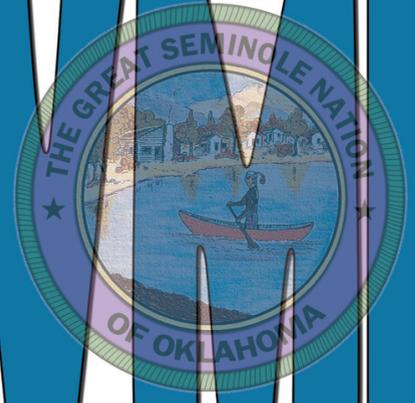


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Seminole Nation Hosts Rolling Thunder Rally and Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Event



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On Friday, May 13, 2016 and Saturday, May 14, 2016, the Seminole Nation was honored to host the Kick-Off event for a Rolling Thunder rally here in Seminole, Okla. at the Mekuskey Mission Grounds and a Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans ceremony.

Rolling Thunder is a national organization who promotes continued awareness of those who are still POW and MIA, both from past and present wars and conflicts. Rolling Thunder members are motorcycle enthusiasts who are veterans and give tirelessly of their time and energy as they travel. All of the Rolling Thunder chapters across the nation met up on Memorial Day at the Vietnam Wall in Washington D.C. to honor all veterans.

We were honored and extremely proud that the Mississippi Chapter 1 of Rolling Thunder chose the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma as their first stop on their journey to Washington D.C.

Seminole Nation Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo delivering the Welcome speech at the Rolling Thunder rally and Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans event.

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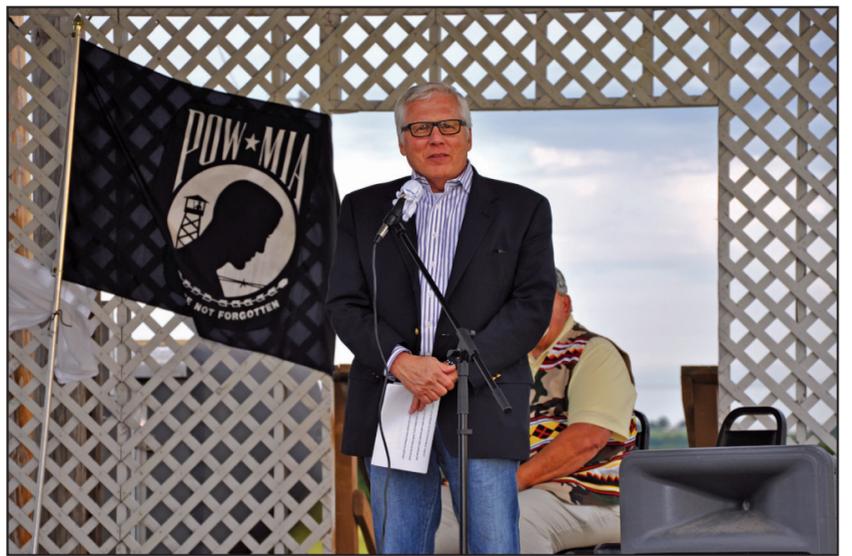
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The empty table of the "Missing Man Ceremony".



Gen. Maj. Myles Deering gives his speech during Saturday's ceremony.



Seminole Nation Honor Guard taking their seat for the ceremony.



Seminole Nation Honor Guard firing their salute of the colors.



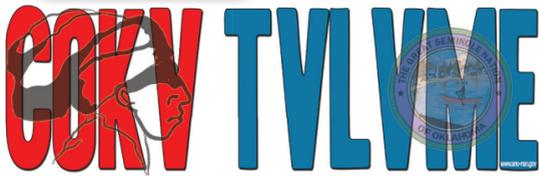
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Rolling Thunder

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On Friday, May 13th, there was a free spaghetti dinner catered from Roma Italian Restaurant, as well as booths and vendors from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA Hospital in OKC, along with several others.

The Seminole Nation honor guard presented colors, Seminole

Veteran Frank Alexander gave a short welcome speech and Junior Miss Seminole Nation Princess, Kyra Holata, was there to sing the National Anthem.

That evening, the Flame of Freedom Ceremony was held. Everyone in attendance participated by making a half circle in front of the Mission Grounds stage and passed the lit "Flame of Freedom" torch from one end to the other by each individual who then had the opportunity to speak the name of a veteran who

has passed on. The torch symbolizes the light of life and freedom being passed down to the next generations.

To conclude the evenings events, a special presentation of a POW/MIA flag was presented by Rolling Thunder to the Seminole Nation Honor Guard.

On Saturday, May 14th, there was a free pizza dinner served, more booths and vendors, again the Seminole Nation Honor Guard presented colors, and the "Missing Man Ceremony" was

presented by Oklahoma Rolling Thunder, which included the Empty Table and the Dog Tag ceremonial tributes. After the "Missing Man Ceremony" an Honor Ceremony for Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans was held. Chief Leonard M. Harjo gave the welcome speech, and Maj.Gen. Myles Deering also gave a wonderful speech. Veterans were honored with a Presidential Proclamation letter and various lapel pins and stickers were given.

Junior Miss Seminole Nation, Kyrah Holata



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Junior Miss Seminole Nation, Kyrah Holata, is participating in the Higher Education Summer Academic Tutoring program. She wanted to learn more about government and how it operates so Kyrah was given the opportunity to interview the Seminole city manager, Mr. Steve Saxon. Kyra learned how the

city operates, and that Mr. Steve Saxon wears many hats to make sure that the city of Seminole is running smoothly. Kyra also learned some about the city budget, staff, council members and their term limits, crime rate, population of the Native Americans living in Seminole county, and businesses. Mr. Steve Saxon has been the city manager of Seminole for 17 years.

