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Tribal Students Receive Valedictorian Distinction



Patricia (Patty) Chalepah was named the Valedictorian for the Riverside Indian School Class of 2016. Patty is enrolled with the Wichita Tribe of Oklahoma. She is the Granddaughter of Spencer and Victoria Chalepah.

She has been a member of the National Junior Honor Society for 7th & 8th Grade and a member of the National Honor Society for every year of her High School Career. She was the Salutatorian of her 8th Grade Class. She has also been selected as Student of the Month for every year of her high school career. She has consistently held a GPA of 3.8 or higher while in High School

She was a member of the Riverside Indian School Close-up Delegation that traveled to Washington DC during the week of March 27th, 2016. She was a member of Student Council & Gifted and Talented her 9th & 10th Grades. She has also been selected for FCLC Leadership program at OSU.

She has been a member of the Riverside Indian School Lady Braves Basketball team for every year she has attended school here. She ran for Girls Varsity Cross Country Team her Senior Year. She was also a Basketball Queen Candidate her Senior Year.

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes would like to congratulate Patricia being selected as the Valedictorian for the Riverside Indian School Class of 2016. We wish her much success in life and all her endeavors.



Rachel Keahbone is the daughter of Carey Keahbone-Townsend. Her grand parents are Steve Townsend, Sara Cades-Lowe, Lolita Hensley and the late Joel Mitchell Keahbone. This fall she will be attending the University of Oklahoma, where she will pursue a degree in Mass Communications. During or after college,

she hopes to start her journey as a public speaker. She hopes to travel and host town clean-ups, while sending a message of the importance of a clean and safe community.

Good luck Rachel in all you do, from the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.



Wichita Executive Committee

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**President’s Report
June Edition
By Terri Parton,
President
Submitted July 6, 2016
Information as of July 6,
2016**

This will be my last report as President for this four-year term. It has been a great journey. I will make this brief and update you on few things.

**REFERENDUM
ELECTION FOR BLOOD
QUANTUM AND
ABSENTEE VOTING**

Make sure you come out to vote on July 16, 2016. We will be having a Referendum Election for lowering the Blood Quantum and Absentee Voting. It is important that you vote no matter which way you vote. This will be the year that these two issues will pass or fail. As of today, there will be a requirement for at least 189 voters (10%) to vote in the upcoming election for the questions to pass or fail with a majority vote. There should be at least 189 that that come out and vote. It will be important that you take everything into consideration when casting your votes for or against. These two questions change everything if they pass and both sides have pros and cons. As a tribal member you will need to weigh those pros and cons. The thing to remember is that once these are voted on the number of people required will be met and the majority of those voting will have spoken and it will be final. It is important that you vote on these questions whichever way you, as a tribal member, feel is the best direction and the best interest for the Tribe.

**ELECTIONS AND
ANNUAL MEETING**

The Annual Meeting and 2016 Tribal Elections will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016. You will find the agenda and the election notice in this newspaper. You will be voting for all seven positions including: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Committee Members.

HINTON TRAVEL INN
Renovations for the Hinton Travel Inn began on April 18, 2016. The roof, painting on the outside and the pool have been worked on. The room renovations should start in the next few weeks.

**WICHITA HISTORICAL
CENTER UPDATE**
The Wichita Historical Center continues to move forward despite a Temporary Restraining Order that was filed and then

lifted. The outside features which are the grasshouse and summer arbor continue to be worked on. Steel beams are going up. The road to the Historical Center had gravel put on it today. I have provided some information on what will be in the Wichita Historical Center. This is not all inclusive. We welcome your comments on anything that we may have left out that you feel is an important part of our history. You can email those comments to gary.mcadams@wichitatribe.com.

**WICHITA HISTORICAL
CENTER**

**The Times of the
Beginning**

- Archeological time line
- Creation Story

Clouds Gather

- “Contact and Conflict – Europeans in the Wichita Lands”
- “Trouble in Texas”
- Homelands & Migrations Map

Days of Darkness

- “Living Under a Warring Nation – The American Civil War”
- “Return from Kansas – Life in Indian Territory”

**A New Beginning –
Reclaiming Our Nation**

- Self Governance and the Wichita Nation Association
- “Building on Tradition – The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Today”

**An Everlasting
Friendship – Visitation
with the Pawnee**

- History, traditions and ceremonies of Visitation

**Wichita Ways – Daily
Life in the Wichita
Homelands**

- Family structure and daily life
- Women’s roles
- Replica bed – owner to provide
- Tools and Medicine

Wichita Ways cont.

- Homes
- Hunting and Warfare
- Games
- Ceremonies & dances
- Burial Traditions
- Religion
- Camp Creek
- Language

Possible Items for Display
Gun side plate, gun barrel, Archeological objects & trade goods, archeological objects form Quivera & Etzanoa, pipe bag, macaw feather fan, beaded medallions, shawl, bone

necklace, turkey feather fan, tobacco, scraper, buffalo-horn spoon, dried corn & pumpkin, pumpkin matt, cache pit storage bag, cradleboard, clothing such as a ribbon shirt, girl’s dress, beaded bag & boots, beaded moccasins, breast platemen’s breech cloth, women’s skirt, moccasins, hide bag, double ball, dance staff, eagle and hawk feather fans, gourd rattle (plain), gourd rattle (beaded), eagle feather hair ornament, ghost drum & stick, bible

**ROCK SPRING
CEMETERY**

We are working through things that need to be completed to utilize transportation funds for the project.

**WICHITA SCHOOL
READINESS PROGRAM**
The Wichita School Readiness Program had their grand opening on Saturday, May 20, 2016. The Tribe had to do some additional fingerprinting for DHS licensing that had not been previously required which has caused a delay. We hope to be able to open within the next few weeks. The staff is ready.

STORM SHELTERS
There have been 25 applications approved for storm shelters. The first one was installed last week. They will begin installing additional storm shelters next week.

SMOKE SHOP
I have been informed that the Wichita Tax Commission is addressing surveillance issues and then needs to move and then they will eventually be ready to open the new Smoke Shop. Hopefully, there will be something in the July newspaper that will let you know when the Grand Opening will be.

AUDIT
Below are some important excerpts from the tribal audit. We do have some things that need to be addressed with some of the other entities. Each entity will be working towards getting those addressed. As a tribal leader, this is one of the greatest goals to achieve to make sure that our programs are following their guidelines with these types of notes to our audits. We can be hard on the program directors at times but we want to make sure that these are the type of reports that we get in our audits. We had the same report below for 2014. In 2013, there were a few compliance findings regarding the sliding scale fee for the child care program and then a few missing documents such

as CDIB’s for some files in the CHR Program but otherwise clean. In 2012, there were many significant deficiencies. This Committee was elected 10 months into 2012 of that audit year. We were elected in July 2012 but the audit year for 2012 began October 1, 2011. That many months had passed by for the audit year before we were elected. We contracted out our finance office and have been able to reduce our audit finding significantly than what they were prior to our terms in office. This is a huge accomplishment. While having the finance office contracted out was not the ideal solution, the Committee realized that the Tribe needed to get their audits in order. Also, having the finance office contracted out allowed the Committee to focus on all the other things that we were able to accomplish the last four years. We hope that the Tribe will continue to move in the same direction.

