



**Attention Tribal Members:**

-The Elections will be held at the **Bah-Kho-Je Chena Building**, located at the Pow-Wow grounds on **Saturday, June 1, 2013**. The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 4:00 p.m.

**-Resolution I-13-26: an increase of \$500 to Household Assistance and \$500 to Elders Assistance. \$250 available immediately and the remaining \$250 available in July – December.**

**-The Administration Offices will be closed May 27th, reflecting Memorial Day**

**-Be sure to check if your address are currently up to date , please contact Enrollment.**

**-Higher Education Scholarship for Fall 2013 semester**

**FALL DEADLINE: JULY 15TH – SPRING DEADLINE: DECEMBER 15TH.**

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**Something “New” is Going on!**



Cimarron Casino is well on its way to a 15,000 square foot expansion! The much anticipated expansion is already taking place in the north parking lot and is expected to be complete in the fall of 2013. The multi million dollar expansion project is set to more than double the size of the casino. The expansion will add around 200 more slot machines, 6 tables, and a new larger café area. Cimarron Casino’s growth will have a positive impact on the local economy, which will employ close to 200 staff members when the expansion is completed.

With the buzz of the expansion going around, we were interested in knowing how our peers felt about it. Many expressed excitement and feel that the expansion is needed in order to compete with surrounding casinos. They would like to see live music, more restrooms, a new restaurant, and more incentives for guests as well as employees. After the expansion is completed, many hope it will help grow Perkins economy by bringing in people from other cities and the casino could work with local retailers for prizes or discounts. The expansion may impact the tribe by creating more

revenue to put towards and improve programs that will benefit tribal members. The personal effects of the expansion towards our peers is that they want to see the casino grow in the industry, employ people that want to work at Cimarron, and look forward to opportunities that will come when the expansion is complete. “I hope the future Iowa tribal members will be proud of this casino and what it has become.

The Iowa Tribe has also begun building a second casino near Chandler, OK. The Ioway Casino will be located about 5 miles west of Chandler on historic Route 66. This casino will be smaller with around 250 slot machines and a small snack area. The Ioway Casino will open later this summer and will help provide the surrounding communities by employing close to 70 staff members. Be sure to look for job postings for both locations around the casino and on the Cimarron Casino website.

*Must be 21 and over to enter  
405.547.5352*

## Treasurer's Report



April 30, 2013

Dear Tribal Members,

The Business Committee held a Special Business Committee meeting on April 30, 2013. A payment of \$1200 was approved for all tribal members enrolled with the tribe as of April 30, 2013.

In order to speed up the payment process, you are not required to return anything to the tribe *unless* your information has changed. If you have not indicated in writing that updates are needed, we will use all the same information that was used for the last payment processed in November of last year. The first mail out date of checks will be May 14, 2013 for those applications received by May 7, 2013. Applications received after May 7, 2013, will be processed as they are received.

Payments for minor children will be paid to the custodial parent. In the case of joint custody of a minor child with the parents, the payment will be made to the tribally enrolled parent. If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Business Committee.

Sincerely,

Lisa Switch  
Treasurer  
Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

# Up Coming Powwows

### Tinker Inter-Tribal Council Powwow

June 1, 2013 1 pm - 11 pm  
Joe Barnes Regional Park, Midwest City, OK 73110  
Info Call: 405.739.1293/405.739.1294

### Red Earth Powwow

June 7 - 9, 2013  
Cox Convention Center, Oklahoma City, OK  
Info Call: 405-427-5228

### Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Powwow

June 14-16, 2013  
Perkins, Oklahoma  
Iowa Tribal Powwow Grounds

### Muscogee (Creek) Nation Festival

June 20-23, 2013  
Claude Cox Omniplex, Okmulgee, OK  
Info Call: 918.732.7992

### Peoria Powwow

June 21, - 23, 2013  
60610 E 90 Rd, Miami, OK 74354  
Info Call 918.540.2535

### Murrow Indian Children's Home

Benefit Pow-Wow  
June 29, 2013 2:00 pm - 11:30 pm  
Bacone College/Palmer Center, OK  
Info Call: 918.682.2586  
Email: murrowhomedirector@gmail.com  
BYOC-Bring Your Own Chair

