Otoe-Missouria Tribal Members

Greetings. I hope this correspondence finds you well. The Tribal Council was pleased to approve a per capita payment for December. The finance department worked very hard to get the payments out as soon as possible. I hope that this payment will be helpful to you and your families this holiday season.

Thank you to all of you who participated in our annual General Council Meeting. This year we did not have a quorum at the meeting, but the Tribal Council listened to the concerns and issues of those tribal members that were present. We hope to incorporate the concerns and suggestions that were expressed at the meeting into future plans so we can improve the services provided to tribal members.

Congratulations to Vice Chairman Grant, Treasurer Burgess and Counselor Moore who were all in sworn in to another term of office for the November. All three were unopposed in their re-election bids. I look forward to working with each of them on the Tribal Council.

I wish you all each of you very Happy Holidays. The Tribal Council and Tribal Administration continue to work very hard for the benefit of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe. As always, you can contact me at the Tribal Complex during the week at 815-325-4466 or by email at jshotton@tribalinfo.org. Please continue to work very hard for the benefit of the Tribal Council and Tribal Administration.

Very Happy Holidays. The Tribal Council looks forward to its next meeting in November as it continues to work through the legal issues that have been previously reported. Action on some items was provided by the Tribal Council. We always enjoy the friendship that exists, even when we cannot conduct any official business.

On November 12, 2015, the Election Board found that Chairman, Counselor Burgess and Alvin Moore into their respective offices for another three year term. We want to congratulate them in their efforts and that it is believed the membership of the tribe is pleased with their work and representation. A reception was held following the swearing in to congratulate them back into their official capacities.

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Respectfully,
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2015 General Council Meeting

By Heather Payne

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The positions of Chairman Secretary, 1st Member and 2nd Member will be on the ballot in November of 2016. Each tribal council member holds a term of three years.
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From the Vice Chairman

By Wesley J. Hudson
Staff Department and 7 Clans Casinos. Construction is going on around the complex, with our new WIC tags that are still being used. We also wish to get our new tribal tags in circulation. Tribal sales tax revenue from casinos, convenience stores, and other locations has brought in an estimated $11 million this year. If you would like to be removed from the mailing list please send your request in writing to the Tribal Complex or to the Tribal Tax Office.

The Tribal Complex would also like to express a friendly Thank You to all of our tribal employees. It is through your efforts that our people are taken care of and it is appreciated.

This New Year, I would like to give our people from the youngest to the oldest. Aho!

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**Employment and Training Funded by WIOA**

By Judy McGlassin, Employment & Training Director

The Tribal Council has approved a fiscal year 2015 resolution that funds employment and training programs. These programs support individuals in either seeking employment, transitioning from employment to higher-paying positions, or finding employment for the first time. All are designed to provide individuals with the skills and knowledge needed to secure better job opportunities, improve their quality of living, and achieve personal and economic independence.

**Holiday Blessings**

By Meloria Harmer, 2nd Member

I would like to wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May your homes be filled with love and laughter.

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**Think Green When Choosing Gifts this Holiday Season**

By EPA Staff

Remember to keep in mind people love things they need. It is better to give those small household items—such as a bottle of dish soap or a set of cloth napkins—than something that they might not use. All the items you give this holiday season could be used. Looking to give green gifts? Here are a few ideas:

- Give a magazine subscription, event voucher for some fun activity, or a book about papermaking or therapeutic uses of trees. As sneaky as some of these gifts may sound, they do not cost much and can be used for years to come.
- Remember to keep in mind sustainability and lifestyles. Remember that the gift you give may actually be the gift that will help others change. The busy mother who has a magazine subscription may use it for an outing with her friends, or her children may enjoy some quiet time reading on their own.
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**Planning Department Key to Program Funding**

By Jackie Jackson, Planning Director

The Planning Department has been busy all year. The department has worked with Jacki Jackson, office assistant for the Planning Department and Self-Governance Planning assistant Samuel for the Otoe-Missouria Tribe's Planning Department's year. The department has been setting and receiving an Indian Health Service, Self-Governance Planning grant about $190,000 a year that grants the tribe the ability to hire a Self-Governance Advisor for the purpose of this grant to analyze the IHS funding provided to the Ponca Tribe, Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribe of Oklahoma, and in turn hire an advisor for that purpose.

The Planning Department has worked on many of the planning projects including, but not limited to the following:

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**What’s New**

**Financial Reporting**

The Tribal Council meets on the second Tuesday of each month. The meeting is open to the public. Please contact the Tribal Council Office if you would like to attend the meeting or if you have a topic that you would like to discuss at the meeting.

