President’s Report

I hope everyone is doing well. The Wichita Executive Committee is excited to finally have a full Committee and also a new Tribal Administrator. We have a few more vacant positions that need to be filled and hope to fill those soon. Hopefully, this will help us start moving along more rapidly with the many things that we are working on.

The Wichita Executive Committee has been very busy during the month of August trying to gather information on all of the programs and Committees so that we can begin to spend the month of September preparing the FY-2013 Budget.

We have at least 39 programs, grants or contracts with rules, regulations, budgets, laws that we must be aware of. We have at least 6 boards or Committees that all have rules, regulations and laws. We also have Sugar Creek Casino, Wichita Tribal Smoke Shop and the Child Development Center. Hopefully, you can see how this can be an enormous amount of information that the Committee has to be aware of and stay on top of in order to move our Tribe forward.

While programs are our top priority during the month of September because of the budget, there are also many other issues that we are trying to address.

We are looking at amending some of our laws and creating new laws so that we ensure that the Tribe is protected and improve our infrastructure as we move forward with other business projects.

In 2008, Gerald Collins and former President Gary McAdams along with the Committee had a vision to develop the property across the highway. We applied for and received a grant from HUD for a travel plaza. The Tribe was awarded the grant. Edward Stephenson, CDBG Director, is currently working on the grant with the Committee. We have engaged other entities to help move this process along. We hope to be completed with the project by December 2013. This project alone will require a lot of detail.

We just completed an internal review on the casino so that we can look at ways to improve areas of operation. This was a joint effort between Sugar Creek Casino, the Wichita Executive Committee and the Wichita Gaming Commission. Mr. Coleman has been an asset to the Tribe over the last few years. He has a great team of staff which include several Tribal Members.

Along with the budget, we will be looking at our goals for the upcoming year and beyond. In order to get things moving and addressing some of the issues such as Absentee Voting, Blood Quantum Issue, and various other issues that have come up over the years, it is important that we, as a Committee, sit down and discuss and plan out how we want to approach these issues so that we, the officials that you elected, do it as a team.

Please keep the Committee, our staff and the Tribe in your prayers as we move forward. With the Creators help, we envision great things for our people in the near future.
One hundred and fifty-three years ago on August 16, 1859, the journey of the Waco and Tawakoni from the Brazos Reserve to the Anadarko area was complete. A few days earlier the Wichita and Keechi arrived from the Ft. Arbuckle area. This journey was the culmination of a centuries long process that began with the arrival of Columbus in what is now known as North America. Though indirectly at first, the unrelenting guest of the Europeans and then the Americans to colonize the Indian homeland would eventually overwhelm our ancestors and push them to the brink of extinction.

Despite the numerous peace treaties which proposed to end the hostilities among the Texas Tribes, the intrusive tribes, the Republic of Texas and late the United States; the unquenchable thirst on the part of the Whites for land and resources doomed every agreement. Certainly, other transgressions by all parties occurred but it was this never ending desire to dispossess our people of their land and way of life that led to the inevitable removal of the Waco and Tawakoni from Texas.

In 1854, the United States in cooperation with the state of Texas established two reservations along the Brazos River in what is now Throckmorton and Young Counties. In Throckmorton they placed the Penateka Comanches and in Young County was placed the Waco, Tawakoni, Caddo and other bands. By March 31, 1855 several hundred Caddos, Ionies, Anadarkos, Tonkawas, Tawakonies, Wacos, Delawares, Shawnees and Cherokees were settled in five villages on the Brazos Reserve. By August the reservation census was 792 including 136 Tawakonies and 94 Wacos.

During the four years the Brazos Reserve was occupied, the population fluctuated and efforts to provide for themselves by farming and raising livestock produced mixed results due to unfavorable weather and a grasshopper plague. Besides these challenges, continued raids by non-reserve Indians on the Texas frontier (for which they were blamed) and the gradual extension of White settlement around the Reserve would eventually lead to the end of the Brazos Reservation experiment.

