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The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma and Perkins Family Clinic (PFC) will hold its 11<sup>th</sup> annual Health Fair, "March to a Healthy Nation" scheduled for Friday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Health Fair will be held opening day of the Iowa Nation Pow wow, which will be June 17-19th. The event at the Bah-Kho-Je Chena building at the Iowa Tribal Pow-Wow Grounds, located five miles south of Hwy 33, Perkins on State Highway 177. The health fair will proudly salute to the Iowa Tribe's Veteran Warriors program during lunch.

The event hosted by the Iowa Tribe and Perkins Family Clinic will kick off at 10 am the *Patriot Riders* will be on hand to honor our veterans; the Presentation of the Flag will be by our Bah Kho Je Veteran Warriors.

Terrie Wright, Community Health Nurse, said the free health fair will have a variety of services offered by the Iowa Tribe such as Elders Program, Education and Job Placement, Vocational rehabilitation services, Perkins Family Clinic medical and dental services. Outside vendors including a Inter Tribal Buffalo Council from Rapid City, SD; Smokey the Bear, Bureau of Indian Affairs, PFC health screenings, Payne County Wellness Coalition, Veteran benefit and enrollment services, Grey Snow Eagle Aviary, and more. Free Lunch will be provided.

"Over 25 health venders have registered who will offer giveaways and there will be drawings every 15 minutes," Wright said.

The Oklahoma Blood Institute will also be on hand for a blood drive during the health fair.

"We will be having a blood drive in conjunction with our health fair and OBI will be there," Wright said. "If people will call and register now and we have over 20 people donating they will bring out another blood drive van."

"We are really excited about our Veteran warrior program," she said. "The VA will be there providing several booths about benefits for our veterans. Native singers and drums will perform to honor our Veteran Warriors during lunch."

Wright, who has been a registered nurse for 30 years, said the free health fair is open to anyone. She said the event is designed to offer

services to help make for a healthier community.

"I think we should be proactive instead of reactive to our health," Wright said. "We are trying to educate the community on health awareness. The healthy choices we make will help change people's lives, which will affect their families and their communities."

The mission of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Health's Division is to "Care for the Whole Community."

**2016 Health Fair**  
**Friday, June 17, 2016 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**  
**Bah Kho-Je Chena building**  
**335588 E 760 Rd Perkins, OK 74059**

Drawing for Door Prizes Every 15 Minutes		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mobile WIC Unit</li> <li>• Health Screenings PFC</li> <li>• OBI Blood Drive</li> <li>• ITO Diabetic Program</li> <li>• ITO Fire Department &amp; Emergency Response</li> <li>• Smokey the Bear</li> <li>• White Eagle Behavioral Health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Honoring Veteran Warriors</li> <li>• Veteran Enrollment Services</li> <li>• Veteran Benefits Services</li> <li>• ITO Vocational Rehabilitation</li> </ul>	<p>LUNCH PROVIDED</p> <p>FREE T-SHIRTS</p> <p>EAGLE SHOW GREY SNOW EAGLE HOUSE</p>

### Native American Veterans

**Veterans Enrollment and Benefit Event**  
**June 17, 2016 10-1pm**  
 Sponsored by  
**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma & Perkins Family Clinic**

THIS EVENT WILL PROVIDE NA VETERANS, ROTC, SERVICE MEMBERS, AND VETERANS SURVIVORS WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO  
 SEEK ANSWERS ABOUT BENEFITS, ASK QUESTIONS, GET ENROLLED,  
 FILE OR CHECK ON CLAIMS.  
 VETERANS CAN NOW RECEIVE CARE FROM PFC

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CALL PFC 405-547-2473 OR TERRIE WRIGHT, RN, VETERAN LIAISON, 405-880-6961

# Bah-Kho-Je Journal

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## June 2016

Hello, I am Jessica Nauss, tribal member; most will know me as Jessica Pierce daughter of Dollee Sharp. I have recently married Eric Nauss. I have four sons, Marcus, Colby, Hunter and River; two attend Perkins Tryon Public School. I am excited about my new position: Archives Coordinator for the Gathering Family History two year project funded by IMLS, Institute of Museum and Library Services. The project is simple; the first part is to identify the elder's photos at WhiteCloud so they will be more than a photo on the wall. Many of these photos don't have names or stories yet. In the archives there are other photos that will be preserved and identified. Families that would like to participate are encouraged to call me. Our project hopes to work with families on preserving their family photos and creating family boxes and/or digital copies of their treasured photos. Our equipment is state of the art in

digitizing and least harmful to pictures and documents.

