, and periodic time constraints, it is not always the most timely way to get the news about upcoming events or program offerings. This is causing me to push for more internet content.

We already have the Twitter, Facebook, Wordpress blog, mobile APP and website, and will be adding other social media platforms soon. The goal will be to bring the most information to you with the quickest turnaround time. Many times I have additional stories or pictures to run, but they get bumped due to time or size parameters. The hope is to showcase as much content as possible on the other formats to make sure that these stories are shared.

I will be offering classes to different segments over the next few months about our mobile and web based platforms. These will demonstrate how these tools are beneficial to you, as well as, how to install, utilize, and/or maximize your usage of such.

I am always seeking new content ideas. Please contact me at 405-247-2425 ext. 165, or amber.luke@wichitatribe.com with your suggestions. These could be new types of stories, people that you would like to know more about, or as always, submitted reader/tribal member content.

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Amber Luke

Editor's

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Community News

Attention: Wichita and Affiliated Tribal Members

The Wichita Department of Environmental Programs will be accepting applications for tribal members to participate in the following Assessments:

- ◊ Mold Assessments
- ◊ Indoor Asthma Trigger Assessments
- ◊ Water Assessments for homes using rural water
- ◊ Water Assessments for homes using well water

There will be 20 slots available and Assessments will be given on a first come first serve basis. Please call the Wichita Department of Environmental Programs Office for more information on these assessments and how to obtain an application.

Wichita Department of Environmental Programs
Sonnie Allen, General Assistance Coordinator
Phone: (405) 247-2425 Ext. 115



Wellness Pow wow

Gourd Dance & Junior and Teens Contest

Hosted by the
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Health and Special Diabetes Programs



Co-Host
Wichita Little Sisters

Head Staff
Head Singer-Dayton Pewenofkit
Emcee-Corey Reeder
Head Gourd Dancer-Patrick Cozad
Head Man Dancer-Shane Cozad
Head Lady Dancer-Charlie McAdams
Arena Director-Damien Jose

Sponsors include:
Wichita Health Programs
Wichita Juvenile Service Program
Indian Health Services
Caddo-Kiowa LIVE! Consortium
Special Diabetes Programs from
the Wichita, Delaware, and Ft Sill
Apache Tribes of Oklahoma.

Agenda
Gourd Dance-2pm-5pm
Supper
Intertribal dancing
Junior and Teens Contest to Follow
Categories-Buckskin and Cloth, Fancy and Southern
Straight.

January 9, 2016
Wichita Tribal Community Building
1 1/4 Miles North of Anadarko on Hwy 281

Contest Awards
All Contests for Ages 7-17
Southern Straight
1st-\$200, 2nd-\$150, 3rd-\$100, 4th-\$50
Fancy
1st-\$200, 2nd-\$150, 3rd-\$100
Buckskin and Cloth
1st-\$200, 2nd-\$175, 3rd-\$150, 4th-\$125,
5th-\$100

New Merchandise Available in Gift Shop

Many new designs of sweatshirts, T shirts, household items, & more are available now in the gift shop in the Administration Building on the Tribal Complex.
Hours are 8 am- 12 noon and 1 pm-5 pm Monday-Friday
Come and get your holiday shopping done with us!

Some of the offerings and updates can be seen at
<http://wichitatribe.com/store.aspx>



NEED FOR FOSTER HOMES

We are currently in need of placement for several Wichita children that are in custody. These placement needs range from an infant to teenagers. Should you or someone you know be interested and able in helping these children, the Wichita ICW department will be glad to assist you through the process of becoming a certified tribal home.
Please contact our Family and Children services at 405)247-8620 and request an application. Of course, you can always come by our office and speak to one of us in person if you have any questions.

Tribal Member Health Plan

Dental Insurance

Pays 100% for teeth cleaning, x-rays and twice yearly checks ups.
Basic services such as fillings will be paid at 90%
Major services such as crowns will be paid at 80%
All services are subject to a total of \$400 per member per year

End of Life Expenses Benefit

This benefit pays the lessor of actual cost or \$7,000 for the following:

1. Hospice Care
2. End of Life Home Care
3. Funeral dinner expenses
4. Funeral Expenses

All expenses will be paid directly to the vendor providing the services.

All of this information can be found on our website at <http://wichitatribe.com/programs/tribal-member-health-plan-information.aspx>

There are links on this page for Items Not Covered By Medicaid and Medicare Part A, B, and D.

If you have not received an enrollment form, please contact our office at 405-247-2425, or come by the tribal complex to fill one out.

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes LIHEAP

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes LIHEAP program is now offering winter heating assistance to enrolled tribal members. Applications may be picked up 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. beginning Monday, December 29th, 2015 at the Family & Children Services Building at the Wichita Tribal Complex.

Priority will be given to tribal elders, the disabled and households with enrolled tribal children. The assistance will be on a first-come first-served basis. Applicants must meet income guidelines to be eligible.

Those who have received LIHEAP assistance from another tribe or the Department of Human Services during the current fiscal year are ineligible. For more information, contact the Social Services Office at 247-2425 ext. 120.

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Obituary



Clark Inkanish

went home to meet his Creator on Monday, November 23, 2015. He was born in Lawton on October 19, 1938 to the parents of Joseph and Ruby Ross Inkanish and was raised by his paternal grandparents, James Dunlap and Mary Little Bear Inkanish. After graduating from high school, Inkanish attended Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and served in the US Army. After leaving the service he settled in Tulsa and worked in restaurant cafeteria management for Borden Cafeteria and Amoco. Later in life he found a passion for helping Indian people who struggled with alcohol and drug addiction. He became certified as a Drug and Alcohol Counselor and worked with various tribes and later counseled in private practice with T.K.

Wolfe. Inkanish volunteered and served with many organizations such as Tulsa Indian Club, Tulsa Interfaith Alliance and Mental Health Association of Tulsa. He was an activist for change and peace serving with Tulsa Indians Against Racism and Tulsa Peace Fellowship. Inkanish is survived by his sister, Kathy Vaughn; his wife, Mabel Virginia Powell Inkanish; three children, Quetha Haynes and her husband, Sammy, Sabrina Wilson and her husband, David, and Stephanie Inkanish; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Funeral Service will be 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, December 2, at Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel, followed by interment, Floral Haven Memorial Gardens, Broken Arrow. www.floralhaven.com

Enrollment as of
December 21, 2015
2,893



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Do You Have Community News to Share?

