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### Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Celebrates Housing Preservation Grant from USDA



Melissa Harrison and John Hayden from our  
Housing Authority



L to R: Melissa Harrison Housing Specialist, Rom Roberts MFH Program Director, Renee Lincoln Council, Leslie Tanyan Secretary, Lisa Switch Treasurer, John Hayden Housing Executive Director, Ryan Mullen State Director, Leslie Worthan Program Specialist, Dena Plaster Program Specialist

#### ***An estimated 20 Oklahoma families will benefit from 3 HPG awards through USDA this year.***

STILLWATER, Oklahoma, November 15, 2012 – USDA Rural Development State Director, Ryan McMullen, announced today that three Oklahoma projects are receiving grant awards through USDA Rural Development’s Housing Preservation Grant program. Today, McMullen presented one of the awards to the Bah-Kho-Je Housing Authority of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma at an event hosted at the Tribe’s headquarters located south of Perkins.

“Leveraging these grant dollars with the tools and resources the American Indian Tribes are making available will go a long way toward helping eligible families to have access to safe, sanitary, and affordable housing in Oklahoma,” said McMullen. “For many, the resources made available through this award, will result in energy cost savings through weatherization and repairs,” McMullen continued.

In addition to weatherization projects, several very low income rural homeowners will have plumbing, heat and air, electrical and accessibility repairs made to their dwellings. The Iowa Tribe will also contribute \$11,000 to the Bah-Kho-Je Housing Authority housing preservation project which will serve homes located in Lincoln, Logan and Payne counties.

In addition to the award to the Iowa Tribe, the Thlopthlocco Tribal Town received a \$15,000 grant and the Native American Housing Services, Inc. (NAHSI) located in McCloud, Oklahoma received a \$22,000 grant as a part of this Housing Preservation Grant award announcement.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility program. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America.

For more information about the Housing Preservation Grant program or ways communities, businesses, and individuals can partner with USDA Rural Development, call 1-800-522-3819.

**Miami Oklahoma Public Library to Preview  
Emmy® Nominated Filmmakers' New Documentary  
"Lost Nation: The loway 2&3"**

**Event Sponsored by the Oklahoma Humanities Council**

**MIAMI, OK**– Kelly and Tammy Rundle of Fourth Wall Films, producers of the Emmy® nominated documentary *Country School: One Room-One Nation* and the award-winning *Lost Nation: The loway* will appear for a special Oklahoma Humanities Council **preview screening** of their new documentary ***Lost Nation: The loway 2&3*** at the **Miami Oklahoma Public Library, 200 Main Street, Miami, Oklahoma on Wednesday, December 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.** Following the film presentation, the Rundles will join Tribal Elder Joyce BigSoldier-Miller from the Ioway Tribe of Oklahoma for Q&A. The special OHC preview screening of *Lost Nation: The loway 2&3* offers the public a sneak-peek at the new film. **The event is free to the public.**

*Lost Nation: The loway 2&3* will premiere in February 2013, with public television broadcasts and a DVD release to follow. An alternative soundtrack in the nearly extinct loway language will be offered on the DVD.

When the loway are forcibly removed from their ancestral homelands in 1837 to a reservation in North-east Kansas, loway leader White Cloud (The Younger) believes his people must relocate to survive. But intermarriage, broken treaties and the end of communal living leads to a split in 1878 and the establishment of a second loway tribe in Oklahoma. Both tribes endure hardship and challenges to their traditions and culture to achieve successful land claims and self-determination in the 1970s. *Lost Nation: The loway 2&3* brings the loway story full circle.

The loway join other American Indians, historians, anthropologists and archaeologists to tell the dramatic and true story of the small tribe that once claimed the territory between the Missouri and Mississippi Rivers from Pipestone, Minnesota to St. Louis.

Through their fiscal sponsor Kansas Public Telecommunications Service, Inc. (KPTS-PBS), the documentary sequel project was awarded a grant from Oklahoma Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities for production in Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma Humanities Council is an independent, nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide meaningful public engagement with the humanities—disciplines such as history, literature, film studies, art criticism and philosophy. As the state partner for the National Endowment for the Humanities, OHC provides teacher institutes; Smithsonian exhibits, reading groups and other cultural opportunities for Oklahomans of all ages. With a focus on K-12 education and community building, OHC engages people in their own communities, stimulating discussion and helping them explore the wider world of human experience. Funding for this program is provided in part by a grant from the Oklahoma Humanities Council (OHC) and the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Any views, findings, conclusions, or recommendations expressed in these films and program do not necessarily represent those of OHC or NEH.