**Here are the notes from
the Audit for 2015:**
Financial Statements-
No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses were reported in the independent auditors’ report on internal control over financial reporting.

Federal Awards-
There were no material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance with requirements applicable to major federal award programs reported in the independent auditors’ report on internal control over compliance.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FINDINGS**
Internal Control Findings
There are no findings reported under this section.

Compliance Findings
There are no findings reported under this section.

**FEDERAL AWARDS
FINDINGS AND
QUESTIONED COSTS**
Internal Control Findings
There are no findings reported under this section.

Compliance Findings
There are no findings reported under this section.

EXPO
The Wichita Executive Committee has determined that we will be supporting the American Indian Exposition that will be held August 1 through August 6, 2016. Programs will have floats in the parade.

CHILDREN’S CLOTHING
Applications for Children’s Clothing Assistance are available. There is a notice in this newspaper with specific information. If you did not turn in your receipts for last year you can still apply for your child(ren). Please make sure that you turn them in this year.

**CONCLUSION- IT HAS
BEEN AN HONOR TO
SERVE THE WICHITA
PEOPLE**

This four-year term has been a great journey. This Committee has striven to address the needs of our people the last four years. It takes time to address all of the needs and will always be an ongoing process but we have tried to do the best we could. Some people may say that we spend a lot of money but look at what we are investing in. We have purchased land that was once ours so that we could eventually further our Economic Development opportunities. People may complain about those purchases but we need the land to do further development to create jobs and increase our potential for economic development. For many years the Tribe could not pursue economic development without land. Some of those lands have trust applications that have been filed. Those things take time but hopefully the Agency and Region will

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Dates to remember

July 1-15

Free Photo
CDIBs

July 16

Annual General
Council Meeting

July 16

2016 Tribal
Elections

August 11-14 Wichita
Annual Dance

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Notices

(cont. from page 2) move on them. We own all the land but the hotel free and clear. The land is ours. Our Tribe is the only Tribe aboriginal to Oklahoma and so we should own more land. We once did. We invested a lot of money into our people by providing rides to their jobs at the casino from Anadarko, by increasing the Tribe's minimum wage and by creating jobs. We invested in our children and our future by spending money on Children's Clothing, After School Program, Summer Youth Program, increase in scholarships and our Intern Program. We invested our money in our elders with elder payments and home rehabilitation Program. We invested money in our people by opening up more programs to serve those outside the service areas in some cases. We invested money into our people by providing the Tribal Member Health Plan for health care. We invested money into a tribal newspaper that now allows tribal members living everywhere to receive information on what is going on within the Tribe. We invested the Tribe's money in our people. In regards to economic development, we paid off the casino. We built an event center with our own funds. We are doing the renovations to the Hinton Travel Inn with our own funds. So:ti:c?a to our Executive

Committee which includes: Jesse Jones, Myles Stephenson Jr., S. Robert White, Jr., Shirley Davilla, Gladys Walker and Karen Thompson. We ran together this term with the understanding that we would work together no matter what differences we may have. We all honored that commitment even when there were times that we could not agree. We set those things aside so that we could focus on the positive things. That is an accomplishment especially in tribal politics and we did it for four years. I wish the best to all of the candidates in the 2016 election. I have confidence that our Wichita people will choose the best candidates to keep our Tribe moving in a positive direction. Make sure you come out to vote no matter what candidates you choose to support. It's your choice, your vote and your voice. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have served my Wichita people these last four years. I hope that I have served well. I did the best to my ability serving as your President. Keep praying for good things for our people. May God bless our Tribe with good leadership for the 2016-2020 term so that our people can continue to move forward and may the Creator bring good feelings to each of you knowing that you are Kitikiti'sh. So:ti:c?a

Wichita/Pawnee Visitation

The Wichita/Pawnee Visitation will begin July 20, 2016. Visitation will be at Pawnee this year. Tribal members are encouraged to participate.

Commissioner Vacancy

The following commission has one vacancy now:
Wichita Tax Commission

If you are interested in serving on this commission, please submit a cover letter and resume no later than July 31, 2016
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Fax: (405)247-2430

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Children's Clothing Assistance Program NOTICE FOR FY-2016

TUESDAY- JULY 5, 2016: You may pick up an application at the Tribal Office or you may call beginning July 5, 2016 or thereafter and request to have an application mailed to you. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE MAILED OR GIVEN OUT BEFORE JULY 5, 2016 AND NO REQUESTS FOR APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED BEFORE JULY 5, 2016.**

FRIDAY- JULY 15, 2016: If we have received your application by 5:00 PM Friday, July 15, 2016 your check should be ready by Friday- July 29, 2016. **No checks will be given out prior to July 29, 2016.**

FRIDAY- JULY 29, 2016: Children's Clothing Assistance checks will be given to the parent or mailed out if requested, on Friday- July 29, 2016 for those applications that were received on or before July 15, 2016.

BENEFITS: The Wichita Executive Committee, determined by a vote of 6-0-0 on Thursday, June 9, 2016- that enrolled children (17) years of age and under, will receive \$150 in monetary assistance for the purpose of purchasing school clothing. Children must have applied for enrollment, submitted all required documents and be eligible for enrollment as of 09/30/2016, to receive the benefit for FY-2016.

WHO MAY APPLY: Due to problems in the past between Parents and Grandparents, Aunts or Uncles, etc., **only Parents or Legal Guardians may apply for Clothing Assistance for the Children.** If a Grandparent, Aunt or Uncle, is applying for someone for Children's Clothing **THEY MUST HAVE WRITTEN CONSENT FROM THE PARENT** to apply for and to pick up the check. It is stated in the Children's Clothing Assistance Guidelines **that only parents and/or legal guardians may apply.** If we do not have written consent from the parent, it may delay the issuance of the Children's Clothing Check.

RECEIPTS: All receipts for clothing purchases from this year's program (FY-2016) must be turned in to the Enrollment Office within (60) days from receipt of the check (the last day of October, 2016) in order for the child to be eligible for next year's Clothing Assistance. The parent or legal guardian must take responsibility to ensure that all your child's clothing receipts are returned in a timely manner. If receipts are not returned, the child will be become ineligible for Clothing Assistance the following year.

VERIFICATION OF ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL: For children ages 15-17 a Certification Form must be signed by the parent or legal guardian verifying that the child is currently enrolled and attending school in the FY2016-2017 school year.

PLEASE DIRECT ANY QUESTIONS TO THE ENROLLMENT OFFICE - WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES, P.O. BOX 729, ANADARKO, OK 73005, (405) 247-2425, EXTENSION 134.

Revised June 9, 2016

School Supplies for Enrolled Wichita Children ages 4-18.

When: Friday, July 29th from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Location: Community Building located at the Wichita Tribal Complex

Supplies are limited and will be issued on a first come, first served basis.

For more information please call 405-247-2425

Sponsored by: The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Child Care & Development Fund & Social Services Programs.