If you have a birthday, graduation, award or other significant event to share, please contact me at **405-247-2425 ext. 165** or at newsletter@wichitatribe.com. We want to celebrate with you. Please include any information of note including dates, lineage, photos (in digital format or original photos) and contact information.

-Amber Luke

Commissioner Vacancy

The following Commission has one vacancy and will remain open until filled.

Wichita Industrial Development Commission

If you are interested in serving on any Commission, then please submit a cover letter and resume to:
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Fax: (405) 247-2430

Storm Shelter Needs Assessment

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes is considering putting a Storm Shelter program in place and/or applying for a grant to do provide storm shelters in fiscal year 2016. We need to know how many people are in need of a storm shelter.

1.

Are you an enrolled tribal member?

☐ Yes ☐ No
2.

How many people live in your home?
3.

How many enrolled tribal members reside in your home?
3.

Are there any tribal members in your home that are 55 or older?

☐ Yes ☐ No
4.

Are there any disabled tribal members in your home?

☐ Yes ☐ No
5.

Do you own your home?

☐ Yes ☐ No
6.

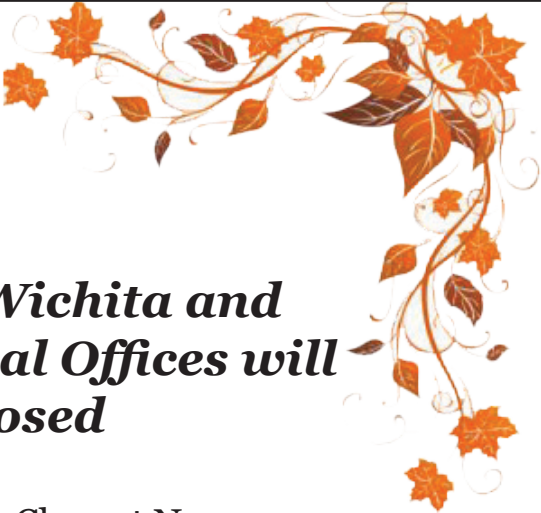
Do you have access to a storm shelter in another location?

☐ Yes ☐ No
7.

Please list your town of residence.

Please note that if you are a tribal member in need of storm shelter then it is advisable that you fill out this form and submit it. We can't address the need unless we have identified that there is a need to put a program in place or to apply for a grant.

Mail form to: Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Storm Shelter Needs Assessment
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
terri.parton@wichitatribe.com



Dates that Wichita and Affiliated Tribal Offices will be closed

New Year's Eve- Close at Noon
New Year's Day- Closed all day





Please join us for a...

Child Car Seat Safety Check

-A free event that could save your child's life-

Hosted by the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

Thursday, January 21, 2016
10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Wichita Tribe Community Building
1-1/4 miles North of Anadarko, OK

FREE Car Seat Safety Inspection
FREE Car Seat Distribution and Installation

Certified Child Passenger Safety Technicians will be available to check your child's car seat to ensure proper installation and compliance. Parents are strongly encouraged to bring their child to the event. The Technicians need to see how the child fits into their car seat. Car Seats will be provided to those without one on first come first serve basis. CDIB for child or expectant native parent required to receive Car Seat. All tribal ID's accepted. No Income Guideline.

For further information or to make an appointment please contact:
Samuel Riffel @ 405-247-8659 or
Melvenia Domebo @ 405-247-8653

Vacancies

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

READVERTISEMENT: The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has an opening for the position of **COMPLIANCE OFFICER/INTERNAL AUDITOR**. Essential functions include grant/contract compliance and administrative oversight, administrative analysis, technical report writing, account and statistical record keeping, and participation in program reviews by funding agencies. Institutes and maintains an effective compliance communication program for the Tribal organization by identifying potential areas of compliance vulnerability and risk. Develops and implements corrective action plans for resolution of problematic issues and provides general guidance on how to prevent or deal with similar situations in the future. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Must have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or related field from an accredited College/University; or five (5) years of experience as a Grants Compliance Manager/Officer, Internal Compliance Auditor, or Equivalent; a valid State of Oklahoma Driver's License; and pass a drug screening test and a criminal background investigation. Applications available at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes or at www.wichitatribe.com. For additional information contact Human Resources at (405) 247-2425. **Closing date is December 28, 2015 @ 5 p.m.** Previous applicants need not re-apply.

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has openings for a **Case Manager** for the Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Surveillance Project. Provides follow-up to patients who have been referred for services. Will track patients through referral to service and ensure their behavioral health needs are achieved. Identify additional resources and assist patients and their families with follow-up plans. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's Degree in health and/or human services related field and five or more years of previous experience in case management. Knowledge and familiarity with suicide prevention outreach, awareness, programs, and interventions. Knowledge of children's mental health and related service systems. Possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License and pass the background investigation and drug screening. Applications can be found on the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes website at www.wichitatribe.com. For additional information please contact Human Resources Manager at (405) 247-2425. **Closing date is January 8, 2016 before 5 p.m.**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has openings for a **Surveillance and Intervention Specialist** for the Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Surveillance Project. Under the supervision of the Project Director. Will work with local agencies (law enforcement and medical) as a First Responder to suicide attempts, will also be On-Call 24 hours a day to respond to at-risk patients. Provides brief assessment and referral for at-risk patients. Will provide brief intervention to individuals identified as at-risk through screening. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's Degree in health and/or human services related field and three or more years of previous experience providing direct service in a social service setting. Knowledge and familiarity with suicide prevention outreach, awareness, programs, and interventions. Knowledge of children's mental health and related service systems. Possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License and pass the background investigation and drug screening. Applications can be found on the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes website at www.wichitatribe.com. For additional information please contact Human Resources Manager at (405) 247-2425. **Closing date is January 8, 2016 before 5 p.m.**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has openings for an **Outreach Specialist** for the Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Surveillance Project. Under the supervision of the Project Director. Works to increase awareness and understanding of suicide through advisory board development and education. Will engage the tribal community and partnering entities to develop support for the project. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's Degree in health and/or human services related field and three or more years of previous experience providing training and/or community outreach services. Knowledge and familiarity with suicide prevention outreach, awareness, programs, and interventions. Knowledge of children's mental health and related service systems. Possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License and pass the background investigation and drug screening. Applications can be found on the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes website at www.wichitatribe.com. For additional information please contact Human Resources Manager at (405) 247-2425. **Closing date is January 8, 2016 before 5 p.m.**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has an opening for a **Maintenance Worker**. Will perform a full range of a variety of janitorial and/or custodial services for all buildings and also provide grounds maintenance at the Tribal Complex and Tribal Cemetery. Must be able to follow both oral and written instruction, have experience with machinery and equipment, have a minimum of a high school diploma or GED, possess a valid State of Oklahoma Driver's License, and be able to pass a drug screening test and a criminal background investigation. Applications available at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes or at www.wichitatribe.com. For additional information please contact Human Resources Manager at (405) 247-2425. **Closing date is January 4, 2016 before 5 p.m.**