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Cold Weather Running Tips

By Shannon Andrea, RDLD

Follow these tips to keep the cold weather and the holidays from sidelining your workouts.

Good afternoon to one and all. First of all, I just want to ask this question, ‘Do you and your family have the proper clothes to run during the NEW YEAR to follow?’ It is now December 10th, and a lot is taking place. We have been busy since the first of November, planning and implementing the Osage-Osage Tribal Complex’s faucet repair program.

Let’s face it, we are all in a hurry. It is easy to let things slide. But ask yourself, ‘do you have all of the proper equipment?’

Here are some tips for starting your fitness during the holidays:

• Great Up: Wear trail shoes that have good boy for comfort in the snow. Wool socks will help keep you warm even if they are completely wet.

• Shrink Reap Shocked: Avoid running in the wet and wet lace is an everyday item.

• Solid: Pick a Solid Path: Do not attempt to run on ice. Look for plored, safe, and smooth, ice the next time you run.

• Follow the 15-Degree Rule: Avoid cutaneous hypothermia; anything under 15 degrees is a no-no.

• Indoor Workouts: Hit the gym, the treadmill, or stationary bike if you can get in with live, or you can do it cold or on ice. If you try a workout, warm up weight, body weight, exercise hall, exercise class, simply stand in place.

Many full and windy Mr. Wapana and Ms. Doris or both

Rules to follow:

• Accessorize: Winter wapana band, gloves, tights, and environmentally-friendly gear. The closer you lay them to the weather, the better they will keep you moving. So look to your weather or run.

• Drink for 10 to 20 degrees: This will allow your body temperature to increase when you work and reduce the risk of overheating/excessive perspiration.

• Be Seen: Wear a reflective or orange flashing light to warn drivers of your presence, bright clothing. Workout with identification or light, hand, pocket, notebook, bracelet, etc.

Janet started the program we have had a very busy season and have made good progress. Some accomplishments we are proud of include:

• New Bikes Make Exercise Fun at Tribal Complex

By Linda Francis, 100% Wellness

In December 2012 a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was presented by Chairperson John Shorten by Mary Big Horse, Osage Nation through a grant from the Osage Nation received from the State of Oklahoma, 15,000 for bicycles for exercise purposes. The purpose of the grant was to provide bikes for exercise purposes to tribal members. The bikes were purchased through the 100% Wellness Program.

Next year we hope to purchase bikes for the program.

For questions contact 580-723-4466 ext 422

By Cheryl Glore, Department Chair

We have had a very busy month January up as part of the program, we have had 100% of the clients on a regular basis for the last five weeks. The students are monthly the first come first serve basis. We have had 20 students participate in the program. We reviewed many topics regarding weight management, Diabetes and pre-diabetic complications. We had a Healthy Heart fair in the pre-Enrollment Office.

We launched the 4th Annual 10-Miler program for those who walk, do running, or walk/ run to get a 10 mile cardio workout. We have sponsored a 20 day Veggie trail program on the program we need to have maintained.

By Donnie Childs, Health Director

The Health Department has received three, bikes, three, bicycles and a recumbent bike. They will all have gears and handles. The three bikes have tines for times when you can not ride. The three bicycles will be a 20. We review many top products today. Increasing numbers of smokers are ready to quit? This is a disease that is preventable, how many smokers are ready to quit?

Some activities include:

• Identify and eliminate tobacco-related health disparities
• Distribute free items that will get the attention of smokers and the dangers of commercial tobacco use.
• Distribute educational information regarding the danger of commercial tobacco use to tribal members, and Tribal members are fun in exercising, stress relief and enjoy the gym.
• Material (Posters) of people that have demonstrated changes in their lives because of the dangers of commercial tobacco use.

If you have any questions contact the Health Program at 580-724-4466 ext 265.

WINTER 2015

From the Desk of Dawn Briner, WIC director

have their office open with more office space to accommodate the growing demand for their services. They come to clinic here in Stillwater and Pawnee to provide more information on our presence. They are happy to see the clients.

Keep your eyes open for a new open house.

WIC Program: Women who are 18 years old or more, post partum patients, in up to one year old and children (one to five years old) who are able to answer yes, are they pregnant or are they not and if the other criteria that is met, are they will be eligible for the WIC program. The income criteria that WIC follows. In the family is already receiving benefits from WIC, SSI, TANF, or SNAP, if so WIC is not eligible.