Visit [www.lowayMovie.com](http://www.lowayMovie.com) for more information. Photos available upon request.

Contact:

*Kelly & Tammy Rundle*

**Fourth Wall Films**

309-797-0544

[fourthwallfilms@aol.com](mailto:fourthwallfilms@aol.com)

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12/31/12

100 Civic Center Downtown Tulsa, OK

Contact for more Information:

*Lorraine Bosin*

918.639.7999

[Choctaw1865@yahoo.com](mailto:Choctaw1865@yahoo.com)

This Powwow is sponsored by Friends of Sobriety

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Send check or money order to:

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1/19/13

220 W. Broadway Ardmore, OK 73401

Contact for more Information:

*Thomas Cronemeyer*

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Ardmore Benefit Powwow is for Kaitlyn Cronemeyer. She is 1/4 Choctaw, her

grandmother was a full-blood Choctaw. She is a sophomore at Ardmore High

School and was selected to attend the Congressional Youth Leadership Council

in Washington D.C. during the summer of 2013. She is raising funds for pro-

gram fees and expenses



Powwows in Oklahoma



## Classifieds

### Tribal Assistance Program

Household assistance has increased to \$1,000.00 for January – June; and \$1,000.00 for July – December. The applications are available at [www.iowanation.org](http://www.iowanation.org) that reflect the increase.

<p>Would you like to go back to school? Are you having difficulty juggling your work schedule with family life? We provide child care assistance for all eligible Native American families. Let us help you achieve success!</p> <p>Kaw Nation Child Care Development Fund Program 101 Charles Curtis Drive Newkirk, OK 74647 580-362-4114</p>	<p><b>Notice</b></p> <p>We are asking our tribal members to contact enrollment if they have Served or are active military</p> <p>Complete with the following: <i>Military Branch</i> <i>Year(s) Served</i> <i>Name</i></p> <p>We are currently updating our information Phone: 405-547-2402</p>	<p>Email, Mail, or Fax your advertisement to the following.</p> <p><i>RT 1, Box 721</i> <i>Perkins, OK 74059</i> <i>Att: Journal</i> Or call 1 888 336 Iowa,</p> <p>for more information and rates. <b>Advertise your company today!</b></p> <p><small>All advertisement is subject to approval by the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Business Committee. If deemed inappropriate or unacceptable, a refund will be issued</small></p>	<p>Bah-Kho-Je Words of the Month: ANIMALS</p> <p><b>Buffalo</b>— Che <i>(Chay)</i></p> <p><b>Horse</b> - Shunye <i>(Shoon yee)</i></p> <p><b>Beaver</b> - Lawe <i>(Law way)</i></p> <p><b>Squirrel</b> - Thinye <i>(Theenyeh)</i></p> <p><b>Rabbit</b> - Mischinge <i>(Misheen ye)</i></p> <p><b>Dog</b> - Shung kenye <i>(Shoong keen yeh)</i></p>
<p><b><u>Writers in the Wind</u></b></p> <p>All are invited to attend, we encourage writers of all ages. Listeners are welcome as well. Attendees are encourage to bring anything they are working on and we do different projects.</p> <p>Writers in the Wind meets every first Wednesday of each month. Fall is the time for stories. For more information: Sandy Tharp, Librarian 405-547-2402 ext. 213 Or <a href="mailto:Library@iowanation.org">Library@iowanation.org</a></p>	<p><b>Notice</b></p> <p>As of October 1, 2012 all Iowa Tribe Realty Services are now located at the Bureau of Indian Affairs Shawnee Field Office located in Shawnee, OK. For any Realty matters please contact</p> <p>BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, SHAWNEE FIELD OFFICE, 624 West Independence, Suite 109, Shawnee, OK 74801, (405) 273-0317.</p>	<p><b><u>Free GED Classes</u></b> For more information:</p> <p><i>Kathleen Woods,</i> <i>GED Teacher</i> 405-377-0659 Home 405-612-2760 Cell <a href="mailto:grakat@sbcglobal.net">grakat@sbcglobal.net</a></p> <p><i>SandyTharp, Iowa</i> <i>Tribe Librarian</i> 405-547-2402 ext 213 <a href="mailto:stsharp@iowanation.org">stsharp@iowanation.org</a></p> <p><i>Chris Hill, Iowa Tribe Education Specialist</i> 405-547-5721 ext 209 <a href="mailto:chill@iowanation.org">chill@iowanation.org</a></p>	<p>GED evening class @ Environmental Building This is an on going class that meets twice weekly for 3 hours each week. Classes meet on Mondays and Thursdays Evenings 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM @ the Environmental Building (EOS) by Perkins Family Clinic. (Almost behind D'Marios and Car Wash) All sessions are 'come &amp; go', and are geared for your own pace, and open to anyone seeking a high school diploma. You must be 16 years old to attend.</p>

