

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

Newsletter

September 2012



Council News.

On June 17 we drummed at the 10th Annual Red Road PW in Dighton. We had new members around the drum, but the Great Spirit spoke thru Spirit of the Buffalo (drum), to prove "We're Still Here". We thank Don Manidoogekek and the Red Road committee for their hospitality.

On July 4th we gathered together to drum, sing, eat, enjoy each others company and watch the fireworks display. Problem being it was in the middle of the week and most had to work the next day. We gathered that weekend to keep the celebration alive.

On July 29 a few of us attended the American Indian Federation PW in North Kingston.

On Sunday Aug 5th we celebrated the "Healing of the Water" ceremony at Founders Brook in Portsmouth. It was very warm, but there was a great turnout of members and guests, to make this a ceremony to remember. It was good to see some old faces, as well as meet a few new friends.

We have been asked to drum, lecture and bring Native culture to the 4th Annual Heritage Day festival at the Paine House Museum in Coventry on Sat Sept 29. I will apprise all via email, as to times and directions, etc.

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

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

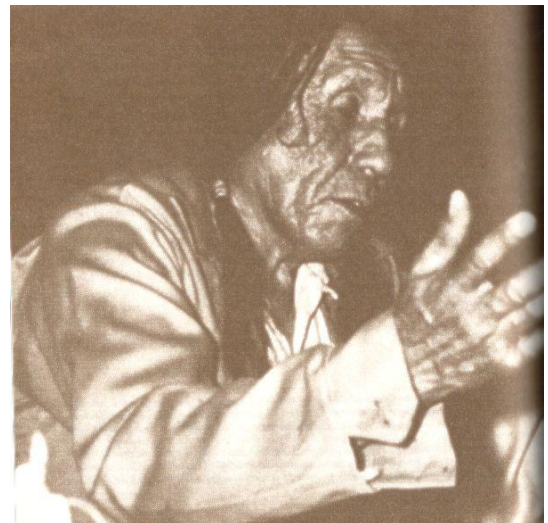
**** Notice: due to the Labor Day Weekend the September meeting has been rescheduled to Saturday Aug 25. Mark it on your calendar.**

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Spotlight on:

John (Fire) Lame Deer
Lakota Sioux
1903 - 1976



Tahca Ushte – John Fire Lame Deer was born in 1903 on the Rosebud Reservation.

John was a medicine man, a vision seeker, a man who upheld the old beliefs and the ancient ways of his people.

He was a man of the earth. He was many things in his time - a rodeo clown, a soldier, a sign painter, a potato picker, a prisoner, a tribal policeman, a shepherd and a singer. But above all he was a Wicasa Wakan, a Holy Man of the Lakotas.

On the lighter side:



Spiritually Speaking

Out of the Indian approach to life there came a great freedom, an intense and absorbing respect for life, enriching faith in a Supreme Power, and principles of truth, honesty, generosity, equity and brotherhood as a guide to mundane relations.

Luther Standing Bear, Oglala

My people were wise. They never neglected the young or failed to keep before them deeds done by illustrious men of the tribe. Our teachers were willing and thorough. They were our grandfathers, fathers or uncles. All were quick to praise excellence without speaking a word that might break the spirit of a boy who might be less capable than others. The boy who failed at any lesson got only more lessons, more care, until he was as far as he could go.

Chief Plenty Coups, Crow

The smarter a man is, the more he needs GOD to protect him from thinking he knows everything.

George Webb, Pima

You ask me to plow the ground. Shall I take a knife and tear my mother's bosom? Then when I die she will not take me to her bosom to rest. You ask me to dig for stones! Shall I dig under her skin for bones? Then when I die I cannot enter her body to be born again. You ask me to cut grass and make hay and sell it to the rich white men, but how can I cut my mother's hair? I want my people to stay with me here. All the dead men will come to life again. Their spirits will come to their bodies again. We must wait here in the home of our fathers and be ready to meet them in the bosom of our mother.

Wovoka, Paiute

Your religious calling was written on plates of stone by the flaming finger of an angry God. Our religion was established by the traditions of our ancestors, the dreams of our elders that are given to them in the silent hours of night by the Great Spirit.

Chief White Cloud, Iowa

My friends, how desperately do we need to be loved and to love. Love is something you and I must have. We must have it because our spirit feeds upon it. We must have it because without it we become weak and faint. Without love our self-esteem weakens. Without it our courage fails. Without love we can no longer look out confidently at the world. We turn inward and begin to feed upon our own personalities, and little by little we destroy ourselves. With it we are creative. With it, and with it alone, we are able to sacrifice for others.

Chief Dan George, Salish

Calendar of events

Aug 26

Cultural Day at the Wig Wam Spiritual Center
Onset MA

Sept 1 & 2

Seaconke Wampanoag Tribe: 16th Annual PW
Redway Plains, Rte 44, Rehoboth, MA
401-723-1563

Sept 15 & 16

13 Moon Turtle Clan PW
Chase Farm 677 Great Rd Lincoln RI
401-400-1331

Sept 22 & 23

Dighton Council Oak, Annual PW
behind the Town Hall, Somerset Ave., Rte.138,
Dighton MA, 508-880-6887

Sept 29

Heritage Day Festival
Paine House Museum (9 – 4)
7 Station St. Coventry RI
401-822-5356

See The Wandering Bull's PW schedule for more events.

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Praying the medicine wheel:



North (white)

Great Spirit, we need Your strength to help keep us strong in good times as well as bad. We rely on You as we face life's challenges. Be with us today.

East (yellow)

Let us lift up our hearts in prayer for God to see and hear. Lead us Great Spirit, by the light of Your wisdom.

South (red)

Great Spirit, loving Grandfather, You give us life when we take food from the Earth, our mother. We thank You for Your gifts. Keep us from wasting them and help us to remember the needs of others.

West (black)

As the sun sets and darkness covers the earth, we thank you, Great Spirit, for the gift of today. Unite us together as family, friends and community.

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

Native warrior flag (modern)



Next meeting:



Saturday Aug 25, 1:00
@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

Guests Always Welcome

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Dreams of Wolves (Barbara Sly), Secretary
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St Joseph's Indian School

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- 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

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Inspiration:

O Great One, Thank you for the Spirit of the Wind, it stirs my spirit and sends messages to my heart. I thank you for the spirit of Mother Earth, as I listen to the drum beat; I hear the heart beat that gives us life.

O Great one, I thank you for the ancestors and the teachings that guide our way of life here on Mother Earth. I will forever hold sacred the pipe of peace, and I will share the tobacco for prayer, as I give thanks to You and all that is sacred.

From 3 Horses:

It has been said that you change friends approx every seven years. For some reason a study was done on this. You know what? It seems to be true. I have been walking a long path, many years, and have had many friends come and go. It is good to make new friends, but it is sad to lose friends that you have already made, and shared special times with.

This summer has flown by. It seems that you never have enough time to do what you intend to, then, poof, time slips away. I know our plate wasn't as full this season, as it has been in the past. But sometimes we need to not “be so busy” that we don't take time to reflect on what is the most important thing, being balanced and being in good standings with the Creator. Yes drumming is good, teaching culture is good, ceremonies is good, making new friends is good, but keeping old friends close at hand and sharing with one another the love that Creator gives to us, that's what family is all about, and that is what this Council is all about. You have heard me say it many times in the past; this is OUR Council, not mine. WE are a Tiyosopae (extended family). Come – make a difference. I call to the Father, to the Mother, I call to the 4 directions, but mainly I call to your heart.

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

3 Horses & Dreams of Wolves



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