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CADDO COMMUNITY AND LEADERSHIP EXHIBIT

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*Article submitted by Kim Penrod,
Museum Director*

In September 2009, the Caddo Heritage Museum Board of Trustees and staff started preparing for an upcoming exhibit at the Oklahoma History Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The exhibit would take a year to plan and will remain open for two and half to three years as part of the American Indian Exhibition area in the ONEOK, INC., Gallery.

Caddo history begins more than a thousand years before written descriptions of the people and the region they occupied were recorded. From the beginning of our meetings, the themes of Community and Leadership remained in the forefront. We learn from our Elders. We learn from a time beyond living memory.

Community is embedded in the cultural landscape, with groups of people, identity, and kinship. Each of us has a path that intersects with others. This interaction impacts and influences our communities and produces a rich culture.

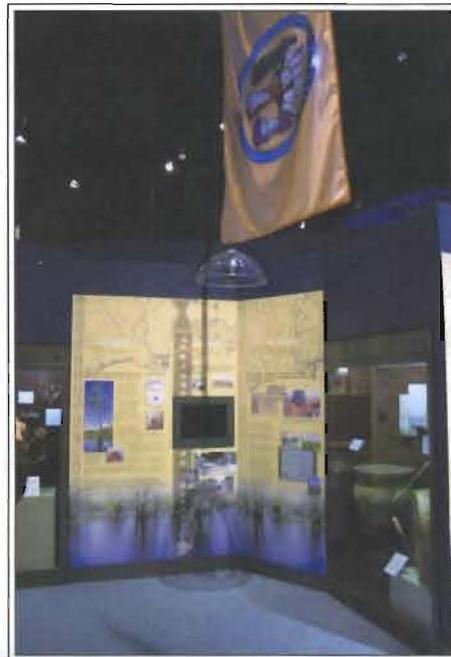
Our Caddo leaders were influential in shaping major political decisions with other Native American groups as well as European nations of contact. They initiated roles in establishing peace negotiations with the Spanish and hostile tribes, treaty councils with Texas, developed a solid charter

and established a government to guide their people. By following the words of their leaders from the beginning to "hold council among yourselves, and select your Caddo," dedicated leaders continue the government of the tribe, the education of our children, and the perpetuation and protection of language and cultural traditions.

This exhibit presents the unique journey of the Caddo from their original homelands, stories of their treasured leaders, and the inherent theme of community. We remember and honor those before us. We continue to share, identify, and interpret the cul-

tural and historical legacy of our elders.

The museum board and the Oklahoma History Center set aside an evening of celebration for the Caddo and their honored guests.



Photos courtesy of Kenny Penrod

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To All Tribal Members,

With Thanksgiving now behind us and Christmas fast approaching, I wanted to take a moment and reflect on all that we as a Nation, are thankful for. We are thankful for the wonderful blessings that we have received in all our lives. We are thankful for the opportunities to do good for our Caddo people. We are also thankful for the lessons we have learned and for the gift of this wonderful place that we all call home.

As Chairman, I am thankful for those who have come before us. We have a rich and strong heritage that has been handed down to us by our ancestors. These are things that we cannot put a price tag upon. I truly and honestly cherish our traditions and pray that those characteristics that make us different, that make us Caddo, continue to live within us as Caddo people.

Being thankful and remembering those that came before us will continue to urge us to strive to be good people and be proud of who we are. Thank you for being a Caddo member. Because of you, we are a Nation of 4,909 and growing. We've been blessed by many wonderful Caddo people, but especially by just being Caddo.

*We wish you a
Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!
We pray that each of you receive many blessings
and ask that you continue to
keep our Caddo Nation in your prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Caddo Nation Tribal Council*

IN THE NEWS

2010 ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF RETIRED PERSONS (AARP) HONORS NATIVE AMERICAN ELDERS



Pictured left to right: Randlett Edmonds, Dwight M. Pickering and Chairman Brenda Shemayne Edwards

On June 21st, 2010, the 2010 AARP Indian Elder Honors was held at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. This is the second year AARP has held its Indian Elder Honors.

Caddo members Randlett Edmonds and Dwight M. Pickering were among 50 Native American elders recognized at the 2010 AARP Indian Elder Recognition Dinner.

Randlett Edmonds - fluent in the Caddo language, has worked to preserve the language as a language consultant with linguists from the University of Oklahoma. He knows hundreds of Caddo dance songs including beat drum, alligator, turkey, Quapaw, Cherokee, bell, stirrup, woman, ladies choice, duck, fish, Washanikee and ghost dance songs. His repertoire of songs also includes "49" songs, soldier, round/war dance songs, peyote and stomp dance songs. One of his greatest contributions is that he has taught his children and grandchil-

dren many of the songs, especially the Washanikee and Woman Dance songs. Within the past few years Randlett revived the Woman Dance which had not been performed for at least 40 years. At age 96, he is still active in cultural preservation and is a blessing to the Caddo Nation. In 2010, he and his wife Geneva celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary.

