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Jack Myers: One of Our Very Own Making Major Accomplishments!

TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA –Jack Myers, D.O., was recently named **Chief of Surgery at Northeastern Health System.** His surgical experience, as well as his vast knowledge of hospital history and workings, will greatly compliment his new role.

“I have worked in several roles in the hospital,” said Myers. “I started as an emergency room nurse tech in 1997. I was also an operating room orderly in 1999.”



By 2002 Myers was visiting patients as a medical student. Upon graduation he served as the emergency room attending physician from 2006 to 2008.

“I’ve literally and figuratively grown up in this facility,” said Myers. “I’ve mopped floors, stocked rooms, made coffee, applied dressings, bathed patients, and been a patient myself.”

Myers credits several mentors for his success as a physician.

“I started working here during undergraduate school at the University of Arkansas on nights and weekends. I literally didn’t know what vital signs were,” remembered Myers. “I had several mentors at this facility over the years, and I wouldn’t be the physician and surgeon I am today without them. Roberta Jones, Steve Imhoff, and Pat Butler were emergency room nurses at the time. Be-

ing allowed to participate in their end of patient care has given me perspective that I’ll use for the rest of my career. Dr. John Galdamez was my mentor from undergraduate studies through surgical residency. He’s probably the most gifted and inspiring physician I’ve ever known. Dr. Randall Turner was also incredibly kind to me, and helped get me into medical school. Dr. Tom Ward was a legendary surgeon here and I certainly enjoyed spending time with him as a medical student.”

Myers is excited to take on his new role as Chief of Surgery.

“I like to think that being appointed Chief of Surgery means that my peers respect me as a surgeon and see me as a leader,” he said. “One of the best things about working at NHS is feeling genuinely supported and appreciated by the administration.”

Myers and his wife of 10 years, Lana, have four children. When not working, Myers spends his time as a song writer and musician for his band The Vox Squadron. He also enjoys many outdoor activities.

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Bah-Kho-Je Journal

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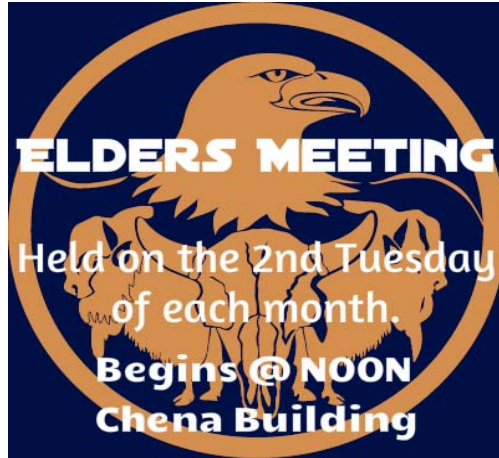
2016 ITO Holidays

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:

November 12

December 10

Greetings Iowa Tribal Members!

The Agriculture Department would like to inform everyone that the Meat Distribution Applications will be mailed out soon.

Distribution will be on December 10, 2016

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

At the OES Building

MUST HAVE CDIB TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

Please note the due date for these applications will be Thursday, **December 1, 2016**. No applications will be accepted after December 1, 2016 (NO EXCEPTIONS). The applications may be hand-delivered to the Administration Building or mailed to the following address:

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

ATTN: Administration

335588 E. 750 Rd.

Perkins, OK 74059

Applications will be accepted up till 5:00pm December 1, 2016. Every person, excluding Tribal Elders, will be required to pick up their own meat. Unless noted by Elder with their signature. MEAT MUST BE PICKED UP NO LATER THAN THE LAST DAY OF FEBRUARY.

Thank You

Dakota Access Pipeline Standoff:

Mni Wiconi, Water is Life

8/15/16 Cannonball, South Dakota

Indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com

The controversial Dakota Access Pipeline project is back in the news. Over the weekend, tribal activists faced off against lines of police in Hunkpapa Territory near Cannon Ball as construction crews prepared to break ground for the new pipeline, while Standing Rock Sioux governmental officials resolved to broaden their legal battle to stop the project. On July 26, 2016 the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe was stunned to learn that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had given its approval for the pipeline to run within a half-mile of the reservation without proper consultation or consent. Also, the new 1,172 mile Dakota Access Pipeline will cross Lake Oahe (formed by Oahe Dam on the Missouri) and the Missouri River as well, and disturb burial grounds and sacred sites on the tribe's ancestral Treaty lands, according to SRST officials. Texas-based Energy Transfer Partners will build, own and operate the proposed \$3.78 billion Dakota Access Pipeline and plans to transport up to 570,000 barrels of crude oil fracked from the Bakken oil fields across four states to a market hub in Illinois. The pipeline—already facing widespread opposition by a coalition of farmers, ranchers and environmental groups—will cross 209 rivers, creeks and tributaries, according to Dakota Access, LLC.

