

First Class

Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska

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2017

# NEWSLETTER



1st Edition

# 2017 Tribal Election Notice

## 2017 Election

Time again for the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska Election. The election for the positions of Chairman, Secretary and Member will be held on Saturday October 21, 2017. The filing fee for running for office will be \$150.00. The filing fee must be paid by money order or cashiers check and must be made out to the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Election Board. No cash or personnel checks will be accepted. The filing fee is non refundable. This must be mailed along with the nomination form and the background investigation to the following address:

Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska  
Election Board  
P.O. Box 41  
White Cloud, Kansas 66094

The above items must be postmarked no later than September 21, 2017. The forms can be picked up at the Iowa Tribal Office between 8:00 a.m.– 4:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. When coming to the Tribal Office you will need to ask for Brenda Lunsford.

**The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 1:00 p.m. on the day of election Saturday October 21, 2017.**

Iowa Tribe Election Board

James DeRoin  
Brenda Lunsford  
Brandi Liberty



**IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS & NEBRASKA  
ELECTION BOARD  
P.O. Box 41  
White Cloud, KS 66094**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, born on \_\_\_\_\_, Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_ give the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Election Board permission to do a background investigation on me. This is to ensure that I have not committed a felony in the past five years. The reason for this background investigation is because I am running for a position on the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Executive Committee.





## DISCLOSURE TO ELECTION CANDIDATE REGARDING PROCUREMENT OF A CONSUMER REPORT

In connection with your candidacy for election, we may procure a Background Investigative Report and/or Background Report on you as part of the process of considering your candidacy. In the event that information from the report is utilized in whole or in part in making an adverse decision with regard to your potential candidacy, before making the adverse decision, we will provide you with a copy of the consumer report and a description in writing of your rights under the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act.

The Fair Credit Reporting Act gives you specific rights in dealing with consumer reporting agencies. You will be given a summary of these rights together with this document.

By your signature below, you hereby authorize us to obtain a consumer report and/or an investigative report about you in order to consider you as a candidate. The information requested below is being used strictly for background screening purposes in order to obtain accurate results. The consumer report may include, but not be limited to, criminal history, verifications of employment and education, and driving records. A credit report detailing personal financial history will only be obtained for permissible purposes in consideration of jobs meeting specific criteria.

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT YOUR FULL LEGAL NAME)

Candidate's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

*The EEOC states for the purpose of pre-employment inquiries, under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967, Section 1625.5, "A request on the part of an employer for information such as "Date of Birth" or "State Age" on an employment application form is not, in itself, a violation of the Act."*

Driver's License Number: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Validity Client #: \_\_\_\_\_

To All Candidates:

*The information requested above is used to assist in the completion of a background investigation. The information will be maintained in a limited access file, detached from your application. The information will be used for the sole purpose of identification when conducting a background investigation.*

☐ I have received a copy of my Summary of Rights Under the Fair Credit Reporting Act.



**IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA  
TRIBAL ELECTION  
OCTOBER 21, 2017**

**NOMINATING FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare my intention of filing for the  
office of \_\_\_\_\_ and certify that I meet the following  
qualifications:

Section 4. Qualifications of Candidates

Any member of the tribe who will be at least twenty-one (21) years of age on the date of the election, shall qualify as a candidate for membership on the Executive Committee, or a subordinate body by election or appointment, except those persons previously convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction, of a felony, or any member who is delinquentlly indebted to the tribe, provided that persons who have satisfied their penalty for a felony at least five (5) years before the election and otherwise qualify, may become candidates.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any person previously convicted in any court of competent jurisdiction of a felony in which the tribe is a victim shall not be eligible to be a candidate at any time.

Any current member of the Executive Committee, who intends to seek election to another office of the Executive Committee in an election when such member's current office is not up for election, shall submit a resignation at least ninety (90) days prior to the election. Such resignation will become effective on the first regular meeting of the Executive Committee following the election regardless of whether such member wins or loses the election for the different seat. The vacancy created by such resignation will be filled by special election in accordance with Article IX Section 5.

I certify that I meet the qualifications to become a candidate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

# Executive Committee News

Dear Tribal Members,

We all hope this newsletter finds you well. Since the newsletter is the main source of information that many tribal members receive, we'd like to take this opportunity to inform you all of current and completed projects that the Executive Committee has been working on.

## **Infant Car Seat Distribution**

The Tribe has approximately 24 car seats available for distribution. The Tribe will be disbursing these car seats to tribal members expecting a new born or who currently have a child less than one year of age. There will be a limit of one car seat per household. You will need to present your CDIB card in order to receive one. Please contact Kelli Cheek at 785-595-3258 if you are interested in receiving a car seat.