### Salazar Announces Final Steps on Cobell Litigation and Implementation of Settlement

*Settlement includes land consolidation program to help promote tribal self-determination and strengthen economic development*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today lauded the final approval of the Cobell settlement and outlined steps that Interior will take to help implement the historic \$3.4 billion settlement. The settlement resolves a long-running class action lawsuit regarding the U.S. government's trust management and historical accounting of individual American Indian trust accounts. It became final on November 24, 2012, following action by the Supreme Court and expiration of the appeal period.

“With the settlement now final, we can put years of discord behind us and start a new chapter in our nation-to-nation relationship,” said Salazar. “Today marks another historic step forward in President Obama’s agenda of reconciliation and empowerment for Indian Country and begins a new era of trust administration.”

The settlement includes a \$1.5 billion fund to be distributed to class members for accounting and potential trust fund and asset mismanagement claims. The settlement also includes a \$1.9 billion fund for a land consolidation program that allows for the voluntary sale of individual land interests that have “fractionated,” or split among owners, over successive generations. Fractionated land can have many owners – sometimes hundreds or more – diminishing the land’s value and making it difficult for individuals to use the land for agriculture, business development, or housing from which tribes can benefit. Up to \$60 million of the \$1.9 billion fund may be set aside to provide scholarships for American Indians and Alaska Natives to attend college or vocational school.

“This marks the historic conclusion of a contentious and long running period of litigation,” said Hilary Tompkins, Solicitor for the Department of the Interior. “Through the hard work and good will of plaintiffs, Interior and Treasury officials and Department of Justice counsel, we are turning a new page and look forward to collaboratively working with Indian country to manage these important funds and assets.”

#### Payments to Claimants

The Claims Administrator will now begin overseeing disbursement of the \$1.5 billion to nearly 500,000 class members. The court previously approved GCG, Inc., as the Claims Administrator. The Department of the Treasury will transfer the \$1.5 billion to an account at JP Morgan Chase, a bank approved by the court. Per the terms of the settlement agreement, Interior’s Office of the Special Trustee (OST) has assisted GCG with its database by supplying contact information of individual class members from its records.

“We will continue to work with GCG to ensure it has the information it needs to make expeditious and accurate payments,” Deputy Secretary of the Interior David J. Hayes said. “At the same time, we’re focused on making meaningful improvements to our trust administration so that we’re more transparent, responsive and accountable in managing these substantial funds and assets.”

#### Trust Land Consolidation Program

The Department of the Interior will use \$1.9 billion from the Trust Land Consolidation Fund to acquire interests in trust and restricted lands that have “fractionated” over successive generations since the 1880s.

Individual owners will be paid fair market value for such interests with the understanding that the acquired interests will remain in trust and be consolidated for beneficial use by tribal communities. Interested sellers may convey their fractional interests on a voluntary basis. Currently, there are over 2.9 million fractional interests owned by approximately 260,000 individuals.

