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BAH-KHO-JE POW-WOW CHAIRMAN

The 2010 Bah-Kho-Je Pow-wow Chairman is Robert L. Murray Jr.; Robert brings to the Bah-Kho-Je people his aspirations & achievements to facilitate the 2010 Pow-wow. Robert L. Murray, Jr. was born in the Pawnee Indian Hospital in Pawnee, Oklahoma on November 17, 1958. Roberts father was Robert L. Murray Sr. and enrolled 1/2 Iowa and 1/2 Otoe descent; His mother is Virginia Waters a 4/4 Ponca and Great Granddaughter of Chief White Eagle. Robert was raised in north central Oklahoma on the Otoe-Missouria and Ponca Reservations. He is Bear clan and his Ponca name is "Two Buffalo" named after his grandfather. He was at 19 months old, the youngest dancer at the Ponca Powwow in 1960. He was raised in a time where culture and tradition paved a way for his future.

At age 12 Robert started dancing and performing at all Indian rodeos and round ups. At age 14 he was a part of a documentary on Oklahoma Fancy Dancers. At age 15, Robert toured Florida with then producer Boy Ladd and Seminole Chief James Billie. At age 16, another tour took Robert to 48 states, where he attended various dance competitions, such as the men's fancy dance and the men's hoop dance.

In 1990 Robert joined the a Indian dance group called the Great American Indian Dancers, performing for many schools, Universities, Festivals, and Banquets. In 1993 Robert also began singing with the world champion southern drum group, "Yellow Hammer" and also gained traveling opportunities through out the United States.

With the knowledge acquired since his upbringing he chose to extend his capabilities as a cultural promoter. He utilized songs, dances from the Indigenous nations across north America and presented them according to their significance. During 1993 to 1996 Robert was the opening act for the "Pawnee Bill's Wild West Show" at the Historical Cow Town Coliseum in the Stockyards, down town Fort Worth, Texas. He performed 17 days at the 101st Anniversary and was the first Native American Indian to perform at this stock show rodeo, since the Comanche Chief Quanah Parker. In 1995 he began singing with the Zotigh Singers which released 2 CD's live at Schemitzun World Championship of song and dance released in 1998. In 2000, the same group released their second CD called "Zotigh Sing-



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June 25, 26, & 27,
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ers; Millennium" taped in Albuquerque, New Mexico in April of the same year.

During his time with the Great American Indian Dancers during '93, he toured in Italy performing in concerts in Poggio a Caiano, Tuscania, Veruchio, Borgo Pace, Grottaglie, and finishing up in Rome, Italy. In September of 1998 Robert toured again to Europe in locales such as Barcelon, Olot, Montnegre, and Madrid, Spain. The following year on March 4th, 1999, Robert and the Great American Indian dancers were honored to be chosen to perform at the 150th Anniversary Celebration for the United States Department of the Interior in Washington D.C. in the company of then President Bill Clinton. The President also acknowledged Robert from that performance with a handshake, and later mailing him a letter of acknowledgement signed by President Clinton.

In August of 2000, where Robert performed 2 shows with Grammy winning singer/artist Bill Miller, in Hot Springs, Arkansas and Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Also in 2000, Robert was provided from the Iowa Tribe an acknowledgement to the Pope, in Rome Italy, as he was going to tour at the location, however, under circumstances of the Pope becoming ill, his scheduled time to meet him had to be canceled.

Again, another exulting moment was during 2002, where the first native American category was recognized at the Grammy's. He at this time worked with a dance company called "Burnt Down", a native American promotional group that presented native culture. During this time, he attended the pre-grammy party for Grammy nominated native Americans. At the actual Grammy's show, Robert provided the choreographed presentation for the "Burnt Down" Company, which mimicked a pow-wow style presentation. Some of the noted people at the Grammy's where, Floyd Red Crow Westerman, Saginw Grant, Nathan Chasing Horse, Steve Reeves of Dances with Wolves, and Rodney Grant. He was also in the company of the Backstreet Boys, Insync, Paul McCartney, Gary Bussy, Pink, Outcast, and other performers. Robert was an award recipient for his performance at the Grammys.