## **Imagination Library**

The Tribe, along with Native American Family Services, Inc. has introduced a new program called, Dolly Parton's Imagination Library for all enrolled tribal children ages 0-5. Each month, from the day your child is born until his/her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday, a selected book will be mailed to your child free of cost. The Tribe will be championing the program. Special attention is given to age appropriateness and the development of such positive themes as promotion of self-esteem and confidence, regard for diversity, and appreciation of art. Learning to read is a process much like learning to speak or learning to walk. The process begins at birth. More importantly, they also learn to love to read. If you are interested in enrolling your child into this program, please contact Kelli Cheek at 785-595-3258.

## **Nature Conservancy Land Transfer**

The Nature Conservancy has offered to Transfer ownership 160 acers of the Rulo Bluffs to the tribe, and agree to maintain the same conservation values. Rulo Bluffs is a 444-acre eastern deciduous forest that intermingles with Loess Hills prairie overlooking the Missouri River. Two major ecosystems meet on these rugged hills– the cool, shady hardwood forest of the eastern U.S., and the wind-swept, sun-drenched prairie of the Great Plains. The Tribe is currently working with their attorney and the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place this land in Trust.

## **Water Rights**

The Tribe was awarded \$100,000 from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the negotiation and settlement of our water rights claims. The Tribe has hired Fredericks Peebles & Morgan LLP ("FPM") as our water rights attorneys. Negotiation and settlement of water rights is an involved and extensive process, but this funding for FY16 will provide the Tribe with the ability to move the process forward. With the assistance of our attorneys and through meetings with legal counsel, the Executive Committee and Tribal members, the Tribe will be able to (1) conduct

research of historical records and legal claims that could affect the Tribe's legal position on an assertion of its water rights in terms of the nature, scope, and quantity of water rights, and develop legal theories and a factual basis for claims in both Kansas and Nebraska; (2) coordinate with technical experts to conduct historical review of water use and the legal history of claims that may affect a quantification of the Tribe's water rights; (3) establish a federal negotiation team and begin negotiations; and (4) begin to conduct analysis of damages or compensation owed to the Tribe based on mismanagement of water.

### **Endangered Species Project**

The Tribe has submitted and received funding in the amount of \$144,174 for an Endangered Species Project through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. This funding will allow for 2,500 Bobwhite Quail to be reintroduced into the reservation, along with the planting of 20 additional acres of food plots which will allow the Tribe to expand the quail habitats. This expansion project will include a monitoring effort to track the quail for two years, which will assist the Tribe in determining further success of the quail population growth.

### **Tribal Youth Initiative Project**

The Tribe has submitted and received funding in the amount of \$26,500 for a Tribal Youth Initiative Project through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. As the Tribe expands their natural resources programming through projects such as the Bobwhite Quail Project, we will mentor and educate youth in natural resources management. This project will create a summer internship for college-level students majoring in Natural Resources or a related field. The Program Manager will develop specific programs for the summer interns as well as for the Boys and Girls Club participants.

### **Honey Bee Project**

Spring is finally here which means lots of work splitting, feeding and requeening the bees. We are getting very close to our goals of making our all natural honey products, honey candles and skin care products. Jimmy is very passionate about the bees and if any member would like to see a bee hive please call Jimmy Lunsford at 785-595-3258.

### **Iowa Tribe Learning Center**

Native American Family Services, Inc. and the Tribe are in the final stages of converting their Family Child Care Home 2 daycare facility into a Child Care Center. There are many benefits that a Child Care Center will bring to families including: educated staff, more structured schedule and school-like environment, especially beneficial for older preschoolers in preparation for kindergarten and opportunities to socialize with more children and teachers. Once the transition is made and we receive our Child Care Center license, the facility will be able to enroll more children. We are currently at max at the daycare with numerous families on the waiting list. We will be submitting our license application in May 2017 and it can take 30-90 days for approval. We are hoping to have approval before children return to school in August.



### **Squaw Creek Truck Plaza**

Squaw Creek Truck Plaza was purchased in 2005, then re-modeled and opened for business. From year to year Squaw Creek operated at a loss. In 2007 the committee set up monthly meetings with the department managers from squaw creek. This was done for over a year and helped cut costs and increase sales but still was un-profitable. Late August of 2009, the committee's next step was to hire a general manager that had management background in truck stops. August of 2011 we decided to close the truck stop. Tribal employees gathered the inventory and brought it to the reservation to sell and re-coop costs. The committee reached out to Energy Exchange, a company that markets and sells truck stops. The truck stop sold on April 3, 2012. It was structured as an owner financed sale with a down payment, and monthly payments with 6.6% interest for 5 years, with a balloon payment after the 5 year period. On April 3, 2017 the Iowa Tribe received the last payment and transferred the deed to the property to the new owner.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

