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LAKOTA OYATE KI

First Nations Club

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Club Meetings every 4th Tuesday of each month, check in time @ 5:30 for community guests.

Meeting times from 6:00-8:15 p.m. Community guests are always welcome, contact **Lakota Club**

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"DINNING AT DENNY'S"



Our raising of funds for our annual fundraiser went off with the regular ole struggles, nothing that we couldn't handle though. Denny's was a pretty good hit, I mean who doesn't like a country fried steak?! Or a Grand Slam breakfast?! Sounding like Thomas off of Smoke Signals, "hey Victor I remember this one time your Dad took me to Denny's." A big thanks to the set up crew, and helpers in passing out the food. Earl Allen, Ray Ray Eddings, Ernie Badilla, Jeff Witt, Toby, Nolan Briden, Jessie Ream, Matthew Reyes, and everyone else who helped. We raised roughly \$500.00 bucks all together.

























HYGIENE DRIVE

The donation table to raise money to be donated to the Native American Youth Association (N.A.Y.A.) for the homeless youth of Portland went off well. We were able to generate \$1,000 dollars to be donated for hygiene. Thanks to every single person who donated, helped out in setting up the tables, and the time spent in facilitating the entire process.



A MOMENT IN HISTORY

Blast from the Past...Saturday 1, 1978

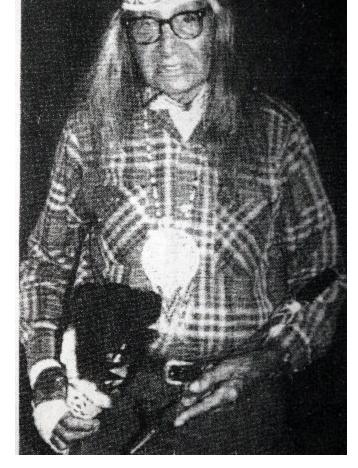
LOCK HAVEN- A long time concern is again something for an 89-year old man to fight.

Jim Holy Eagle, a Sioux Indian from Rapid City, S.D., will soon join fellow Indians in their march on Washington, D.C., in an effort to stop legislation that would take away their special status and rights, making them in effect, just like non-Indian residents of the country.

The elderly man, a native of South Dakota who has family in the Lock Haven area, explained that this is not the first time congress have tried to do this to American Indians,

Holy Eagle attended Carlisle Indian School from 912 to 916, proving to be an outstanding musician, playing the trumpet and bringing honor to himself and the school, he recalls. After working in California for a year or two, Holy Eagle enlisted in the U,S. Army in the spring of 1918, serving for a year It was after his March 19. 1919, discharge from the Army that Holy Eagle began to read more and more about politics and Indian affairs.

It was about five years later that the first bill he remembers to drastically affect the Indians



was introduced. Its backers, Holy Eagle says, "wanted to do something" for the Indians who had served as soldiers, recognizing that a large number of Indians enlisted, served, and gave their lives. The bill would have made Indians citizens, but they already were and still are citizens, Holy Eagle says. The bill was passed by Congress without any comment by the Sioux, he said, adding that the same thing happened after World War 2. In this case, the law allowed Indians to buy liquor, which was illegal before under any circumstances. "That's a bad deal" Holy Eagle says.

Because of his age, Holy Eagle plans only to join the Indians in Harrisburg for several days and then to return to his relatives, including his granddaughter, Sue Wenker. He said the encampment planned for the nation's capital "would be hard on me" although he marched for a while in Kansas when the marchers who started in California in February, got that far.

While back in Pennsylvania, Holy Eagle was able to return to the Carlisle school he attended more than 60 years ago, seeing that the stockade is now a museum and some of the other buildings he remembers are still there, but nestled in with many new structures.

That trip was arranged through the efforts of Richard E. Winters of Lock Haven, Mrs. Wenker said.

"They're going to stop that bill," he said of the Indians taking part in "the Longest Walk." Several hundred Indians are camping near Harrisburg now before moving on to the capital.

From Across Camp...

Our Brothers over in the Asian Pacific Family Club (APFC) got a lot of good things going on. In support of one another, any donations that you can afford are appreciated. If you can afford it make out Cd-28 and send it to the APFC. Below are some words put fourth from our relatives across camp.

Attention All Stakeholders in the Asian Pacific Family Club!

We are asking for your generosity and support of the Workshops and classes that are sponsored by APFC, as well as contributing to the needs of our broader community, which includes those in the Lakota Club.

As for the Lakota Club, The Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women issue and cause is one that, as a Family, we should assist in any way we can. You can show your support by sending a CD28 to APFC and inserting "Lakota Club" on the purpose line.

As for the Love and Resilience Workshop, even though our community partners have the full intention of covering the expenses for this Workshop, we, at the APFC, should set an example for all by doing everything within our power to take responsibility for our own education, which includes all APFC sponsored Workshops and Programs. For those of you that can afford it, we ask that you donate what you can to all APFC sponsored Workshops and Programs. Even if you can't afford it now, please contribute what you can, when you can, with your financial support, as well as any ideas and/or suggestions you have.