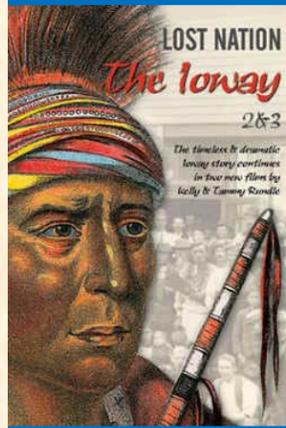
While the settlement was pending, Interior held a series of consultation meetings with tribes in 2011 to ensure that this landmark program incorporates tribal priorities and promotes tribal participation in reducing land fractionation in a timely and efficient way. These discussions informed a draft land consolidation plan released in February of 2012. Interior is incorporating public comments and expects to release an updated plan by the end of the year for additional consultation.

“The land consolidation program is our chance to begin to solve a fractionation problem that has plagued Indian country for decades,” said Interior Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn. “We are anxious to get started. We know that Interior’s continued outreach through consultations with Indian Country is a crucial component to accomplishing truly open government-to-government communication”

Congress approved the Cobell settlement on November 30, 2010 as part of the Claims Resolution Act of 2010. President Obama signed the legislation on December 8, 2010. The district court approved the Cobell settlement on August 4, 2011 and it has been upheld through the appeals process.

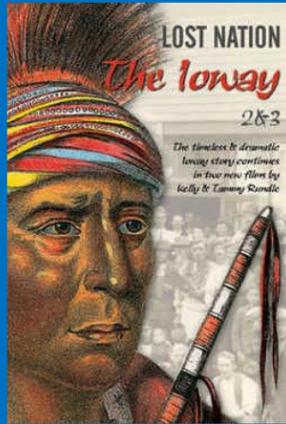
For additional information about the individual class-action payments, please contact GCG, Inc. at 1-800-961-6109 or via email at [Info@IndianTrust.com](mailto:Info@IndianTrust.com)

For additional information on the Trust Land Consolidation Program, please visit <http://www.doi.gov/cobell/index.cfm>



## IOWAY 2&3 FILM

Attention Tribal Members:



Due to the filmmakers grant requirements, they were unable to give us an advance copy of the DVD Film "Ioway 2&3" for a private showing to the Tribal Members in December. There was only one date that was proposed by the film makers and unfortunately this date was not feasible. However, the Business Committee does plan on having a private showing once the dvd's arrive in January/February 2013. The distribution date is set by the filmmakers.

The Business Committee has ordered dvd's for tribal members 18 years and older to be distributed at the private screening for Tribal Members. Date to be determined. We will notify tribal members via mail when the showing is scheduled.

Respectfully,  
The Iowa Tribe Business Committee

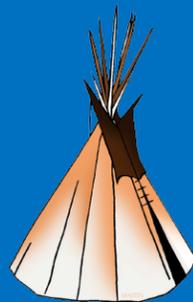


### Safety Solutions to Prevent Fires for Iowa Tribal Members and Employees

On January 15, 2013 at 10:00AM, a meeting will be held for Iowa Tribal Members and employees at the White Cloud Building. The Fire Department will present a brief class on the use and installation of the combination Smoke / Carbon Monoxide Detector and the proper use of a fire extinguisher. After the class, combination Smoke / Carbon Monoxide Detectors and fire extinguishers will be given away to Iowa Tribal Members. In addition, everyone will have the opportunity to use a fire extinguisher during a simulated fire.