NOTICE

WICHITA TAG OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 9 AM-1 PM ON THE FOLLOWING SATURDAYS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS ONLY:

**JUNE 11th
JULY 9th
AUGUST 13th**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL THE TAG OFFICE AT 405-247-8668

NOTICE

BEGINNING IN JUNE 2016, THE WICHITA TAG OFFICE AND TAX COMMISSION WILL BE CLOSED THE 1ST MONDAY AND 3RD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH FROM 8 AM- 1PM. TAGS WILL NOT BE ISSUED DURING THIS TIME.

PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING DAYS THE TAG OFFICE WILL BE OPEN FROM 1 PM-4:30 PM ONLY:

**JUNE 20TH
JULY 5TH & JULY 18
AUGUST 1ST & 15TH
SEPTEMBER 6TH & SEPTEMBER 19TH
OCTOBER 3RD & OCTOBER 17TH
NOVEMBER 7TH & NOVEMBER 21ST
DECEMBER 5TH & DECEMBER 19TH**

THIS WILL ALLOW THE TAX COMMISSION OFFICE/TAG OFFICE TO COMPLETE OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE DUTIES.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 405-247-8643 OR 405-247-8668.

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Community News

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RESOLUTION

Proclaiming the Week of June 13-19, 2016 as Men’s Health Week

- WHEREAS,

the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni) (the “Tribe”) possesses substantial inherent sovereign powers and has exercised those powers since time immemorial, and
- WHEREAS,

the Tribe has a duly established Tribal Government recognized by the Secretary of the Interior, and
- WHEREAS,

Article V of the Wichita Governing Resolution authorizes and empowers the Executive Committee of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes to act in all matters of business on behalf of the Tribe, and
- WHEREAS,

despite advances in medical technology and treatment, Native American men live significantly shorter lives and suffer higher death rates for many causes compared to their female counterparts or US males overall, and
- WHEREAS,

educating the public and health care providers about the importance of a healthy lifestyle and early detection of male health problems can result in reducing rates of mortality from disease, and
- WHEREAS,

men who are informed about the value of preventative health and supported in accessing it will be more likely to participate in health screening and treatment, and
- WHEREAS,

fathers who maintain a healthy lifestyle are role models for their children and have happier, healthier children, and
- WHEREAS,

National Men’s Health Week is a special campaign to help educate men, boys, and their families about the importance of positive health attitudes and preventative health practices, and

Elder Fall Prevention

Fall injuries are an enormous burden on older American Indians and Alaska Native (AI/AN) adults. One in three adults 65 and older fall each year. Approximately 20-30% of these falls result in serious injury. In fact falls are the most common causes of non-fatal injuries and hospital admissions for trauma among older adults. The combination of demographic growth of the older population and high rates of diabetes in many AI/AN communities means that fall injury prevention is an increasingly urgent priority. The good news is that there is strong evidence to show that falls and resulting injuries can be prevented through changes in behavior, health service delivery, and environment. The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Injury Prevention Program provides services that can make homes safer for tribal elders in the community. Through home assessments we can determine areas of the home that may need items that can make mobility easier or dangerous obstructions safer. We provide grab bars, bath and shower mats, non-slip rug pads, smoke detectors/co2 alarms, portable night lights, hand showers and other items that may be needed to make the home safer from falls. Contact us: If you would like to request a home assessment or already have a specific need for making mobility in your home safer please contact our Injury prevention Coordinators:

Samuel Riffel
(405) 247-8659
Samuel.riffel@wichitatribe.com

Melvenia Domebo
(405) 247-8653
Melvenia.domebo@wichitatribe.com

Located in the Health building at the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes complex.
Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

FREE ADVERTISEMENT FOR TRIBAL MEMBER BUSINESSES

The Wichita Tribal News is distributed to tribal member homes and free to the public on newsstands in Caddo County. We will be offering ad space to Wichita tribal member owned business for **FREE** for the next few months. Please send your ad copy to newsletter@wichita-tribe.com or call 405-247-2425 ext. 165 for more information. Ads may be altered for size or otherwise, but copy for proof will be provided before run.

Do you have any old photos of Camp Creek, Bill Campbell’s, Wichita Mission Church, Elva Mae’s, or Rock Spring that you are willing to share? They will potentially be used for an exhibit at the Cultural Center or archived at the tribe. Please contact Gary McAdams at 405-247-2425 ext. 169.

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

Wichita Tribe Receives Grant for Language Documentation Project

Wichita Language Documentation Project-The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes has been awarded a \$40,000 grant from the Tides Foundation as recommended by the Cultural Resource Fund and advised by the MICA Group. The Wichita Language Documentation Project will over a twenty week period create a digital archive of the language material collections possessed by the Tribe and by Dr. David S. Rood. There are plans for this to be a source for teaching materials. Plans also include the solicitation of tribal members to share any language recordings they may have and to train staff and others on archiving. Congratulations to Gary McAdams, Cultural Planner, for his work on this grant.

Iscani Pool Clarification

The Wichita Housing Authority Board of Commissioners took the action to revise free swimming schedules for patrons of the Iscani Community Swimming Pool. Effective immediately, WICHITA TRIBAL ENROLLEES may swim free of charge on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. A tribal issued identification card is needed.

Secondly, Tenants and Homebuyers residing in homes managed by the Wichita Housing Authority may swim free of charge on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The Housing Authority issues identification cards to members of these households.

The cost of swimming is \$3.00 per patron per day. Pool Parties are available on Friday, Saturday, and Sundays. Pool Party charges are \$100.00 per two hour session and or \$200.00 for four hours.

Special functions with tribal programs and schools can be arranged as well. We will be posting flyers across the tribal complex building to make these changes known.

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Community News

Wichita Department of Environmental Programs

Invites you to
Recycle your Electronic Waste



2016 FREE E-Waste Recycling!

Friday, July 8, 2016
10:00 am until 4:30 pm

Drop Off Event Location:

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Tribal Headquarters, East of the
Dance Grounds

The Following Items Will Be Accepted:

- Computers
 - Printers
 - Copiers
 - Phones
 - Stereos
 - Fax Machines
 - Electronic Cables
 - Paper Shredders
 - Microwaves
 - DVD / VHS players
 - Video Game Consoles
 - Cameras
 - Keyboards
- (Sorry No Appliances)



WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES
Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Surveillance
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Phone: (405) 247-8817

Youth Advisory Board Recruiting Letter

Dear Wichita and Affiliated Tribal Members,

On behalf of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Surveillance Program, we are pleased to invite you to serve as a member of our Youth Advisory Board for the 2016-2017 year.

The Tribal Youth Suicide and Surveillance Program will provide youth 10-24 years of age with suicide prevention services to Wichita Tribal members and American Indian youth in Caddo, Grady, Washita, Blaine, Canadian, and Custer Counties. The purpose of the program is to identify American Indian/Alaskan Native youth with risk factors for suicide, and engage the youth in comprehensive, culturally relevant services to prevent suicide attempts and completions.