Other activities during 2003 & 2004 he worked with the Armed Forces Entertainment and toured with Toby Keith, Drew Carey & the Laugh Factory, the Washington Redskin Cheerleaders & Harlem Globetrotters, and toured eleven shows in five states in five days.

Now and for the past six years, Robert became employed with the Otoe Seven Clans Casino, and during this time he desired to settle from tours, as he decided to retire for a time.

As the new year begin, and plans are being made, he asks for your support to make this a great pow-wow year.

He also advised the 2010 Pow-wow was changed to June 25, 26th, and 27th, 2010. The reason for the change was to not conflict with the Red Earth Festival; This change will make available to the pow-wow people, the Iowa Tribe pow-wow.

He indicates if there is any reason you may need to contact him, he will be available to you at 580-352-4160. He is also working with his committee on upcoming dances. He provides that contacts about the Pow-wow can also be made with Ashley Jacobson at 405-547-2948 or by her email at monkepeme@yahoo.com.



2010 Iowa
Tribal Pow-wow Chairman
Robert Murray Jr.



Happy Valentine's Day
From the Bah-Kho-Je
Journal

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Morgan (Missy) Franklin Happy 4th birthday on February 7, 2010. Love Mom, Dad, and Derek, Daniel, Tosha, Harvey, and Baby J.



Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications for the 13th annual Patty Iron Cloud National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAIYI), which will be held in our nation's capitol, June 19 – 27, 2010. Native American high school students, ages 16 – 18, who have an interest in the health profession or biomedical research are encouraged to apply.

The NNAIYI Program is designed to educate high school students about the various careers in the health profession and biomedical research. "Exploring the health field through NNAIYI is a tremendous opportunity for Native high school students interested in pursuing a health career," says Margaret Knight, AAIP's Executive Director. "NNAIYI's curriculum is strategically designed to prepare students for admission to college and professional schools, as well as for careers in health and biomedical research."

During interactive workshops, students increase their skills in leadership; communication, studying and testing, networking, professional behavior, interactive learning, and time management. AAIP member physicians and health professionals serve as role models for the students and offer insights into their respective health fields, including: medicine; pharmacy; dentistry; public and allied health; biomedical research; health policy development; and more. Students also learn about opportunities for mentoring and shadowing with AAIP member physicians.

To accompany the students during the program, NNAIYI is currently accepting application for counselors to serve as chaperones and role models. Native American college students in health programs are encouraged to apply. Counselors receive all expenses paid, as well as a stipend at the end of the program.

Application deadline for high school students is April 16, 2010 and for counselor application is March 5, 2010. For more information, contact Lucinda Myers, MSW, at the Association of American Indian Physicians at (405) 946-7072, or e-mail lmeyers@aaip.org. Applications may be downloaded from the AAIP web site at <http://www.aaip.org/?page=AAIPStudents>

IOWA TRIBE SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDES FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME

The Social Services Department of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma is pleased to announce the formation of the new Victim Services Unit. The Victim Services Unit is headed by Dr. Barbara Murray whose successful grant writing efforts this past year brought in over a million dollars of funding to assist crime victims in our community. All services within the unit are open to all victims of crime, regardless of ethnicity. Information on the programs within the Victim Services Unit is presented below.

Victim Services Unit

Empowering Victims, Working for Justice, Advocating for Peace

Victim Assistance Program

The Victim Assistance Program works with victims of crime to help assure that their rights as crime victims are realized. The program serves all victims in our community, regardless of ethnicity. The focus in the coming year is serving those victimized by drunk and drugged drivers. Program staff serves as a single point of contact and accountability as they work to coordinate federal, state, local and tribal programs and services to meet the needs of victims and usher them through the criminal justice system. Referrals can be made to the program by law enforcement, social service agencies, family members or individual victims.

The goals of the Victim Assistance Program are:

- Provide professional, victim-centered and culturally competent services to victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, sexual assault or drunk/drugged driving
- Work with crime victims and other professionals to decrease the rate of re-victimization
- Increase awareness of program services and the impact of crime through trainings, community events and media outlets
- Improve program performance through

staff development and timely reporting

The Victim Assistance Program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime.