*Please feel free to call my office for additional information and your help is always welcomed. I will be sharing more information of this exciting journey with you in the Journal soon.*

Sincerely, Jessica

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### 2016 ITO Holidays

Memorial Day May 30, 2016 Monday  
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

MONDAY		TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY (Fish Day)	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<b>Menu Subject To CHANGE Without Notice</b>			1/ Chicken Nachos w/ Black Beans and all the trimmings Cinnamon Raisin Apples 2% Milk	2/ Salmon Cakes Coleslaw Peas & Carrots Cherry Crisp 2% Milk <b>SACK BREAKFAST Ioway Casino 12:30 - 3:30</b>	3/ Cream of Wheat Wheat Toast Boiled Eggs Apricots 2% Milk <b>Elders Buffalo Tour Have to Sign In &amp; Ride with Group</b>	4/	5/
6/ Grilled Pork Chop Hash Brown Casserole Malibu Blend Fruit Cocktail 2% Milk	7/ Beef Stroganoff California Blend Salad Jello w/Fruit 2% Milk	8/ Corn Soup Seasoned Green Beans Squash & Pumpkin Fry Bread Apple 2% Milk	9/ Tuna Fish Toast w/ Let & Tom. Baked Chips Apple Sauce Cake 2% Milk <b>SACK BREAKFAST</b>	10/ Corn Flakes w/Strawberries Sausage Links Tomato Juice 2% Milk <b>Cimarron Casino 10-1pm</b>	11/	12/	
13/ Turkey Enchilada Black Beans Salad Cherry Pie 2% Milk	14/ Grilled Angus Burgers w/ all trimmings Broccoli Salad Cool Whip Salad 2% Milk	15/ Breaded Chicken Breast Key Largo Salad Peaches 2% Milk <b>SACK BREAKFAST</b>	16/ Lunch will be catered 11:30-12:30 <b>Caregiver Education 10-11:30</b>	17/ <b>TITLE VI CLOSED FOR HEALTH FAIR AT THE IOWA CHENA BUILDING</b> <b>Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Pow Wow</b>	18/	19/	
20/ Pot Roast New Potatoes Brussels Sprout Hawaiian Rolls Apple Pie 2% Milk	21/ Oven Fried Chicken Potatoes, Turnips, Onions & Carrots Salad Tropical Fruit Salad 2% Milk <b>Movie Day</b>	22/ Steam Fry Capri Blend Salad w/ Dressing Fresh Cantaloupe 2% Milk	23/ Catfish, Carrot Coins Oven Fries Strawberry Angel Cake 2% Milk <b>SACK BREAKFAST</b>	24/ Oatmeal Raisin Pancakes Bacon Fresh Fruit Cup V-8 Juice/2% Milk <b>Sac &amp; Fox Tailgate</b>	25/	26/	
27/ BBQ Pulled Pork Sandwiches Brown Beans Baked Chips Cream Cheese Cup 2% Milk	28/ Goulash Mixed Veggies Garlic Bread Fresh Peach 2% Milk <b>Nutritional Education 11-12:30</b> 10:30 Snacks provided	29/ Grilled Smoked Sausage Ranch Style Beans Cream Cheese Corn Raisin Oatmeal Peach Crisp 2% Milk	30/ Seasoned Tilapia on Wild Rice Grilled Vegetables Pineapple Coconut Cookie Tart 2% Milk <b>SACK BREAKFAST</b>				





The Iowa Tribe Police Department was invited to assist with Oklahoma's Special Olympics Event in Stillwater, which took place May 11th-13th. We were able to accompany Payne County Sheriff's Office, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and Stillwater Police Department in helping out with the 47th Annual State Summer Games at the Stillwater High School football field.