The Youth Advisory Board will assist in guiding the project in an appropriate way based on survivor knowledge. This Youth Advisory Board will engage in developing marketing and promotional publications and materials aimed at reducing stigma in the community, and increasing knowledge and education around Native American youth suicide.

We would be honored if you would serve on our Youth Advisory Board for our program. If you are interested in joining, please contact Kayla Bryant, TYSP outreach coordinator, by phone 405-247-8817 or by email kayla.bryant@wichitatribe.com.

The deadline to sign-up for the membership will be July 15 2016

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Kayla Bryant, Outreach Coordinator
Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention and Surveillance Program
405-247-8817
Kayla.bryant@wichitatribe.com

SPIRIT WALK 2016 & SPIRIT OF THE WICHITA'S 5K

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13, 2016. AT WICHITA TRIBAL PARK.

REGISTRATION FOR 5K BEGINS AT 6:00 AM, 5K STARTS AT 6:45

FLAG RAISING AT 8:00 AM, PRAYER AND WELCOME AT 8:10. SPIRIT WALK TO START AFTER.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE 41ST ANNUAL WICHITA TRIBAL DANCE AUGUST 11TH-14TH, 2016!

1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD PLACE WINNERS MEDALS FOR 5K IN FOUR AGE CATEGORIES:

0-12YRS, 13-25YRS, 26-46YRS, AND 50YRS & OLDER.

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD SUGAR CHECKS!

FREE T-SHIRTS WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

SPONSORED BY THE WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES HEALTH PROGRAMS

EDUCATION INCENTIVES

Enrolled Wichita Tribal Members

2016 High School Graduation Incentive

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

2016 Grade Incentive Award

Submit: Application, Final Official Report Card (both semesters), & CDIB

Awards (Gift Cards) are given once at the end of the academic year.

Grade	GPA
6 th -8 th grade	2.0+
9 th -12 th grade	2.5-2.99
9 th -12 th grade	3.0-3.49
9 th -12 th grade	3.50-4.0

2016 College Graduation Incentive

Submit: Application, Final Official Transcript, Diploma, & CDIB Associates, Bachelors, Masters, or Doctorate Degree.

For an application or more info call the Education Office ##(405) 247-8612. Funding is based on the FY-2016 yearly budget. **All applications must be received by July 31, 2016.** It is the applicants responsibility to turn in the required documents prior to the due date.

Education Banquet 2016

The Education Banquet was held on June 16, 2016, in honor of Kindergarten, Eighth Grade, High School, and College Graduates. The evening began with an opening performance by the Kitikiti'sh Little Sisters and we enjoyed catered meal with two guest speakers. The first guest speaker was Tracey Gregg-Boothby. Mrs. Gregg-Boothby recently obtained her Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Oklahoma. The second guest speaker was Justina Prairie Chief. Ms. Prairie Chief recently obtained her Bachelor Degree in Psychology from University of Central Missouri. The Education Staff would like to thank the Executive Committee, Tribal Administrator James Nelson, Maintenance Staff, and the Food Distribution Staff for their assistance and support.



Tracey Gregg-Boothby speaks to the students



Justina Prairie Chief gives her remarks

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Obituaries



Ruth Adella

“Snookie” Ryan

was born November 12, 1938. Born to Dorothy Ryan and Harry Guy. Deeply loved by her mother Dorothy May Ryan, she lived in Gracemont on the hill north of town overlooking all. After her mother's passing she was placed at the Galilean. She resided at Galilean when it closed. She spent time at other care facilities in Anadarko and around Oklahoma. For the last few years she received excellent care in Waurika. She loved teddy bears, purses, and pepper, and was known for her smile and laugh. She is survived by her sister, Teresa McCray and nephew, Jay Wiley McCray; cousins Vanessa Vance and Kendrick Boyiddle; nieces and nephews, Dan Fourthunders, Marcos Garza, Marie Garza, Carrie Cortinas, Tish Garza, and Rosenda Ibanez; and numerous

great nieces and nephews, and friends. Preceded in death by her parents, her brother, George Ryan, Jr., sister, Victoria Garza, grandmother, Nora Edwards Harry, her aunts, Inez Vance and Tamar Boyiddle, uncle Clayton (Buddy) Harry, cousins Parker and Mitchell Boyiddle, and nieces Sarah Williams and Nora Furman. Special thank you from the family to Kay Mopope, for ensuring that she was well taken care of in her later years. Services were Friday, June 17, at 2pm at Smith’s Funeral Home with interment following at Rock Spring’s Cemetery. Officiating was Donnie Edmondson and Kendrick Boyiddle. Meal followed at the Community Building on the Wichita Tribal Complex in Anadarko. Pall bearers were Alex Riffel, Eddie Granger, Derek and Daniel Garza, and Joel Boyiddle.



Nona Bessette

went peacefully to be with the Lord on the 8th of April 2016. She was born to Zelda and Arthur Punley on the 18th of December 1933 in Lawton, Oklahoma. She grew up on a one hundred and sixty acre farm in Anadarko, Oklahoma. She began her education in a one room school house that she reached by riding her horse. She later went to Chilocco Indian High School graduating in 1952. She then studied Cosmetology and was licensed in Oklahoma. In 1953, Nona enlisted in the United States Air Force where she met and married the love of her life, Duane Bessette, who was also in the Air Force. They married in Belleville, Illinois on the 9th of April 1954. In their nearly sixty-two years of marriage they had four children, nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. During Duane’s twenty-seven years of active duty they lived in Spain, Germany, and numerous state-side bases before they moved to Anchorage, Alaska in 1971. Once her children were grown, Nona worked as a draft person for the State of Alaska until she retired in 1990. After retirement, Nona and Duane traveled regularly, visiting exotic locations like New Zealand, Costa Rico, and many more. Duane and Nona were seldom

apart, they enjoyed living as “snow birds” in Alaska during the summer and Arizona in the winter. Nona was a talented artist, who enjoyed painting beautiful Alaskan landscapes and portraits of those she loved. She was active in the community though the Anchorage Women’s Club and the Pioneer School House. Nona valued her family more than anything. She loved deeply and was deeply loved. She was respected and admired by all that crossed her path. She had a rare beauty and while she was undeniably lovely, it was her inner beauty that radiated. Always smiling, happy and kind she lived a life full of beauty, grace, and love. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brother Arthur, and her beloved son Michael. She leaves behind her husband Duane, sons Duane Jr. (Elizabeth) and Steven (Sabrina), daughter Diana (Jon), brothers Norman and Kenneth (Estelle) and grandchildren, Christina, Angela, Tony, Steven Jr., Jaclyn (Jesse), Michael Jr. (Kimberley), Megan (David) , JD, and Jordan. A celebration of life will be held at the Anchorage Senior Center on Friday, April 22nd from 5pm to 7pm.

In Loving Memory



The Gracemont Johnson O’Malley Program presented a Pendleton blanket to Leslie and Mary Standing in honor of Allyssia Standing during the 2016 Gracemont Honor Dance. Allyssia will be remembered as a smart and compassionate student; whom will be greatly missed.