The Tribe is currently working on a project to create a Disaster Mitigation Plan. We received funding from the National Congress of American Indians to complete the project. Mitigation plans form the foundation for effective hazard mitigation. A mitigation plan is a demonstration of the commitment to reduce risks from natural hazards and serves as a strategic guide for decision-makers as they commit resources. This process includes hazard identification and risk assessment leading to the development of a comprehensive mitigation strategy for reducing risks to life and property. The mitigation strategy section of the plan identifies a range of specific mitigation actions and projects being considered to reduce risks to new and existing buildings and infrastructure. State, Indian Tribes, and local governments are required to develop a hazard mitigation plan as a condition of receiving certain types of hazard mitigation disaster assistance.

### **Car Wash**

The opportunity for a car wash on the reservation has been tossed around for several years. The Tribe decided to explore the idea and contract an architect to create design and specifications for the project. We have solicited bids for the project and the Executive Committee is currently reviewing bids from several contractors. Final approval of the project has not been made yet.

### **Pauline's Pond**

We are currently in the process of digging out Pauline's Pond. This pond was a great place to fish and also a source of water for the tribes' cattle and has over time filled with silt. Several years ago the tube through the dam of the pond broke and drained the pond. The pond at that time was only a few feet deep. Since then the tribe has had a silt dam put in and has started the process of removing the silt in the bottom of the pond. The dam will be rebuilt and the pond will be restored in the near future for any and all tribal members to enjoy.



### **Public Wholesale Water Supply District (PWWSD) No. 27**

The Public Wholesale Water Supply District (PWWSD) No. 27 was formed due to an overarching concern of high nitrate concentration in the groundwater supply across the region. Brown RWD No. 2 was awarded a grant through the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to sponsor a Regional Public Water Supply Study to analyze the water supply needs in the region. The five local water supply entities (Brown RWD No. 2, Doniphan RWD 6, City of Robinson, City of Powhattan, Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska, and the Sac & Fox Nation of Missouri in Kansas and Nebraska) responded with interest to the idea of working together to solve their common problem – nitrates. As the Nitrates on the reservations continue to rise we will be able to switch to safe water.

With the formation of PWWSD No. 27, a Board of Directors comprised of 1 member from each participating entity, with 1 rotating seat between them, was formed to govern the decisions of the PWWSD. Alan Kelley is representing the Iowa Tribe.

### **Kansas Indian Nations Drought Vulnerability and Resiliency Assessment**

The Tribe partnered with other Kansas Tribes to complete a Drought Vulnerability and Resilience Assessment. The purpose of this three-phase project is to establish an inventory of tribal environmental resources that are impacted by drought, characterize local water resources and develop a drought/climate early warning system for long and short-term planning and decision making at local and regional levels. This information will ultimately be incorporated into each of the four tribe's Water Resources Management Plans as well as other tribal decision guiding plans in future years. This project will involve coordination and cooperation between all four tribes in Kansas as well as educational institutions like Haskell University and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln (National Drought Mitigation Center and the High Plains Regional Climate Center), and federal and state partners such as NOAA, NIDIS, and the Kansas Water Office.

If you have questions about these projects, please contact any member of the Executive Committee at 785-595-3258 or by email. Tim Rhodd – [trhodd@iowas.org](mailto:trhodd@iowas.org), Alan Kelley – [akelley@iowas.org](mailto:akelley@iowas.org), Tony Fee – [tony.fee@iowas.org](mailto:tony.fee@iowas.org), Kelli Cheek – [kcheek@iowas.org](mailto:kcheek@iowas.org), Robbie Craig – [rcraig@iowas.org](mailto:rcraig@iowas.org).

Sincerely,

Executive Committee



# IOWA TRIBE EASTER EGG HUNT

The Iowa Tribe held an easter egg hunt at the pow wow grounds on April 15, 2017. This event keeps growing year after year. There are four age groups and gift cards given out to the top three prize eggs in the three older age groups.



The Boys and Girls Club of the Iowa Tribe hosted an elders easter egg hunt at the mealsite on April 13, 2017. There were prizes in eggs that consisted of Grandview Oil gift certificates, Bingo gift certificates & Casino free play.





# Daily Schedule

Morning Registration - 8:30-9:00 am

Welcome Time (In Gym)

Sports Teams

Crafts

Story Time

Coaches Time

Snack

Puppets and Drama

Singing

Lunch 12:15 pm

Tribal Activities

Reading Time

Afternoon Activities/ Field Trip

Pick Up 3:15 - 3:30 pm (In Rec. Center)

## Kids of Character

Each day our campers will be taught a new character word. We will use insight from Bible scriptures and stories as well as every day practical applications of the words. The Character Word for the day will also be used in the Native History time. The campers will learn about someone or something in their cultural history that demonstrated the Character Word in their lives. The words of the day will be represented as a fruit of the day. These will help the children remember the character words for the day.