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

READVERTISEMENT: The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has an opening for an **AOA/Caregiver Programs Director**. Responsible for the administration and management of the Administration on Aging, Caregiver, and Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act Programs in accordance with their regulations, policies, and guidelines. **QUALIFICATIONS:** Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration or Management; minimum of three years actual work experience in social services, public assistance, or working with the elderly; possess a valid Oklahoma Driver's License; pass a drug screening test and a criminal background investigation. Applications available at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes or at www.wichitatribe.com. For additional information contact Human Resources at (405) 247-2425. **Closing date is December 28, 2015 before 5:00 p.m.** Previous applicants need not re-apply.



CASINO JOB POSTINGS

IT Tech

Blackjack Dealer (experienced)

Sugar Creek Casino is now accepting Applications for the above position.

Closing Date
Open Until Filled

All applications must be submitted to the Sugar Creek Casino's Human Resources Department by the above date and time.
Please see the job description for requirements.
Wichita & Affiliated Tribal Member & Indian Preference Considered.
Applications may be faxed to (405)542-2952 or mailed to Sugar Creek Casino 5304 N. Broadway Hinton, OK 73047



Below is a list of tribal member graduates for 2015 as provided by the Education Department.

- ### 2015 High School Graduates

Rachelle Altstatt, Anadarko H.S.
Elijah Cisco, Anadarko H.S.
Evanee Cozad, Anadarko H.S.
Brianna Domebo, Riverside H.S.
Taylor Duncan, Muskogee H.S.
Khalil Factory, Harding Charter Prep H.S.
Keighdy Firanski, Fort Cobb-Broxtton H.S.
Callie Goombi, Anadarko H.S.
Traelyn Hendricks, Anadarko H.S.
Austin Hight, Anadarko H.S.
Julius Jones, Anadarko H.S.
Jade Kittrell, Anadarko H.S.
Shayna McCathern, Anadarko H.S.
Garret McMurtray Nair, Welch H.S.
Austin Messner, Anadarko H.S.
Michael Mopope, Anadarko H.S.
Levi Pohocsucut, Anadarko H.S.
Sydney Prince, Anadarko H.S.
Maronica Randolph, Chickasha H.S.
- Catera Spray**, Anadarko, H.S.
Arianna Stephens, Kapalama H.S.
Trace Totherow, Anadarko H.S.
Alize Walker, Stillwater H.S.
Tramayne Wauahdooah, Anadarko H.S.
Ky'Ana Willhoite, Anadarko H.S.
Molly Williams, Bethany H.S.

2015 College Graduates

Elizabeth Brown, B.S., Cameron University
Melissa Cantrell, A.B.A., Northern Oklahoma College
Jacey Lamar, A.S., Haskell Indian Nations University
Michael LeValley, A.O.S., California College San Diego
Briana McCallay, A.A.S., Temple College
Jarrod Prince, B.S., Cameron University
Craig Reeder, Juris Doctor, New England Law-Boston
Stacy Thompson, A.A.S., Brown Mackie College
Earnest Williams, A.A.S., Southwestern Illinois College
Jennah Williams, A.A., Haskell Indian Nations University

Study Abroad in Italy

By Faryl Smith

This summer I was able to go on a study abroad opportunity in Italy to view several different geological structures. Some of the geological structures we went to see was the famous volcano Mt. Vesuvius, the large Turbiditie deposits in the Apennines Mountain range near Arezzo, The Dolomite Latemar in the Southern Alps, the Ancient Port City of Ostia that had been buried by the Tiber River, the lagoonal city of Venice, and so much more. The trip was only 17 days (roughly 2 1/2 weeks) but we were able to see and learn so much during that time thanks to the planning of our faculty leaders.

The history, culture, and architecture of Italy was also something we got to learn about and experience on this study abroad trip. All of the cities in Italy, even the more modern ones like Mellon and Arezzo, were filled with the history of their origins both in the customs of the people living in the city and in the buildings that you could see. Many of the buildings, new or old, had architecture that hinted at the history of this country or simply told a story about the buildings origins and the



history behind it. Other cities, like Venice and Florence, told you all about the history and culture the minute you saw them. These cities, where ever you looked, told about their origins and if you had a mind to talk to the people of the city they could tell you all about their history, even the history of many of the average buildings in the city. Then there were cities like Rome where both the past and the present history and culture lived side by side.