Dwight Pickering - is the Director of Education for the Caddo Nation. He has devoted the last 30 years of his life working in education and athletics. A third generation of his family to attend Haskell Indian Junior College in Lawrence, Kansas, he has worked with some of the finest Indian students and athletes in the nation -- some who became Champions and All Americans in their sports. Among his past positions he was the Director of Indian Education in the Sapulpa Public Schools and Tulsa Public Schools, Head Women's Volleyball Coach, Head Men's Cross Country Track and Athletic Director

at Haskell Indian Nations University. Among his honors and accomplishments are: Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year; Greater Tulsa Indian Affairs Commission Dream Keeper Award-Renard Strickland Education Leadership, Sapulpa Public School Distinguished Service Award; Member of the National Indian Education Association; Member of the Oklahoma Council on Indian Education; Vice-President of Oklahoma Indian Higher Education Scholarship Administrators Association; Member of the Tribal Education Department National Assembly; Oklahoma Coaches Association Cross-Country Coach of the Year, Region 2; Inducted in the Tarkio College Athletic Hall of Fame; President of the Native American Amateur Boxing Association and Vice-President of One Nation Empowerment (Athletic Development.)

AARP Oklahoma Volunteer State President Marjorie Lyons said, "The extraordinary accomplishments of Indian elders from all parts of the state have left an indelible mark on their families, their tribes, their communities and the state as a whole. Whether they served their tribes in a leadership position, devoted themselves to cultural preservation or were simply a quiet source of strength to their family, this group of honorees embodies the qualities of AARP Founder Ethel Percy Andrus who lived by the motto "To serve and not to be served."

AARP Oklahoma is seeking volunteers to work with the tribes on a variety of issues through its Indian Council. Indian volunteers will receive briefings and communications on AARP advocacy, events and programs, and play an important role serving as liaisons between the association and the tribes.

IN THE NEWS

PIECES OF THE PUZZLE: A GAREN REUNION

Life can be an amazing journey... with surprises when you least expect it. It all started about 2 years ago when I decided to get on Ancestry.com & start a Garen Family Tree. I had no idea how the course of those actions would turn out.

Before I get into that, I want to say how great the staff is at the Caddo Tribal Offices. All of the staff there are so kind and helpful. We really appreciate their patience and hospitality. None of this would have been possible without the Caddo Nation, Shirley Gouge, and Angela Silago. We want to say -A big "Thank You" to Shirley who helped us with getting paperwork, what we needed, etc. She helped us keep everything straight and in order. Angela Silago is such a help and we wish to say "Thank You" to her for helping with pictures and keeping the paperwork straight. I also had the pleasure of meeting Vicki Pickering, for whom I am writing this article. Also, "Thank You" to Chairman Brenda Edwards for making us comfortable in the conference room. It was great. There was plenty of room to spread out and look over pictures and documents of Garen's from the past. This really made our Garen family reunion a special treat.

As I researched and dug around in family history I started to put a few things together. We always knew we were Indian & dad knew he had an uncle and great grandfather who lived on a Kiowa reservation. His mother & father (John Redmond Garen) had divorced after WWII and John Garen later died in Colorado, January 1980 ...another lost opportunity to put some pieces of the puzzle together. Dad had a few scant memories of his grandfather, Thomas Garen (Peter)...of holidays at their house and playing with other Garen grandchildren when he was a little boy. As time went on my sister, now Sherry Garen Cox, and I began to wonder about our great - great grand-



Frank Garen and Sherry Garen Cox (sister to Shawn Garen Curtis) Looking over Garen relatives.



The Garen Family Reunion. Frank Ray Garen, Donald Ray Garen and his daughter Shwan Garen Curtis

father, Thomas Garen.

As I started our family tree, I began to get some leads. After a year, I gave my sister & her husband (Sherry Garen Cox & Hal Cox) my password to my Ancestry.com account. I did not have the time to do all of this by myself. They began to dig and we found more information on our family. Little by little, bits and parts and pieces began to fall into place.

We found where Thomas Garen (mine and Sherry's g-g- grandfather), Thomas Peter Garen (our great grandfather), and John Redmond Garen (our grandfather), along with our dad, (Donald Ray Garen) had all served in the military. Thomas Franklin Garen, we think, served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Thomas Peter Garen, in 1882, at the age of 13, lied about his age stating he was 26 to join the English Army Merchant Marines; John Redmond Garen-(1943 - 45) WWII / Navy, Donald Ray Garen-(Mar.1954 - 57) Korean War / US Army. My dad will be donating to the Caddo museum some of his army memorabilia and some of his father's (John Redmond Garen) documents from WWII .

Before long, many other family names came to light. We knew that great-great grandfather Garen had a roll number. Since Frank Garen and Thomas Garen kept showing up on the Caddo rolls I called the Caddo Nation Tribal office and met Shirley Gouge

for the first time. She confirmed that my great-great grandfather was on the Caddo Rolls. Now, I had to get all of our documents together. This was no small task. I'd call Shirley with lots of questions. She graciously guided me through all of paperwork

In the mean time, I received an email from "Frank Garen" on my ancestry.com account! I called him and we talked for quite awhile. For the first time in all my years (yes, I have quite a few) I had FINALLY met one of my Garen relatives! We talked off and on by phone and email putting pieces together and catching up over the next year. Then, my dad spoke with Frank, his cousin, for the first time. We were so excited to learn that Frank and his wife would be coming through Oklahoma in late October.

