

Bah-Kho-Je Journal



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National Crime Victims Rights Week. Extending the Vision Reaching Every Victim.

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Balloon release for NCVRW



The Victim Services Unit of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma joined in the celebration of National Crime Victims' Rights week, held this year April 22-28th. For three decades National Crime Victims Rights week has successfully promoted awareness of victims' rights, services and honored countless crime victims and survivors. This year's theme-*Extending the Vision: Reaching Every Victim*- called on us to expand the vision of the movement and celebrate the progress achieved to date.

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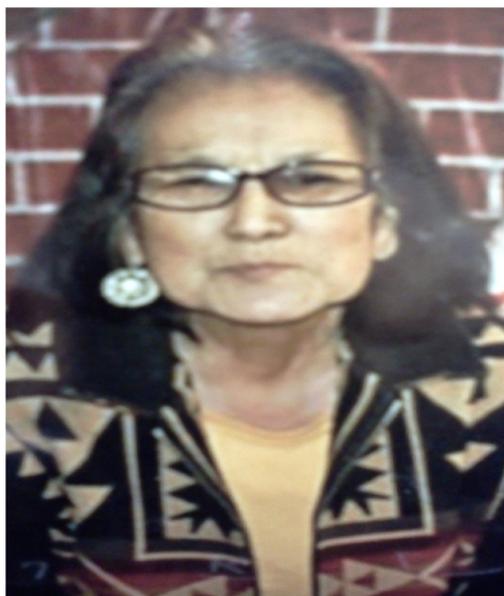
Attention for Dental/Eyegcare assistance Deadline October 31st

Assistance to supplement costs for dental and optical wellness. This assistance includes: Dental exams and treatment, orthodontic treatment, partials and dentures. Eye exams and treatment, eye glasses and contact lenses. Eligibility Time Period: Jan.1 thru Dec.31 Amount of Assistance: \$2,000. Open to all ages. May be used for services of a dental or optical provider. Applicants may elect to have funds paid directly to the dental or optical provider or may be reimbursed for expenses. For provider payments, applicants must be pre-approved before the medical exam. Following approval, a letter of authorization will be issued to applicant to schedule an appointment. The letter must be used within 60 days or the applicant must re-apply. (Deadline Oct. 31st for letter) For reimbursements, applications must be supported by an original receipt before funds are released to the applicant. Tribal Assistance programs. Must be an enrolled member of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma. All requests for assistance must be submitted on an official tribal assistance form. NO Faxes allowed, must be mailed or hand delivered. Forms must be complete, legible, and include all required documents. All requests for assistance shall be approved by the Tribal Administrator. All receipts must be from January 1st through December 31st, with Date and Name of Vendor. Any fraudulent activity will be subject to prosecution. Pledges for household assistance are allowed twice a year per household. Incomplete applications will not be processed and returned to sender. Please allow 10 business working days for processing.

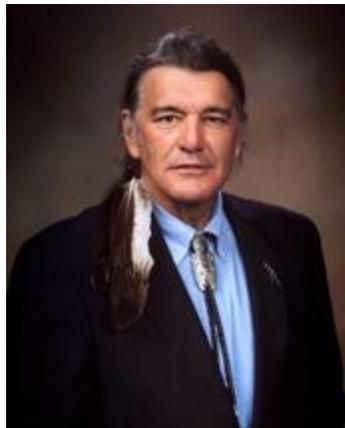
In Loving Memory



The Shores Family would like to say "Thank You" to everyone that was there for the family during our loss. All of the prayers and kind words uplifted the family and really meant a lot. The family would like to say "Thank You" to Emma Louise Smith and the Big Soldier Family for all of their help, we would like them to know that they did a great job and there aren't words that can express how much we appreciate what they have done for the family.



We will miss Irene and always love her; she was such a wonderful Mother, Grandmother, and Great Grandmother.



Jess Green

(September 21, 1952 - September 8, 2012)

ADA-Services for Jessie Don 'Jess' Green, 59, Ada, are 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Chickasaw Community Center, with Rev. Wayne Edgar officiating. Burial will follow East Hill Cemetery at Roff. The family will receive family and friends from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tuesday at Criswell Funeral