We spent one-on-one time with the athletes during their various activities, passed out badge stickers, gave out lots of hugs and encouragement, and had a blast with everyone involved.

This was a good experience for our department, while representing the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.





*June 2016*

# Summer **at the** Library

**Every Tuesday & Thursday  
@ the Eagles Nest**

**Beginning  
May 31<sup>st</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>  
(Closed on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> for Youth  
Film Camp)**



**Summer Reading, Field Trips,  
STEM, Recreation, and  
Cultural Activities.**

**Enrollment Open to Youth Ages 7 and Up.  
Lunch Is Provided. All Forms Must Be Completed Prior to  
Attendance.**

**Info, Questions & Sign-Up Forms, Please Contact the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Library  
at 405-547-2402 ex. 213 or [itolibrary@iowanation.org](mailto:itolibrary@iowanation.org)**



The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program attended Pawnee Nation College Commencement on Friday May 13, 2016.

During the Special Awards, Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program was the only program to have the privilege and honor of receiving the **Certificate of Recognition COMMUNITY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR 2016**.

In year 2014 Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation program was honored with a certificate of providing community service to the Pawnee community for the work Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation does.

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Vocational Rehabilitation Program (ITOVR) began in 1994. At that time, Iowa Tribe had the distinction of being only one of four in Oklahoma. The other three were Cherokee Nation, Choctaw Nation, Apache Tribe of Oklahoma and the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, which had a staff of two employees a Director and Administrative Assistant.

It has now grown to staff of four: Rose Malone Director, Rowana Condry VR Counselor, Ron Baker VR

Counselor and Christa Tsotaddle VR Transition Counselor.

ITOVR covers seven counties: Kay, Lincoln, Logan, Noble, Pawnee, Payne, and Potawatomie.

This program is a five year grant and is funded from U.S Department of Education. TOVR's previous staff and staff now have written all ITOVR grants. ITOVR is in its fifth cycle (22 years) and will be starting its 23<sup>rd</sup> year October 01, 2016. Upon completion of this grant September 30, 2019, ITOVR will be in existence for 25 years. ITOVR staff will begin gathering grant information to start writing for its sixth cycle October 01, 2019- September 30, 2024.

**Certificate of Recognition**

**COMMUNITY ADVOCATE  
OF THE YEAR 2016**



**May 23, 2016**

**Three Iowa Tribal police officers received their Special Law Enforcement Commission through the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Special Agent in Charge, Monty Gibson, came to the police department for an Oath of Office Ceremony. This commission gives our officers additional resources when dealing with non-natives on trust land. Our officers are excited and ready to make our community a safer place!**



**Way to go  
ITGO  
Police!**





**D**aniel Franklin recently completed his sophomore year at Cushing High School and has garnered many academic awards that took commitment and hard work to accomplish.

In recognition, he has carried a 4.0 GPA all of his years in school including this past school year ranking him number 1 out of 143 sophomore students! This results him being listed on the Superintendent's Honor Roll for both semesters.

In March, 2016, Daniel competed in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) at Central Tech in Drumright with over 10 other schools represented. He received a third place medal in Algebra II.

Daniel was recently notified that he has been accepted into Central Vo-Tech's Pre-Engineering program for his upcoming junior year.

Daniel has also been accepted into the National Honor Society and completed his required voluntary hours needed to complete for membership.

