

Aquidneck Island Intertribal Indian Council

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Newsletter

September 2014



Council News

Summer is almost over. Hope everyone enjoyed themselves, time for the Council to get back to work.

July 5th cookout, fireworks and campout went well, even though it rained on the 4th.

We had a great time at the American Indian Federation's 79th Annual Pow-wow Aug 2nd & 3rd.

There has been a lot of new interest in our Council over the summer. Let's hope to see some new faces around our campfire, at our meetings and around the drum.

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

Sept will be a busy month for the Council. Please check the Calendar of Events on page 3 and see which ones you can attend. We will discuss them in detail at the meeting on the 7th.

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.

Healing prayers... The following Council family members are in need of prayers:

John Rock Thrower (see right column ---→)

Ashley Painted Sky; was rushed to the hospital after fainting on Aug 13.

Jennifer Little Flower; her father is very ill and his health is failing.

Valerie; both her parents are ill and have been hospitalized and she is now trying to care for both.

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

**** Be aware:** there will be 2 meetings in Sept. September's on the 7th, and October's on the 28th, due to the fact we have committed to an event Oct 4 & 5th.

****See you at the next meeting: Sunday Sept 7**

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****Prayer Request****

John – Rock Thrower



Drummer, Flute Player, Story Teller & Teacher

John was hospitalized Saturday Aug 9th while at work. At this time, he is still in ICU.

There have been prayer circles as well as many private ceremonies for his recovery. We hope to see John up and around very soon, but it looks like it will be a long road to his recovery.

All our prayers go out to him and his family.



On the lighter side:



Spiritually Speaking

When you arise in the morning, give thanks for the morning light, for your life and strength. Give thanks for your food and the joy of living. If you see no reason for giving thanks, the fault lies in yourself.

Tecumseh, Shawnee

The American Indian is of the soil, whether it be the region of forests, plains, pueblos or mesas. He fits into the landscape, for the hand that fashioned the continent also fashioned the man for the surroundings. He once grew as naturally as the wild sunflowers, he belongs just as the buffalo belonged.

Luther Standing Bear, Oglala

Together the two paths form a north-south road, the good Red Road. This is your spiritual path, the one where you will be happiest.

Medicine Hawk, Shadowlight Medicine Clan

My breath – that is what I call my song, for it is just as necessary to me to sing as it is to me to breathe. I will sing this song, a song that is strong... Songs are thoughts, sung out with the breath when people are moved by great forces and ordinary speech no longer suffices. Man is moved just like the ice floe sailing here and there out in the current. His thoughts are driven by a flowing force when he feels joy, when he feels sorrow. Thoughts can wash over him like a flood, making his blood come in gasps, then it will happen that we, who always think we are small, will feel still smaller. And we will fear to use words. But it will happen that the words we need will come of themselves. When the words we want to use shoot up of themselves – we get a new song.

Orpingalik, Netsilingmutt

I believe that ancient tribal cultures have important lessons to teach the rest of the world about the interconnectedness of all living things and the simple fact that our very existence is dependent upon the natural world we are rapidly destroying.

Wilma Mankiller, Cherokee

The Creator made it to be this way. An old woman shall be as a child again and her grandchildren shall care for her. For only because she is, they are.

Handsome Lake, Seneca

Upcoming Events:

Sat Sept 6
Private wedding ceremony

Sun Sept 7
Aquidneck Indian Council's Sept Meeting
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
1:00 - ? 401-683-4589

Sat Sept 13
A Country Day at Pardon Gray
Main Rd Tiverton RI
10:00 - 4:00 401-816-0126

Sat & Sun Sept 20 & 21
13 Moon Turtle Clan, 9th Annual Pow-wow
Chase Farm, 669 Great Neck Rd Lincoln RI
11:00 - 5:00 401-400-1331

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

Sun Sept 28
Aquidneck Indian Council's Oct Meeting
222 Middle Rd, Portsmouth RI
1:00 - ? 401-683-4589

Sat & Sun Oct 4 & 5
Norman Bird Sanctuary 40th Anniversary Harvest Fair
583 Third Beach Rd, Middletown
10:00 - 5:00 401-846-2577