Home. Mr. Green died Saturday, Sept. 9, 2012, at an Ada hospital. He was born Sept. 21, 1952, to J.L. and Mary Jo Thomas Green, at Ada. He attended Fitzhugh Elementary School, McLish Junior High School and graduated from McLish High School. He graduated from East Central University and earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Oklahoma School of Law. He was a practicing attorney from 1977 to 1979 and from 1987 until his death. Mr. Green served as a Pontotoc County Associate District Judge for eight years and served as tribal court prosecutor, tribal court trial judge and chief justice of a tribal supreme court. He vice-chaired the American Bar Association Judiciary Committee and the Oklahoma Bar Association Indian Law Section. He was a member of the Sunshine Missionary Baptist Church. He and Nancy McAlister were married Feb. 10, 2012, near Fittstown. Survivors include his wife, Nancy McAlister Green, Ada; parents, J.L. and Mary Jo Thomas Green, Ada; daughter, Destiny Jade Green, Austin, TX; son, Judd Lawrence Green, Ada; step-daughter, Charity Risner, Ada; granddaughter, Nixie Eppler, Ada; grandson Van Risner, Ada; sister, Melissa Green Wilkerson and husband Richard, Sunshine; sister-in-law, Sharon McAlister, Henryetta; two brothers-in-law, Jerry McAlister, Oklahoma City, and Gerald McAlister and wife Doreen, Ada; five nieces, Keisha Sweeney Factor and husband Terry, Ada, Kristin Barbour, Ada, Kandi Stuckey and husband Matt, Edmond, Natalie Richards, Ada, and Amy Drescher and husband John, Ada; two nephews, Jeff McAlister, Ada, and Jerry Richards, Tribbey; special mom, Georgia Stewart and special brother, Jimmy Don Barlow; and numerous other family members. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jess and Jewell Gann Green and John and Julia Kennedy Thomas and a special brother, Bruce Stewart. Bearers will be Ronnie Randolph, Steve Gregory, Ron Davidson, Jimmy Parrish, Eddie Easterling, Darren Gregory, Daryl Sawyer and Danny Parrish. Honorary bearers are Governor Bill Anoatubby, David Hatton, Bill Lance, Jimmy Don Barlow and Eldon Flinn. Obituaries may be viewed and online condolences sent to criswellfh.com.

Justice is Served..



Court Administrator Lauren Trullitt, administering Oath of Office to Justices

On August 6, 2012, the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma swore-in its three Supreme Court Justices: Ken Bellmard, Gregory Bigler, and Robert Don Gifford.

Justice Bellmard has been a member of the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma Supreme Court since 2009. He received his B.S. from Oklahoma State University and his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma. He is an enrolled member of the Kaw Nation and has been involved in the study and practice of Indian Law since 1987. Justice Bellmard is a former All American high school and college wrestler, and a U.S.A. Judo board member.

Justice Bigler has also been a member of the Tribe's Supreme Court since 2009. He received his B.S. from the University of Wisconsin, his J.D. from Harvard, and his LL.M. from Wisconsin Law School. He is an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, and also serves as District Court Judge for the Muscogee (Creek) Tribal Court. Justice Bigler is also the founder of the Oklahoma Native Language Association.

Justice Robert Don Gifford, the newest member of the Iowa Tribe Supreme Court, was appointed by Resolution of the Tribe in July 2012. He received his B.A. from Southwestern College and his J.D. from the University of Oklahoma. He is an enrolled member of the Cherokee Nation, and serves as Chief Judge of the Kaw Nation District Court.

Justice Gifford is also a Lieutenant Colonel in the U.S. Army Reserves, a federal prosecutor with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Oklahoma City, and an adjunct professor at

Oklahoma City University School of Law, where he teaches Military Law and National Security Law.

Installation of Newly Elected Officials of the Business Committee

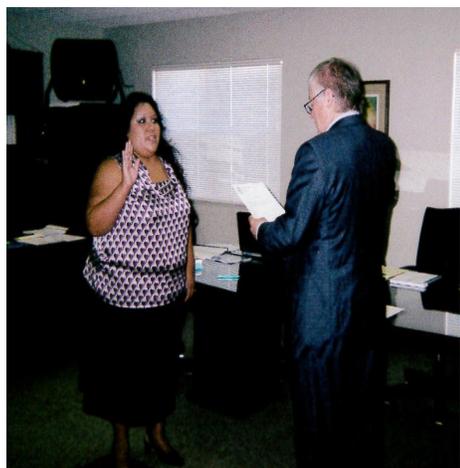


*Bobby Walkup— Vice Chairman,
David McCullough Tribal Attorney*

Congratulations to the newly elected officials of the Business Committee. The newly elected officials were sworn in after the July 14, 2012 run off election. The following officials were sworn into office on July 18, 2012: Bobby Walk-up, Vice-Chairman; Leslie Tanyan, Secretary; Lydia Renee Lincoln , Council Person: David McCullough, tribal Attorney, administered the Oath of Office.

Out going Vice-Chairman Perri Ahhaitty was honored for his outstanding service to the Tribe. Mr. Ahhaitty was presented with a blanket and an eagle feather by Victor Rubidoux

The installation luncheon for the new officials was held on August 10, 2012.



*Leslie Tanyan—Secretary ,
David McCullough Tribal Attorney*



*Lydia Renee Lincoln—Council
Person
David McCullough Tribal Attorney*



*Victor Rubidoux and former
Vice-Chairman Perri Ahhaitty*



Cimarron Casino donating a check to Social Services.
*Left to right: Bobby Walk-up, Stephan Burris, Deanna McKasato,
Gary Pratt*



Installation Luncheon in August for our newly elected BC Members
Bobby Walk-up, Vice-Chairman and Leslie Tanyan, Secretary