Rome was an amazing place to see. Everywhere you looked you could see new buildings with architectures that hinted at the ancient past, and you could even see many ancient structures throughout the city. These structures were also in varying stages of preservation. Some, like the Forum and some of the Temples, were simply ruins that told of such grander that you just can't imagine without a little help, while others were being and/or were restored to their original state (how they were meant to be seen). These

buildings, such as the Pantheon, The Coliseum, and Fontana di Trevi (The Trevi Fountain), were amazing to see. Most of them had me wondering, in awe, how such structures could have been built so long ago and still exist. With all that has happened since there construction; war, building and rebuilding, earthquakes, erosion, changing of the climate/ weather, the very thought that these buildings still remained for use to see and learn from is so amazing to me. Then there is just the amount of history that is also contained within and by these buildings for generations, so that people can learn about and from them. Another example of this is the Vatican Museum and Church, where they have hundreds of years' worth of art, architectures, history, and artifacts from not only Rome's ancient past, but also from other countries. It's just a total mind boggle to think of all that you could learn from the city of Rome and everything it has to offer.

Then there are the incredibly diverse and amazing geological structures that Italy has to offer because of its unique tectonic setting in the world. It is because of its unusual and unique tectonic setting that it has so many differ-

ent geological structures for study in such a small area compared to the United States. Mt. Vesuvius, the famous volcano of Italy, is caused by the subduction zone on the western coast of Italy, where one plate is subductinting, being forced under, the plate that Italy sits on. Because of this Mt. Vesuvius has formed into a strata volcano, which is one of the most dangerous types of volcanos because of the unique magma composition that it produces during an eruption. This volcano is currently active and has the probability of destroy everything around it when it erupts. Examples of this destruction are the ancient cities of Pompeii and Herculaneum. Pompeii was a city that was buried in ash deposits when Mt. Vesuvius erupted and as such is one of the more famous examples, because of the well preserved city structures/artifacts and the casts of the people that died there. Herculaneum was also destroyed during that same eruption, but this city was closer to Mt. Vesuvius compared to Pompeii and was on its South-western flank,

while Pompeii was located further southeast. Now because of Herculaneum's proximity to Mt. Vesuvius, this coastal city



was destroyed by pyroclastic flows and quickly buried by massive amounts of pyroclastic materials. As such, this city is extremely well preserved to the point where they were able to find carbonized wood, the original (ancient) wood, within the city because the city was buried so quickly by the extremely hot pyroclastic flows.

Both of these cities have since been excavated, studied, and are now remembered as a part of the history of Italy, just like the ancient port city of Ostia. This city was once the main port city for the city of Rome during the Roman expansion, but over time the Tiber River has moved. In the past the Tiber River mouth was where the city of Ostia was located, as time continued the delta moved out into the Tyrthenian Sea and as it has the river has also moved both southward and northward. As it has moved in the past it eventually reached a point where it flooded the city of Ostia over and over to the point where the city was abandoned and over time buried by the deposited soils of the Tiber River. Since then the city has been excavated and now is a heritage site in Italy located about 3 kilometers (2 miles) from the coastline today when it had once been built on the coastline.

Another famous city that we went to learn about, even though it has not been buried or destroyed by natural events over time, is the lagoonal city of Venice. This city is so full of history, culture, and architecture from every age that it is an amazing engineering accomplishment that has stood the test of time. However the city itself may not be able to survive the changing climate that is to come. The city of Venice, with all its wonders and history, is slowly subsiding (sinking) back into the lagoonal waters that it lives amongst. This is due to the natural compaction of the lagoons silty soils, which has also been speed up by the weight of the city sitting on these soils. There is also the danger of rising sea level and extremely high seasonal tides that threaten to return Venice to the bottom of the lagoon. In response to these natural

processes, to save the city, the people of Venice have raised several sections of the city up to combat the natural sub-

siding land and are currently installing large lock systems to close off the lagoon during times of high tides (known as the MOSE Project). In this way they hope to save both this historical sight, there history in art and architecture, and a center of Italian culture.

Now when it comes to impressive geological structures under extensive study by scientists we come to the large Mass Transport and Turbiditie Deposits in the Apennines Mountain range and the Dolomite Latemar sequence in the southern section of the Alps. Both of these geological structures are studied by scientists around the world for various reasons. The structure and layers of the Turbiditie and Mass Transport deposits offer information about continental weather, sedimentation, sediment transport, earthquakes, and oceanic structures and processes (ocean currents, elevation, size of the continental shelf, angle of the continental shelf, ocean basin structures, etc.). All of this information can be used by Geologists, Climatologists, Sedimentologists, Paleontologists, and other scientists in their fields of studies. So the Turbiditie and Mass Transport Deposits located in the Apennines are a very important geological structure and the one located in Italy is one of the best outcrops to study in the world. Then there are the Dolomites located in the Alps. These sections of the Alps are composing of volcanic rocks, sediments, and carbonate deposits that were once all deposited in the shallow ocean basins. The Dolomite Latemar is an extremely important carbonate deposit that shows repeating stratification (layers) of carbonates, from deep water to extremely shallow (super tidal range). Because these cycles are so similar and almost perfect it is believed that they show a Milankovitch cycle, variations in the orbit of the Earth to our Sun, which could explain forces that act as controls or effecting factors of our planets climate/climate change. This is still under great debate amongst most Geologists and is still being studied, but because of the possibility these section of carbonate deposits are still being studied

by scientists around the world making it another extremely unique and important geological structure.

On our trip to Italy we got to go both to the Dolomite Latemar and to the Turbiditie deposits. For the Turbiditie deposits we got to study the depositional sequence, to locate and map out the transition zones of each section of the sequence, and to be able to locate/identify a Mass Transport deposit or "slump" within these large geological deposits. And at the Dolomite's we got to climb up to the Latemar deposits and see the sequences of carbonates, measure them, and take notes on what we saw in the rock record. Both sites were amazing and it was a great honor and privilege to be able to go to these locations to learn amount these types of geological structures in person.

The entire trip to Italy was amazing and I got to learn so much while I was there. I had learned a little about the Dolomite Latemar, Turbidities, Mass Transport Deposits, strata volcanos such as Mt. Vesuvius and Mt. Saint Helens, delta structures, movement of rivers over time, the history of the lagoon of Venice, but it was a great honor to be able to learn about them in person and to be able to reach out and touch these geological structures and buildings myself. I learned so much from just being able to go and learn about them out in the field, compared to learning about them or being told about them in a classroom. Being able to see and touch these things while learning about them is priceless and incredible. Also be too able to learn and see other peoples cultures, beliefs, history, language, art, architecture and customs first hand is also unforgettable. I learned so much on my study abroad trip to Italy, both about the people there and the geology, that I will never forget what I have learned and experienced, even the embarrassing things, the stressful experiences, the uncomfortable experiences, and the extremely painful ones that my classmates and I went through. I will remember them all.

