

SN reassumes education program contracts from Bureau of Indian Affairs

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On Thursday, January 10, 2013, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma effectively reassumed the Adult Education, Higher Education and Johnson O'Malley education program contracts.

These programs have been under the control of the Bureau of Indian Education division of the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the last decade.

"The negotiation process with the Bureau took about seven months," explained Seminole Nation Management Program Analyst A.J. Foster, who has served as interim administrator for the contracts during the transition. "Through the hard work and efforts of Chief Harjo, and also Catherine Fatheree from the Bureau of Indian Education, we were able to come together and accomplish this great feat for the Nation."

"It's a great opportunity for the tribe to showcase what we can offer not only to the schools, but for our native students," added Foster.

Reassuming the contracts is a big step, but by doing so the Seminole Nation will help ensure that Native American children in Seminole County receive the educational opportunities that would not otherwise be provided.

The tribe will also be able to establish adult education programs and improve the educational opportunities for Native American adults that lack the literacy skills necessary for effective citizenship and productive employment.

The Higher Education contract will provide educational opportunities for American Indian students through scholarships and funding support for tribal colleges and universities.

With the new contracts in place, Foster believes that the Seminole Nation has the capacity to help fund and supplement JOM supplies for over 1,500 students in the tribe's jurisdiction.

"With the Higher Education program, the BIA grant will now be able to offer up to 150 scholarships to students attending two-year and four-year [colleges] and grad students as well," said Foster.

Eligibility requirements for higher education scholarships include a copy of Seminole Nation tribal enrollment and CDIB cards, original application, official college or high school transcript, signed privacy statement and authorization to release information, class enrollment schedule and a financial aid form signed by a financial aid officer.

There is a \$2,000 scholarship maximum per academic year for students enrolled at four-year colleges and universities and a \$1,600 maximum for students enrolled at junior and community colleges. Graduate students are eligible for financial assistance with textbooks only.

All recipients are required to carry a minimum of six credit hours and a cumulative grade point average of 2.25 or higher.

Students that have previously filled out BIA scholarship forms will need to complete the new Seminole Nation scholarship forms to continue funding.

All scholarship forms and applications must be submitted by Thursday, February 28, 2013 for consideration.

Fiscal year 2013 budgets for the Adult Education, Higher Education and Johnson O'Malley programs were approved at the last Seminole Nation General Council meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2013.

The Seminole Nation is currently seeking applicants for both a Johnson O'Malley Program Coordinator and a Higher Education/Adult Education Program Coordinator. Full position descriptions can be found on page 7.

For more information about the Seminole Nation's education and scholarship programs, please call the tribal complex in Wewoka at (405) 257-7200.



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Child Development Director Rickey Postoak and Assistant Chief Ella Colman (center, holding scissors) cut the ribbon outside of the new Seminole Nation Child Development facility during a ceremony held Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013.

Ribbon cutting held for new Child Development facility in Seminole

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The Seminole Nation Child Care program invited the public to a special ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 to unveil the new Child Development Center.

The nearly 8,000 square foot facility, located at 1920 Reid Street, will house the Child Care program's administrative offices, as well as a room for infants, a classroom for year old children, a classroom for children ages two and three, and library, tutoring and cultural rooms for children ages 4-12 in the before-and-after school program. Additionally, the new facility has a large industrial kitchen and a language immersion classroom that also doubles as a safe room with locking steel doors and windows.

The Child Development Center is licensed for 87 children between the ages of six weeks and 12 years old.

Native American owned and Tulsa-based firm Robert Johnson

Architects, LLC helped design the facility. Builders Unlimited, Inc. constructed the Seminole Nation Child Development Center.

Construction was completed in December 2012.

"It took us five years to get the funds to build the facility," said Child Development Center Director Rickey Postoak.

"It's a really nice facility and everyone worked really hard to fund it - I know the DHS office in Dallas worked with us for several years - and Council was very patient with us through the process of trying to get this facility on-line," said Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo. "More than anybody, the [Child Care] program was patient with us."

"We are very pleased that they are going to be able to provide a brand new facility for the children in the community," he added.

Postoak, as well as the other managers and teaching supervisors at the new facility, has earned bronze credentials through Oklahoma's Center for Early Childhood Professional Development.

Additionally, all teachers at the facility, excluding the language immersion instructors, have earned Child Development Associate credentials.

"I'm really looking forward to starting school," said Postoak. "We've been over here for almost a month now, and to me, it's too quiet. I'm used to hearing kids around and noise."

"We're very excited to provide quality care for the children of Seminole County," she added.

The new Seminole Nation Child Development facility officially opened on Monday, February 4, 2013. While some children have already transferred from the Wewoka Center, the new facility in Seminole is currently accepting new students. Applications can be picked up and filed at the new facility.

In order to qualify for services, parents must either be currently employed or enrolled in a school or job-training program.

For more information about the Seminole Nation Child Development Center, call (405) 382-2409.



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Principal Chief Harjo (center) with (l-r): Choctaw Chief Gregory E. Pyle, Muscogee-Creek Second Chief Roger Barnett, Muscogee-Creek Council Speaker Sam Alexander and Muscogee-Creek Principal Chief George Tiger at the Inter-Tribal Council meeting in Durant, Okla. on Feb. 1, 2013.

Economic development important to future of tribes

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A recurring theme emerged as leaders of the Five Civilized Tribes explored the future – the necessity of expanding economic development.

The Five Civilized Tribes Inter-Tribal Council met for two days in Durant, the top objective to improve services for their people. With expected cuts to federal budgets, the tribal representatives focused on how to continue programs providing assistance, health benefits, education and cultural awareness.

“The Inter-Tribal Council is one of the oldest organizations in Indian Country,” said Choctaw Nation Chief Gregory E. Pyle. “The unified effort of members of the council and its delegates is important in our communication on a state and federal level.”

A full day of committee discussions on Thursday opened the third quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council since it reconvened in June 2012. Staff from the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Seminole and Muscogee-Creek Nations formed work groups to share information and ideas on boosting tourism, housing, social services, communication technology, cultural preservation, transportation and more.

Pyle welcomed nearly 200 in attendance Friday at the council’s general session in the Choctaw Resort’s conference area. He highlighted the Choctaw Nation’s top priorities – education, health and jobs. The expansion of tribal business is vital to the success of enhancing the lives of tribal members. The impact is good for Oklahoma as well, providing much-needed jobs and generating positive economic activity.

Seminole Nation Chief Leonard M. Harjo, who has worked at the executive level for over 20 years, commented on the growth and progress among the five tribes, commending his peers for the strides that have been made carrying their people forward.

“We are well on the way to achieving our dreams,” he said of the Seminole Nation. “We opened the second expansion phase of our Seminole language immersion school two weeks ago. We will be able to have 18 children in the full immersion environment five days a week.”

Funding is available to provide classrooms and develop curriculum through third grade and the next phase will expand the immersion school through the sixth grade. Their goal is to eventually have a full immersion school available for pre-K through grade 12.

“I have challenged our language program to create the opportunity for our tribal youth to be bilingual within 20 years,” Harjo said.

The commercial efforts of the tribes are what make this possible, especially with the looming issues of probable federal

funding cuts due to the fiscal cliff. It will have an effect on everyone. Preparation is the key.

“Tribes are able to step up and help the federal government with the funding process,” explained Chickasaw Gov. Bill Anoatubby. By making choices and prioritizing, the tribes can still do what is needed because of the income from their businesses. Anoatubby said he remembers what it used to be like and is thankful for where the tribes are today. When the Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975 was implemented, a lot of changes took place in Indian Country.

“Today, we can say self-determination works, self-governance works,” he said.

Expanding tourism is a fast-growing solution to generating economic growth. Each tribal leader talked about the progress in Oklahoma, listing new ventures under way including unique enterprises such as the Chickasaw Nation’s Welcome Center at the intersection of Interstate 35 and Highway 7. The Chickasaws’ Bedré Chocolate factory will be relocated to the new center, considered a “gateway for travelers.”

“When our tribes are successful, Oklahoma is successful,” said Muscogee-Creek Chief George Tiger, who is currently serving as chairman of the Inter-Tribal Council’s executive committee. The Muscogee-Creek Nation is following a new path in developing a Department of Energy and establishing a utility company. Tiger said small business is also a driving force in Indian Country and has partnered with Oklahoma Small Business Development Center to assist tribal citizens with starting a business.

He introduced U.S. Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn who reiterated the importance of increasing tribal land and employment. Washburn told the group that around 197,000 acres had been restored to tribes in trust status last year. “We consider restoring the land to tribal homelands one of our great successes,” Washburn said. “We want to keep that success going forward.”

The tribes are striving to maintain the upward momentum – a force fueling the prosperity of communities throughout the state.

A moment of silence was held for the loss of Cherokee Nation Secretary of State Charles Head who was killed Jan. 30 in an automobile accident. Head began serving as Secretary of State to build relationships with the federal, state and other tribal governments in January 2012, following a long career with the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Chief Tiger presented a Muscogee-Creek designed Pendleton blanket for Head’s family to Cherokee Nation Tribal Council Member Frankie Hargis and to each of the tribal leaders present.

The Cherokee Nation is scheduled to host the next quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council in April.

Approved Resolutions

- **Res. 13-01** establishing a Standing Committee of Social Services to address issues concerning the social and economic well-being of Indian communities
- **Res. 13-02** in support of the position of the Indian Child Welfare Act and of the position of the Cherokee Nation and Cherokee Nation citizens concerning the case of Adoptive Couple vs. Baby Girl, et al.
- **Res. 13-03** supporting and urging the Oklahoma Supreme Court and the Oklahoma Board of Bar Examiners work together with the Oklahoma Bar Association Indian Law Section to include Indian law principles and subject matter on the Oklahoma Bar Exam.
- **Res. 13-04** to establish a Standing Enrollment Committee, recognizing that tribal enrollment is the baseline for the Nations to exercise sovereignty, perform commerce-related activities, preserve and protect culturally significant sites; and the vital role of enrollment services and their contributions to each tribe’s sovereignty and existence.
- **Res. 13-05** establishing a standing committee who addresses regulations and issues pertaining to the field of environmental protection.
- **Res. 13-06** establishing a Standing Committee of Health to address health-related policies and programs promoting the common welfare of American Indians.
- **Res. 13-07** supporting negotiated rule-making of the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act (NAHASDA).
- **Res. 13-08** establishing a Standing Realty Trust Services Committee.
- **Res. 13-09** recommending and addressing the reauthorization of the Workforce Investment Act.
- **Res. 13-10** to continue financial support for the annual To Bridge a Gap Conference during which the U.S. Forest Service, tribal governments and federal agencies and offices gather to discuss issues relevant to historic preservation and Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NaGPA)
- **Res. 13-11** supporting the position of the Cherokee Nation in opposition to the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit’s application of ex parte Young to tribal sovereignty.

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General Council Meeting January 26, 2013

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

TR 2012-130

Sponsored by: Rosanna Jones

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the Seminole Nation Head Start/ Early Head Start policies and procedures (copies distributed at December quarterly meeting).

tabled 15-9-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, no
Bruner: yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2012-140

Sponsored by: Jane Northcott

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma authorizing the Principal Chief to sign an inmate detention agreement with Seminole County.

remains tabled

REPORTS OF PROGRAMS

Fiscal Services
Tribal Youth Program
Lighthorse Police Department
Domestic Violence Program
Tribal Court
Career Development (WIA)
Child Care Program
Head Start / Early Head Start
Older American Program
Environmental Protection Office
Indian Child Welfare Program
Diabetes Program
Language Program
Energy Efficiency and Conservation

NEW BUSINESS

TR 2013-01

Sponsored by: Kelly Tiger, Jr., Dwayne Miller, Sheila Harjo, Jerilyn Fixico and Thomas Yahola

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma authorizing an amended settlement for claims brought before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma and the United States Court of Federal Claims.

passed 23-4-0

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

TR 2013-02

Sponsored by: Dwayne Miller

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma requesting direction concerning the Cherokee Nation v. Nash litigation.

passed 17-8-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes
Bruner: abst, abst	Dosar Barkus: no, no

TR 2013-03

Sponsored by: Jerilyn Fixico

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Adult Education program budget.

passed 26-2-0

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes

Ocese: **yes, yes**
Bruner: **yes, yes**

Ceyvha: **yes, yes**
Dosar Barkus: **no, no**

TR 2013-04

Sponsored by: Jerilyn Fixico

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Higher Education program budget.

passed 26-2-0

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

TR 2013-05

Sponsored by: Jerilyn Fixico

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Johnson O'Malley program budget.

passed 25-2-0

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

TR 2013-06

Sponsored by: Jeff Harjo

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving a fifth modification to FY 2012 Seminole Nation Aid to Tribal Government (ATG) budget.*

* *friendly amendment to add qualifications that Program Development Officer must have a Bachelor's degree.*

passed 18-4-6 (as amended)

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: abst, abst
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: abst, abst
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-07

Sponsored by: Jerilyn Fixico

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2012 Seminole Nation Grisso Mansion USDA Rural Business Opportunity Grant budget.

passed 18-10-0

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

TR 2013-08

Sponsored by: David Narcoomey

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2013 Tribal Transit 5311 (c) budget.

passed 24-2-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-09

Sponsored by: David Narcoomey

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2013 Transit FTA 5309 budget.