In other news, we would like to acknowledge and thank Mr. Bjoern Bollmann for donating a five pack of sewing needles. He's an OCE manager in the laundry.

We're right in the middle of the stoles project and would have had to wait for the needles ordered. Thank you Mr. Bjoern Bollmann.

Shout out to Jayden Scroggins! Bro is studying for his G.E.D. and only has one more test left to go until he gets that accomplishment. Keep up the good work Brother!

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Talking Circle

AN EXPRESSION OF PERCEPTION...

UNBECOMING

I have simply put into words the way of life I am currently walking, as I seek a better understanding of myself, and my people. I am not an expert, nor do I have all the answers. I am traveling this Red Road in search of the knowledge of who I am. If my

relayed thoughts or feelings help someone on their path then I am honored.

Life is a journey, and the Creator has set my path before me. I believe it is not about me becoming anything. Its about me Unbecoming everything that I'm not. That way I can be who I was meant to be in the first place, and finally love myself, and live in sync with the Great Spirit Above.

Ultimately it is my simple choices in life that lead me to where I want to go, and who I want to be.

Native people have an inherent weakness and addiction to alcohol & drugs.

Do not let that be an excuse for my mistakes, or define who I am.

Be trustworthy, and be able to trust those who you allow into your circle.

Trust is the foundation of true love and real friendships.

Everyone's soul feeds off love. I must be willing to give love, share love, and be open an able to receive love.

Commit to some physical, mental, and spiritual goals. Continue to strive each and every day until I reach them.

One step at a time, with honor, dignity, and humility in my heart is how I must travel down this Red Road that I'm on.

My children are my greatest attribute. Nourish them with love and care. Help them learn from my mistakes in life, for they are the future.

It is a must that I am gracious, and give thanks to everything and everyone that I am blessed with.

Never be afraid to fail. Failure is inevitable, and it is what makes it feel so good once I have conquered the fears and problems in my life.

Grandfather, please continue to guide me in the right direction, as I travel Down this Red Road, for I know I cannot do it alone.

From the Klamath Modoc Nation to all my Relations,
Charlie Jackson

Creaky Tree Part Two:

By Nolan James Briden

Uplifted roots
free from being bound
wind traveling.. wiping round and round.
The creaky tree seeks out
without a doubt
Home.
Loving words
the creaky tree twigs
are carried by the little birds.
Beautiful being

spiritual seeing

she transcends in

her simply being.

She sits in her wheeled bound chair

refusing to give up

or get lost into despair.

Eyes wet with cried tears

combustion release

of simple complex fears.

The creaky tree still creaks

just as a hug

a heart seeks.

Uplifted roots dancing in air

Angelic Being still has her flair.

Sparking laughter.. in smiles

in worlds.. creakier.. than the X-Files

Strength.. Heartbeat Woman..

Who draws strength from moments of weakness

Strength.. Heart beat Woman

carries on through the bleakness.

Creaky tree giver of eyes bright

Firecracker Angel

Who still searches out a fight.

Memory carries the creaky tree

material matter parts

shackled man broken free.

Dawn draws

breathe breaths

scattered creaky tree leaves...

Leaves embodied thoughts on memory lane

A son given love

from his momma to not go insane.

Wind whistling out its favorite tune

sounds

echoed

of a wild loon.

The creaky tree shouts out love

amongst tree relatives from above.

The creaky tree travels on

Yet

is never really gone.

Look!

The creaky tree creaks on the front lawn.

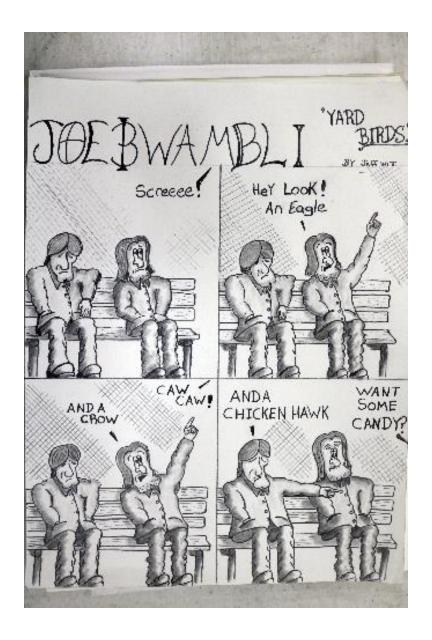
Professional Careers:



Here are some bro's who work in the canteen. Ever thought about a warehouse type of job? Skills of a <u>Packer and Packagers</u> that can be learned on the worksite, and lead to a career where you can make anywhere between \$12-14 bucks an hour to start, and the more experience you have you can generate \$15 plus an hour. Also <u>Stock Clerks</u> can make \$12-17 bucks an hour. Again, all of the skills can be learned on the job site. A Canteen position inside the walls will pull in roughly \$55-60 bucks or so a month.



So our Charter Night has been moved to October 26, 2021. And we are moving forward on preparations for Powwow as well, still not knowing if things will be open to the outside or not, yet we will plan for both.



"When a community does something together that community is very happy, jovial, connected and unified.

Larry P. Aitken-Chippew