### Character Words for the week:

*Kindness      Self-Control*

*Goodness*

*Patience*

*Joy & Love*

## Kids of Character Day Camp June 5-8



## Tribal Awareness

## Reading Program



**PUPPETS**

**FIELD TRIPS**



# Registration

# KIDS OF CHARACTER CAMP

Name:

Age:

Address:

Phone:

Parent/Guardian:

Emergency Contact:

Shirt Size:    ys   ym   yl   s   m   l   xl

Sport wanting to play: (circle one)

Soccer    Basketball    Cheerleading

Allergies (food or other):

This camp session is a well rounded opportunity for children to improve their knowledge and abilities in different aspects of life. They will be taught through sports, tribal enrichment, and Biblical stories in different ways to be Kids of Character. The camp is **free** for all children 3-11 years of age. The Iowa tribe working with the Collinsville Church of Christ youth program from Oklahoma will be providing the camp. The camp will be held at the Iowa Tribe Rec. Center/ Boys and Girls Club located at 2169 Iowa Drive White Cloud, KS. You can preregister your children for camp through the Iowa Tribal Office or the Iowa Rec. Center.

**Reading:** Every day the campers will have a set time to work on their reading and comprehension skills. This will be done through volunteer elementary educators as well as one on one reading time with a “buddy” or coach.

**Afternoon Activities:** Following lunch and reading time campers will enjoy a variety of activities which either teach them more about native culture and or just fun times for great kids. These will include a field trip, Movie Day, Splash Day, Bead-working as well as Hand Drum, Fan Making, ETC. more.

**Family Carnival Night:** On Thursday evening all campers and their families are invited to the Iowa Community Center for a free carnival. There will be food, games, and prizes. We will also be handing out awards to each of the campers and show a short video of the campers and their activities done through out the week.

**Tribal Enrichment:** Each day the campers will work with a tribal leader and learn more about the tribes history. There will be opportunities for Tribal Elders to share in the rich traditions and stories of tribal past which reinforce the character values being taught for the day.

**Sports Camp:** Campers will start each day with choosing from three different sports activities: Soccer, Basketball, and Cheerleading. Each sport will be broken into smaller age groups and taught fundamentals of the sport. Along with this sports clinic the campers will also be participate in arts and crafts, teaching of the character word of the day, group singing, and a snack.

**Singing & Crafts:** Each day the campers will interactive positive songs and participate in crafts that reinforce what it means to be kids of character.



# 2017 CHIEF WHITE CLOUD RODEO 30TH ANNIVERSARY

**Grand River Rodeo Company**

**Friday June 23rd & Saturday June 24th**

**Grand Entry - 7:30 pm**

**Fireworks immediately after rodeo on June 24, 2017**

**Muttin Bustin**



## NATURE TRAIL/PLAYGROUND SURFACE IMPROVEMENTS REQUEST

In an effort to promote exercise (which helps decrease the risk of Type 2 Diabetes), White Cloud Health Station (WCHS) Diabetes Prevention program submitted a request for funding to enhance surfaces of the existing Iowa Tribe nature trail and surrounding playground. WCHS Diabetes Prevention program would like to make improvements by replacing existing wood mulch on the playground with bonded rubber mulch. This mulch is heavy duty, low maintenance, and drains easily and is not easily displaced during play, walking or running. WCHS would also like to improve the existing nature trail by replacing the existing surface with bonded rubber mulch. In addition, two picnic tables were requested, one with a shade, as well as two trash receptacles to keep the area free of litter. The Iowa Tribal Council is fully supportive of enhancing and maintaining the current playground and trail as this is a wonderful recreational area for all age groups to enjoy!

The request is pending approval by Division of Grants Management/Area Office.



# 2016/2017 Iowa Tribal Member Obituaries

Glenn Charles DeRoin 58, Moline, IL passed away November 3, 2016. The son of Harrison DeRoin and Marie Browder. He was born on July 25, 1958 in Moline,

Velma Imogene Waggoner 81, Strafford, MO passed away on October 16, 2016.

Davis B. Plemmons 73, New Mexico passed away on August 6, 2016. The son of Julian Plemmons and Betty Elkins. He was born on October 11, 1942 in Acheville, North Carolina.

Raymond E. Campbell 88, Shawnee, KS passed away on November 29, 2016. The son of Raymond Campbell and Louise Prater. He was born on July 20, 1928 in Rulo, Nebraska.