passed 23-2-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-10

Sponsored by: Jeff Harjo

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving a second modifica-

tion to the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Indirect Cost budget.

passed 18-6-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-11

Sponsored by: Jeff Harjo

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving a second modification to the FY 2012 Seminole Nation Head Start budget.

passed 26-0-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-12

Sponsored by: Eula Doonkeen

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma supporting efforts to enforce the Indian Child Welfare Act.*

* *amended to allow for filing of amicus brief*

passed 26-0-2 (as amended)

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-13

Sponsored by: Ralph Coker

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma authorizing an agreement with the City of Seminole regarding a brush fire pumper truck.

failed 12-14-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: no, no	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: no, no	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-14

Sponsored by: Rhonda Fixico

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Dickie Kernal to the Seminole Nation Election Appeals Board.

passed 26-0-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-15

Sponsored by: Dwayne Miller

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Kissie Mouse to the Seminole Nation Election Appeals Board.

passed 22-4-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: no, no
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-16

Sponsored by: Abraham Farani

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Susie Harjo to the Seminole Nation Election Appeals Board.

passed 24-2-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes

Bruner: **yes, yes**

Dosar Barkus: **abst, abst**

TR 2013-17

Sponsored by: Marilyn Moore

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Dennis Billie to the Seminole Nation Election Appeals Board.

passed 22-4-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-18

Sponsored by: John Narcomey

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma reappointing Bill Larney to the Seminole Nation Election Appeals Board.

passed 24-2-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-19

Sponsored by: Karen Fullbright

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Farrel Smith to the Housing Authority of the Seminole Nation.

withdrawn by sponsor

TR 2013-20

Sponsored by: Diana Autaubo

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Abraham Farani to the Seminole Nation Personnel Board.

passed 14-12-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-21

Sponsored by: Diana Autaubo

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Susie Harjo to the Seminole Nation Business and Corporate Regulatory Commission.

passed 26-0-2

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Joe Clay, *Seminole Nation Communications*

Seminole Nation Supreme Court Justice Joe Taylor

“No courts, no justice, no freedom”

Joe Taylor
Supreme Court Justice
Seminole Nation Tribal Court System

In the November 2012 edition of *Cokv Tvlvme* we had a very clear and concise history of the Seminole Nation Court System. The article by our Chief Justice William C. Wantland was followed by a copy of the Constitution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. The Constitution represents the ultimate source of legislative authority for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and was adopted by the people of the Seminole Nation.

Article XVI of the Constitution established the courts for the Seminole Nation and limits the jurisdiction of the courts. The article also provided for a selection process for justices and judges which directly involves nomination by the Principal Chief and confirmation by the General Council. This demonstrates the system of checks and balances between the Executive, Legislative, and Judicial branches of the Seminole Nation. While this constitutional system draws on the Federal system, it is intended to advance our tribal sovereignty based on Seminole culture and values rather than assimilation into the dominant society. Semi-

nole Nation courts will provide a forum for the orderly resolution of disputes and when called upon will interpret the laws of the nation.

Later this spring our tribal judicial branch and the Seminole Nation Bar Association will join the American Bar Association and the Oklahoma Bar Association celebrating Law Day. This is entirely appropriate as objectives of Law Day are to call attention to our adherence to the rule of law. Also it is appropriate because Hicks Epton, while working as a lawyer in Wewoka decided that lawyers should educate the public about the law, and the rights and liberties provided to our citizens under the law. Hicks Epton served as president of the Oklahoma Bar Association in 1953. He, and other lawyers established the roots of Law Day.

President Dwight D. Eisenhower established Law Day nationally by presidential proclamation in 1958. On this occasion, he said, “it is fitting that the American people should remember with pride and vigilantly guard the great heritage of liberty, justice and equality under law. It is our moral and civil obligation as free men and women and as Americans to preserve and strengthen

that great heritage.”

In 1961 the first of May became an annual special day of celebration nationwide so designated by joint resolution of Congress.

The theme of Law Day 2012 was: No courts, No Justice, No Freedom. A consideration of the theme by most Americans is an abstraction. It is not an abstraction though to the Five Tribes of Oklahoma. The tribal courts were terminated by the Curtis Act of the federal government around 1898.

On August 8, 2011, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, through the vision and hard work of the chiefs and General Council, finally completed the process of adding the Judicial Branch of government. On that day the members of the Supreme Court and the District Court took their oath of office. The Lighthorsemen also took their oath of office making them officers of the court.

Justices and Judges of the Seminole Nation Supreme Court and District Court along with the Court Administrator Tresa Gouge, the Court Clerk Linda Stewart, and their staff are committed to provide our people with timely access to fair and impartial courts.

Probation Statistics for January 2013

Currently there are eight (8) defendants on probation, seven (7) of which are members of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. The other defendant on probation is a member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation of Oklahoma.

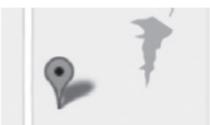
All eight (8) are in compliance and doing well.

Three (3) probationers are close to completion of their probation.

Male 1:	12 months probation for drug charges
Male 2:	12 months probation for drug charges
Male 3:	12 months probation for disorderly conduct
Male 4:	12 months probation for disorderly conduct

Female 1:	12 months probation for drug charges
Female 2:	12 months probation for disorderly conduct
Female 3:	12 months probation for embezzlement
Female 4:	12 months probation for embezzlement

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Tribal Court Filings December 2012

Civil

Kali D. Smith v. Joshua C. Lane	Custody
Christopher McKane v. Bonita Buffalohead	Custody

Divorce

Mariam Tiger v. Jeffery Allen Tiger	Dissolution of Marriage
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Child Support

None filed during this period

Protective Orders

None filed during this period

Juvenile

One guardianship involving minor children filed

Criminal

None filed during this period

There were four tribal court sessions held in December involving the following case types:

Criminal Dockets - 8

Civil Dockets - 9

Domestic Violence Dockets - 1

Child Support Dockets - 0

Juvenile Dockets - 7

25 total cases heard in December 2012

Tribal Court Filings January 2013

Civil

In the matter of Elizabeth Coker	Name Change
Brandon Vigil v. Elizabeth Crawford	Custody
Joseph B. Walker v. Cora Masquas	Custody
In Re: Letha L. King	Adult Guardianship

Divorce

Angel Davis v. Rodger Davis	Dissolution of Marriage
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Child Support

None filed during this period

Protective Orders

None filed during this period

Juvenile

Two guardianships involving minor children filed

Criminal

Seminole Nation v. Billy LeBarre III	Intoxication, Possession of Intoxicating Beverages in Public, Disorderly Conduct
Seminole Nation v. Douglas W. Harjo	Intoxication, Possession of Intoxicating Beverages in Public, Disorderly Conduct
Seminole Nation v. Roland Tiger	Intoxication, Possession of Intoxicating Beverages in Public, Disorderly Conduct
Seminole Nation v. Gary Roy	Intoxication, Possession of Intoxicating Beverages in Public, Disorderly Conduct

There were six tribal court sessions held in January involving the following case types:

Criminal Dockets - 9

Civil Dockets - 11

Domestic Violence Dockets - 3

Child Support Dockets - 8

Juvenile Dockets - 9

40 total cases heard in January 2013

[Notice] Pursuant to Title 5A, Chapter 8, Section 803 of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Code of Laws, the *Cokv Tvlvme* is obligated to publish court filings and legal notices.

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Public Notice

HUD - ICDBG public participation process Monday, February 11, 2013

The Department of Housing and Urban Development has published a Notice of Funding Availability for Indian Community Development Block Grant program for FY2013; application deadline is March 18, 2013 for eligible applicants that include Indian Tribes or tribal organizations.

Eligible activities include new housing construction; housing rehabilitation, land acquisition to support new housing, home ownership assistance, public facilities and improvements, economic development and micro enterprise programs. For this region (Southern Plains) it has been established a maximum of \$800,000.00 is eligible for requested projects. Funding is awarded competitively so there is no guarantee that the Nation will receive funding. The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma is considering the following projects 1) Education and Family Services Building 2) Veteran's Center 3) Language Immersion School or 4) Multi-Purpose Community Health and Wellness Center (Phase II) for proposal under the Public Facilities area for its FY 2013 application. The Nation has completed the preliminary planning for the projects and has determined this

project fits well within the categories of funding eligible under the HUD ICDBG guidelines. The project will predominantly serve low and moderate-income tribal members through increasing preventive health services. The Nation plans to use 100% of the ICDBG funds for this project. The entire Community Development Statement is available for public viewing at the meeting site listed. A meeting will be held for public comment from 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. on February 11, 2013 at North Community Center, Mekukey Mission, southwest of Seminole, Okla.

For additional information please call (405) 382-2445, or email johnson.janet@sno-nsn.gov.

HEAP presentation SN General Council Meeting Saturday, March 2, 2013

There will be a special presentation concerning the Seminole Nation Judgment Fund programs given at the next Quarterly General Council Meeting.

The meeting is scheduled for 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 2, 2013 at the Mekukey Mission Council House.

The presentation will address Tribal Resolution 2012-124 and the recent modifications to the FY 2013 Household Economic Assistance Program budget, as well as look at trends and future projections for the Judgment Fund program.

Anniversary



Jerome + Andrea (Ellis) Harrison
4 year wedding anniversary
February 14



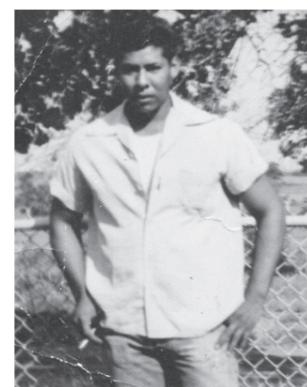
Ella Harjo (94)
February 4
Love: Kids, Grandkids, Family + Friends



Liberty Rayne Harjo
February 12
Love: Mommy, Daddy + all your family



Sabrina Brummett
January 2
From: Seminole Nation Staff



Bobby Jack Spencer
February 18
Love: Tiny and Crew



Mary Ann Loggins
February 24
From: Seminole Nation Staff

Birthdays

January 1 Thomas Billie
January 2 Teresa Johnson
January 3 Janice Birdcreek
January 3 Carlos Noriega
January 6 Carolyn Crenshaw
January 6 Louise Johnson
January 7 Newman Crow, Jr.
January 7 Lloyd Lee Harjo
January 8 Cowena Anderson
January 9 Bryden Johnson
January 9 Tawny Rae Lena
January 11 Aubree Johnson
January 11 Jerry Corona
January 12 Jerry Walker
January 15 Shirley Harrison
January 15 Elizabeth Rhodes
January 15 William Driver
January 15 Shaun Gates
January 16 Bill Davis, Jr.
January 16 Henson D. Lena
January 16 Steven Ahgoom
January 18 Dylan Corona
January 19 Joe Little
January 20 Lizzie Gates
January 20 Susan Faxon
January 21 Evelyn Cherry
January 22 Carrie Walker-Wood
January 24 Marcia Billie
January 25 Isabelle Fixico
January 26 Patricia Morgal
January 26 Jesse Howard
January 27 Abraham Davis II
January 28 Michelle Billie
January 28 Rachel Dinwiddie
January 29 Adam Foster, Sr.
January 29 Derrick Noriega
January 31 Tony Tiger
February 5 Jana Larney
February 9 Reo Miller
February 9 Josephine Hulsey
February 10 Mitch Jack
February 10 Adam Harjo
February 10 Wilbert Harjo
February 10 Chris Mack
February 13 Cynthia Billie
February 15 Vicki Gibson
February 15 Marly Kalinich
February 15 Carmelita Natsaway
February 17 Elizabeth Bible
February 17 Norman Hill
February 19 Laura Henneha
February 19 Donnie Earp
February 19 Brooklyn Stone
February 19 Melissa Napoleon
February 19 Nanelle Micco
February 20 Jason Little
February 20 Bryson Lena
February 21 Noah Chitto Fish
February 21 Kim Smith
February 21 Tina Washington
February 22 Martha Mathews
February 22 Spring Houghton
February 23 Olie Gunville
February 23 Angela Whisnant
February 24 Ren Carbitcher
February 26 Amberly Hill
February 27 Billy Mac Peterson



George Allen
January 3
From: Seminole Nation Staff



Martha Gibson
January 12
Love: Bubba



Marilyn Davis
January 12
From: Vicki Gibson



Joe Farani
January 14
From: Seminole Nation Staff



Aubrey Rose Ricketts
January 21
Love: Your Family



Elyse Wind
January 21
From: Seminole Nation Staff



Nan Harjo
January 23
Love: Mary Ann



Richard McCulley
February 12
From: Seminole Nation Staff

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Kimberly Richardson, Seminole Nation Communications

Pumvhakv school opens doors

SEMINOLE, Okla. – The Seminole Nation Language program held a special ceremony on Wednesday, January 9, 2013 to commemorate the grand opening of the new Pumvhakv Immersion School in Seminole.

Prior to opening their doors, immersion students and staff gathered outside to sing a traditional hymn and recite a morning prayer. According to custom, the men and women are separated and all face east for the good morning prayer.

“We value our culture, and our culture drives our school,” said Language Educa-

tion Specialist Kevin Fields.

“The academic standards that we have at this school, not only meet the standards of surrounding schools, they exceed [those standards],” he added.

