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White Cloud, KS 66094



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GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING TRIBAL ELECTION

Tribal Business Meeting

October 19, 2019 @ 1:00 P.M.

George Ogden Building

3345 B Thrasher Road

White Cloud, Kansas 66094

Tribal Election

Vice Chairman/Treasurer

**The polls will open at 10:00 a.m. and will close at 1:00 p.m. on the day of
election Saturday October 19, 2019**

Iowa Tribal Election Board

Brenda Lunsford

Darla Veltrop

Claudia Bachman



Students that were awarded the
Iowa Tribe
Lynn Roubidoux
Scholarship for \$3,000

**Congratulations on your
Accomplishments!**



Christian J.J. Davis

White Cloud, KS

Christian is the son of Jason & Stephanie Davis. He will be attending Coffeyville Community College, majoring in Horticultural Science.



Justin D. Fee

Rulo, NE

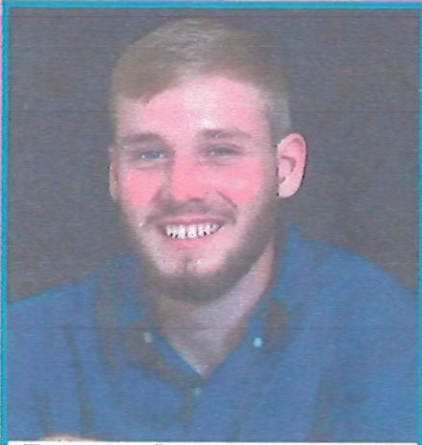
Justin is the son of Cheryl Frederick and Wes Fee. He will be attending NCK Tech College, working toward a certification in Heavy Equipment.



Silas J. Garlington

White Cloud, KS

Silas is the son of Nathan & Norma Garlington. He will be attending Johnson County Community College, pursuing a career in Nursing.



**Broderick Campbell
Jones**

Hiawatha, KS

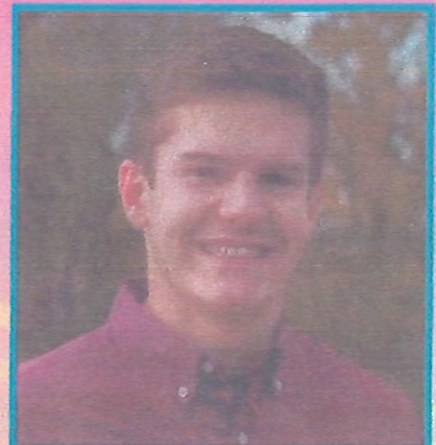
Broderick is the son of Rick Jones & Betty Brennan. He will be attending Tabor College, majoring in Athletic Training.



Matisyn F. Moses

Punta Gorda, FL

Matisyn is the daughter of Tai & Kristi Moses. She will be attending LaMar Community College, pursuing a career in Criminal Justice.



Luke Partusch

Springfield, NE

Luke is the son of Jamie Partusch (Kurtz). He will be attending the University of Nebraska in Omaha, pursuing a career that allows him to contribute to the lives of those in need.



Hayden M. Schawang

David City, NE

Hayden is the son of Randy & Mindy Schawang. He will be attending the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, majoring in Psychology and eventually working in a large hospital setting.



Caroline Rideout

Peoria, AZ

Caroline is the daughter of Kent & Karla Rideout. She will be attending Northern Arizona University, pursuing a career in Speech Pathology.



Kendall R. Wolf

Phoenix, AZ

Kendall is the daughter of Carolyn Wolf. She will be attending Northern Arizona University, majoring in Psychology.