Sexual Assault Services Program

The Sexual Assault Services Program serves the needs of adult victims of sexual assault domestic violence, dating violence or stalking. The program serves all victims in the community, regardless of ethnicity. Referrals can be made to the program by law enforcement, social service agencies, family members or individual victims.

The goals of the Sexual Assault Services Program are:

- Increase services to victims of sexual assault by providing a full-time Victim Advocate dedicated to assisting victims of sexual assault
- Provide transitional housing assistance to adult victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault
- Work with the community to create education and prevention campaigns around the issues of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault
- Arrange for Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiner training for the Tribally owned and operated Perkins Family Clinic
- Create sexual assault codes, response protocols and policies for law enforcement, prosecutors, victim service programs and health care professionals

The Sexual Assault Services Program is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

Transitional Housing Assistance Program

The Transitional Housing Assistance Program serves victims of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault that have been made homeless as a result of their victimization. The program serves

all victims in the community, regardless of ethnicity. Referrals can be made to the program by law enforcement, social service agencies, family members or individual victims.

The goals of the Transitional Housing Assistance Program are:

- Provide transitional housing assistance for victims left homeless as a result of domestic violence, dating violence, stalking or sexual assault
- Work with clients and Stillwater Domestic Violence Services to obtain counseling and participate in support groups as needed
- Work with our clients and Consumer Credit Counseling Services to repair credit histories and obtain budget and money management skills training as needed
- Work with our clients and Workforce Oklahoma to access training opportunities, make career decisions and find jobs
- Work with our clients and Meridian Technology Center to access training in areas such as resume writing, job interviewing skills, dressing for success, decision making and goal setting
- Work with our clients and Stillwater Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program to participate in programs and counseling to reduce dependence on welfare and housing assistance and empower families to become and remain self sufficient.

The Transitional Housing Assistance Program is supported with Recovery Act funding through a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women.

The staff in the Social Services Department is pleased to be able to offer this enhanced array of services to victims of crime in our community. If you, or someone you know becomes a victim of crime we hope you will look to the Victim Services Unit to assist you in accessing services you may need. The Victim Services Unit is located in the Whitecloud building and can be contacted at 547-2402 during business hours and 547-5355 at other times.



Menu subject to change without notice Iowa Tribe Title VI Menu and Elders Activities *Thursday is Fish Day*

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 Beef-n-Bean Burritos w/Chili, cheese & onions Spanish Rice w/ Tomatoes Garden Salad Splenda Apple Crisp Milk	2 Meatloaf Mashed Potatoes w/gravy Brussels Sprouts Wheat Rolls Tropical Fruit Salad Milk	3 Beef n- Corn Soup Boiled Potato 5-way Vegetable Mix Fresh Fruit Sherry's Fry Bread Milk	4 Parmesan Crusted Tilapia Capri Vegetables Garden Salad Pineapple Chunks Wheat Roll Milk	5 Scrambled Eggs Sausage Links Wheat Berry Toast Apricots Tomato Juice / Milk Commodity Pick-Up Elders Shopping Trip
8 Chicken, Rice, Broccoli Cheese Casserole Carrot Coins Splenda Peach Cobbler Milk	9 Soft Turkey Taco w/lettuce, tomatoes, onions, cheese, guacamole & sour cream Black Beans Mexican Corn SF-Jell-O / Milk	10 Chicken Pepperoni Fettuccine w/ Marinara Fresh Vegetable Melody Cheese Cake Garlic Bread Milk	11 Creole Shrimp over Wild Rice Key Largo Vegetables Spinach Salad Tropical Fruit Milk	12 Malt-o-Meal Fabulous Fruit Salad Wheat Berry Toast Peanut Butter Milk Elders Trip to Osoe Party
15 Roasted Pork Loin Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Splenda Glazed Carrots SF Vanilla Pudding Wheat Hot Roll / Milk	16 Chicken Pot Pie Harvard Beets Garden Salad SF Apple Crisp Milk	17 Steam Fry Roasted Potatoes Seasoned Green Beans Sherry's Fry Bread Berry Perfect Fluff Milk	18 Blackened Catfish Cabbage Mixed Veggies Hushpuppies Chocolate Cake Milk	19 Oatmeal w/ Peaches Boiled Egg Bacon Wheat Berry Toast Tomato Slices Milk February Birthday Month
22 Open Face Roast Beef Sandwich Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Breaded Baked Okra Strawberry Fluff Milk	23 Pepper Steak on White Rice Seasoned Green Beans Garden Salad Splenda Peach Crisp Milk	24 Baked Pork Chops Asparagus Scalloped Potatoes Hot Wheat Roll Fruit Cocktail Salad Milk	25 Fish Fillets Italiano Apple Raisin Coleslaw Baked French Fries SF Chocolate Pudding Garlic Bread Milk	26 Cream of Wheat Bagel w/ Cream Cheese Sausage Patties Apricots Milk