### Kiowa Gourd Clan Celebration

July 2 -4, 2013  
Carnegie City Park, Carnegie, OK 73015  
Info Call: 580.654.2300

### Thunderbird Casino 26th Annual Powwow

July 4 - 6, 2013 All day  
Thunderbird Casino, Norman OK  
All Contestants must dance Grand Entry on July 4  
Info: 405.312.4621/405.481.0674

### Pawnee Indian Veterans Powwow

July 4-7, 2013  
615 Denver St, Pawnee, OK 74508  
Info Call: 918.873.0499

### Sac & Fox Nation Powwow

July 11-14, 2013  
920863 S State Hwy 99, Stroud, Ok 74079  
Info Call: 918.225.5788 918.290.0554

### Comanche Homecoming Powwow

July 19-21, 2013  
Sultan Park, Walters, OK 73572  
129 E Colorado St Walters, OK  
Info Call: 580.492.3240

### American Indian Expo

Aug 7-10, 2013  
Caddo County Fairgrounds,  
Anadarko, OK 73005  
Info Call: 405.247.6651

# Pow Wow Time weee-chaaa!



## Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

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Shawnee, Oklahoma 74801  
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Fax: (405) 273-2691

April 12, 2013

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Route 1, Box 721  
Perkins, OK 74059

Re: General Fund Scholarship Budget

To Whom it May Concern,

The Tribal budgets were officially passed on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013. However, due to a clerical error by Finley and Cook staff, a new departmental budget for scholarships was left off of the master budget. The budget was resubmitted and passed on April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Scholarship check requests were approved for payment beginning on April 11.

To expedite these requests, all scholarship requests will be processed by the accounting department the day they are received instead of the normal weekly check run on Wednesday.

Respectfully,

Scott Huebert, CPA  
Senior Manager  
Iowa Accounting Department  
Finley and Cook, PLLC

## Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Election

# 2013



The elections will be held at the **Bah-Kho-Je Chena Building**, located at the Pow-Wow grounds on **Saturday, June 1, 2013.**

The polls will open at 9:00 a.m. and will close at 4:00 p.m.

In accordance with *Article VII: Elections and Appointments*:  
The positions open for elections are as follow:

**CHAIRMAN** **TREASURER** **GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE**  
**(3POSTIONS)**

*2013 Election Board Members: Frankie Howell, Candice Pershall,  
and April Carson.*

# Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

[www.iowanation.org/jobs](http://www.iowanation.org/jobs)

## CURRENT OPENINGS:

- Assistant Teacher (Floater) (Part Time)
- Community Health Representative
- Compliance Officer
- Dental Assistant
- Health Services Director
- Human Resources Assistant (Part Time)
- Maintenance Director
- Medical Technologist
- Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant
- Police Officer
- Purchasing Clerk
- Registered Nurse
- Tribal Administrator
- Housing Director



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#### EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY STATEMENT

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, or disability status in employment. Individuals of Indian ancestry and Veterans will be given preference by law in initial employment or re-employment.

## Classifieds

**BAH-KHO-JE**  
Art Gallery and Gift Shop

Hours: M-F 8a-5p  
405-547-4263

**Iowa Mini Mart**

202 S. Hwy 177 Carney, OK

Hours M - F 6am - 10pm  
Sat 6am - 10pm Sun 7am - 10pm

Harvina Brigance, Store Manager 405.865.2595

**Cimarron Smoke Shop**

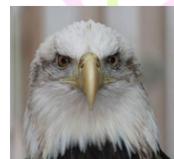
821 West Freeman Avenue Perkins, OK 74059

Hours M-Sat 7am - 7:30pm Sunday 11am - 5pm

Frank Murray, Shop Manager 405.547.5552

Have you bought a calendar for 2013 yet? If not, visit the **Bah Kho-je Xla Chi** (Grey Snow Eagle House) and pick one up! It has pictures of the eagles and only cost **\$10.00**.