The Language Immersion program will be holding an open house at Pumvhakv School on Thursday, February 21, 2013 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. All members of the community are invited to attend the event.

The Pumvhakv School is located at 35531 EW 1170 in Seminole.

For more information, please call (405) 584-9375.

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Natalie Harjo
Historic Preservation Officer
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We are sometimes forced to put things in perspective. When trees grow in the woods, they are not told how to grow, they simply just grow. Some trees are small, some are short, some are wide and some are tall; so tall in fact, that they look like they can reach the sky.

When we look at those trees that are shorter, however, we do not deny that they are trees. We also do not say that because they are smaller than others, or younger than others, that they are less important than those that are older and taller than the shorter trees.

In the forest, and to our Creator, each tree is just as significantly important than the other. To proclaim otherwise would be unjust and against the very laws of nature that our people hold so dear.

When we look to nature, we can often see ourselves and our own problems, and discover answers that we should have always known.

How often do we question the ability of our youth and cite the “they’re too young to know” reason?

How often have we all been in a situation where people are sitting around talking about an elder relative, or discussing things around said elder, and forget to include the elder in on the conversation?

More importantly, how many of us have ever been told “you won’t be able to do” something that you feel strongly that you would definitely be able to, if given the chance?

Living in a society that tries so hard to implement mainstream ideas to poison the “communal” nature of the Seminole People, often comes with many casualties.

Although we are working to move past the diseased and cancerous “boarding school” days, there is much to be salvaged and cleaned within our people. Although

we are a prideful people and most generally all of us want to see each other succeed, we are too often victims of hate and ridicule among our own people. Even though we have many that support us on whatever venture we decide to tackle, we are sometimes met with the dreaded “you won’t be able to do it” scenario. It begins to poison our minds, and we begin to believe all the negative things that people say.

Those that we believe that love us the most are often guilty of being just as judgmental as the next person.

Slowly, the poisoning “doubt” rears its ugly head and begins to talk us out of an adventure that we once thought plausible. Now, it has become an isolated moment of, some may say, insanity.

We say, “what was I thinking? I would never be able to pull that off! What would everyone think about me? What would they say? I would be so embarrassed if other people thought of me in that way!”

You know, because we all care so much about what other people think of us. Isn’t that how our people really were? Worried about what others thought? That makes sense doesn’t it?

Wrong. Convincing yourself you are wrong to think you are capable of doing something based on another person’s reasoning is no different than that tall tree telling the short tree that it is not a tree.

It is ludicrous, ridiculous, and outright nonsense.

We are those Seminole People that resisted removal. We are those Seminole People that fought for our rights to sovereignty, and yes, we are descended from those Seminole People that never surrendered.

So the next time anyone tells you that “you can’t do it,” make them be the reason that you convince yourself that you can.

When confronted with the face of doubt, look to nature and you will find your strength.

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Council

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Bruner: **yes, yes** Dosar Barkus: **abst, abst**

TR 2013-24

Sponsored by: *Jerilyn Fixico*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma confirming the appointment of James (Jimmy) Factor to the Seminole Nation Gaming Enterprise Board of Directors.

passed 22-6-0

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: no, no
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

TR 2013-25

Sponsored by: *Karen Fullbright*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Kelly Tiger, Jr. to the Seminole Nation Early Childhood Committee

passed 20-8-0

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

TR 2013-26

Sponsored by: *Marilyn Moore*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Thomas Yahola as the Seminole Nation delegate to the Five Tribes Inter-Tribal Council.

withdrawn by sponsor

TR 2013-27

Sponsored by: *Timothy Hooper*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Ida Gonzales as the Seminole Nation delegate to the Five Tribes Inter-Tribal Council.

passed 16-10-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-28

Sponsored by: *Shyla Earp-Price*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Terri Haney as the Seminole Nation delegate to the Five Tribes Inter-Tribal Council.

passed 16-10-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: no, no
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-29

Sponsored by: *Timothy Hooper*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Leona Moppin to the Seminole Nation OAP Advisory Committee.

passed 26-0-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-30

Sponsored by: *Rosanna Jones*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Lloyd Martin to the Seminole Nation OAP Advisory Committee.

passed 24-2-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

TR 2013-31

Sponsored by: *Ralph Coker*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Jimmy Deatherage to the Seminole Nation OAP Advisory Committee.

passed 26-1-1

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, no

TR 2013-32

Sponsored by: *Diana Autaobo*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Darrell Phillips to the Seminole Nation OAP Advisory Committee

passed 22-5-1

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: no, no
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, no

TR 2013-33

Sponsored by: *Jonah Harjo*

A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma reappointing Wayne Shaw to the Seminole Nation Roads Committee.

failed 11-16-0

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: no, no
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievkce: no, no
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: no, no	Ceyvha: yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes



Next General Council Meeting:
Saturday, March 2, 2013

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Job Openings

Coordinator Higher/Adult Ed. closes February 12

Description: This position is responsible for supervising all Higher/Adult Education activities. Also provides quality services to ensure that all eligible Tribal Members are aware of scholarship opportunities, promotes and encourages families to engage in Higher Education and enhances the students' awareness of college opportunities. Oversees, supervises, and/or performs technical and administrative operations including programs, grants, and contracts. Plans, develops and implements the annual budget. Assists in the development of a comprehensive educational plan to address student, parent and/or guardian concerns to prepare the student for college. Coordinates and provides general direction regarding the planning, analysis, and implementation of educational services. Coordinates activities between tribal, federal, and state agencies to ensure that resources and programs are delivered in an efficient and effective manner. Serves as liaison to ensure departmental operational compliance with Bureau of Indian Education, State Department of Education and School Administration.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in education, early childhood education, special education, K-12 required. Experience in curriculum development, College level academic course work in education, psychology, sociology, or closely related field, highly desirable. OR Six (6) years responsible and relevant experience in an educational capacity, preferably in student counseling, and/or data collection may substitute year for year for the required education. Must be able to successfully complete a background investigation.

Coordinator JOM Program closes February 12

Description: This position is responsible

for supervising all Johnson O'Malley (JOM) programs for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. Provides meaningful services to the ten (10) school districts in the Seminole Nation jurisdiction. Assists in the preparation and modifications for JOM program budget. Assists in the development of a comprehensive educational plan to address student, parent and/or guardian concerns. Coordinates and provides general direction regarding the planning, analysis, and implementation of JOM services. Obtain sTribal verification documentation for JOM student eligibility and enrollment. Works with school officials and tribal enrollment officials to determine eligibility. Conducts monthly meetings with all JOM parent committees. Assists with needs assessments and prioritizing educational deficiencies. Provides assistance to the Indian Education Committee, Parent Committees, and local Education Agencies.

Qualifications: High school diploma or GED certification required. Bachelor's Degree in Education Administration, Business Administration/ Management, or related field required. OR Four (4) years of relevant and related experience in an educational, financial, or program management capacity may be substituted for the required education. Must be able to successfully complete a background investigation.

Admin. Assistant (PT) Maintenance Dept. closes February 18

Description: Implements office administrative procedures and practices. Types and reviews correspondence, reports and other material from rough or advanced draft using computer. Files and retrieves information from manual and/or computer automated files according to established office procedures. Receives telephone calls and visitors, determines nature of calls and visitor requests and directs to appropriate staff or provides information on routine matters. Sorts, distributes and opens mail, prepares



Summer Leitka signs her letter of intent to play softball at Northern Oklahoma College. Pictured are (front row, l-r) NOC head coach Jamie Roberts, Summer Leitka and parents Jon and Katherine Leitka, and (back row, l-r) NOC assistant coach Harold Murphy and Norman High School coach Tim Gonzales.

Leitka to play softball at Northern Oklahoma College

NORMAN, Okla. – On Tuesday, January 15, 2013 tribal member Summer Leitka, a senior at Norman High School, signed a letter of intent to play softball at Northern Oklahoma College in Enid, Okla.

Leitka is a third generation pitcher and has been playing softball since age seven. She is coached by her father, Jon Leitka, and also re-

ceives assistance from her uncle Joe Leitka of Shawnee and grandfather Richmond Leitka of Norman.

Summer Leitka plans on entering the nursing program at Northern Oklahoma College in the fall.

Summer is a member of the Ocese band. She is the daughter of Jon and Katherine Leitka of Norman.



Joe Clay, SN Communications

Employees at the Seminole Care and Rehabilitation Center display artwork created by the Seminole Nation Tribal Youth and Head Start programs for the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. service project.

Community service project aims to bridge generation gap

SEMINOLE, Okla. – AmeriCorps VISTA worker Chris Shell organized a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. service project for the Seminole Nation Tribal Youth and the Seminole Nation Head Start centers in January.

The project focused on King's "I have a dream" speech, which he delivered in August 1963.

The project was meant to be a gift to the elders of the community.

The youth were told to draw what they want to be when they grow up and draw their dreams and aspirations.

Their artwork was displayed at local Seminole nursing homes and at the OAP building in Wewoka.

"In my eyes it was nice to show a little more interaction [between the younger and elder generations] and

have the children and youth's goals on display," Shell said. "I thought it would be a really nice connection there."

There were 50 children that participated in the service day project. The students worked on their art for about a week before it was prepared for display.

"I want to be a singer when I grow up, so I painted music notes on my painting," said Breanna Adams, one of the young students who participated in the service project.

"I painted a tuba because I play the tuba in band, and I might want to play tuba in college. I like all music," added Kobe Wood, another young painter who participated in the service project.

rough drafts for outgoing mail and sends and retrieves fax documents. Schedules and confirms Maintenance Director's appointments, coordinates location and assembles necessary documents. Maintains office equipment in proper working order, as well as adequate inventory supply. Maintains inventory log and security of sensitive documents.

Qualifications: Certification in Executive Secretarial Studies, Business Management or related field preferred. Two (2) years of experience in an increasingly responsible position in an office/clerical management position required. Responsible experience may substitute, year for year, for required education. Must be able to successfully complete a background investigation.

Projects Developer USDA-RBOG Grisso closes February 18

Description: This position is responsible for planning and beginning the agricultural development of the Grisso Mansion. The USDA-RBOG Horticultural Projects Developer is responsible for the planning, technical and horticultural duties of the USDA-RBOG grant. Horticultural duties include phase development of the vineyard using culturally and historically appropriate landscaping. Research and develop a plan of action for the Seminole Nation for vineyard and retail sales appropriate for the area. Identify developmental constraints, community factors and developmental impact. Identify a long-term strategy for project sustainability with a market analysis. Identify horticultural opportunities for expansion and development. Assures the Seminole Nation is in compliance with USDA, State and Federal regulations and maintains proper documentation for vineyard production. Produces and presents USDA required deliverables at the end of the fiscal year. Performs other duties and responsibilities as necessary or assigned.

Qualifications: Requires a bachelor's de-

gree in horticulture, history, business development, economics or related field. Master's degree a plus. Five (5) years of recent and relevant experience as a vintner and law pertaining to wine making in Oklahoma. Two (2) years of recent and relevant experience in landscaping. Must be insurable by the Seminole Nation's insurance carrier. Must be able to successfully complete a background investigation.

Development Officer USDA-RBOG Grisso closes February 18

Description: This position is responsible for developing, planning, and coordinating the USDA Rural Business Development Grant. The Development Officer is responsible for the administrative, operational, technical, and financial duties of the USDA-RBOG grant. The Development Officer will ensure that all of the grant objectives are met. Develops and implement system plans, policies, program goals and objectives of the Grisso Mansion. Plans, schedules, and supervises contractual activities. Will seek funding from federal, state and local sources to begin implementation of plans developed. Prepares annual budgets for program funding sources and monitors spending to ensure that expenses are consistent with approved budget. Completes and maintains all documentation required by Tribal and USDA reporting requirements. Assures the Seminole Nation is in compliance with USDA regulations and maintains proper documentation. Recommends new or revised strategies, goals and objectives for the Grisso Mansion.

Qualifications: Bachelor's degree required and four (4) years of recent and related experience. Six (6) years of recent and relevant experience in planning and economic development will be substituted for required education/experience. Must be insurable by the Seminole Nation's insurance carrier. Must be able to successfully complete a background investigation.

more info online:
www.sno-nsn.gov

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OAP Menu*

Monday February 4

Corn Dogs
French Fries
Salad
Jello

Tuesday February 5

Catfish
Pinto Beans
Spinach
Cornbread
Dirt Cup

Wednesday February 6

Chicken & Dumplings
Green Beans
Roll
Pears

Thursday February 7

Stew
Cornbread
Cheese Sticks
Peach Cobbler

Friday February 8

Scrambled Eggs
Bacon
Fruit
Biscuits & Gravy
Cereal & Milk

Monday February 11

BBQ Sandwich
Chips
Salad
Banana Pudding

Tuesday February 12

Fried Salt Pork
Pinto Beans & Spinach
Cornbread
Jello

Wednesday February 13

Goulash
Carrots
Bread
Mandarins

Thursday February 14

Pork Chops
Mashed Potatoes
Biscuits & Gravy
Cake

Friday February 15

Boiled Eggs
Sausage
Fruit
Biscuits & Gravy
Cereal & Milk

Tuesday February 19

Chicken Fried Steak
Sandwich & Chips
Salad
Pears

Wednesday February 20

Spaghetti
Salad
Toast
Mixed Fruit

Thursday February 21

Meatloaf
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Peas & Carrots
Cake

Monday February 25

Sloppy Joe Sandwich
Chips
Salad
Apple Crumb

Tuesday February 26

Liver & Onions
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Carrots & Peaches
Roll

Wednesday February 27

Smoked Sausage
Chili
Chips
Salad
Cake

Thursday February 28

Chicken Strips
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Mixed Vegetables
Toast
Jello

The OAP will be closed Monday, Feb. 18 for President's Day and Friday, Feb. 22 for cleaning.