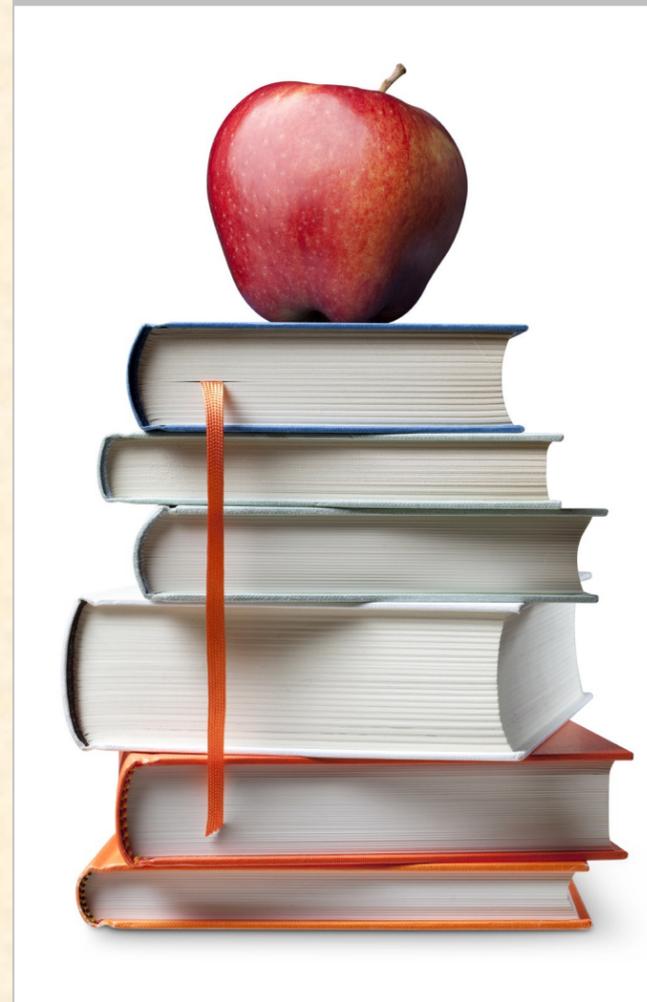
Contact for more information:

405-547-2402 Ext 139.



"Early development Is fundamental

To the growth of your child"



Each day we learn something new!

- √ Make decisions about interest & abilities.
  - √ Finds toys by himself or sets up environment to play.
  - √ Learns to share, barter, manage conflict and ask for help.
  - √ Learns about acceptance and rejection.
- Expresses needs.

CALL (405)-547-4261 TODAY!

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## Tie One on for Safety

Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) has designated December as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. The month of December has been set aside to raise awareness about the consequences of driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs. The timing of this awareness month is fortuitous as the time period between Thanksgiving and New Years is the most dangerous time for impaired driving deaths. But impaired driving is dangerous any day of the year. One person is killed by a drunk driver every 52 minutes and it is estimated that three out of 10 Americans will be involved in an alcohol-related traffic accident at some point in their lives.

You can show your support for MADD's campaign against drunk and drugged driving by tying a red ribbon to your antenna during the month of December. More importantly, you can follow MADD's prescription for safe holiday parties by following these simple rules:

Designate a sober driver before the celebrations begin

Never serve alcohol to persons under 21 years of age

Plan safe parties, including having non-alcoholic drink options available and by not serving any alcohol the during the last hour

Be prepared to get everyone home safe in case your plans or individual circumstances change

The Victim Services Unit of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma has services and supports available for those impacted by a drunk, drugged or distracted driver. If you, or someone you know has been a victim of a drunk, drugged or distracted driver please contact our offices for services.

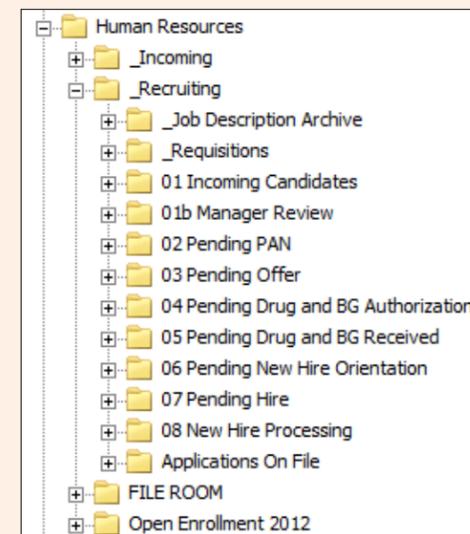
We can be reached at 547-2402 weekdays and 547-5355 nights and weekends.

## Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Created a Paperless Human Resources Department

With an enrollment of over 490 peoples and more than 350 employees. The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is one fo the largest employers in Payne County, OK managing different enterprises such as the Cimarron Casino and the Bah Kho Je Art Gallery. The Iowa Tribe implemented Laserfiche Rio in 2010 across seven departmnets and plans to expand to other departments in the future.

Prior to implementing Laserfiche, we had to deal with inconsistent personnel files and paperwork being constantly misfiled or lost. Laserfiche completely revitalized our Human Resources Department and made it almost completely paperless. With twenty-five (25) different workflows running our HR Department, we've used Laserfiche to automate everything from employee onboarding to employee separation.