For families that do not receive these benefits, and with the table of the income guidelines that are eligible for the WIC program in 2016, should you have a larger family, please contact the office for income limit.

Family Size – 1 Annual Income up to $21,770

Family Size – 2 Annual Income up to $29,471.00

Family Size – 3 Annual Income up to $44,863.00

Family Size – 4 Annual Income up to $53,359.00

If you think you might be eligible for the WIC, it is never too early to call the clinic.

The WIC Program has grown in the past two years. It has increased from 180 to 450, and is growing.

The WIC Program has received the WIC Program will remain in gym, while stationary bikes will be re-located to another building to be named later. May have push pay on.

If you have thoughts or questions contact 580-724-4466 ext 422.

New Bikes Make Exercise Fun at Tribal Complex

Moving – Parody On Every Resource (M-POWER)

We also had a great time running and competing.

The New Year 2015 will be a year for change, for fitness, for better health for our community. We hope you will all join us in this endeavor.

Happy Healthy New Year
In many ways it is like any book History of Our Lord of Bible verses written in temptation to work out a couple out what is being said. If we figure out what we are doing, we can do that, we have the author’s writing system. Sometimes a letter can be swapped out with more than one letter. For example, Merrill’s use of “w” can mean either a “u” or a “k” for us. “Gal” can mean either “a” or “a”. For us. Try to figure out what is being said. With Merrill’s use of “w” can mean either a “k” or “w”. Try pronouncing it to see which one naturally occurs. Sometimes Merrill will omit a letter from a word if the end of the previous word has the same letter. If you have translated a word (changed from Merrill’s writing system to ours), try looking it up at a dictionary in your own language or go by the English translation used in the Bible verses. That does not mean you cannot look it up yourself! Find the English version and look up the English words in our dictionary at www.omlanguage.org. “Wa” can mean either a “k” or a “w” if the end of the previous word was something else. We must use his spelling. His spelling do not always line up perfectly with ours. For example, he might spell “skwne” as “skwe”. If you get stuck, consider looking words up. Here are some tips for looking up words:

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By Heather Payne

Lorena Kibiga Dollan was posthumously named the Dream Keeper Kan-
toquah Anquoe Lifetime Achievement Award by the Great Plains Area Inter-
tribal Affairs Commission in No-
vember. According to the award, her name was on the list of Dollan.

The Dream Keeper Kan-
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The Otoe-Missouria Tribe of 

At the end of the ceremony, the American War Mothers Chapter 14 honored 
Irene Kean and Delores Howard, who served their country during World War II. 
Kean was a Navy veteran who served in 
U.S. Navy and later received a 
Navy veteran who served in

VETERANS DAY

The Otoe-Missouria tribe is working on ensuring that their service members
receive the appropriate care they need. The tribe has established a 
Veterans Affairs Office to provide such care, and they are grateful for the 
support of their veterans. 

Otoe-Missouria Veterans Affairs Office

725-2466 ext 157 for info.

For the program and the holiday, the Otoe-Missouria Tribe is

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Happy 7th Birthday
CASHLYN
Love Dad, Mom & G-Pa, G-Na and Aunties

Happy Birthday to the BEST of the Best, Chris Zuffante! January 15th
Best Wife, Best Mother, Best Mother-In-Law, Best Grandma, Best Son-in-Law & Best Friend. When we count our blessings, we count you twice. We love you!
Bob, Ella, Sharon, Brad, Keith, Haley, Dakota, Grant & Allie

Happy Birthday to my new granddaughter Victoria Kayleigh Price born December 6th, 2015. Welcome to the world our sweet angel!
Love, Grandma

Happy Birthday
Dad!
Love, Stormy, Kennetha, Tashina, Paula

Happy Birthday
Phillip Price!
December 18th
Love, Mom

Happy 12th birthday
Corrina Hill!!
Love Grandma, Mom, Dad, Josiah and Jonah

Happy Birthday
Robert McIntosh! December 18th
Love, your sister Libby

Happy 1st Birthday
ThunderSky DeRoin from Mom, Dad, and Family

Colleen Littlecrow Chouteau
Randall O. Moore
Madge F. Artman
Alden Ward
Leroy Marlow
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RichiBird Kihge Jr.
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Gus L. Dailey

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY
STORMY ‘YON’
LOVE ALWAYS,
DAD, MOM & KENNY & SHINA

GREETINGS
My name is Kennetha Butler, my Otoe name is Tu-Nump-Ish-Ge-Me meaning Little Princess. I am the daughter of Chad and Paula Butler. I attend Riverside Indian School located in Anadarko, OK. As a freshman, I am a member of the Riverside Indian School Color Guard and as of now, along with 5 other young ladies from different nations. This past weekend we were given the honor to bring in the flags for 4th Annual Veterans Day Grand Entry. I would like to express that I am proud and honored to be involved in this program.