Seminole State College's Phi Theta Kappa



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Seminole Nation tribal member Katie Gunville received the Phi Theta Kappa Honors award from Seminole State College May 2, 2016 at the Seminole State College Haney Center. Faculty Advisor for Phi Theta Kappa gave the welcome. Faculty Ad-

visor for Phi Theta Kappa Dr. Steve Bolin gave the introductions. Seminole State College President Dr. James W. Utterback gave the opening comments. (Picture: Katie Gunville, Damon Cravens, SSC President Dr. James W. Utterback, and Seminole Nation Higher Education Director Clara Keawphalouk.

Seminole Nation's Eldest Deacons



Left: Kevin Harjo; Right: Jonas Burgess

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On April 21, 2016 Seminole Indian Baptist Church in Konawa, Okla. honored the two eldest deacons in Seminole County: Jonas Burgess and Kevin Harjo.

Jonas was baptized in 1934 by his father Walter Burgess. He became an ordained deacon on September 15,

1967 by Homer Lee Emarthle, John Factor and Harley Roberts.

Burgess is a WWII Veteran PFC. He served from March, 1943 to November, 1945. He was at Omaha Beach and also at Normandy. He was 198th Division and 52nd Battalion.

Harjo was ordained at Bird Creek in Sasakwa, Okla.

Congratulations, Kathy!



Kathy Jackson Hernandez is from Konawa, Okla. but currently resides in Denison, Texas. She graduated from the Practical Nursing Program at Kiamichi Technology Center in Durant, OK on June 9, 2016. Hernandez is a member of the Hecete Band.

Arainna Louise Harjo



Alligator Clan
Gathering of the Nations
Albuquerque, New Mexico
April 30, 2016

Dad - Randall Harjo, Mom - Atesha Narcomey
Grandpa - Timmie Narcomey, Grandma - Rhonda Narcomey

Award Banquets: Seminole, Strother, Wewoka

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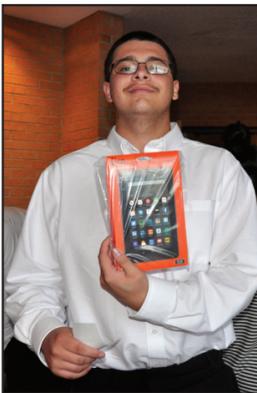
JOM director Jonathan Bennett, was in attendance for Seminole High School's 2016 graduation awards banquet.

Among all of the award presenters and awards given out that night, Bennett was given the opportunity to recognize all of the 2016 JOM graduating seniors and this year the Seminole's JOM parent committee was able to give out an incentive

award to those graduating JOM seniors. As Bennett called their name each student in the audience stood up to be recognized. There were a total of 35 JOM students who graduated from Seminole High school and who received the incentive.

The incentive was a 7" Amazon Fire Tablet.

Bennett was also on hand at the JOM banquets for Wewoka Schools and Strother Schools. Of note, Konawa Schools also had a JOM banquet.



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Environmental Protection Office Recycle Survey

Department: _____ Building: _____

Approximately how often do you take out the garbage in the office in a week? (Circle one)

Once a week Twice Three Four Five or more

What do you feel like your office would be able to recycle the most of?

(Circle All That Apply)

White Paper Mixed Paper Styrofoam
Cardboard Glass Compostable

How do you feel about recycling? (Fill in the blank)

Do you feel like your office would benefit from recycling? (Circle one)

YES NO

Why? (Fill in the blank)

On a scale of 1-10 how interested are you in making recycling a part of your office or community? (Circle one)

- (1) Not At All
- (2) Not Very Interested
- (3) Neutral
- (4) Somewhat Interested
- (5) Very Interested

Thank you for your time and participation in our Anonymous Survey! If you have any questions, comments, or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at our office at 405-234-5215 or (5216)

Seminole Nation Job Placement and Training Program

SUMMER HOURS
SUMMER HOURS



JUNE HOURS
Tuesday the 21st - Friday the 24th
June 28th - July 1st
8am - 7pm

JULY HOURS
Tuesday the 19th - Friday the 22nd
8am - 7pm

AUGUST HOURS
Tuesday the 15th - Friday the 19th
8am - 7pm

If you have any questions, please call Dee Whitson-Employment & Training Counselor at 405-234-5288 or 405-234-5289.

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Some Funnies with Pictures

By: Linda Bear

Language Practitioner

In the Language Mentorship class I was asked how to say "He is sneezing on you."

I said "Ecoh-haktēskes."



Then the way it was repeated to me it sounded like, "Ecot haktēskes." (A deer is sneezing.)



I understood, but I looked out the window thinking I would see a deer sneezing.

It was explained, "Like a person is sneezing on you." I said, Ecoh-haktēskes.

The difference:

Ecoh-haktēskes, which means "he is sneezing on you." has another -h- which is part of the locative oh- (on), which shows location.

Eco(t) haktēskes. Notice the (t), which is a subject marker -t. This made it a deer is sneezing.

Another time in the language mentorship class

I was asked how to say, "She is throwing something at you." I said "Ecoh-'svfalles."



It was repeated like, Ecot 'svfalles.



I thought that a deer was throwing something.

We have a great time learning in the language and laughing a lot with one another in an immersion environment. It's awesome to spend only a few hours each morning in the Language Mentorship class with the students. They have learned the grammar of how the language is being spoken. They are able to converse more with me. I encourage all to attempt to learn because our language is still here and we need to preserve and revitalize it.

Etem omvlkusēn kerrvkēts!

"Let's all learn together!"

This survey is not to be used for any other purpose other than to collect data and supply useful resourcing for our local Tribal and Non-Tribal communities.