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Community News



TOURNAMENT

★ 2016 ★

3 on 3 Youth Basketball Tournament

Saturday August 13, 2016

At the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes tribal complex

Registration Deadline for T-shirts August 3rd

Late registration & team check in: 9:00am-9:30am

Brackets to be displayed at 10:00am w/ games to immediately follow

Boys & girls teams of four (4) - Age Categories:

[7yrs-9] [10yrs-12] [13yrs-15] [16yrs-18]

Teams must consist of at least two (2) Native Americans. CDIB'S will be required

For more information or to get a registration form contact:

Ty Tofpi (405)247-2425 Ext. 123

Ladana Johnson Ext. 166

Concession Stand Provided by: Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Employee Committee



Summer Interns



This summer we are employing 12 interns in various programs with the tribe. They are funded through the Tribal Youth Suicide Prevention Program. Pictured are (L-R) Mya Miller, Makennah McAdams, Macaylin Autaubo, Charlie McAdams, Sydney Prince, Mirac Guoladdle, Lucius Saldana, Andrew Ashapanek, Elijah Collins, Daniel Ashapanek, Jayce Horsechief, and Jeremy Brown. We will have more information in the next edition with our intern wrap-up.

41st Annual Wichita Tribal Dance August 11 - 14, 2016 Anadarko, Oklahoma

Head Staff

Master of Ceremonies.....Cy Ahtone & Wilson Daingkau

Traditional Drum.....Grasslodge

Head Singer.....John Hamilton

Head Man Dancer.....Patrick Moore Jr.

Head Lady Dancer.....Rachel Crawford

Head Teen Boy Dancer.....TBA

Head Teen Girl Dancer.....Charlie McAdams,
2015-2016 Wichita Tribal Princess

Head Junior Boy Dancer.....Corbyn Swift

Head Junior Girl Dancer.....Jenny Marquez

Color Guard.....Southwest Vietnam Veterans

Arena Directors.....Tony Galindo & Daryl Galindo

Thursday:

8:00 am - Flag Raising (All Wichita Veterans)

4:00 pm to 10:00 pm- Wichita Tribal Princess Election

6:00 pm - Supper

7:00 pm—Wichita Dancing (All Categories Combined)

Coronation of 2016-2017 Wichita Tribal Princess

Friday:

8:00 am - Flag Raising (TBD)

6:00 pm - Registration Opens

7:00 pm - Registration Closes (No Exceptions)

Grand Entry

Contest - Tiny Tots (0-5 years)

Junior Categories (6-12 years)

Saturday:

7:00 am - Registration for Spirit Walk

8:00 am - Flag Raising (TBD)

8:30 am - Spirit Walk to Fight Lung Cancer

9:00 am - Registration for Basketball Tournament,
Horseshoes and Dominoes

2:00 pm - Gourd Dancing

5:30 pm - Supper Break

6:00 pm - Registration Opens

7:00 pm - Registration Closes (No Exceptions)

Grand Entry

Contest - Teen Boys and Girls (13-19 years)

Golden Age Men & Women (55 yrs. and up)

Sunday:

8:00 am - Flag Raising (TBD)

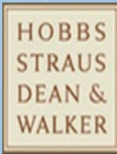
2:00 pm - Gourd Dancing

5:30 pm - Supper Break

7:00 pm - Grand Entry

Contest - Senior Men and Women (20 years and up)

**All Specials (Afternoon ONLY) No Specials during
Evening Sessions - ABSOLUTELY NO EXCEPTIONS!!**



For more information contact 405/247-2425

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Enrollment
as of
June 30, 2016
2,955



Photos from other daily events
can be found on our Flickr page
Wichita Newsletter
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/131236426@No3/albums>

Honor Dance Held for Miss Indian Oklahoma



An Honor Dance was held on June 4, 2016 for tribal member Sydney Prince. Sydney was crowned Miss Indian Oklahoma in May 2016. The Honor Dance was put on by several tribal members and the meat for the meal was provided by the Tribe. Several tribal members and others helped with the sides, desserts and drinks. Our tribal people are very proud of Sydney and all of her accomplishments. We know that Sydney will represent our Tribe and the Tribes of Oklahoma well as Miss Indian Oklahoma.

Photo credit- Cassandra McAdams

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Community News

Deer Creek Site Visit

On June 6, 2016 President Parton led a contingent of Wichita tribal members to the Deer Creek archaeological site in Kay county near Newkirk, OK. The group included Jason Prince, Samuel Riffel, Lucious Saldana, Elijah Collins, Gus Guoladdle, Myah Miller, Makaylin Autaubo, Makennah McAdams, Charlie McAdams, Andrew Ashapanek, Daniel Ashapanek, Jeremy Brown and Gary McAdams. The purpose of the trip was to observe and participate in the dig sponsored by the Tulsa District Army Corps of Engineers and conducted by The Oklahoma Archaeological Survey assisted by members of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society.

Upon arrival Dr. Richard Drass who was supervising the excavations gave a field lecture to the Wichita group about the Deer Creek site. Afterwards the group was allowed to do a little digging and soil screening. The significance of the Deer Creek site is that it was one of two early to mid 18th century fortified Wichita villages, the other being the Bryson-Pad-

dock site, that were engaged in extensive trade with French traders who were coming up the Arkansas River from the Louisiana colony. The Wichita’s main trade items were bison products. The meat went to feed the Louisiana settlements and the hides were shipped to France. According to one source, in one season 50,000 hides were shipped to France. It is also thought that these two sites were the first stopping point for the southern migration of Wichita groups from Kansas that began in the late 17th century.

Everyone had a great time, learned a little about archaeology and about a brief but interesting period of Wichita history.



A day in the life of a Fight Inspector

The backbone to any successful athletic commission is a great team of Fight Inspectors. These are our team members who show up early and stay late to ensure that the rules and policies of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Sports Commission are carried out to T. They don’t do it for the money. They don’t do it for the recognition. They do it for a love of the sport and a sense of pride knowing they are serving the members of the Wichita Tribe. It is not unusual to see our fight inspectors present at weigh-ins even though they are not required to be there. We can count on the majority of our inspectors showing up a few hours before their scheduled time to report on the day of the event. They do this so they can ensure that everything is organized and they are ready to work when the time comes. Over the past several years, we have built a sense of family among our core group. It is not unusual to see everyone join in for “team meal” at the Route 66 Café before and after events. When it is time to go to work, they attend the rules

meeting with the fighters and commissioners. After the rules meeting, they line up the fighters in a single file line. The fighters and their belongings are searched to make sure that all possessions are in accordance with the rules set forth by the commission. Any contraband or prohibited items are confiscated and sent to the commissioners. This may include over the counter medication such as Tylenol, candy bars energy drinks, prescription medications and even gauze and athletic tape that does not meet the criteria to be used to be used at the event. At this time the fighters enter what we call “Lock Down.” Upon entering the backstage area, each fighter will be assigned an inspector, in some cases there may be multiple inspectors assigned to a fighter. The fighters are not allowed to leave the backstage area for any reason at this point. The inspectors monitor the fighter, their coaches and cornermen to ensure that they always abide by our rules. When the hands are wrapped with surgical tape and gauze,