And about that surprise...We met Frank Garen at the Caddo Nation Tribal Office on Friday Oct. 22nd. What a wonderful day! Mom, Dad, and I met our cousin for the first time.

We owe a lot to the Caddo Nation and all of the staff who have assisted us. We are so grateful for their help and hospitality. To me, the Caddo Nation represents everything that makes me an American Indian....family oriented, strong, purposeful, kind and helpful. This is the core strength and longevity of the tribe. I am so fortunate that my great-great grandfather became a member of this tribe.

Submitted by Shawn Garen Curtis

IN THE NEWS

OBITUARIES



Mary Patricia "Pat" (Hendrix) Clark, 69 years of Oklahoma City passed from this life Wednesday, October 6, 2010 at her home-surrounded by her

family-after a lengthy illness.

Pat was born July 30, 1941 in Lawton Oklahoma to Spencer and Arlene (Walker) Hendrix. The daughter of a career Navy Serviceman, she attended schools across the United States, from California to Florida with her sister, Joyce, eventually graduating from Roger High School in Newport, Rhode Island.

She was a lifelong learner, eagerly devouring every word she could get her hands on, always increasing a vast wealth of knowledge that would serve her to raise her own children, as well as work on the behalf of all native people, especially her own Caddo Nation,

of whom she spoke often, even from her hospital bed.

Her blood line was that of Caddo, Delaware and Pawnee lineage, although she was an enrolled member of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma. Having an active interest in the welfare of her people, she began a career in the political arena of her tribe, serving first on the Hearing Board, then the Tribal Council and eventually becoming the first female Chairperson of the Caddo Nation. While this was impressive, it as an innate quality for her to be a leader and almost expected. She was descended from a line of chiefs, medicine men, and women leaders, knowing their stories almost as well as she know her own.

Having four daughters and seven granddaughters, she was an advocate of feminine empowerment, teaching her upcoming generations to grasp independence and knowledge, while still engaging in the ever important sanctity of family. Because of this desire to balance her dual roles of nurturer and

provider, she was an avid sales consultant and drove on of those famous cars around.

Ms Clark was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Clark, and her parents. She is survived by her children: Dion Francis and wife, Shannon; Margaret-Francis-Rico and husband, Ruben; Spencer Francis and wife, Chelsea; Beatrice Johnston; Tamarara Francis; and Loretta Francis; 16 grandchildren: Dion Francis III; Logan Francis; Brendan Francis; Brian Francis; Savannah Francis; Jennifer Ontiveros and husband, Salvador; Ruben Rico; David Rico; Spencer Francis, Jr.; Madison Francis; Brett Johnston; Katherine Johnston; Samuel Francis; Audre Wilson; Ashleigh McIntosh; Eden McIntosh; and two great grandchildren: Salvador Ontiveros, III and Antonio Ontiveros; one sister: Joyce Hinse and husband, Andre; one-step son: Millard Clark; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends that will greatly miss her passing.



Louis L. Weller, 74, a lifelong resident of New Mexico, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 2, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 53 years Mildred Weller; children,

Sondra Weller-Bass and husband, Allan R. Bass, Randy Weller and wife, Virginia Newman-Weller; grandchildren Jade and Jenna Bass, Felicia and Leslie Weller; and one great-grandson en route Dalton Louis Bass-Lundy; mother Mayme I. Weller; sister Fay Ward and husband, Larry Jaramillo; and brother Joe Weller and wife, Martha Weller. Mr. Weller was preceded in death by his daughter, Dawna L.

Weller.

Mr. Weller founded one of the nation's largest Indian-owned architecture firms and served as project manager for the Smithsonian Institute's National Museum of the American Indian.

As founder and president of Weller Architects P.C., he gained a reputation for sensitivity to Native American traditions and customs in projects throughout the country.

"With all his projects, it was really important for him to integrate the cultural aspects of the tribe into all his designs," Weller-Bass said. His architectural work always began with an investigation of the community's particular needs, she said. "He would go and meet with elders of the tribe and talk about all their traditions, their beliefs," she said As the firm's president,

Weller served as principal architect on many projects for government agencies, pueblo and tribal communities and private sector developments.

Born in Shiprock, Weller was a member of the Cherokee and Caddo tribes of Oklahoma. He moved with his parents to Albuquerque in 1947 and graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1959.

He wrote and spoke widely about contemporary Native American architecture and design and served as a national chairman of the American Indian Council of Architects and Engineers.

