Tribal Members,

Dear Otoe-Missouria

Each year, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe gathers on the third weekend of July for its annual encampment. For 134 years, the people have gathered near the Otoe-Missouria Reservation to celebrate their Otoe-Missouria ways. For many people the gathering, held this year July 16-20, is the most significant social and cultural event of the year. The celebrations from all over the United States were from as far away as Alaska and Hawaii to attend.

The tribal members bring their children, spouses, and their memories of the encampments. They bring their young and old, their mothers and fathers, each year. We look forward to seeing and sharing a meal with so many of our tribal members and visiting War Mothers. It was good to see our Otoe Encampment is fast approaching. The Encampment Committee and Maintenance Department are working hard to get everything prepared for our annual housing. The Council also entertains some of our tribal members and visitors each year. We look forward to seeing more meals, singing and dancing in the seventh sacred space, and office space for the restaurant, meeting and event space, and the Tribal Housing Authority maintenance staff doing an excellent job of replacing all the OM Housing Authority staff have changed more than 800 incandescent bulbs in a home at The Otoe-Missouria Tribal Newslet...

Incandescent Bulbs Installed in Housing to Combat Methamphetamine Use

"An Unlikely Solution" Explores Economic Development in the Age of Technology

THE OTOE-MISSOURIA TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

134th Otoe-Missouria Encampment July 16-20

By Heather Payne

Over the last several months, the OM Housing Authority staff has been working to replace all of the light bulbs in the housing units from traditional to incandescent bulbs in an effort to combat methamphetamine use.

Desperation in the mother of invention and methamphetamine use is quite desperate when chasing a high. Methamphetamine can be easily inhaled or smoked in a glass pipe. In some cases when a pipe is not available, users will follow a light bulb for use as a temporary meth pipe.

The newly installed incandescent bulbs are both energy efficient and reduce light pollution. A policy, panel discussion was held featuring Mark A. Calabria, Director of Financial Regulation Studies at the Cato Institute; William Isaac, Former Commissioner of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC); and Gary Davis, President, Cato Institute; and of course, volunteers from the community, the OM Housing Authority maintenance staff doing an excellent job of replacing all the OM Housing Authority staff have changed more than 800 incandescent bulbs in a home at The Otoe-Missouria Tribal News...
Aho my relative, I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. It has been a pretty rough quarter for our Otoe-Missouria people and I ask all to pray for our families who suffered the loss of a loved one. I hope and pray for better days to come, for each and everyone.

We are currently in the process of renovating the family room in the Cultural Building, with new furniture, flooring, television with cable and Wi-Fi, to make it comfortable for our people.

The tribal programs are doing well and I’m sure the directors will do their best to assist our tribal members. The Tribal Council approved the quarterly per capital payment. I hope this will help out with some of the financial burden we all share in our daily lives.

Recently, a prayer service was held by Mr. Randy Whitethorn in support of Chairman Shotton. Mr. Whitethorn has taken it upon himself to form a group made up of tribal members. As Otoe-Missourians, we start our day in prayer. People and with our sovereignty being threatened this is what he will do.

Our Annual 13th Otoe-Missouria Encampment will soon be upon us, a time for us to come together with family and friends. We are looking forward to a great homecoming with good fellowship. I hope to see you there.

In closing, please keep our children, elders, our men and women in the military and again our mourners in your daily prayers.

Respectfully,
Ted W. Grant
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Note: The Chairman, Secretary, First and Second Members shall expire the first Saturday of November 2016. The Vice-Chairman, Second and Third Member terms expire the first Saturday of November 2015.

We Got New Attitude! The first legislative reform to the public workforce system in 15 years changed the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) program to the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Funding for this program is provided by the Department of Labor. The intent of the legislation is to improve the current workforce system, provide common performance measures, improve planning and the promotion of career pathways. The Otoe-Missouria Tribe provides the WIOA employment and training opportunities to our youth from the Department of Labor. The opportunities for allied youth are year round and summer youth work experiences typically open in April annually. Please note that all opportunities are pending funding availability. Participants of these programs must meet eligibility guidelines determined by the grantor. Participation in this program is not an entitlement. Eligible participants agree to be monitored for 1 year following program services. Complete work readiness modules, develop technical, soft and leadership skills. Work experience may be included as well as supportive services pending funding availability.

While the ultimate goal of the WIOA program is to promote self-sufficiency, it is important to understand that the employment and training opportunities provide much more for committed participants who want to grow personally and professionally. Simply providing a person with a job without also having an assessment and training system that will sustain them post-program and leadership skills will not guarantee a participant success. Doing this can also damage relationships with future employers as well as the participants that are set up for failure.

If the WIOA program can assist you, please stop by the office located in the library on the Otoe-Missouria campus or call 580-723-4466 Ext 214 for an appointment.