the inspectors measure the amount of tape and gauze used on each hand and ankle to make sure that is within the allowed amount. They make sure the fighters have all equipment necessary such as 2 mouth pieces, a cup, rash guard or chest protector and groin protector. They monitor the cut solutions to make sure they contain the proper amount of epinephrine and thrombin. They even go as far to make sure the petroleum jelly is unscented. As you can tell, it takes a very detail oriented person who is dedicated to their craft to be a good fight inspector. When the time for the fight nears, the inspectors make sure the gloves have not been damaged or altered in way. We typically assign one inspector to the curtain. We call this person the Gatekeeper. They are responsible for having the next two fights lined up and ready to go. They also apply the red and blue tape around the wrists of the fighter. This helps the judges but also ensures the gloves stay fastened and do not fall off. Most people think it is colored Duct Tape but we actually

use a special grade of floor marking tape that is much less abrasive. This helps prevent accidental cuts and abrasions to the eyes and face. When it is time for their bout the inspector escorts the fighter and team down the ramp. They help monitor the application of petroleum jelly and prefight inspection by the referees. Once the fighter enters the ring or the cage, the inspector escorts their team to the corner. During this time they make sure the team follows the rules and are using language that is acceptable. Between rounds, the inspectors enter the ring and monitor the fighter’s attentiveness and ability to understand what is going on. They make sure they are not being coerced by a coach to continue a fight if they are not capable. They monitor the application of Vaseline and cut solutions. If anything is out of the ordinary they will notify the referee. After the event, we hold a team meeting with all inspectors, referees, judges and even the doctor. We share our thoughts on the event. We discuss what we liked and what we can

improve upon. Our team knows that greatness is always a work in progress and we give our best effort every time out. “I have been involved with the commission since 2011, our core group of inspectors are the best that we have ever had. We appreciate their enthusiasm and willingness to work together. We have done a better job in the last year than we ever have before and we are also having more fun than we ever have. This is from confidence in knowing that we among the best in the state and that puts us pretty high nationally. We have a great team.” Said Chairman Matt Roberson. Our lead inspectors are Denise Punley and Teka Henry. Our inspectors are Dustin Zadoka, Gerald Tahmahkera, Julie Littlecalf, Amanda Chong, Erick TwoHatchett, Nigel Mahseet and Michael Guerrero. The WTSC is always looking for the right person to join our team. If you are interested in becoming an inspector, please contact Commissioner Joneil Tahmahkera at (580) 458-8403.

- Matt Roberson

WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES

VOTE FOR



MATT ROBERSON

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PROGRESSIVE-PASSIONATE-DEDICATED

Wichita LIHEAP

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes LIHEAP program is now offering summer cooling assistance to enrolled tribal members. Applications may be picked up 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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 Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, another tribe or the Department of Human Services during the months of October 1st, 2015 through present day are considered ineligible. For more information, contact the Social Services Office at 247-2425 ext. 120.



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My name is Pamela Pogue and I am the daughter of the late Margaret Bell, granddaughter of the late Ike and Flora Gabbard and great-granddaughter of the late Narchasnarnuttota. Flora Gabbard and Martha Reeder were sisters. I am proud of my family and the accomplishments that were made by my mother. Over her career, she was Tribal Administrator, Vice President and President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes. I have decided to run for Vice President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

I was born and raised in Anadarko, graduated from Anadarko High School and went directly into the workforce. I later obtained a college degree with a double major in Accounting and Business Management with emphasis in Management. Without the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes' education program, it would not have been possible for me to obtain that college degree and I appreciate the tribe's investment in my education.

I have worked in many fields from Land Titles and Records, Real Estate Services, Indian Probates and Budget and Finance in various states, where I worked for various tribal entities and put in 16 years of federal service. I have also worked in many states and was exposed to private business, tribal business entities and the federal government.

I have worked with many solicitors, attorneys, tribal leaders and professionals in various fields, in specialized fields and in management. I also believed that as a supervisor in management, one needs to listen to the needs of the employees and

treat them with respect, to allow them to stretch their wings to gain knowledge and experience and to listen to their ideas. I would sometimes challenge their ideas to expand their confidence for a job well done and acknowledge them for their efforts and commitments. I later returned to Oklahoma where I continue to utilize my education and experience.

My husband and I have a consulting business working and assisting tribes and tribal leaders with programs and real estate functions. We also run a retail business in Chickasha, Oklahoma. The tribe did not waste those funds that they invested in me. I put my education to work and continue to utilize it today as a bookkeeper for the Wichita Tax Commission, as Vice Chairman for the Wichita Gaming Commission and as a retail shop owner and consulting business owner.

I began my service to the tribe when the position in Enrollment became vacant. I was afforded the opportunity to work in the same building where my mother had spent so many years and was able to meet and serve so many tribal members during that time. I enjoyed meeting all the tribal members and assisting them with enrollment and in the gift shop. I would have stayed there had a position not open at the Wichita Tax Commission as a bookkeeper.

I bring not only education but a wide variety of experiences and knowledge from an East Coast to West Coast tribal perspective. I have seen their poverty and wealth. The good, bad and great leadership. I have seen actions taken in tribes that failed and those that lead a tribe to greatness, I watched and learned. One of the main points I learned was the importance of listening to the people of the tribe, to consider their ideas and to not go against the beliefs of the tribe.

Good Luck to all and may the Good Lord guide our footsteps.



RE-ELECT

MYLES STEPHENSON JR
(PUNKIN)

WICHITA TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE
SECRETARY

SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBERS FOR PHOTO’S TO BE TAKEN FOR OU EXHIBIT

Historical photographs by noted 20th-century photographer Edward Curtis and new works by Navajo photographer Will Wilson will be shown together when the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art opens the exhibit, PHOTO/SYNTHESIS, in spring 2017. The exhibit is supported by a \$40,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant recently awarded to the University of Oklahoma.

Wilson’s photographs of contemporary descendants from the Curtis portraits will shed light on the historic role and misuse of photography in the depiction of Native Americans. Wilson will visit Oklahoma this summer to photograph the living descendants and tribal members of those originally photographed by Curtis, and these photos will be featured in the exhibition. In contrast to the approach used by Curtis, Wilson will work closely with tribal members while photographing them.

The photographs that will be used and have been identified as Wichita are those of Walter Zumah Ross, a Wichita Matron and a young Wichita Dancer. Photographs of descendants of Walter Zumah Ross will be taken. A group photo of Wichita women will be taken to represent the unidentified Wichita matron. A group photo of Wichita children will be taken to represent the young Wichita Dancer. A group photo of Wichita men will be taken. The Tribe will retain the originals of the group photos and hope to display them in our own museum. The museum will make the decision on what photos they will use for the exhibit.

Tribal members interested in participating in the photo shoot should be at the Tribe on Monday, July 18, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. at the Community Building at the Wichita Tribal Complex. Please contact the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes at (405) 247-2425 ext. 100 if you have any questions.

