

HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Six families received housing assistance through the tribes housing improvement program, funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, during Fiscal Year 1990.

The housing program accepts applications continually. Contact Gene Dixon or Monica Bettis at the tribal office for more information.

We received the following letter from Claudene Epperson, one of our housing improvement recipients. We appreciate her letter.

Eastern Shawnee Tribe:

I just cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate all of the work you did for me, The job on the house was beautiful done and it makes me have a better lookout on life with the change. Since I lost my husband and my daughter, You and your staff are doing a great job and I appreciate all of you.

-Thank you,

Claudene Epperson

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FROM THE CHIEF:

I would like to look back as far as my experience with the tribe is concerned. I was elected to the position of Secretary/Treasurer in 1946. The Business Committee consisted of Chief, Thomas Captain, Frank Captain, Rosie Kisse, Nancy Gallenkamp, and of course me.

We used to meet at the home of Tom Captain, and most of the time sitting under an old shade tree. We didn't have a lot of business to conduct, since we had no money or any other assets. One of the needs that I discovered, was that we didn't have a roll. When a child was born, the parents would go by the Agency and fill out a card, provided they felt like it. So most of our tribal members were not enrolled.

I spent a major portion of my time working with our Indian Agent, Mr. Lamb, in filling our documents on families of our tribe, and in the construction of the roll as we have it now. We put in for a \$50.00 grant to buy stamps with. I don't remember if we received it or not. I know I answered several letters from Washington trying to justify the money.

How things have changed! Money has become available from different sources and allowed Indian tribes to progress. The idea used to be to keep all tribes suppressed and dependent upon the Bureau of Indian Affairs to make decisions for them and to handle what money they had. Thank God the attitude of Congress changed and they recognize Indian as human beings. The attitude of the Bureau of Indian Affairs officials were forced to change and the government started hiring Indians in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. At last the Bureau of Indian Affairs say, "May I help you", or "We are here to serve you". What a change!

The Christmas season is here again, so I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Very Happy New Year.

George J. Captain

NEWS OF TRIBAL MEMBERS

Navy Chief Warrant Officer James M. Dixon, son of the late James F. Dixon and Bronzie L. Dixon of Winnsboro, Texas, recently returned from a 6 month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea, while serving aboard the Air Craft Carrier USS Eisenhower, homeported in Norfolk, VA.

He participated in Dragon Hammer '90 exercises while serving aboard the Eisenhower. The purpose of the exercises were to foster Allied Cooperation among NATO's Southern Regional Conventional Forces. During the exercise conducted in southern Europe and the Mediterranean Sea, Dixon took part in a combined NATO exercise involving Armed Forces from the Nations of Italy, the Netherlands, Turkey, France, Spain, the United Kingdom and the United States. He also took part in the ships 100th Anniversary of the birth of President Eisenhower, for whom the ship is named.

At the close of the 6 month deployment, Dixon participated in "Operation Desert Shield" when the Eisenhower was ordered to the Red Sea, by way of the Suez Canal, to participate in the Blockade against Iraq.

The Eisenhower was relieved by the John F. Kennedy and returned to homeport, Norfolk, VA., September 12, 1990.

Dixon is a 1972 graduate of Union Hill High School, Bettie, Texas and has been with the Navy since June 1972. He is the

grandson of Eastern Shawnee Ozina A. Dixon of Picher, OK.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Della Margaret Devine and William C. Devine II graduate in top ten of their senior class at Hempstead High School. Della and William are the children of Bill and Margaret Hampton Devine.

Della served as salutatorian of her class, was a member of the National Honor Society, the school band and the Beta Club. She is listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students, received the National Science Merit Award, Presidents Academic Fitness Award and a \$12,000 Academic Scholarship to Prairie View A & M University.

Della plans to attend Prairie View A & M University majoring in pre-veterinary with a minor in math, then go on to attend Texas A & M Veterinary School.

William graduated 8th in his class, he was a member of the National Honor Society, Beta Club, Foley's All-Star Band and was 1st chair trombone player for the school band for four years. He also is in Who's Who Among American High School Students, received the President's Academic Fitness Award, National Science Merit Award, National English Merit Award - three years and the United Science Academic Award - three years.

William is also a member of

The Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., WIC program entered into it's sixth year of operation October 1, 1990. The Inter-Tribal Council WIC program has consistently rated in the top position within the southwest region (Oklahoma, Texas, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arkansas) in targeting the highest percentage caseload of prenatal women and infants. Due to the implementation of formula rebates this year, additional eligible prenatal and infants have been able to access WIC program benefits, further increasing the top priority participant categories.