I always have a hard time finding the right words to express exactly how grateful I am. For this study abroad trip/class I would never have been able to afford to go if it hadn't been for you all. The Tribe helped me to pay for more than half of the trip through the funding available for education. I've never been out of the country, and I could never afford to travel outside of the country, so this class was a once in a life time trip that I am extremely grateful for.

I honestly just don't know how to express how grateful I am without giving off an air of a typical thank you.

Faryl Smith

More photographs from her trip can be found online at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/131236426@No3/sets/72157661700180820>

Address Update Requests

The following tribal members have inaccurate addresses on file with our enrollment office. These members are not currently receiving this puclication and are potentially missing mailings of pertinent information regarding tribal matters. This is not only important for getting the necessary information to them, but it is costly to our government in returned mailing fees. If you are listed here, please contact Amber Komahcheet at 405-247-2425 ext. 134 or email at amber.komahcheet@wichitatribe.com in the enrollment office to update to your current mailing address. If you have friends or family on this list, please encourage them to call or email in, as well. We appreciate any assistance in this matter.

Joshua Acosta	Jinalice Cortez	Ernestine Frank	Robert Hunt	Austin McCallister
Ned Adair	Jesse Couturier Jr.	Ruth Frank	Robin Hunt	Jamie McCallister
Jacob Aguilar	Jesse Couturier Sr.	Azia Freeny	Scott Hunt	Vanessa McCallister
Jace Ahboah	Vino Couturier	Rickelle Freeny	Shannon Hunt	William McCallister
Wilsena Ahboah	Jay Cozad	Candace French	Sky Hunt	Tanesha McCauley
Jessica Akeens	Tara Cozad	Leah French	Timothy Hunt	Dakota McGary
Kenneth Arnst-Punley	Taveah Cozad	Rosamond French	Brandon Hunter	Tyler MxGary
Robert Ashley	Terrell Craddock	Jacob Galindo	Dina Hunting Horse	John McIntosh
Aurora Aunko	Michael Cramer Jr.	Rolla Gallegos	Sabrina Inkanish	Shawn Meade
Jericka Aunko	Manon Crandell	Ethel Gallegos-Lopez	Christian Jackson	Jordy Mealer
Kade Autaubo	Marissa Creepinbear	Juan Gallegos-Medina	Darian Jackson	Logan Mealer
Kameron Autaubo	De Loyce Crismon	Sage Garland	Alayna Johnson	Victoria Mealer
MacAylin Autaubo	Michael Crismon	Susan Garland	Nyvee Johnson	Lindsay Messer
Michelle Autaubo	Mitchell Crismon	Daniel Garza III	Christopher Jolley	Brandi Miller
Selena Avila	Roberta Cross	Derek Garza I	Karmen Jolley	Brandon Miller
Kenneth Bailey Jr.	Mariah Cruz	Miranda Garza	Lenny Jolley	Darrell Miller Jr.
Rhonda Bailey	Jaira D’zurella	Joshua Garza-Hannapel	Jacquelyn Jones	Devon Miller
Shawn Bailey	Christopher Davilla	Aries Gee	Courtney Kaniewski	Elizabeth Miller
Joanna Barnes	Joshua Davilla	Ezra Gee	Alejandro Kaulaity	Jason Miller
Clarissa Barrera	Dwayne Davis	Billy Geikaunmah	Angelica Keahbone	Lauren Miller
Gwen Barrera	Jarrood Davis	Clifton George	Elijah Keahbone	Lola Miller
Nicko Barrera	Kain Davis	Jesse Gomez III	Joel Keahbone	Mary Miller
Rayne Barrera	Paula Davis	Anthony Gonzales Jr.	Layla Keahbone	Steven Miller
Vanessa Barrera	Tommie Davis	Roman Gonzales	Nayana Keahbone	Landon Mitchell
Bobby Bearbow	William Davis	Anthony Gonzalez	Rachell Keahbone	Luke Mitchell
Lee Beesley	Latatia Davis-Pendarvis	Napua Gonzalez Aponte	Serrina Keahbone	Sharidan Mitchell
Jakolby Berry	Markael Davis-Pendarvis	Kendall Good Voice	Timothy Kendall	Sydney Mitchell
Erik Bert	Dion Dawn	Olivia Good Voice	Allyse Keyes	Summer Molina
Christina Bessette	ZSachariah De Leon	Dekotah Goombi	Betty Keyes	Brianna Montoya
Ryan Bessette	Cielo De Los Santos	Quintana Goombi	Elizabeth Keyes	Dezyre Morris
Gerald Birch Jr.	Tavianna De Los Santos	Rhonda Gregg	Alysia King	Jazmynn Morris
Geri Birch	Linn Deer Jr.	Roberta Gregg	Caide King	Joshua Morris Jr.
Lillian Birch	Satin Deer	Samuel Gregg	Jedadia King	Staci Morrison
Terri Birch	Devyn Dejournalt	Christina Guoladdle	Micah King	Jasper Morse
Dana Blackburn	Da’jhmae Del Angel	Alec Hackworth	Millie King	Derrick Moss
Paul Blackburn	Jammie Del Angel	Samuel Haddon	Catherine Kizer	Jessica Moss
Shonnda Blackowl	Raeleigh Del Angel	Sara Haddon	Tori Knight	Lesley Moss
Xavion Blackowl-Williams	Juan Delangel	Aaron Hall	Austin Laing	Harmony Neconie
Misty Boettger	Victor Delangel Jr.	James Hamilton II	Isaac Leflore	Sosannah Neconie
Sydnee Boettger	Alfred Delaware	Jasmine Hammork	Jet Leflore	Ta-Hashe Neconie
Gabriel Botello	Haley Delaware	Daniel Harjo	John Leisenring Jr.	Xavier Neconie
Joshua Bowen	Jamelle Delaware	Christopher Harry	David Leonard Jr.	Justin Nesiba
Zachary Bowen	Kalisha Delaware	Cinnamon Hastings	Felix Leonard	Tommie Niastor
Darius Bowens Jr.	Nivee Delaware	Osie Hattensty	Gabriel Leonard	Erick Nimsey
Madelynne Boyiddle	Brandi Deleon	Angie Hayes	Jeremy Leonard	Kailen Nimsey
Parker Boyidlle	Jeremy Demattie	Brandy Hayes	Kyle Leonard	Shelly Nimsey
Jeremy Bread	Ayanna Dobson	Desmond Head	Lori Leonard	Timothy Nimsey
Brenna Brower	Kristen Domebo	Kyus Henry	Samuel Leonard	Travis Nimsey
Gerald Brown Jr.	Shirley Dugan	Richard Henry	Tyler Leonard	Kelly Noel
Oscar Brown Jr.	Jenna Duncan	Enrique Hernandez	Michael Levalley	Kewihilani Nunies
Elizabeth Brown	Madilynn Dunlap	Jerry Hernandez	Hailey Lindsey	Robert Nunies
Tyus Brown	Derek Edmonds	Devon Highwalker	Dillon Littlecreek	Tannequah Nunie
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James Campbell	Joe Estes	Tony Hoffman	Logan Lorentz	Cali-Jo Parker
April Cannyoy	Carlotta Evans	Valerie Hoffman	Michael Lorentz II	Elton Parker
Dakota Cannyoy	Amaya Factory	Vanessa Hoffman	Thomas Lorentz	Seymoure Pate
Madison Cannyoy	Christiana Factory	Victor Hoffman Jr.	Yisaum Lorentz	Julia Pebeahsy
Robyn Capps	Jerome Factory	Warren Hokeah	Andre’s Lozania	Angelina Perez
Tashiona Casey	Khaldun Factory	Precious Holcomb	Claudine Lozania	Diane Pewo
Carlos Cervantes	Khaldun Factory	Christopher Holder	Rodolfo Lozania Jr.	Michael Pino
Karla Cervantes	Khalil Factory	Derek Holder	Angela Luther	Alfred Poolaw
Lois Cervantes	Kimiya Factory	John Holder	Arianna Luther	John Poolaw
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Dalton Chapman	Justice Fair	Jessica Hornbeck	Bradley Mammedaty	John Poolaw Sr.
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Eric Christian	Rachel Fike	Stephan Horse	Danielle Martinez	Sadie Prentiss
Hayden Clymer	Stephanie Fike	Pricilla Horsechief	Jayda Martinez	Norma Prentiss-Villareal
Laurence Coats	Kayleigh Fike	Blake Hubbard	Joshua Mathews	Justin Pribble
Adrianna Cody	Ulyssa Fisher	Kara Hubbard	Lauren Mazzoleni	Takesha Pribble
Meghan Collins	Bobby Flud	Melinda Hubbard	Sara Mazzoleni	Wade Pribble
Mariam Colson	Christine Foster	Talina Hubbard	Kelly McAdams	Benjamin Punley
Nadine Cortez Perkins	Quanah Four Thunders			Conan Punley