Election Information

ELECTION PROCEDURES (as amended) WICHITA AND AFFILIATED TRIBES

SECTION 1-APPLICABILITY OF PROCEDURES:

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

SECTION 2-ELECTION NOTICES:

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

SECTION 3-FILING NOTICE:

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

SECTION 4-OPENING AND CLOSING OF THE POLLS:

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

SECTION 5-POLLING PLACE:

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

SECTION 6-POLLING PLACE OFFICIALS:

The officials who shall conduct the election shall be selected by the Wichita Executive Committee. The Executive Committee shall select three*two**three individuals and one alternate to assist with the balloting and three individuals and one alternate to count the ballots.

- A. It shall be the duty of the polling place workers who assist with balloting:
1. To count the blank ballots prior to the opening of the polls and to verify that the total of the number of ballots voted, plus the number of spoiled ballots, and the number of unused ballots equals the number of blank ballots available at the beginning of the balloting.

2. To see that the names of each person offering to vote is entitled to be on the official voters list of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

3. To require that each member who votes to present a valid federal, state or Tribal photo identification (ID).*****

4. To deny to vote, any member who is intoxicated.*****

5. To require that each member who votes signs his name beside the listing of his name on the official voters list.

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

6. To issue one ballot for each position, amendment or issue* to each eligible voter. (Should any voter spoil or mutilate his ballot(s) in his effort to vote, he/she shall fold it in such a manner that the polling officials cannot see how he had voted, and return with it to the table where ballots are being issued. Such voter shall then, in the presence of the polling officials, destroy the ballot. The polling officials shall make a record of such destruction and shall provide such voter with another ballot(s).

7. To see that the ballot is marked and deposited in the locked ballot box by the voter himself.

8. To assure that the ballot box remains locked at all times.

9. To assure that no person is allowed to electioneer within 20* 50 feet of polling place.

10.To insure that there is no loitering in or around the lobby area of the polling place while the polls are open (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).**

B. It shall be the duty of the polling place worker who assists with the counting of ballots:

1. To count the ballots immediately after the closing of the polls.

2. To certify the election results.

3. To package the ballots, together with the unused ballots, the signed voter list and other records of the election and see that it is securely stored at the Anadarko Agency, Bureau of Indian Affairs for a period of thirty (30) days.

SECTION 7-ASSISTANCE FOR INFIRM VOTERS:

When any voter presents himself for a ballot and states that he/she because of physical disability or infirmity is unable to mark his ballot, one of the polling place officials shall cause such voter to be sworn after the following:

“Do you solemnly swear (or affirm) that you are unable to mark and prepare your ballot for voting because of physical disability or infirmity?”

Should voter so qualify himself, it shall be the duty of two polling place officials to give the voter such assistance as he needs, but in all such instances the voter must without suggestions from such officials state the way he/she wishes to vote and in no instance shall an election official volunteer any suggestions to such voter as to how he should vote. Such assistance shall be given at the ballot box, and all voters, other than the election officers, shall be kept sufficiently distant so that they will not hear or know how such disabled voter voted. No ballots will be taken from the polling place for voting.

SECTION 8-ABSENTEE VOTING:

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

SECTION 9-COUNTING OF BALLOTS:

Immediately following the closing of the polls, the polling place officials who have assisted with the balloting shall deliver the locked ballot box to the three officials who are to count the ballots. The place designated for counting shall be the conference room of the Tribal Administration Building. Each of the candidates will be allowed to have a representative to serve as observer for the counting of ballots. Each candidate will provide written verification of their selected representative to the Secretary of the Executive Committee prior to the counting of the ballots. These representatives, the invited representatives of the Superintendent of the Anadarko Agency and the three counters and the alternate***** shall be the only persons present during the counting of the bal-

lots.

The ballot box shall be opened in the presence of the above named persons (provided however, that if any of representatives are not present when the polls close the counting may begin without them). One counter shall lift the ballot from the ballot box, identify which position, amendment or issue it concerns and read the vote on that particular ballot. The other two counters shall tally the votes on tally sheets as they are being read. The counting shall proceed in this manner until all three counters agree on the number of votes received for each amendment or issue.

So long as the three counters agree that the clear intent of the voter can be discerned on the ballot, it shall be counted. If the mismarking is such that the counters cannot agree on the clear intent, the vote for that ballot shall not be counted. Whenever a ballot or any portion thereof is not counted, this fact shall be clearly marked on the face of the ballot with the reason indicated. This statement shall be initialed by the counters.

SECTION 10-CERTIFICATION AND ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELECTION RESULTS:

Following the completion of the counting, the counters shall sign the tally sheets indicating their certification of the count and shall then make publicly known the results of the election and shall post these results on the door of the Wichita Tribal Office.

CERTIFICATION

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

Signed: Myles Stephenson, Secretary

Signed: Terri Parton, President

*Amended on July 10, 2000

**Amended on June 14, 2004

***Amended on July 12, 2004

****Amended on July 30, 2004

*****Amended on June 04, 2012

*****Amended on June 04, 2012

*****Amended on June 27, 2013

Free Photo CDIB’s

The Wichita Executive Committee has approved free photo CDIB’s beginning July 1 through July 15, 2016 for tribal members 18 years and over. According to the approved Election Procedures, you must have a valid Federal, State or Tribal photo identification in order to vote. This notice will give tribal members plenty of time to make plans to get a free ID, if needed, prior to the elections. This is the only period of time that the ID’s will be free. You may contact the enrollment office at any other time and purchase one for \$5.

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Notices

MEETING NOTICE

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes

2016 Annual General Council Meeting

Saturday, July 16, 2016

10:00 a.m.

Wichita Community Building at the Tribal Complex

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Invocation
3. Minutes
4. Tribal Administrator Report
5. Treasurer’s Report
 - a.) Finley & Cook Update
 - b.) FY-2016 Budget Report
 - c.) FY-2017 Proposed Budget Information
6. President’s Report
 - a.) Intern Presentations
 - b.) Hobbs, Straus, Dean & Walker Update
 - c.) Hinton Travel Inn
7. Sugar Creek Casino Report
8. WTIDC Report
 - a.) Wichita Travel Plaza
 - b.) Wichita Industries
 - c.) Anadarko Industries
 - d.) Wichita Tribal Enterprises
 - e.) Other
9. Lunch
10. Wichita Housing Authority Report
11. Wichita Tax Commission Report
 - a.) Wichita Tribal Smoke Shop
12. Wichita Tribe Sports Commission Report
13. Wichita Gaming Commission Report
14. Other Business
15. Adjourn

(Lunch will be served.)

Ballot No: SAMPLE ONLY

Amendment Question No. 1

Proposed Amendment #1 to the Wichita Governing Resolution

(The amendment numeral will be incorporated into the Governing Resolution in order of approval to reflect the election results if the amendment is approved.)

The Governing Resolution currently reads:

ARTICLE II-Membership
(Pursuant to Amendment II Adopted June 24, 1972
and Amendment III Adopted May 21, 1977)

Section 1. The Membership of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes shall consist of the following persons, providing they have not received a share of land or money by virtue of being enrolled as a member of another Tribe:

- (a) All persons of Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni Indian blood who received an allotment of land as members of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes (Wichita, Keechi, Waco, and Tawakoni), shall be included as full blood members of the Tribe.
- (b) All living lineal descendants of allottees eligible for membership under the provisions of Section I (a) of this Article born on or before the date of adoption of Amendment I (June 24, 1972).
- (c) All persons of at least one-eighth (1/8) degree Wichita, Keechi, Tawakoni, or Waco Indian blood as defined by and derived from Section I (a) and Section II of this Article born after the date of adoption of Amendment I (June 24, 1972).