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Iowa Tribe Boys and Girls Club

What a year we have had already. We have had a lot of fun and exciting things happening at the Iowa Tribe Boys & Girls Club. We started off the year with an amazing guest speaker Marc Mero. He is a guest speaker with Champion of Choices that travels around and shares his story with kids to encourage them to always do the right thing. He struggled with drugs, deaths, and tough times and he overcame it all. We also had another guest speaker from the same organization Jonte Hall. His main focus was to talk to kids about bullying and to "Never Give Up." He was a former Harlem Globetrotter and was actually the shortest Harlem Globetrotter in the history. We will be having another guest speaker in September and her name is Makaila Nichols she is a supermodel who dealt with bullying also, so be watching for flyers so you can come watch her. All these speakers tie into one of the programs we have at our club which is the Smart Moves program. This program helps young people learn about and avoid some of the most immediate threats to their well being: alcohol, tobacco, and drugs, and how to lead a healthy and fulfilling life. Over the summer we had a lot going on we started it off with a church camp they were amazing and all the kids really enjoyed being with them. The church camp was here for 4 days, so 4 days of fun. Following the church camp we started up our summer programming we offered in Monday thru Friday 7:30-3:30. During that we got lots of new faces and our attendance was anywhere from 20-30 daily. We offered our programs to the youth which was Kidzlit which is a great program that works with kids on reading and comprehending the story, Smart Moves, and OJP which is a mentoring program. We were also fortunate to have people from the community to come in and work with the kids. Crystal Tracy and Brenda Griffin who came in and worked with them on fitness and overall being healthy, Chris Bennett who was our art teacher that worked with kids on Native American pottery, Wanda Davis came in and helped the kids make fairy gardens, Matt Spricks and Scotty Elrod who taught the kids about conservation, we had a Stem Program who put the kids minds to work, they were interns from Kansas State University, the Iowa Tribe Fire Department who brought in the amazing Smokey the Bear, and also we had Connie Robertson who taught the kids the fundamentals of tennis. We can't thank them enough for making time for our youth. They are appreciated so much. Some other things we had going on this year was the employees traveled to Kickapoo Nation School and worked with the 1st thru 4th grade we provided our 3 main programs to those kids. Our kids here participated in the Money Matters program which taught them the values of saving money and how to make wise choices when spending money. We have also been busy with our onsite greenhouse, we had a lot of plants and flowers and the good news is we still have some left and are still selling them. Another exciting thing we have in our greenhouse is we are in the progress of getting mums going and elderberries. So be on the lookout for the mum sales in November. Another exciting thing we had going on was we just finished up with an amazing distribution of diapers, shoes, dental kits, and book bags; anybody could come to the club and pick out what they needed. We had an amazing turn out. We also have some other exciting things going on. We are selling T-shirts to help raise money for our club and youth, and also we partnered up with Heritage Falls Candles in Falls City, NE and we are selling candles out of our club and Grandview Oil. If you have any questions or are interested in anything you can give us a call at the club (785) 595-3580 we would be more than happy to answer any questions that you may have.

Iowa Tribe Boys and Girls Club



Higher Education Program Fall 2019

The following students have been approved for the Higher Education Program for the fall 2019 semester. They meet all program requirements and we would like to congratulate them.

Caroline Rideout	Northern Arizona University
Sierra Klombies	Palomar College
Mara Schlichting	University of Kansas
Beckyn Murphy	Fort Hays State University
Jacalyn Adams	University of Florida
Emily Hernandez	University of Nebraska Lincoln
Brendan Davenport	Thomas More College of Liberal Arts
Austin Campbell	University of Nebraska Lincoln
Brady Keller	University of Nebraska Lincoln
Noah Keller	University of Nebraska Lincoln

As a reminder, Higher Education Program grant applications are due July 15th each year. Please visit the website at <https://www.iowatribeofkansasandnebraska.com> for more information about Higher Education and Adult Education.

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.

Imagination Library Program Information

The Tribe, along with Native American Family Services, Inc. implements the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Program for all enrolled tribal children ages 0-5. Each month, from the day your child is born until his/her 5th 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.

Dear Tribal Members,

Below is a list of current Contracts and Grants that I am administering for the Tribe. Over the last several years, our grant awards have been steadily increasing. We have gone from an average of 10 awards a year to an average of 20 awards a year over the last eight years.