Weller was invited to serve as project manager of the Smithsonian Institution's \$200 million National Museum of the American Indian and an allied

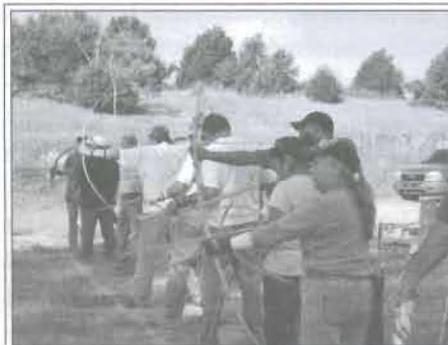
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IN THE NEWS

19TH ANNUAL CLARA BROWN DANCE AND 4TH ANNUAL MYRON BEAVER BOW SHOOT

Held on
September 18, 2010

*In loving memory of Clara Brown
and Haskell Brown, and a time to
honor our elders and Veterans.*



CADDO CULTURE CLUB ACTIVITIES

On October 2, 2010 the Caddo Culture Club performed traditional Caddo songs and dances at the The Stone Fort Museum in Nacogdoches, Texas.

The Caddo Culture Club performed many songs and dances such as the Veteran Song, the Fish Dance, Alligator Dance, the Swing Dance and the Friendship Dance. All were encouraged to come and participate in

the dances.

Carol Spears, the curator of the Old Stone Fort Museum was honored with a song and dance for her efforts in organizing the event.



During the same day, the Culture Club also participated at the Caddo Culture Days held at the Caddo Mound State Historic Site, in Alto, Texas.

The Club was established to research, preserve and teach the Caddo

Indian culture and traditions, and traveling to universities, public schools, civic clubs, historical societies, and museums. If you would like to learn more about the club go to www.caddocultureclub.com.

The Caddo Culture Club would like to say "Thank You" to the Caddo Tribal Council for your support of the many activities that we participate in throughout Oklahoma and "Caddo Country".



IN THE NEWS

HOUSING UPDATE FOR CADDO NATION

The Caddo Nation Division of Housing recently began accepting applications for its affordable housing programs. These programs are funded through the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (aka NAHASDA) and the Indian housing block grant program. In addition to the traditional appropriations, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 has also provided funds. These funds are allocated to the Caddo Nation and administered by the HUD Office of Native American Programs. Locally, the Caddo Nation Division of Housing administers and carries out the affordable housing activities. NAHASDA IHBG funds are to be used to assist low income Native American families and individuals in meeting their housing needs.

The programs currently being

offered include a down payment assistance program for first time home buyers. This program awards funds in the form of a forgivable loan to eligible Tribal members who are in the process of purchasing their own home. The home buyers must meet the qualifications of the lender as well as applicable program requirements. Homes may be purchased at any location within the State of Oklahoma.

The Tribe is also accepting applications for the affordable homeownership program. The Tribe is in the process of acquiring properties which will then be made available to

eligible applicants. The homes can either be purchased at a reduced price or financed through a long-term lease to own agreement. Homes are being acquired in the Anadarko and Gracemont communities and this program is being offered exclusively in Caddo County. These homes are designed to be "starter homes" for first time home buyers.

Applications are also being accepted for the elderly rental program. The Caddo Nation Division of Housing recently acquired the Regency

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BINGER-ONEY TAKES STATE

October 9, 2010 the Binger-Oney High School Fastpitch Softball team won their first ever state softball championship.

In the bottom of the seventh inning, Selika Shives hit a home to give the Bobcats a 3-2 victory against Red Oak in the Class B state softball champion game.

ATTENTION

The Tribal Offices that were located in Anadarko, OK have been relocated to Tribal Headquarters



Chairman Brenda Shemayme Edwards; Facility Supervisor, Gary Parker; and Business Manager, Christine Noah, looking at the new Social Services, ICW, ADAP, Injury Prevention and Transportation Building.



Chairman Brenda Shemayme Edwards presents a donation to the Caddo tribal members/descendants of the Binger-Oney State Championship Lady Bobcats Fastpitch Softball team. Pictured left to right: Hannah Wilson, Chairman Edwards, Myrakle McNatt, Ramsye Thornton, Latasha Smith, Conner Jarel, Lindsey Whiteshirt and Coach Jason Wilson.

PROGRAM UPDATES

BELATED BIRTHDAY WISHES

— AUGUST —

Marvin Curtis, Georgia Eckardt, Carol Hill, Virginia Stalesky, Paulette Trout, William Albin, Lena South, Allen Santiago, Jamie Thomas, Ronald Subia, Morris Purdy, David Faulkner Sr., Cassandra Vincent, Alvin Earles, Jimmy Sumter, Connie Geivet, Gilbert Barcindebar, Billy McLemore, Susan Weller, Dorothy Newby, Lelewellyn Fletcher, Dianna Aichele, Loa Dungan, John Bebout Sr., Robert Parton, Doyle Edge, Carol Merrell, Madeline Hamilton, Dolores Corcoran, Patricia Douglas, Jeffie Garner, Thor Wolfwraith, Linda Hoelscher, Lois Lowrie, William O'Neal, Donna Black, Charles Inkanish, Roy Lemmon, Jackson Blevins Sr., Jon Holderfield, Betty Kessler, Kenneth White, Lyman Kionute Sr., Patsy Lane, William Reeder, Douglas Butler, Julie Battles, Tennyson French, Phillip Reimer, Lajuana Law, Jeanne Martin, Betty Baldwin, Patricia Alban, Betty Williams, Paula Canada, Thomas Edwards, Vicki Wilson, Rosetta Hodges, Geraldine Boese, Newton Sewell, Marian Patterson, Preston Decker, David Fletcher, Ramona Padon, Davilene Smith, Shirley Kell, Carolyn Martinez, Kathy Allen, Catherine Cross Susie Stillman, Janice Burris, Richard Bailey, Beverly Rafferty, Denise Sikes, Edmond Johnson