* menu subject to change (405) 257-7246

Health & Wellness

Water Aerobics MWF Seminole State

The Seminole Nation Diabetes program will once again be holding water aerobics at Seminole State College.

Diabetes Program Exercise Specialist Jerome Harrison will lead the water aerobic classes, which are designed to help participants increase mobility, lower glucose and blood pressure levels and provide stress relief.

Classes will be held each Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Seminole State College Pool throughout the winter and spring months.

For more information about the Seminole Nation Diabetes program's water aerobic classes, contact Jerome Harrison at (405) 382-3761 or email



Joe Clay, Seminole Nation Communications

Chickasaw Nation employees prepare a simple onion soup during the Get Fresh cooking demonstration on Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2013 at the Reynolds Wellness Center in Seminole.

Get Fresh cooking demo offers simple, flavorful solutions for eating healthier in new year

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The Seminole Nation Diabetes program and the Reynolds Wellness Center partnered with the Chickasaw Nation to host a "Get Fresh" cooking demonstration on Tuesday, January 15, 2013.

The Get Fresh program promotes healthy eating habits and cooking techniques through cooking demonstrations, nutrition education and wellness information.

The Seminole Nation Diabetes program wanted to share this event with the Seminole community and Seminole Nation employees because of some people's new years resolutions to get in shape and eat healthier.

There were about 20 participants that attended the food demonstration. They got to hear firsthand how to prepare healthy meals and how to stay healthy.

"Don't be scared to try to cook something different," said Dwayne Tiger, Seminole Nation Diabetes Program Director. "There's this misconception that just because it's healthy it's not going to taste good."

The three dishes that were prepared during the demonstration

were onion soup, vegetable gumbo and pumpkin crepes.

All the recipes and portions were based on the United States Department of Agriculture's MyPlate program, which can be found online at www.choosemyplate.gov.

"The Get Fresh Cooking demonstration was an opportunity for me and my daughter to hear about ideas that would help us focus on cooking healthier food," said Carla Bowlan, Seminole Nation Workforce Investment Act Program Director.

"I especially loved the recipe for cooking pumpkin crepes. I felt like I was eating a rich dessert and it was actually low in calories," she added.

The food demonstration showed how easily foods can be prepared and how foods can still taste good even if they are healthy.

The Get Fresh Program not only offers food demonstrations, but also holds classes in weight management, healthy menu planning and low cost meals.

"The classes are creative, captivating, and if transitioned in to one's life, can bring positive change in one's overall wellbeing," added Lewis Johnson, Seminole Nation Records Management Specialist.

Pumpkin Crepes

Crepes:
½ c Egg substitute
½ c Milk, skim
1 T Margarine
Dash Vanilla
¼ c Pumpkin puree
½ c Flour
1 T Sugar
Dash Salt
Cooking spray
Pumpkin Cream:
½ c Powdered sugar
1 c Pumpkin puree
½ t Pumpkin pie spice
½ t Vanilla
2 c Whipped topping, lite

Makes 16 servings

1. In a large bowl, WHISK eggs, milk, margarine, vanilla and pumpkin puree.
2. ADD flour, sugar, and salt. MIX until smooth.
3. HEAT a medium sized skillet sprayed with cooking spray over medium heat.
4. POUR ¼ c of crepe mixture on the skillet, tilting the pan so the bottom is evenly coated.
5. COOK 1-2 minutes on each side until golden brown.
6. CHILL until ready to serve.
7. In a chilled bowl, MIX all pumpkin cream ingredients together except whipped topping.
8. FOLD in whipped topping, do not over mix
9. TOP each chilled crepe with 3 T of pumpkin cream.
10. May garnish with cinnamon and powdered sugar, if desired.

Nutrition Information: 70 calories, 2 g fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 40 mg sodium, 12 g carbohydrate, 1 g fiber, 2 g protein

Chickasaw Nation Nutrition Services

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Tai Chi Fridays OAP Building

The Seminole Nation Diabetes Program is hosting Tai Chi classes every Wednesday at the Older American Program Building in Wewoka beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Tai Chi helps increase energy levels and improves muscle strength, flexibility, balance and endurance.

Deep breathing techniques used while performing Tai Chi help create harmony between the body and mind and lower stress.

For more information about the Seminole Nation Diabetes program's Tai Chi classes, contact Exercise Specialist Jerome Harrison at (405) 382-3761 or email harrison.j@sno-nsn.gov

Boot Camp Monday + Thursday Seminole FBC

The Seminole Nation Diabetes Program is hosting Boot Camp on Mondays and Thursdays from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Seminole.

Workouts will burn 1000 calories for weight loss, increase stamina and strength and improve cardio conditioning.

For more information about the Seminole Nation Diabetes program's Boot Camp workouts, contact Exercise Specialist Jerome Harrison at (405) 382-3761 or email harrison.j@sno-nsn.gov

Range of Motion + Flexibility Classes Wednesdays OAP Building

The Seminole Nation Diabetes Program is hosting Range of Motion and Flexibility classes every Wednesday at the Older American Program Building in Wewoka beginning at 10:00 a.m.

The classes are designed to improve joint pain, reduce stress, and lower the risk of muscle strain associated with conditions like arthritis.

For more information about the Seminole Nation Diabetes

program's Range of Motion and Flexibility classes, contact Exercise Specialist Jerome Harrison at (405) 382-3761 or email harrison.j@sno-nsn.gov

Microfit Tests Ongoing Mekusukey Mission

The Seminole Nation Diabetes Program is now offering free Microfit assessment tests.

The Microfit tests assess blood pressure, strength, flexibility, aerobic fitness, weight and body mass index, and will help begin your journey to a healthier lifestyle.

The Microfit assessment tests are free of charge. Currently, the Diabetes Program is offering free t-shirts for those that come in and take a Microfit test.

To schedule an appointment, please contact Exercise Specialist Jerome Harrison at (405) 382-3761 or email harrison.j@sno-nsn.gov.

Gomez named OHCA Deputy CEO January 10, 2013

The Oklahoma Health Care Authority Board appointed OHCA Deputy CEO Nico Gomez as Chief Executive Officer during their meeting Jan. 10. Gomez will replace long-time CEO Mike Fogarty who retires in March.

Gomez, 41, has been an employee of the state Medicaid agency since 2000. In addition to serving as a Deputy CEO, he oversees the Communications, Outreach and Reporting Division which is made up of the Governmental Relations, Reporting & Statistics, Public Information, Child Health and Tribal Relations units. He has also been responsible for legislative communication at the state and congressional levels.

Gomez is a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with a degree in Journalism and Public Relations. He also has a master's degree in business administration with an emphasis in health care administration from Southern Nazarene University.

In 2006, he was named one of OKC-Business' "Forty under 40" professionals.

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Inspired by benevolence of ancestors, Burgess sets example for others through educational pursuits, songwriting

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Seminole Nation tribal member Daniel Burgess wants to inspire people through his music.

He has been through pain and struggles in his life, but he knows his past and the generosity that first started with his great-great-grandfather Caesar Burgess and wants to continue in the giving way.

"I feel a calling to come home and serve our people. I want to inspire our people through words as the tongue is mightier than the sword. I've lived the other way and it is false," Burgess says.

Burgess believes he has a calling to serve his people and wants to inspire them through his music.

Burgess made his fair share of mistakes. At the age of 20 he was addicted to drugs and got into some trouble. He nearly went to prison.

Burgess started playing guitar at the age of 16 when his father Danny Burgess passed away. His father was from Seminole county and had a hard life, growing up without his dad around. Danny went to prison when Daniel was young.

"When he got out he made things better for himself but also kept reverting back to those ways. And he was actually shot and killed when I was 16," Burgess says.

When Burgess began playing the guitar, he never sang. He only started to sing when his younger sister was killed by a drunk driver.

"She was a good singer and it really hurt me. It was immediately then when I began singing. I had already written some songs and was kind of shy about singing them, but after my sister passed it was like what do I have to lose?" Burgess says.

"I joke now that I'm a 'roads scholar.' Some things happened, and it all didn't work out the best way, but that's the part people have to draw on from their life. There are a lot of mistakes in there but you have to find the things that you did and build from that," he says.

Burgess gave both his children Mvskoke



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Burgess Family Portrait: (back row, l-r) Jeanetta (Tiger) Burgess and Barney Burgess, (front row, l-r) John Burgess holding Lizzie Burgess, Caesar Burgess, Aby "Abe" Burgess and Jim Davis holding son Joe Burgess.

names - his son's middle name is Mehenw, which means "truth" and his daughter's name is Vnokecke, which means "beloved."

"I found out from one of my elders at my family reunion, right after she was born, that my daughter's Mvskoke name was one of the names they used to nickname little girls a long time ago. My wife actually picked that name the day she was born, out

of the Mskoke book," he adds.

Burgess will be graduating from the University of Oklahoma this spring and getting a Bachelor's degree in biology. He chose to major in biology because of his love for the outdoors and being a part of nature.

"I believe in water quality, wildlife conservation, and our influence on these things must be studied and monitored together. We can't separate ourselves or place ourselves above what we're a part of and dependent upon. That's why I have to finish my degree," says Burgess.

He is also getting his degree to show his children that it is important to finish what you start.

"It's actually done good for [my son] in school. He comes home and sees me working on my school work, so he gets his homework out and does his. He made straight A's this last semester. I was proud of that," Burgess says.

Burgess only began writing songs about eight years ago. He hasn't recorded much in the past but is now pursuing his music further.

He currently has about 20 songs that he has written. His goal in songwriting is to help people live better by showing them what he has been through in his own life.

Burgess recently wrote a song that was inspired by a family story and a picture that was given to him.

"The story is that my grandmother and her brother were divided by a fence at Sacred Heart. They were trying to hug each other, when they were both basically beat-en with a ruler for just trying to hug each

other. They were speaking in Indian and they got their mouth washed out with lye," he explains.

"What amazed me about that story is that I always remembered them being so happy, it inspired me to write from their perspective," he adds.

"Thinking about that story and looking at that picture I saw how good life was. My great-great-grandfather, Caesar Burgess, was a survivor of the Seminole Trail of Tears," Burgess says.

Burgess' great-great-grandfather was born in Florida between 1837 and 1838. He was brought to Oklahoma in 1840 and lived until he was 98 years old.

"I've heard all these accounts of how nice he was. My grandma said he helped people build their houses. Because he had made money when he got older, he also would help feed people. I heard a story from one of my cousins that one year he even brought in the circus and paid for it for the kids because the kids couldn't afford it and everyone would get to go," Burgess says.

"That's the kind of person he was. You get something and you share it. That's been passed down, and even my dad was like that," he adds.

"Sometimes if you see someone who needs something, it's better if you don't know them, walk up and give them something and walk away. Don't talk about it or anything. Just do it," Burgess says. "Sometimes people need things that might give them the leg up to get out of whatever hole they're in."

Joe Clay, Seminole Nation Communications

Daniel Burgess performs one of his original songs for the Seminole Nation Radio Show, which aired Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2013.



Claims Must Be Filed By March 1, 2013 In \$3.4 Billion Indian Trust Settlement

What is This About?

The *Cobell v. Salazar* Settlement is approved. The Settlement resolves a class action lawsuit that claims that the federal government violated its duties by mismanaging trust accounts and individual Indian trust lands. Payments to the Historical Accounting Class are underway. The process of considering claims for the Trust Administration Class is ongoing.

The final deadline if you need to file a claim form for the Trust Administration Class is March 1, 2013.

Am I Included?

The Trust Administration Class includes:

- Anyone alive on September 30, 2009, who:
 - Had an IIM account recorded in currently available electronic data in federal government systems anytime from approximately 1985 to September 30, 2009, or
 - Can demonstrate ownership in trust land or land in restricted status as of September 30, 2009.
- The estate (or heirs) of any deceased landowner or IIM account holder whose account was open or whose trust assets had been in probate according to the federal government's records as of September 30, 2009.

Do I Need to File a Claim Form?

You must file a claim form if you believe you are a member of the Trust Administration Class and you have not:

- Received IIM account statements at your current address anytime between January 1, 1985 and September 30, 2009 and continue to receive statements; or
- Received a payment as a member of the Historical Accounting Class. If you did, you will receive a second payment automatically as a member of the Trust Administration Class; or
- Filed a claim form already using your current address. If you have, the Claims Administrator will contact you.

You must fill out a claim form and mail it to Indian Trust Settlement, P.O. Box 9577, Dublin, OH 43017-4877, postmarked by **March 1, 2013** in order to receive a payment.

How Much Money Can I Get?

Members of the Trust Administration Class will likely receive at least \$800 or more. The actual amount will depend on the number of claims and the costs of administration.

For a claim form or to update your contact information:

Call Toll-Free: 1-800-961-6109 or Visit: www.IndianTrust.com

Whereabouts Unknown Seminole Nation of Oklahoma as of August 29, 2012

The Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians is seeking current addresses for the following Individual Indian Money account holders. All Whereabouts Unknown accounts have either interests in lands and/or funds to be disbursed to rightful owners.

