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Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska
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Greetings and Call for Submissions

Aha, tribal members!

As 2021 comes to a close and 2022 begins, we invite all of our tribal members, near and far, to join us for tribal events, participate in our programs, and share in our news. This newsletter is a part of a greater communications effort by the Executive Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Worage (WOH-rah-geh), the title of our quarterly tribal newsletter, is the Báxoje word for news, happenings, and (non-sacred) stories. If you have any news, happenings, or stories to share for possible publication, please send submissions to **newsletter@iowas.org**. Alternatively, you may mail submissions to:

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska
c/o Olivia Brien, Director of Communications
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- **Behu** (BAY-hoo) *Spring*: February 12 deadline for submissions, published in March
- **Mansje** (MAH(n)-sje) *Summer*: May 12 deadline for submissions, published in June
- **Nato Xwanye** (NAH-toh KHWAH-nyeh) *Autumn*: August 12 deadline for submissions, published in September
- **Banyi** (BAH-nyee) *Winter*: November 12 deadline for submissions, published in December

In addition to *Worage*, we hope you will follow us on social media, join our email list, and join the Member's Area of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska website to ensure you are up to date on all news and events between editions.

Wenawine (thank you),

Olivia Brien, Tribal Member
Director of Communications

Other Ways to Stay Informed

- **Members Area:** bit.ly/itknregister
- **Email:** Send an email to obrien@iowas.org
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/iowatribeofksne
- **Instagram:** @iowatribeofksne

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Báxoje Ic^e

Ioway Language

The days of the week are words that were formed after contact with white people. Before contact, we did not keep track of days of the week as we do now.

Monday through Friday are simply the Báxoje word for “Day” (Hąwe) plus the numbers one through five. Saturday is “Day Half” and Sunday is “Day Holy” because our ancestors worked half days on Saturdays and went to church on Sundays during the Missionary days.

Hąwe Iyąŋki (HAHⁿ-way ee-YAHⁿNG-kee) *Monday or “Day One”*

Hąwe Nuwe (HAHⁿ-weh NOO-weh) *Tuesday or “Day Two”*

Hąwe Dañi (HAHⁿ-weh DAH-nyee) *Wednesday or “Day Three”*

Hąwe Dowe (HAHⁿ-weh DOH-weh) *Thursday or “Day Four”*

Hąwe Thatą (HAHⁿ-weh THAH-tahⁿ) *Friday or “Day Five”*

Hąwe Ukíthre (HAHⁿ-way oo-KEE-threh) *Saturday or “Day Half”*

Hąwe Waxoñitą (HAHⁿ-weh wah-KHOH-nyee-tahⁿ) *Sunday or “Day Holy”*

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Correction!

In the last newsletter, we incorrectly listed **tanji** as the Báxoje word for “soup.” in our **Báxoje Ic^e** section. Instead, the correct word is **tanyi**.

tanyi (TAH-nyee) *soup or, literally, “deer/meat water”*

ta (TAH) *deer* + **nyi** (NYEE) *water* = **tanyi**

White Cloud Health Center (WCHC): COVID-19 Update

The White Cloud Health Center staff continues to work tirelessly to ensure our community is safe. The surge from the omicron variant has caused some occasional staffing shortages, which has resulted in limited clinical services from time to time. However, most services are once again available at the time of publication of this newsletter.

TESTING - WCHC is currently offering PCR tests and rapid tests. PCR tests are the “gold standard” of tests, but they take longer (typically 2-3 days) for results as they require an outside lab to process samples. Patients awaiting PCR test results need to isolate until results are received. The rapid tests offered at WCHC provide results after approximately 15 minutes. Rapid testing is less accurate than PCR testing.

VACCINATIONS AND BOOSTERS - The CDC recommends everyone ages five years and older get a COVID-19 vaccine to help protect against COVID-19. The COVID-19 vaccine is free of charge to all people living in the United States, regardless of their immigration or health insurance status. WCHC can offer COVID-19 vaccines and boosters to:

- Tribal members and their household members living in our service area
- Tribal members belonging to either of these tribes regardless of where they live: Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska or Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska
- Residents of White Cloud, KS

Please call White Cloud Health Center at (785) 595-3450 to schedule a COVID-19 vaccination or test.

FREE AT-HOME TESTS

Through the Federal Government, every home in the U.S. is eligible to order 4 free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days. **To order your FREE tests, visit covidtests.gov.**

WCHC COVID-19 Positivity Rate

Prior to December 2021: **4.6%**

December 1, 2021 - January 11, 2022: **11.4%**

Total: **5.4%**

Executive Committee Election Results

The Executive Committee Elections were held on October 16, from 10:00 AM to 1:30 PM at the George Ogden Building. The Chairman, Secretary, and Member positions were up for election. All three positions were won by the incumbents.