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is a 2012 Run Smart Award Winner.

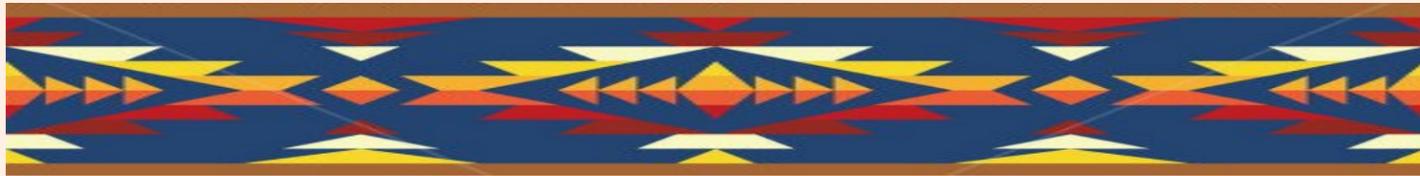


Laserfiche Workflow finds each new document, determines its type and routes it to either Payroll or Benefits as needed. Workflow also performs a database lookup to automatically populate the metadata. Here is the main workflow that processes our incoming employee documents:

### Benefits of Laserfiche

Implementing Laserfiche in the HR department has resulted in the following benefits at Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma:

- We have eliminated 80 cubic feet of filing cabinets.
- Authorized users can access any active employee file onsite from a Web browser or offsite via authorized VPN access.
- The workflow which checks for missing documentation saved us 300 hours a year of employee time.
- There is now clear and constant communication between everyone involved in the employee onboarding process including the hiring managers, job candidates and HR staff.



## Congratulations Jennifer Tallbear



Master-At-Arms First Class Petty Officer Jennifer Tallbear hails from Asher, Oklahoma. After joining the U.S. Navy June 3rd, 1997 she attended boot camp in Great Lakes Chicago II, before reporting to her first duty station Naval Auxiliary Landing Field, San Clemente Island, as an undesignated seaman. Upon completion of her assignment, Petty Officer Tallbear reported to Lackland Air Force Base, September 1999 and attended Master-At-Arms "A" school and K-9 "C" school.

After graduation, Petty Officer Tallbear reported to Naval Support Activity Bahrain from March 2000 through March 2001 where she performed her duties as K-9 handler, before transferring to Navy Region Southwest K-9 Unit in San Diego, California. During her tour in California, MA1 Tallbear decided to branch out in her career field and accepted assignment to Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron Four at Tinker Air Force Base Oklahoma in 2004 as Command Master-At-Arms followed by an assignment in Lemoore California (2007) where she was selected to deploy to Iwakuni, Japan with Strike Fighter Squadron 94.

Currently Petty Officer Tallbear is stationed at Tinker Air Force Base with Strategic Communications Wing One where she serves as the Assistant Command Urinalysis Coordinator.

Tallbear has completed Navy assignments supporting: Operation Determined Response, Operation Iraqi Freedom, and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Tallbear's awards include the Joint Service Achievement Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various other personal and service awards

2012 Elders Thanksgiving Luncheon  
Was held at the White Cloud building.  
Bingo was played, prizes were won.



## Positive Indian Parenting

### Lessons of Mother Nature

#### Development of Social Skills

This session is designed to explore how Indian families traditionally taught living skills and social skills. It examines how nature was used as a teacher and how the examples from nature taught people to get along with one another, cope with hardships, and find strength. Ask yourself to examine your part in helping the children develop skills for living.

Nature, in most tribes, has been considered a good teacher. There are examples in nature of how to get along with others, how to cooperate, and how to endure hardship. Indian children were taught to observe their natural surroundings and learn from what they saw. They were taught that all of nature was a teacher and an ally. For example, children learned patience when an elder told them to remember the flowers that must wait for water.



### Perkins Family Clinic

Beginning December 6, 2012, the clinic will be closed from 8am-1pm.  
And open from 1pm to 5pm on Thursdays only

The phone lines will be open at 10am on Thursdays  
for appointments, pharmacy, and nurse calls.