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Wills Clinic Begins Operation at Oklahoma City University School of Law

OKLAHOMA CITY – The Jodi Marquette American Indian Wills Clinic at Oklahoma City University School of Law will begin accepting clients for estate planning services later this month.

Through this new clinic, OCU LAW students working under the supervision of a licensed attorney will provide wills drafting services to American Indians who own an interest in Indian land in Oklahoma. These services will be provided free of charge, thanks to a generous anonymous donation of \$250,000 to further the work of the Native American Legal Resource Center's Wills Services Project, which received its initial funding from the Oklahoma Bar Foundation.

"The Wills Clinic will not only provide a needed service to tribal communities in Oklahoma, it also will provide OCU LAW students the opportunity to learn this complex area of the law while gaining experience in the practical skills of lawyering," said Casey Ross-Petherick, deputy director of OCU LAW's Native American Legal Resource Center.

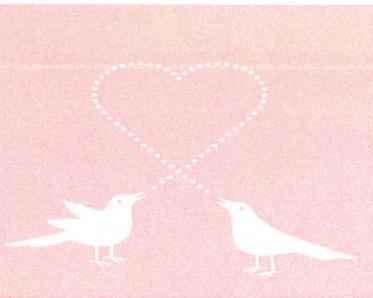
The American Indian Wills program first began in January 2009 as part of the NALRC's Native American Externship Program — with \$20,000 in seed funds provided by the Oklahoma Bar Foundation. The program offers practical experience for law students at OCU LAW. Under the supervision of a licensed attorney, students provide needed legal services while receiving instruction and training in client relations, as well as the complex area of American Indian estate planning.

For more information about the clinic, or to apply for services, contact the Native American Legal Resource Center at OCU LAW at 405-208-5017. For information on Indian land in Oklahoma, contact the Office of Special Trustee for American Indians Beneficiary Call Center at (888) 678-6836.

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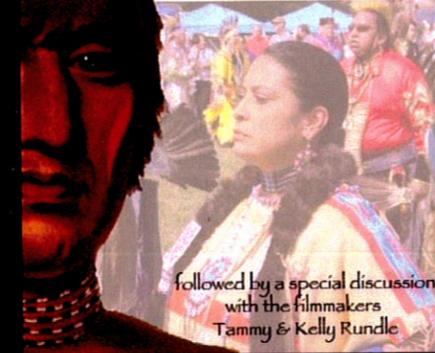
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ELIGIBILITY: Services are required. Receipt of any assistance is dependent on an unmet need basis, meeting specific program requirements, and availability of funding. Not all services are of a financial nature. CITIZEN POTAWATOMI NATION has integrated employment, training, and related services through Public Law 102-477 to serve the Indian population in central Oklahoma. Under P. L. 102-477, Employment & Training combines funding from Department of Labor (DOL), Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), and Health & Human Services (HHS). Although no additional Federal dollars are associated with this law, it does allow and encourage combining of resources that has resulted in lowered administrative costs and more dollars reaching participants and more served.