Marcos Thomas, tribal member, a 6th grader at Stillwater Middle School has been accepted into the Gifted and Talented Program for Stillwater Public Schools. He plays trumpet in the SMS Band, SYFA football, Cowboy Wrestling Club, and Lakeside Junior Golf Academy.
Grandson of the late Phoebe Diamond-Headman and William R. Jones, and the late Phyllis Kemble and Kenny Kemble, Ponca City. Parents are Jonathan and Vicki Thomas of Stillwater, OK. Siblings are Kaylie Thomas, Stillwater, OK and Christopher Thomas, Coronado, CA.

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY
Olivia Raelynn!
November 9th
From your brother, sister, mom, and dad.

HAPPY 18TH BIRTHDAY
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DAD, MOM & KENNY & SHINA

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY
Victoria Kayleigh Price
Welcome to the world our sweet angel!
Love, Grandma

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VOLUME DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE • 5’ x 6’ ROUND BALES
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Family News

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY
ThunderSky DeRoin
from Mom, Dad, and Family

Happy Birthday
Robert McIntosh! December 18th
Love, your sister Libby

Announcement Submission Policy
Please send your birthday, wedding, 50th, anniversary, awards, school and athletic news to info@omtribe.org or 8151 HWY 177, Red Rock, OK 74651.
Submissions will not be returned. Due to space limitations, preference is given to announcements about enrolled Otoe-Missouria Tribal Members. Announcements about descendants will be considered if space allows.
The deadline for submissions to the spring newsletter is Monday, March 7, 2015. Thank you!

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Grandson of the late Phoebe Diamond-Headman and William R. Jones, and the late Phyllis Kemble and Kenny Kemble, Ponca City. Parents are Jonathan and Vicki Thomas of Stillwater, OK. Siblings are Kaylie Thomas, Stillwater, OK and Christopher Thomas, Coronado, CA.

HAPPY 5TH BIRTHDAY
Olivia Raelynn!
November 9th
From your brother, sister, mom, and dad.

HAPPY 1ST BIRTHDAY
ThunderSky DeRoin
from Mom, Dad, and Family

Happy Birthday
Robert McIntosh! December 18th
Love, your sister Libby

Announcement Submission Policy
Please send your birthday, wedding, 50th, anniversary, awards, school and athletic news to info@omtribe.org or 8151 HWY 177, Red Rock, OK 74651.
Submissions will not be returned. Due to space limitations, preference is given to announcements about enrolled Otoe-Missouria Tribal Members. Announcements about descendants will be considered if space allows.
The deadline for submissions to the spring newsletter is Monday, March 7, 2015. Thank you!
Oto-Missouria Language Board
Installed on Playground

From the Treasurer’s Desk

Greetings tribal members!

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! 2015 was a good year for the tribe and I look forward to the coming year and will like to have the Tribal Council focus on their hard work and congratulate the Vice Chairman Gone and Cochnumin Moon on their election.

We now can pay your passport expenses and extraordinary reimbursement directly deposited into your checking account. This will be an easier and faster way of getting your money. A direct deposit form has been mailed to you with the Tribal Council. Please send this in to receive direct deposit.

Best regards, benevolent financial statements for January 1st, elder assistance can be applied for twice a year. Elder assistance reimbursement will now apply to children in school, preschool, grade school through 12th grade, and adult tribal members.

The Oto-Missouria Tribe’s Red Rock Run is registered by the state of Oklahoma as a Non-Profit Corporation. We are a (501)(c)(3) designated by the Internal Revenue Service. Donations are tax deductible.

The Tribal Daycare Center is holding the 6th Annual Holiday Breakfast on Saturday, December 12th, 2015. The event will begin at 7:30 am and end at 11:00 am. If you wish to volunteer, please contact the Tribal Daycare Center at (580)723-4466 ext. 257.

The Oto-Missouria Language Board would like to encourage “center to parent” communication. A new Oto-Missouria language. It also provides quality child care from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. The Tribal Daycare Center is located in the Tribal Complex.

The Department has a new email address, (580)723-4466 ext. 257.