Duane Michael Simmonds 71, Murray, NE passed away on December 1, 2016. The son of Clarence Simmonds and Mary Zvolanek. He was born on October 3, 1945 in Falls City, Nebraska.

Bryce David Meinsen 34, Kansas City, MO passed away on January 28, 2017.

Audrey Juanita Morey 82, Hiawatha, KS passed away on February 25, 2017. She was the daughter of Donald Joslin and Margaret Meugniot. She was born on January 17, 1935 in Brown County, KS

Dennis DeRoin 66, Omaha, NE passed away on February 7, 2017. He was the son of William DeRoin and Norma Smith. He was born on June 24, 1950 in Beatrice, Nebraska.

Dona Rae Mckinney 65, Holts Summit, Mo passed away on February 18, 2017.

Lacey Maye Detmer 32, Guadalupe, TX passed away on February 4, 2017. She was the daughter of Thomas Detmer and Roxanne Campbell. She was born on April 5, 1984 in Lincoln, Nebraska.



## **BOYS & GIRLS CLUB**

### **Of The Iowa Tribe of KS & NE**

Dear Tribal Members,

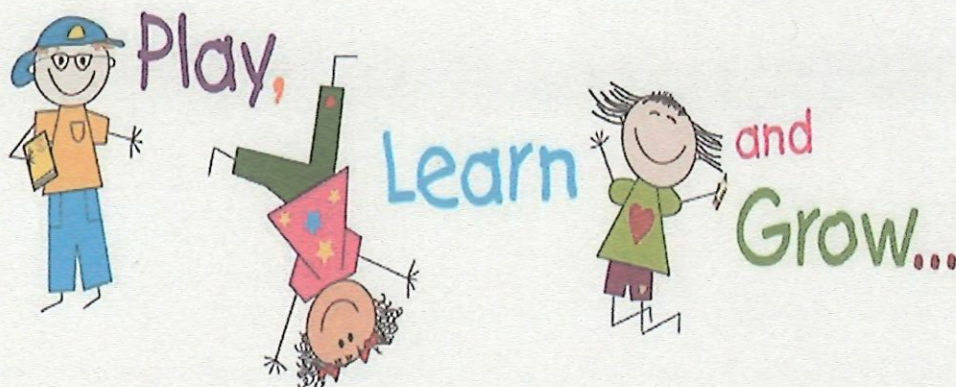
The Iowa Tribe Boys & Girls Club is excited for this upcoming summer and having the privilege to serve our youth and their families! This summer we are preparing a fun and unique schedule of educational programming (June 12<sup>th</sup> – July 28<sup>th</sup>) that will engage our youth in a new way. To compliment the BGCA KidzLit, SmartMoves, and MethSmart programming, we plan to have two or more weeks dedicated to Ioway culture, language, and craftsmanship – as well as themed weeks with guest speakers. Examples would be: Science/technology, Community & volunteering, Sports & recreation etc.

As always, we want to ensure our youth is given an opportunity to reach their full potential by being positive, providing a safe environment and encouraging them in every aspect of personal growth. Parents /families, we have you in our plans as well! The children are what make this all possible! We want to make sure you are up to speed with our programming and know that we truly appreciate you letting us be a part of their lives. We plan to host a special evening just for your benefit.

More information will be made available soon! We are on Facebook, ([Facebook.com/iowatribeboysandgirlsclub](https://www.facebook.com/iowatribeboysandgirlsclub)), and our office telephone number is 785-595-3580 if you have any questions, ask for Mitch Cheek or Raeann Hullman.

See You Soon!





### Iowa Tribal Learning Center

Daycare is currently working on our Step Up to Quality goals, we have completed steps one and two and we are working towards three now. We have monthly visits with our Step Up to Quality coach Susan Witt and continue getting ideas on new ways to improve our daycare environment to provide the highest quality care for all age groups with the focus being on the 0 to 3 age group. Susan has brought with her to our visits several tools, toys and different games that provide developmentally appropriate play to our environment at Iowa Tribal Learning Center. These items are for the daycare to keep courtesy of the Sixpence Childcare Grant from the Falls City Public School.

We are excited to announce that Jill Lunsford and Brijida Hughes have completed the 45 clock hours of training to qualify as a non-certificated teacher towards our center license along with Lana Hullman having her Child Development Associate Credential and Stephanie Gerdes the Director of the center having an Early Childhood Education Associate Degree. The Iowa Tribal Learning Center currently has 16 children enrolled and serves 12 children maximum daily. We are getting closer to becoming a center and we are currently taking applications for enrollment. If you are needing childcare stop by and fill out a pre-enrollment form to be placed on the waiting list.

