

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

# Newsletter

April, 2012



## Council News.

At the March meeting we voted upon Bianca's application. We welcome her as our newest family member.

On March 10 we attended & drummed at Dighton Council's dinner/dance social. As always a good time was had by all.

On March 17 we drummed at Dighton Council's Snow Crust Moon Pow-wow. I thank Don Manidoogek for inviting us and being a great host.

Outside of it being Easter, this month's big news: the "Planting of the Corn" ceremony. This will be our 4<sup>th</sup> year performing this Cherokee style ceremony. Along with the Corn ceremony, we will have a Pipe ceremony, and if the weather permits, the circle will be open for dancing. Let's hope for good weather. { \* notice the rain date } ----->



*Picture from past Planting of the Corn Ceremony*

For those of you that may have missed the email, Joe Blue Eagle is in the hospital. At this time I haven't received any further info from his family. I will update all, as soon as possible.

If you know of any other member, or friend of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

***\*\*See you at the next meeting: Sunday April 1***

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## *Planting of the Corn Ceremony*



**Saturday April 21<sup>st</sup>**

*\*rain date Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>*

**Ceremony starting @ 12:00**

{smudging and private prayers start at 11:00}

222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI

Music by

***The Soaring Eagle Singers***

(weather permitting)

**Pot Luck Social to follow**

(Please bring a dish to share)

Natives: Regalia please

Non-natives: casual

For directions or information

**Contact the Council Secretary**

**(401)-683-4589**

On the lighter side:



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## *Spiritually Speaking*

### *"Totems"*

*--Brave Buffalo, Teton Sioux*

I have noticed in my life that all men have a liking for some special animal, tree, plant, or spot of earth. If men would pay more attention for these preferences and seek what is best to do in order to make themselves worthy of that toward which they are so attracted, they might have dreams which would purify their lives.

Let a man decide upon his favorite animal and make a study of it, learning its innocent ways. Let him learn to understand its sounds and motions. The animals want to communicate with man, but Wakan Tanka does not intend they shall do so directly – man must do the greater part in securing an understanding.



### *"Hurting Mother"*

*--Wintu Woman*

When we Indians kill an animal, we pray for it giving its life for us, and we eat it all up. When we dig roots, we offer prayers, and only make little holes. When we build homes, we make little holes. When we burn grass for grasshoppers, we don't ruin things. We shake down acorns and pine nuts, from the trees, we don't chop them down. When we build a fire, we only use dead wood.

The white people plow up the ground, pull down the trees, kill everything... The white people pay no attention... How can the spirit of the earth like the white man? ... every place the white man has touched it, it is sore.

## Upcoming Events:

### **Sat March 24<sup>th</sup>**

Aquidneck Indian Council: 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Indoor Pow Wow  
K of C Hall, 7 Valley Rd. Middletown RI  
401-683-4589

### **Sat April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Dighton Indian Council: White Wolf Bake Goods Auction  
Fundraiser, Potluck & Dancing Social, 5pm,  
1111 Somerset Ave, Rte 138, Dighton, MA  
508-880-6887

### **Sat April 21** (rain date Sun April 22)

Aquidneck Indian Council: Planting of the Corn ceremony  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
401-683-4589

*“The white man made us many promises,  
more than I can remember.  
Promises they did not keep. They kept but one -  
They promised to take our lands...  
and they took it.”*



Chief Red Cloud, Oglala Sioux

Born approximately 1822 and rapidly rose to the front ranks in his band due to his bravery and success upon the war path and his wisdom.

He was active in wars with the Blackfoot, the Crow and many other tribes, as well as against the US Government, between 1863 and 1868.

He was noted as a follower of the Ghost Dance in 1899.

As a delegate for the Oglala, he worked hard to negotiate peace and fair treatment of his people.

He crossed over Dec 10, 1909 at Pine Ridge.

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Lora {Lone Wolf} Parker

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Photos: stills, motion or slideshows of any & all occasions.

(Official photographer of the Aquidneck Indian Council)

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Preserving the Island's open spaces and natural character  
for the lasting benefit of our community.



*This space available*

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## Next meeting:



**Sunday April 1, 1:00**

**@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth**

*Guests Always Welcome*

### AIIC contact info:

3 Horses Sly Fox (Don Sly), Chairman  
Dreams of Wolves (Barbara Sly), Secretary  
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## St Joseph's Indian School

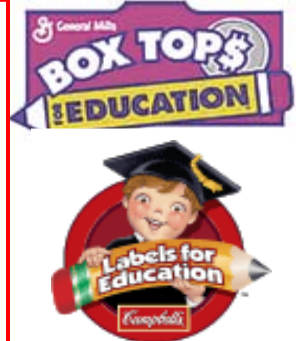
### Constant Needs:

- Men's deodorant
- Hair gel
- Little girls full slippers in sizes 8-14
- Children's robes
- Dish cloths
- School supplies
- Boys Boxers (all sizes)
- Bath towels
- Running shoes - men's & women's sizes
- Children's tennis shoes (sizes 1-4)
- Men's T-shirts (all sizes)
- Chewable vitamins
- Twin, extra long twin & queen comforters/spreads

### Remember to save:

“General Mills” + “Betty Crocker” products box tops.  
&  
“Campbell's” labels UPC codes.

For St Joseph's Indian School  
(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



### Inspirational:

“I am poor and naked, but I am the chief of a Nation. We do not want riches, but we do want to train our children right. Riches would do us no good. We could not take them with us to the other world. We do not want riches. We want peace and love”.

*--Red Cloud – Oglala Sioux*

### From 3 Horses:

March turned out to be a busy month for us. There were many calls for us to come together and drum. It is now April, it's officially spring. No more threat of snow, the crocuses are popping up. The Planting of the Corn ceremony is upon us. For those of you who don't know; the ceremony represents new birth – re-birth. It is not just about planting corn, it is about planting our prayers into Mother, asking not only to feed our people, but to support us and let us live and survive. The corn is a symbol, the prayers that the ladies place upon the corn and place into Mother, is the intent. Birth comes from the woman, and we are nurtured by the woman, and when we cross, our bodies return to the woman.

We thank Mother for nurturing us. We stand on her, we raise our hands to the heavens. We ask The Ancient One Above to look down upon us and bless us. Father in the sky, Mother which we stand upon – there is balance. Without balance, there is turmoil. *May the Blessings of re-birth be upon you, now and always..*

*Happy Easter.. Happy Spring...*

See you along the Good Red Road. *Peace.....*

*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*



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