— SEPTEMBER —

Patricia Catlin, Elaine Hupp, Charles Sargent, Ronald Kern, Grace Tomaney, Troy Agent, Milton Nichols, Janie Tartsah, James cash, Jack Bullard, George Butler, Margaret Cortez, David Leblanc, Thomas Keyes, Mary Jones, William Williams, James Williams, James Sargent, Alberta Beatty, Jackie Layton, Ronnie Williams, Wil-

ma Jones, Joe O'Neal, Bobby Priddy Sr., Karen Hinite, Thelma Ross, Patricia Bond, Jennifer Walton, Carol Swindell Mary Cecile Carter, Robert Reeder, William McCambell Jr., Carol Tasso, Debra Tallent, Charles Brewer, Ma McDonald, Joyce Earles, Barbara Avants, Melvin Kaulaity, Vermona Collins, Margaret O'Neal, Verna Gilleland, Juanita Montgomery, Vera Stimson, Mary Gallagher, Boone Hazlett Jr., Christin Matsushige, Bonnie Beaver, Carol Hampton, Ronald Weller, Billie Wagley, Barbara Pruitt, Phillip Gallagher, Kevin Donaghey, Sondra Dupoint, Frank Butler Jr., Connie Rambicure, Phillip Cross, James Downing Sr., Arnita Pewardy, Goldie Sage, Diana Acton, Jerry Reynolds, Margaret Mailand, Marilyn Threlkeld, Dwight Pickering, Melva Anderson, Sylvia Anderson, Johnny Greer, Gayle Satepauhoodle, Thomas McCampbell



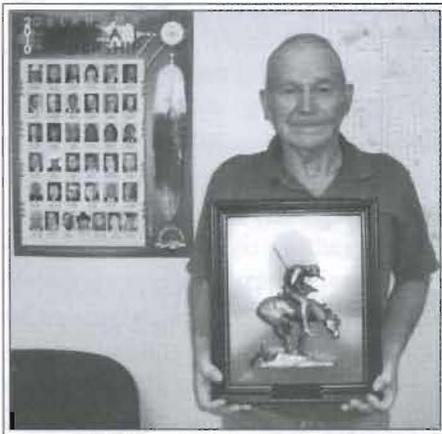
LYDIA FERRELL
CELEBRATED HER
25TH BIRTHDAY ON
SEPTEMBER 14TH.

CADDO NATION STAFF LUNCHEONS BIRTHDAYS/ HALLOWEEN



PROGRAM UPDATES

CADDO VETERAN RECEIVES MORE HONORS



PSG(R) Roy G. Thomas
Enlisted Retiree Council, Fort Sill
June 1, 1982 - June 30, 1994



Roy G. Thomas recently received the "Patriot National Roll of Honor" for his selfless service to America's hospitalized GIs and veterans. Roy's name will be published in the National Roll of Honor which will be presented to VA and military hospitals throughout the United States.

Mr. Thomas is well known for his dedication with helping people, which started when he entered the U.S. Army at Fort Sill, Oklahoma in 1952. He served four tours-12 years in Germany, three tours in Vietnam and one tour in Korea.

Some of his military decorations and Certificates of Appreciation include:

- The Army Commendation Medal (First Oak Leaf Cluster) for meritorious service (from Oct. 1968 to June 1971)
- The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces (in the Republic of Vietnam-July 1971 to April 1972)
- Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
- Vietnam Service Medal W/3 Bronze & 1 Silver Star
- The Army Commendation Medal (Second Oak Leaf Cluster) for outstanding meritorious service (from

May 1972 to July 1974)

- Army Occupation Medal - Germany
- Mechanics Badge
- Good Conduct Medal - 5th Award
- Drivers Badge
- Certificate of Appreciation from President Richard Nixon for outstanding performance of duty in support of the State Funeral for former President Harry S. Truman during December 26-28, 1972

Having Served faithfully and honorably, Roy retired from the United States Army on August 1, 1974. He still made the time to remain an active participant in the Army by spending 12 years on the Retiree Council at Fort Sill.

Working for Caddo Electric Cooperative for 14 years and serving 1 years on the Caddo Tribal Council as Vice Chairman, Roy joined the Red Cross Volunteer in 1988 where he received numerous Certificates of Appreciation Awards for his selfless donation of time and commitment to excellence, without expectation of personal benefit or reward. He has also earned a place in the Retired Volunteer Hall of Fame at Fort Sill in Lawton, the Clara Barton Honor Award (the highest award you can receive). In 2005, he was named "A Good Samaritan of the

Year" for his past kindness, thoughtfulness, constant caring and unselfish generosity toward worthwhile charitable causes, on behalf of the thousand of hospitalized veterans throughout the United States and our overseas GIs in the Middle East, the Help Hospitalized Veterans organization.