Standing Rock Sioux leaders say the pipeline will threaten the Missouri River, the tribe's main source of drinking and irrigation water, and forever destroy burial grounds and sacred sites. "We don't want this black snake within our Treaty boundaries," said Standing Rock Sioux Tribal Chairman Dave Archambault II. "We need to stop this pipeline that threatens our water. We have said repeatedly we don't want it here. We want the Army Corps to honor the same rights and protections that were afforded to others, rights we were never afforded when it comes to our territories. We demand the

pipeline be stopped and kept off our Treaty boundaries."

On July 27, SRST filed litigation in federal court in the District of Columbia to challenge the actions of the Corps regarding the Dakota Access pipeline. The suit seeks to enforce the tribal nation's federally protected rights and interests. The nation is seeking a preliminary injunction to undo the Corps' approval of the pipeline at a hearing on August 24. The Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe and several other native nations have asked to join the lawsuit. On August 8, Dakota Access called the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe to give 48-hour notice that construction would begin on August 10 for an access corridor and staging area where pipes and other equipment will be stored for construction. As news of the planned construction spread via social media among tribal citizens and activists, a grass-roots gathering assembled at what is now being referred to as the Sacred Stone Camp where

people are holding the line to stop construction. After Dakota Access workers began clearing an area for preliminary pipeline work, several hundred protestors gradually assembled at the site, prompting law enforcement to intervene and arrest more than a dozen people. Among those were Chairman Archambault (in orange shirt in below video) and SRST Councilman Dana Yellow Fat, who quickly posted bond and were released. "We have a voice, and we are here using it collectively in a respectful and peaceful manner," Archambault said. "The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe is doing



Loway members, Elwood & Christa McClellan family at Sacred Stone Camp

everything it can legally, through advocacy and by speaking directly to the powers that be who could have helped us before construction began. This has happened over and over, and we will not continue to be completely ignored and let the Army Corps of Engineers ride roughshod over our rights." Archambault said the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples requires free, prior and informed consent for development impacting Indian land, territories and waters. "We have a serious obligation, a core responsibility to our people and to our children, to protect our source of water," he said. "Our people will receive no

benefits from this pipeline, yet we are paying the ultimate price for it with our water. We will not stop asking the federal government and Army Corps to end their attacks on our water and our people.” The proposed construction route is within a half-mile of the tribe’s reservation border, sparking concerns for protection of cultural resources that remain with the land. Hunkpapa religious and cultural sites are situated along the route of the pipeline, including burial sites of ancestors.

“The land between the Cannonball River and the Heart River is sacred,” said Jon Eagle Sr., STST’s Tribal Historic Preservation Officer. “It’s a historic place of commerce where enemy tribes camped peacefully within sight of each other because of the reverence they had for this place. In the area are sacred stones where our ancestors went to pray for good direction, strength and protection for the coming year. Those stones are still there, and our people still go there today.” Eagle worries that the pipeline will harm many tribal nations along the Missouri.

“Wherever the buffalo roamed our ancestors left evidence of their existence and connection to everything in creation,” he said. “The aboriginal lands of the Oceti Sakonwin extend as far west as Wyoming and Montana, as far north as Canada, as far east as the Great Lakes, and as far south as Kansas. Construction along this corridor will disturb burial places and cultural sites.”

According to the recently filed “motion for preliminary injunction” by the SRST, Dakota Access initially considered two possible routes: a northern route near Bismarck, and a southern route taking the pipeline to the border of the Standing Rock reservation. Feder-

al law requires the Army Corps to review and deny or grant the company’s permit applications to construct the pipeline. The southern route takes the pipeline across the Missouri River and Lake Oahe, implicating lands and water under federal jurisdiction.

In the initial environmental assessment, the maps utilized by Dakota Access and the Army Corps did not indicate that SRST’s lands were close to the proposed Lake Oahe crossing. The company selected this route because the northern route “would be near and could jeopardize the drinking water of the residents in the city of Bismarck.” The Army Corps of Engineers has not issued a public response to the newly filed litigation or protest. In a statement that appeared in a May 4 story in the *Des Moines Register*, Col. John Henderson, commander of the Corps’ Omaha District said, “The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is not an opponent or a proponent of the project. Our job is to consider impacts to the public and the environment as well as all applicable laws, regulations and policies associated yet with this permission and permit review process.”