American Indian Chamber of Commerce



Linda BigSoldier a spokesman for the Iowa Tribe at AICCO

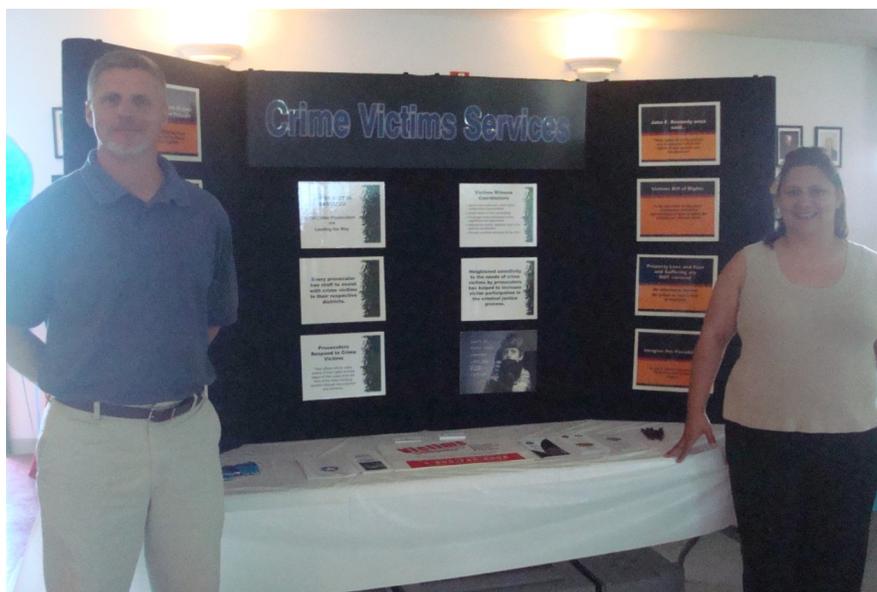
The American Indian Chamber of Commerce of Oklahoma was initially funded by a grant to assist with economic development of American Indian people. Launched in 1990, the Chamber is actively involved in a number of programs to help build a stronger American Indian business community in Oklahoma.

The Chamber has a diverse membership roster consisting of American Indian individuals and businesses, non-Indian individuals and non-Indian businesses, as well as non-profit organizations whose work benefits American Indian people, tribes, and representatives from the public sector and corporate business.

The AICCO were presented by Cherokee, Osage, Iowa and Sac n Fox Tribes of Oklahoma . Our very own tribal member Linda BigSoldier is a current representative and participant.

Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma's Victim Services Unit Advocates "EXTENDING THE VISION: REACHING EVERY VICTIM" 2012 National Crime Victims Rights Week

The vision that launched the victims' rights movement began more than 30 years ago. Then, as now, victims of crime endured physical and emotional wounds, costly financial burdens, an often hostile criminal justice system and an alarming public tendency to blame the victim for crimes perpetrated against them. Victims were often excluded from courtrooms, disrespected by officials and afforded few rights.



Brian Hendrix with the District Attorney's Council and Jennifer-Cole Robinson, BIA Victim Specialist man a display at the NCVRW celebration

Since then the tribe has made dramatic progress in securing rights, protection and services for victims of crime. Every state has enacted victims' rights laws and thirty-two (32) states, including Oklahoma, have constitutional victims' rights amendments. All states have victim compensation funds and more than 10,000 victim service agencies have been established with funding from the United States Department of Justice, including the Victim Services Unit at the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma.

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Yet there is still much to do. Victims' rights are not universal and are often not enforced. Only a fraction of crime victims receive services. Indeed many victims of crime are not even aware of the services available to them. That is why the advocates in the Victim Services Unit work so hard to build awareness of the services available as they strive to empower victims, work for justice and advocate for peace.

Thanks to everyone who joined us in celebrating National Crime Victims' Rights Week on April 27th at the Tribal Complex. The Victim Services Unit hosted Brian Hendrix, Tribal and Community Liaison for the District Attorney's Council as a guest speaker. A "Release your Worries" balloon release and a "Walk Against Crime" were held; and Victim Services also provided Awareness Displays.

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As always, if you or someone you know has been a victim of crime we encourage you to contact the Victim Services Unit to learn about your rights and let advocates help ensure you receive the support and assistance you deserve. The Victim Service Unit can be reached weekdays at 547-2402 and nights and weekends at 547- 5355.

Painkiller Addiction in Native America

Tribal Assault on Painkiller Addiction

245,000, The approximate number of Oklahomans above age 11 who abusing prescription painkillers for nonmedical reasons in 2009. This identifies Oklahoma as leading the nation in the addiction to painkillers as well as related deaths. It is only fitting that the battle against such addiction in "Native America" be led by tribal owned clinics, Absentee Shawnee

Counseling Services, OKC and Keetoowah Cherokee Treatment Services, Tulsa.