All funds raised will go towards helping save eagles. Buy yours today!



**Advertise your company today!** Email, Mail, or Fax your advertisement to the following.

335588 E 750 RD  
Perkins, OK 74059  
Att: Journal  
Or call 1 888 336  
Iowa, for more information and rates.

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

**Free Play Increase for Iowa Tribal Members**

Starting May 1 the Free Play amount offered to Iowa Tribal Members will increase to \$10 per week; and \$15 for Tribal Elders. Each week's offer is redeemable from Sunday-Thursday; the offers are not redeemable during Girl's Night, Guy's Night or Club 55. It is very simple to start redeeming the free play offers; if already a Player's Club member, the Free Play will be on the card each week. To join the Player's Club is easy too; just go to the Cimarron Casino Cashier's window and sign up for the Card, tell them you are a tribal member and the Free Play will be added to your new card. Must be 21 and over to enter 405.547.5352



**Your favorite author in a sack!**

**Home Bound Elders**

**Books - Movies - Music**

Call the **Iowa Tribe Library** 405-547-4213



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!

**Kaw Nation Child Care Development Fund Program**  
101 Charles Curtis Drive  
Newkirk, OK 74647  
580-362-4114

*In most Indian tribes, children are seen as gifts from the Creator. Please protect our children and preserve our culture. Child abuse and neglect is not the Indian Way.*

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma  
Expectant Families Program

**"Take the First Step to Healthy Babies"**

335588 E. 750 Rd.  
Perkins, OK 74059

For More Information Contact Diana Cates at (405) 547-5826

## Do you have a Will in place?

Lauren Truitt, Esq.,

Court Administrator for the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

### **What is a will?**

A **will** is an important legal estate planning document that disposes of your property upon your death. Its primary purpose is to determine *who* will receive your car, real property, family heirlooms, etc. All of these things, the property you own at the time of your death, are referred to as your "**estate**." Another important purpose of a will is to establish your preferences regarding who should care for your minor children in the event that you should die before one or more of your children reach 18 years of age.

Statistics show that most people die without a valid will, which is called dying "**intestate**." Because of this, all states have laws which determine who receives a person's property if he or she dies without a will. Additionally, the American Indian Probate Reform Act of 2004 (AIPRA) controls the distribution of trust or restricted lands and IIM accounts when an Indian person dies intestate.

Many people incorrectly believe that they do not need a will because the law automatically gives everything to their spouse, and if not all to their spouse, then all to their children.

### **Let's look at some examples of property distribution when an individual dies without a will:**

Under Oklahoma law, if an Oklahoma resident dies without a will, his or her entire estate **does not** automatically go to the surviving spouse. For example, if you die and leave behind a spouse, children, and grandchildren, your spouse might only receive ½ of your estate and your descendants (children and grandchildren) would split the remaining ½ share of your estate.

Suppose an unmarried Oklahoma resident with no children passed away without a will. Who would receive her estate? Under Oklahoma's intestacy laws, her parents would receive her estate in equal shares.

### **Why is it important to have a will?**

As stated earlier, wills do more than just distribute property - they can also be used to indicate your preference for guardianship of a minor child. Because children are not property, and because the judge is required to act according to "the best interests of the child," a will cannot automatically appoint a guardian. However, the will is an extremely strong indicator as to a parent's preference and is typically only overridden in extenuating circumstances. Because wills are legally operative documents, certain requirements must be met for a will to be valid. If you are considering putting a will in place, you should contact an attorney in order to ensure that your will is valid. If a will does not meet all of the technical requirements for validity, your estate may nonetheless be subject to the laws of intestacy you hoped to avoid by creating a will in the first place.