After speaking with Mr. Thomas and reading the many thank you cards he has received from girls scouts to family members, he is a person that is always ready to help anyone in need.

WELLER
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project, the \$43 million Cultural Resources Center, the second of three facilities that comprise the museum. Weller completed his work with those projects in 2000. Examples of his work in New Mexico include the Institute of American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, the Taow-Picuris Health Center in Taos, the Laguna Middle School in Laguna Pueblo and Taysugah Wellness Center in Tesuque Pueblo.

Weller always had time for family despite a hectic career, Weller-Bass said. He'd take the whole family on vacations.

PROGRAM UPDATES

CADDO CHR/EMS/DIABETES PROGRAM

The Community Health Representative (CHR) Program is funded through the Indian Health Service.

The CHR Program serves all Indian people within our Service Area, with priority given to Caddo Tribal Members.

The CHR program transports clients to and from I.H.S. facilities at Lawton, Carnegie and Anadarko Clinic, and referrals to outside health care providers. The CHR's make/reschedule appointments at the I.H.S. Lawton and Anadarko facilities, pick-up and deliver medications as needed, make home visits as time allows to clients within our service area, do case find screenings within our area in health fairs, screenings and conferences.

The Special Diabetes Program is funded annually through I.H.S. and is in the second year of funding. This program has the same service area as the CHR program with priority given to Caddo Tribal members. The pro-

gram provides education on Diabetes and prevention of diabetes through creating awareness of the disease, education sessions on living with Diabetes, complications and eating healthy and a healthy lifestyle through being physically active.

The Special Diabetes Program has a Podiatrist that comes to our office on a monthly basis to see our clients who have Diabetes.

The Diabetes Program provides some diabetic supplies, such as lancets, strips and glucometers for our clients within our service area, and assist with eyeglasses, hearing aids, and dentures for tribal members with diabetes. The coordinator assists I.H.S. and other tribes in the area by participating in health screenings and health fairs.

Currently we are working with the Wichita Tribal Diabetes Program to provide physical activities to children and adults in the Anadarko Communi-

ty on a weekly basis. We are planning to provide Tai-Chi and Yoga for adults and diabetes awareness to children as well as physical activities after school. Other physical activities will be scheduled through out the year at the Tribal Complex.

The CHR/EMS/Diabetes Programs can be reached at 405-656-2344.

HOUSING

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Oak Apartments located on South Mission in Anadarko. The complex consists of 12 one bedroom units and four two bedroom units. This program provides elders with affordable rental housing. Rental amounts are currently set at \$75.00 per month for a one bedroom unit and \$150.00 per month for the two bedroom units.

Other programs that are planned for the future are the housing rehabilitation program for persons that already own their own homes and a program that will provide emergency housing assistance. The programs should be available sometime after the first of the year (2011). Once policies are finalized, applications for these programs will be accepted.

The Housing Authority of the Caddo Tribe of Indians (HACTIO) also has the low income rental housing complex at HalfMoon Circle Gracemont. These units are being targeted for renovation and then will be made available for low income applicants.

Applications are available at the Caddo Nation website or the Tribal Complex and may be submitted to the Division of Housing which is currently being housed at the Tribal Complex. Inquiries about these programs or for information regarding vacancies at HalfMoon, please contact Luke Toybo, Jr., Temporary Housing Specialist, at 405-656-2344.

CADDO NATION HEALTH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The Health Assistance Program funds are tribal funds allocated by the Caddo Tribal Council for this fiscal year we have \$20,000 beginning October 1, 2010 and ending September 30, 2011.

This program is to provide assistance to enrolled tribal members in the following categories: eyeglasses/contacts, hearing aids, dental work, prescription/medical bills and health equipment.

Assistance is a one-time only, per Fiscal year for eligible enrolled members, the limit will be \$100. The dental/prescription/medical bills must be current, for a period of time, after October 1, 2010.

Eyeglasses may be obtained at any optometrist, and any amount over \$100 the must be paid by the applicant.

Applications for assistance may be obtained online at the tribal website or at the Tribal Office and the Community Health Office.

Each application must have an original bill and a copy of their enrollment card. The application can be returned to the Community Health Department at P.O. Box 487, Binger, OK 73009.

If you have any questions, you can contact the Community Health Director at 405-656-2882 or 405-656-2344, ext. 220.

PROGRAM UPDATES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM

MASS NOTIFICATION SYSTEM AND SURVEY

The Caddo Nation Environmental Program and Emergency Management are applying to put a Mass Notification System into effect. This system will allow every Caddo tribal member/household to register their home phone numbers, cell phone numbers, and internet addresses so that no matter what region or state you live in, the mass notification system will send weather alerts to your designated numbers, regarding severe weather in your immediate areas.