No other change have been made this time

Fell free to contact Perkins Family Clinic at anytime Monday, Tuesdays,  
Wednesday and Friday 8am to 5pm. Thursday 10am to 5pm  
405.547.2473



**Thank You, PFC Staff**



## Congratulations Team Young Guns



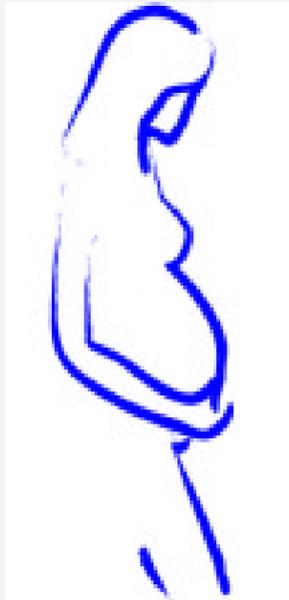
*Jordan #4 and Joshua #2*

Joshua and Jordan Murray played 5th and 6th grade football for the Ponca City Youth Tackle.

Their team was the Young Guns and they went undefeated and won the Championship at the Toy Bowl this year.

Proud parents are Kirvin Sr. and Ellen Murray. Grandsons of the late Bob Murray Sr. and Virginia Murray, Isabell Adams and the late Bert Adams.





**ATTENTION**  
*New Moms and Moms-To-Be...*

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Expectant Families Program is Designed to help eligible pregnant women receive the many services needed for a healthy pregnancy!

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- ◆ *Develop strong bond between both parents & the un-born child*
- ◆ *Information needed to have a health lifestyle*
- ◆ *Enhanced self-esteem and life goals*
- ◆ *Learn to identify early signs of problems*
- ◆ *Identify and use community resources*
- ◆ *Help to transition to a childcare facility if needed*

**PROTECT YOUR BABY FROM THE START-**

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# Hear My Voice



## NATIVE AMERICAN CRUSADE

**Iowa Tribe Pow-wow Grounds (Chena Building),  
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**WEDNESDAY JANUARY 9**

**Jay Mule**  
EVANGELIST  
CHOCTAW

**THURSDAY JANUARY 10**

**BEN LITTLE**  
PASTOR SALATEESKA BAPTIST  
CHURCH  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE

**FRIDAY JANUARY 11**

**TOMMY MORRIS**  
EVANGELIST  
SAC & FOX

**MUSIC DIRECTOR**

**DELANA DEERE**  
MUSIC DIR CORNERSTONE INDIAN  
BAPTIST CHURCH  
ABSENTEE SHAWNEE/PONCA

# JANUARY 9, 10, 11, 2013

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PM NIGHTLY**

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MICHAEL DEER 405.885.9396 OR BY EMAIL AT [buffaloclan95@gmail.com](mailto:buffaloclan95@gmail.com)



*Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma*

# *Sweat Ceremony*



**Thursday Nights 6:00pm**

North side of Pow Wow Grounds

Chena Building



**Contact:**

**Eagle McClellan or Tyrone Springer 405-547-4325  
Or Gary Pratt 405-747-4999**

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Thursday evenings for our sweat lodge ceremony. We set aside Thursdays for our substance abuse program, but we also welcome anyone who is in need of prayer and spiritual cleansing. We also conduct sweats upon request, perhaps birthdays, celebrations and even maybe loved ones who may not be feeling well.

Clothing suggestions are T-shirts, shorts, flip flops, etc. Towels are usually a good idea to bring as well, jewelry such as ear rings, rings, watches, are not recommended inside lodge. we always try to start between 6pm and 7pm. We usually provide a meal afterwards and everyone is welcome to come and eat with us.

Note: Sometimes weather can play a determining role if sweats will take place or not. Safety will always be the first priority for everyone, therefore, This will be at the discretion of the recreation department to determine if weather will allow for ceremony.



Our Administrative offices  
Will be closed for the holidays on  
These following days

**December 24, 2012 Christmas Eve**

**December 25, 2012 Christmas Day**

*We will reopen Wednesday, December 26th*

**December 31, 2012 New Year's Eve**

**January 1, 2012 New Years Day**

*We will reopen Wednesday, January 2nd.*

Happy Holidays & Happy New Year's



From the Iowa Tribe Business Committee