Chairman

Tim Rhodd, 135-77

Secretary

Tony Fee, 186

Member

Robbie Craig, 115-86

Cheyenne Colborn Appointed EC Member, Robbie Craig Resigns

On December 15th, 2021, Robbie Craig resigned from his position as Member of the Executive Committee, which he had held for the last 14 years. He worked in many capacities for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Article IX, Section 5 of our Constitution and Bylaws specifies what happens in the case of a vacancy in the Executive Committee:

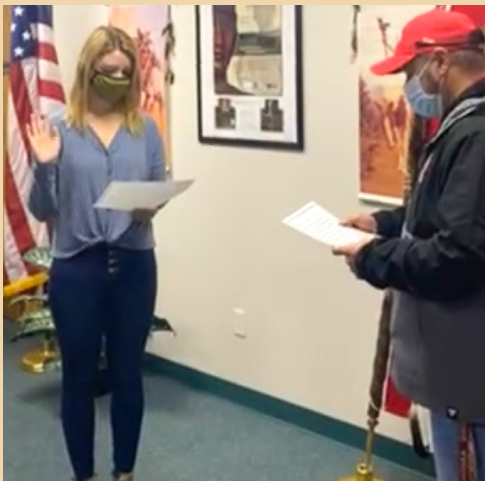
"Vacancies in the Executive Committee will be appointed by the Executive Committee until the next regularly scheduled election at which time the General Council will, by special election, elect a replacement to serve the remainder of the term for such office or for a new term, whichever is appropriate to maintain the staggered terms required by this Constitution; provided, however, that the unexpired term of any Executive Committee member who has submitted a resignation pursuant to Article IX, Section 4, shall be filled by the General Council at a special election held at the same time as the regularly scheduled election following the tender of such resignation. Each vacancy in the membership of the Executive Committee shall be filled by a tribal member who shall be qualified pursuant to Article IX, Section 4. Vacancies in appointive positions shall be filled by appointments of the Executive Committee."

You can read the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Constitution and Bylaws in full on our website. In keeping with Article IX, Section 5 of our Constitution and Bylaws, the Executive Committee appointed Cheyenne Colborn as Member of the Executive Committee during the Executive Committee meeting on Wednesday, December 15th, 2021. She was sworn into oath on Friday, December 17th, 2021.

Cheyenne Colborn has been working with the Tribe since 2013. She is currently the ITKN Human Resources Director and Chairman's Assistant and has been in those roles since April 2020. Before then, she worked as the Secretary Assistant for the Iowa Housing Authority from 2013 to 2017, then as a Medical Support Assistant at White Cloud Health Center from 2017 to 2020.

During the 2023 Tribal Elections, the role of Member will be up for special election. The winner of that special election will serve the remainder of the term until the next regularly scheduled election for Member, which will be held in 2025.

Congratulations, Cheyenne Colborn! Thank you, Robbie, for your many years of service and commitment! We wish you both success with your new endeavors!



Cheyenne Colborn is sworn in as Member of the Executive Committee by Chairman Tim Rhodd.



Former Member, Robbie Craig, shakes hands with new Member Cheyenne Colborn. Photo courtesy of Wanda Robertson Davis.



L to R: Chairman Tim Rhodd, Vice-Chairman Lance Foster, Former Member Robbie Craig, Member Cheyenne Colborn, Treasurer Elyse Towey, Secretary Tony Fee. Photo courtesy of Wanda Robertson Davis.



Have you completed the Community Needs Assessment?

Congratulations to our **\$100 Gift Card Drawing** Winners:

Angela Davidson of Rulo, NE
Stephanie Davis of White Cloud, KS
Jannette Adcock of Hiawatha, KS
Crystal Kirkendall of Falls City, NE
Michael Mendez of Bushnell, FL

We have more Gift Cards to be given away! To enter the next drawing, you must complete the Community Needs Assessment. The Community Needs Assessment is for all adult (18+) ITKN tribal members, near and far.

It is essential for the continued success of our tribe that every adult tribal member completes the Community Needs Assessment.



On December 4, 2021, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska held a Town Hall. Run by Brandi Liberty, tribal member and owner of Heroda Bikaxe Consulting LLC, this Town Hall was for tribal members to better understand the Community Needs Assessment (CNA).

The Community Needs Assessment is an opportunity for our Tribe to gather information about its membership to improve and create programs and more. If completed by a sufficient number of tribal members, the CNA will replace the data from the United States Census when proving "need" to state and federal agencies. **The 2020 U.S. Census indicates that the ITKN tribal reservation area is not considered low- to moderate-income and instead has the reservation falling above the 80% median income range; this is likely because of a lack of responses to the 2020 U.S. Census by tribal members. This limits our Tribe's eligibility for most state and federal grant funding.**

To correct this data, it is imperative that all adult tribal members, regardless of where they live, complete the Community Needs Assessment. **As of January 10, 2022, only 349 individuals out of 3,331 enrolled adult tribal members had completed the Community Needs Assessment.**

To access the Community Needs Assessment, type **bit.ly/ITKNCNA** into your computer's web browser. If you do not have internet access, please contact Brandi Liberty at **(504) 453-1970** to request a paper copy be mailed to you.