Stephanie Gerdes



# CHR / EMS Program

Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone is doing ok and enjoying this nice weather. I have a few reminders and they are as follows:

1. I must have at least a 2 week notice for a transport, if you call and need transported with only a weeks notice there is a chance that I may already be booked.
2. Out of town appointments are to be made around 10:00AM and no later than 2:00PM.
3. My working hours are from 8:00AM to 4:30PM so please call me during those hours. If you call before or after these hours you will have to leave a voicemail.
4. If you are at the clinic for an appointment and have a prescription to be filled I encourage you to wait on it. I may not be able to pick it up due to my schedule.

Thank you for your understanding and have a great summer

## Report To The Indian People

DATE OF AWARD: JULY 2016 - DECEMBER 2016

AMOUNT OF AWARD: \$62,638.00

CONTRACT NAME: IOWA TRIBE OF KANSAS AND NEBRASKA

PURPOSE OF AWARD: CHR / EMS PROGRAM

### FOR THIS TIME FRAME THE TOTALS ARE AS FOLLOW

HOME VISITS:	32	TRANSPORTS:	74
MEDICINE DELIVERED:	66	BLOOD SUGARS:	08
HPERTENSIONS:	12	OPTOMOLGY:	10
DENTAL:	15	MAMMOGRAMS:	02
MENTAL HEALTH:	02	ALCOHOL/DRUGS:	04
HEALTH EDUCATION:	98	ENERGY ASSISTANCE:	0
FOOD DISTRIBUTION:	0	AUDIOLOGY:	0
OFFICE VISITS:	18	APPOINTMENTS:	46

Rebecca Parker, CHR



# Housing Authority of The Iowa Tribe of KS & NE

Dear Tribal Members,

The Housing Authority is looking forward to a BUSY SPRING/SUMMER THIS YEAR. we currently are in the process of putting together an ICDBG application along with applying for a Title VI program that will allow us to do a total rehab project on the apartment complex. This is a much needed project as the units are 37 years old.

Also included in the project we are planning on doing a window replacement for our single family units. We have had problems with the units every since the units were new.

The section 184 loan program is still going strong and there is always funds available for this program for aquisition, acquisition/rehab, refinance, and new construction. You can find all of the info in regards to this program on the web at [www.184loans.com](http://www.184loans.com).

We currently still have funds in the budget for the down payment assistance program also. This program provides 20% up to \$20,000 towards the down payment and closing costs of purchasing a home to qualified families.

If anyone has any questions please contact the Housing Authority at (785) 595-3380 or by email at [iowaha@carsoncomm.com](mailto:iowaha@carsoncomm.com). We would be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

Bradely S. Campbell  
Executive Director

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United Tribes of Kansas & Southeast Nebraska  
3301 Thrasher Road - White Cloud, Kansas 66094  
785-595-3291

Looking for a job? In or going to a training program or higher education program?

The WIOA Native American Employment and Training program serves 79 counties in Kansas, 23 counties in Missouri, and 2 counties in Nebraska. If you are unemployed, underemployed, need skills upgrading, or economically disadvantaged please contact our office to see if we can serve you.

## **Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and Museum Report, Spring 2017** by Lance M. Foster, THPO

The THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office) established in 2012, is administered by the Iowa Tribe's Executive Committee, and is funded by an annual grant from the National Park Service. It is supervised and assisted by Alan Kelley, vice-chair, and the NPS grant is administered by Kelli Cheek, treasurer. Lance Foster, tribal member with long experience and professional degrees in historic preservation, has been THPO since the fall of 2013. Alan Kelley, who initiated the THPO, assists as needed, and Reuben Noah Jr. has been working through THPO on special projects at the tribal museum.

THPO's mandated mission is to respond to requests for cultural input and compliance reviews from government agencies across the region, with many meetings in ancestral lands like Iowa and other states when our ancestral sites and burials may be impacted from development. This requires many meetings away from the reservation in the states our people once lived in.

In addition, THPO assists with culture and history information requests from the Executive Committee and tribal members, including the tribal museum and culture center (Baxoje Wosgaci: "Ioway Traditions Lodge"), and language issues. The THPO has an advisory board made up of elders appointed by the Executive Committee.

This work would be impossible without the continuing support of the Executive Committee, each of whom has gone out of their way to keep the Tribal Historic Preservation Office functioning and moving forward. Thanks are due each of them, for their support without which our THPO office could not function: Tim Rhodd (Chair), Alan Kelley (Vice-chair), Tony Fee (Secretary), Kelli Cheek (Treasurer), and Robbie Craig (Member).