### **Free Estate Planning Services**

Attorney fees for estate planning services can be costly. Fortunately, the Native American Legal Resources Center at Oklahoma City University School of Law offers **free estate planning services** for Native Americans who own an interest in Indian land in Oklahoma. The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Tribal Court plans to host a Wills Clinic day at the tribal administration complex again this fall. However, if you would like more information about the services provided by the Native American Legal Resource Center, you can contact them directly at (405) 208-5017.

#### **Definitions:**

**Will:** a legal document that disposes of your property upon your death.

**Estate:** the property you own at the time of your death.

**Intestate:** a person who has died without having made a will.



## **Matrix Camp July 14th – 20th**

**Science/library camp for Oklahoma Middle School Students  
age 12 to 14**

Deadline to apply is May 20, 2013 – You may apply online or contact Sandy Tharp, Iowa Tribe Librarian at 405-547-2402 ext 213 or Chris Hill, Education Specialist at 405-547-2402 ext 209.

This camp is sponsored by the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Oklahoma Library Association and Rose State Colleges. Students that participate will visit many libraries including the Iowa Tribe Library and Eagle Aviary.

Last year was the first year for our Library and Education department to participate; it was the first year for the group to visit a tribal library. This is an excellent educational opportunity and well chaperone event.

Food, transportation and lodging are all provided – there is a \$50 camp fee which will be paid by the Iowa Tribe library but applications must be completed including health forms.

Space is limited.

Forms are downloadable at: <http://my.rose.edu/faculty/mhuffman/camp2012.htm>

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2727 E Admiral Place, Tulsa

West of the Delaware exit on the north side of I-244

**877-341-3017**

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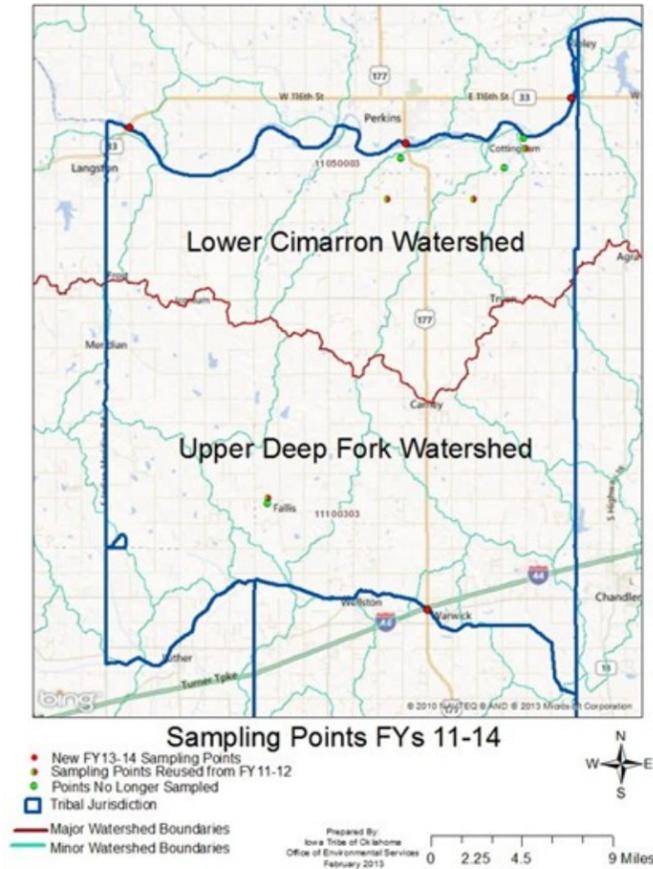
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# ArcGIS Training HOSTED BY THE IOWA TRIBE



An Introduction to ArcGIS training was hosted by the Iowa Tribe’s Office of Environmental Services (OES) in Perkins, Oklahoma on March 26 – 27, 2013. The training was presented by Mr. Robert Largent from the Cherokee Nation’s Inter-Tribal Environmental Council (ITEC), and the course was designed to teach tribes the basics for developing ArcGIS maps. Eight participants from five tribes (Modoc Tribe, Pawnee Tribe, Iowa Tribe, Kialegee Tribal Town, and Otoe Missouria Tribe) attended the training.