Please check with your adult tribal member friends and family to be sure they too have completed the Community Needs Assessment. Together, we can ensure our tribe and its members are set up for continued success.

**Online Survey: bit.ly/ITKNCNA
Paper Copy: (504) 453-1970**

COVID-19 General Welfare Program

The Executive Committee of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is excited to announce a COVID-19 General Welfare Program. The Executive Committee believes that all ITKN tribal members have been financially or otherwise impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. This Program has been created to deliver a general welfare benefit consisting of a one-time financial assistance payment to provide for or reimburse for COVID-19 related expenses in the amount of \$1,000.00 for each adult tribal member. Details and instructions for the Program can be found in the Tribal Member Update Form.

The Tribal Member Update Form can be downloaded at **bit.ly/itkncovid** and filled out on your computer or other device and emailed to **tfee@iowas.org**. The form can also be printed, filled out by hand, and mailed or hand-delivered to the Tribal Offices. Hard copies of the form can be picked up at the Tribal Offices during regular business hours. To have the form mailed to your address, please email **obrien@iowas.org** or call the tribal offices at **(785) 595-3258**.

If you require assistance filling out the form, we plan to hold an in-person signup event on February 26th from 10 AM to 12 PM at the George Ogden Building. Please share with your friends and family!

To be eligible for this one-time \$1000 General Welfare payment, you must:

1. Be a living, adult (18+), enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska as of December 1, 2022
2. Complete and submit the Tribal Member Update Form and required supporting documents

Access the
Tribal Member Update Form:

1. Visit bit.ly/itkncovid
2. Member's Area of ITKN Website
3. Use the QR code to the right
4. Pick up a hardcopy at the Tribal Offices
5. Join an in-person signup event



*Looking for more information about upcoming events?
Check out the calendar on the home page of the tribe's website!*

Ioway Climate Resilience Program: Máya Wapána Internship



PAID SUMMER OPPORTUNITY!
NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

The Máya Wapána Internship program supports healthy lands, waters, and the community of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Interns will receive hands-on experience working with a Tribal department. Projects will involve *Ioway arts, language, and culture, Regenerative Agriculture, Traditional Ecological Knowledges, Climate adaptation planning, Trail design and construction, and Traditional food*

- Application and more information available on the Tribe's website
- Online information session on **Wednesday, February 23rd @ 7pm CST**
- Applications due **March 15th**

For More Information: bramey@iowas.org

Program Details

- 8 weeks(June-August)
- Monday-Friday, some weekend field trips and educational opportunities
- Stipend of \$4,500

CALL FOR IOWAY ART & CULTURAL ITEMS

FOR SHOWING @ ATCHISON CULTURAL CENTER

MAY – AUGUST, 2022

We are looking for Ioway art and cultural items for display in an upcoming exhibition titled **IOWAY: HERE TO STAY** to help tell the story of the Ioway people and our history, culture, traditions and lifestyle both past and present.

Participants will be paid

\$100 to loan their objects between May and August.*

\$100 to participate in one virtual or in-person program.

\$100 stipend for shipping or delivery of artwork to Atchison.

The kinds of objects we are looking for:

- Contemporary Artwork** (painting, ceramics, textiles, sculpture, etc.)
- Family heirlooms** (cradleboard, moccasins, princess crowns, etc.)
- Contemporary cultural items** (regalia, hand-drum, beadwork, etc.)
- Other media** (photographs, video footage, audio recordings, etc.)



TO APPLY: Send photo of your object or collection of objects to sydneypursel@gmail.com by **March 1, 2022** with dimensions and a paragraph description about its cultural significance.

*Show could potentially move to the Ioway and Sac & Fox Mission in Highland, KS after showing in Atchison (pending funding). If the artist/donor agrees, their objects could go directly there for a second exhibiton. Additional rental fees will be paid to artists/donors with additional funding for participation in virtual or in-person programming.

ITKN Volunteer Firefighters Awarded Medals of Bravery

Wesley Hullman and Joshua Fee Awarded for Water Rescue

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska members Wesley Hullman and Joshua Fee have been awarded Medals of Bravery for a water rescue in June of 2021 with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Volunteer Fire Department.

On the evening of June 24, 2021, heavy rain turned into a significant flooding event that had many area roads flooded and closed. Officially, 6.5 inches of rain fell that night, but 8 to 10 inches of rainfall were calculated locally. At 12:45 AM on the 25th, an ITKN Tribal Police officer on patrol discovered an individual stranded in their car on a bridge on 310th Street just west of Thrasher Road.

The floodwaters were rushing so fast and loud that Officer Nick Hilderbrand had to communicate with the individual over his patrol car's loudspeaker from the west side of the bridge. The individual then used their headlights to communicate answers to Officer Hilderbrand's questions.