An Energy Transfer spokesperson told ICTMN, “It is important to note that Dakota Access does not cross any reservation land and is compliant with all regulations regarding tribal coordination and cultural resources. We have communicated with the various tribes that have an interest in the DAPL project as we recognize the traditional range of the Native Americans and their sensitivity to historic ranges for cultural properties. We are confident the USACE has adequately addressed the portion of the project subject to their review and where a NEPA analysis is required. They are the experts in this area, and we believe they have

done an excellent job addressing any comments received to date.” Tribal leaders and environmental activists say the company’s draft environmental assessment of December 9, 2015 did not mention that the route they chose brings the pipeline near the drinking water of tribal citizens. In fact, it omitted the existence of the tribe on all maps and analysis, in violation of environmental justice policies. While federal law requires meaningful consultation with affected Indian nations, SRST governmental officials allege that didn’t happen despite numerous requests by the nation. Since they first heard of the proposed project in 2014, SRST leaders have voiced strong opposition to company, state and federal officials, and to Congress. They met with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, U.S. Department of the Interior, and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation to discuss the harm imposed by the pipeline. All three agencies subsequently wrote letters to the Army Corps expressing environmental and cultural resource concerns related to the pipeline.

Archambault said they’ve been working on many levels for more than seven months to stop construction. But the tribe and the three federal agencies were apparently ignored by the Army Corps, which moved ahead with permits for the pipeline. In addition, Standing Rock youth ages 6–25 from the reservation vowed to run to Washington, D.C. to deliver a petition with 160,000 signatures on change.org opposing the pipeline to the President of the United States. After running for 2,200 miles, they were able to meet with Army Corps officials and hold rallies along the way; they returned home on August 10. Standing Rock leadership has also

put out the call to Indian country to stand in support of protecting their water, land and people. Dozens of Indian nations have already written letters and resolutions to support the Lakota people. As for the growing number of people at the grassroots rally, Archambault publicly asked that everyone be peaceful and respectful of one another in the coming days.

“We want peaceful demonstrations and I need everyone to understand that what we are doing, in the manner we are doing it, is working,” he said. “By being peaceful and avoiding violence we are getting the attention needed to stop the pipeline. “We’re getting the message out that all the wrongdoing that’s been done to Indian people will no longer be tolerated,” he said. “But we’re going about it in a peaceful and respectful manner. If we turn to vio-

lence, all that will be for nothing. I’m hoping and praying that through prayer and peace, for once the government will listen to us.” Archambault also honored the Lakota youth who want to make a better future in his message. “Our youth carry powerful messages when they speak, and we respect our youth and listen to them,” he said. “We honor and support the youth, runners, elders, campers, and supporters, and we are thankful for all the important efforts they’re making to protect our water.”

Those who wish to contribute and assist may go to [Repect Our Water](#) for more information.



RUBY NELL GIBSON LOGAN—2016 HONORED ELDER OF THE YEAR

Ruby Nell Gibson Logan is descendant of Ioway visionary and chief “No Heart of Fear.” She learned the traditional ways of her Ioway people from her grandfather and traditional healer Kirwin Murray who was the grandson of “No Heart of Fear” and

Grandmother Alice Fawfaw Murray (Otoe-Missouria), daughter of William and Sarah Moore Fawfaw. Her mother was Cordelia Murray Gibson (Ioway/Otoe-of Oklahoma and has been selected as this year’s Ioway Elder Woman of the Year. Ruby was born at home and delivered by her grandfather Kirwin. She grew up in Perkins and Red Rock and attended school in Perkins, Red

Rock, and Riverside Indian Schools. Later she attended St. Gregory’s College and received her Associate of Arts degree and LPN certification. She worked for over 20 years as an LPN in the greater Oklahoma City area. Today, she is retired from health but keeps busy serving on her Tribe’s Constitution Revision and Elder’s Committee, is an avid and lucky gamer, and participates in her traditional culture. She is a top “hand-game” guesser and traditional social dancer. She has one daughter Lea Mechelle Tsoataddle, three sons-- Ernest Gene, John Arthur and Wilbur Lee Logan, and has numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is an advocate for Indian elders and Indian sovereignty and continues to lend her voice to Tribal issues and concerns.