The WIC program is funded through USDA/FNS, whose purpose is to provide supplemental foods to pregnant women, infants, and children at nutritional risk. Eligible persons are given vouchers for "prescribed" food packages relative to their risk factors. The WIC foods are rich in iron, vitamins, minerals, and other vital nutrients. The program goals are to provide these foods to all eligible persons accompanied by understandable nutrition education, encouraging our Native Americans to eat more nutritiously during critical stages of development.

Contrary to beliefs, the WIC

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program is not just a feeding program, but is a medically oriented program. The WIC staff counsels the participants to ensure that immunizations are received as scheduled, encourages the seeking of medical help when necessary, refers participants for alcohol/drug abuse, child abuse, and many, many other medical and social service facilities. Generally, most certifications and lab work is performed at the Miami Indian Health Service, however, with the new laws governing Medicaid, some participants are certified through private physicians.

Annually, a State Plan of Operations must be submitted to USDA/FNS for continuing funding. Since 1988, open meetings for public in-put was abolished by USDA/FNS, however, Shirlye Bass, WIC Director feels that any ways/ideas to enhance the WIC program are beneficial to all concerned. Ms. Bass encourages any in-put, enhancement ideas or constructive criticism, be directed to her at Inter-Tribal Council, Inc., P.O. Box 1308, Miami, OK 74355, or call her at 918-542-4486. Any questions concerning program eligibility may be directed to Jeannie Gleaves, WIC Assistant, Mon./Fri., 8:00 am - 4:30 pm.

Standards for participation in the program are the same for everyone, regardless of religion, political beliefs, race, color, sex, age, handicaps, and national origin.

NEWS RELEASE FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) today urged owners of certain Evenflo child safety seats to obtain a free repair kit and install a new buckle assembly on seats that are being recalled by Evenflo because they do not meet NHTSA's safety standard for child seats.

According to NHTSA Administrator Jerry Ralph Curry, the recall announced today by Evenflo involves more than 3 million child safety seats manufactured between April 15, 1985 and April 22, 1990. Each seat has a black buckle housing and red push button belt release.

"The problem with these seats is that at times the buckle can look buckled and feel buckled even when it is not completely latched. This can give users a false sense of security that the child is protected. However, if the buckle is not completely latched, it can release during a crash and substantially reduce the protection provided to the child," Curry said.

Curry explained that the remedy for this safety problem is the installation of a new buckle assembly, which will be provided free of charge by Evenflo. The installation can be performed easily by consumers.

Curry said owners of safety

seats involved in the recall campaign should contact Evenflo promptly for the free repair kit by calling toll-free 1-800-837-8926 or by writing to Evenflo at 1801 Commerce Drive, Piqua, OH 45356. Evenflo will need to know the model number and date of manufacture to determine whether a specific safety seat is among those recalled. This information can be found on a label affixed to the side or back of the safety seat.

Curry said the recall includes infant-only car seats with model numbers 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 448, 456, 458, 201 & 202; convertible (infant/toddler) car seats with model numbers 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 411, 412, 414, 415, 416, 417, 453, 454, 221, 223 & 228; and booster seats with model numbers 470, 471 & 242.

Curry stressed that consumers should continue to use the safety seats until they install the repair kits. But he cautioned, "After buckling in a child, ensure that the buckle is fully engaged by vigorously pulling on the crotch strap."

Parents who have questions about this campaign or any other safety recall campaign should call NHTSA's toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (800) 424-9393 (366-0128 in Washington, D.C.)

Boy Scouts and has completed all the work necessary for his Eagle Badge.

Williams future plans are to attend Blinn Junior College in Brenham, Texas then transfer to a four year college. Will major in either Physics or Computer Science.

The following is an item found in the November issue of Oklahoma...Bingo...is OK paper.

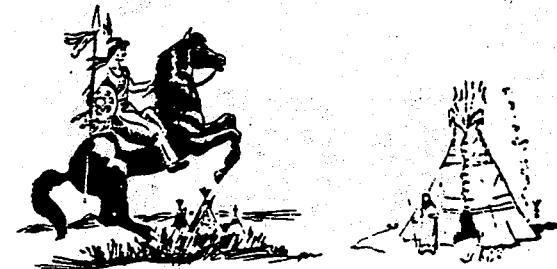
EASTERN SHAWNEE TRIBAL BINGO in West Seneca, Oklahoma still is busy finding seats for all the players that are flocking to the hall. One of their main attractions is the Keno Machines that they feature for their players. Personally I think most of the players go there to eat, as they serve about the best home cooked food around.