Hullman and Fee were barricading various area roads with the Fire Department when they received the call for the rescue. At 1:10 AM, they arrived on the scene, driving a heavy, lifted Ford 550 to the individual. They approached the individual from the east. They were able to quickly



From L to R: Volunteer FF Joshua Fee, Volunteer FF Wesley Hullman, Kraig Coonce, Officer Nick Hilderbrand, Vice Chairman Lance Foster, Chairman Timothy Rhodd, Treasurer Elyse Towey, Member Cheyenne Colborn

and safely assess the situation with the guidance of Officer Hilderbrand, who has extensive EMS and water-rescue knowledge from his work in Shawnee County. During the rescue, Hullman and Fee could feel the asphalt road lifting from the rushing and continually rising water.

Officer Hilderbrand said he was "extremely proud" of Hull-

man and Fee and that they "did not hesitate to make a safe rescue" while utilizing the equipment they had available to them.

Wesley Hullman and Joshua Fee were awarded Medals of Bravery at a ceremony on December 29, 2021.



If you are interested in joining the ITKN Volunteer Fire Department, please contact Officer Nick Hilderbrand. He can be reached at:

firedepartment@iowas.com



Officer Nick Hilderbrand shakes Volunteer FF Joshua Fee's hand. Fee holds his Medal of Bravery.



Officer Nick Hilderbrand shakes Volunteer FF Wesley Hullman's hand. Hullman holds his Medal of Bravery.

Thank you, Joshua and Wesley, for your bravery!

Meet the Arts and Culture Committee

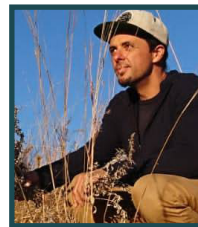
The Executive Committee has approved the following individuals as the inaugural members of the newly formed ITKN Arts and Culture Committee:



Sydney Campbell
Maybrier Pursel
Columbia, MO
interactive art, new media, installation, performance art



Rebekka Schlichting
Lawrence, KS
film, media, beadwork, dreamcatchers



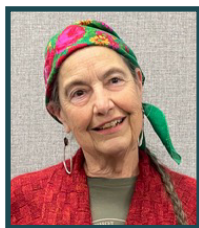
Brett Ramey
Minneapolis, MN
community spaces and murals, storytelling, landscape architecture, plants, medicines



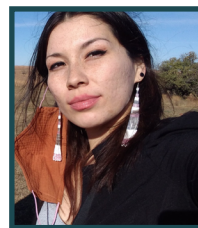
Olivia Brien
Overland Park, KS
performing arts, beadwork, storytelling, sewing



Lance Foster
ITKN Reservation
painting, graphics, pottery, jewelry, carving



Sarah James
California
knitting, fiber arts



Kayla Kent
Lincoln, NE
painting, food culture

Not Pictured:
Chris Morey
Bobby Simmonds
Molly Chapple Roe
To read more, please visit:
bit.ly/itknmeetacc

Fish & Wildlife Releases Game Birds

The Fish & Wild Life department of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska has been working for years to return game birds to our Reservation. While many may not remember when game birds were a common sight on the Reservation, that is changing. Over the past couple of years, Fish & Wildlife have released quail in an attempt to repopulate the species. Quail had disappeared from our Reservation for various reasons, including loss of habitat, intensified farming practices, agricultural chemical use, and exotic grass species choking out native species.

Funded by grant money from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Fish and Wildlife Officer Scott Elrod is restoring those habitats. By planting certain species of seeding



Young female pheasants take their first steps in their new home at Morris Place.

grasses and targeting specific species to remove from tribal land, he has provided these birds with important food, cover, and nest-

ing sources.

This fall, a total of 2,400 birds were released onto our Tribal lands, including 1,000 quail. Other species released this year include Hungarian Partridge and Ring-necked Pheasant. These birds were purchased from Grimm Brothers LLC, of Morrill, Kansas. The Fish and Wildlife department plans to release additional birds in the future, with hopes to establish a healthy population of each species.

Fish & Wildlife will set dedicated hunting seasons for Ring-necked Pheasant and Hungarian Partridge once these species are well-established. Currently, quail season is reserved exclusively for tribal members, spanning from November 12th to January 31st.



Fish & Wildlife Officer Scott Elrod shakes hesitant young pheasants out of the game release crate.



Young male and female Ring-Necked Pheasants take flight during the October 22nd release.

Birds Released in 2021 by Fish & Wildlife

August 18th:

- 250 Quail released at Morris Place
- 250 Quail released at Wright Place
- 250 Quail released at Randy's Place
- 250 Quail released at White Cloud Grain



October 22nd:

- 250 Pheasants at Morris Place
- 250 Pheasants at Wright Place
- 200 Hungarian Partridges at Wright Place
- 250 Pheasants at Randy's Place
- 200 Hungarian Partridges at Randy's Place
- 250 Pheasants at White Cloud Grain



Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission

Photo from the Kansas Governor's Website (governor.kansas.gov). From L to R: Former Member Robbie Craig, Treasurer Elyse Towey, Chairman Timothy Rhodd, Kansas Governor Laura Kelly signing the bill, Rep. Ponka-We Victors and infant daughter, Governor's Executive Director Native American Affairs Chris Howell, Vice Chairman Lance Foster.