November 2016

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Bah Kho-Je Wasose - Grey Snow Warriors

VETERANS DANCE

"Honoring All Veterans"

**Saturday
November 5, 2016**



**Perkins, Oklahoma
Iowa Tribe Chena -
Powwow Grounds**

HEADSTAFF

Master of Ceremonies: Kinsel Lieb
Head Singer: Rowe Kishketon
Head Man Dancer: Michael Tsotaddle
Head Lady Dancer: TBA
Co-Host: Sac & Fox Nation Honor Guard
Honored Veteran: TBA
Arena Director: Brad Kills Crow

ALL VETERANS & WAR MOTHERS WELCOME!

ALL GOURD DANCE PROGRAM

2:00 PM Gourd Dance
5:30 PM Supper Break
6:30 PM Special Presentation by Ioway Veterans
7:00 PM Resume Gourd Dance

Contact Information: Linda Bigsoldier 405.614.5547

Vendor Contact: Tim Cox
918.738.4399 or
918.440.8589

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**Open to the Public
and all ITO Tribal
Members!!**

First 200 to Pre-register will receive a free padfolio!!
Pre-Register at:
<https://www.eventbrite.com>

JOB FAIR

Wednesday November 9, 2016

10am—2pm

Chena Building (look for signs)

335588 E. 750 Rd * Perkins, OK 74059

Iowa Casino Corp.

ITO Vocational Rehabilitation Program

Workforce Oklahoma

(CAREER AND JOB RECRUITERS and Employment support services LISTED HERE)

SPONSORED BY IOWA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA





The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma will be hosting a College Fair targeting **All Juniors and Seniors** within the **Lincoln, Logan, and Payne** counties along with **all ITO Tribal Members**.

All Oklahoma universities, state colleges, tribal colleges, independent colleges and universities are invited to attend and showcase a recruiting and scholarship booth for academic, athletic, leadership, and tribal scholarship programs! We will also have other tribal education departments and college preparatory support service booths available at the event!



We are interested in partnering with your school by obtaining your participation as we host and provide a “One Stop” College Outreach for all your school’s Junior and Senior students!! This is a “Come and Go” browsing event and refreshments will be provided.

The first 200 Seniors pre-registering and attending with their schools will receive a free Padfolio!! Buses Encouraged!!

Wednesday November 16, 2016 10am– 2p.m.

**Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Chena Building
335588 E. 750 Rd.
Perkins, OK 74059**

To Register Your School Contact:

Regina Riley, Education Specialist

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405) 547-2402 ext. 209

<http://bahkhoje.com/native-services/education-programs/>

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- Southeastern Oklahoma State University
 - University of Oklahoma
 - Oklahoma State University
 - Oklahoma State University—OKC
 - East Central University
 - Northeastern State University
 - Southwestern Christian University
 - Oklahoma City University
 - University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma
 - Southwestern Oklahoma State University
 - Oklahoma Baptist University
 - Oral Roberts University
 - Oklahoma Christian University
 - Murray State College
 - Bacone College
 - Pawnee Nation College
 - Rose State
 - College of the Muscogee Nation
 - Tulsa Welding School
 - Sac and Fox Nation Education Dept.
 - ITO Education Program
 - ITO Transitional Voc. Rehab. Program
 - US Army
 - Air Force
 - Air Force ROTC—OU
 - And many more...