If you know the whereabouts of any of the following people, please contact the Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians at the Trust Beneficiary Call Center at 1-888-678-6836 or visit the OST website at www.doi.gov/ost.

Ahaisse, Charles	Bowlegs, Janie	Carbitcher, Sophonia (Cosar)	Coker, Ivan J	Cully, Joe
Alderman, Nema Charlene (Tiger)	Brake, Vivian (Cornelius)	Carney, John Samuel	Coker, John Benjamin	Cully, Shelia R
Alexander, Toney	Brown, Abilene Lou	Carpitche, Emma L	Coker, Kenneth D	Cully, Wisey J
Anderson, Robert	Brown, Henryetta	Carpitche, Lewis D	Coker, Lula M	Cully, Mary L (Amos)
Bagley, Gertrude	Brown, Jacalyn K	Carpitche, Louise	Coker, Richardenda	Cully, Edith (Coody)
Baker, Rocky Lee	Brown, John	Carpitche, Luther	Coker, Russell	Cummings, Eliza
Barber, Sherri Dee	Brown, John F	Carpitche, Nancy (Davis)	Coker, Sharon	Dailey, Elene L
Barber, Wanda Carol (Tiger)	Brown, Juanita	Carpitche, Oscar J	Coker Jr, Henry	Davis, Abler
Bean, Dorothy J	Brown, Roy (Osceola Roy)	Carpitche, Timothy B	Colbert, Cinda (Coker)	Davis, Andrea Ann
Bean, Alice (Walker)	Brown Jr, Clyde W	Carpitche, Bunny	Collins, Barney Baptiste	Davis, Audrey May
Bear, Benjamin	Brown Lee, Pebble	Carpitche, Imogene (Hill)	Colvin, Theron	Davis, Bessie
Bear, Buddy T	Bruner, John	Carpitche, Titusie	Coody, Andrew	Davis, Betty
Bear, Stephen D	Bruner, Leon Alex	Carter, Lesley	Coon, Benjamin Boyd	Davis, Christine
Beaver, Hubert	Bruner, Nettie	Childers, Deborah Ruth	Coon, Damien	Davis, Chubba
Beck, Priscilla Harjo	Bruner, Nora	Chisholm, Glenna Jo (Lemon)	Coon, Susan Denise	Davis, Cora
Bemo, John	Buck, Ruby	Chupcogee, Oscar	Coon, Tamara	Davis, Gloria Jean (Tiger)
Bemo, Onie	Burden, dawn	Chupcogee, Patsy Jo	Coon Sr, Wallace B	Davis, Homer Lee
Bemo, Willie	Burden, Lasonya	Clampet, Larae (Cross)	Cornelius, Martha	Davis, Joe Pat
Benden, Charley	Burden, Tommie	Clark, Clifford Jay	Cosar, Andrea Lily	Davis, Johanna Levida
Benden, Sandy Jean (Reed)	Burden, Travis	Clark, Katie Mae	Cosar, Dewey	Davis, John
Bender, Cecil	Burgess, Ada	Clark, Lottie Marie	Cosar, Jesse Ray	Davis, Katie Jean
Bender, John Jessie	Burgess, Gene	Cloud, Christopher Clyde	Cosar, Mandy	Davis, Katie Mae
Bighead, John Lee	Burgess, Louise (Harjo)	Cloud, Joseph	Cosar, Velma (Harjo)	Davis, Nema
Bighead, Tommy Ray	Burkhart, Tracy	Cloud, Lucy Kim	Cowan, Maxine (Coker)	Davis, Patsy Joyce
Billie, Danny E	Burris, Leann	Cloud, Nona S	Coyle, Christina	Davis, Pauline
Billie, Dennis Allen	Caesar, harpogee	Cloud, Opal Vivian (Tiger)	Cross, Carl Jene	Davis, Rosie
Billie, Lisa Ann	Caesar, Robert	Cloud, Pamela Ann	Cross, Gerald	Davis, Salinda
Billie, Mannie Frances	Caesar, Sissie	Cloud, Patti Lynn	Cross, John Ray	Davis, Sammy
Billie Jr, Thomas Lee	Camp, clara Elizabeth	Cloud, Stanley Dwight	Cross, Nakina	Davis, Walter
Billie Sr, Thomas Lee	Camp, Elizabeth (Harjo)	Cloud, Tammy Sue	Cross, Orvin	Davis, Wynema
Billy, Emma	Camp, Josephine	Cloud, Winfred	Culley, Mary S	Deatherage, Ethel Almira
Blanchard, Virginia L. (Larney)	Carbitcher, Jennie	Coker, Amanda	Culley, Michael D	Deere, Clinton
Blue Eyes, Rena (Bemo)	Carbitcher, Laslie	Coker, Cinda	Culley, Deborah	Deere, Winey
	Carbitcher, Liza	Coker, Gwendolyn Sue	Cully, Harris	Deere, Edith (Davis)

Del Campo, Carroll Martin	Harjo, Josephine (Yarbrough)	Johnson, Anna Mae	Moore, Tina Marie	Tebe, Benny
Didonna, Marie Elizabeth	Harjo, Franklin	Johnson, Eliza	Moppin, Harry Davis	Tebe, Jimmy
Douglas, Geneva	Harjo, George	Johnson, Frank	Moppin, Kenneth Eugene	Tebe, John
Douglas, Irene (Coker)	Harjo, George W	Johnson, Gloria Jean	Morgan, David H	Tebe, Lloyd
Douglas, Jimmy	Harjo, George Washington	Johnson, Henry Frank	Morgan, Fosta	Teboe, Frank Robert
Douglas, Ray Lee	Harjo, Georgia	Johnson, Ida	Morgan, Harry	Thlocco, Bunnie
Douglas, Helen (Barefoot)	Harjo, Gilbert	Johnson, Lucille	Morgan, Janice	Thlocco, Mary Jean
Douglas, Josephine (Gates)	Harjo, Given	Johnson, Lula Lorene	Morgan, Janice	Thomas
Douglas, Pauline (Getchell)	Harjo, Hattie J	Johnson, Mary (Green)	Morgan, John	Thompson, Edmond
Douglas, Agnes (West)	Harjo, Herbert	Johnson, Raymond	Morgan, Leonard	Tiger, Anderson
Douglas, Wanda (Vogler)	Harjo, Homer	Johnson, Samariah	Morgan, Lillie	Tiger, Bernice (Hulwa)
Eco, Harjoe	Harjo, Ida Mae	Johnson, Thomas	Morris, Betty Jo	Tiger, Brian R
Emarthla, Mary Ann	Harjo, Janie B	Johnson, Willeya	Moses, Chepon	Tiger, David Richard
Emarthla, Richard L (Emarthle)	Harjo, Jennie Lena	Jones, Bessie (Cornelius)	Moses, Otis	Tiger, Donald Edward
Emarthle, Leah	Harjo, Jesse	Jones, David A	Narcome, James	Tiger, Jack Dwaine
Factor, Betty J	Harjo, Jimmie L	Jones, Geneva	Narcome, Silla	Tiger, Jacob
Factor, Bill S	Harjo, Jimmy Lee	Jones, James L	Narcomey, Kevin O	Tiger, Kenneth Ocoela
Factor, Chelaine	Harjo, John B	Jones, Lizzie Mae	Narcomey, Paul	Tiger, Lena
Factor, David L	Harjo, John Robert	Jones, Mark E	Narcomey, Terry L	Tiger, Leo
Factor, Eastman	Harjo, John Wayne	Jones, Paul C	Narcomey, Wisey Alice	Tiger, Lewis
Factor, Eloise	Harjo, Johnson	Jones, Richard A	Narcomey Sr, William P	Tiger, Lisa Marie
Factor Francina	Harjo, Jonathan J	Jones, Thomas F	Ned, Lula	Tiger, Lizzie
Factor, Gwendolyn M	Harjo, Juanita	Jones, Mary	Ned, Millie Jean	Tiger Malinda (Linda)
Factor, Harry	Harjo, Julia Ruby	Josey, Adeline	Noble, Albert John	Tiger, Nora
Factor, Jamie	Harjo, Kay Frances	Josey, Allen	Noble, Lillian Vanzetta	Tiger, Randall Jay
Factor, Jeffie	Harjo, Lee	Josey, Junior	Noble, William	Tiger, Sam D
Factor, Jimmie	Harjo, Leslie	Kernell, Darren J	Nokusile	Tiger, Sarah Jane
Factor, Joe	Harjo, Lizzie (Bender)	Kernell, Simeon J	Okings, Amy (Cully)	Tiger, Sissie
Factor, John D	Harjo, Lizzie	Kernell, Lula (Jones)	Palmer, Alexander H	Tiger, Winnie Mae
Factor, Joseph	Harjo, Loretta J	King, Darryl L	Palmer, Nelsey (Leetka)	Tiger III, George W
Factor, Lena	Harjo, Louis	King, Elizabeth	Panoske, Pauline	Tobias III, William
Factor, Lillie	Harjo, Lucian Clay	King, Gerald F	Payne, Kay L (Tiger)	Tobias Jr, William E
Factor, Martha	Harjo, Lucy Ann	King, Kara A	Pebworth, Rosetta Clark	Tuberville, Valentina Suzanne
Factor, Sam	Harjo, Lucy Kay B	King, Leroy	Pennock, Deborah Ruth	Walker, Andrew
Factor, Timmy	Harjo, Luther W	Klupencer, Regina	Pennokee, Otis	Walker, Daisy
Factor, Minerva (Garrett)	Harjo, Lydia	Larney, Billy James	Pickens, Jo Anna	Walker, Dave
Factor, Grace (Harjo)	Harjo, Maggie	Larney, Cornelius	Pierce, Stuart Burl	Walker, George Crump
Factor, Manda (Woods)	Harjo, Mandy	Larney, Hattie	Plant, Pauline	Walker, Georgetta
Faxon, Paul E	Harjo, Mary	Larney, Herman	Ponkilla, Minnie	Walker, Izora
Fife, Roman L	Harjo, Mary Frances	Larney, June	Ponkilla, Tony	Walker, Jennie
Fish, Chelsea E	Harjo, Mary Louise	Larney, LaHunta	Porter, Mark W	Walker, Jerry
Fish, Harriett	Harjo, Melissa	Larney, Lou Wanda	Porter, Roger J	Walker, Joanna
Fish, Jennie Stevens	Harjo, Mitchell	Larney, Louella	Porter, Terry D	Walker, Kathlyn
Fish, Leo	Harjo, Mose	Larney, Mariam	Porter, Victor W	Walker, Katie
Fish, Lorraine Sue	Harjo, Myra Katherine	Larney, Martin C	Postoak, Daniel Dale	Walker, Larry D
Fish, Louis	Harjo, Nancy Jane (Tiger)	Larney, Mulleana Mae	Postoak, Leona (Hill)	Walker, Martha
Fish, Noah K	Harjo, Oscar	Larney, Richmond Jack	Postoak Jr., Lyman R	Walker, Annie (Long)
Fish, Evelyn (Shelton)	Harjo, Otis B	Larney, Samaria Mae	Pulliam, Joe	Wallace, Lovanna Jo
Fixico, Barney	Harjo, Pearl Mae	Larney, Stella	Puntka, Carmelita	Wallace, Melissa A
Fixico, Francis	Harjo, Pauline (Whitlow)	Larney, Walter	Quillen, John Jay	Walton, Pamela Y
Fixico, Lahoma Ruth	Harjo, Raymond	Larney, Winey	Reed, Lucy	Ward, David L
Fixico, Linwood	Harjo, Raymond Grady	Larney, Ellen Mae (Burgess)	Renton, Alice	Ward, Mable
Fixico, Mandy	Harjo, Rebecca	Larney Jr, John	Ripley, Jerald D	Wayne, Dorothy (Fixico)
Fixico, Max	Harjo, Rhoda	Leitka, Elene	Ripley, Joy R	Wesley, Charley
Fixico, Michael Thomas	Harjo, Roman	Lena, Flora Jean	Romero, Richard	Wesley, Charlotte
Fixico, Robert James	Harjo, Rosie	Letka, Eliza	Romero, Ronnie	West, DR
Fixico, Rudolph	Harjo, Sarah Ann	Letka, Hershell Dale	Ross, Patricia Kay	West, Homer
Fixico, Sam	Harjo, Sarah Ruth	Letka, Naomi Ruth	Ross, Sherri Elaine	West, Kenneth
Fixico, Thelma	Harjo, Scotty	Letka, Robert Lee	Ruminer, Greta Loy	West, Leah
Fixico, Webster	Harjo, Sherry L	Letka, Rose Lee	Ryan, Charles	West, Linda Kay
Foster, Charles	Harjo, Stanford Paul	Little, Amanda	Sadberry, James Matthew	West, Ryan W
Frank, Susie (Buck)	Harjo, Stella	Little, Bessie	Sam, Ramona Louise	West, Susanna
Gaylor, Kenneth	Harjo, Stella Blondina	Little, Buddy	Sandfur, Debra J (Coker)	West, Walette
Gentry, Thomas	Harjo, Thomas J	Little, Charles	Schimmel, Mahota	Westfall, Johnnie Mae (Coker)
George, Moses	Harjo, Timmie	Little, Ellis Daniel	Scott, Luke	White, Nelly
Gibbs, Wynie	Harjo, Tommy	Little, Esther Blanche	Scott, Shirley Ann (Squire)	White, Ruth E
Gibson, Marchie	Harjo, Velma	Little, Ethel	Shaffer, Laverne	White, Vashti
Goat, Loretta	Harjo, Willie Mae	Little, Imogene	Shipp, Cecil	Whitlock, Vera
Goat, Madeline	Harjo, Willea	Little, Juanita	Shipp, Rudell	Williams, Bennie
Graham, Rebecca J (Tebe)	Harjo, Winnie	Little, Naomi Kathryn (Joe)	Simmons, Norman	Williams, Daniel
Graves, Myra Bess (Fuller)	Harjo, Yvette	Little, Rhonda K	Simmons, Emma Lee (Charty)	Williams, Dorothy Alice
Greany, Pauline	Harjo, Yvonne C	Little, Russell D	Smith, Frances Joe Ann	Williams, Walter
Griffin, Paula Jean	Harjo, Mary A (Allgood)	Little, Thomas	Smith, James Franklin	Williams, Yolanda R
Grisso, Jerrid C	Harjo, Lula Kay (Avans)	Little, Thomasine	Smith, Sandra E	Wilson, Jack
Hajoche, Frank	Harjo, Abeline (Stone)	Littleleax, Georgia (Jones)	Spain, Billy Joe	Wilson, Margaret
Hale, Gladys Jean	Harjo, Onis (Tebe)	Long, Jenny Lee	Spain, Emman	Wilson, Rosie Marie (Jones)
Hale, Richard	Harjoche, Cora	Lowery, Mary Louise	Spencer, Brian Christopher	Wise, Harriett
Haney, Enoch Kelly	Harjochee, Almon	Lucy	Spencer, Elsie	Wise, Sarah
Haney, Vernon	Harjochee, Andrew	Lusty, Alfred	Spencer, Lorena (Harjo)	Wise, Walter (Tony)
Harjo, Albert	Harjoge, Nocos	Lusty, David George	Spencer, Richmond	Wise, William
Harjo, Amey	Harrison, Linda Mae	Lusty, Esther Blanche	Spencer, Silas	Wolf, Darrel
Harjo, Amos	Harrison, Taylor	Lusty, Robert Elmer	Stevens, Tommy Monroe	Wolf, Jonathan D
Harjo, Antler	Henry, Jean	Maggie, Betty	Stewart, Katie	Wolf, Joshua L
Harjo, Baby	Holata, Martha	Maggie, Irene	Stewart, Lucy	Wolf, Salina
Harjo, Barbara Jean	Holata, Roy	Maggie, Pauline	Stewart, Wanda Earline	Wolf, Sissy
Harjo, Bessie	Holata, Wayne	Mahale	Stidham, Charlie	Wolfe, Josephine
Harjo, Betty	Hotulke, Archie	Mahone, Nannie Peggy	Stidham, John	Wolfe, Timothy
Harjo, Billie Joe	Hotulke, Effie	Mahone, Peggy	Stuart, Susie (Johnson)	Wood, Dan
Harjo, Billy Joe	Hulbutta, Geneva Pat	Maker, Jene Allen	Sweeney, Gay Don	Wood, Esta Mae (Johnson)
Harjo, Bonnie	Hulbutta, Leo	Marks, Naomi	Talmascy, Ena	Wood, Nora (Harjo)
Harjo, Charlie	Hulwa, John	Mayes, Samaria A	Tanyan, Ena	Woods, Susie
Harjo, Christine	Hulwa, Emma Ruth (Fish)	McCulla, Robert	Tanyan, Evelyn	Worcester, Susie A
Harjo, Cindy L	Jackie	McDaniel, Angela L	Tanyan, Magdalene	Wright, Geraldine Glenn
Harjo, Dave	Jackson, Paula J	McGeisey, Linda S	Tanyan, Nelia	Yahola, Allie J
Harjo, Dinah A	Jefferson, Briney	McGeisey, William S	Tanyan, Ruby Sue	Yahola, Elsie
Harjo, Douglas W	Jefferson, Lena	Mead, Winnie	Tanyan, Sallie	Yahola, Smitka
Harjo, Emma	Jefferson, Phillip	Metz, Kathernine	Taylor, carol	Yarbrough, Franklin
Harjo, Emma J	Jennie	Miller, Cogee (Factor)	Taylor, Lois Clorice	Yarbrough, Thomas
Harjo, Eugene Franklin	Jesse, George Hamilton	Miller, Homer	Taylor, Mary Beth	Yeager, Newman
Harjo, Eula Mae	Jimsey	Miller, Johnnie Mae	Taylor, Rosalie	Yerby, Cynithia
Harjo, Frances Mae	Johnson, Alice (Jones)	Miller, Samuel W	Taylor, Sally K	