Due to the continued hostilities by the Texans toward the Reserve Indians, acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Charles E. Mix, ordered the removal of the tribes from the Brazos Reserve to what became known as the Leased District in Indian Territory. The Leased District was an area located between the Canadian and Washita Rivers primarily in what is now Caddo County, Oklahoma. The Leased District was created by agreement of the Choctaw and Chickasaw who had been granted the lands when they were removed from the southeastern United States.

Before the removal could be implemented, John R. Baylor, a former Indian Agent for the Comanches, led a force of several hundred Texas frontiersman to the Brazos Reserve with the intent of driving the Reserve Indians from the state of Texas by force. When federal troops form nearby military installations arrived to defend the Reserve, the attack was abandoned. As the Texans were leaving they killed and scalped an old Indian man who had wandered outside the Reserve’s defenses. Because of this, a party of Indians pursued the Texans killing two and wounding six others. On their return they also found an Indian woman who had been killed and scalped. After this confrontation, federal officials began in earnest to implement the decision to remove the Tribes to the Indian Territory.

On August 1, 1859, Major Robert S. Neighbors, Superintendent of Indian Affairs in Texas, departed the Brazos Reserve with 1,051 Indians of which there were 144 Wacos and 200 Tawakonies. The Tribes were escorted by one infantry company and two cavalry companies. According to a report submitted by Neighbors to the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, the Tribes experienced one death and one birth during the 16 day
journey to the Leased District.\(^8\)

Finally on August 16 the Tribes arrived at the confluence of Sugar Creek and the Washita River which is about 3 or 4 miles northeast of present day Anadarko.\(^9\) Over the next several days, the Tribes searched for suitable village sites. The Wacos and Tawakonies settled along Sugar Creek; the Wichitas and Keechies settled near the Canadian River. As it turned out, our people’s journeys were not over. Within two years, they would be forced to move again with the outbreak of the Civil War at which time they fled to Kansas.\(^10\)

The Tribes suffered greatly from hunger and disease during their time in Kansas. It was not until 1868 that they would make their way back to the Leased District to re-establish their villages in the Sugar Creek and Washita River valleys where many of our people still reside.\(^11\)

2. Ibid p. 322
3. Ibid p. 322
4. Ibid p. 325
5. Ibid p. 326
7. Ibid p. 340
8. Ibid p. 345
9. Ibid p. 346
10. Ibid p. 347
11. Ibid p. 347

**Tribal Administrator Hired-Sam Caruso**

Mr. Sam E. Caruso was hired as the Tribal Administrator in August of 2012 by the Wichita Executive Committee. He officially began employment with the Tribe on Wednesday, August 29, 2012. Mr. Caruso has been involved with various Tribal governments and Tribal enterprises for more than a decade. He has held the position of Director of Finance, CEO, President, Board Member, and Gaming Commissioner for various Tribes. He has experience with Indirect Cost and Tribal Health Programs. Mr. Caruso holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting and a Master’s Degree in Business Administration. Mr. Caruso is a citizen of the Seminole Nation and also of Creek heritage. *Welcome to the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Mr. Caruso.*

**Thanks to Interim Tribal Administrator-Beth Parker**

The Wichita Executive Committee would like to say thank you to Beth Parker, Food Distribution/AoA Director for stepping in as the Interim Tribal Administrator at the request of the Wichita Executive Committee. Ms. Parker has been serving in that position since elections in July. Ms. Parker had many issues to address over the last month and we truly appreciate her efforts.

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If you would like to get the newsletter via email, please send an email to newsletter@wichitatribe.com with your full name and date of birth. We will put you on the email list. For now we are emailing and mailing hard copies one per household. Once we have full staff in place we will look to reducing the cost of the mailout for those who prefer email only. The email allows you to get the newsletter faster and in color as opposed to the number of days it takes to get it in the mail, post office delivery time and black and white copies. We hope you are enjoying the newsletter.
The Wichita Cultural Education Program hosted a Wichita history lecture on Sunday, Aug. 19, 2012. The presenters were Professor Donald J. Blakeslee, Wichita State University, who gave an archaeological overview of the Wichita-affiliated sites. He provided his views on the various cultural adaptations and features in the state of Kansas. The other topics were the centuries-old traditions of the Wichita-Pawnee visitation. Wichita tribal member Stuart Owings, former tobacco man, talked about his knowledge of the traditions and personal experiences. Adrian Spottedhorschief, a Pawnee tribal member, talked about his personal experiences and related stories about the ancient tribal relationship. The lecture was organized by Gary McAdams, Cultural Planner.
Tyler McGary
Graduates from “A School”