Consolidated Tribal Government Program – Bureau of Indian Affairs

To promote Indian self determination and improve the quality of life in Tribal communities by providing greater flexibility in planning programs and meeting the needs of communities. This program allows Tribes to combine various programs and/or grants into one agreement. The Tribe's specific agreement combines Aid to Tribal Government, Tribal Court, Higher Education and Adult Education.

Law Enforcement – Bureau of Indian Affairs

The Iowa Tribal Police Department has been serving the residents of the Iowa Reservation and the surrounding communities, as well as our Casino customers, since its inception in May of 1996. The Police Department was started with a Federal Grant through the Department of Justice in 1996. Since then, we have provided 24 hour Police coverage for the past 20 years. We receive annual funding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs to operate the Police Department.

Road Maintenance – Bureau of Indian Affairs

The purpose of the Road Maintenance Department is to maintain the reservation and approximately 14 miles of access roads in a clean and safe condition. The Road Maintenance eligible activities include BIA road systems and related road striping, trail markers, guardrails, highway bridges, drainage structures, adjacent parking areas, maintenance yards, pedestrian walkways, paths, bikes, motorized vehicle trails, and parking lots. The Road Maintenance Department employs two full-time positions.

Johnson O'Malley – Bureau of Indian Affairs

The JOM Program services the following schools: Hiawatha, Everest and Horton Schools in Brown County, KS, Highland, Riverside and Troy Schools in Doniphan County, KS, Falls City and Humbolt Schools in Richardson County, NE and Craig, Mound City and South Holt Schools in Holt County, MO. We offer services to children in preschool through 12th grade. However, we are unable to offer services to private schools. Services include: School Fees, School Supplies, Extracurricular clubs and activities, and other services that require additional approval.

Noxious Weed – Bureau of Indian Affairs

The goal is to prevent the introduction and spread of noxious weeds, to monitor for and rapidly respond to the presence of noxious weeds, and to promote the restoration of native species and habitat conditions in ecosystems that have been impaired by noxious weed infestation.

Water Management Planning – Bureau of Indian Affairs

The Tribe developed an initial draft Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (CWRMP) in 2013 using existing information regarding the availability of water resources. This draft plan revealed the need to gather further information regarding potential uses of the Tribe's water resources and the need for additional water management planning.

The Iowa Reservation is bordered by the Big Nemaha River to the north and the Missouri River to the east. The surface waters in and around the Reservation represent valuable resources to the Tribe. However, historic flooding and recent record-breaking flooding on the Missouri River in March and May of 2019 has shown that these rivers can pose a potential threat to the surrounding area, including damage to agricultural lands, residences, and civil infrastructure. It would be useful to the Tribe to gain a better understanding of the potential impacts of future flooding, the frequency and magnitude of flood events, and what measures would be most effective in mitigating flood impacts.

Water Rights – Bureau of Indian Affairs

In 1983 the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska was awarded a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development to install a water system on the reservation. The water system serves approximately 120 families, agriculture and businesses. It is maintained by the Tribe to the required standards of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The water is tested twice monthly by the State of Kansas and twice a year by the EPA. The Tribe has several operations that create revenue for the sustainability of the Tribe, including Casino White Cloud, Grandview Oil, Farm Operation, cabins, and a daycare.

The Tribe developed an initial draft Comprehensive Water Resources Management Plan (CWRMP) in 2013 using existing information regarding the availability of water resources. This draft plan identified and quantified the water resources of the Tribe, basic water demands, and potential opportunities for economic development. The Tribe has a need to define and support its water rights claims.

Endangered Species – Bureau of Indian Affairs

The 2019 application will allow the ITKSNE to continue their Bobwhite Quail Project by providing them with the financial resources to introduce 2,080 additional quail chicks to the reservation, as well as plant food plots and upgrade the UTV to meet the needs of the Project. The next phase of this project will include continued tracking efforts to track the sustainability of the released quail.

