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Iowa Tribe Presents Eagle Feathers to Graduating Youth

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma presented eagle feathers from the BahKho-Je Grey Snow Eagle House to a successful group of high school graduates.

These particular graduates come from the Mesa Grand Band of Mission Indians located in California.

Not only was this an honor for the Mesa Grand to receive but as well as it was for our tribe to help continue to encourage all Native American youth through traditions and tribal leadership. This spring Iowa Tribal Chairman, Bobby Walkup and Mesa Grand Councilmen Domingues and Morales met for the beautiful presentation.

Recently, the Chairman of Mesa Grand, Oyos, and Councilmen Gumataotao, Domingues and Morales visited our Grey Snow Eagle house during our 31st Annual Iowa Tribal Powwow. We would like to thank our new friends for visiting and letting us be apart of a great sight of young natives graduating!



Our eternal gratitude and appreciation to the Iowa Nation of Oklahoma! Chairman Oyos and Councilman Gumataotao, Dominguez and Morales visiting our friends!



“Congratulations to the class of 2016! We have 10 High School graduates from Mesa Grande honored and given eagle feathers at the celebration in Pala. Very big thank you to the Iowa Nation for the eagle feathers, and to our partners in the SCTCA and friends for making this a celebration for all tribes.”

Bah-Kho-Je Journal

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Agriculture Update:

**This year the Iowa tribe has welcomed two buffalo calves to our buffalo herd!
Our cattle have welcomed 19 calves!**

2016 ITO Holidays

Independence Day July 4, 2016
Monday
Labor Day September 5, 2016 Monday
Native Americans' Day September 23,
2016 Friday
Veterans Day November 11, 2016
Friday
Thanksgiving Holiday November 23-
25, 2016 ½ Day Wed.; Thurs., Friday
Christmas Day (Observed) December
26, 2016 Monday
New Year's Day (Observed) January 2,
2017 Monday

**Constitutional Reform Meeting
dates are as follows for the
remaining year of 2016:**

July 9
August 13
September 10
October 15
November 12
December 10

On Monday June 27th, the Iowa Tribal Youth **Summer Work Program (SYWP)** had 10 applicants ready to work. The program is a strategy to ensure youth a valuable work experience as well as in a safe environment. Our program is also a way for our tribal students to gain a new perspective on how to build a college scholarship portfolio, learn interview techniques, and having to opportunity to participate in college prep and vocational activities. We are very happy to welcome our interns to the workplace of the Ioway People.

Summer Youth Interns:

Baylee Washington

Kaylee Washington

Elwoody McClellan

Deeon Joseph

Marie Davis

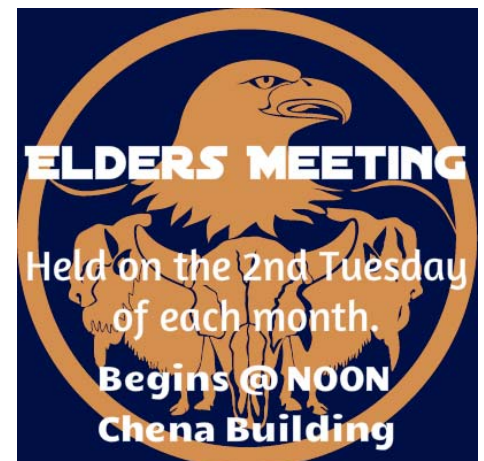
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IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA
**CONSTITUTIONAL
REFORM MEETING**

All Tribal Members Invited!

**JULY 9TH, 2016
CHENA BUILDING • 10:00 A.M. TO NOON**

PLEASE ATTEND, OR REVIEW ONLINE

View proposed language changes: <http://bahkhoje.com/>
then click the Constitution Reform Registration Box.

Submit comments, questions, or suggestions at:
ITOREform@iowanation.org

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Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma
Election 2016
Meeting June 4, 2016

Pursuant to the Tribe's Constitution and By-Laws: Article VII-Elections and Appointments, under Section 2. Election Board shall be solely responsible for conducting the annual election necessary throughout the year. Section 4. Election Procedures. The election shall be conducted pursuant to the election procedures in accordance with the Tribal Constitution and By-Laws. Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Election Ordinance. Title 8 Elections, Section 3. "At the close of the Election polls the Election Board will perform the duties listed below": No 6. : The Election Board will make a certified election return and present a copy thereof to the Tribal Secretary and to the Superintendent of the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

We certify the Election results of the Tribe's Annual Election held on June 4, 2016; and to submit a copy of the results to the Tribal Secretary in accordance with the Official Tribal Election Ordinance.

The following are the results of the 2016 Election:

<u>Vice-Chairman</u>		<u>Secretary</u>		<u>Council Person</u>	
Eugene Big Soldier Jr.	26	Pamela "PJ" Bolt	35	Brett Clark	20
Judy Barnes	17	Chalis cox	67	Eagle McClellan	82
Phoebe Carson	16	Lisa Washington	33	Lori Murray	36
Thomas Cox	17				
Russell Deer	1				
Edgar Kent Jr	37				
Kerwin Murray	14				
Candace Pershall	5				

The Election Board declares the following candidates as the Tribe's newly elected officers for the next two years:

Edgar Kent Jr **Vice-Chairman**

Chalis Cox **Secretary**

Eagle McClellan **Council Person**

Respectfully submitted 2016 ELECTION BOARD:

Linda Big Soldier *Linda Big Soldier* Date: June 6, 2016
Election Board Judge

Michael Rowe *Michael E. Rowe* Date: 6-10-2016
Election Board Clerk

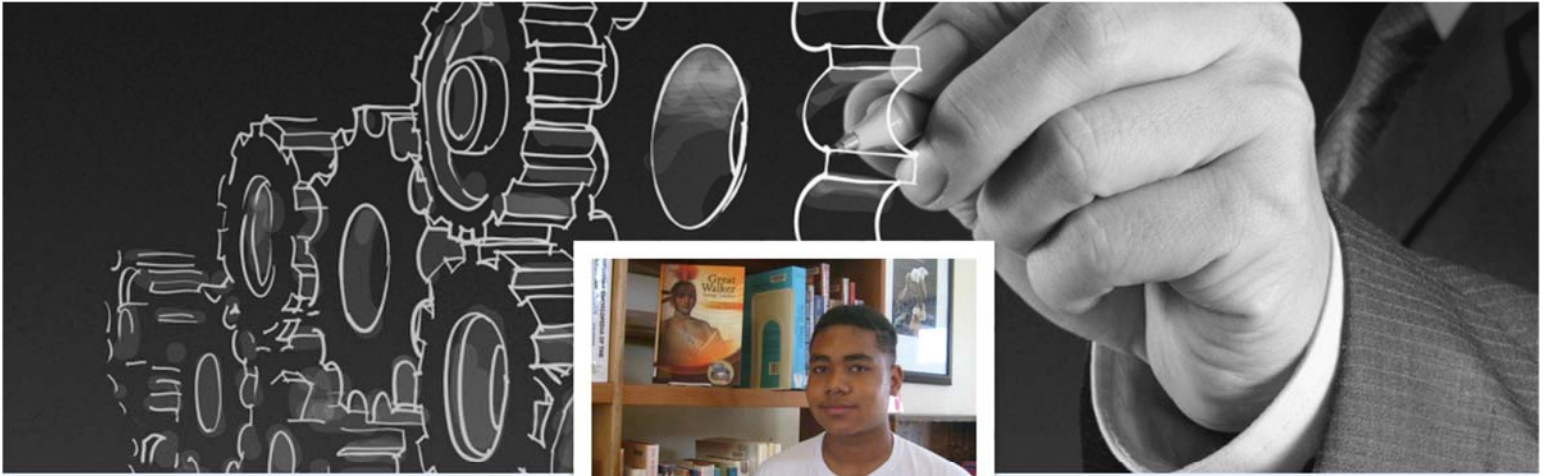
Roxi Reed *Roxi Reed* Date: 6/10/16
Election Board Teller

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Natural Resources Division

The with assistance from the Maintenance Department, the Natural Resources Division plowed and planted an **Elder's Traditional Garden**. Its current location is behind the Eagle's Nest building, that is located in northwest corner. We planted sweet **corn**, **beans**, **squash**, and **Indian perfume** and are very excited to continue to watch them sprout into useful food and herbs.





Deeon Martre Joseph
May 2016

Deeon is the son of LaToya Wayne Neal and Daron Dermont Joseph, and Grandson of Pamela McClellan and Kenneth Wayne Neal. He is currently attending Perkins Tryon High as an upcoming senior and will graduate in 2017. Deeon has carried a 4.0 grade point average his entire junior year and attends Meridian Technology Center, in Stillwater, Oklahoma as a Pre-Engineering Student. He is also currently employed with the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Library as a tutor.

Deeon is being recognized for his 4.0 grade point average to attend the Congress of Science and Technology of Future Leaders at the University of Boston this summer. This opportunity will see him though his plans to become a Mechanical Engineer. He plans to attend the University of Oklahoma, in Norman, Oklahoma after his graduation.

Deeon Joseph would like to give thanks to his grandmother and mother for supporting him in his educational studies, along with financially as well, and for always believing in him as he follows his dream to become a Mechanical Engineer.

We are proud of you!

Great Job Deeon!

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Iowa Tribe Library—Summer Fun

This summer, the Iowa Tribe Library is offering programming each Tuesday and Thursday for the youth.

We are pleased to receive help from Wendy Whitlow at the horse barn in working with the horses and riding.

A great lesson about the equine program is that the youth all learn how to work with the horses and the barn before they are able to ride.

Lessons include learning about the equipment, parts of the horse, feeding, and all of the different types of breeds of horses. Many of our youth are familiar with the horses and the barn throughout the years; we sure appreciate Wendy and the Natural Resources Department in creating a summer-long program for us!



2016 Tribal Youth Awards

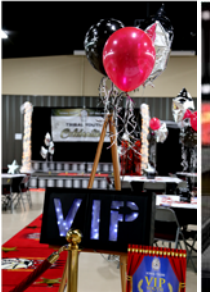


The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma would like to thank all of our youth for their attendance at our annual tribal youth awards.

We are very pleased with how the event went and we would like to continue to encourage our younger generations to strive for the best as we are here beside you in support of our future leaders. We are very proud of each and every one of them and for their accomplishments. We would also like to thank our guest speakers and everyone who has had a part in this great day, from the food preparation to the decorations, in making this event meaningful to our younger tribal members.

Again, thank you all for coming and we hope to see you next year!










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- Grey Snow Eagle House
- Cimarron Casino
- Ioway Casino.

Send ideas and suggestions to the Tribal Newsletter @ shmiller@iowanation.org.

Here are some further recommendations: Birthdays, Graduations, Veterans info, Events or photos of past events, Powwow flyers, Sweethearts / Just Married, Baby announcements, Winter/Childhood Stories

Thank you for readings this months newsletter!

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