Tyler McGary graduated from “A School” on Friday, August 24, 2012. Tyler is an Information Systems Technician in the United States Navy. Tyler was a 2011 graduate of Anadarko High School. He recently married his new wife, Jade, on August 17, 2012. He will be stationed at Whidbey Island in Washington. Tyler is an enrolled member of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and is the son of Cathy Wright. Congratulations Tyler!

Annissa Courtney
2012-2013 Jr. Miss Indian Fort Sill Princess

Annissa Courtney is serving as the 2012-2013 Jr. Miss Indian Fort Sill Princess. Annissa attends Anadarko Public Schools. She is of Wichita descent and is a very active member with the Wichita Little Sisters. She is the daughter of Shad Courtney. The granddaughter of Charlene and Al Harris and the great granddaughter of Grace Fields. Congratulations Annissa!

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For further information
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Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
1.800.858.1840
Email: okpromise@osrhe.edu
www.okpromise.org

Program Offered by IHS

IHS-DSFC Program can provide assistance to address water and wastewater needs at Indian Homes

The Indian Health Service (IHS) Sanitation Facilities Construction (SFC) program provides water and wastewater facilities for individual Indian homes. The program is able to provide water and wastewater services to New and Like-New Indian homes (including mobile homes) and to existing Indian homes in need of water and sewer repairs. The SFC program is looking for all possible Indian homes in the area so that their needs may be evaluated.

To request an application for services you may contact the IHS OEH&E Field Office in Lawton via mail at Indian Health Service, OEH&E Lawton Field Office; 1515 N.E. Lawrie Tatum Road; Lawton, Ok 73507; via phone at 580-354-5661. Or you could always pick up an application in our office located at the Lawton Indian Hospital.
Anadarko Industries LLC
Submitted by Tom Short, President/CEO

My name is Tom Short and I was hired in November 2003 to be the President of Anadarko Industries (AI). As I hope you know, AI is a government contracting company and the majority owner of the company is the Wichita Tribal Industrial Development Commission (WTIDC) and the Chairman of the WTIDC is Mr. Ben Hatfield. A Board of Managers, consisting of two members of the Tribe and one member of the majority owner, is responsible to oversee and approve the operations of the company. The Tribal members of the Board of Managers are Mr. Kent Rose and Ms. Karen Rose, and the member representing the minority partner is Mr. Shane Merz.

Detailed financial reports, as well as monthly performance/activity reports are submitted by the company to the Board of Managers, and the WTIDC.

I am pleased that the President of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes of Oklahoma, Ms. Terri Parton, invited me to submit articles for the monthly newsletter. I am looking forward to the opportunity to tell all of the members of the Wichita Tribe about Anadarko Industries.

Since this is the first article I will start at the beginning.

The company was formed by the owners in 2003 and I was hired to be the President/CEO in November of that year. Being involved with starting a brand new company was not a new experience for me but let me assure you it is never easy and there are always new and challenging obstacles to overcome. I intend to cover some of these obstacles in more detail in future articles.

The AI business plan was based on pursuing opportunities with the federal government and the initial challenge was to recruit and hire a small team of people that had experience in developing proposals and managing federal government contracts.

Doing business with the federal government is complicated and there is no guarantee of success. However, putting together a management team that has previous experience with government contracting is probably the most important first step toward success.

Ken Hall is our Vice President, Operations. He joined the company at the beginning and together we were able to bring on other key staff members that have helped us grow to a total of over 300 employees in 2010. I plan to tell you more about Kenn in the future newsletters and also introduce other key corporate members of our staff that have contributed to our success.