Generally speaking, prescription painkillers are opiates. There are 16 Opioid Treatment Programs in Oklahoma certified by the Federal agency SAMHSA CSAT, including the Veterans Hospital in Oklahoma City. The importance of these OTPs revolves around SAMHSA's findings that the Medication Assisted Treatment is 70-75% effective with opiate addiction, while traditional substance abuse treatment is 6-10% effective. This 8-9 times more effective

treatment can often skip inpatient detox, avoiding the expense, time off from work and away from family, and the waiting list to get admitted.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native Americans have roughly three times the prevalence rate of painkiller addiction and related deaths than other minorities like Blacks or Hispanics. "Tribes lead the assault against this epidemic in Native America," remarks Dan Cross referring to the state of Oklahoma. Cross is the Executive Director, Absentee Shawnee Counseling Services. "These tribal programs accept Medicaid but all CDIB card carrying Indians will be treated at our clinic without regard for ability to pay. If an Indian needs help, regardless if they can pay, we will treat them." Call 405-672-3033 or go to ascs-okc.com for more information.

Native people are among the most affected by this epidemic addiction but tribes are also leading the way in addressing the problem. This is the first in a series of articles on prescription painkiller addiction in Native America.

Contacts:

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Addiction in Oklahoma



Terri White, Commissioner of ODMHSAS at the tribal forum on Painkiller Addiction .

Absentee-Shawnee Counseling Services are specializing in painkiller and heroin addiction treatment for both Native and non-Native adults. July 21, 2012 commissioner Terri White, Oklahoma Department of Mental health and Substance Abuse, addressed the first community forum on painkiller addiction in Oklahoma. The Tribal Forum on painkiller addiction, hosted by Absentee-Shawnee Counseling Services, and sponsored by Total Care Solution. Commissioner White addressed the nature and prevalence of the prescription painkiller addiction problem in the state with a thorough presentation of date.

Ray Caesar, Opioid Treatment Authority, ODMHSAS, presented on the best practices for treating opiate addiction. Both Ray Casesar and Dan Cross, Executive Director, Absentee-Shawnee Counseling Services, and host of the event are available to speak to civic or professional groups interested in mobilizing toward effective responses.

For more information on treatment services contact Absentee-Shawnee Counseling Services 1301 SE 15th St Oklahoma City, OK 73129, phone 405-672-3033. Accepting Medicaid, no out-of-pocket cost. Low cost for self-pay, all CDIB card carrying Indians are treated without regard for ability to pay. No Native will be turned away for inability to pay. Oklahoma City Methadone clinic, outpatient treatment for addiction to prescription painkillers drugs such as; Oxycontin, Oxycodon, Lortab, Hydrocodone, Vicodin, Percocet, Demorral and other opiates.

Cobell Settlement

Dear Indian Country,

This open letter discusses events and issues in the *Cobell* case since the last communication on May 22, 2012. Unfortunately, your settlement trust payments continue to be blocked because of appeals taken by four class members and their attorneys. The four class members are Kimberly Craven, Charles Colombe, Carol Eve Good Bear, and Mary Lee Johns.

Until their appeals are exhausted or withdrawn, no payments may be made to desperate class members, no scholarship money may be provided to needy Indian students, and no money is available to purchase fractionated interests in land that would be consolidated and transferred to tribes free of liens. In short, another winter is approaching, but there is no money for you, your children, and grandchildren because of Craven, Colombe, Good Bear and Johns – as well as their attorneys.

So, what is the current status of the case? Weren't their appeals resolved by the court of appeals on May 22, 2012? No. On May 22, 2012, two separate three-judge panels of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit concluded that the settlement is fair and they affirmed unanimously the district court's order granting final approval of the *Cobell* settlement. This is a major victory for you; however, it is not the end. All four appellants elected to seek review by the Supreme Court of the United States. The appeal to the Supreme Court is not a right and the objectors must petition the Court to hear their arguments. Craven's petition was filed August 20. Colombe, Good Bear and Johns, whose appeals are consolidated, sought a 60-day extension to file their petition. We vigorously opposed that request, but they were granted a 30-day extension to file their petition – until September 19, 2012. Our opposition to the Craven petition, as well as the government's opposition, is due on September 22.

What did the Court of Appeals say? In a 24-page decision, a three-judge panel rejected all the arguments of Kimberly Craven because they all are without merit. Craven claimed, among other things, that the settlement is not fair to her. The Court of Appeals disagreed, finding, in part, that she "mischaracterize[d] the Historical Accounting Class" and that Craven "offer[ed] no persuasive evidence to support her claim of unfair compensation [for Trust Administration Class members]." Craven personally attacked Elouise, suggesting baselessly that Elouise had colluded with the government to reach a settlement. Craven's contention was rejected emphatically by the Court of Appeals, which found that "Ms. Cobell's singular, selfless, and tireless investment of time, energy, and personal funds to ensure survival of the litigation . . . undermined any attempt to imply that Ms. Cobell had improperly colluded with the Secretary to settle." Notably, the Court held that Craven "ignore[d] the history of this hard-fought litigation and the obstacles to producing an historical accounting."

On the same day that Craven's appeal was rejected as meritless, a second three-judge panel of the D.C. Circuit summarily rejected every argument of Good Bear, Colombe and Johns, pointedly holding that two of their four arguments were disposed of by the Craven decision. The U.S. Court of Appeals admonished the three appellants and their counsel for making two arguments that were "utterly without merit," that relied on a "blatant mischaracterization," or were "contrary to all precedent and to common sense."

