



CHEROKEE TALKING LEAVES

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CHIEF PANTHER



The Editor's Corner

On behalf of Chief Panther and the entire tribe, I would like to extend the sincerest condolences on the recent loss of Walt Cothron's Father and Mother. They crossed within a week of each other.

May their new journey be a gentle one, together.

Please keep Walt, Linda and their entire family in your prayers.

Editor, Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

- * Treas. report read/approved/ contained herein.
- * Discussion of new electronic Talking Leaves to be created by Joyce. Distributed via email, website and Facebook page. (Some will be mailed to elders)
- * Buffalo Creek Band - deactivated.
- * Bayou Spirits of Louisiana - full band status
- * Currently 6190 SeCCI members
- * James Black Wolf Barfield was removed as Tribal Marshall.
- * Sidney Medicine Crow Pope appointed as new Tribal Marshall.
- * Shawnee Beasley removed as Orator.
- * Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski appointed as Orator.
- * The SeCCI will once again send sponsorship donation for the 2016 Native Rhythms Festival.
- * Prayer requests for Summer Joy, Harry, Phyllis, Autumn Snow, Rusty Silver Fox and Mary Lynn.

This is by no means the entire meeting but merely highlights. A full account of the minutes of the meeting will be available at a later date on the SeCCI website.

REFLECTIONS FROM OCHLOCKNEE

When I return to my home after a trip to our beloved tribal grounds in Ochlocknee, GA I always think back to some of the wonderful highlights of my trip. Once we get the business of the tribe complete we always have time for fun, sometimes crafts and laughter with our tribal brothers and sisters.

We had a new family visit, with four children, all the way from Louisiana. They were from the Bayou Spirits of Louisiana Band in Louisiana. It was their first trip to the grounds. It was great to hear the laughter, voices and little feet running on the grounds once again.

Donnie Stone Bear really captured them with his stories and showing them all of his beautiful stones. He even gave them an Apache Tear among a couple other stones.

He told them stories and if that weren't enough he bought the ingredients for S'mores!! So, we roasted marshmallows and made S'mores. We laughed, chatted, hugged and laughed some more.

Pam, Anita, Dawn, and Theresa prepared the food and because it was the First New Moon of Spring time, the men served the women their dinner. I really like that part of it. They are all so thoughtful in asking us what we wanted.

It was also wonderful to see the grandchildren of Anita Spirit Talker Pope and Sidney Medicine Crow Pope once again. I couldn't believe how much Haylee and Zack Pope had grown. They are so polite and such beautiful young people. We were blessed with their presence and their helping hands.

We had some electrical problems and Troy Night Walker and Ronnie spent the better part of the day trying to repair the damage while the other guys observed and offered advice and technical support.

We had great ceremony and wonderful hugs afterwards. The Conch shell was once again blown on the grounds.

THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING / COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THE SECCI TRIBAL GROUNDS ON OCTOBER 8, 2016

OFFICERS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CHEROKEE COUNCIL

Principal Chief: Vivian Panther Lawson

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Tribal Secretary: Anita Spirit Talker Pope

Tribal Treasurer: Anita Spirit Talker Pope

Tribal Marshall: Sidney Medicine Crow Pope

Chief of Bands/Clans: Jack White Eagle Shryock

Orator: Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski

Registrar: Pam Walela Sandusky

Web Master/Newsletter: Joyce Spirit Wind Bugaiski

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Historian: Phyllis Titi Wohali Shryock

Alternate Council Members:

Troy Night Walker Hitt

Donald Stone Bear Cummings

CURRENT BANDS and CLANS
Active with full band status

Earth Band ~ PA

Medicine Crow Band ~ MS

Cedar Wolves Band ~ AL

Hummingbird Medicine Clan ~ MO

Bayou Spirits of Louisiana Band ~ LA

Turtle Band ~ OK

Blue Band ~ FL

Running Wolf Band ~ TX

Crow Horse Band ~ TX

Spirit Wolf Watched Clan ~ FL

Night Hawk Clan ~ FL

Wa Le Li Band ~ CA

Medicine Keepers Band ~ AZ

CHEROKEE TALKING LEAVES

~ **SOUTHEASTERN CHEROKEE COUNCIL, INC. (SeCCI)**, is now in the process of creating an electronic Newsletter for the Cherokee Talking Leaves which will begin with the Spring issue 2016. This new electronic Talking Leaves will be sent to you via email and also available on the SeCCI website and Facebook page.