- Alexavier Rose

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Ian Rose

Jansen Rose

Louann Rose

Santana Rose

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Fernando Rose-Aguirre Jr.

Jeremiah Rose-Aguirre

Nathaniel Rose-Aguirre

Aziana Ross

Carson Ross

Joshua Ross

Ladonna Ross

Priscilla Ross

Rhianna Ross

Samuel Ross

Warden Ross

Chandra Rowland

Roland Rubio

Ruth Ryan

Jazelle Sanchez

Jesse Sanchez Jr.

Nadalee Sanders

Sophie Sanders

Deseth Sankadota

Heaven Sarmiento

Carrol Schoenberger

Kristi Schoenberger

Erick Schuldt

Anthony Scott

Christopher Scott

Tara Seeley

Devin Shemayme

Caleb Shook

Steve Skinner

Jacob Slater

Alissa Smith

Autumn Smith

Constance Smith

Danny Smith

Felicia Smith

Michael Smith

Megan Sorrell

Amber Sparlin

Micheal Spottedwolf

Lonnie Standing

Nicholas Standing

William Standing

Aaron Staple

Ashton Staple

Marilynn Staple

Gianna Stephens

Jennifer Stephens

Mathew Stephens

Rianon Stephens

Erika Stephenson

Filiberto Stephenson

Kynslee Stephenson

Monica Stephenson

Randi Stephenson

Wendill Stephenson

Uriah Stepp

Britney Supernaw

Deanna Supernaw

Shantel Supernaw

Matthew Sweeney

Grant Swift

Kianah Swift

Reyna Swift

Nalaya Talton

Norman Talton

Melody Tanner

Nicole Tanner

Andrew Tartsah

Cayden Tartsah

Mya Tartsah

Myron Tartsah

Norman Tartsah Jr.

Shawna Tartsah

Zaden Tartsah

Carlos Tawkoyty

Diondrick Tawhoity

Velo Tawkoyty

Shylo Taylor

Anessa Telfer

Jaymie Tenequer

Mary Tenequer

Faith Thompson

Jarrett Thrash

Chessa Tieyah

Ashley Tlaxcalteco

Juan Tlaxcalteco
- David Toehay

Deborah Tofpi

Jeanna Tofpi

Olivia Tofpi

Tito Tofpi

Devin Topp

Vailee Toppah

Thomas Totherow

Trace Totherow

Virginia Totherow

Jared Trammell

Johnny Trevino

Rebecca Trout

Theresa Tsoodle

Brian Underwood

John Underwood

Steven Underwood

Tamara Underwood

Melissa Vance

Parker Vasquez

Ignacio Vazquez

Paulina Vazquez

Simon Vazquez

Vicente Vazquez

David Waitscox Jr.