November Menu & Activities 2016

MONDAY	TUESDAY 	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY 	FRIDAY
<p>If your name is not on our Casino list elders will/may not get your Iowa Title VI Service Area Specials please call</p> <p>TAKE NOTICE</p>	<p>1 Baked Chicken Spinach Mashed Potato's /Gravy Angel Food w/Strawberries 2%Milk</p>	<p>2 Indian Tacos All the trimmings Mandarin Oranges 2% Milk</p>	<p>3 Cod Sticks Scalloped Potato Italian Blend Fruit Cocktail 2% Milk</p> <p>loway Casino Day SACK BREAKFAST</p>	<p>4 Biscuits & Gravy Sausage Patties Tomato Slices Cranberry Juice 2% Milk</p> <p>Flu Shots for Elders & Employees 2-4</p>
<p>7 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes Gravy California Blend Strawberry Cake 2% Milk</p> <p>Menu Subject to change without Notice</p>	<p>8 Title VI Thanksgiving Dinner Chena Building Elders ONLY age 55 & up please. Eat at noon. Starts 11:30</p>  <p>Nutrition Education</p>	<p>9 Chicken Nachos w/ Black Beans and all the trimmings Guacamole Spanish Rice Churro 2% Milk</p> <p>Caregiver Education 1:00</p>	<p>10 Salmon Patties Caribbean Blend Lettuce & Tom. Salad Peach Crisp 2% Milk</p> <p>SACK BREAKFAST</p> <p>MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE</p>	<p>11 Veterans Day All Tribal Offices Closed</p>  <p>All Veteran s will get 10. Free play – Iowa Title VI will still get there specials that day but T-6 will not transport we will be closed</p>
<p>14 Butter Beans w/Ham Hock Carrots Cornbread Choc Brownie kooky 2% Milk</p>	<p>15 White Cheese Chicken Lasagna Italian Veggies Lett. & Tom. Salad Tiramisu 2% Milk</p>	<p>16 Pork n Hominy Boiled Potato Green Beans Banana Fry Bread 2% Milk</p>	<p>17 Fish Nuggets Pacific Blend Hush Puppies Lettuce & Tom. Salad Apple Sauce Jello 2% Milk</p> <p>SACK BREAKFAST</p>	<p>18 Corn Flakes w/ Bananas Sausage Links Blueberry Bagel 2% Milk</p> <p>Sac and Fox Tailgate</p>
<p>21 Frito Chili Pie w/ onions & cheese Creamy Rotel Corn Lett. & Tom. Salad Apricots 2% Milk</p>	<p>22 Chicken n Wild Rice Soup Winter Blend Flat Bread Mixed Fruit Cups 2% Milk</p> <p>SACK BREAKFAST</p>	<p>23 TRIBE CLOSED AT NOON Title 6 closed no lunch served.</p> 	<p>24</p> 	<p>25 Iowa Tribe CLOSED</p> 
<p>28 Pork Chops Mashed Potatoes with Gravy Vegetables Blend Fresh Orange 2 % Milk</p>	<p>29 Fried Chicken Wild Rice Gravy Prince Albert Blend Apple Sauce Cake 2% Milk</p>	<p>30 Steam Fry Mediterranean Flame Roasted Vegetables Fry Bread Fresh orange 2% Milk</p>	<p>Salad Bar is offered to the Congregated meal site. It's a chance for Elders to come and socialize with other Elders 11:30-12:30, Breakfast is served on Friday's 830-930am</p>	<p>In Case of bad weather we will not deliver to Homebound, we will be sending out home bounds meals that will be shelf stable.</p> <p>NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH</p>

November 2016

EDUCATION SERVICES

K-12 Private Education Program Assistance

The K12 Private Education Program assistance is available nationwide for Iowa Tribal Members who have been accepted into an accredited K12 private school. With proper documentation and application, Iowa Tribal members will receive funding for full-time students who are enrolled in a full time accredited K12 education institution. Scholarships are limited to a first come first serve basis. **APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2016.**

[K12 Private Education Application](#)

3rd – 6th Grade After School Program

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is looking for **15 youth 3rd – 6th grades** that reside within the ITO service district to sign-up for our new 3rd—6th grade Afterschool Program. Our new Afterschool Program will be an academic program providing instruction on an individualized basis; by certified teachers.

[ASP Student Flyer](#)

[Afterschool Program Application](#)

eLearning Technology

eLearning is learning utilizing electronic technologies to access educational curriculum outside of a traditional classroom. eLearning is an excellent tool for anyone wanting to improve their academic achievement. The ITO eLearning Classroom program is composed of virtual seats, within the Reading Plus and Think Through Math self-paced computer programs, which are for students 3rd grade through college and adults who need help raising their academic levels or who may need to prepare for GED classes.

[eLearning Application](#)

ALL APPLICATIONS MAY BE FOUND ON THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, SERVICE TAB -> EDUCATION PROGRAMS



Four Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Students Selected as Ambassadors to National Native Youth Summit in Washington D.C.



Perkins, Oklahoma, August 30, 2016- The Office of Native American Programs at the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is hosting a National Native Youth Summit in Washington, DC September 24-27th. Five teams consisting of four people from across the country were selected based on their essays on this year's theme of *Local Empowerment: Self, Spirit, Community, and Connection*. Each team consists of two boys and two girls between the ages of 14 and 17 accompanied by an adult team leader.

A team of Iowa Students have been selected to participate in the 2016 National Native Youth Summit. Iowa Tribal Youth Lura Cox, Dasia Miller-Richardson, Elwood McClellan and Daniel Franklin along with Regina Riley, the adult team leader, will travel on full scholarship and represent the Iowa Tribe of

Oklahoma at the 2016 HUD National Native Youth Summit.

Each team receives an all-expense paid trip to Washington D.C. and 3 days learning about building their community and developing leadership skills. Students would be trained as Native Youth Ambassadors to implement community development projects when they return home.