The tribe has several Elders who have no access to computers and they continue to send donations to the

tribe on a regular basis. These beloved and much appreciated Elders will receive a "hard" copy via US Post Office.

If you wish to contribute to the new electronic version of the Talking Leaves with anything happening with your band/clan or interesting articles, please send your information to Joyce via email to:

TurtleMoonBand@aol.com **Please keep in mind that your article or information may be edited or limited to available space within the pages.**

Tracing your Genealogy

I started 20 years ago tracing my Genealogy. I started with a handful of documents, a list of several names and places where some of my family might have lived. I just started entering the names of my ancestors in Google search and started getting pieces of my family information. A couple of years ago my Grandma passed away and my Mom happened to find a folder with some burial information on my Great Grandfather and GG Grandfather. All the info I found led me to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe so I decided that I would visit the Tribal office and see what they could tell me. My first stop was the Ziibiwing Center of the Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways. I asked for the genealogy section and I asked the lady if she could try to point me in the right direction as you have to do the search yourself within their system. So I gave her my Great Grandpa's name and she said that she had found some info for me I asked her if she could print it out I believe it was 10 – 20 cents a page, but to my surprise she had given me 3 generations back and a list of new family names that I did not have. My Great Grandpa along with his siblings were sent to the Mount Pleasant Indian School and the

Carlisle Industrial Indian Boarding School. I also found that my GG Grandfather was a Chief and he had several Native names which is why I could only find bits and pieces because I only had his English name. I also discovered that he was one of the Chiefs that had signed The Treaty With the Chippewa of Saginaw, Swan Creek and Black River, 1864. I have found a lot of information on familysearch.org, tribalpages.com, Carlisle Industrial Indian Boarding School digital records as there were many children from several Nations that were forced to go there. Also, I found info on findagrave.com. I am sharing parts of my search in hopes that it may help someone possibly find more information on their Family.

Written and submitted by: Theresa Sun Eagle Auer





Native Rhythms Festival

November 10 - 13, 2016 at Wickham Park Melbourne, Florida

Native American, World Cultural Music and Arts & Crafts

Day & Evening Concerts, Food, Jewelry,

Drums, Workshops

FREE Admission - Family Friendly Event

Please visit the event website for details:

www.NativeRhythmsFestival.com



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The SeCCI is once again proud to be a Silver Level sponsor for the Native Rhythms Festival in Melbourne, Florida.

Native Rhythms is a family event held each year to promote, educate and keep indigenous culture alive for generations to come. It's a free event. With donations and grants and lots of hard work from their volunteers the event continues to grow and be successful.

Please check out their Facebook page or the website for more information on this great event.

<http://nativerhythmsfestival.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/Native-Rhythms-Festival-170435986309975/?fref=photo>

EVERYDAY TOBACCO TIES

(The following is not written in stone and always follow your heart)

- Use all cotton/natural fabric 4 inches by 4 inches
- Everyday ties may be any color but red. Red is a warrior color.
- White fabric is suggested for prayer. However, you may use what you have.
- Crumble pure tobacco in the center of your 4 x 4 fabric square.
- Bring the 4 corners up together.
- Cup the tobacco in your hand to form a tight bundle.
- Put your finger in the center of the four corners and pack the tobacco.
- Twist the bundle tight and tie.
- Suggested knot is a Miller's knot.
 - The miller's knot is another lesson.

CHEROKEE 7 FOLD TOBACCO TIES

(Seven folds for the seven directions)

- These ties are a sign of honor and respect or asking for something big. i.e., asking for a name or a special thank you.
- May also be used for prayer bundles for a death. White is for prayer.
- Use all cotton/natural fabric 4 inches by 4 inches.
- Spread your tobacco in the center of your fabric in the shape of a rectangle.
- Fold the bottom of fabric one-third of the way up. (fold to center)
- Fold the top of fabric one-third of the way towards the bottom. (Meet in center)
- Fold each of the two sides towards the center. (two folds here)
- Once again fold the bottom one-third towards the top. (towards center)
- Once again fold the top one-third of the way towards the bottom (towards center)
- The last fold is in the center.
- Now, tie at each end and leave string on the outside for attachment.
- As you make your seven folds, say a prayer with each of the folds. (Personal preference)