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Davion Walker

Davis Walker III

Kenadee Walker

Ricky Walker

Trevion Walker

Tyler Waller

Chelsie Warden

Ashley Warlick

David Westendorf

John Westendorf

Gerald Wetselline

Ronald Wetselline

Scarlet Whatley

Alan Wheeler

Caleb Wheeler

Brandon Whish

Jami White Eagle

Jimmy White Eagle

Reuben Whitebead

Eli Whitehead

Sage Whitehead

Ky’ana Willhoite

Amadis Williams

Autumn Rose Williams

Edmond Williams

Heather Williams

Joshua Williams

Kayah Williams

Layla Williams

Leigh Williams

Lisa Williams

Loren Williams

Maladie Williams

Melvin Williams Jr.

Nakina Williams

Randlett Williams

Dancing Cloud Williams Pad-dlety

April Wilson

Krystal Wilson

Tiffany Wilson

Andrew Wolfe

Carmen Woodward

Tyler Woodward

Whitney Woodward IV

Alexander Wright

Cathy Wright

Isabella Wright

Jason Wright

Kevin Wright

Rachael Yandell

Cameron Yeahquo

Joe Yeahquo

Lynna Yeahquo

Michaela Yeahquo

Rillee Younge

Casey Zadoka

Clifton Zadoka

Don Zadoka

Elija Zadoka

James Zadoka

Justin Zadoka

Samantha Zadoka

David Zipprich

Elder Home Rehabilitation Program

On December 17, 2015, the Wichita Executive Committee, by a vote of 4-0-1, approved the Home Improvement Program guidelines for Elders 55 and over. Applications will be available beginning January 5, 2016. No one will be able to receive an application prior to Tuesday, January 5, 2016. No applications will be printed prior to this date so please do not ask. On January 5, 2016, elders may request that one be mailed to them but the elder will need to understand that applying by mail will delay the Tribe receiving the application and therefore will delay the time when it is received for the first come/first served basis. Applicants must submit all of the required documentation for their application to be complete and processed. The application must be accompanied by proof of ownership of the home. The home must be located in Oklahoma. The program for elders will be done on a first come, first serve basis with a preference given to handicap elders. Elders who applied for the program last year whose homes did not get funded for FY-2015 will be funded this year. Those who received assistance last year may apply but only immediate health and safety issues will be considered but there is no guarantee that those individuals will be funded again depending on the number of applicants for this years program. Allowable uses include but are not limited to modifications for handicap accessibility, repair/replacement of those things that are considered a health risk, plumbing, electrical, replacement of water heaters, stoves, refrigerators, roofs, etc. Items considered luxury items will not be funded. The home will be inspected prior to any work done and after work is completed by Committee Member/Housing Commissioner, Myles Stephenson Jr. or other designee and the repairs will be coordinated by Aldezon (Tito) Saldana with the Maintenance Department here at the Tribe. Applications will be available at the front desk of the Administration Building on January 5, 2016.

Wichita Historical Center To Begin Construction In January 2016

The new Wichita Historical Center will be constructed north of Anadarko, Oklahoma east of the Tribe’s Conoco Travel Plaza. The project will include a 4000 SF single story building for a Tribal museum and a replica of Tawakonie Jim’s grasshouse with an arbor. The contract with Builder’s Unlimited Inc. of Tulsa, Oklahoma was approved by the Executive Committee and signed on November 18, 2015 allowing the project to move forward into final design approval and construction. Tribal members who are interested in working on the construction project including the construction of the grasshouse/arbor can visit or call the TERO office at (247-2425 ext.147) to inquire about the project.

Wichita Sports Commission



Commissioner Matt Roberson

Matt Roberson has served as Chairman of the WTSC for the last 4 years and has served on the commission since 2010. Matt is enrolled member of The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. He is 2000 graduate of Anadarko High School. Matt and his wife Kearstin, live in Pine City, Minnesota where Matt works as the Executive Director for The Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe- Department of Athletic Regulation. He has served on the Combative Sports Panel for the Oklahoma Indian Gaming Association, Served on the Tribal Advisory Committee for the Association of Boxing Commissions since 2011 and in 2014 was elected to Vice Chairman of the Committee. Matt is also a nationally certified Boxing Judge, MMA Judge and Timekeeper. Recently Matt was added to the board of directors for the North American Indigenous Games. The Robersons are expecting their first child in April 2016. Matt lists his favorite sporting event as SCS 27- The first event he got to regulate alongside his younger brother Austin. Matt’s favorite food is listed as Spicy Meatpies and his favorite dessert is his grandmother’s famous chocolate cake.



Commissioner Mike Snyder

Mike Snyder has served as the Vice-Chairman of the Wichita Tribe Sports Commission for the last four years. Mike is originally from Marion, Illinois and was brought to Oklahoma by the United States Airforce, where he met the love of his life, Sarah. Mr. and Mrs Snyder made their home in Wellston, Oklahoma and are the proud parents of 3 boys. Mike is an active member of the American Legion and his local Masonic Lodge. After the military he spent over 20 years in law enforcement with the Lincoln County Sheriff’s Department. He is now the proud owner of “West Y Liquor, Cigarettes and Storage” in Wellston. Snyder is known as the “bulldog” of the group. He prides himself on making the fighters follow the rules. He lists his favorite sports moment as the time Booker T (professional wrestler) won the 30 man Battle Royale at Wrestlemania 21. Mike lists his favorite food as “Dessert” but has a special fondness for Ice Cream and Gelato.



WTSC Commissioner Joneil Tahmahkera. “We have a lot of tribal members that are crucial to the success of each event that we regulate. Dustin has not been with us as long as some of our seasoned veterans but he is just as important. When I look at him, I see a passion that stems from his love of athletics and our tribe. Austin (Roberson) and Mike (Snyder) asked me to perform an analysis of our inspectors and find a tribal member that we could send to the training. Dustin was at the top of my list.”