On November 26, the Tribe held an open house at the Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission. Last year, the Tribe worked with the State of Kansas to turn the Mission over to the Tribe.

From the Kansas Governor's website: "[On October 7, 2021], Governor Laura Kelly ceremonially signed House Bill 2408, authorizing and directing the Executive Director of the Kansas Historical Society (KSHS), on behalf of the KSHS, to transfer 9.86 acres of land in Doniphan County to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. "This legislation is long-overdue and returns land that belongs to the Iowa Tribe," said Governor Laura Kelly. "I want to thank the bipartisan group of legislators and the Executive Committee of the Iowa Tribe for making this bill possible – my administration will continue to be a partner in your efforts."

The ceremonial deed signing event planned for fall 2021 was canceled due to a COVID-19 surge. The building has not been open to the public since the museum

closed in 2008 due to budget cuts under Governor Brownback. Many community members stopped by to see the Mission and reminisce.

The Mission will be re-opened as a museum, with a planned opening date of Memorial Day weekend, 2022. It will be open for a few days per week, with a schedule to be determined. The lowest level of the building will be a permanent exhibit that tells the story of the Mission and the related tribes; the second story will feature changing exhibits; the

third story will hold classrooms and meeting spaces. The Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission Museum will be a part of the Ioway Tribal National Park, which will open in 2025.

If you'd like to stay up-to-date on happenings with the museum, please visit the dedicated Facebook page at bit.ly/itknmissionfb. If you are interested in applying to be the Museum Director/Historian, you can find details and application information on page 22.



The mission as it appears today. Photo from Doniphan County website event page (dpcountyks.com).

Imagination Library

The Imagination Library is a **free program offered to all children newborn to five years of age enrolled with the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, regardless of where they live.**

Once registered, your child will receive a free book of their own each month. This program, started by Dolly Parton in 1995, has gifted over 150 million free books to children in the United States and many other countries.

To enroll, please contact Wanda Davis, the Coordinator for the Imagination Library, during regular business hours Monday thru Friday at 785-595-6673 (feel free to leave a voicemail) or email Wanda Davis at imaginationlibrary@iowas.org.

Wanda is excited to hear from you and hopes your child will enjoy the books to come!



Lynn Roubidoux Scholarship

In the last Worage, we announced the winners of the 2021 Lynn Roubidoux Scholarship. However, Derek Merwick was left off of the list, so his information is listed below. Congratulations, Derek!



Derek Merwick

Omaha, Nebraska

Derek attends Central Community College in Columbus, Nebraska.

The applications for the 2022 Lynn Roubidoux Scholarship can be found online on the tribe's website. They will be due April 15, 2022.



CDL Roll Call

Grey Snow Management Solutions, LLC., an ITKN enterprise, seeks contact information for those holding a CDL who may be available for occasional backup and various other opportunities.

Contact **Sara Santo**: ssanto@iowas.org

Native Organization Leaders, Business Owners and Tribal Officials meet with Australian Officials for Roundtable Discussion

Words by Amanda Smith, Native American Business Association

Images by Jax Johnson of Free Spirit Imaging LLC



From L to R: David Sickey, Timothy N. Rhodd, Arthur Sinodinos AO, Amanda Smith, Bailey Walker, Chad Johnson All Nations, One Mission met with the Australian Ambassador, the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO

The leaders of Native Organizations in Texas and Oklahoma, along with Tribal Officials from Kansas and Louisiana met in Houston to participate in a Global Indigenous Trade Roundtable Discussion.

The roundtable discussion took place at the Australian Consulate-General's office and included Australian Ambassador the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO, Tony Davis, General Manager Americas - Australian Trade and Investment Commission, Benson Saulo, Consul-General and Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner, Houston, Timothy Rhodd, Tribal Chairman - Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Ne-

braska, David Sickey, Former Chairman Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana, Bailey Walker, President of American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma, Amanda Smith, President of Native American Business Association, and Chad Johnson, Managing Director at The Akana Group.

The discussion focused on building stronger business, cultural and economic ties between Australian Indigenous and Native American business, communities and Tribes.

"It was an honor to attend what I believe to be a historic roundtable event with the Australians and

other Native brothers and sisters. From what I've learned about their cultures, we share many similarities, and our ancestors endured similar hardships. We are looking forward to building long-term business and trading relationships to mutually benefit our people for many generations to come." - Timothy N. Rhodd, Chairman, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

"Aiding Native American-owned businesses is an important mission because these businesses' active participation in American commerce contributes to the American economy as a whole. Tribal businesses are active in all areas of commerce.

They are small, versatile, innovative, and responsive to society's needs. Organizations like the Native American Business Association (NABA) and the American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma (AICCO) thus contribute not only to Native American business development but also serve the domestic and global community at large in important ways. I commend Australian Ambassador Sinodinos' interest and deep commitment towards advancing and strengthening global indigenous trade relations. The roundtable discussions led by Australian Consul General Benson Saulo was the perfect setting for robust discussions, exchanges, and dialogue pertaining to bilateral trade and investment, and Native American economic sovereignty and success."