Why are appellants appealing the court's rejection of "blatantly mischaracterized" arguments that are "without merit" and otherwise "ignore the history of this hard-fought litigation and enormous obstacles to producing an historical accounting"? What are the chances of the four appellants prevailing? Speculation is inappropriate; however, I note a potentially relevant statistic. In 2010, the latest full term of the Supreme Court, the Court reviewed 7,857 petitions for the Court to hear cases. Of those, only 86 were granted. This suggests that there is about a 1% chance that the petitions of Craven et al. will be granted. As reported by Indianz.com on August 15, Colombe, himself, admitted to the Native Sun News that they, the appellants, were "going to be blown out of the water" by the Supreme Court. But, even so, in the unlikely event that one of the petitions is granted, your payments may be delayed at least another year.

I am not aware of any case in which the Supreme Court has rejected calls from all three branches of government urging the prompt and fair resolution of a settlement with the United States government. You may recall that the settlement received bi-partisan support in Congress. The Senate unanimously passed the Claims Resolution Act of 2010 (the "CRA") and that House voted overwhelmingly to ratify the settlement and appropriate all necessary funds. The President signed the CRA into law, at which time he emphasized the importance of the settlement both to individual Indians and the United States government. Six judges sitting in the district court and court of appeals carefully reviewed the record evidence and the law and they rejected as meritless each of appellants' arguments

So, if they have little chance of prevailing on the merits, why are they appealing? I cannot answer that question because I do not know. Class members, including those who identify themselves as family of the appellants, ask us the same question. They ask why appellants are doing this when they know that it hurts so many Indian people, including their own grandchildren. To the extent that the appellants ever believed they had a chance of prevailing prior to May 22, 2012, it is clear that they have very little or no chance of prevailing now. And, should they succeed, that means that the settlement would be terminated and that they and you will receive nothing. It is not within the realm of possibility that Congress will again appropriate \$3.4 billion for individual Indian trust beneficiaries. When so many class members are dying and many must do without heat and adequate shelter this winter, I believe that the efforts of the appellants and their counsel are nothing short of a travesty of justice.

Did you disclose confidential information about the appellants to us? No, notwithstanding false statements made by Craven, Good Bear, Colombe, and Johns in that regard, each filed in the public record his or her own contact information, including home addresses phone numbers and other such information. Indeed, they or their attorneys disclosed that information publicly nearly one and one-half years ago. Today, the information remains in the public record. Any of you may visit the Clerk of the U.S. District Court at the courthouse or download the information from Internet. *See e.g.*, Dkt. Nos. 3740 at 7 (Craven), 3746 at 105, 108 (Good Bear), 3746 at 238 (Colombe), and 3746 at 150 (Johns).

I understand that Craven is now saying that the creation of the Trust Administration Class was not part of the original complaint, is this true? No. This is another instance where Craven fundamentally is wrong. The complaint that Plaintiffs filed in June 1996, among other things, sought equitable relief, including an adequate accounting of IIM Trust assets and restitutionary relief that is based on whatever the accounting would reveal. Further, the original class certified by the U.S. District Court in February 1997 consisted of all past and present individual Indian trust beneficiaries. Trust Administration Class Members were included in the class certified almost 16 years ago. Put another way, principal claims of the Trust Administration Class were included in the complaint filed in 1996 for the class certified by the U.S. District Court on February 4, 1997.

I've also read that Craven is arguing that the incentive awards to Ms. Cobell and the other named plaintiffs are exorbitant and a Supreme Court decision supporting her argument "would significantly strengthen the [future] enforcement . . . and protect[] the interests of future generations of class members." What does she mean and how would this protect me in any future lawsuits? This is a misguided, erroneous, and fallacious argument. Not a single argument advanced by Craven will "protect [] the future generations of class members." She does not explain how any judgment finding that this particular incentive payment is "exorbitant" would protect you, an individual Indian class member, in some future class action litigation that no one wants to file. Indeed, because no one will ever bring another class action lawsuit of this nature to trial, her argument makes no sense and it is extremely misleading.

But, the incentive payment is larger than average, right? Yes, it had to be in order to reflect the extraordinary efforts of the named plaintiffs. Both the U.S. District Court and the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit held that Craven has "ignor[ed] the history of this hard-fought litigation and the obstacles to producing an historical accounting." No named plaintiff in a class action case has made sacrifices that Elouise made during the last 15 years of her life. She used hundreds of thousands of dollars of her own money to fund experts in the litigation and she devoted much of her adult life to the successful prosecution of this case. Unlike Craven, Elouise is a genuine American hero and as President Obama eloquently stated, "[h]er persistent and determined leadership in the pursuit of justice for all Native American's will leave an enduring legacy."

What have you done to speed up this process? We have done everything that is legally possible. In addition, we reached out to the attorneys who represent each of the appellants on multiple occasions to urge them to consider the financial and human cost to the class members, all to no avail.