WTSC Commissioner Austin Roberson stated “We are building something very special here. As a lot of people know, The Wichita Tribe has been a front runner in athletic regulation and is the only tribe to OWN our promotion. (Sugar Creek Showdown) What they may not know is that we don’t hire inspectors and judges from the State of Oklahoma like several tribes do. They are all our people. We bring them in and train them. Something else that people may not know is that we were the first tribal commission to use an ALL Native American staff in terms of referees and judges. We can’t do that for every event but that’s our goal. This is why we seek out training opportunities to send our inspectors to. One day we will be able to have tribal members at every single



Commissioner Joneil Tahmahkera

Joneil Tahmahkera is an enrolled member of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and has served as a Commissioner for 2 years. He is a 2004 graduate of Apache High School. Joneil and his wife Cynthia have made their home in Boone, Oklahoma. Mr. Tahmahkera has one son Bryce, and two beautiful step daughters, Jordyn and Abigail. Joneil’s full time job is traffic controller for the City of Lawton. Before becoming a commissioner, Joneil was a long time inspector for the WTSC. Tahmhakera is responsible for the recruitment, training and scheduling of Inspectors for each event. He is also learning the nuances of scheduling referees and judges for each bout. Tahmahkera says his favorite moment in sports happened in 2001 at the Cotton Bowl, when Roy Williams’ famed “Superman” play won the game for the Sooners. Joneil lists his favorite food as Indian Corn and Frybread followed by Frybread with Crunchy Jiff Peanut Butter for dessert.



Commissioner Austin Roberson

The newest and best looking commissioner of the group is Austin Roberson, an enrolled member of The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. Austin is a 2007 graduate of Anadarko High School where he wrestled and was a member of the Academic Team. Austin is a full time student at USAO in Chickasha, Oklahoma. He is a double major in Mathematics and Business and is set to graduate next spring. Austin is quick study and has taken over the Database Management, Research and Logistics roles within the commission. Austin’s favorite sports moment was being in attendance as Oklahoma blocked a field goal to defeat Donavon McNabb’s Syracuse team in 1997. Austin’s favorite food is listed as pizza and his favorite dessert is Key Lime Pie.



Zadoka Completes Training

Dustin Zadoka became the first Wichita tribal member to become a nationally certified timekeeper for Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). Dustin was chosen to represent the Wichita Tribe Sports Commission (WTSC) at the Turnage and Sutherland National Timekeeping Training Course held recently at WinStar World Casino and Resort. The course was sponsored by the Chickasaw Nation Gaming Commission.

The 2 day training course took place in advance of WinStar’s nationally televised Bellator MMA event. The course covered the difference in rules for Boxing and Mixed Martial Arts, how to use each piece of equipment, the proper procedure for keeping time for each round, knockdowns, knockouts and injury time outs. The training also covered important topics such as proper ringside attire and etiquette. Dustin was one of only 17 participants who attended the entire training and passed the written exam for national certification.

“The sports commission is dedicated to the employment of tribal members for each event.” Explained

position in the organization.”

Dustin is a 2003 graduate of Riverside Indian School. He is the grandson of former tribal president Lewis Zadoka. He is the son of Lewis “Dusty” Zadoka Jr and the nephew of Priscilla Zadoka and Rose Roberson. Dustin has served the sports commission as an inspector almost a year. He and his wife Fawn, recently opened the Rock Island Café in downtown Carnegie.

Photo of Dustin at right



Sports Commission Looking for Inspectors

The Wichita Tribe Sports Commission (WTSC) is currently looking to fill 3 FIGHT INSPECTOR positions. This exciting position works with the commission in the handling of both amateur and professional fighters. The inspector will make sure that all commission rules are followed by the fighter and team. Interested applicants should contact commissioner Joneil Tahmahkera at 580-458-8403 or joneiltahmahkera@gmail.com.

All Training will conducted by the WTSC staff. Applicants should be prepared to be in a standing position and comfortable in working in a crowd. Wichita and Native American Preference apply.

Southern Methodist University and Texas Historic Tree Coalition

On December 2, 2015 President Parton, Amber Luke and I traveled to Dallas, TX. We left the complex at 8:15 AM, arrived in Dallas about 1:00 PM and proceeded to Southern Methodist University where we met with the following officials from the University's Department of Anthropology: James E. Quick, Associate Vice President for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies, Shannon Lunt, Director for Research Compliance, Sunday Eiselt, Associate Professor and Anthropology Collections Coordinator and Susan Benton, Assistant Professor of Arts and Law.. The main reason for our SMU visit was to discuss their collection of human remains and how we might proceed with their disposition. After the passage of NAGPRA in 1990, all institutions receiving federal funds were required to complete an inventory of their collections covered by NAGPRA. SMU did put together an inventory but like many institutions it was not accurate. In some cases entities did not do a physical inventory. They merely compiled one based on their written records. This is partly the case at SMU. Of course they want to apply for a NAGPRA grant so they can perform an actual physical inventory and more thorough records search and are seeking our support for their application. I am sure there will be a need for follow up consultations sometime in the near future.

While we were there we also got to look at artifact collections from three Wichita sites(41MU17, 41MU24 and 41MU28)located near the Red River. About 4:00 PM Steve Henson, Director of MBA Diversity Initiatives and Adjunct Professor joined us and gave an informal presentation of SMU's efforts to recruit more Native Americans to their business school. We left SMU around 4:30 PM to go have dinner with members of the Texas Historic Tree Coalition, our host for the panel discussion on Wichita history and culture to be held that evening.

After dinner we went to the meeting place. There were about 30 people in

attendance including tribal member, Ira Hight. Mary Graves, President of the Texas Historic Tree Coalition made introductions and President Parton made some opening remarks. Ms. Graves then opened the discussion with the initial questioning then opened the floor for questions from the audience. The session lasted around two hours. We left Dallas about



9:00 PM and arrived in Anadarko at 12:30 AM.

The President and I also received \$100 honorariums that were donated to the Wichita Little Sisters Organization.

Submitted by Gary McAdams



Commissioner Vacancies

The following commisssion will have 4 vacancies on 1/31/16:

Wichita Tribe Sports Commission

If you are interested in serving on this Commission, then please submit a cover letter and resume to the address below. The vacancies will remain open until filled.

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