- David Sickey, Chief Executive Officer, Sickey Global Strategies, LLC

"AICCO has begun the dialogue of creating open doors for trade policy and activity by collaborating with Indigenous partners in Australia, Canada and NABA," The AICCO partnerships with Australia and Canada are similar in vision to strengthen and promote economic education for our

people through commerce opportunities with the Indigenous community. In fact, Indigenous peoples have been traders since our beginnings. AICCO is poised and ready for the progress of rekindling these ancient trade routes that over thousands of years ago were established."

- Bailey Walker, President, American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma

"Indigenous people have been traders since time immemorial, just look at the ancient trade sights of Spiro Mounds in Oklahoma or Chaco Canyon in New Mexico. The meeting with the Australian Ambassador was a continuation of this international relationship building that indigenous people have been participating in and developing for thousands of years. We look forward to further developing these ancient trade routes and developing a foundation for indigenous trade."

- Chad Johnson, President, The Akana Group Inc.

"The roundtable discussion with Australian Officials is a great first step in strengthening both Native and Indigenous voices globally. There are a number of similarities between both

communities, from a cultural and economic perspective. With collaborative efforts on both sides, we can help each other grow and overcome weaknesses by sharing economic successes and lessons learned. Chad Johnson and The Akana Group are already doing business with Pat Caruso's Australian company We Create Print Deliver. This is a great example that shows you do not have to be a large corporation to participate in international commerce. I am excited to see what the future holds for both Native and Indigenous communities from a cultural and economic perspective."

- Amanda Smith, President, Native American Business Association



Chairman Timothy Rhodd presents about the history of the Ioway, regenerative agriculture, food sovereignty, the re-establishment of ancient trade routes, international trade, and foreign trade zones, and tribal sovereignty.



Chairman Timothy Rhodd and Australian Ambassador the Hon. Arthur Sinodinos AO exchange gifts.

Welcome to the Team!

Iowa Tribe Police Department Announces New Chief of Police

Loren Lossman is the Chief of the Iowa Tribe Police Department. He will be responsible for overseeing the safety of the community and implementing many exciting community-based events and activities. He is an animal lover and lives in Holton, KS, with his three dogs and two cats.

Under the direction of Loren, the Iowa Tribe Police Department will focus heavily on positive engagement with the community. Loren's approach to law enforcement emphasizes the underlying needs of the people he serves and takes a more visible approach in the community. He looks forward to personally meeting as many members as possible.

Loren has been working in law enforcement for 20 years, including serving as the Chief of Police for the Kickapoo Tribal Police department. In addition to his work as a police officer, he has extensive experience in emergency dispatch and facilitating fundraising activities. In his spare time, Loren enjoys camping and watching his favorite television shows.



***Loren Lossman,
Chief of Police***

New CEO for the ITKN Boys & Girls Club



***Courtney Waggoner,
B&G Club CEO***

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska would like to announce Courtney Waggoner's new position as Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Club of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Since September, she has worked with the Boys & Girls Club as Youth Development Paraprofessional. She is currently attending Tohono O'odham Community College, doing online coursework towards an Associate of Arts in Early Childhood Education and an Associate of Arts in Social Work.

Courtney says she is "excited for this new job title and can't wait to do new and fun things for our youth. I love working, teaching, and learning along with them. The Boys and Girls Club is important because it gives the kids a second home feeling. After all, it takes a village sometimes. I like planning events and helping out people around me in any way I can." Courtney grew up locally. She has a husband and five children ranging from ages nine to thirteen.

WCHC Welcomes New Dentist, Dr. Kuhnert

White Cloud Health Center (WCHC) and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska welcome Dr. Tanna (Meng) Kuhnert, a native of Troy, Kansas. Dr. Kuhnert graduated from A.T. Still University - Missouri School of Dentistry & Oral Health. She holds a Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) and a certificate in public health with a dental emphasis. Before ATSU, she attended Northwest Missouri State University, earning a Bachelor of Biological Sciences.

Dr. Kuhnert found an interest in dentistry as a child. She began "working" for her family dentist in her hometown in the 5th grade, helping her aunt in the front office. Her interest in dentistry grew as she increased her hours and responsibilities through the years, eventually working full-time around her school schedule. She continued to work for this same dentist during college and

her early years of dental school as her schedule allowed. This dentist was a beloved mentor, and Dr. Kuhnert has made it her mission to provide the same quality of care that he always did.

Dr. Kuhnert says that her passion isn't just dentistry; it's about helping people. "The fact that I get to provide beautiful, healthy smiles for patients in need is just a bonus, and that's one of the biggest reasons I chose to be a part of what White Cloud Health Center is providing for our area."

WCHC can provide comprehensive dental care to all ages, including but not limited to cleanings, sealants, fillings, crowns and bridges, dentures, partials, and extractions. If a WCHC patient requires care beyond what is available, WCHC can connect them with local specialists to meet their needs.