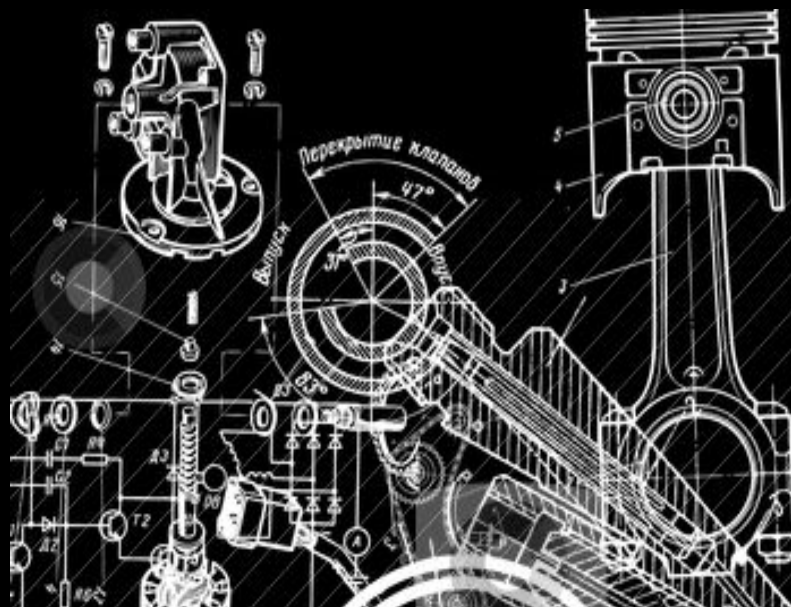
Franklin has been accepted into Tomorrow's Leaders which is a leadership program sponsored by the City of Cushing where candidates were chosen by the teachers. It is a program for 20 juniors and the students will be going through a process of learning about city and state government and what it takes to become leaders in their communities. The students were required to apply and write an essay over why they wanted to be chosen for this prestigious program. Tomorrow's Leaders has been in place for over twenty years.

And finally, at the 'end of the year awards assembly', Daniel had received an award for outstanding English II Pre-AP student and a medal for top Algebra II.

Besides his academic accomplishment, Daniel participates in basketball and track.

**Congratulations &  
Great Job  
Daniel!**

**-Iowa Tribe  
of Oklahoma**





**Thank you,  
Grace!**

8 1/2 years together we won't forget!  
We appreciate your hard work over the years!





**Doris Lois Hunter**, 85, began her journey on Thursday, May 11, 2016. Her services were 12:00PM on Saturday, May 14 in Red Rock at the Otoe Agency, Native American Church officiating. Interment was at the Otoe Missouri Cemetery in Red Rock.

She was born on August 28, 1930 at Red Rock, Oklahoma to Corbett and Ruth (Vetter) White.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Harrison Hunter; sons, Lloyd Hunter, Buffalo Hunter; daughter, Deborah Hunter, Kandi Hunter; sisters, Julia DeRoin, Wanda Stone Road, Pearl Walking Sky and brothers, Nelson White, Wallace White.

She is survived by her daughters, Annette Rice, Harriet Hunter and Rita Hunter; sons, Henry Hunter and Warren Hunter; and a host of extended sons, daughters, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Pallbearers were John Queton, Brian Queton, Little Bear Little Cook, Lloyd Gwin, Harrison Rice, and Corbett Watts. Honorary Pallbearers; Preston Walking Sky, Gene Big Soldier, Will Walking Sky.

Condolences may be emailed to the family and an online obituary may be viewed by visiting [www.strodefh.com](http://www.strodefh.com).

**Big Soldier Siblings:**

4 of the 6 children of the late Jacob & Rachel Tohee-Kent BigSoldier.

Linda, Gene, Joyce, JoAnn

Mother's Day 2016



~Mother Daughter Day~

April 15th 2016



We had a wonderful experience on our Mother Daughter Day, a day filled with fun and trying new things. I decided that it would be fun to try horseback riding, my parent had a horse but he was lame and we couldn't ride him in fear that he would get further injuries.

I contacted Casie of the Natural Resource Division and she set us up with Wendy of the Equine Division. Wendy is a Gods send! My daughter was a little intimidated by the size of the horses but we still tried to get her to ride. We gave her time to get to know how sweet and calm the horses were, she

even fed them carrots. Even though she didn't ride them Wendy stayed out there the whole time and answered all questions that my three year old had during our visit. Wendy encouraged us to come back and try to ride the horses again. My daughter still lets me know that her friend Wendy has horses that like carrots. This experience will be the first of many and we will be back again to ride or at least bring some carrots.

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2016 Elders Trip to Gatherings of Nations, Albuquerque, NM








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Send ideas and suggestions to the Tribal Newsletter @ [shmiller@iowanation.org](mailto: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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