** 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.

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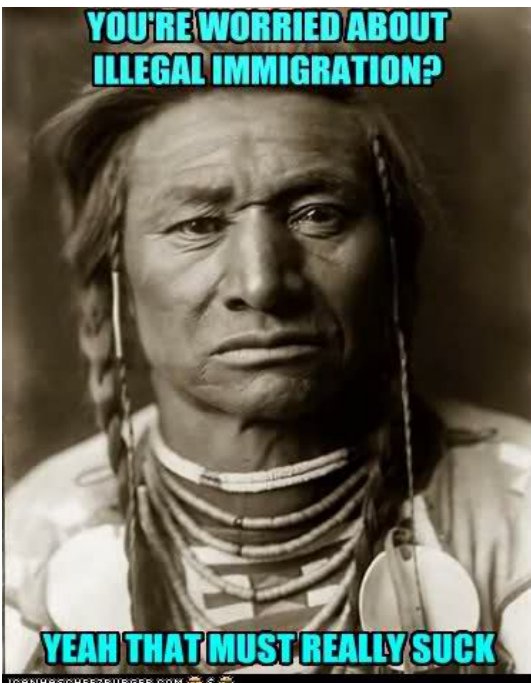
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Sunday Services: June thru August - 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Sept. thru May - 10:00 AM to 11:30 with fellowship to follow.
Check out their FB page: First Spiritualist Church of Brockton

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Editorial:

Will the real Teacher please stand up...

by *Dreams of Wolves*



The last few months have been a little trying for me, but as I look back, a lesson has been learned. There is a very special person in my life and whenever I am down, or need guidance, I know that I can go to him without being judged. This man is my teacher and with his wisdom, I know that I will be a better person. He is someone I can trust, someone to learn from and one who will guide me. As long as he is there for me, my world is a better place. He is my Elder.



We all need someone that we can go to when we need guidance, but be careful of what kind of teachings you are getting. Too many people think they know everything there is. No one is that full of wisdom, but I chose this Elder as my special teacher. So far I have learned a lot from him.

I always hear people discussing, “I do this and I do that”, but really, a truly gifted Native does not go around bragging about their gifts. My teacher, my mentor, has told me what gift I have and that is between me and Creator. People that are always bragging about their gifts, seem like they are trying to convince themselves and others. The gifts Creator gives you is between you and Him. You don’t go bragging about it. People will know if you are truly gifted.

To me a real person, that is truly gifted, is someone who is first a humble person, that seriously does not have to prove anything and that is the gifted person I truly respect.

We all have gifts, one way or another, we just don’t think about it. One gift I know I have and can brag about it is – the members of this Council. We are close family and I love each and every one of them. They are my family and this I will treasure always.

Creation (as told to me by the Creator)

by Jerry Yellow Turtle



In the beginning, all was darkness. Suddenly in a blinding flash, the world and the cosmos were created.

The Creator made a bright canoe (the Sun), so He could paddle over the earth creating as He went. Where today He made forests, where yesterday there were oceans, badlands became gardens, jungles became mountains. He did this for millions of years. One day He decided He had other things to do and so He created Napi to watch over everything; the changing of the seasons, the colors of the oceans, forests, flowers, snow, sand, everything.

Napi asked if there were somewhere they could meet if he needed anything. He created a range of mountains. The highest gave view to His favorite area. He called it Ageo Ca Chook (Place Where the Great Spirit Dwells). The white man calls it Mount Washington, in New Hampshire.

Napi took up his duties and roamed the earth taking care of things. Each night, if he were not there, he would dream of that special place. One day as he wandered near that very special place, he found a stream flowing down a mountain. It sang merrily as it flowed over the rocks. He called the stream Skoo Kum Chuck, to his mind 'Singing Water'. On the bank was a maple tree. It looked across the valley toward the northwest, to what is now Maine, New York, Vermont and Canada (his favorite place). One day as he sat there, he picked up a bit of clay, which came in different colors. He began to make shapes; big, little, short, long, skinny, fat, all kinds. As Creator came by, in His bright canoe, He saw what Napi had done. He said, "I will breathe upon them and give them life, you name them and give them a home". And he did.

Created were all the animals, birds and fish we know today. The birds he put in water, fish in trees. The animals, as we know them, were mis-located. Two weeks went by, the animals came to him, the bear was their spokesman, "Ho Grandfather, we are not happy where you have put us". Napi replies, "Go where you will, I want only your happiness. So all went to where they are today; fish to water, birds to air, and all the animals to where we find them today.

Two more weeks went by and all the animals returned to Napi, one by one, each thanked Napi and Creator for the gift of life, a place to live, food to eat – all but one; that was man. He has never been satisfied. He was given the lowlands, he took to the mountains. He saw birds on the water, he built canoes. He learned to swim, like the fish, fly like a bird. He has also walked among the stars. But he has never stopped to thank the Creator for what he has and what he does, and until he does this, there will be no peace on this earth.

I Have Spoken.
Yellow Turtle

Next meeting:



Sunday Sept 7, 1:00

@ 222 Middle Rd Portsmouth

Guests Always Welcome

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(see *Dreams of Wolves* for a detailed list)



Inspirational:

O’ Great Spirit help me always to speak the truth quietly, to listen with an open mind when others speak, and to remember the peace that may be found in silence.

Cherokee Prayer

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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