Tribal Youth Initiative – Bureau of Indian Affairs

As the Tribe expands their natural resources programming through projects such as the Endangered Species project, Invasive Species project, and other conservation related projects, the need for youth educational programming becomes more inherent to natural resources management goals. Collaborations with the Boys and Girls Club and schools in the Tribe's service area would allow the Natural Resources Youth Program to mentor and educate youth in natural resources management.

Tribal Historic Preservation – Department of Interior

THPO functions include federal, state and reservation historic preservation review and compliance, ancestral sites advocacy and research, NAGPRA.

Government to Government – U.S. Department of Transportation

Comprehensive transportation planning, research, design, engineering, construction, maintenance of highway, road, bridge, parkway, or transit facility programs or projects that are located on, or which provide access to, the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska along with related program administration activities and associated transportation services.

Tribal Wildlife Grant – Fish and Wildlife Service

We plan to conduct scientific studies related to; (1) stream fish diversity and abundance (2) fish community diversity and abundance in tributary reaches connecting to the Missouri River (3) aquatic habitat conditions and provide observations about reservation land-use and remaining natural habitats. This study will determine presence/absence of rare fish species initially, however, the most significant benefit will be assessing the most desirable and potential habitats found on the reservation for possible propagation or re-introduction of this species in any future management efforts. Notations regarding stream habitat conditions, existing threats to those streams and habitat descriptions will accompany each location with precise GPS coordinates and the associated plant communities comprising the riparian condition. Fish community assemblage will be documented and uncommon species forwarded for special consideration that may enhance a potential recruitment opportunities for the Topeka shiner, pallid sturgeon, and other rare or uncommon species as well

The study will include review of historical and current management of fish species including: Topeka Shiner, Pallid Sturgeon, Black nose dace, a variety of Tier I and II species along with many other species. The plan will also address non-native, invasive and introduced fish species, status of stream, rivers and other related habits will also be surveyed and characterized. We are fortunate that our Reservation natural resources have not been exploited totally, however, as time goes on we realize that we need to develop a study plan to fully manage, protect and preserve these precious resources our fish species and others utilize to survive. Insights into habitat management and restoration will also be made.

Title VI Senior Citizens Program – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska Title VI Administration on Aging Program, also known as the nutrition and caregiver program, provides services to tribal members aged 55 and over living within the boundaries of the reservation or very near to it. The nutrition program includes home-delivered and congregate meals that are prepared through the Meal Site located on the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska reservation. The congregate meals are served during the noon hour Monday thru Friday at the multipurpose building that houses the police station and Native American Family Services. Home--delivered meals are delivered to persons in poorer health. In order to receive home--delivered meals, seniors need to be present for congregate meals two times a week unless health ailments interfere.

Other services that are provided include information/referral, outreach, transportation, homemaker, chore, telephoning, and visiting. The caregiver program provides a temporary period of relief or rest for caregiver of a frail elder. It can be in the form of in home respite care, adult day care respite, or respite for an overnight stay on an intermittent, occasional, or emergency basis. This will provide a break for the caregiver to offer relief from the stress and demand of constant care. We also have a Lending Closet with medical equipment to be used on a loan basis.

Planning Cooperative Agreement – U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

This planning cooperative agreement supports the Iowa Tribe's planning and preparation necessary to assume responsibility for providing health care to tribal members.

Public Health Emergency Preparedness – Kansas Department of Health and Environment

Funding is used to provide leadership to protect the health of tribal members through efforts to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters, infectious disease, terrorism, and mass casualty emergencies.

Alcohol and Substance Abuse – U.S. Department of Justice

This grant funded program utilizes individual and diverse approaches to set an individual up for success on their journey towards wellness. The program supports the "Wellbriety" movement, uses a holistic approach that supports emotional, mental, physical, social and spiritual moment to moment thriving; as well as evidence based practices that best support outcomes in recovery services. We serve the Iowa Tribe and all Native Americans in the surrounding areas.