OES utilizes this mapping software to map water sampling sites (Figure 1), solid waste dump sites, air polluting facilities, eagle releases and infrastructure. Maps were recently developed for the Iowa Tribe’s Police and Fire Department to protect and patrol tribal property.

The Iowa Tribe is scheduled to host another training (U.S. EPA Financial and Administrative Grant Guidance and DBE Training) with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on July 16 – 18, 2013. The OES is continuously striving to improve our skills and knowledge in the environmental sciences in an effort to protect the Tribe’s natural resources, and we would like to acknowledge the Ioway Business Committee and their support for the department’s collaboration with ITEC, EPA, etc. Hosting trainings provides an opportunity for the Iowa Tribe to demonstrate that we are taking the lead in our efforts to protect natural and cultural resources. The trainings also provide essential resources and learning opportunities to Iowa Tribal employees as well as to neighboring and regional tribes.

We want to make everyone aware that May is National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month! Throughout the next month the Tribal PREP office will be sending out emails highlighting the effect that teen pregnancy is having on our country, state and local community.



Take the National Day quiz! [www.StayTeen.org/quiz](http://www.StayTeen.org/quiz)

**3 IN 10** teen girls in the US will get pregnant at least once before age 20  
That's about 745,000 teen pregnancies a year!

**7 IN 10** pregnancies among single women 18-29 are unplanned

A sexually active teen who does not use a contraceptive has a **90% chance** of becoming pregnant within a year

- Not having sex at all is the only 100% effective method of preventing pregnancy
- When used correctly, condoms are 98% effective at preventing pregnancy. Condoms are the **ONLY** method that can also protect against STDs
- When used correctly, the pill is 99% effective at preventing pregnancy
- Less than half of teen moms under 18 ever graduate from high school and fewer than 2% earn a college degree by age 30
- A baby won't make him stay. 8 out of 10 teen fathers don't marry the mother of their child
- A child is 9 times more likely to grow up in poverty if he or she is born to unmarried teen parents who have not yet completed high school\*

Sources:  
The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy  
The Guttmacher Institute

itsyoursexlife.org

If you are interested in learning more about family planning education or the services we offer please contact.

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# IOWA TRIBE SOCIAL SERVICES



Iowa Tribe Social Services booth at the State Capitol



Iowa Tribal flag, at State Capitol

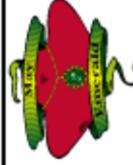
The Iowa Tribal staff members, Bernice Armstrong, Leslie Brown, Deanna May and Sherry Robbins, along with the newcomer, ICW director, Mary Davenport are part of the team that contributed toward the development of a Native American training curriculum for tribal foster parents. Some of the staff were recently trained in Fort Worth, Texas on the curriculum. The effort was made possible with the Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection team and the Mountain & Plains Child welfare Implementation Center. The Iowa Tribe, Absentee Shawnee Tribe, Kickapoo Tribe, Sac & Fox Tribe, Seminole Nation and the Citizen Potawatomi Tribe are part of the child protection team.

As per information from the curriculum, the following is an excerpt from the curriculum.

The curriculum was “developed collaboratively with the six tribes comprising the Shawnee Area Native American Child Protection Team. Flexibility in training design and delivery was necessary to accommodate the unique needs of each tribe’s foster care training program.

This training is designed to prepare, develop and enhance skills, and assist foster families who are parenting Native American children and youth. Native teaching, values and practices inform the core of the curriculum addressing key concepts of child development, attachment, grief and loss, behavior management, impact of abuse and neglect, strengthening families and cultural connections, resiliency and foster families as team members.”