LOST TRIBAL MEMBERS

We need current addresses on the following tribal members. If you know these people and where they are, could you please notify the tribal office?

Dana Hutchinson
Lesley Hutchinson
Phillip Hutchinson, Jr.
Mark Bolte
James Taylor
Jason Edwards
Raquel Edwards
Barbara Watson
Victoria Taylor Downing
Wanda Leon Duckett
Robert Stand
Deborah Taylor Kovarik
Billy Dean Harrold
Rebecca Watson Ruffin

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At their regularly scheduled September meeting the Tribal Business Committee increased the amount of the text book reimbursement and the funeral assistance payments and made some significant changes in both.

Text book reimbursements, starting January 1, 1991, will be increased up to an amount of \$150 per semester. The big change here is that if a person attends evening classes or summer classes and their text book cost is only \$20 or so for the semester this amount will be paid and it will not count as a semester used as was previously the case. The total amount a student can now be reimbursed is \$1,200 rather than for a total of eight semesters.

When making applications for assistance please submit the following information.

Proof of enrollment; a letter from the registrars office or a class schedule, and text book receipts.

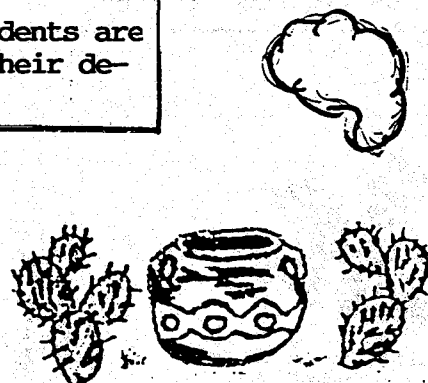
Students receiving Text Book assistance for the Fall 1990 semester.

Robert Washington
Andrea Stephenson
Christopher Samples
Alexander Ross
Marilyn Kropp
Scott Captain
Stephannie Stephenson
Connie Peacock
Angela Crain
Charles Gann
Angela Gshwind
William Brown
Chad Garrett
Eric Truelove
Tiffany Truelove
Jeffrey Crain
Chad Ross
Terri Cox
Annette Dowd
Jay Captain
Ryan Vivier
Shana Truelove
Cole Captain

Several of these students are close to receiving their degrees.

Funeral assistance payments, as of October 1, 1990, will be raised to \$500 per tribal member death. The significant change here is that this benefit will now cover infants, up to six months of age, who are eligible for tribal membership but have not yet been put on the tribal roll.

This benefit is paid directly to the Funeral home upon receipt of a copy of the death certificate and statement of funeral expenses.



WOODROW HAMPTON

Woodrow R. Hampton, Sacramento, Calif., died Saturday morning, Oct. 20, 1990, following a sudden illness. He was 74.

Mr. Hampton was born March 2, 1916, in Ottawa Co., OK. He had lived in Sacramento for 20 years. Mr. Hampton was a high lift operator and professional boxer. He was a member of the Baptist Church. Mr. Hampton was a graduate of the Wyandotte Indian School, Haskell Institute, Lawrence, KS, and Bacone College, Muskogee, OK.

Survivors include his wife, Gertrude Hampton; one son, the Rev. Woodrow Duaine Blackmore; one daughter, Cordelia Charlene Judd; one sister, Ozina Dixon; and one grandchild.

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LAWRENCE DAVID BROCK

Lawrence David Brock died in an automobile accident Nov. 23, 1990, near Diamond, MO.

Lawrence "Davie" was a lifetime area resident. He was employed at Tyson Chicken Plant in Arkansas.

He is survived by his wife, Traci Brock and one daughter, Audrea Brock, both of the home; his father and mother,

John L. and Shirley A. Brock; three brothers, John L., Jr., Roger Dale and Silas Eugene, all of Yellville, Ark.; and one sister, Mary Ledford of rural Quapaw.

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DARRELL LEE BLUEJACKET

Darrell Lee Bluejacket, 52, Miami route 1, was found dead at his home Saturday, Aug. 25, 1990.

Mr. Bluejacket was born Sept. 7, 1937, at Wyandotte. He was a former B.F. Goodrich employee. He served in the reserves and National Guard of the U.S. Air Force. He served on the tribal Business Committee as First Councilperson for six years and was employed as the tribal Bingo Manager for approximately two and a half years.

Survivors include a son, Jim Bluejacket; a daughter, Vickie Bluejacket; his stepmother, Juanita Bluejacket; a brother, Jeffrey Bluejacket; four sisters, Janice Brossett, Jeanette Bluejacket, Judith Hudson, and Jo Etta Bluejacket and two grandchildren.