Environmental Protection Office

Anonymous Community Recycle Survey

County: _____ Community: _____

Approximately how often do you take out the garbage in your household in a week? (Circle one)

Once a week Twice Three Four Five or more

How is your household garbage disposed? (Curbside pickup service, burning, illegal dumping, etc...)? (Fill in the blank)

How do you feel about recycling? (Fill in the blank)

Do you feel like your household would benefit from recycling? (Circle one)

YES NO

Why? (Fill in the blank)

On a scale of 1-10 how interested are you in making recycling a part of your home or community? (Circle one)

- (1) Not At All
- (2) Not Very Interested
- (3) Neutral
- (4) Somewhat Interested
- (5) Very Interested

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announcements



May Birthdays

- May 1 BILL FOSTER
- May 2 RAY DOUGLAS
- May 3 RENA TIGER
- May 3 JULIE ANDERSON
- May 4 VIRGIL TILLEY JR.
- May 4 DEANIE ANDERSON
- May 4 CARMELITA PALMER
- May 4 STEVEN BARNETT
- May 4 CALE NATSAWAY
- May 5 SAVANNAH FIXICO
- May 5 NYANA LUSTY
- May 6 BENNY FISH
- May 7 TRACY LENIGER
- May 8 SUSANNA MOSES
- May 8 JIMMY DEATHERAGE
- May 8 JASON RYAN DEAN
- May 9 MABLENE HARJO
- May 10 WINEY HARJO
- May 10 DEBRA OSAGE
- May 11 BRYCE DEATHERAGE
- May 11 MAVERICK WEST TEBE
- May 11 DONNA BOWERS
- May 12 ARIEONA HARJO
- May 12 SHARON BURGESS
- May 12 DICKIE DEATHERAGE
- May 13 STEPHANIE NEELY
- May 13 RICHARD LUSTY
- May 13 ELIZABETH ANDERSON
- May 14 RETTA BRENNAN
- May 14 TERRI STONE
- May 15 OSCAR W. CELLARS
- May 15 MICHELLE PIPESTEM
- May 16 GWEN RICE
- May 16 ELLA COLMAN
- May 16 MICHAEL STAR
- May 18 DANELLE JOHNSON
- May 18 RENEE BILLIE
- May 18 JOYCE BILLIE
- May 18 CALVIN WALKER
- May 19 KEITH DINWIDDIE
- May 19 TROYCE MARSHALL
- May 19 SHIRLEY CHAMBERS
- May 20 AMY COSAR
- May 20 CHANTEL MOSES
- May 23 TRE HARJO
- May 23 SHAWNA BISHOP GEORGE
- May 23 LAQUITA FISH
- May 23 PERLA ALDIRHALLI
- May 24 DAKOTA LITTLE
- May 24 RYLAN MACK
- May 25 WYNEMA PETERSON
- May 25 ALIVEZA MAYAHIT
- May 25 GRADY JAX
- May 26 ASHLEE WELCH
- May 26 KIM WALKER NELSON
- May 27 DALLAS LITTLE
- May 27 CHEYENNE HARJO
- May 27 CEDRIC NORIEGA
- May 28 NICHOLS FIXICO
- May 28 EFFIE DEEWITT
- May 28 LORETTA VOTAW
- May 28 SAM JOHNSON
- May 29 JAMES PALMER
- May 29 ASHLEE HAILEY
- May 31 AARON DEL HARJO
- May 31 VERNON HARJO
- May 31 JOEL MCCULLY

St. Gregory's University featured Athlete for March 2016



Photo courtesy of www.sgucavaliers.com/featuredAthlete/41.php

Tribal Member - Sutv Meely
Softball

March 2, 2016

High School / Previous School: Named Female Athlete of the Year her senior season at Tecumseh HS; Oklahoma Coached Association All-state selection; third on the team last season at Seminole State with a .369 batting average; led SSC in at-bats (179), striking out only twice in 57 games; finished 2015 with a .408 on-base percentage.

Personal: Born May 8, 1995; has two siblings: Keldan and Suni; favorite athlete is Michael Jordan; favorite book is The Notebook; favorite singer is Drake.

Seminole Nation Honor Guard Annual Pow-Wow

Date: August 6, 2016

Time: Gourd Dancing 1PM-5PM

Supper 5PM-6:30PM

Grand Entry 7PM

Location: Seminole State College Gymnasium

Seminole, Oklahoma

Contest for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd on following categories:

Men's:

Women's

Fancy

Cloth

Straight

Tiny Tots

Fancy Shaw

Traditional

Buckskin

Grass

Jingle

MC-James Nells

Head Singer--Rowe Kishketon

Head Man Dancer-TBA

Northern Drum-Young Buffalo

Head Lady Dancer- Carla Feathers

Horse

Head Gourd Dancer-Michael

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Phillip Coon (918) 623-8224

Congratulations, Michael!

MICHAEL WALKER

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IN THE HIGH SCHOOL
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CLASS OF 2016

Congratulations, Emilee!

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Emilee Nichole Walker

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May 20th 2016 at 7:00
p.m.
1st Southern Baptist
Church 6400 S. Sooner
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General Council Special Meeting May 24, 2016

Waiver of 10-Day Notice

APPROVED 22-5

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes, yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

New Business

- Tribal Resolution 2016-33

A Tribal Resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma authorizing the Principal Chief or his authorized designee to enter into all appropriate instruments, agreements or other documents on behalf of the Seminole Nation in order to secure a loan from Bank of Oklahoma in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 on the terms and conditions contained in that certain term sheet attached hereto, including the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit in the amount of \$1,110,000.00 as security for the loan.

sponsored by Ralph Coker

APPROVED 15-11-1

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: abst
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, no	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

- Tribal Resolution 2016-34

To draw funds for a Certificate of Deposit.

sponsored by Ralph Coker

APPROVED 16-9-1

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, no	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: abst
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

General Council Emergency Meeting May 31, 2016

Waiver of 10-Day Notice

APPROVED 15-8

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no
Hecete: yes	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