We have a lot of history to cover but it is important to note that in just a few months from now, AI will graduate from the Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) Program. The 8(a) Program is designed to provide small disadvantaged businesses with special advantages that other small businesses do not receive. AI was qualified to participate in this program based on the tribe being the majority owner (51%).

The SBA wants to be confident that a small company applying for an 8(a) certification has a high probability to be successful. Therefore, the normal process is to require the applicant to submit financial statements that prove the company has been profitable for at least the last two years. In our case, this requirement was waived by the SBA because the strength of our management team provided them with confidence that AI would be successful. This was very important for our early development because the 8(a) certification helped us get off to a faster start than would have been possible without the certification.

Following our graduation from the 8(a) Program AI will be challenged to compete for new business without the advantages provided by this program. Fortunately, we have significant contracts in place that will provide us with a solid business base in the near term. Our largest contracts are with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), the National Aeronautical Space Administration, (NASA) and The Boeing Company. I will provide additional information about these contracts in future articles but we are confident that AI will continue to be successful following our graduation from the 8(a) program.

If there are any questions that any of the readers would like to ask we will also do the best we can to provide answers.

Thanks again for the opportunity to participate in the monthly newsletter.

Please visit the Anadarko Industries website at: www.anadarko-industries.com.
Election Results

Wichita and Affiliated Tribes
2012 Run-Off Election for Treasurer
September 1, 2012
Wichita Administration-Cultural Building Room 105

For the Office of Treasurer:

Patricia East Smith 57
S. Robert White 65

We further certify that the following individual was elected:

Treasurer: S. Robert White

Jay title, Election Official (Counter)
Kateri Kato Ahtian, Election Official (Counter)
Margarie Ball, (Counter) Alternate
The Wichita & Affiliated Tribes Juvenile Services Program (JSP) was developed specifically for Wichita enrolled youth only, age 12 to 17, who may be deemed at or near risk for juvenile delinquency and court involvement. The ultimate goal of the program is to assist youth and families in becoming self-sufficient and productive community members by enabling them to stand on their own abilities and resources.

The basic goals of the JSP program are:
1) To promote the at-risk youth’s well being within the family and community, reduce the number of referrals to the juvenile justice system and reduce overall truancy rates within the local school system.
2) To educate youth on topics ranging from AIDS/HIV to basic independent living skills development.
3) To provide advocacy representation for court involved youth.
4) To establish community awareness projects geared toward tribal youth and families with topics ranging from substance abuse education to gang awareness.
5) To offer counseling referrals for youth with emotional, behavioral or substance abuse issues.

Terms often used within JSP:

**Adjudication (adjudicatory hearing):** A hearing to determine whether the allegations of petition filed are supported by evidence and whether a juvenile should be made a ward of the court.

**Case Plan:** A specific plan, or requirements, determined by the court, youth’s custodial agency representative or JSP. The case plan is developed to identify goals for the youth to work on and the services that will be provided for the youth through JSP or other identified agency or entity.

**Custodian:** An individual other than a parent or legal guardian to whom legal custody of a child has been awarded by the court.

**Custodial parent:** The parent to whom legal custody of a child has been awarded by the court.

**Delinquent child or juvenile:** A juvenile who has violated any federal or state law or municipal ordinance.

**Delinquency Petition:** A petition filed by a prosecutor asking for a juvenile to be declared “delinquent” by the court.

**Graduated sanctions:** A system of sanctions designed to ensure the juvenile offender faces uniform, immediate and consistent consequences that correspond to the seriousness of current offense, prior delinquent history and compliance with prior interventions.

**Juvenile Delinquency:** A delinquency act is an act that would be considered criminal if not for the fact that it was committed by a juvenile.

