

**Tino makes his acting debut**  
Lawrence Parks and Recreation Department, Prairie Park Nature Center's resident Scarlet Macaw, Tino was recently featured in a Blue Cross/Blue Shield commercial. He was featured with, Dara Wilson, a naturalist at the nature center.

The commercial came about from a referral from the Dennis Dinwiddie, curator of conservation at the Topeka Zoo



who had been asked by an advertising firm whether or not they had a parrot and a handler that would be suitable for a commercial. Since he knew about Tino, who is a scarlet macaw, he referred them to Marty Birrell at Prairie Park. Tino is very personable and loves to get out and do programs, loving interaction. Also, Jimmy Gibb's kitchen is also highlighted in the commercial.

You can see the commercial at:  
<http://lawks.us/tinoppnc>.