Peace Program – U.S. Department of Justice

The PEACE Program is a grant-funded program through the U.S. Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women. Services focus on issues of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Free services are provided to all Native American tribal members including crisis intervention, legal and medical advocacy, support services, case management, and more. Our service area includes Doniphan, Brown, Holt and Richardson counties.

COPS – U.S. Department of Justice

The purpose of this grant is to proactively address the needs of their law enforcement by providing technological upgrades to outdated and non-serviceable equipment, accessories and vehicles. With the addition of new equipment, the Tribal Police Department will be able to better identify criminal activity, from specific police task forces, including working with substance abuse and domestic violence programs, and increase community presence by through increased patrols.

Justice Systems – U.S Department of Justice

The intent is to develop a comprehensive tribal justice system strategic plan. With the assistance of a Department of Justice Technical Assistance Provider, the Iowa Tribe will identify the priority needs

facing the tribal justice system through the implementation of a comprehensive needs assessment. The results of that assessment will allow all community initiative stakeholders to assess, outline, and develop a strategic plan to proactively address the immediate conditions that face the tribe, especially focusing on substance abuse and domestic violence.

MethSmart – U.S Department of Health and Human Services

Program focuses on increasing positive youth development, fostering resiliency and promoting family engagement among Native youth up to and including age 24 in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. These awards will provide more access to health services by growing the number of behavioral health providers who specialize in working with children, adolescents and families with the overall goal of preventing suicide and substance use.

OJP Mentoring – U.S Department of Justice

Youth mentoring - a consistent, prosocial relationship between an adult or older peer and one or more youth - can help support the positive development of youth. Mentoring has been shown to improve self-esteem, academic achievement, and peer relationships and reduce drug use, aggression, depressive symptoms, and delinquent acts. This program is implemented at the Boys and Girls Club of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

Smart Moves – Kansas Alliance

SMART Moves uses a team approach that involves Club staff, peer leaders, parents and community representatives. Young people ages 6 to 15 engage in discussion and role-playing, practicing resilience and refusal skills, developing assertiveness, strengthening decision-making skills and analyzing media and peer influence. The ultimate goal is to promote abstinence from substance abuse and adolescent sexual involvement through the practice of responsible behavior.

Kidzlit – Kansas Alliance

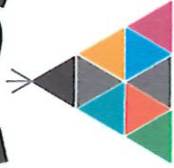
KidzLit is a reading enrichment program designed specifically for use in out-of-school settings. The goal of the KidzLit program is to help students to develop a love of reading while building comprehension skills and vocabulary. In addition to helping students get excited about reading, KidzLit also strives to help students develop their capacities to think critically, express their ideas about important issues, and increase their understanding of self, peers, and others.

If anyone has any questions about grants, please contact me at 785-595-3258 or kcheek@iowas.org.

Thank you,

Kelli Cheek

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August 7, 2019

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Iowa Tribe of KS and NE's Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and Baxoje Wosgaci (Iowa Tribal Museum) to explore topic of rural change in Kansas as part of Crossroads Initiative

[White Cloud, KS] – Humanities Kansas recently selected the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) and the Baxoje Wosgaci (Iowa Tribal Museum) of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, near White Cloud, KS, as a Partner Site in the "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" statewide initiative. Along with nine museums, historical societies, and libraries across the state, the THPO of the Iowa Tribe of KS and NE will receive a \$1,500 grant to tell the story of their rural community.

The Project:

HUMANITIES KANSAS: THE IOWAY TRIBE IN KANSAS, 1980-2020

Lance Foster, THPO, Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska

The state of Kansas, before it was the state of Kansas, was known as "Indian Country" to the U.S. When Lewis and Clark went up the Missouri River in 1804 to look at the newly acquired "Louisiana Purchase," they wrote down on their maps in their journal, the tribes that occupied this land, primarily the Kansa, also known as the Kaw tribe. Within a few decades, treaties made with tribes to the east, moved several of those eastern tribes into newly designated reservations within "Indian Country." One of these tribes was the Ioway tribe, that was moved from Missouri to a new reservation, just across the Missouri River, where our reservation remains today, unlike most of the other tribal nations who were moved south (there are only 4 reservations that remain) in preparation for the establishment of the Kansas and Nebraska territories, and eventual statehood.