The trip also includes a tour of the National Monuments and learning about Federal Indian Policy. They will meet with key staff at HUD and conduct a neighborhood inventory of their own community. The youth teams will learn how to develop and implement a community service project upon returning to their home communities. While in Washington D.C., the Youth Ambassadors will meet with Congressional staff on Capitol Hill.

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ITO Education Department: University of Oklahoma - American Indian High School Visitation Day

September 9, 2016

In attendance were four Iowa youth:

Derek Franklin- Jr. Cushing HS, Daniel Franklin- Jr. Cushing HS, Deon Joseph- Sr. PT HS, Elwood McClellan- Sr. PT HS

The day consisted of a 10AM warm welcoming by Warren Queton, University of Oklahoma Tribal Liaison & Keynote Speaker Dr. Jerry Bread, Coordinator of Outreach and Recruitment for the University of Oklahoma Department of Native Studies.

About 10:30 an engineering activity was held as well as recruitment. At noon a college fair was held for the students followed by lunch. Afterwards a Q & A Student Panel was interactive followed by an optional tour. Tribal member, Derek Franklin won door prize drawing for three OU football tickets! The other three students were offered the same by the OU Native American Recruiter, whom was also very impressed with our youth and their scholarship portfolio building activities, for Saturdays home game held on Sept.10th. All in all it was a great day for our tribal youth!



In a Historic Move, the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian Unveils Secret Treaty

For the first time in history, one of the 18 treaties negotiated and signed during the Gold Rush between the United States and the American Indian Nations of California, but secretly unratified by the United States Senate in 1852, went on display to the public today.

The Treaty of Temecula, also known as Treaty K, was unveiled in the presence of the descendants—leaders of three of the Native Nations—who were affected by the Senate’s failure to ratify the agreement: Jeff Grubbe, Chairman, of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians; Mark Macarro, Chairman, of the Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians; and Sabrina Nakhjavanpour, Treasurer, and Melonie Calderon, Business Committee Member, of the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians.

Treaty K is just one of the 18 treaties that was submitted to the U.S. Senate on June 1, 1852 by President Millard Fillmore. Unbeknownst to the Native nations’ signatories, the Senate rejected the treaties and ordered them to be held in secrecy for over fifty years.

Meanwhile, left undefended by United States Armed Forces, Native nations across California were overrun by white settlers and American Indians were subjected to violence at the hands of state and local militias. Considered illegal aliens on their own land without state or federal legal recourse, it led to their ethnic cleansing. The American Indian population in California plunged from perhaps 150,000 to 30,000 between 1846 and 1870. The 1880 census records 16,277 American Indians in California—a 90% decline in their population since the onset of the Gold Rush.

Quoting from a November 22, 1852 letter by California Indian Affairs superintendent Edward F. Beale to U.S. Commissioner of Indian Affairs Luke Lea, Chairman Grubbe read to the group:

“The wretched remnant which escapes starvation on the one hand, and the relentless whites on the other, only do so to rot and die of a loathsome disease, the penalty of Indian association with frontier civilization....I have seen it, and seeing all this, I cannot help them. I know they starve; I know they perish by hundreds; I know that they are fading away with startling rapidity; but I cannot help them....They are not dangerous....It is a crying sin that our government, so wealthy and so powerful, should shut its eyes to the miserable fate of these rightful owners of the soil.”

Chairman Macarro noted that September 23rd is American Indian Day in California. “It also happens to be the day on which the Pechanga Nation people were evicted in 1852. Seeing this treaty on display is both horrific as it shines daylight on the cheat and fraud that accompanied the sale of our land. But California Indian nations had treaties with the United States, and this is validation,” he said.

“There is so much our people have to do as a whole,” said Treasurer Nakhjavanpour. “Yes, we are still here. What happened during the Gold Rush is different to what we see happening today at Standing Rock with oil. But there are similarities in the quest for commodities near American Indian nation land. We have to keep fighting.”

On loan from the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) through January 2017, including the anniversary date of the treaty on Jan. 5, Treaty K will be on display in the museum’s award-winning exhibition “Nation to Nation: Treaties Between the United States and American Indian Nations,” which opened on Sept. 21, 2014 and will stay open through Spring 2020. The full text of the treaty is available on the Nation to Nation project website.