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SAT	SUN
<p><b>Menu Subject to change without NOTICE</b></p> <p>6 Ham &amp; Black Eyed Peas / Corn Bread Glazed Carrots Tossed Salad Tropical Fruit Salad 2% Milk</p>	<p><b>For Homebound Sack Breakfast Day And Fish Day on Thursdays</b> Refusal of any part of the meal will not be delivered that day</p> <p>7 Chicken Pot Pie Tossed Salad SF Banana Pudding 2% Milk</p>	<p>1 Corn Soup Boiled Potato Seasoned Green Beans Sherry's Fry Bread Orange / 2% Milk</p> <p>8 Frito Chili Pie w/ onions &amp; cheese Creamy Rotel Corn Garden Salad Apricots 2% Milk</p>	<p>2 Salmon Cakes Brussels Sprouts Salad Chocolate Cake 2% Milk</p> <p>9 Baked Catfish Key Largo Blend Coleslaw Wheat Rolls Pears 2% Milk</p>	<p>3 Pan Cakes Sausage Links SF Syrup Apricots 2% Milk</p> <p>10 Breakfast Burritos Home Style Potatoes Salsa &amp; Hot Peppers Banana 2% Milk</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>13 Meat Loaf Mashed Potatoes w/ Gravy Carrot Coins Wheat Roll Plums 2% Milk</p>	<p>14 Pulled Pork Sandwich Baked Lays Baked Beans SF Jello Whip 2% Milk</p>	<p>15 Indian Taco w/Turkey Chili, Beans, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Cheese, Sour Cream, Salsa &amp; Guacamole Fresh Orange 2% Milk</p>	<p>16 Tuna Salad on Wheat Toast w/Lettuce, Tomatoes Baked Lays Cottage Cheese w Pears 2% Milk</p>	<p>17 Scrambled Eggs Bacon Grits Toast Peaches 2% Milk</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>12</p>
<p>20 Roast w/Gravy Roasted Potatoes &amp; Carrots Garden Salad Wheat Roll Tropical Fruit Salad 2% Milk</p>	<p>21 Breaded Pork Chops Buttered Garlic Rice Capri Blend Jello w Fruit 2% Milk</p>	<p>22 Potato Soup w/ Celery &amp; Carrots Garden Salad Wheat Crackers Strawberry Fluff 2% Milk</p>	<p>23 Breaded Tilapia Pacific Blend Coleslaw SF Cherry Crisp 2% Milk</p>	<p>24 Cold Cereal Boiled Egg Wheat Toast Tomato Juice Apricots 2% Milk <b>SAC-FOX TAILGATE</b></p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27 <b>Memorial Day Iowa Offices Closed</b></p>	<p>28 Angus Burgers w/Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Pickles Cheese by Request Baked Cheetos Broccoli Salad Orange Fluff 2% Milk</p>	<p>29 Steam Fry Rainbow Vegetables Fry Bread Apple 2% Milk</p>	<p>30 Fish Sticks Mac N Cheese Coleslaw Chocolate Cake 2% Milk</p>	<p>31 Boiled Egg Sausage Biscuit and Gravy Tomato Slices 2% Milk</p>		



## Many Thanks to the Iowa Tribal Mini-Mart



On March 27th the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Victim Services Unit along with the Lincoln and Pottawatomie County District Attorney's Office and Carney Police Department hosted a CLEET approved training session at the Fire Station in Carney. Sunshine Gross, Associate Director of the Oklahoma Coalition Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault facilitated a training on Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault. Officers from Agra, Carney, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, Coyle, Department of Corrections and Meeker were in attendance. The Iowa Tribal Mini-Mart generously donated pizzas, sodas and ice for the lunch.

## Congratulations to the Following



Pre-K Graduation is on June 7,  
2013 at the  
Footprints to Success Learning  
Center in Odenton, MD.

*Hayden Holiday, age 5*

Congratulations to my niece and goddaughter, Allison Garcia for  
graduating from Amador High School in Sutter Creek, CA.

Love Auntie Moonie



## Pre-European Invasion Map 'Our Own Names & Locations'

Article by Kent Tehauno

This is the first documented map, containing pre-contact tribal names, for instance our pre-European names is Bah-Kho-Je, today we are known as the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma, Comanche's were known before contact as Numunu.