### **Reservation Highlights**

Through the cultural compliance reviews, THPO now has a small drone to map and take aerial photos of cultural sites like Partlow Cemetery. In this photo we can see the ruts of former roads at the Partlow and an aerial view of the Powwow grounds. This new tool will be invaluable to help locate and map historic and cultural sites on the reservation. Here Tony Fee shows Foster and Kelley how the drone is operated.

[photo: Partlow]

[photo: powwow grounds]

[photo: Tony, Alan, Lance]

### **Nolands Creek**

[photo: Nolands Creek sign]

Here is the new sign for Nolands Creek (creek is x<sup>^</sup>owe (kh-OH-way) in the Ioway language), also known to many as Squaw Creek. Thanks to tribal member



Sydney Pursel who designed the new sign. The treaty of 1854 established the southeastern boundary of the Iowa reservation, which still stands today, as a creek noted in the treaty as "Nolands Creek." However there existed no Nolands Creek in modern times so people were confused as to where the reservation boundary was. THPO did research and found that Nolands Creek had been somehow renamed "Squaw Creek" later on.

In addition, our elders, grandmothers, aunties, and mothers, among others had grown up with nonIndians calling them "squaw" as a putdown, and had always found that name hurtful, but it was a further insult being right on our reservation. As a result of the historic research and the urging of elders, THPO pursued changing the name of Squaw Creek back to the original Nolands Creek, and succeeded doing so. This change has not only been beneficial to our women, it has also reinforced the legal recognition of our treaty boundaries.

### **Water and Cultural Preservation**

Our traditional Ioway culture was inseparable from the land and water, so protection and preservation of land and water is a vital part of traditional cultural preservation and practices.

The tribe sent supplies like water and blankets up to support the NoDAPL camp at Standing Rock Camp, joining other tribes across the nation in supporting clean water and healthy rivers. Some tribal members and friends also personally went and joined the effort to support treaty rights and a healthy environment for all people. The Missouri River is a vital part of our reservation and culture. Here a group of tribal members and supporters did a prayer ceremony for the Missouri River at the landing in White Cloud.

[photo: water ceremony]

Tribal rights to water, as well as hunting and fishing, are ensured through historic legal frameworks like the Winters Doctrine and the Stevens Doctrine. Healthy water is an ongoing issue for our tribe, due to contamination of the Missouri River and elevated nitrates in the groundwater that supplies the tribe's drinking water. Vice-chair and THPO supervisor Alan Kelley has served the tribe as advocate in multiple water issues, representative for PWWSO (Public Wholesale Water Supply District) No. 27 (groundwater nitrate levels); Kansas Water Office, Missouri Regional Advisory Committee (ensures water quality while preserving tribal rights); Kansas Indian National Drought Vulnerability and Resiliency Assessment; and the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC), working with the Corps of Engineers in water and cultural site protection.

### **Land and Cultural Preservation: Plant Project**

The land too is vital to our culture. The new fencing around the Campbell cemetery that THPO funded contained buffalo grass now in the cemetery area, with seasonal renewals to eventually overcome the briars so that a nicely green area that needs only occasional mowing will be there.

Most members remember their old folks gathering greens and mushrooms in the spring. Much of the landscape on the reservation and elsewhere has undergone massive changes over the last few decades, with changes in agricultural practices,



technology, and economics. Much of the hedgerows and shelterbelts have been removed, and without sufficient quality habitat for food, shelter, and reproduction, animal and plant species, both game and nongame, are in decline. Many species of plants used for food and medicine by our elders no longer are found here on the reservation, or are very rare compared to only a few decades ago.

[photo: plants]

In order to better understand and have accurate information on what plants may still be found here, and what need special attention so they may survive, THPO initiated a Plant Project. THPO contracted a biological firm to do an initial survey of tribal lands of plants, during several trips here during the 2016 growing season. There was a special focus on those plants essential to our traditions and cultural preservation, notably edible and medicinal plants and plants used to make traditional objects. At the time of writing this article, the final draft of this project is under review. There will be a publication available for download free as a PDF to tribal members this summer, with color photographs, habitat information, cultural uses including regalia, and for most species, names in the Ioway language.

### **Ancestral Sites in Other States**

Besides the reservation, THPO also is tasked to deal with cultural preservation off the reservation, on ancestral lands of our tribe. A few of the highlights for projects off the reservation include:

- Erosion exposing burials at an ancestral village now called the Dixon Site on the Little Sioux River in Iowa, and THPO is working with Iowa Dept. of Transportation (IDOT) to protect the site from further destruction.
- An IDOT video is being produced to educate the public about the Woodbury County site with fascinating geoglyphs, images in the earth. When it is made public, we will announce it.
- Blood Run/Good Earth is an ancestral village of the Omaha, Iowa, Ponca, and Otoe on the Big Sioux River, in the states of South Dakota and Iowa. THPO attends to provide information to tell our part in the story. Although the park is already open, there will be a grand opening of the new visitor center on May 19, east of Sioux Falls, SD.
- Fairfield, Iowa has a group working on a new documentary to tell the Indian side, include our tribe, of history in southeastern Iowa.
- THPO is constantly meeting with other tribes and agencies, including the To Bridge a Gap meeting in Oklahoma and an intertribal summit in Iowa.