There have been many changes since those times, but the Ioway, formally known as the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska, has survived as a rural community, similar to other rural communities, yet having a distinct history and heritage. The proposed project will look at the 40-year period from the 1980s to the present (ca. 2020), to see how there has been both continuity and change for the Ioway people, through powwows, revitalization and connection through the internet, newly evolving farming practices, and heritage and culture.

Programming will include both telling the story through the website of the Ioway tribal culture center and museum (<https://www.iowaymuseum.com/>), presentations to the communities on and near the reservation, as well as participation in history conferences in Kansas. The funding for the programming will cover material costs of these presentations and travel costs to give the presentations.

Humanities Kansas's "Crossroads" initiative explores the history and culture of local rural life in Kansas and sparks conversations about our state's future. Exhibitions will consider what it means to live rural in the 21st century, the relationship between rural, suburban, and urban, and the progress and persistence needed by communities of all sizes to thrive. "Crossroads" is anchored by a Smithsonian exhibition of the same name touring six communities, eleven "Crossroads" Partner Sites featuring local exhibitions, and statewide public programming opportunities.

The schedule of the programming is in development. Interested parties may contact THPO as noted above.

In addition to the Iowa Tribe of KS and NE at White Cloud, Partner Site projects will also take place in Colby, Council Grove, El Dorado, Ellinwood, Hays, Lebanon, Olathe, Onaga, and Satanta.

The "Crossroads" Smithsonian exhibition will tour six Kansas communities in 2020-2021: Bowlus Fine Arts Center/Allen County Historical Society, Iola; 5.4.7 Arts Center, Greensburg; Kauffman Museum,

North Newton; Independence Public Library/Independence Historical Museum and Art Center; The Volland Store, Alma; and Norton County Arts Council, Norton.

Humanities Kansas sponsors the "Crossroads: Change in Rural America" initiative in partnership with the Smithsonian Institution's Museum on Main Street program, a one-of-a-kind cultural project that serves small towns and residents of rural communities. To learn more about the "Crossroads" statewide tour visit humanitieskansas.org.

For more information about "Crossroads" on the reservation near White Cloud contact the THPO at 785-595-3258 or visit <https://www.iowaymuseum.com/> [new content in development].

ABOUT THE IOWA TRIBE of KS and NE, the THPO, and the IOWA TRIBAL MUSEUM

[Insert your organization's boilerplate information here]

The Iowa Tribe of KS and NE

The operations of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska are based on its federally established reservation covering approximately 12,038 acres across portions of Brown County and Doniphan County in Northeast Kansas and Richardson County in Southeast Nebraska. The reservation was established in 1836 and modified pursuant to a series of treaties, with the current boundaries established in the Treaty of March 6, 1861. The Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska currently controls approximately 4,860 acres of its reservation with most of this land held in trust.

THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office)

The THPO is the historic preservation office for the tribe, which handles historical preservation compliance reviews, NAGPRA (Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act), and other cultural issues. Tribal member Lance M. Foster (M.A., M.L.A.) is the THPO for the tribe.

Baxoje Wosgaci: Iowa Tribal Museum and Culture Center

Baxoje Wosgaci (BAH-kho-jay WOH-shka(n)-chee): The Iowa Tribal Museum and Culture Center is the home of Ioway Indian tribal culture, language, and history here on the reservation of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska. Based in the historic Iowa Community Building, which was made of local stone by tribal members, the Baxoje Wosgaci is one of several places on the reservation where you can explore the history and culture of the Ioway people and the land we live on.