New Business

- Tribal Resolution 2016-42

A Tribal Resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma authorizing the Principal Chief of his authorized designee to execute all appropriate instruments, agreements or other documents, including without limitation, a loan agreement, a note and a security agreement, on behalf of the Seminole Nation in order to secure a loan from Security State Bank of Wewoka of an amount up to \$1,000,000.00 and the purchase of a Certificate of Deposit to serve as collateral for the aforementioned loan.

sponsored by Ralph Coker

APPROVED 14-11-

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: no
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no
Hecete: no	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

- Tribal Resolution 2016-43

A Tribal Resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma General Council approving the use of, and directing the office of the Special Trustee to disburse \$1,110,000.00 in settlement funds held in that certain federal trust account number JA70616913 to the Seminole Nation in order to purchase a Certificate of Deposit required by Security State Bank of Wewoka as collateral for a loan to the Seminole Nation, such loan to be used to purchase the Judy Marie Phillips property.

sponsored by Lottie Coody

APPROVED 14-10-1

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: abst
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes, yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no
Hecete: no	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

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Seminole Nation Cultural Resources Hosts 2016 Youth Summit



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On April 29, 2016 the Seminole Nation Cultural Resources program hosted the 2016 Youth Summit at the Grisso Mansion Annex. The Summit was looking for Seminole tribal youth, 14-24 years of age, who had an interest in taking part in an engaging initiative that would allow for the Seminole youth to voice their concerns, likes and dislikes, on issues that impact Seminole youth lives.

The students, led by host Michael Logan, came up with ideas they felt the Seminole youth of today needs from the tribe. Activities and ice-breakers were led by Logan who also had power point presentations for the youth. Logan talked about and led the youth in such areas of interest as Native Youth Learning, for leadership skills and development; Native Youth Working, for educational success and appropriateness; Native Youth Learning, for developing positive work habits, working in

groups, and public service; and Native Youth Connecting, for building positive identity, community connection, and social-emotional health.

The youth were broken into groups and worked together within those groups to come up with lists of likes and dislikes that they felt they are very much in need of in regards to the previous topics mentioned. The lists were written on huge pieces of banner paper that when finished were displayed by being hung on

the surrounding Grisso Annex walls.

The youth was supported and had help coming up with ideas from staff. Staff helpers included Seminole Nation Cultural Resources Curriculum Development Specialist Jennifer Johnson, JOM Director Jonathan Bennett, and Development Officer Stephane Lambert from the Grisso Mansion.

Seminole Nation Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo was also there to speak to the youth, answer questions, and



encourage them all to participate, share, and most importantly, to have their voice heard within the Nation.

It was very important to the organizers that the students developed the ideas for the initiatives, instead of the adults. Every idea that came from the summit, every like and dislike, were from the participating youth.

A pizza lunch was also provided from Mazzio's with drinks and snacks.

Each youth who participated was given tickets to be drawn

for door prizes. Tickets were called out periodically throughout the summit. Prizes included gift cards to several different places as well as an iPad as the main door prize.

Overall, the Summit was a success with a great turnout of youth participating and sharing their voice. The Seminole Nation hopes to continue to engage the youth to be proactive in addressing issues within our community.

Seminole Nation Hosts 2016 Little Olympics



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On May 13, 2016 the Seminole Nation Head Start program hosted Little Olympics at the Wewoka football field. All of the Educational Centers were in attendance: Mekusukey Mission Center, Kona-wa Center, Barking Water Center, and there were a few children from the Center in Sasakwa as well.

There were a lot of students participating in the events. The Centers have approximately

173 students throughout their classrooms.

Events that took place included: 50-yard dash, long jump, softball throw, sack race, tricycle races, and a javelin/noodle throw. The Head Start program also coordinated this year's Little Olympics with their St. Jude's Trike-A-Thon fund raiser. Through the St. Jude's fund raiser, they were able to raise \$400 in donations. Mvto to those who donated.

In all it was a very successful day. All the students participating had an excellent time.



Higher Education Tutor Katie Gunville



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Katie Gunville is a Seminole tribal member and was a Seminole State College student who majored in Criminal Justice and graduated with a 4.0 grade point average. Some of the courses include juvenile justice, criminology, criminal justice, criminal investigations, among many more.

Gunville is the tutor for Seminole Nation's

Higher Education program, helping in several different areas such as math, which is her area of specialty. She says math is the hardest part of the General Education Development (GED) test and she has already had two of her students pass [at the time of the interview]. One of her students passed her class with honors in social studies. She says since she became the Higher Ed tutor there has been a lot of students passing their classes and tests.

When asked what her next step is Gunville says she is looking at universities that she would like to attend to continue her education. Being a member of the college honor society, one of the sponsors is trying to help her find financial assistance, such as possibly getting her tuition waived.

One university that sticks out for Gunville is Oklahoma City University because of their excellent criminal justice program. However, she says, that kind of

education is very costly.

When asked how she could give back to the tribe after her education, Gunville says she would like to work with domestic violence. As a victim, that was one of the main reasons she went back to school. She felt that there was no justice served in her case and she knows of a lot of women out in the community who that happens to, too often. Gunville says, even though she is just one voice, one voice can be heard.



Dale Jesse Hired As ON Congressional Sergeant at Arms



Retired BIA employee Dale Jesse is the new Osage Nation Congressional Sergeant at Arms. He started working for the legislative Branch during the 2016 Hun-Kah Session. BENNY POLACCA/ Osage News

Dale Jesse is the new Sergeant at Arms for the Osage Nation Congress who started his post on April 12 during the Hun-Kah Session.

Jesse (Creek/ Seminole) retired from the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Osage Agency earlier this year after 15 years. He will work for the ON Congressional Office in the part-time post at the Chambers building - next to his old BIA office on the government campus in Pawhuska.

The sergeant at arms position is required to work during the two regular 24-day sessions held annually with the Hun-Kah Session in spring and Tzi-Zho Session in fall. In addition, either the Congress or

Principal Chief may call the Congress into a special session at any other time - with a 10-business day advance notice. Special sessions may last up to 10 days and all sessions may be extended by three days, if needed.

