

## Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

# Newsletter

May, 2012



### Council News.

On Sat April 14<sup>th</sup>, we attended and drummed at the Dighton Council's pot-luck dinner dance social and baked goods auction to help raise money for the Chief White Wolf scholarship fund. As always we had a good time drumming next to the members of the Little Brother Drum. It is always good when you can poke fun at each other and know you are truly friends.

So all know, the Teepee is back up in the yard. A big thanks go out to Shadow Fox and Rick for supplying new poles, to replace the ones that broke. It was good to see Lady Hawk and Mota Hota Ska again. She is a natural when it comes to setting up the lodge. After all, in most Nations, the setting up of the lodge is the woman's duty, while the men scout for enemy or food. So with that being said; the teepee is available for all members and friends to use for healing, meditation or prayer, or even if you just want to sit by yourself and relax.

"Planting of the Corn" ceremony: The weather seemed not to want to cooperate. But by 11:00 the drizzle stopped, the clouds moved, and the sun came out. It was good to see many new faces. But then again, that is what the ceremony is about, spring – new birth. The ladies performed another excellent ceremony. During the Pipe portion of the ceremony, a swamp hawk flew over letting us know that the message – the intent, was being lifted to the 4 winds and to the Great One Above. There was a lot of fun and fellowship to follow the ceremony. A lot of good food and new friendships made. I want to thank all those that showed up and participated and make this ceremony a success. I also want to thank those who came to observe the Cherokee style ceremony.

If you know of any 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 May 6**

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### *2 Wolves,*

*A Cherokee story.*

A Cherokee Elder was speaking with his grandson. "A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy. "It is a terrible fight between two wolves."

The young grandson listened intently.

"One wolf is evil, unhappy, and ugly: He is anger, envy, war, greed, selfishness, sorrow, regret, guilt, resentment, inferiority/superiority, false pride, coarseness, and arrogance. He spreads lies, deceit, fear, hatred, blame, scarcity, poverty, and divisiveness."

"The other wolf is beautiful and good: He is friendly, joyful, loving, worthy, serene, humble, kind, benevolent, just, fair, empathetic, generous, honest, compassionate, grateful, brave, and inspiring resting wholeheartedly in deep vision beyond ordinary wisdom."

The grandson paused in deep reflection of what his grandfather had just said.

Grandfather continued; "This same fight is going on inside you, and inside all human beings as well."

The grandson thought more of what his grandfather had just said. Then he finally cried out deeply; "Which wolf will win this horrific war?"

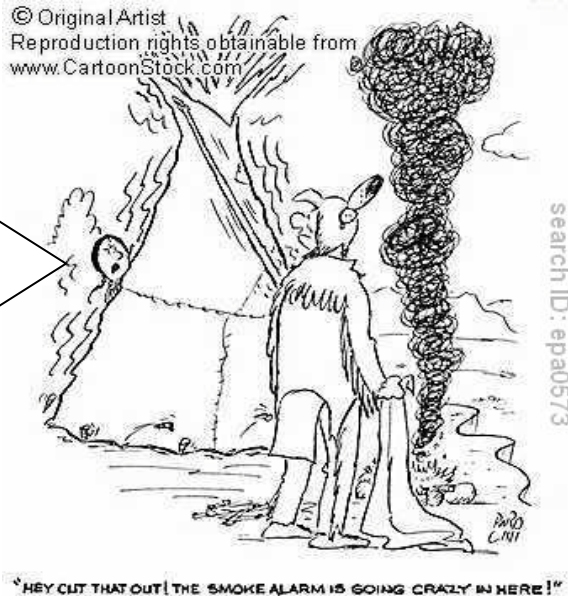
The elder Cherokee replied, "The wolf that you feed the most."

*Which Wolf do you feed?*

On the lighter side:

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“Hey, cut that out!  
The smoke alarm  
is going crazy in  
here!”