ABOUT HUMANITIES KANSAS

Humanities Kansas is an independent nonprofit spearheading a movement of ideas to empower the people of Kansas to strengthen their communities and our democracy. Since 1972, our pioneering programming, grants, and partnerships have documented and shared stories to spark conversations and generate insights. Together with our partners and supporters, we inspire all Kansans to draw on history, literature, ethics, and culture to enrich their lives and serve the communities and state we all proudly call home. humanitieskansas.org.

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Dear Tribal Members;

It has been a busy Spring/Summer at Housing this year. July 8th we finally were able to start the rehabilitation project on the apartment complex. The apartments are getting a full interior restoration which included. All new kitchens, bathrooms, doors, floors, paint, light fixtures, ceiling fans, and appliances.

We were excited to get this project started and are even more excited to see some units get completed. Once the units start getting completed everyone is welcome to come and take a look at them.

We are hoping that in 12-15 months the project will be fully completed. We have been working on this project for 2 years. A big thank you goes out to Morning Star Consulting, Bank 2, HUD, the Housing Authority Board of Commissioners, and the Iowa Tribe Executive Committee. Without any of these groups, this project would never have been able to take place.

If anyone has any questions about the project, or any other housing opportunities, please contact the housing office.

Sincerely,

Bradley S. Campbell
Executive Director

The article below is featured on the U.S. Department of Justice COPS website. The Chief of Police, N. Allen Phroper was contacted by the COPS office to share the Police Department's success story. Over the past 23 years the Police department has been awarded nine COPS grants. This years award was used to purchase equipment such two new vehicles, a fingerprinting machine, laptops and stands, in car video systems, defibrillators and uniform equipment. Due to a limited police department budget from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, these grants allow the Police Department to upgrade and buy new equipment that allows them to complete their duties more efficiently.

CTAS in Action: Nebraska and Kansas-based Native American police use DOJ grant to upgrade technology, improve public safety



A police officer from the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska uses his laptop during a routine patrol on the tribe's reservation. The tribe received a 2017 Department of Justice grant under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, enabling the Iowa Tribe PD to purchase new equipment and receive critical training to remain certified in two states to provide public safety services. (Courtesy photo Iowa Tribe Police Department)

Providing public safety services on a reservation of more than 12,000 acres across two states is a daunting but necessary task for the six full-time and two part-time law enforcement officers of the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska.

The eight-person department is responsible for providing all public safety services for the tribe of 700 local members.

Before the department became operational 24/7 in 1996, basic tools crucial to successful law enforcement, such as reliable communications equipment, were unavailable to the rural area police force. A grant award of more than \$1.3 million from the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) helped change that for the fledgling police force.

"Radios were limited to just the vehicles. Officers had to share radios to complete shifts and answer calls," said N. Allen Phroper, the tribe's chief of police. "Reports were handwritten."

Thanks to additional grant funds awarded in 2017 via the Justice Department's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, the PD now has upgraded gear, including fingerprinting machines, laptops and even automated external defibrillators in every patrol car.

"Having updated equipment and technology allows officers to be efficient with their daily duties, advocate community policing and protect tribal residents," said Phroper.

The grant was provided by COPS under CTAS [Purpose Area 1: Public Safety and Community Policing](#) – one of 10 "purpose areas" (grant programs) – available to federally-recognized American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. Under this grant program, COPS provides funding to enable tribal law enforcement agencies to make communities safer through

procurement of equipment, training, hiring or re-hiring career law enforcement officers, and through implementation of effective, data-driven policing strategies.

The Iowa Tribe received nearly \$179,000 in CTAS grant funds under Purpose Area 1.

Since 2010, the Department has awarded over 2,000 grants totaling more than \$943 million in CTAS grant funds to hundreds of American Indian and Alaska Native communities. The tribes are using these funds to enhance law enforcement; combat domestic violence, dating violence, stalking and sex trafficking; bolster justice systems; prevent and control juvenile delinquency; strengthen the juvenile justice system; and serve sexual assault and elder.

This concludes the 2019 Second Edition Newsletter.

Comments or suggestions may be directed

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