Snow Cone Paradise Opens in Red Rock

Snow Cone Paradise opened Friday in the parking lot of the 7 Clans Casino in Red Rock. The snow cone stand is open seven days a week. Summer hours are: Sun-Thurs 11am-11pm, Fri-Sat 11am-12am. Snow cone sizes range from child’s size to extra large with endless flavor combinations to mix and match.

To ensure a premium quality of life for the tribal community by promoting services and opportunities to advance tribal capacity while maintaining Otoe-Missouria cultural integrity and values.”

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TRIBE HOSTS INTERTRIBAL YOUTH CELEBRATION

The 5TH Annual Intertribal Youth Celebration attracted more than 200 children from area tribes in June to the Otoe-Missouria Encampment campground to learn about native plants and animals.

Developed into a group by age, children stopped at several learning stations to hear about Otda homa wildlife, learn about buffalo, digestive service edibles in the area and participate in the Eagle Adventure.

To top off the day, the children all enjoyed some time on the sky & wet inflatable bouncers and a healthy lunch.

This event is held annually to bring the youth from area tribes together for a day of learning and fellowship. It was sponsored by the OM Summer Youth Program, the OM Health Department and the OM Education Department.

Thank you to all of the people who contributed content to this newsletter. New items of interest to the Otoe-Missouria community are welcome. Photographs will be copied and will become the property of the Otoe-Missouria newsletter. To retain original photographs, send a self-addressed stamped envelope. Do not send faxed photographs or newspaper copies of photos. The editor reserves the right to edit all submitted material.
**Housing Department Report ... June 2015**

**ENERGY-EFFICIENT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS**

The Housing Department maintains staff to distributing all of the energy-efficient fluorescent light bulbs to the low-income housing units on an ongoing basis. This is at the 48-unit complex at Highways 177 and Windmill Lane and at the 9 FEMA Trailers at Red Rock. This initiative came about as a result of a concern of a community member about a few specific lightbulbs. The Traditional Non-Addiction group was interested in the Otoe-Missouria governance in the purchase of the light bulbs. The light bulbs were then provided to the Housing Department to install in each residence. All of the older-light bulbs have been destroyed as they are moved from each home. A more complete description of this process can be found elsewhere in the meeting.

The Housing Department staff and Tribal Council would like to thank all Otoe-Missouria tribal members and their families who have contributed to this. Tribal Council Chambers — March 24, 2015 10:00 A.M.

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**Otse-Missouria Environmental Department Grant Update by Angela Ojele Ihein**

The Otse-Missouria Environmental Department (OMED) has prepared several phases to the housing department in efforts to protect the environment and conserve natural resources within all Otse-Missouria jurisdictional lands. The tribe has been awarded several grants from federal and state programs. The tribe has received funding for the past several years for grants that total over $1 million.

The tribe has prepared an application for a Federal Grant in the amount of $155,195.

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**Tribal Council Minutes**

**Otse-Missouria Tribal Council Regular Meeting**

Twin sisters Treva and Nevah Harragarra won second place for Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair. Anevay Greenwood and Blake Compton at the 13th Annual Shown are L to R: Language teacher Kennetha Greenwood, Sylvia Von Dollen, Taitum Harragarra and Rita Compton swept the category of Individual Spoken Language at the competition.

Sylvia Von Dollen also won second place for her Otoe language skits and Sylvia Von Dollen won third place, respectively, for their performance of an Otoe Church Hymn. In the individual category, Anevay Greenwood placed first in 9th-12th grade Group Spoken Language for “Re Ta”. They also won 3rd place in 9th-12th grade Small Group Traditional Song for “There’s a fly in my Soup” and 9th-12th grade Individual Traditional Song.

The category of Pre-K-2nd grade Individual Spoken Language was won by Kennetha Greenwood, Taitum Harragarra and Rita Compton.“Theo’s a fly in my Soup” and “9th-12th grade Group Modern Song for “Re Ta”. They also won 3rd place in 9th-12th grade Small Group Traditional Song for “There’s a fly in my Soup” and 9th-12th grade Individual Traditional Song.

Congratulations to the Otoe-Missouria tribal members who competed at the 13th Annual Oklahoma Native American Youth Language Fair April 6 & 7 in Norman, OK. This is the fifth year that young Otoe-Missouria language students have competed.

Otoe-Missouria Tribal Princess Photos Needed

Attention all former Otoe-Missouria Tribal Princess, the tribe is currently seeking photos of our princesses. The photos will be displayed at the Tribal Complex. Please send a high resolution original photo or scan of an original photo (no photocopies please) of the princess preferably during her year of service in her traditional regalia to hpayne@omtribe.org or by mail to: Heather Payne, PIO, 8151 HWY 177, Red Rock, OK 74604.
If you are looking for a leisurely morning stroll or a easy run to burn off some of the winter white, try one of the seven running trails located around the campground. Each trail is named after a class and varies in length. From these seven, you can find which one works well for you. The trail map is available and clearly marked with a colored sign indicating where the trail begins and ends. Many maps to give you an idea of how the trails have been designed, but all are clearly marked as well. Happy trails!