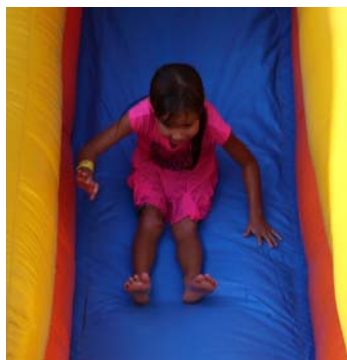
“Consent is at the heart of the treaty relationship,” said Kevin Gover, director of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian. “That is what this exhibition is all about. And it is not just about the past, it is about the present and future, too. Just imagine what the world would be were decisions are made bi-laterally. When both parties agree, good things result, both can thrive. When they are made unilaterally or when agreements are not kept, bad things happen.”

Images from the event are available free of charge online with the password “Smithsonian.”



About the National Museum of the American Indian
The National Museum of the American Indian is committed to advancing knowledge and understanding of the Native cultures of the Western Hemisphere—past, present and future—through partnership with Native people and others. For additional information about the National Museum of the American Indian, visit AmericanIndian.si.edu. Follow the museum via social media on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.





Iowa Tribe brings Indian Relay Racing to Oklahoma

Michelle Charles: Stillwater Newspress, Sept. 23, 2016

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is bringing the high-adrenaline



sport of Indian Relay horse racing to Perkins this weekend. Organizers say they believe it's the first time anyone has held this type of event in Oklahoma.

Lynwood Hisbadhorse

Sr., the Northern Cheyenne leader of Hisbadhorse Relay team is helping the Iowa Tribe organize its inaugural race. He says he's hand-picked top teams sure to bring good competition.

Organizers are expecting 12 teams from states in the Pacific Northwest and Northern Plains like Washington, Idaho, South Dakota and Montana.

Competitions like this are something Northern tribes have been doing as part of their horse culture for hundreds of years, Hisbadhorse said.

Indian Relay racing is an intense, three lap race run on a half mile track. Each team consists of a rider who switches horses after each lap, a mugger or catcher who stops the horse when the rider jumps off and two holders.

Having fast horses is important but making a quick exchange from one horse to the next is the key to doing well, Hisbadhorse said. The riders leap off the first horse while it's still galloping, jump onto the back of the next horse and take off as quickly as possible. It's all done bareback in the native tradition.

"All saddles ever do is hold you down, weight-wise," he said.

It takes lots of practice and a calm, well-trained horse that can stay focused amid the excitement but take off explosively as soon as it feels your weight on its back, he said.

"The animals have to learn the sport too," Hisbadhorse said.

He says he's excited to be bringing the race to Oklahoma be-

cause so many tribes lost their horse culture after being removed to Indian Territory.

In addition to the relay, the region 8 finals for the Arrington McSpadden All-Indian Rodeo Association will be held at the same venue beginning at 7:30 nightly Friday through Sunday.

It features the eight standard events: Bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, calf roping, team roping, ladies' breakaway, barrel racing, steer wrestling and bull riding.

It also has Senior and Junior divisions with fewer events.



Oklahoma has been well

-represented in the association's world championships, qualifying 39 contestants and boasting four world champions, association president Larry McCoy said.

The Iowa Tribe is developing an entertainment complex on approximately 90 acres of land it owns across from its Cimarron Casino between Freeman Ave. and State Highway 33 in Perkins.

In addition to the dirt racetrack and outdoor rodeo arena used for this weekend's events, the entertainment complex will eventually include an indoor event center for concerts and shows and a hotel with a water park.

Iowa tribal chairman Bobby Walkup said the tribe expects to break ground on the indoor event center within about six months and hopes to have the hotel and water park in operation within two years.

In the meantime, more events will be scheduled for the outdoor venues, including mini midget racing, tractor pulls, demolition derbies and bull riding.



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OKLAHOMA CITY — AARP Oklahoma hosted their annual Indian Elder Honors Oct. 10 at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

During the event, 50 elders representing 39 different Oklahoma tribes and Nations were recognized.

Of these phenomenal elders was Iowa tribal member, Eugene Big Soldier.

Congratulations to our AARP Indian Honored Elder of the Year!

All honored elders sent a small biography, Big Soldiers is a read, “

Eugene Big Soldier, Iowa Tribe

Eugene is a cultural leader for the Iowa Tribe and its citizens.

Following in his family’s footsteps, Mr. Big Soldier and his siblings

founded the Central Oklahoma Tribal Society. They participate in

the dance circles, stay involved in tribal and religious ceremonies and

consider themselves Keepers of their traditions. As a young boy, Mr.

Big Soldier’s father brought him into the arena as a Straight Dancer.

Today, he stays active as a Gourd Dancer. Service to his tribe includes

elected positions on the Business Committee, Election Board and Grievance Committee. Despite his impressive accomplishments, Mr. Big Soldier says his greatest achievements are his two children and grandchildren.