When can we expect to be paid? Unfortunately, as a result of their actions, your payments could be delayed several more months and perhaps longer – possibly to 2013, or even 2014. If Craven, Good Bear, Columbe, and Johns had not pursued their meritless appeals, you would have been paid by now, the scholarship fund would have been established, and land consolidation would be under way. Even now, if each of these appellants withdrew their appeals, you would receive your first check within a few weeks.

Who are the attorneys who represent the appellants? McGuireWoods LLP, a Virginia law firm with a Washington, D.C. office, is representing Kimberly Craven. An associate in that firm, Anand Ramana, is handling her petition and is counsel of record. It is the same firm that filed an amicus brief in the Court of Appeals on behalf of Competitive Enterprise Institute ("Institute") in support of Craven's meritless arguments. The Institute is a tax-exempt organization and Wikipedia reports that it is funded by ExxonMobil Corporation, Texaco, Inc., Coca Cola Company, CSX Corporation, FMC Corporation, and others. The Institute says that it is "dedicated to the principles of free enterprise and limited government." If that statement is true, why would the Institute want to deny individual Indians their property rights, particularly given that the Institute states that the restoration of property rights is one of its goals.

McGuireWoods is also the same law firm that recently was cited for an "egregious" ethics violation by a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit in an antitrust case. As a result of its cited misconduct, the Court of Appeals affirmed the District Judge's denial of the law firm's request for attorneys' fees. The firm says that it is representing Craven for free.

David Harrison is an Albuquerque, New Mexico lawyer and Osage Indian who represents Good Bear, Johns, and Columbe. He is a former BIA employee. The Court of Appeals found that certain of the arguments and representations he made to it are "utterly without merit," a "blatant mischaracterization," and "contrary to all precedent and to common sense." Quite a dubious achievement, even for Mr. Harrison! If as the judges say he blatantly mischaracterized facts and the litigation record and if as they say he misstated controlling law, why should you believe that his statements to you about the Cobell case are truthful or sensible?

This and other *Ask Elouise* letters can be found on the settlement website: http://cobellsettlement.com/class/ask_elouise.php. There is also a "frequently asked questions" section to answer the most common questions received: <http://cobellsettlement.com/faq.php>.

Kind Regards

Dennis Gingold
Lead Counsel, *Cobell* Plaintiffs

Housing Notifications

Bah-Kho-Je Housing Authority The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Route 1, Box 721, Perkins, OK 74059 / Phone (405) 547-2402 / Fax (405) 547-4364
"Equal Opportunity Housing Authority"

Dear Tribal member,

The Bah-Kho-Je Housing Authority (BKJHA) currently administers a Low Income Home Rental Program. The program is funded by a grant from the Housing and Urban Development Office (HUD). Currently, the housing authority has two rental homes available for rent. They are three bedroom homes located in Perkins, Oklahoma. To be eligible for admission to the Rental Housing Program operated by this Housing Authority all applicants must meet the following requirements in accordance with HUD guidelines and regulations:

- a. Applicants or Participants must not own as well as partake in the acquisition of ownership of another home or dwelling. Failure to comply will be deemed as fraudulent activity resulting in disqualification from program.
- b. Qualify as a low income family in which every member of that family residing in the unit is determined to be a qualifying Indian family as set forth in CFR 1000.104.
- c. Have an Annual Gross Family Income which does not exceed 80% of the median income for the United States.
- d. Head of household who is 18 years of age or older.
- e. Provide all requested information, including copies as required but not limited to: tribal enrollment documents, CDIB, social security numbers and other important information for all members of the household including employer information for each working family member or occupant on each required form.
- f. Sign all required forms including the consent for disclosure of information.
- g. Be an authorized member(s) of the family, or a live-in aide. Live-in aides must appear on lease.
- h. Applicants must pass a background check.
- I. Once the application is complete you will be placed on the Housing Waiting list.

For more information please contact the Bah Kho Je Housing Authority at 405-547-5402 ext 229 or 365. Also you can contact me directly at 405-547-4365 or you can email jhayden@iowanation.org. All rental applications can be picked up at the housing authority office, emailed, mailed or can be downloaded from the tribal website at www.iowanation.org/government/bahkhojehousingauthority.

Sincerely,
John Hayden
Executive Director
Bah-Kho-Je Housing Authority

FEMA Notifications

Bah-Kho-Je Housing Authority The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma

Route 1, Box 721, Perkins, OK 74059 / Phone (405) 547-2402 / Fax (405) 547-1032
"Equal Opportunity Housing Authority"

Greetings Tribal Members,

The Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma has made a request to FEMA to obtain used mobile homes. At this time it is not clear as to the number of mobile homes the tribe may receive. However, we want to be prepared when we do receive the notice and have a list of eligible applicants available. Furthermore, this round of mobile homes will be **sold "As Is, paid in full before delivery of the home" to tribal members and if you own a home you are not eligible for this program.**

If you are interested in purchasing a mobile home please contact the Housing Authority office for an application. Please be advised on the following requirements:

The application must be filled out completely and all pertinent documents must be turned in with the completed application.

Only when the application is complete will you be added to the waiting list.

The cost of the mobile home will depend on transportation cost from the FEMA location to the tribal member's location.