Aaron Carapella, Kituwagi Cherokee, dedicated 14 years of his life to the production of the map "Native American Nations Our Names & Locations" released in November 2012. The Native Nations represents 591 tribes both federally and state recognized, the process is still on going, such as a name change or another small tribe who is only state recognized being added on to the map.

At age 19 in Orange County, California Carapella, would attend meetings hosted by state recognized tribes and try to help protect their sacred ground and Native American rights. "a lot of my teachers were ignorant of Native American history, and if this teacher is telling 30 kids in class now then how many people has he lied to"

"..I wanted to put a map on my wall, I wanted an atlas one that really showed Native Pride without it being cheesy. I researched at libraries and archives, and I kept asking for a really good map that shows all Native American tribes." Stated Carapella  
".. You get maps that have, like, the 50 main tribes."

That is when Carapella, started his journey to create this unique map. "I had a couple of books on hand, that is how I started my research, one book was 'A Handbook of American Indians'.. I would just start tracing these maps on poster boards and

*"..My intention of creating this Tribal Nations map is primarily to show from a Native perspective of where tribes were before contact with Europeans to still Pride in Native Americans first and foremost of what our ingenious names are, what we called ourselves how we viewed ourselves and how we took up the entire landmass of North American. Some people have a miss that there is a huge land area that were unpopulated and that just not true. Primarily to and still pride Native American people, secondarily to show an accurate historical picture."  
-- Aaron Carapella*



I would just start adding tribes to the map, I would slowly start filling in the blanks."

Carapella, expressed the most challenging part of this project was collecting information on obscure tribes that are no longer here. "Some were basically forced into slavery and genocide, I found out there were a lot of white people that call themselves 'vigilante groups' that would go and kill off these small tribes for sport or game."

One year ago Carapella, contacted the US Copy Right Office and had them do a thorough search of whether or not the concept of this map has been created or not. "They came back with an answer No, that's when I really put full force into it. I have been working on this 14 years now."

This is not all Aaron Carapella will contribute he is currently putting together a Canadian First Nations map that will also be available in the near future. For more information you can read more on his website at <http://aaron.carapella.squarespace.com/>

—"I never realized the difference I would make"—

Native American Nations, Our Names & Locations: and is available for purchase in five versions on his home website:  
<http://aaron.carapella.squarespace.com/>

## Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma LIBRARY



Our Tribal Library is the first Tribal Library to Receive the Ruth Brown Award. We were presented the award for our Starting Points – GED program – and will be receiving a real \$500 check to help with our GED program.

Our GED program has 47 individuals that have received their GED certificates.



### Iowa Tribe—GED Program

Patricia is pictured with her Mom Tonia in the white sweater. Patricia never finished high school. She was in a car accident at the age of 15, that left her in a coma for a 1 ½ months. (Her friend driving had been drinking.) Her mother had been told while Patricia was in the coma, that Patricia would either die or be a vegetable. She did not die and she is not a vegetable. She had to relearn everything. She received her GED through the Iowa Tribe Starting Points – GED program. Her goal is to be an EMT. Her story may be read on the library webpage in the GED success book.



# Walk a Mile in Their Moccasins, -Hosted by Iowa Tribe Social Services Dept.



# Victim Services Unit Information Now Available at the Perkins Police Department



*Perkins Police Chief Bob Ernst, next to Iowa Tribe's Victim Services information pamphlets*

Perkins Police Chief Bob Ernst, has agreed to let the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Victim Services Unit display informational pamphlets in the Perkins Police Department.

The pamphlets describe the services that are available to victims of crime. This will be helpful in directing crime victims to the programs of the Victim Services Unit.

The Victim Services Unit provides assistance to all victims of crime in Lincoln, Logan and Payne counties.

Advocates can be reached at 547-4234 weekdays or 547-5355 nights and weekends.