According to the sergeant at arms Job posting, "The primary role of the Sergeant-At-Arms, is to enforce order and decorum for members and all individuals present at a session/meeting, and execute demands at the direction of the presiding officer, including contacting Congressional members to return to session following recesses."

Jesse retired from

the BIA's branch of Subsurface and was a Petroleum Engineering Technician. He processed drilling and workover applications for all of Osage County and also worked for the Field Operations branch as a PET-gauger. Also, at various times throughout his career at the agency Jesse served as Acting Superintendent. He has 40 years of oil and gas field experience; and 25 yrs with Occidental Petroleum formerly Cities Service Co.

Jesse is a member of the Osage Gourd Clan, speaks Osage and Seminole and served as a fireman for Hominy District.

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'7th Generation' film faces pain, ushers in healing nationwide

By EILEEN SOLER [Florida] Seminole Tribune Staff Reporter

A partnership between the [Florida] Seminole Tribe's Native Driven Network, under Seminole Media Productions (SMP), and Warrior Society Development Productions, is reaping praise at film festivals and university screenings nationwide.

"7th Generation" explores a late 19th century prophesy by the legendary Lakota Medicine Man and spiritual leader Black Elk. The 45-minute film won for Best Documentary Feature at the LA Film Festival in Hollywood, California on April 8. In January, the film took the Inspiration Award at Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival in Lafayette, Louisiana.

Sunshine Frank, the film's executive producer and broadcasting manager for SMP, said the idea began to jell in 2013 when SMP professionals filmed Oglala Lakota member and motivational speaker Jim Warne, founder of the San Diego, California-based Warrior Society Development, during a Native Learning Center event on the Hollywood Reservation. "We had the right story and the right team at the right time," Frank said.

Warne's compelling lecture addressed the seventh generation philosophy rooted in a vision experienced by Black Elk that prophesied the Dec. 29, 1890 massacre of 300 Lako-

ta in Wounded Knee, South Dakota.

Black Elk, who later witnessed the aftermath of the brutal killings by the U.S. Army, revealed that it would take seven generations to heal the broken circle of life caused by centuries of constant oppression that reached a peak on that day. It was indeed the last great battlefield defeat of an Indian Tribe before indigenous peoples fell under the grip of systematic U.S. government control.

Estimations vary on the number of indigenous people killed by disease or slaughter as part of extermination measures since the arrival of Europeans in the mid- 1500s. Numbers could average to about 10 million.

"Some people would say it is too hard to hear, but it happened. We teach about African American slavery and the Holocaust during World War II, but we don't teach the truth about Indian history," Warne said. "It's hard for America to say out loud that a holocaust happened here, but millions upon millions of indigenous people were killed to make America. Instead, they cut out headdresses and made up a story about friendship. That is the Native frustration."

Believers of Black Elk's vision say it refers back to the Wounded Knee Massacre and that the children of the seventh generation are the youth of today. Warne said telling the story at

lectures and in the film makes way for healing.

Warne, who accepted the Inspiration Award at Cinema on the Bayou Film Festival after the viewing, said many spectators responded to the film with tears.

"There were tears and appreciation and I was able to provide counseling. It is hard information to take in but once we learn about it together we can heal together," Warne said.

Film director John L Voth, who in 2013 was SMP's senior editor, took the lead in establishing a relationship with Warne that led to SMP hosting Warne's lecture series, called the 7th Generation Project, throughout Seminole reservations in 2014.

"When I pitched the story for the film I did not know the weight of it because I was looking through an American lens. I had to go on the journey to figure it out," Voth said.

Former SMP videographer Omar Rodriguez and current SMP writer and sound specialist Ishma Fray took the mission on the road with Voth, primarily through the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Voth and Rodriguez took the first trip alone in the dead of winter, knocking on doors in minus 10-degrees weather. All three met with Warne months later to fine tune the project.

The documentary trailer alone shows the mass grave of those killed at Wounded Knee, a Sept. 24, 1863

newspaper clipping from The Daily Republican in Minnesota that advertised "\$200 for every red-skin sent to Purgatory ..." and June Braveheart's firsthand account of forced boarding school "worse than boot camp."

Rows and rows of headstones still stand in fields on boarding school grounds at the graves of children who died from abuse and neglect while "imprisoned" like animals through the 1900s.

"We were herded around like cattle," said Warne's mother Beverly Warne, who attended Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school in Pine Ridge during the 1940s.

The film reveals that for many, like Beverly Warne, forced participation in BIA programs bolstered determination to rise though education and leadership.

For others, the trauma of their ancestors is still manifested today through social ills that include extreme rates of drug and alcohol abuse and the highest mortality rate among all races in the United States.

Suicide at Pine Ridge among Oglala Lakota youth is 3.2 times higher than the national average, which caused tribal leaders in February 2015 to call a state of emergency.

The Native Driven Network team, including Voth, reported several feature stories and an anti-suicide public service announcement. Voth said he witnessed hope among the trials. Fray said he saw "the

way out" through leaders who include activist Virgil Bush and Yvonne "Tiny" DeCory, the outreach coordinator for the Sweet Grass Suicide Prevention Project.

"Black Elk didn't only talk about the bad things, the pain and the suffering. He saw the way out. He gave a voice to the coming generations who would lead the people out of the problems. What is happening today is a story bigger than poverty," Fray said.

So far, Warne has presented the film "7th Generation" at the London Shows International Film Festival, the California American Indian Indigenous Film Festival, the LA Skins Fest at Culver Studios in Los Angeles, the American Indian Film Festival, and the NatiVisions Film Festival in Arizona.

He also screened the film at lectures at the Heard Museum in Phoenix, Arizona; Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma; Arizona State University in Tempe; and the University of South Dakota in Sioux Falls.