### **NAGPRA**

NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act) responsibilities were consolidated for efficiency and accountability by the Executive Committee under THPO in 2015. During this time the Effigy Mounds case was concluded, and the perpetrators found guilty, but new issues are emerging. Meetings are ongoing to resolve this. We are also finally near the end of the decades-long conflicts over reburial of ancestral remains curated at the St. Joseph Museums, through cooperation with other tribes claiming descendant status.

### **Museum: Baxoje Wosgaci Tribal Museum and Culture Center**

The Museum, built as the Iowa Community Building during the years 1938-1940, and used for meetings, public events, and church services over the years, is now on the National Register of Historic Places through the efforts of THPO and the Kansas State Historical Society. Reuben Noah Jr. has been actively researching and gathering hundreds of new sources on tribal history and families found in historic archives. This should help us tell a more accurate and complete story of our people. Reuben has also been a welcome presence at the museum several days a week; when he is here, he is always willing to talk with visitors. There are policies and procedures being developed for the museum in order to prepare for eventual accreditation and long term viability.

The name of the museum and culture center in Ioway is *Baxoje* (BAH-kho-jay: Ioway) *Wosga* (WOE-ska: ways, traditions, habits) *Ci* (CHEE: lodge, house).

### **Baxoje: Ioway Language**

Iowa, Otoe and Missouri are all grouped together as dialects of what linguists call the Chiwere language, of the Siouan language family. The last completely fluent native speakers died in Oklahoma in the 1990s. Due to an unfortunate lack of participation, the language class has been on hiatus, however we are taking new directions to bring back our language, including training tribal members to become language scholars. THPO successfully applied to send three tribal members to be trained in language preservation at the upcoming "Breath of Life Workshop," to be held at the Smithsonian in Washington, DC. Tribal members Rebecca Liberty, a lifelong educator, and Sydney Pursel, a graduate student, will attend, along with Estee Necole, a graduate student in linguistics from the Iowa of Oklahoma. We are finding every opportunity to work with our sister tribes, the Iowa of Oklahoma, and the Otoe-Missouria Tribe of Oklahoma, to look for ways to cooperate in language preservation and education. In June, the Siouan-Caddoan Language Conference will be held in Joplin, Missouri. After these two events, the Breath of Life Workshop and the Joplin Conference, we will be reassessing what needs to happen next. The Language group is on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chiwere/>

### **Finally...**

In the planning stages is a new oral history project with the THPO Elders' Committee. We also are working on documenting and researching the cemeteries and other burials on the reservation. New information is always appreciated. The THPO/Museum has an active Facebook page, where developments are announced: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/iowaymuseum/>  
A new website for the THPO and Museum is currently being developed as well, and will be announced soon.



### **Higher Education Program Application Reminder**

To be eligible for the Higher Education Program you must be an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, be a full time student obtaining a bachelor's degree and have a financial need determined by the Financial Aid Office of the school you will be attending. The Higher Education Program admits 10-15 students a year depending on funding. First priority will go to the students who have been previously awarded. After this, the priority will be based on the date the application was completed. **Applications are due July 15th for the fall semester.** If you are interested in applying, it is imperative that you request an application at least 4 weeks in advance.

If you have any questions or want to request an application, please contact Kelli Cheek at 785-595-3258 or [kcheek@iowas.org](mailto:kcheek@iowas.org).

### **Adult Education Program Program Information**

The purpose of the Adult Education Program is to assist unemployed and/or underemployed tribal members by:

- Improving educational opportunities for tribal members who lack the level of literacy skills necessary for effective citizenship and productive employment,
- Provide tribal members with sufficient basic education to enable them to benefit from job training and retraining programs and to obtain and retain productive employment, and
- Enable tribal members, who so desire, to continue their education to at least the level of completion of adult secondary education (Diploma/GED).

Eligible activities include:

- Enable Indian adults to acquire basic educational skills, including literacy,
- Provide educational services or instruction for elderly, disabled, or incarcerated Indian adults,
- If previously unemployed, purchase apparel that is required by job/duty,
- Tutor fees for GED exam, and
- GED exam fees.

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**This concludes the 2017 First Edition Newsletter.**

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