**JSP Director:** The JSP Director is the youth’s advocate, case manager and although not the parent, may sometimes become involved in rules and consequences for the youth. The JSP Director promotes the youth’s best interest by representing youth as needed in court. Contact information for the JSP Director is:

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Commission Term Expirations

The following Commission will have one vacancy on September 30, 2012:

**Wichita Tribe Industrial Development Commission**

If you are interested in serving on one of the Commissions then please submit a cover letter and resume to:

**Wichita and Affiliated Tribes**
Attn: Secretary
P.O. Box 729
Anadarko, OK 73005
Fax: (405) 247-2430

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### Social Services

**Tribal Social Services Fund Expanded for Elders 65 and Over**

On August 28, 2012, the Wichita Executive Committee approved for additional assistance for Elders 65 and over from August 28, 2012 through the remaining Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2012. Due to the heat over the last few months elders who have previously received assistance from the Tribal Social Services Fund are eligible to receive additional assistance up until September 30, 2012. The funding is limited to one additional time and not to exceed $300. This will help our elders on fixed incomes with the additional costs of cooling that occurred during the summer months, many of whom are just now feeling the effects as they begin to receive their bills for August.

All tribal members are eligible for the Tribal Social Services Program, as long as they meet the income requirements, regardless of where you live.

We encourage those who live out of the jurisdiction of the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and out of state to apply if you are in need of assistance. **Again you must meet the eligibility requirements and complete all paperwork but place of residency is not an issue.**

Please contact Billie Foreman, Social Services Director at (405) 247-2425 ext. 130 or Ty ToFpi at (405) 247-2425 ext. 123 for questions or applications.

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### Food Distribution Program

**Healthy Recipes**

**Mouth Watering Meat Loaf**
Recipes from Healthy and Homemade Calendar 2013

Serves: 6 | Serving Size: 1/6 of loaf | Per Serving: $.xx

**Ingredients:**
1 pound ground beef
½ onion, chopped (about ½ cup)
1 cup grated carrots (about 2 cups)
½ cup dry quick oats
¼ cup nonfat milk
1 egg
½ teaspoon ground black pepper
¼ teaspoon salt
½ cup ketchup, divided (1/4 cup in meatloaf and ¼ cup in sauce)
**Sauce:**
2 tablespoons brown sugar or white sugar

**Directions:**

Preheat oven to 350°F.
Mix together the ground beef, onion, carrots, oats, milk, egg, black pepper, salt, and ¼ cup ketchup.
Form the mixture into a loaf and place on broiler pan.*
Bake for 50 minutes.
Stir the remaining ¼ cup ketchup and sugar in a small bowl.
Remove meatloaf from oven and spread the sauce over the top and sides of meatloaf.
Bake for an additional 10 minutes or until a meat thermometer reads 160°F.
*You can make a broiler pan by laying a wire cooling rack on top of a jellyroll pan or cake pan. Cover with aluminum foil. Poke holes in the aluminum foil so the meat juice can drain.
CONGRATULATIONS Graduates

Angela Apauty
Wright Career College
A.A. Software Administration

Neesa Apauty
Wright Career College
A.A. Software Administration

Kaitlyn Frosto
San Diego State University
B.S. Linguistics

Julie Hedrick
Oklahoma City Comm. College
A.A.S. Accounting

Christopher Hill
WyoTech
A.S. Automotive Technology

Janalisa Johnson
Moore Norman Tech. Center
A.A.S. Surgical Technology

Starr Komalst
Redlands Community College
A.A. General Studies

Jerri N. Moore
Univ. of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
B.S. Elementary Education

Juanita Moore
Redlands Community College
A.A. General Studies

William Sain
Louisiana State University
B.S. Secondary Education

Kristi Schoenberger
Harding University
B.S. Finance

Brooke Stephenson
Univ. of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
B.S. Business Management

Sarah Walker
Wright Career College
A.A. Software Administration

Sheila Williams
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2012 NATIVE YOUTH PREVENTING DIABETES CAMP (NYPD)
Submitted by Christopher Holder

The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes Special Diabetes Program attended the 11th annual NYPD camp in Wagoner, OK 2012 educating the native youth about the importance of diabetes awareness, healthy diets and physical fitness. Our diabetes program participated with the physical fitness team throughout the week long camp, Christopher Holder SDPI administrative assistant and fitness director for the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes lead an instructive class on the importance of proper hydration and its effect on muscles and physical activity, with a lesson on the harmful effects of sodas, energy drinks, and other sugary drink substitutes for water also leading the youths in water games to set an example of the lesson. Over 150 native youths ages 8-14 attended this years successful camp. The Wichita and Affiliated Tribes sponsored 10 youth. The coalition of many different tribes of Oklahoma and lead by the Oklahoma Center for Diabetes are what makes this camp possible. The native youths look forward to attending this camp yearly, making a positive difference in each child’s life.