Warne said he aims to make the 7th Generation Project a movement that motivates young indigenous people to learn the Indian ways and to keep their "tribal heart" but to go out into the world and become educated leaders in the contemporary American system.

"The seventh generation is the youth of today. They have a lot of challenges, as the ances-

tors did, but the generation is here to succeed ... I am a firm believer that one among this seventh generation will be a president of the United States," Warne said.

- The Seminole Tribune

U.S. Senate Hears Testimony On School Choice for Native Americans

WASHINGTON — That legislation would give students in schools funded by the Bureau of Indian Education access to education savings accounts. Introduced by Arizona senator McCain, this bill would apply to states that already have ESA programs in place, such as Arizona, Nevada, Florida and Mississippi.

"When you have a 50 percent graduation rate, you need to think outside the box," said McCain, who sits on the Indian Affairs committee. "I've been on this committee for many years and there hasn't been much improvement in BIE schools. Here we have a proposal to allow parents another opportunity to provide their children with another education."

The legislation would allow parents to divert BIE funds of

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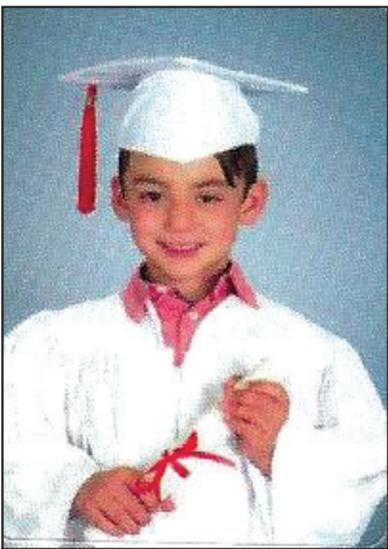
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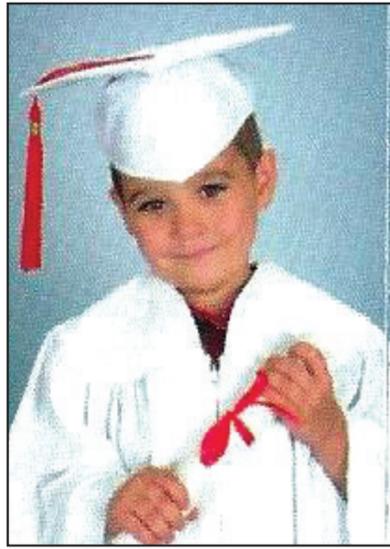
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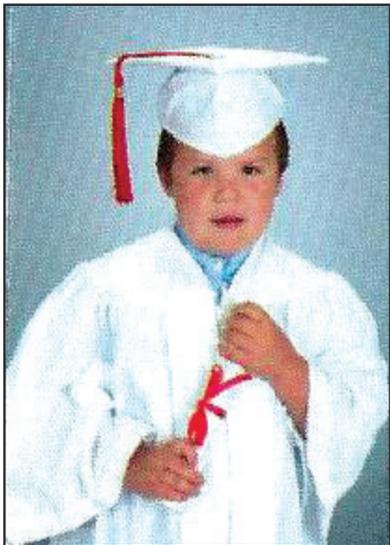
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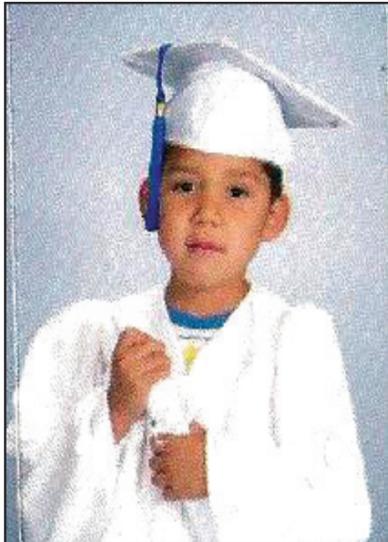
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7th Annual 2016 Native American Convocation



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The 7th Annual Native American Convocation was held at the Holdenville Creek Indian Community

Center in Holdenville, Okla. May 3, 2016 for 16 graduating Native American seniors.

Each senior received a stole with a seal of their tribe with the year, furthermore, they also

received t-shirts.

The convocation was started 7 years ago by Jim Larney who graduated from Holdenville High School.

The first convocation was in 2010

in Holdenville. "This event gives the students something to look forward to and is a good milestone in their life to finish high school," Larney said.

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\$15,000 per student towards other education expenses including tuition, tutoring or online courses.

"The Native American Education Opportunity Act will serve as a lifeline to students trapped in literally some of the worst schools in America — it is morally unacceptable to stand by and defend the status quo," said Betsy DeVos, chairman of the American Federation for Children. "Only 53 percent of students attending BIE schools graduate high school — far below the national average of 81 percent. Just as concerning, a report that came out this week cited numerous safety concerns at BIE schools. Simply put, these schools are unsafe and academically unfit for our Native American children."

Arizona state Sen. Carlyle Begay testified about his own experience being educated in BIE schools in the Navajo Nation.

"The Native American Education Opportunity Act allows BIE families to participate in a program that is open to almost every other tribal student in Arizona's reservation communities," he said. "There are 185 BIE schools in the nation. Nearly five out of 10 students attending these schools will not graduate high school. What if we could give ESAs to those BIE students in Arizona who would not have made it to graduation otherwise?"

Importantly, Begay also said ESAs are the "true essence of self-determination and self-empowerment" that Tribes desire.

— Watchdog.org



Veteran's Corner

by K. Galen Greenwalt, Director of Veterans Services Office
(North Community Building, Mekusukey Mission)

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE ALL VETERANS

This column is an information source for all veterans in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. Please share this with those who have served in our military forces, both past and present. Please feel free to come by the Veterans Services Office during the week, or give us a call at (405) 234-5242 to ask questions or make an appointment. My email address here at the office is greenwalt.g@sno-nsn.gov and you are welcome to contact me by email.