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Youth & Family

Buffalo Meat Cooking Class



Taylor McClellan, of the Natural Resources Department hosted a Buffalo Meat Cooking Class on Thursday, October 20, 2016.

She invited the youth as well as their families to attend and take part of assembling stew ingredients for further use. In the beginning of the class, Taylor informed the students whom were present of the uses of the buffalo by the Native Americans and how all of the parts were some how used throughout every day life. The youth were able to prep take-home stew ingredients which included cutting or slicing carrots and potatoes, while adding in salt, pepper, oil, tomato sauces, and a bit of love, as well as taking home buffalo meat to cook for them or their families. Some of which who attended belonged to the Buffalo Clan and in traditional belief were not able to use or eat the buffalo but, could substitute for beef or other meats. It was an exciting day for us to be reminded of our traditional uses and prepping a hearty meal.



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October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Meskwaki Elders Visitation Day

On Thursday, October 20, 2016, Meskwaki Nation elders toured the Iowa Tribal areas. As said by the Meskwaki elders coordinator, the members chose a 'Native Tour Trip' and the loways were a tribe of interest.

They chilly morning began at 10AM at the Bah KhoJe Xla Chi, Grey Snow Eagle House in which they toured all of the flight cages, injured eagles, rat/food house, and including the buffalo herd. The elders then joined Title VI for lunch at the Whitecloud building whom served a traditional meal of steamfry and frybread with fixings. Soon after they had visited our distribution center. Our loway elders organized a traditional hand game to be played of 3 games. 2 of which our loway Elders won and 1 of the Meskwakis had won. In between games were round dance and giveaway songs, as well as games like, who can drink a soda the fastest that consisted of a group of 5 from each team. The MC was Frank Carson, singers were Kinsel Leib and Littlebear Littlecook. There were guessers from each team and button chasers. The loway Elders presented a beautiful Pendleton blanket to the Meskwakis, while also the Eagle Aviary presented eagle feathers of choice to the elders. We are so appreciative to the Meskwaki Elders for choosing the route they had and including the People of the Grey Snow in their tour. Many laughs were heard during the hand game and lots of Oohs and Ahhs were heard from the Aviary. Blessings to all.

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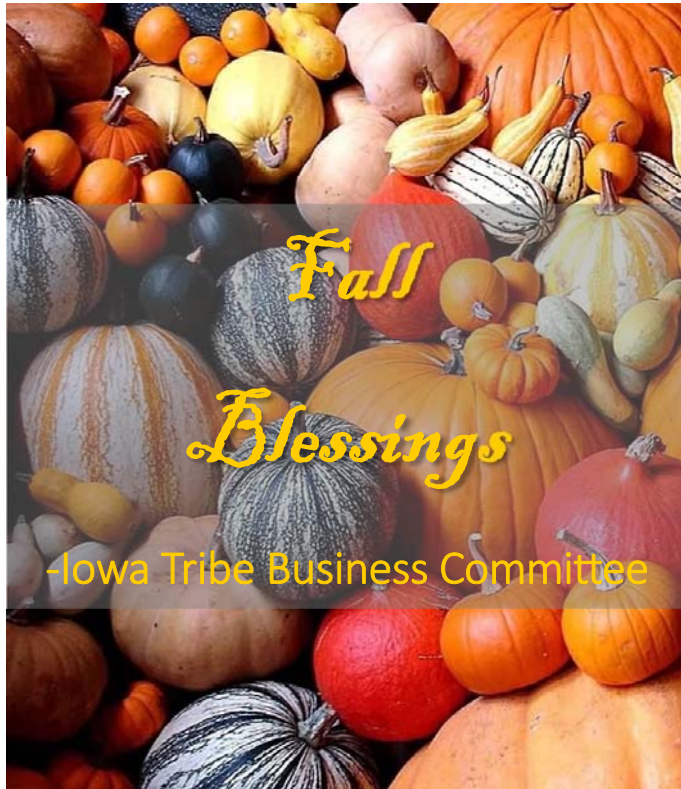


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Give thanks for life's bounty
Have a thick skin
Keep growing
Be outstanding in your field
Think big!

● Ilan Shamir ●

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Send ideas and suggestions to the Tribal Newsletter. Here are some further recommendations: Birthdays, Graduations, Veterans info, Events or photos of past events, Powwow flyers, Sweethearts / Just Married, Baby announcements, Winter/Stories.

Thank you for reading this months newsletter!

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