**Dr. Tanna Kuhnert,
Dentist**

During the days she is not working at White Cloud Health Center, Dr. Kuhnert works as an associate dentist for Dr. Daniel Nigus in St. Joseph, MO. Dr. Kuhnert resides in Denton, KS, with her husband, Daniel, and two children, Layla and William.

New Head Youth Paraprofessional for B&G Club



**Kassydi Miller,
B&G Club Head Youth Para**

Welcome to Kassydi Miller as she joins the Boys and Girls Club of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska as the Head Youth Development Paraprofessional.

Kassydi grew up in White Cloud, Kansas, and has just moved back to the area from Kansas City, Missouri. Kassydi has worked in elementary schools for approximately six years and has decided to return to college to complete her Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education.

Kassydi says she is "excited to get to know your kiddos and excited to be back home to work for my community!"

Call for Board Members: Boys and Girls Club Board



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB
of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska seeks five (5) qualified candidates to join the Boys and Girls Club of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Board. The positions open are:

- **Board Chair** - Possesses sound working knowledge of the Club, including its history, staff, membership and programs. Leads by inviting board members to participate; facilitates communication among and between board members and staff; guides Club, CEO and board evaluations; delegates authority; raises funds and supports resource development; maintains visibility in the community; and supports the Boys & Girls Club Movement.
- **Vice-Chair** - Assists and supports board chair; serves as leader if necessary; provides leadership and guidance to designated standing committees and task forces; maintains community visibility; and supports the Boys & Girls Club Movement.
- **Secretary** - Guards Club's institutional memory by assuring the preparation, accuracy and timeliness of meeting minutes; communicates with board members about meetings, attendance and terms; and serves as a signatory on official documents
- **Treasurer** - Serves as financial officer of the organization and chair of the finance committee. Along with finance committee, manages board review and action related to financial responsibility. Works with CEO and CFO to ensure all appropriate financial reports are made available to the board on time. Assists CEO and CFO in preparation of annual budget; presents budget to the full board. Along with the finance or audit committee, reviews the annual audit and answers questions from other board members.
- **Board Member**

The Boys and Girls Club Board's role is to establish identity and strategic direction, ensure necessary resources, and provide oversight. Additionally, the board must provide a quarterly report to the ITKN Executive Committee. The Boys and Girls Club Board meets once per month, and each board member receives \$75.00 per formal board meeting. The board will also form committees and task forces to accomplish various tasks as needed. As the board will be filled entirely by new board members, and with the recent hiring of a new CEO for the Boys and Girls Club, meetings may need to occur weekly until all are settled in their roles. Board members are expected to contribute outside of board meetings as needed.

Board members may join meetings virtually; however, they must provide their own reliable internet and devices. Board appointments are one year in length.

To be eligible to sit on this board, you must be 18+ years of age and a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. You must pass a background check and drug screening.

To apply, or for more information on these roles, please visit bit.ly/itknbgboard.

Job Openings

JOB OPENING - The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is seeking candidates for a **Full-Time Museum Director/Historian for the Iowa and Sac & Fox Mission Museum** located in Highland, KS. **Qualifications/Skills:** B.A./B.S. in history, museum studies, allied fields; M.A./M.S. preference. Communication/education experience; Knowledge of Iowa and Sac & Fox history and culture, local history; Evidence of highly developed communications, presentation, writing, and organizational skills; Established connections with Highland/reservation communities; Experience working with federal and state agencies. **Duties:** Management and operation of Mission museum and museum grounds; Budgets and development of grants, other funding sources; Develop partnerships; Work with interns, volunteers; Historic preservation and agencies interactions; Social media. **Details:** No relocation expenses or bonuses. Starting date negotiable; required opening by Memorial Day. Regular opening hours TBD but will include at least one day on weekends. This position may require working evenings, weekends, and holidays. **Applications accepted until 2/23/22.**

JOB OPENING - The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is seeking candidates for a **Full-Time Social Service Director**. **Qualifications/Skills:** Must have an MSW; Self-starter and energetic; Proven leadership/management skills; Strong verbal/written communication skills. **Duties:** The Director will be responsible for assisting the Tribe with implementing an Indigenous-based full reorganization of the social service programs; Planning, organizing, directing, coordinating, and evaluating the various branches of the

Social Services Department; Performs other duties as required. **The ideal candidate** will be a strong, seasoned social services professional who brings the ability to work collaboratively with the senior management team, staff, and community. Strong communication skills, both verbal and written, are paramount. Those with a background in organizational development, finance, contracts, policies, reporting, and staff development can best assist the program with the internal communications and operations of the department. Applicants should have the capacity to build organizational savvy and work through barriers with multiple stakeholders; and, have a proven track record of implementing solutions to balance competing priorities while maintaining stability, as well as, fostering a spirit of collaboration and teamwork. **Confidentiality is a must!** Wage is negotiable depending on experience.