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Iowa showing:

We are eager to get the word of this special screening to Southern Ioway tribal members in Southern California. The organizer Lorin Morgan-Richards has also informed us that members of the Gabrielino/Tongva Tribe, descendants of the original inhabitants of the Los Angeles basin, will be present to welcome members of the Ioway Tribes. This is an exciting development and it adds to an already special event on the West Coast. We are eager to know if the tribe can help us get word of this special screening out to Southern Ioway tribal members in Southern California. We expect to have news regarding the broadcast premiere of "Lost Nation: The Ioway" soon.



Iowa Tribe Pow-wow Activities: DECEMBER 2010

CONTEST WINNERS

- Jr. Girls Jingle/ Fancy Shawl (1 contestant):
1st Blue Bird Pickering
- Jr. Girls Cloth/Buckskin (4 Contestants):
1st Dalecia Satepauhoodle
2nd Julia Harragarra
3rd Xenca LeClair
4th Angelica Van Arsdale
- Jr. Boys Fancy (3 contestants)
1st Patrick Des Jarlait
2nd Justin Townsend
3rd Landon Primeaux
- Jr. Boys Traditional/Grass (1 contestant):
1st Grey Cloud Lieb
- Teen Girls Cloth/Buckskin (3 contestants):
1st Shayla Miller
2nd Gabrielle Warrior
3rd Ryan Gomez
- Teen Girls Fancy Shawl/Jingle (2 contestants):
1st Judiki Moses
2nd Lacy Dent
- Teen Boys Traditional/Grass (2 contestants):
1st Terrance Atkins
2nd Jeffery Lynch
- Teen Boys Straight (2 contestants):
1st Berwyn Moses Jr.
2nd Arthur Blueback
- Teen Boys Fancy (3 Contestants):
1st Thunder Lieb
2nd Bo Beard
3rd Andrew Whiteshirt



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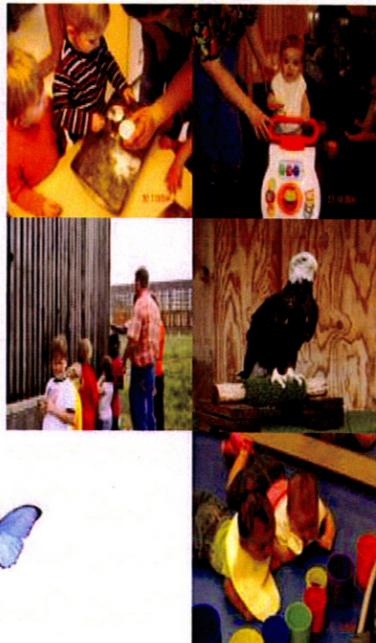
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The 4th Grade Bandit Football team had a good football season. Their record was 8-6 for the year. They finished 8 out of 16 teams in the Tri-County League. The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma had two set of twins on and off the football field.

They are Daniel & Derek Franklin and Kailey & Bailey Washington. The boys were on the field and girls were on the side line as Bandit Cheerleaders. The parents of both set of twins are very proud of our Iowa children and our future leaders.

HOUSEHOLD ASSISTANCE:

A \$1,200 (allotted \$600 from January to June and \$600 from July to December) Household Assistance Program is provided to Iowa Tribe of OK members who are age 18 and older to pay for utilities or rent/mortgage. Incarcerated members are eligible. Provisions recommended that each \$600 allotment is used in full at one time if paying one or multiple bills to be disburse at your discretion. The amount requested for each bill can exceed your actual utility bill amount and it will be a credit on your account when you receive your next month's bill. Total request cannot exceed each \$600 allotment.

SCHOOL EXPENSE ASSISTANCE:

A \$1,000 (allotted \$500 from January to June and \$500 from July to December) School Expense Assistance Program is provided to Iowa Tribe of OK members that are enrolled in pre-school through 12th grade to assist with expenses related to school attendance and school participation such as the following: school clothes, class pictures, school lunches, school supplies, instrument rental, lab fees, testing fees, sports activities, academic fees, etc.