Tribal Member Shares her Thoughts on Running the Boston Marathon

By Kelly Water Bergman

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Too often in my running career I’ve had a negative racing attitude. I started with high expectations on my- self and disdained the complete self-doubt that I will not reach my ex- pectations. This is eerie, negative self-talk. Simply swap- out the truth. The truth is, any race started is an accomplish- ment because you got out there, and your friends will al- ways love you and support you no matter the results and your times. For this specific race I know I had put in a decent amount of training. A few days before the race, I re- reviewed my 16 weeks of training and realized I had not been able to put in quite as many miles as I would have liked. As that point, it didn’t matter. I was there to run, and I was in Boston for the moment.

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**Water Conservation Still Important**

By Teresa Swoyer-Turner, Water Quality Technician

Record breaking rainfall in the May thunderstorms that we have been experiencing for much of the last few months has had an impact on our water resources and our water needs. Water conservation is even more crucial this summer. The effect of water in the summer can be replaced by water from the winter. Water is one of the most important substances on earth. All plants and animals, including humans need water to survive. If there was no water there would be no life. Because water is so important and is a limited resource, we must use it properly. Water usage is a very important concern for the Tribe.

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**Very Berry**

Happy 9th Birthday July 16

Love, Mom, Dad, the Girls, Grandma and Auntie

**Happy 16th Birthday C’Anna!**

Love, Mom, Dad & the Boys

**Happy 26th Birthday Cody Jasso and many more...**

Best Wishes on your Special Day 7-15-89

Love you, Mom n Mirio

**Happy 9th Birthday Joe!**

Love, Aunty, Uncle, Anna & your brothers

**Happy 1sT Birthday Kindall Fritz Warrior (June 17th)**

Son of Theresa Tohee and Todd Warrior

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**Congratulations to Dorcas Kent Williams on her retirement June 10, 2015. She was employed with PACCAR Winch in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma.**

**Lauren pickering received the presidential award for academic achievement and excellence, she received a certificate signed by President Obama and is a resident of Arklcy.**

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**Sasha Faith Neskaki & Derek Martinez were united in marriage on April 24, 2015 in Denver, CO. Sasha is the granddaughter of the late Vernon Harragarra and Rosella DeRoin Harragarra. Her mother is Bernadette Harragarra. Tribal member of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. They make their home in Denver.**

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Happy 2nd Birthday to our beautiful angel on Earth! We love you. Hope you enjoy your day.

Love Always,
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Happy 11th Birthday, June 16th

Love Ya, Auntie Hayley, Kayley, Draya Bug and The Whole Family....

**Happy 5th Birthday Kalli June 24th**

Love, Mom, Dad, the Girls, Grandma and Auntie

**Happy 90th Birthday Connie Gosney! May 10th, 1925**

Love, Your Family
Congratulations to our 2015 Graduates

**Head Start Graduates**

Skyla
Kyleigh
Tiannah
Novah
Trexo

Kylie
Alijah
everson
Braxton
Jameson
Kaiden
Kayla
Nathaniel

**Frontier High School Graduates**

Kayley
Kenneth James Rain Butler

**Frontier Middle School Graduates**

Kayla Janese Rain Butler

**Charles Page High School Graduates**

Kenneth Ashley Littlecrow-Wolfe

**Haskell Indian Nations University**

Francis Sage Buster

**Sand Springs, OK**

Rainy-Dawn Josephine Lansford

**Norman, OK**

Shon Perez

**Colorado Springs, CO**

Che’ Luis Deer

**Visalia, CA**

Kris ten Ashley Littlecrow-Wolfe

**Frontier High School**

Congrats Kayley! Frontier High School Grad 2015 Love, Mom, GPA and GMA

Kenneth Janese Rain Butler Love Dad, Mom, Sister Stormy

Congratulations Dave! Frontier Middle School Grad Love, Mom, GPA and GMA

Morgan Romero Co-Salutatorian, 8th Grade Graduate 2015. We are proud of you! Love you Moe. -Mom, Hank, Abi, Kate, Kye & Jon

Rainy-Dawn Josephine Lansford of Sand Springs, OK graduated from Charles Page High School on May 9, 2015. She will be attending Oklahoma University this Fall, majoring in Nursing. Rainy-Dawn is the daughter of Floyd Lansford and Sarah Baker-Williams, granddaughter to Marty and Glenda Moncooyea-Harp, Miles and Holly Moncooyea-Kemble and Larry and Terry Pope.

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Congratulations to our Soldier Girl PVT Naomi Roubedeaux!!

Love us Sons Elias & Mantò Shuwe, Mom, brothers, sisters & the rest of the family

Congratulations to Shon Perez, a recent 5th grade graduate from McKinley Elementary in Ponca, Ok. Shon received the honors of being named “Most Improved” for her hard work and dedication. Shon is the son of Dawn and Michael Briner, grandson of Carolyn Harragarra and great grandson of former Otoe Tribal Chairman Kenneth Harragarra. His family is very proud of him.

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