

# Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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## Newsletter

October 2014



### Council News

On Sat Sept 6<sup>th</sup> we were honored to bring our medicine to the wedding of Rob & Vicki. The back woods of the Tiverton Rod and Gun Club was a great setting for this event. We were honored to work along with Gordon 2 Bears, who officiated over the ceremony. We received many comments as to the spirituality that our voices added to the wedding ceremony. We were just happy to be where Creator wanted us.

On Sat Sept 13, we participated in the Tiverton Land Trust's "A Country Day at Pardon Gray". We drummed and educated the public. We were well received and spread a lot of "medicine".

At this month's meeting, we have another application for membership to be read.

Upcoming fall & winter Socials ----->  
\*\*Never to early to advertise.

Drum practices have been every Thursday at 6:00. If anyone wishes to come and join us at the drum, or even just to enjoy the friendship, the door is always open.

We ask that you keep the following family members and friends in your prayers: John Rock Thrower, Ashley Painted Sky, Jen Little Rose, Valerie, Raven Speak, Ryleigh, Josh and Georgia. Great One Above – pour your healing energy down upon all our friends & family who are sick, ill or hurt.

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

\*\* In last month's newsletter I stated that there would be 2 meetings in Sept. due to the fact we had committed to an event Oct 4 & 5<sup>th</sup>. Those plans have changed. The October meeting will be October 5<sup>th</sup>.

\*\*See you at the next meeting: Sunday Oct 5

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## *Aquidneck Indian Council's Fall and Winter Pot-luck Lunch and Dance Socials*



We are happy to announce that we will again be able to host our Fall and Winter "Pot-luck Lunch & Dancing Socials" at **Sandywoods Farm Center for the Arts**  
**43 Muse Way Tiverton RI.**

All 4 Socials will be from **12:00 – 5:00** on these dates:

**Saturday Nov 8**

**Saturday Dec 13**

**Saturday Jan 10**

**Saturday Feb 14**

We want to thank "Eagle Sings" for drumming with us last year, and also "Eastern Medicine", as well as other Native artists: Seeker of Owl Wisdom, John Rock Thrower, Sleeping Turtle and Todd One Cloud.

Mark the dates on your calendars.

Hope to see all our friends there.

Always a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

\*Free Admission. Please bring a dish to share.

Raffle proceeds to benefit:  
St Joseph's Indian School

On the lighter side:



### *Spiritually Speaking*

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 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 a good. So are all things two, all two.

*Eagle Chief, Lakota*

The life of an Indian is like the wings of the air. That is why you notice the hawk knows how to get his prey. The Indian is like that. The hawk swoops down on its prey; so does the Indian. In his lament he is like an animal. For instance, the coyote is cunning; so is the Indian. The eagle is the same. That is why the Indian is always feathered up, he is a relative to the wings of the air.

*Black Elk, Oglala*

Conversation was never begun at once, nor in a hurried manner. No one was quick with a question, no matter how important, and no one was pressed for an answer. A pause giving time for thought was the truly courteous way of beginning and conducting a conversation. Silence was meaningful with the Indian, and his granting a space of silence to the speech-maker and his own moment of silence before talking was done in the practice of true politeness and regard for the rule that. “thought comes before speech”.

*Luther Standing Bear, Oglala*

From Wakan-Tanka, the Great Mystery, comes all power. It is from Wakan-Tanka that the holy man has wisdom and the power to heal and to make holy charms. Man knows that all healing plants are given by Wakan-Tanka: therefore they are holy. So too is the buffalo holy, because it is the gift of Wakan-Tanka.

*Flat Iron, Oglala*



## Upcoming Events:

Thurs Sept 25  
Blood Drive at Sandywoods Farm  
43 Muse Way, Tiverton RI  
3:30 – 6:30

Sat Sept 27  
Coventry Heritage Day Festival  
Paine House Museum, 7 Station Rd Coventry RI  
10:00 – 4:00 401-822-5356

Sun Oct 5  
Aquidneck Indian Council's Oct Meeting  
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI  
1:00 - ? 401-683-4589

Sun Oct 19  
Brockton Church Social  
243 Winthrop St. Rehoboth, MA  
(Grange Bldg. Rte 118 & 44)  
12:00 - ? 508-436-3105

\*\* Above is not a complete list of all events happening in our area, just a highlight. For a full list of Native happenings, check the pow-wow schedule on the Wandering Bull's website.

If any doubt, call before you head out to an event to verify location and dates/times.