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Ellis Eli Wise Talmasey



Funeral services for Ellis Eli Wise Talmasey were held Monday, December 31, 2012 at Coney Island Tabernacle, east of Bowlegs, Okla., with Rev. Dorsey Nero and Rev. Charles Troglin officiating. Burial followed at Narcomey Cemetery in Bowlegs.

Ellis Eli Wise Talmasey was born November 13, 1957 to parents Andy Wise Talmasey and Jonah (Johnson) Talmasey in Seminole.

Following high school graduation, Ellis earned an Associates degree in Tribal Law from Haskell Indian Nations in Lawrence, Kan. He worked as a computer analyst. Ellis was of the Baptist faith.

He is preceded in death by parents Andy and Jonah Wise Talmasey; sisters Margaret Wise Talmasey, Linda Jones and Angel Wise Talmasey; and brother Andrew Wise Talmasey.

Survivors include son Ellis Wise Talmasey II of Seminole; daughters Lindsey Wise Talmasey of Seminole and Eliza Harjo of Seminole; and brothers Kennedy Wise Talmasey of Seminole, R.G. Wise Talmasey of Seminole and Houston Wise Talmasey of Tecumseh.

Casketbearers included Brent Factor, Moses Factor, Chris Factor, John Walker and Johnsey Walker. Terry Wise, Raymond Harjo, Tim Narcomey and Dean White served as honorary casket bearers.

Johnny Harjo, Sr.



Funeral services for Johnny Harjo, Sr. were held Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at the Little River Indian Mission Church in Seminole. Burial followed at the Little River Church Cemetery. Services were under the direc-

tion of Hudson-Phillips Funeral Home.

Johnny Harjo, Sr. passed away at his home in Okemah on Friday, January 11, 2013. He was 62.

Johnny was born August 19, 1950 in Talihina, Okla. He graduated from McLoud High School and OSU-Okmulgee Tech. Johnny worked as maintenance man for the Creek Nation. He was a member of the Little River Church in Seminole and enjoyed doing missionary work and traveling.

Johnny is preceded in death by his father B.J. Harjo and brother Victor Harjo.

Survivors include children Johnny Harjo, Jr. of the home, Melissa Harjo of Okmulgee, Tracey Harjo of Shawnee, Lewis Harjo of Okemah, Comma Harjo of Okmulgee and Shelly Harjo of Shawnee; sister Katheryn Harjo of Oklahoma City; numerous grandchildren; and other relatives and friends.

Tony Montez Palmer, Jr.



Funeral services for Tony Montez Palmer, Jr. were held Monday, January 21, 2013 at the Stout-Phillips Funeral Home Chapel in Wewoka with Rev. Frank Moppin officiating. Burial followed at the Palmer Family Cemetery southeast of Sasakwa. Services were under the direction of Stout-Phillips Funeral Home.

Tony Montez Palmer, Jr. passed away in Shawnee on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. He was 64.

Tony was born July 6, 1948 in Sasakwa, Okla. to parents Tony Palmer, Sr. and Molsie (Alexander) Palmer. He graduated from Sasakwa High School.

Tony was a member of the Fushutche band of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. He was also a member of Spring Baptist Church of Sasakwa and was baptized June 6, 1958 by Rev. B. Frank Belvin. Tony also attended Crosspoint Church in Ada. He loved the Lord and enjoyed reading his Bible.

Tony is preceded in death by his father Tony Palmer, Sr., sister Donna Fay and brother-in-law Michael Hooper.

Survivors include mother Molsie Palmer; sisters Tanya Bower and husband Steve of Oklahoma City and Symathia Hooper of Sasakwa; aunts Nadine McBeth of Seminole and Wanda Chaffin of Wewoka; uncle Roy McConnell of Holdenville; and a host of cousins.

Pallbearers included Cory Groves, Donnie Groves, Jr., Steve Bower, Scott Hill, Jason Claytor and Eric Chaffin.

Joe Gatewood, Harry Claytor, Toby Perkins, Joe Coon, George Postoak, James Chaffin and Roy McConnell served as honorary pallbearers.

John Cordell Osborne



Funeral services for John Cordell Osborne were held Saturday, January 19, 2013 at the Greater Cleaves Memorial CME Church in Oklahoma City.

John Cordell Osborne passed away Friday, January 11, 2013. He was 79.

John was the fifth of eight children born to parents Sam and Lueser Osborne on April 16, 1933 in Sasakwa. He was educated at Thomas Chapel School in Sasakwa. As a young man, he attended Jones Temple Holiness Church in Spencer, Okla. In his later years, he united with Apostolic Faith Church of Oklahoma City.

John was employed as a mechanic with various dealerships before retiring from Overall Ford Company in Jones, Okla.

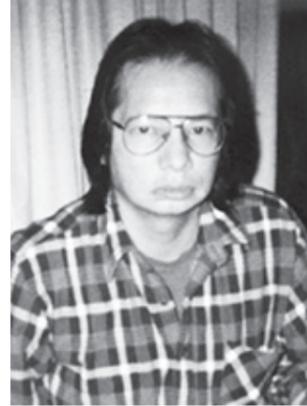
He met and married Elvin Peoples on December 27, 1952, and to this union four children were born.

John is preceded in death by parents Sam and Lueser Osborne; brothers Bob, Raymond, Jeff, Leroy and Chester; and sister Florene Osborne-Carolina.

Survivors include wife of 57 years Elvin Osborne; brother Tom (Maydeldel) of Morris, Okla.; sons Ronald (Dawn) Osborne of Oklahoma City, Charles (Estella) Osborne of Midwest City and Richard (Shermell) Osborne of Mesquite, Tex.; daughter Loretta

(Chris) Cunningham of Midwest City; seven grandchildren; aunt Madge Greyson of Oklahoma City; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Tim Lee Larney



Funeral services for Tim Lee Larney were held Saturday, February 2, 2013 at his Konawa home with Pastor Allen officiating. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home of Konawa.

Tim Lee Larney passed away Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City. He was 54.

Tim was born November 24, 1958 to parents Alex Larney, Sr. and Valerie Lasley in Pawnee, Okla. He graduated from Konawa High School and Southwest University in Weatherford, Okla., where he received a certificate in auto mechanics.

Tim married Teresa Tillery on May 19, 1993 in Jacksonville, Ill.

He loved fishing, spending time in nature and watching Nascar races.

Tim is preceded in death by his father Alex Larney, Sr., brother Alex Larney, Jr. and sister Leah Ann Larney.

Survivors include wife Teresa Larney of the home; sons Jimka Larney and Anthony Larney of the home and Jeremy Larney of Mont.; mother Valerie Lasley of Shawnee; daughters Winnefred Larney of Weatherford, Okla., Charlotte Larney of Shawnee and Lintina Larney of Shawnee; sisters Teresa Larney of Shawnee, Mary Harjo of Shawnee and Debra Toney of Tecumseh; and one grandchild.

Pallbearers included Brian

Spriggs, Skyland Tanyan, Larry Harjo, Gus Porter, Kyle Porter and Calvin Toney. Tom Harjo, Paul Tillery, Jerry Walker and Danny Walker served as honorary pallbearers.

Clifford Lee Little



Funeral services for Clifford Lee Little were held Thursday, February 7, 2013 at Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Seminole with Rev. Kelly Tiger, Jr. and Rev. David Little officiating. Burial followed at Little Cemetery in Little, Okla. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home.

Clifford Lee Little passed away Sunday, February 3, 2013 in Oklahoma City. He was 63.

Clifford was born January 7, 1950 to parents Charles Little and Cora (King) Little in Claremore, Okla.

He moved from Shawnee to Oklahoma County 15 years ago.

Clifford was a member of the First Indian Baptist Church and the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

He also served in the United States Army.

Clifford married Cheryl (Carter) Little in Oklahoma City in 2006.

He is preceded in death by his parents Charles and Cora (King) Little, and brother Clarence Leon Little.

Survivors include wife Cheryl Little of the home; sons Benjamin Little and wife Elsie of Shawnee, and Mark Little of Shawnee; daughter Dee Ann Little of Shawnee; brothers Thomas Little and Samuel Little; sister Patricia Little of Ada; four grandchildren and numerous other relatives.

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NCAI remembers Inouye as a distinguished warrior

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Daniel Inouye of Hawaii passed away, Monday December 17, 2012, at the age of 88, with his wife and son by his side at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington, DC. A World War II combat veteran, Inouye served the second-longest term of any U.S. senator in history, representing the great State of Hawaii since its statehood in 1959. Inouye was a prominent member and leader of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, serving as its chairman for ten years during two different periods. He passed away from respiratory complications.

