

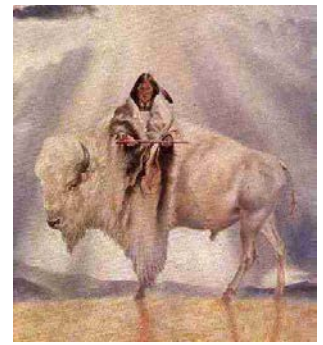
Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

Oct 2017

10 years; we're still here



Council News

On Sat Sept 16 we were honored to be asked to bring Spiritual Healing and Drum Medicine to the equine rescue & sanctuary Horse Play in Saunderstown. Thank you Diedre & Gary for the invite.



To learn more about Horse Play: www.hptra.org or find them on Facebook.

On Sat Sept 23rd we conduct a cultural & music presentation at the Country Day @ Pardon Gray Preserve on Main Rd in Tiverton. This was our 4th year supporting this event. We offered drumming/singing, show & tell for the children, history/cultural lectures for adults and storytelling.

Our annual "Healing of the Water" ceremony is Sat Oct 21st (with a rain date of Sun Oct 22nd) -----> All are invited to attend. Feel free to invite your friends. Hopefully to add to the ceremony, I will be ready to offer Lisa her Native name.

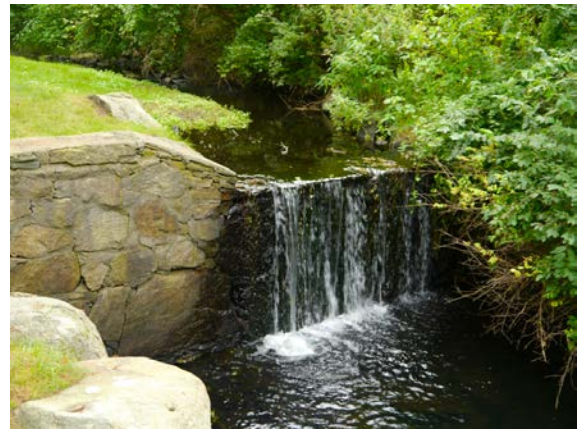
Our prayers go out to all of our extended family members who are sick, ill, or injured. If you know of a member, or friend, of this Council, who is sick or in the hospital, please let us know ASAP.

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..

See you at the next meeting: Sunday Oct 1

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Healing of the Water ceremony, Naming ceremony and Pipe ceremony

Saturday, Oct 21, 2016

** (rain date Sun Oct 22) **

@ Founders Brook Park
Old Boyd's Lane, Portsmouth RI

Ceremony to start at 12:00
Smudging starts at 11:30

Followed by a Pot Luck late lunch & dancing
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth
(please bring something to share)

Natives: Regalia please
Non-natives: Casual

R.S.V.P.: on or before 10/8
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**"JUDGING BY THOSE SMOKE SIGNALS,
THEY KNOW WE'RE HERE AND
THEY'RE NOT AFRAID OF US!"**



Spiritually Speaking



"Everything is laid out for you. Your path is straight ahead of you. Sometimes it's invisible but it's there. You may not know where it's going, but still you have to follow that path. It's the path to the Creator. That's the only path there is."

Leon Shenandoah, Onondaga

Everything on the earth has a purpose and a reason for its existence. Every human being is a warrior and every warrior has a song written in his/her heart and that song must be sung or the soul forever remains restless. This song is always about serving the Great Spirit and helping the people. This song is always sung for the people. Many times I need to learn much about the difficulties of life. I need to know this, so I must experience it. Then I can be of use to the people. Because I am experiencing difficulty does not mean I have left the path or that I have done something wrong. It means I'm doing the will of the Great Spirit during these times of testing. I need to pray constantly to keep a good attitude.

Great Spirit, this I know - You will never leave me, only my doubting makes it seem like You do. This I know - Your love is always dependable, only my doubting makes it seem like You do. Today remove the doubts from my belief system and allow me to stand straight and see You with straight eyes.

Upcoming Events:

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

Sun Oct 8
Drumming and Blessing of the Rifles
Black Powder Shoot
Tiverton Rod & Gun Club, Fish Road Tiverton RI
9:00 - ?

Sat Oct 21 (raindate Sun Oct 22)
Healing of the Water ceremony
Founder's Brook Old Boyd's Ln Portsmouth
401-683-4589 12:00 - ?

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

** 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.

Fall & Winter Socials:

We are happy to announce that the Tiverton Rod & Gun Club is allowing us to use their meeting hall for our upcoming Socials again this year. We thank the officers & members of the Gun Club. Remember: ALL are welcome to attend any/all our functions, invite your friends. Notices/flyers will be in the monthly newsletters and in Facebook events. Always a fun time, good food, good raffle items, great friendships, and the drum isn't too bad either ☺ ☺ ☺

Tiverton Rod & Gun Club
1529 Fish Road, Tiverton

** Note time changes on Nov & Feb's Socials.

Saturday	Nov 11,	1:00
Saturday	Dec 9,	12:00
Saturday	Jan 13,	12:00
Saturday	Feb 10,	1:00



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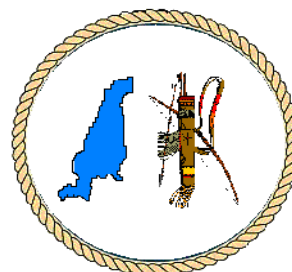
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or

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,
Contact: Rev Patti Craig
1-508-436-3105 evrotty@aol.com



THE HISTORY OF THE CHEROKEE PEOPLE

by *Bev Morningstar*

Introduction:

Who were the Cherokee People? The Cherokee people were one of the largest Native American tribes who settled in the Southeastern part of America. They were of Iroquoian descent who had settled along the Lawrence River, now known as the state of New York.