Original receipts for reimbursement OR school related bills/invoices to be paid to the vendor and all dated within the calendar year. If seeking reimbursement, it is recommended to save receipts as obtained and submit timely as possible to help ensure receipt of each \$500 allotment. *If parents have joint custody they must decide who will submit the application on behalf of the child before the application is submitted.*

HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EXPENSE ASSISTANCE:

A one-time \$4,000 (within the academic year) High School Senior Expense Assistance Program is provided to Iowa Tribe of OK members that are high school seniors to help offset the added expense of graduating seniors. The application must be supported by a statement from the high school official on letterhead stating the date of planned graduation. The student must state the purpose of the assistance such as senior yearbook, senior cap and gown, senior announcements, senior letter jacket, senior pictures, senior class ring, senior trip, college testing, or other senior graduation related expense.

ELDER'S ASSISTANCE:

A \$1,200 (allotted \$600 from January to June and \$600 from July to December) Elder's Assistance Program is provided to Iowa Tribe of OK members who are age 55 and older to help enhance life quality. This program may be used to supplement other tribal programs such as dental/eyeglass and utility/rent. Assistance may also be used for other medical needs, other household and personal needs, loans, Wal-Mart gift cards, etc. Submit this application with copies of the most current bills, estimated bids or invoices, or itemized list of proposed expenses. Payment is made directly to the vendor or may be reimbursed to the applicant with original receipts.

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Education Incentive: 8th grade graduate (\$100); 12th grade graduate (\$200); GED completion (\$200); Vo-Tech 800 clock hours (\$200); College (incentive based on # of hours earned and GPA per semester)

DENTAL/EYE or HEARING reimbursement, submit original receipt showing amount patient paid. Otherwise, an approval letter will be mailed to take with you to the Doctor's office. It is recommended to apply within 60 days of your scheduled appointment.

If applying for prescription reimbursement, identify amount to be reimbursed along with original receipt(s) showing pharmacy name and telephone #, prescription number, name of patient receiving medication, amount of prescription, and date of prescription. Dental/Eyeglass (\$1000 yearly); Prescription (\$500 yearly); Hearing (\$1000 every 2 yrs)

Contact Tribal Assistance for more information (405)-547-2402.

Iowa Tribe Volunteer Fire Department

Welcome from the Iowa Tribe Volunteer Fire Department. These past several weeks have been very crazy with the snow and cold. Several members, along with Iowa Tribe Maintenance Department, worked diligently on getting parking lots and driveways cleared. Our new salt spreaders that were in place at the time of the storm were really helpful. We also assisted with providing firewood for Tribal members and Elders,



making sure they kept warm at night. We are glad it's over, at least for know.

The Iowa Tribe V.F.D. hosted the ICS300 during the weekend of January 15th. We had a very

good turn out with both Iowa Tribe Fire Department and Maintenance. Members from the Perkins and Glencoe V.F.D.'s and the Mayor of Ames from northwest Oklahoma also attended. Instructors from Fire Service Training at Oklahoma State University, were very helpful and informative and the Simulator that was brought in on Sunday proved to be both fun and frustrating. We are looking at bringing them back later in the year. We are looking forward to a busy year



with training and prescribe burns starting within a few weeks.



UPDATE FROM THE V.F.D.

We ask everyone to be safe and fire wise; And for those who may not be aware, Deputy Chief David Milby is back and going strong, in fact we had to tighten his chain a little bit to keep him under control. LOL.



The U.S. Mint will launch the 2010 Native American \$1 Coin in New York City on Jan. 25, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. It will be introduced at the National Museum of the American Indian George Gustav Heye Center by U.S. Mint Director Ed Moy, joined by John Haworth, the museum's director.

The coin's reverse side features designs, which will rotate each year, celebrating the important contributions made by Indian tribes and individual Native Americans to the history and development of the United States. The design for the 2010 coin is based on the theme "Government—the Great Tree of Peace," recognizing the Native American

ideals of equality and democratic self-government that influence Western political concepts. It depicts the Hiawatha Belt with five arrows bound together, along with the inscriptions UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, \$1, HAUDENOSAUNEE and GREAT LAW OF P E A C E

The coin's obverse (heads side) continues to feature Glenna Goodacre's "Sacagawea" design, first produced in 2000, and the inscriptions LIBERTY and IN GOD WE TRUST. Like the Presidential \$1 Coins, the Native American \$1 Coins maintain their distinctive edge and golden color, and feature edge-lettering of the year, mint mark and E PLURIBUS UNUM.