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) released a statement following the loss of a great friend and warrior for the rights of all people, including Indigenous peoples and tribal nations:

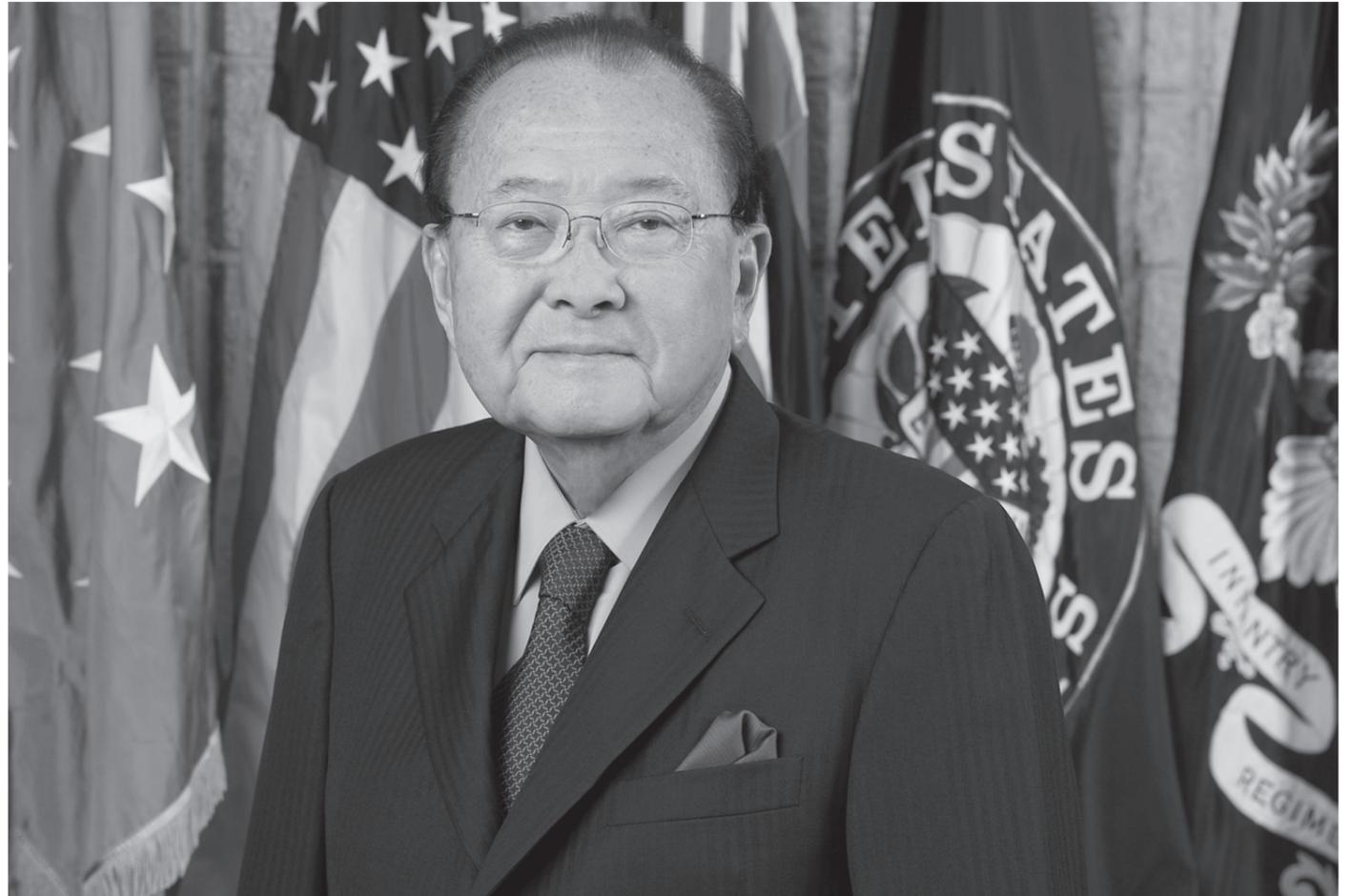
“Senator Inouye was one of the most honorable and courageous men modern Indian Country has known. He was a distinguished warrior, and he served his country and people with dignity and a strong sense of advocacy. As a member and chairman of the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs he championed the rights of Native peoples, and we will always remember him for holding the line on numerous issues critical to cultural protection and tribal sovereignty. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family at this time. This country has lost a true patriot and statesman.

In the words of our Native Hawaiian brothers and sisters we say Mahalo nui loa for his service and commitment and will forever remember this son of Hawaii as a great leader.”

Inouye’s outstanding commitment to Indian affairs was demonstrated by his long service on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, serving as the Chairman from 1987 - 1995, the Vice-Chairman from 1995 - 1997, and again as Chairman from 2001 - 2003. He was slated to continue his role as a committee member in the 113th Congress.

Throughout his incredible tenure, Inouye worked closely with NCAI and American Indian and Alaska Native tribes as he advocated for tribal sovereignty, tribal colleges and universities, and housing and community development, among many other issues. He also supported the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act and was later able to secure funding for Native Hawaiians to purchase property as a part of the Home Lands effort. Senator Inouye was honored by NCAI in 1999 with the NCAI Leadership Award for his service to Indian Country.

Inouye, a second-generation Japanese-American, was a true son of Hawaii who created a national legacy of leadership. His role as the first Japanese-American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, and later the first in the U.S. Senate, blazed a trail for the record number of Asian Americans now serving in Congress. Fourteen total members were set to make up the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus in 2013, with five new Asian American and Pacific Islander leaders elected to serve in the 113th United States Congress - the largest caucus of Asian American and Pacific Islander Members in any single congressional session.



Statement On the passing of Senator Daniel K. Inouye

United States Senator Daniel K. Inouye, World War II veteran, Medal of Honor recipient and Hawaii’s senior Senator, passed away from respiratory complications at 5:01 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on Monday, December 17, 2012 at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

His wife Irene and his son Ken were at his side. Last rites were performed by Senate Chaplain Dr. Barry Black.

He is survived by his wife, Irene Hirano Inouye, his son Daniel Ken Inouye Jr., Ken’s wife Jessica, and granddaughter Maggie and step-daughter Jennifer Hirano. He was preceded in death his first wife, Maggie Awamura.

Senator Inouye’s family would like to thank the doctors, nurses and staff at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center for the extraordinary care he received.

The story of Dan Inouye is the story of modern Hawaii. During his eight decades of public service, Dan Inouye helped build and shape Hawaii.

Senator Inouye began his career in public service at the age of 17 when he enlisted in the U.S. Army shortly after Imperial Japan attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. He served with ‘E’ company of the 442 Regimental Combat Team, a group consisting entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry. Senator Inouye lost his arm charging a series of machine gun nests on a hill in San Terenzo, Italy on April 21, 1945. His actions during that battle earned him the Medal of Honor.

Following the war he returned to Hawaii and married Margaret “Maggie” Awamura, and graduated from the University of Hawaii and the George Washington University School of Law.

After receiving his law degree, Dan Inouye, returned to Hawaii and worked as a Deputy Prosecuting Attorney for the City and County of Honolulu. He recognized the social and racial inequities of post-war Hawaii, and in 1954 was part of a Democratic revolution that took control of the Territorial Legislature.

Following statehood in 1959, Dan Inouye

was privileged to serve as Hawaii’s first Congressman. He ran for the Senate in 1962 where he served for nearly nine consecutive terms.

Dan Inouye spent his career building an enduring federal presence in Hawaii to ensure that the state would receive its fair share of federal resources. He worked to expand the military’s presence on all major islands, stabilizing Pearl Harbor, building up the Pacific Missile Range and constructing a headquarters for the United States Pacific Command.

He has worked to build critical roads, expanded bus services statewide and secured the federal funds for the Honolulu Rail Transit project. He championed the indigenous rights of Native Hawaiians and the return of Kahoolawe.

He fought for the rights and benefits for veterans. Senator Inouye has left an indelible mark at the University of Hawaii, including support for major facilities and research assets. He has long supported local agriculture and alternative energy initiatives.

Dan Inouye was always among the first to speak out against injustice whether interned Japanese Americans, Filipino World War II veterans, Native Americans and Native Hawaiians.

A prominent player on the national stage, Senator Inouye served as Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriations, the Senate Commerce Committee and was the first Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence.

After developing a reputation as a bipartisan workhorse, who always would put country above party, he was asked by the Senate leadership to chair the special committee investigating the Iran Contra Affair. This was after a successful tenure as a member of the Watergate Committee.

When asked in recent days how he wanted to be remembered, Dan said, very simply, “I represented the people of Hawaii and this nation honestly and to the best of my ability. I think I did OK.”

His last words were, “Aloha.”

Timeline

- **1924** born in Honolulu on Sept. 7
- **1943** volunteers for the US Army after serving as medical volunteer at attack on Pearl Harbor and later graduating from McKinley High School
- **1945** Inouye, a platoon leader for the Japanese American 442 Regimental Combat Team, is badly wounded while leading a charge in Tuscany, Italy. Shot in the abdomen, and with his right arm shattered by a close range German rifle grenade, Inouye throws his last grenade with his left hand and continues to attack. He is finally knocked down the ridge by a gunshot to the leg.
- **1947** after losing his right arm and spending 20 months in an army hospital in Battle Creek, Mich., Inouye is awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star, Purple Heart and 12 other medals and citations.
- **1952** earns JD degree from George Washington University Law School
- **1960** becomes first Japanese American to serve in US House of Representatives
- **1962** becomes first Japanese American to serve in US Senate
- **1989** named Chairman of Indian Affairs Committee
- **2000** awarded the Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton
- **2001** named Chairman, once again, of Indian Affairs Committee
- **2010** named President pro tempore of the US Senate



Salazar to step down as Secretary of the Interior

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 that he will return to his home state of Colorado, having fulfilled his promise to President Obama to serve four years as Secretary. Secretary Salazar has informed President Obama that he intends to leave the Department by the end of March.

“Colorado is and will always be my home. I look forward to returning to my family and Colorado after eight years in Washington, D.C.,” said Secretary Salazar. “I am forever grateful to President Obama for his friendship in the U.S. Senate and the opportunity he gave me to serve as a member of his cabinet during this historic presidency.”

“I have had the privilege of reforming the Department of the Interior to help lead the United States in securing a new energy frontier, ushering in a conservation agenda for the 21st century, and honoring our word to the nation’s first Americans,” added Salazar. “I thank the more than 70,000 employees at the Department for their dedication to our mission as custodians of America’s natural and cultural resources. I look forward to helping my successor in a seamless transition in the months ahead.”

Secretary Salazar has helped usher in a new era of conservation to protect America’s lands, wildlife, and heritage. Under the banner of President Obama’s America’s Great Outdoors program, Interior has established ten national wildlife refuges and seven national parks since 2009; established forward-thinking protections for wildlife and preserved millions of acres of land; and implemented community-driven, science-based conservation strategies that take into account entire ecosystems and working landscapes.

“From the Crown of the Continent in Montana to the prairie grasslands of Kansas to the Everglades Headwaters in Florida, we are partnering with landowners, farmers, and ranchers to preserve their way of life and the irreplaceable land and wildlife that together we cherish,” Salazar said. “We have established an enduring vision for conservation in the 21st century that recognizes all people from all walks of life.”

Under Secretary Salazar’s leadership, Interior has played a keystone role in developing a secure energy future for the United States, both for renewable and conventional energy. Since 2009, Interior has authorized 34 solar, wind and geothermal energy projects on public lands that total 10,400 megawatts - or enough to power over 3 million homes. Salazar also oversaw a visionary blueprint for solar energy development in the West and established the nation’s first program for offshore wind leasing and permitting in America’s oceans.

“Today, the largest solar energy projects

in the world are under construction on America’s public lands in the West, and we’ve issued the first leases for offshore wind in the Atlantic,” said Salazar. “I am proud of the renewable energy revolution that we have launched.”

Salazar has also undertaken an historic overhaul of Interior’s management of oil and gas resources, implementing tough new ethics standards for all employees. He led Interior’s response to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill and split the former Minerals Management Service into three independent agencies with clear, independent missions to oversee ocean energy management and revenue collection. Interior has offered millions of acres offshore in the Gulf of Mexico for safe and responsible exploration and development and is proceeding with cautious exploration of Arctic resources. Onshore, Interior has also leased millions of acres for oil and gas development over the last four years while protecting special landscapes for hunting and fishing and other uses.

“We have undertaken the most aggressive oil and gas safety and reform agenda in U.S. history, raising the bar on offshore drilling safety, practices and technology and ensuring that energy development is done in the right way and in the right places,” said Salazar. “Today, drilling activity in the Gulf is surpassing levels seen before the spill, and our nation is on a promising path to energy independence.”

Secretary Salazar’s term was marked by historic progress for Indian Country with the passage of the Cobell settlement that honorably and responsibly addressed long-standing injustices regarding the U.S. government’s trust management. The President also signed into law six Indian water rights settlements, totaling over \$1 billion, that will help deliver clean drinking water to tribal communities and provide certainty to water users across the West. Salazar spearheaded a sweeping reform – the first in 50 years – of federal surface leasing regulations for American Indian lands that will streamline the approval process for home ownership, expedite economic development, and spur renewable energy in Indian Country.