WHO IS A VETERAN?

The question: "Who exactly is a veteran?" A veteran is anyone who has served in the U.S. Armed Forces. So, the question we ask is, "Have you served in the military?" If the answer is "yes," then you are a veteran! Our office is here to help you.

VETERANS AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT ACTIVITY

The Veterans office continues to serve and assist with the various needs of veterans. This includes filling out paperwork to request discharge DD-214 records, distributing Benefit Books for veteran widows and dependents, giving information on VA grave markers and headstones, burial benefits, education assistance, disability claims and appeals, group sessions for combat veterans, and rides to doctor appointments at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City. The month's activities also included attendance at the Veterans Appreciation Day at East Central University and the Chickasaw Groundbreaking Ceremony for a new Veterans Lodge in Ada.

ROLLING THUNDER AND "WELCOME HOME VIETNAM VETERANS" RALLY WEEKEND, MAY 13-14

We had a great weekend on Friday-Saturday, May 13-14, as we hosted the Kick-Off Event for a Rolling Thunder rally here in Seminole. Rolling Thunder is an advocacy group, mainly made up of motorcycle enthusiasts who are veterans. This group highlights the need for promoting accountability for POWs and MIAs of all U.S. wars. Their main event annually is called the "Freedom Ride," which is a motorcycle rally to the Vietnam Wall on Memorial Day each year. On our Rolling Thunder weekend, we took time to give special recognition and honor to the many Vietnam veterans. A Presidential Proclamation letter, various lapel pins and stickers were given to veterans present.

On Friday, the afternoon was filled

with time for veterans to visit various booths and vendors from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs, the VA Hospital in OKC and several more entities to assist veterans. A free spaghetti meal was served for dinner, the food being catered from the Roma Italian Restaurant nearby.

The program for the evening was the Flame of Freedom ceremony. After a short welcome by Seminole veteran Frank Alexander, the Torch Ceremony began. As everyone gathered in a circle, the lighted torch was passed from person to person giving an opportunity for speaking the name of a veteran who has passed on. The torch symbolized the light of life and freedom being passed down to the next generations.

To conclude the day, a special presentation of a POW/MIA flag was then presented by the Rolling Thunder members to the Seminole Nation Honor Guard.



On Saturday, a pizza dinner was served prior to the evening's event. The entire night was planned as a joint effort with other groups across the country as we were a Commemorative Partner with the Vietnam War 50th Anniversary Program that recognized Vietnam veterans for their service, valor and sacrifice. After Principal Chief Leonard Harjo gave the welcome, Maj. Gen. Myles Deering spoke eloquently of those who served. The Oklahoma Chapter of Rolling Thunder presented the Missing Man Ceremony, which included the Empty Table and the Dog Tag ceremonial tributes.



MEMORIAL DAY 2016

A short Memorial Day service was held on Monday, May 30, in honor of those who lost their lives in service to our country. The raising and lowering of flag to half-staff, a 21-gun salute and Taps followed the reading of a Presidential Proclamation by Director Greenwalt.



VETERANS BENEFITS BOOKLET

The Veterans Office here has copies of the booklet entitled Know Your Benefits: Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors, latest edition. They are available FREE to anyone who would like a copy. Many have already called our office and been given a copy.

VETERANS AFFAIRS OFFICE OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

For more information or answers about any VA issues, please contact us here at the Veterans Services Office at (405) 234-5242 or Director Greenwalt's cell number at (951) 533-1407.



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Honorable Chief Kenneth "Foley" Edward Chambers



Honorable Chief Kenneth "Foley" Edward Chambers, 65 passed away from this life on Friday, May 13, 2016 at his home with his wife Deb and two puppies by his side. Chief Chambers was born on July 11, 1950 in Sasakwa, Oklahoma to parents Martha (Factor) and Lawrence Chambers. On January 27, 1990 Ken married Deb Johnston.

Ken worked all his life in the power plant construction and maintenance industry. His job took him all across the United States as well as spending two and a half years working in Indonesia. He took a four year break when he was elected to the position of Chief of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma from 2001 to 2005. A job he was so very proud to serve. He also was honored to be a member of the Tallahassee Band and the Deer Clan. He was a member of the Spring Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Deb, two dogs, Togee and Hokte, his beloved dogs who reside atop Chambers Mountain, daughter; Sheri Reynolds and husband Jason of Oklahoma City, son; Kenny Chambers of Holdenville, son; Brian Chambers and wife Chelle of Ponca City, nine grandchildren; Nyko, Alec,

Gage, Addisyn, Tristyn, Graycee, Rio, Bostyn, and Krew. Also, his sisters; Wanda Bruner of Oklahoma City, Ruby Rose of Seminole and Lena McWilthy of Ada, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of other relatives and friends whom he loved dearly

Ken was preceded in death by his parents, Martha and Lawrence Chambers, brothers; Jessy Ray Chambers, Charles Edward Chambers and Tommy Lawrence Chambers.

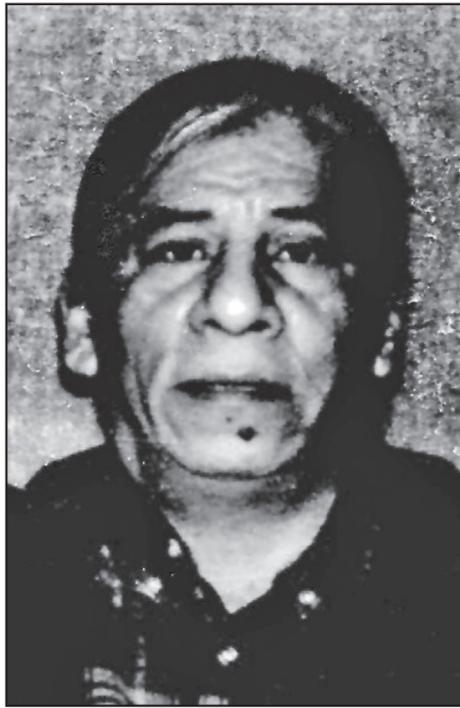
A wake service will be held from 6:00PM to 8:00PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at the Stout-Phillips Funeral Home in Wewoka.

The funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at the Stout-Phillips Funeral Home in Wewoka. Rev. Kelly Tiger will officiate the services.

Pallbearers will be Nyko Symonds, Gage Chambers, Kenny Chambers, Brian Chambers, Jason Reynolds, and Dave Imwalle.

Services are under the direction of Stout-Phillips Funeral Home in Wewoka. Online condolences to the family can be made at www.phillipsfuneralservice.com.

Thomas Lee Ahaisee



Funeral services for Thomas Lee Ahaisee were held Monday, June 6, 2016 at Hitchitee Methodist Church. Interment followed at the Harjo Family Cemetery with Military Honors by the Seminole Nation Honor Guard. Thomas passed away Wednesday June 1, 2016 at St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City. He was 69.

He was born March 28, 1947 in Seminole to parents Odis B. Harjo and Betty Jo Ahaisee.

Thomas graduated from Varnum

High School. Following High School, he served in the United States Army where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Thomas worked as a land surveyor for the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. He was also a member of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma and a member of the Tusekia Harjo Band.

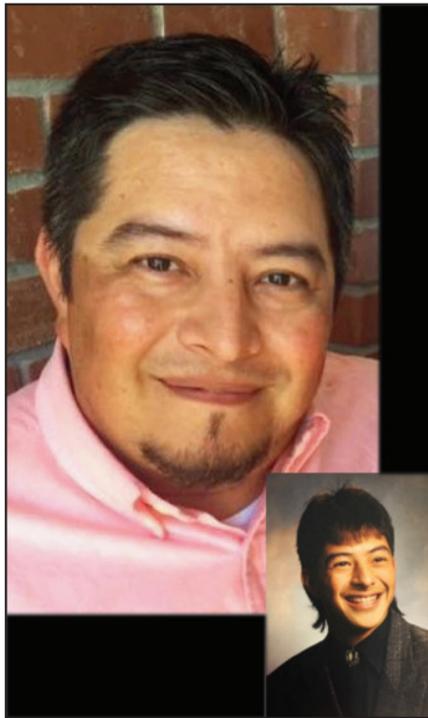
He is preceded in death by his parents, by three brothers, Leo Warledo, Jason Warledo, Charlie Warledo, and by two sisters, Nita Champiaol, and Phyllis Chetpatananton.

Survivors include two sons, Fous Ahaisee of Oklahoma City, Coacoche Ahaisee of Holdenville, Oklahoma, two daughters, Dana Lee

Ahaisee Lingle and her husband Thomas of Moore, Oklahoma, Takoche Ahaisee and her husband Brian Sanders of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, four brothers, Johnson "Jr." Warledo Jr. of Wewoka, Oklahoma, Lesley Warledo of McAlester, Oklahoma, Gerald Warledo, Darrel Warledo, three sisters, Reba Flute and her husband Gene of Apache, Oklahoma, Freda Warledo of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rita Warledo of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, 6 grandchildren, Josia Williams, Asher Factor, Arianna Factor, Eco Sanders, Afcvcke Sanders, Tvfolupv Sanders, and a host of other family and dear friends.

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole, Okla.

Gregory Lee "Greg" Robinson



Services for Gregory Lee "Greg" Robinson were held Thursday, June 9, 2016 at the Freewill Baptist Church in Prague, Okla. with Rev. Randall Miller and David Taylor officiated the service.

Greg passed away on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at St. Anthony Hospital in Shawnee. He was 44.

He was born February 18, 1972 in Seminole to parents, Gary Lee Robinson and Judy (Johnson) Robinson.

Greg grew up in Seminole where he attended Seminole Pub-

kell Jr. College in Lawrence, Kan.

On March 19, 1994 Greg married the love of his life, Andrea G. Morehead at the Freewill Baptist Church in Prague, Okla.

Greg worked for the United States Postal Service for the past 17 years as a mail carrier in Shawnee. He loved his job and was always going above and beyond for the people he delivered mail to. He was known to often take a grocery list or run an errand for the elderly on his route. Greg would also take a couple of minutes to visit with someone who just needed to talk.

Sadly this man who was so unassuming, who had a smile for everyone and was a friend to all he came in contact with, passed from this life because he had a blood clot that he was not aware of breaking loose and it traveling to his heart, breaking many people's hearts in its wake.

Greg loved his family with all that he had. He was so proud that at this point in his life he had been attending Church, he had accepted the Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior and had been baptized. The fact that he and

his wife were raising a Christian family made him very happy.

He is preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Delilah Mae (Smith) Morehead; by his maternal grandparents, Raymond Johnson and Mary Green Johnson, by his paternal grandparents, Ernest Franklin Robinson and Zola Lovine Robinson and by one uncle Ronald "Sonny" Johnson.

Survivors include, his wife of 22 years, Andrea (Morehead) Robinson of the home in Shawnee, three daughters, Gabriela Laken Robinson of Shawnee, Okla., Genna LeeAnn Robinson of Shawnee, Okla., and Riley Cate Robinson of Shawnee, Okla. His father, Gary Lee Robinson and his wife Joy of Fittstown, Okla., his mother, Judy (Johnson) Little and her husband David of Commerce, Okla. One sister, Gwendolynn Lovine Conn and her husband Kevin of Fittstown, Okla., His father-in-law, Terry Lee Morehead and his wife Jellene of Paden, Okla. Two sisters-in-law, Terra Lyn Vass

Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole, Oklahoma.