Section 2. All persons who possess no less than one-eighth (1/8) degree Wichita, Keechi, Waco, or Tawakoni Indian blood who elect to be enrolled as members of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes, and who possess Indian blood of another tribe or a combination of tribes shall be considered as possessing Wichita, Keechi, Waco, or Tawakoni Indian blood equal to their full membership in the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes.

Section 3. All applicants for membership in the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes whose names do not appear on the membership roll as of the date of adoption of Amendment III (May 21, 1977) must submit an application for membership to the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Executive Committee. Application for membership must be supported by birth certificates and other records as required by the circumstances of each applicant. All evidence will be retained by the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes to support the record.

Section 4. The Tribal Executive Committee shall have the power to make ordinances covering loss of membership, future membership, and adoption into membership subject to review by the Secretary of Interior.

Shall the Wichita Tribe amend Article II-Membership to incorporate the following changes?

Lower the blood quantum from 1/8 to 1/32 and correct Section and Amendment Numbers as follows:

*Section 1. (c): All persons of at least **one-thirty second (1/32)** degree of Wichita, Keechi, Tawakoni, or Waco Indian blood as defined by and derived from Section 1 (a) and born after the date of adoption of Amendment I (June 24, 1972). **This amendment becomes effective October 1, 2016 at which time applications for enrollment under Amendment ____ (July 16, 2016) may be submitted. Anyone enrolled under Amendment ____ will not be eligible to apply for services until January 1, 2017.***

Delete Section 2 removing reference to blood consolidation and making Section 3 become Section 2 and Section 4 to become Section 3.

I vote to accept (yes) the proposed amendment

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I vote to reject (no) the proposed amendment

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Election Notice

Attention Eligible Tribal voters 2016 Wichita Tribal Election

The Wichita Tribal Election for the Executive Committee will be on Saturday July 16, 2016, in the Conference Room/Library of the Wichita Tribal Administration Building located at the Tribal Complex 1.25 miles north of Anadarko, Oklahoma. The polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., CST.

All persons desiring to vote in this election shall present themselves at the polling place during the hours of voting. No absentee voting will be permitted, according to “Election Procedures-Wichita and Affiliated Tribes” Section 8.

The following individuals have filed and are eligible for office: *(listed in alphabetical order by last name)*

PRESIDENT

Terri Parton
Leslie Standing
Sandra Wilson

TREASURER

Vanessa Vance
S. Robert White Jr.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Jesse E. Jones
Zackary Leonard
Pamela Pogue

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Shirley Davilla
Frank “Frankie” Galindo
Louisa Haddon Riffel
Nahusheah Mandujano
Cassandra McAdams
Matt Roberson
Karen Thompson
Gladys Walker

Certified by Myles Stephenson, Jr., Secretary

Notice Annual Tribal Council Meeting

July 16, 2016
10:00 A.M.

Wichita Tribal Community Building at Tribal Complex

In accordance with the Wichita Governing Resolution, this year’s Annual Council Meeting is set for Saturday, July 16, 2016. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive reports on all tribal activities. The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. at the Wichita Tribal Community Building located at 1.25 miles North of Anadarko on highway 281 at the Wichita Tribal Complex. Lunch will be provided.

Ballot No: Sample Ballot

Amendment Question No. 2

Proposed Amendment #2 to the Wichita Governing Resolution

(The amendment numeral will be incorporated into the Governing Resolution in order of approval to reflect the election results if the amendment is approved.)

The Governing Resolution currently reads:

ARTICLE VII-Elections
(Pursuant to Amendment IV, Adopted May 21, 1977)
(Pursuant to Amendment VIII, Adopted February 8, 1992)

Section 1. The first election under these rules and regulations shall be held at the annual meeting on the third Saturday of July, 1964. Regular elections of officers shall be held on the Saturday of July of each fourth year hereafter. Special elections shall be called by the President of the Executive Committee for the purposes of filling vacancies or voting on any amendment to the Governing Resolution.

Section 2. Election shall be by secret ballot in an election held according to appropriate Election Procedures approved by the Executive Committee, a majority of the membership present being necessary to elect. Where there are more than two candidates for office and no one receives a majority vote, the low candidate shall be eliminated and a run-off election shall be called by the President of the Executive committee according to Procedures until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. The newly elected officers shall be installed immediately upon their election and serve until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 3. To be eligible for election under Section 1 of this Article, notice of candidacy of an elective office must be filed with the Secretary of the Council in accordance with the Election Procedures as stated in Section 2. Such notice shall be valid if filed by a candidate himself or upon the petition of 20 members of the Council. Where no such notices are filed, nominations may be made from the floor. No person shall be a candidate for more than one office at any one election.

Shall the Wichita Tribe amend Article VII-Elections to incorporate the following changes?

Add the word “third in Section 1; remove the word “present being” and add the words “of those casting votes” to allow for absentee voting; remove the words in Section 3 “or upon the petition of 20 members of Council”; remove nominations from the floor and add Section 4 so that Article VI-Meetings will read as follows:

Section 1. The first election under these rules and regulations shall be held at the annual meeting on the third Saturday of July, 1964. Regular elections of officers shall be held on the **third** Saturday of July of each fourth year hereafter. Special elections shall be called by the President of the Executive Committee for the purposes of filling vacancies or voting on any amendment to the Governing Resolution.

Section 2. Election shall be by secret ballot in an election held according to appropriate Election Procedures approved by the Executive Committee, a majority **of those casting votes** necessary to elect. Where there are more than two candidates for office and no one receives a majority vote, the low candidate shall be eliminated and a run-off election shall be called by the President of the Executive Committee according to Procedures until one candidate receives a majority of the votes cast. The newly elected officers shall be installed immediately upon their election and serve until their successors are elected and installed.

Section 3. To be eligible for election under Section 1 of this Article, notice of candidacy of an elective office must be filed with the Secretary of the Council in accordance with the Election Procedures as stated in Section 2. **Such notice shall be valid if filed by a candidate himself.** No person shall be a candidate for more than one office at any one election.

Section 4. Election Procedures shall allow absentee voting for all elections and referendums of the Council.

I vote to accept (yes) the proposed amendment

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I vote to reject (no) the proposed amendment

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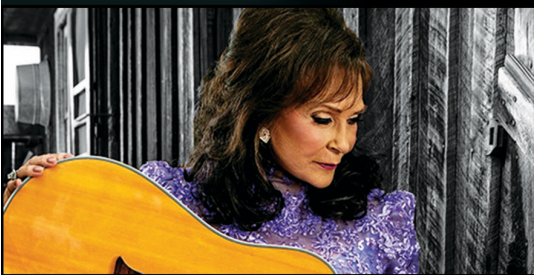
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