JOB OPENING - The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska is seeking candidates for a **Full-Time Case Manager**. **Qualifications/Skills:** Applicant must have a valid driver's license; pass a drug screen/background check. **Duties:** The Case Manager will coordinate care for tribal community clients and work with local agencies and institutions to ensure that clients get the care they need. The Case Manager will also perform intake interviews to get a better understanding of a client's needs, assist clients in connecting with needed services, monitor clients and work with other service providers as necessary to address the client's needs. **Confidentiality is a must!** This position will work directly with the Social Worker to ensure client care. Wage is negotiable depending on

experience. **Applications will be accepted until position is filled.**

ITKN Jobs:

Benefits: Excellent package includes paid health, dental, vision, short term disability and life insurance with option of a 401K with up to 3% match after one year of service.

To apply: Visit bit.ly/itknjobs for application. Completed applications can be mailed to 3345 B Thrasher Rd, White Cloud, KS 66094, or emailed to ccolborn@iowas.org. Native American Preference is given (BIA Form 4432). For more info regarding these position, please call Cheyenne at 785-595-3258.

JOB OPENING - The Iowa Tribal Police Department is currently accepting applications for **Patrol Officer**. **Qualifications/Skills:** Must be 21+ years old; High School diploma or GED; U.S. Citizen; Valid license & good driving record; No criminal record, diversions, or expungements; Free of any physical/mental conditions which may adversely affect job performance; Must pass a background check/drug screen; Must pass a physical/psychological exam. *Law Enforcement Certification preferred but not mandatory. Upon hiring Officer must obtain KS and NE certifications.* **Competitive wages. Benefits:** Vacation, Sick leave; Holiday pay; Health insurance; Optional retirement plan. **To apply:** Call (785) 595-6669 for an application, or pick up at 3313 Thrasher Rd, White Cloud, KS. Previous applicants must re-apply. Native American preference will be given in the hiring process.

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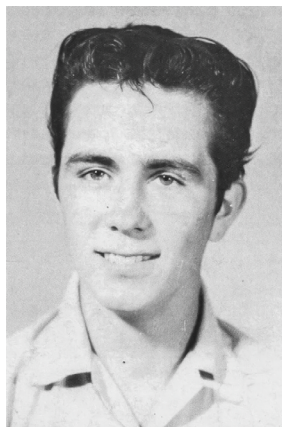
Remembering

Terry Douglas Murphy Witatai

January 26, 1942- September 4, 2021

as printed in the funeral program

Terry Douglas Murphy "Witatai," 79, of the Iowa Reservation at White Cloud, KS, left this earthly life to join his forefathers in eternal life September 4, 2021. Witatai, his Iowa name, was given to him by his ancestors, was born January 26, 1942, at Escondido, California, the son of Marin and Lorene Murhpy. His family lived between the California home and near White Cloud, where Terry attended White Cloud and Reserve, schools, prior to attending high school in California. Terry spent his working career as an independent contractor, escorting oversize tractor trailer loads, all across the United States. To enhance his career and address the bigger challenges, he became a certified flagger. He said that he had traveled the entire United States except Alaska.



He was a member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Terry was proud of his native heritage and Iowa Reservation was always dear to him. Because of his travel, he wasn't able to participate in a lot of their activities or memberships. But in later years, he was able to participate in the Pow Wows as a Gourd Dancer, and just loved it!

Terry married Janet Stice of the Falls City, Nebraska, area and lived most of their life in Texas and was blest with a daughter Shelly. Janet and Terry divorced in later years, and he re-connected to friends in the Rulo area and married Karen Simmonds Shea, December 12, 2005. They had made their home on the Iowa Reservation where she survives. Also surviving are his daughter Shelly

Marsalek (Andy) of Santa Maria, California, step-children Mike and Rita Shea of Bennet, Nebraska, Cindy and Shad Hemminger of Nebraska, Brenda and Chan Merry of Lincoln, Nebraska, grandchildren Wyatt, Emma, and Asah.

Terry was preceded in death by his parents, and a brother Stanley Murphy.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Rulo Cemetery, sent in care of the funeral home, 124 S 7th St., Hiawatha 66434.



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Important Phone Numbers

ITKN Offices

Admin. Offices: (785) 595-3258

Tribal Police: (785) 595-6614

Tribal Court/Vehicle Registration: (785) 595-6647

ITKN Services

Imagination Library: (785) 595-6673

Senior Citizens Program/Meals: (785) 595-3501

Boys and Girls Club: (785) 595-3850

Peace Program: (785) 595-3261

Generator Program: (785) 595-3520

Fish and Wildlife: (785) 595-3390

ITKN Organizations

Housing Authority: (785) 595-3380

United Tribes: (785) 595-3291

Native American Family Services: (785) 595-3260

NAFS Crisis Line: (758) 850-6596

White Cloud Health Center

Main Line: (785) 595-3450

Direct Lines:

Pharmacy: (785) 595-3455

Community Health Rep.: (785) 595-3429

Patient Relations & Compliance: (785) 595-3457