## A Country Day at Pardon Gray Tiverton Land Trust Family Fair Sat Sept 13



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Mondays: Unfoldment Classes with Sharon Ferraro  
Tuesdays: Healing Share      Thursdays: Gallery Nights

or

### *First Spiritualist Church of Brockton*

243 Winthrop St. Rehoboth, MA (Grange Bldg. Rte 118 & 44)  
Sunday Services: June thru August – 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM  
Sept. thru May - 10:00 AM to 11:30 with fellowship to follow.  
Check out their FB page: First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

For info on either the Wig Wam or Church of Brockton,  
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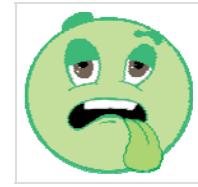
# Editorial

## What is Happening

by *Dreams of Wolves*



# What's Happening



Today I am sitting here & all I have been hearing is about all these illnesses that are going around. All we can do is pray to Creator that all these family members will soon be well.

We need to think about what's happening here. Why & what is going on!

Those of us that are fortunate to be somewhat healthy should be grateful. Be thankful for what you have. Take care of your families and thank Creator for them.

Things happen in our lives that sometimes we feel we have no control over.

Maybe some people have problems in their lives. Think about what you will lose if you don't at least try to understand what is going on in your own personal lives.

I think Creator is trying to tell us something. Life is too short to waste it on our own selfish needs. Think about those that are so ill and the possibility that they may leave us. A very dear friend of mine is so very ill and all I know that he needs a miracle so that he can be back to raise his 3 children and be back with his loving wife.

So I ask Creator to help all of us to get our lives in order and love our families more than anything else in this world. I know that I would die for my loved one. Things can be tough, but if you love someone, you will go through anything for them.



# When the Animals Forgot How to Talk -or- The Talking Feather

by Jerry Yellow Turtle



One day, after the animals had settled in what became their homes, everything became silent. Napi made his way to Ageo Ca Chook to talk to the Creator or Great Spirit.

When He saw Napi, He came to him. Napi called to Him, “Father, I am very lonely without anyone to talk to. Can You give the animals voices?” Creator replied, “It is as you wish, enjoy”, as He paddled off across the sky.

Returning to the valley below, he found the animals waiting for him. They were excited to have found a voice. They all wanted to be heard at the same time, and got louder until Napi couldn’t think. He sent them all away until he could figure a solution to the noise.

He went to Skoo Kum Chuck, to his maple trees, for peace & quite. He sat there for several days. On or about the fourth day a bald eagle came to him and spoke thus, “Ho Grandfather, I, like you, have been seeking an answer to the noise. This is what has come to me.” So saying, he released one of his beautiful feathers “Take this feather and call all the animals back to you. Tell them this is a ‘Talking Feather’. Not that it talks, the one holding it does. Everyone else listens. When you are finished, pass it to anyone else who has something to say”.



Napi thought it was a wonderful idea and told the animals that each family should have a feather and anyone in the family, from the oldest to the youngest, need only to pick up the feather and the family should sit down and listen, for everyone has a right to be heard. Smiling, Napi said, “I Have Spoken”.

*Yellow Turtle*



# Next meeting:



Sunday Oct 5, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

*Guests Always Welcome*

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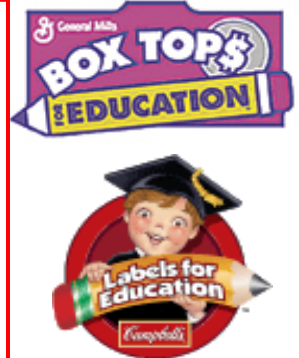
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- Men's deodorant
- Hair gel
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- Children's robes
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- School supplies
- Boys Boxers (all sizes)
- Bath towels
- Running shoes - men's & women's sizes
- 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” products labels.

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



### Inspirational:

I have seen that in any great undertaking it is not enough for a man to depend simply upon himself.

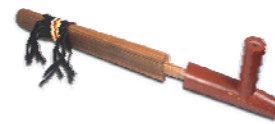
*Lone Man, Teton*

### From 3 Horses:

In our busy lives we seem to have so much to do and so little time to do it, or even to enjoy it. There are times that time goes by swiftly and you later realize you missed out on something good.

There are two wills available for us: self will and God's will. Our choice is: figure it out ourselves, or have the Creator involved in our lives. If we are honest with ourselves and look at past experiences, what are our lives like when we try to figure it out ourselves? Is there fear, confusion, frustration, anger, attacking others, conflict, fault finding, manipulation, teasing others, belittling others or devaluation? If these things are present, they indicate that we are choosing self will. What is it like if we turn our will over to the Creator? What are the results if we ask the Great Spirit to guide our life? Examples are: freedom, choices, consequences, love forgiveness, helping others, happiness, joy, solutions, and peace. *Which will I choose today, “self will or Creator’s will”?*

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



*3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves*

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