The Mass Notification system will allow the Caddo Nation to send Public Address Announcements regarding the Caddo Nation, such as, meeting times, General Membership meetings, and Complex closures due to holidays, severe weather or any other incident.

Also, the Mass Notification system will also allow us to do courtesy calls to our tribal members who are senior citizens, single mothers or high risk,

such as health conditions, etc.

The phone will dial in once a month to select Tribal members, and the call will ask if the individuals needs assistance. The system will then generate a list of call backs, and we will follow up on what is needed.

If you are interested, please look for a special survey that will be sent out over the next month. The Survey will help us to determine where Tribal members reside, so during times of emergency and disaster, we can locate members who may need assistance.

We will also have the survey on the internet site under the Environmental Program. This will allow us to determine what size grant we will need to help us meet the needs of the Caddo Nation and tribal members, and meet our mission for a sustainable future.

Also, we would like to know if Tribal members would like to be part of training in asbestos abatement,

tribal energy audit certification, and possibly weatherization training with certification.

If you do not see the survey but would like to participate, or are interested in any of the training, please call the Caddo Nation Environmental Program at (405) 656-2344, Ext. 239 or email Polly Edwards, Director, at pedwards@caddonation.org.

ATTENTION CADDO TRIBAL MEMBERS

If you or someone you know applied for a Higher Education Program scholarship and was funded for the Fall 2010 term, or submitted a new application (didn't apply for Fall) for the Spring 2011 term, before November 15, 2010, please contact the Higher Education Program at the address or number listed below for details about what needs to be submitted with your application.



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Education Department

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ADMINISTRATION ON AGING



Elizabeth Circles receives her influenza vaccine.

On October 18, 2010 the AOA Program invited the Public Health Nurse from the Anadarko Indian Health Center, Esther Crowder, to give out the Influenza Vaccine.

The 2010-2011 vaccine provides protection against A/H1N1 (pandemic) influenza and two other influenza viruses - influenza A/H3N2 and in-



AOA senior citizens taking time to fellowship with one another by playing Bingo.

fluenza B. It will not prevent illness caused by other viruses and takes up to 2 weeks for protection to develop after the shot.

By getting vaccinated you can protect yourself from influenza and may also avoid spreading influenza to others.

PROGRAM UPDATES

TRIBAL COURT

Friday, November 5, 2010 the Tribal Court System hosted a WILLS CLINIC preparation at the Caddo Cultural Building. Stephanie Hudson with the Oklahoma Indian Legal Services, Inc. held a general discussion regarding Property interest, probates, determination of heirships, trust and



Stephanie Hudson

restricted land problems and oil and gas questions.

They provide free legal services to low income Native Americans. Selection guidelines are based on gross income, the number of people in the household and outstanding debt. Certain limited exceptions apply to the guidelines.

This event was co-sponsored by the Wichita and Affiliated Tribes and the Delaware Nation who also provided the refreshments.



Tribal Court honoring Stephanie

FIREFIIGHTERS PROGRAM



On Friday, October 29, 2010 the Caddo Nation Firefighters held a Fire Line Refresher Course at the Caddo Nation Cultural Center at the tribal complex. Over 20 individuals participated in the one day class.

If you would like to learn more about the Firefighter Program, please contact LaDonna Hernandez at 405-656-2344.



CADDO NATION ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

In 2009, the Caddo Nation Environmental Program received a BIA Water Grant for \$28,000 which they used to join in partnership with the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and the BIA for a water study of the Caddo Nation aquifer, Rush Springs.

Over the past few years, the aquifer which feeds into the lake, rivers and streams within the Caddo Nation aboriginal boundaries has been exploited by neighboring counties who take the water, whether it is from Chickasha Lake, Fort Cobb Reservoir or from the Washita River and sell it to our neighbors, without providing any compensation to the people who live on the aquifer, and actually are entitled to the water.

The question we asked was , "How long can this limited resource be exploited until the very people who are entitled to it are forced to

buy back their own water?" How much water is in the aquifer, and what is the recharge rate? The Oklahoma Water Resource Board cannot answer these questions. However, that does not stop them from permitting neighboring Water Districts, such as Grady County Rural Water #6 to take as much as they want.

With a 2nd BIA Water Grant in 2010 for \$50,000, we teamed up with USGS, Bureau of Land Reclamation, and BIA to place 30 monthly water monitoring wells, and five real-time wells on the aquifer that uplink to a satellite and transmit flow and water quantity at any given moment. It is the most advanced real-time aquifer monitoring system in the State of Oklahoma. We will be collecting data throughout the year, and for as many years as we can through available funding.

PROGRAM UPDATES

HEADSTART/CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Developing minds and spirits for the future



Riverside Indian School's Cross Country Team volunteered to help with the St. Jude's Trike-a-Thon that took place on September 24, 2010 in the parking lot beside the Hasinai Center.

HALLOWEEN



Chairman Brenda Edwards, Transportation Facility Manager Damon Smith, HS Director Tina Soto and Disability & Literacy Manager Gaye Moore checking out one of the two new buses that Caddo Nation Head Start will be using to carry our most precious cargo to and from school and the many activities they attend.