For questions about the camp, please contact Christopher Holder at (405) 247-8652 or the Special Diabetes Director, Terri Anquoe at (405) 247-8656.
Do you find your identity in what others think about you? Possibly like me, you find your identity in what you see in the mirror. Born in Anadarko, I spent my youth in Gracemont, Anadarko, and Lawton. I found much of my identity in what I saw in the mirror and compared it to my family around me. You see, my dad is Wichita and my mother is not. I believed that being truly Wichita was determined by my skin color. For much of my life I took the role of a judge on how I viewed myself; but I found out later that I am not the one who determined the time and place that I was born (Acts 17:24-28).

As a youth I was also confused whether I was Anglo or Native and it bothered me when I focused on either one. But through the example of others I realized that there is purpose for living in a multicultural world. I looked at snapshots of the world I live in and God sees my life in one frame knowing the beginning until end. It gave me great confidence to see my life in God’s perspective.

I am glad that the Tribal Newsletter is back on track because it helps me know how to pray for the Tribe and it keeps me informed on how we are growing. It also gives me an opportunity to pray for my aunts, uncles and cousins.

In our tribe, we tend to look for leaders with great strengths and skills but it is also important for us to find those who are weak that we might help them grow strong. I wasted much of my youth because there was no one to mentor me. Young Wichita men and women need mentors—which means that our adult population will have to live sacrificially to mentor the youth. We have to change our tribal mindset of, "Nothing good could ever come from Anadarko" or "What could a Wichita accomplish in the Anadarko, Caddo County, Oklahoma or even the world?"

We should consider that what we often perceive as weakness might be an undiscovered strength. We should be careful not to miss great resources of people, skills, and talent within our tribe. Just as a body has different parts used for specific purposes, so our tribe may have some undiscovered parts that may prove to be extremely valuable untapped resources.

Today I am a missionary in Manila, Philippines and for the past 10 years I have been the Nat’l Director of True Love Waits Philippines with the task of “Connecting youth with God and His plan for Absolute Purity.” Last week our team spoke to nearly 4,000 students in public schools. I shared with my dad how I want to be part of daily work in our tribe but my life has been assigned in this far away place. God has given me the purpose of impacting the youth of another nation, leaving a legacy that will last for eternity. Maybe God is also calling you to leave an eternal impact by joining us here in Manila:

*If you are a youth within the tribe with skills in video editing, graphics, public speaking, teaching, singing, or simply desire to help others, we can make plans for a 3-week short-term trip or a 3-month internship.

*Or maybe God is calling you to make an impact in others’ lives by financially supporting what we do.

*Or maybe you would like to join us in fighting HIV/AIDS here through a business. Profit is the conventional business goal but your business would see the profitability of Cause Marketing by aligning with a cause that could result the valuable profit of impacting lives.

If you have not heard of the Philippines, the cinemas near you reflect it in the 4th installment of the Bourne films—The Bourne Legacy. Aaron Cross (Jeremy Renner) has hours to live to find the blue pill or viral off. The film turns when Cross presses Dr. Shearing (Rachel Weisz), “Where is the virus?” To which Dr. Shearing responds, “The virus is not here, it’s in Manila, Philippines.”

Bourne Legacy Trailer: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdtUdEoE-Q4&feature=fvwrel

Some of us look at our identity and wonder why God made us the way he did. We complain occasionally that we know better than Him until we come to realize that God is the giver of our strength and weaknesses in order that he might accomplish good in our life. When we see the fine distinctions of how God made each of us different in comparison to other people in our families, our tribe and in our world—it may be that God has purposed our lives to leave a legacy for which we were born.

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