POW-WOWS in heaven

Two 90 year old Iowa men, Joe and Sam, have been friends all their lives. Sam is dying, so Joe comes to visit him. "Sam," says Joe, "You know how we both have loved to sing and dance all our lives. Sam you have to do me one favor when you go; Somehow you've got to tell me if there are Pow-Wows in Heaven."

Sam looks at Joe from his deathbed and says, "Joe, you've been my friend many years. This favor I'LL do for you." And with that, Sam passes on. It is midnight a couple of nights later. Joe is sound asleep when a distant Voice calls out to him, "Hey Joe...Joe..." "Who is it?" says Joe, sitting up suddenly "Who is it?" "Joe, its me, Sam." "Come on, you're not Sam. Sam died." says Joe. "I'm telling you, it's me, Sam!" insists the voice. Joe replies, "Sam? Is that you? Where are you?" "I'm in Heaven," says Sam, "I've got to tell you, I've got some good news and some bad news." "Tell me the good news first," says Joe. "The good news," says Sam "is that there are pow-wows in Heaven. You should see the grand entries. They are really keen." Really?" says Joe. That's wonderful! What's the bad news?" "They got you down as head singer on Saturday!" finalized Sam.



Greetings tribal members, My name is Linda Big Soldier, the new CEO for the Tribes Enterprises. As most of you know, I have been away from the Tribe for a while and am pleased to be back working for our people. I was hired on to oversee the Mini Mart, Gallery, the RV Park, the Tryon properties and the Smoke

the first grocery store in Calumet, Oklahoma. During my employment there, I was hired on as a special projects officer and later was appointed as acting director, then competed for the directorship, which I received. Today however, I am happy to be working closer to our home and to be serving the Bah Kho Je People in this capacity.

At the 2007 annual election I was elected Vice Chairman of the Tribe and prior to that I was a long time tribal employee for many years, working in various capacities. I also served my country for twenty years with the United States Air Force where I was awarded several service ribbons and two commendation medals.

Currently, my son Steven and I reside in Tryon, Oklahoma where he has a dog named Romeo. He enjoys listening to music and working with electronics and we both enjoy attending and participating in tribal and cultural events. Thank you.

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My previous employment took me to Concho, Oklahoma, working for the Economic Development Department at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes. In February 2009, we opened up their tribes' first nursing home and in June, we opened up

Hello, my name is Melissa Clark:

I am a member of the Iowa tribe and I have a 5 yr old son Kameron who is also a tribal member. I have just recently become employed with the tribe as the tribal assistance specialist. I am very pleased that I can work for my tribe and will try to do my very best. Please stop in and see me any time or call.



Human Resources Director:



Brenda S. Golden is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation and an American Indian activist. She received a Bachelors in Business Administration with a major in Marketing and a Masters in Business Administration both from the University of Oklahoma. She is currently pursuing a Juris Doctorate from Oklahoma City University School of Law with an anticipated graduation date of May 2012.

Brenda has been employed in the Human Resources field beginning in 1991, has worked as an Investigator for the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission and as a Personnel Analyst for the City of Oklahoma City. She has been a member of the Oklahoma Society of Human Resource Managers since 1997. One of the most interesting jobs Brenda held was with a start up company called Rocketplane Limited, Incorporated, where she served as the Human Resources Manager.

Brenda is of the Raccoon clan and a member of Alabama Quassarte tribal town. She has three daughters and three grandchildren. Brenda's mother, Lettie Randall, is a head woman leader at Creek Chapel Methodist Church following in the footsteps of her mother, Annie Marsey Harjo. Brenda hosts Red Town Radio every Saturday at 5:00 CST on blogtalkradio.com and writes a weekly column for *The Examiner*, an online news source as the Native American Community Examiner.