To purchase the mobile home the tribal member **must have the full cost of the unit in the form of a cashier's check or money order prior to delivery of the unit.**

In addition the Tribe retains the **"Right of First Refusal"** if the tribal member decides to sell the mobile home within a five year period.

If you have any questions regarding this notification please feel free to contact this office at 405.527.2402 ext 229 or ext 365.

Sincerely,
John Hayden
Executive Director

Upcoming Pow-wows

2012

21ST ANNUAL COMANCHE NATION FAIR
SEPTEMBER 28 - 30 • LAWTON, OKLAHOMA



Comanche Visions

HONORING OUR COMANCHE ARTISTS

POW-WOW, MUSIC FESTIVAL, CO-ED SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT, FREE KIDS CARNIVAL, BULL BUCK-OUT, SILENT AUCTION
3 ON 3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT, ART SHOW COMPETITION, QUILT SHOW, TEEN DANCE, FUN RUN,
HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT, SKATEBOARD COMPETITION, CAR SHOW, PARADE, KID'S ACTIVITIES, FREE CONCERT, HOTDOG FEED,
HAND GAME TOURNAMENT, SPIRIT WALK, CHURCH SERVICE, SUNDAY MEAL

DANCE CATEGORIES

Adult: Straight, Fancy, Traditional/Grass, Cloth, Fancy Shawl/Jingle, Buckskin, Golden Age 62+, Teen Boys & Girls, Jr. Boys & Girls, Tiny Tots

MC'S -Wallace Coffey • Hammond Motah • Eddie Mahseet • Gene Sovo **HOST SOUTHERN DRUM** - Otter Trail
HOST SINGER GOURD DANCE - Chad Tahchawwickah **CO-HOST** - Comanche Little Ponles
HEAD MAN GOURD DANCER - Leonard Chibitty **HEAD LADY GOURD DANCER** - Thomasina Akoneto
HEAD MAN DANCER - Billy Pewo **HEAD LADY DANCER** - JoNeda Sage
ARENA DIRECTORS - Freddy Banderas • Russell Banderas • Larney Silverhorn
CONTEST COORDINATOR - Charlotte McCurtain **RAFFLE COORDINATOR** - Cheryl Pewewardy

The Comanche Nation invites all Drums, Tribal Princesses & Organizations. For Pow Wow Info: Calvert Codynah 580-492-3610
For Fair Info: Tomah Yeahquo 580-595-4941, Alicia Wilson 580-492-3341 or Glenda Goseyun 580-429-3496 • The Comanche Nation Fair
Committee will not be responsible for thefts, accidents or other injuries. Alcohol & Drugs are not permitted on Tribal grounds.

Sept 21, 22, 2012

1st Annual Salina Powwow
@ Salina High School Gymnasium
Salina, OK
Contact Doug Simpson
Ph. 918-704-3786

Oklahoma State Fall Contest Powwow
Date: 10/06/12

@ 4518 Expo Cr East.
Stillwater, OK 74075
For more Info: Twauna Williams
405-744-0401
twauna.williams@okstate.edu

October 20th 2012

Pryor Powwow
Mid America Expo Center
526 Airport Road, Pryor, OK
Contest: Men's fancy dance ages 16 and older
Men's Tradition 16 and older
Senior Southern Cloth 55 and
older
Tiny Tots 6 and under
Info call: 918-698-0583

November 3, 2012

Bacone College Fall Powwow
Muskogee, OK
Info call:
Kyle Taylor 918-360-1085
Email: taylorlk@bacone.edu

Classifieds and Announcements.

BAH-KHO-JE
Art Gallery and Gift Shop

Hours: M-F 8a-5p
 405-547-4263
 3Miles south of Perkins on Hwy 77

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

Free GED Classes

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 (OES) by Perkins Family Clinic. (Almost behind D'Marios and Car Wash) *All sessions are 'come & 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.*

For more information:

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Bah-Kho-Je
 Language
 Words for the Month
NUMBERS:

ONE— E yonn kay
TWO— Nu way
THREE— Tahn yee
FOUR— Doh way
FIVE— Dhah ta

Email, Mail, or Fax your advertisement to the following.

*Rt 1, Box 721
 Perkins, OK 74059*

*Att: Journal
 Or call 1 888 336 Iowa, for more information and rates.*

Advertise your company today!

All advertisement is subject to approval by the Iowa Tribe of Oklahoma' Business Committee. If deemed inappropriate or unacceptable, a refund will be issued

Iowa Tribe's Agriculture Program Meat Distribution Program

Notice: Applications for the meat distribution program will be mailed out the first of November 2012. Please complete the application and return by mail to:

Iowa Tribe,
 ATTN: Agricultural Program,
 335588 E. 750 Road,
 Perkins, OK 74059;

or hand deliver to the Agriculture Program Office at the OES Building in Perkins, OK. Applications will be accepted up till 5:00p.m. on November 16, 2012. Please be sure to fill out the application completely and specify the type of meat you want: beef or bison. Every person, excluding Tribal Elders, will be required to pick up their own meat. The meat distribution date is scheduled for November 30, 2012 from 8a.m. to 7p.m.at the OES building. No applications will be accepted after November 16, 2012.