The Caddo Nation staff/employees at the complex were dressed in costumes, anxiously waiting for the students from the Head Start/Child Development centers to Trick or Treat.

USE AND LIABILITY AGREEMENT FOR CADDO NATION FACILITIES

ATTENTION CADDO TRIBAL MEMBERS

To reserve the Cultural Building, Community Building, and/or Dance Grounds, you must come by or call the Caddo Nation Receptionist at 405-656-2344.

If using the Cultural Building, a deposit of \$100.00 in the form of a money order/cashier check must be turned in, along with the Liability Agreement form (on page 14 of this newsletter), of which \$50.00 may be refundable upon the inspection of the building and the Finance department has been notified. (No charge for memorial dinners.) The Caddo Nation Tribal Headquarters is open Mon-Fri, 8:00 am-4:30 pm.





CADDO NATION VETERAN'S MEMORIAL FORM

We are in the process of updating the Caddo Nation Memorial. If you or a family member's name was left off the Memorial at the tribal complex, please fill out the form below and return it to the Caddo Nation, Attention: Business Manager, P.O. Box 487, Binger, OK 73009.

1. VETERAN: (Full Name)

PERSON SUBMITTING:

ADDRESS:

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

2. HIGHEST RANK ATTAINED:

3. BRANCH OF SERVICE [Check applicable box(es)]:

____ ARMY ____ NAVY ____ MARINE CORPS ____ COAST GUARD ____ AIR FORCE

____ ARMY AIR FORCES ____ MERCHANT MARINE ____ OTHER (Specify): _____

4. VALOR OR PURPLE HEART AWARDS:

____ MEDAL OF HONOR ____ DST SVC CROSS ____ NAVY CROSS

____ AIR FORCE CROSS ____ SILVER STAR ____ BRONZE STAR MEDAL

____ PURPLE HEART ____ OTHER (Specify): _____

5. WAR SERVICE (check applicable box(es))

____ WORLD WAR II ____ KOREA ____ VIETNAM

____ PERSIAN GULF ____ OTHER (Specify): _____

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I _____ agree to be responsible and accountable for the use and clean-up of the **CULTURAL BUILDING** or **COMMUNITY BUILDING** and/or **DANCE GROUNDS** which have been entrusted to me by the Caddo Nation Council. I will be accountable for any and all damages to the grounds or structures (interior and exterior). I take responsibility for the actions of all persons attending this event and I agree not to sue the Caddo Nation for any injuries that may occur.

My responsibilities will be to clean the building by taking out the trash, cleaning the kitchen facility, emptying refrigerator/freezer, straightening the chairs and tables, cleaning the restrooms, sweep and mop floors, and ensure the building is locked after the event is over.

The Caddo Nation is not responsible for any thefts, accidents or other civil actions that may occur while an event is being held on Caddo Nation grounds. Security for the event will be at the party's expense.

Cultural Building: I will place a deposit of \$100.00 with the Finance Department to reserve the building. \$50.00 may be refundable upon the inspection of the building and the Finance Department is notified. After inspection, if building is clean, a check will be issued and mailed to the party or a designee may pick up the check from the Finance Department.

Date of Use _____ Time of Event _____ (am/pm)

I agree to comply with the terms of this agreement.

Name _____ Date _____

I have received a money order/cashiers check from the above named person, in the amount of \$100.00.

Name _____ Date _____

—UPCOMING EVENTS—

Dec. 25

Christmas

Jan. 1

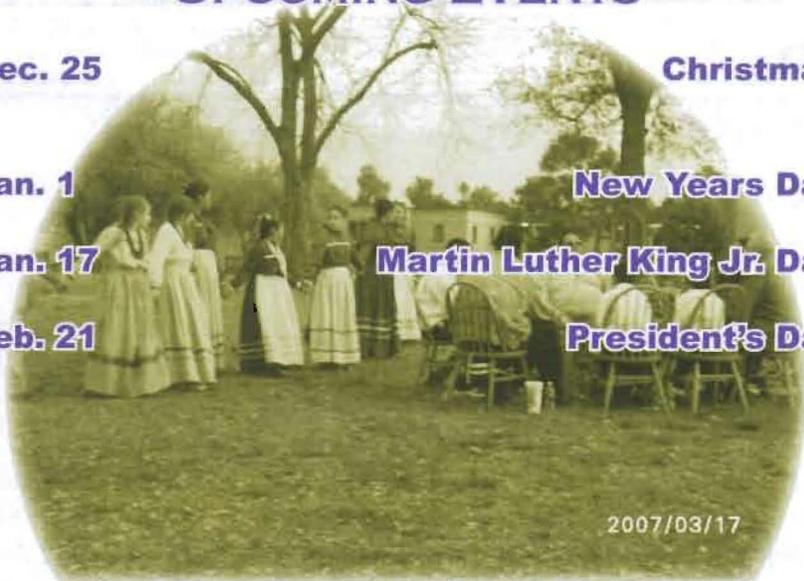
New Years Day

Jan. 17

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Feb. 21

President's Day



*** Dates are subject to change.**

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