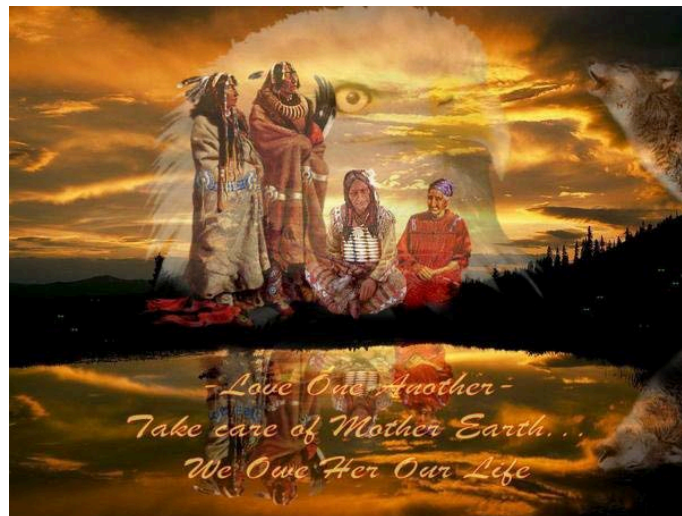
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## *Spiritually Speaking*

“2 sides”

--Letakots-Lesa, Pawnee

All things in the world are two. In our minds we are two, good and evil. With our eyes we see two things, things that are fair and things that are ugly.. We have the right hand that strikes and makes for evil, and we have the left hand full of kindness, near the heart. One foot may lead us to an evil way, the other foot may lead us to good. So are all things two, all two.



“Teach your children”

--Chief Seattle, Suquamish

Teach your children that the ground beneath their feet is the ashes of our grandfathers. So that they will respect the land, tell your children that the earth is rich with the lives of our kin.

Teach your children what we have taught our children – the earth is our mother. Whatever befalls the earth, befalls the sons of the earth... This we know: all things are connected like the blood which unites one family.

Upcoming Events:

**June 9-10**

Wollomonuppoag Indian Council:  
38th Annual Pow-wow, La Salette Shrine Fairgrounds,  
Rte 118, Attleboro, MA  
508-384-2704

**June 16-17**

Red Road  
10th Annual Native American Sobriety Pow-wow  
1111 Somerset Ave, Rte 138, Dighton, MA  
508-880-6887

Did you know:

Traditional Hopi have a specific procedure for naming their children. The first 20 days following the birth, mother and child stay in an isolated room hidden from the sun. After the 20 days, the child is presented to the sun to be blessed and is given several names. One name is the childhood name; other names will be decided later as the child grows, changes and evolves.

In all Native American languages still spoken today, there is no word for “religion”. Native people do not consider their beliefs one of religion. There is no fixed dogma or a list of written rules. There is only understanding that one is to seek one’s own path and live right with nature and right with the world.

One of the most persistent stereotypes of the Native American Indians relates to teepees. Contrary to popular opinion, the teepee was not home to all Native Americans, prior to – and following – the settlement of the white man. In fact, it was primarily used by the plains people, who needed a sturdy home that could be torn down and moved quickly.

Just like other cultures, Native Americans had their own explanations of how and why they – and the earth – were created, and by whom. Many claim their tribal birth from the womb of Mother Earth, while others give credit to animals or a divine being.

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## Next meeting:



Sunday May 6, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

*Guests Always Welcome*

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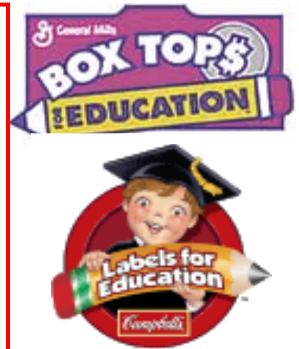
### Constant Needs:

- 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:

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&  
“Campbell’s” labels UPC codes.

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



### Inspirational:

“Let my house be a house of prayer, a happy home, a haven, where my every task is offered there in service to the Great Spirit and let everyone who enters, know that they are welcome”.

*--3 Horses Sly Fox*

### From 3 Horses:

With the coming of spring, there has been many changes in my life, as well as changes in the Council. We are seeing a lot of new faces. We are also seeing families, instead of singles. Don't get me wrong, all are welcome, but it makes me feel good to see man – wife, mom – dad – child, grandpa – grandson, a variety of diversity. People walk in and out of your lives, but when you see children grow in front of your eyes, it gives you a feeling of, “everything will be all right”.

There have been many obstacles put on the path, but with caring people, anything can be accomplished. I thank our new friends and our elder Shadow Fox for reminding me that what we do is making a difference in some people's lives. It seems, “Everyone wants to come to the Circle, everyone wants to dance and scream (with joy and excitement). Everyone wants to come to the Circle, everyone wants to drum and sing”. *Sing your song to the ancestors, dance before Creator, enjoy life...*

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



*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*

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