“President Obama has made it a priority to empower our nation’s first Americans by helping to build stronger, safer and more prosperous tribal communities,” Salazar said. “This administration has been marked by a renewed commitment to honoring a nation-to-nation relationship and ensuring tribes have a greater role in federal decisions affecting Indian Country.”

Salazar, a fifth-generation Coloradoan, has served his state and the nation for 14 continuous years as Colorado Attorney General, United States Senator and as the 50th secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Speech President Barack Obama at the Tribal Nations Conference December 5, 2012

Thank you, everybody. Thank you so much. Everybody, please, please have a seat.

Thank you, Brian, for that wonderful introduction. Thanks to all the members of Congress and members of my administration who are here. And I want to give a special shout-out to Senator Danny Akaka, who has been such a tireless advocate for Native Americans throughout his career. (Applause.) You know that Danny is going to be retiring this year, and he’s such a great friend. And as a Hawaiian boy, I’ve got to give him a little special props. (Laughter.) So I want to thank all the tribal leaders who took the time and the effort to come and take part in this conference.

Every year I look forward to this event. It’s especially wonderful to see so many friends that I’ve gotten to know from various nations all across the country. You guys inspire me every single day, and whenever I’ve traveled to your home states there’s been such a warm welcome that I’ve received. So I’m truly grateful to all of you.

Today, I want to begin by remembering somebody we lost last week. To the Crow Nation, he was a revered elder. To many Native Americans, he was a respected healer. And I knew him warmly, for a few years at least, as an adoptive father.

Sonny Black Eagle adopted me into the Crow Nation during my 2008 campaign. And yesterday he would have been 79 years old. And while we can’t celebrate that milestone with him today, we can celebrate his remarkable life and all that happened along the way, because Sonny’s story is not just one man’s journey to keep his culture alive, but one country’s journey to keep perfecting itself.

So Sonny Black Eagle was born in 1933 just outside of Lodge Grass, Montana. That’s where his grandparents raised him after his mother died of tuberculosis; where he tended to cattle as a child; and where as an adult, he raised a family of his own. And Sonny was brought up in the traditional Crow ways, with the same values that many of you share -- a reverence for the Earth, to cherish the Earth and to cherish each other; to honor ancestors and preserve traditions.

Staying true to those values wasn’t always easy. As a child, if Sonny spoke Crow in school, his teachers would strike his hand with a ruler. As a teenager, when he went to eat at local restaurants he was sometimes met with a sign on the door that said, “No Indians or dogs allowed.” In the 1950s, as Sonny and his wife Mary began a new life together, the government put in place a new policy of forced assimilation -- a move that harkened back to the days when Native religions and languages were banned. The policy was called “termination” for a reason -- it was meant to end tribal governments in America once and for all.

So Sonny, like many of you, knew intolerance and knew injustice. He knew what it was like to be persecuted for who you are and what you believe. But as time went by, year by year, decade by decade, as Native Americans rallied together and marched together, as students descended on Alcatraz and activists held their ground at Frank’s Landing, as respect and appreciation for your unique heritage grew and a seminal struggle played itself out, Sonny lived to see something else. He saw a new beginning.

He lived to see a government that turned the page on a troubled past and adopted a new policy towards Native Americans -- a policy centered on self-determination and the right for tribal governments to do whatever you think is best to strengthen your communities.

Over the past 40 years, that policy has

had a major impact. It has empowered you to build up stronger institutions. It has enabled you to establish more effective law and order. It has laid the foundation for a true and lasting government-to-government relationship with the United States.

And over those decades, as Sonny went from being a father to a great-great-grandfather; and as he taught his family the Crow language and his community the Crow customs; as he became a living symbol of the perseverance of the entire Crow nation, Sonny stayed true to those fundamental values -- to those fundamental values -- to cherish the Earth and each other, to honor ancestors and preserve traditions.

And these are not just Sonny’s values. In fact, they’re not just values cherished by Native Americans. These should be and are American values. And they lie at the heart of some of our country’s greatest challenges -- to rebuild the middle class; to build ladders of opportunity for everybody who’s working hard; to protect our planet; to leave our children something better than we inherited; to make sure Americans remain optimistic about the future and that this country of ours remains the place where no matter who you are or what you look like or where you come from or what your last name is, you can make it here if you try.

Now, these are the challenges that we can only solve together, and that’s been our approach to the unique challenges facing Indian country.

Now, three years ago, I was proud to see that this conference was the largest gathering of tribal leaders in our history. And back then, an event like this was rare. Today, it’s gotten routine. (Laughter.) What I told you then is that I was committed to more than a unique nation-to-nation relationship -- I was committed to getting this relationship right, so that your nations can be full partners in our economy and your children can have a fair shot at pursuing the American Dream -- (applause) -- and that no one has to live under the cloud of fear or injustice.

And to make sure that we follow through on those commitments, I’ve named Native Americans to my White House staff -- like Jodi Gillette and Charlie Galbraith, who many of you know. (Applause.) I’ve named Native Americans throughout my administration. And today, because we’ve made sure that the conversations here have translated into action, we can point to signs of real progress.

We’ve focused on justice and tribal sovereignty. Long-standing legal disputes, like the Cobell case, have been resolved. I signed into law the Tribal Law and Order Act, which is helping to fight crime. These are all important steps. But we’ve got more to do. With domestic violence so prevalent on reservations, we’re pushing Congress to restore your power to bring to justice anyone -- Indian or non-Indian -- who hurts a woman. (Applause.) With some tribal nations unable to put their land into federal trust, we’re pushing Congress to pass the Carcieri fix right away. (Applause.)

A focus that a lot of you have spoken to me about and that we’re now really trying to drill down on is expanding economic opportunity for Native Americans. Together, we’ve stepped up support for Tribal Colleges and Universities, so that more young people can graduate with the skills they need to start a career. We’ve strengthened tribal health care and made it more accessible. And along with the HEARTH Act, we’ve streamlined leasing regulations, putting more power in your hands to build more homes, and more small businesses, more clean energy projects -- like the Moapa solar project in Nevada.

But we’ve got more work to do. We’ve

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Tribe hosts basketball camp at Mission

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The second annual Seminole Nation All-Indian Basketball Camp, sponsored by the Wildlife, Parks and Recreation department, took place December 27 and 28, 2012 at the Mekusukey Mission Gymnasium. The purpose of the camp was to educate the students on fundamentals of the game through hard work, dedication and respect.

There were 34 participants that registered for the basketball camp; 17 girls and 17 boys ages 5 to 15 years.

Victor Bear, Recreation Specialist for the Seminole Nation Wildlife, Parks and Recreation department was the camp coordinator. Adam Foster, Jr., Seminole Nation Program Analyst, was the Camp Director.

Camp instructors included James Fife, Kristy Hill, Tre Harjo, Rachel Morgan and Kaylee Britt.

The participants traveled from

Byng, Calvin, Holdenville, Seminole, Tecumseh and Varnum schools, as well as Seminole Nation Head Start.

The tribes represented at the camp included Chickasaw, Chipewewa, Choctaw, Creek, Cherokee, Kickapoo, Kiowa, Tachi-Yokut and Seminole.

"The camp went extremely well. I was informed that the group I would be instructing would be the 5-10 year olds. Afterwards, I was told that I had the toughest group to instruct due primarily to the group's youthful energy and attention span," said instructor James Fife. "However, the group kept me on my toes and being around them in a basketball environment made it fun."

"With this being my first time assisting with an activity like this, I was sort of misplaced for the first five minutes. However, my inner TYP summer camp facilitator instincts kicked in and the rest of my duties at the camp fell into place," Fife added. "It

was an honor to be able to assist with this camp and give back to the youth."

Winners of the best overall boy and girl camper awards were Garret Yesslith, Varnum; Tyler Moppin, Holdenville; Emmalyn Marriott, Holdenville; and Madison Kinsey, Varnum.

Winners of the hustle award were Tagan Bear, Calvin; Urijah Fixico, Seminole; Shelby Grisson, Holdenville; and Denise Thomas, Calvin.

Overall Hot Shot champions were Tagan Bear, Calvin; and Elijah Gibson, Byng.

Overall layup champions were Garret Yesslith, Varnum; and Tyler Moppin, Holdenville.

Bear thanked Jerome Harrison, Diabetes program exercise specialist; Wewoka Indian Health Service's dental department for donating the toothbrushes, toothpaste and dental floss given to each camper; and the Seminole Nation Diabetes program for the use of basketballs and jerseys.

SAIGE to host youth program at annual training conference, offer scholarships

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Society of American Indian Government Employees is a national non-profit organization that advocates for American Indian and Alaska Native Government employees.

SAIGE will host their 10th annual National Training Program, Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Traditions, June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Wash. at the Northern Quest Resort & Casino, owned by the Kalispel Tribe.

As part of the Training Program, SAIGE will also host the annual Native Youth Program. This program is designed to provide Native American students an opportunity to learn about careers within the federal government, to participate in professional and personal development workshops and leadership training, and to network with Native American professionals.

SAIGE encourages Native American youth to realize their

potential to become leaders in their communities and schools, continue their educations by obtaining a college degree, and ultimately, to seek a career in the government sector in one of the multitude of civil service professions.

Federal agency representatives attending the conference will have the opportunity to participate as exhibitors, meet students, and promote career opportunities within their respective agencies.

SAIGE is offering a limited number of scholarships for Native students to attend the 2013 Training Conference June 3-7, 2013 in Spokane, Wash. The scholarships will include conference fee, airfare, hotel accommodations and meals.

The Youth Program is open to Native Students between the ages of 18 and 25 who can demonstrate they are currently enrolled in good standing at an accredited high school, college or university.

Students must be interested in gaining a professional degree and in the possibility of pursuing a career with the federal government.

SAIGE invites American Indian and Alaska Native students to submit their application form, letter of reference, proof of school enrollment and completed emergency medical information form for consideration to attend the conference. A short essay about their interest in government careers and information about themselves is also required.

Completed application packets must be postmarked or electronic copies sent no later than April 1, 2013.

To obtain a complete application visit the SAIGE website at: www.saige.org and click on the "Youth Track" tab.

For more information, please contact Youth Program Coordinator JoAnn Brant at (202) 564-0375 or email brant.joann@epa.gov

Ricketts graduates basic training at Ft. Benning

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Pvt. Jarrod Keith Ricketts graduated from basic training on Friday, January 18, 2013 in Fort Benning, Ga.

Pvt. Jarrod Ricketts is the son of Lisa Landers and Ed George and is a member of the Tallahassee band.

He currently resides in Jaurez, Mexico with his fiancée Brenda Minjarez. Ricketts also has two children – Aubrey Rose Ricketts, 16, and Jarrod Keith Ricketts II, 14.

"Out of 205 men in the C. Co. #254, my friend and I were the only Native Americans." Ricketts said.

"I was the oldest out of C. Co #254 and was glad to survive training," he added.

Ricketts joined the military because he wanted a career and a better future for his children. He

will be stationed in Fort Drum, N.Y. starting in February.



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got to rebuild America's infrastructure -- from roads to high-speed internet -- that will help connect Native communities to other parts of the country and other parts of the world. Congress needs to expand support for Native American small businesses, because when they're opening new stores or exporting new goods, then they're creating new jobs.

So that's where we need to go. That's the future we need to build. And I've never been more hopeful about our chances. Part of that hopefulness is because I've gotten to know so many of you, and I know the skills and the talent and the dedication and the values and the wisdom that you all represent. And I'm hopeful not just because of the work all of you are doing, not just because of the solemn commitment of tribal leaders all across this country. I'm also hopeful because of the rising generation who I've seen embrace the responsibility of following in your footsteps.

I'm hopeful because of young folks like Nick Tilsen. I just had a chance to talk to Nick, a Lakota Indian who lives on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota, which is one of the poorest parts of America. And unemployment there is rampant; high rates of disease and violence are often forcing folks to downsize their dreams. But there's a more promising statistic in Pine Ridge. More than half of Pine Ridge's population is under 30 years old. And many of those young people, like Nick, are giving all they have to help turn things around.

So Nick heads up a non-profit in Pine Ridge. A few years ago, with the support of some grants and other members of his tribe,

Nick built a community center that uses spiritual and cultural teachings to help young people stay off drugs and their parents live healthier lifestyles. And it's making a difference. So today, he's building something bigger -- a clean-energy community that will provide affordable housing for folks who need it and help more Lakota small businesses get off the ground.

Day by day, family by family, community by community, Nick and his non-profit have helped inspire a new beginning for Pine Ridge. In fact, just a few months ago, young and old came together to adopt a long-term plan that commits to bringing back jobs and development; bringing back native languages and customs; bringing back the spiritual strength that for so long has defined the Lakota people. And Nick says, "We've decided as a community to take ownership of our own future."

See, that makes me hopeful, talking to young people like that, because throughout Indian Country, you've got a generation ready to build on what generations before them have built. They're out there right now, stirring with hope, and restless for change, and ready to take ownership of their future.

So let's make sure our work here is worthy of their efforts. Let's do everything we can to get things in the best shape possible for when they're in charge.

And over the next four years, as long as I have the privilege of serving as your President, we're going to keep working together to make sure that the promise of America is fully realized for every Native American.

Thank you very much, everybody. (Applause.) God bless you. God bless the United States of America. (Applause.)