What was their housing like some of you may be curious to know. Unlike the Sioux the nation who lived in teepees; their homes were made of logs and even sometimes the barks of trees. The tribes were highly religious and very spiritual. They were made up of different groups which had their own Chief to rule over them. During the American Revolution they supported the British soldiers and fought alongside of them in some of their battles. Other tribes also supported the British as well. According to history records which may or may not be accurate it was around the 1800s, that the Cherokee started to adopt the way of life of the white man. They began to give up their old ways of life and become more like the white man. They started dressing like them in European fashion, learned their farming techniques and as well as copying their building methods. Slowly they became more like the white man taking on their way of life giving up on their old ways. The discovery of gold, according to history records, was discovered on their lands around 1828. The greed of the white man for gold changed the destiny of this particular band of Cherokees forever. Soon the government ordered the forcible removal of all of them overtaking their homes and land. This was the beginning of the TRAIL of TEARS, the forcing of thousands of peaceful Natives out of their homes and their land into a march across the country. Men, women, children, and the elderly all were forced to pack up their belongings and leave their homes behind. They marched on with soldiers pushing them to get to their new destination. They walked on in the cold of the winter some of them hungry, cold, and sickly but, their strong will to survive is what helped many to make it. It is estimated as many as 4,000 people lost their lives during this horrible act of greed.

Today, the Cherokee Nation is one of the largest population in the state of Oklahoma, where there are 3 federally recognized Cherokee communities residing. The suffering of these people was horrendous and the cruelty shown to them as well. However the Creator had a plan for them that the white man never knew. Yes it is true that many lost their lives sadly, however today they are a powerful nation. There is a saying; "IF MANKIND DOESN'T LEARN FROM THEIR MISTAKES IN THEIR PAST, HISTORY WILL BE REPEATED AGAIN", and so today in reality we see it happening. As we think about what is going on in the world today we see history repeating itself in the immigrants who like the Cherokee people are being forced out of their home land.

Conclusion:

If only the people of Mother Earth would recognize that we are all connected and we need to show love and compassion for each other instead of hate in our hearts. The photo below is from The Red Clay Park in Tennessee it burns sadly; in remembrance of those who lost their lives along the way.



The Council's beginning: Oct 7, 2007



Explaining the Council's Rules & Regulations



Witnesses to the signing of the Charter



Original signers of the Charter (from left to right): Paul Higgins, *the late* Catfish Jim Gillen, *the late* Joe Blue Eagle (Council's first Head Elder), Margaret Lady Hawk, 3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves.



Blue Eagle presents 3 Horses the War Bonnet



Blue Eagle presents 3 Horses with Council's Talking Stick



3 Horses makes proclamation

10 years later - We're Still Here





A.I.I.C.

You are invited to join us at the:

*Healing of the Water ceremony
Naming ceremony and Pipe ceremony*

(Healing of the Water is an Ojibwa/Chippewa style ceremony whereby everyone is invited to offer their prayers and blessings upon a certain body of water, {the brook}, for all water to be clean and purified. The prayers then flow over Mother Earth and touch every other body of water that this brook is connected to.)

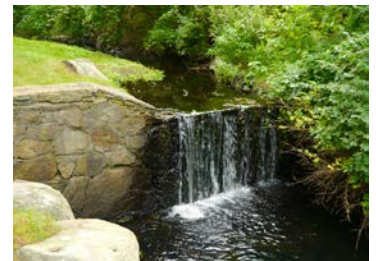
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Music performed by *the Soaring Eagle Singers*

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Native Recipe

Acorn Squash Baked with Apples



Ingredients:

2 Acorn squash (split and scooped out)
3 apples - pared sliced or diced
Nutmeg and cinnamon to taste

½ cup brown sugar
1-2 tablespoons butter

Instructions:

Par boil squash for 15 minutes.

Mix ½ cup of brown sugar with the sliced/diced apples, add nutmeg and cinnamon.

Fill scooped out cavities of squash with apple mixture, dot with butter.

Bake 40 minutes @ 325*

Serves 4

Next meeting:



Sunday Oct 1, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

Guests Always Welcome



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Inspirational:

American Indians share a history rich in diversity, integrity, culture and tradition. It is also rich in tragedy, deceit and genocide. As the world learns of these atrocities and cries out for justice for all people everywhere, no human being should ever have to fear for his or her life because of their political beliefs. We are in this together; the rich, the poor, the red, white, black and yellow. We share responsibility for Mother Earth and those who live and breathe upon her. Never forget that.

Leonard Peltier, Anishinabe and Dakota Sioux

From 3 Horses:

Wow, a whole 10 years has passed by already. We have been through a lot together. Being as busy as we are, sometimes you forget to thank those around you, those who are always there when you need them. I try not to take anything or anyone for granted, if I haven’t said it directly to you lately, I’ll say it now for all to see, **“THANK YOU ONE AND ALL FOR MAKING THIS COUNCIL WORK”!** If it wasn’t for the team work, I’d be a leader of none. I’m happy to call you all my *“tiyospaye”* (extended family). Let’s make the next 10 years just as big a success as the last 10 years. Remember my door is always open (work nights until 9:00 ☺), if you need to talk or want to share ideas. Can’t say it enough, *“Wankan Tanka Kici Un”* (God bless you).

See you along the Good Red Road.

Peace.....

3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves



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