Five Minute Time Saving Tips for a Safe Halloween.

It's time for Halloween parties and trick-or-treating! Take a few minutes to ensure children's safety.

- Plan safe costumes. Make sure masks and costumes fit well so kids can see and move around safely.
- Plan healthy treats. Instead of candy, offer safe non-food treats or healthy snacks.
- Ensure safety on the street. Put reflective tape on treat bags and costumes. Have each child carry a flashlight so drivers can see them. Keep porches and walkways clear of candles and other obstacles. Always WALK and don't run from house to house.

2012 Iowa Powwow



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AHO, the Bah-Kho-Je powwow was another great success in June. Thank you to all who participated, camped, and visited in our 27th annual Iowa Powwow.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Derek and Daniel Franklin, children of Lori Murray and Grant Franklin. For working hard, showing pride for your parents, nation and more importantly in yourself. Keep up the hard work young champions.



2012 Jim Thorpe Native American Games

This young martial arts fighter participated in Karate 'form' Competition. Bobby McIntosh won Gold in the competition by 2 points. Bobby, is the son of Chalis Cox and Gerald McIntosh.



2012 Youth Leadership Conference



“Movation on the Reservation.”

The 2nd annual Native American Youth Leadership
For students entering grades seven through twelve.

The 2012 Youth Leadership Conference was held at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa on July 31st.

Danielle Springer, Shayla Miller, and Kaitlyn Springer were also in attendance to represent the Iowa Tribal Youth.

This is the first year that the Iowa Tribe has participated in this event.

The other Tribes that were in attendance: Otoe-Missouria, Ponca, Osage, Tonkawa, Pawnee, and Kaw.



Bah Kho Je Xla-Chi Grey Snow Eagle House



Come see the Aviary its not everyday you get to visit eagles up close and personal. Well unless you volunteer for a local aviary. Which is why I took a visit to the Eagle house, but it takes a lot more to be a volunteer.



Since January 2006, Bah Kho Je Xla-Chi (Grey Snow Eagle House) has grown in operation and now consists of four different rehabilitation houses for both Golden and Bald eagles. The rehabilitation houses are for: (1) releasable birds; (2) non-releasable birds; (3) non-releasable birds with less flight capabilities; and (4) disabled birds incapable of flight. The birds are transported from both in and out of state.

There are forty-five (45) non releasable that reside in our aviary, ages vary from sixteen (16) months to seventeen (17) years. The aviary helps out more than just eagles. Due to the "Good Samaritan" law (A person or entity who in good faith and without compensation renders emergency care or treatment to a person suffering.) the workers are able to help out hawks, vultures, and owls to rehabilitate or to transport the birds to appropriate officials.

Victor Rubidoux is the Wildlife Manager of the Aviary. Volunteers are always welcome but you must first be interviewed by the eagles. Ask Victor "How does one become a volunteer?" He will answer, "The eagles hire you." The volunteers are led by Victor to the cages to see the reaction of the 'real judges'-the eagles- to determine if a volunteer qualifies for the job or not. Victor proclaims 'Dedication is the part of caring for our Ioway brethren.' If the eagles do not sense a notion of negativity then a volunteer can proceed to the next step-feeding. The Golden Eagle and Bald Eagle consume anything from rats, deer, squirrel, fish, carrion, and rabbits.

For more tour information, volunteer information or more information on education purposes or the Aviary, you can contact the staff at 405-334-7471. Tours are booked by appointment only for Saturdays and Sundays 10-3. School groups are scheduled on Thursdays. Tours can last as long as you want, well until closing that is. The best time to visit our feather friends are in fall to early winter and spring to midsummer. The Eagle house is open to the public at no costs, only requirement is that you schedule your tour ahead of time.

Grey Snow Eagle House
RR 1 Box 7221
Perkins, OK
74059
Phone: (888)336-4692

Facebook.com/GreySnowEagleHouse

The Iowa Tribe Business Committee approved through resolution I-12-65 four (4) eagle feathers to tribal members 18 years and older. Please contact the Administration Building for an eagle feather application. Once received the application will be certified and sent to the Eagle Aviary. The Eagle Aviary will notify you for a an appointment to pick up the feathers”.



FREE ESTATE PLANNING SERVICES

On Friday, September 28th Oklahoma City University's American Indian Wills Clinic will be at the Iowa Tribal Administration complex in Perkins, OK to provide free estate planning services to any American Indian who is an Oklahoma resident, with preference given to those who own Indian land. **Interested persons should call the Program Coordinator, Lori Harless at (405) 208-5017 to complete the Program's intake process and secure a slot.**

The estate planning services are provided by Oklahoma City University School of Law students under the supervision of a licensed attorney and a clinical law professor.

If you are unable to attend this event but are still interested in taking advantage of these valuable estate planning services, please call the American Indian Wills Clinic at 405-208-5017 to inquire about additional upcoming on site service date opportunities that are provided throughout the area. Estate Planning services are also offered at Oklahoma City University for those who are located in the metro or able to travel.

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Oklahoma City University School of Law
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