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Jan 1 – Mitchell Bush hosted his annual “Noo Yay” celebration at his home in Ruther Glen, Virginia. The celebration is an old Onondaga custom which occurs annually at Onondaga Territory on New Year’s Day. After calling out “Noo Yay” at the door, arriving guests were given a choice of a tangerine or a doughnut. After getting settled in, Verde Halley hosted a bodacious feast in honor of his 83<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Except for the pies, punch and egg nog, Verde cooked the meats and vegetables. Later, he distributed gifts to everyone present which included Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Karen Collins, Kathleen Dorn, Herb Bush, Mannie Martinez, Tim Moore, Antonio/Ingrid Argueta, Rob Brown and Alfred Casanova. Guests came from Alexandria, Dale City, Burke, Stafford, Washington DC., Bowling Green, Indian Pines and San Antonio, Texas.

Jan 2 – Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez and Mitchell Bush met for dinner at the Atlantis Restaurant in the Bradlee Shopping Center near the Church of Saint Clement. After dinner, the four traveled to the church for the monthly meeting.

Jan 4 – A potluck reception for representatives of the “Idle No More” movement was held at the Piscataway Cultural Center in Waldorf, Maryland. Natalie Proctor, the chair of the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians, welcomed those attending which included Dennis Zotigh/Alexia/Kay dee London Zotigh, Gladys Proctor, (93 year old clan mother), Bill Simermeyer, Rico Newman, Robert Brune (photographer from Occupy DC), Jim Beard from New Hampshire, Karen Collins, Mitchell Bush and Louis Campbell/Alex Loeb/John Simermeyer/Trevis Locklear (drum group from Baltimore). Before the meal, Rico offered a prayer. A spirit plate was prepared and Jim Beard smudged the tables. Campbell/Loeb/Simermeyer/Locklear sang before the “Idle No More” guests were introduced. Ahnung Matrious from Mille Lacs, MN, was the primary speaker and talked about Chief Spence and her fast, including the Canadian legislation which triggered a reaction in Canada and the United States. She also is quite a singer, joining the drum before she spoke. Her traveling partner was Mishkomekinaak Ikwe (Jeanne Balbera) from Red Cliff, WI. An article about the “Idle No More” protest which appeared in the 1/4/2013 section of the Wall Street Journal stated that Theresa Spence was Chief of the Attawapiskat First Nation in Northern Ontario. One of the reasons for Chief Spence’s fast was the refusal of the Prime Minister to meet with her and other Native leaders. The “Idle No More” representatives said a January 11 meeting with the Prime Minister has been scheduled. Chief Spence boycotted the meeting but had a meeting with Govenor General David Johnston. On January 24, Chief Spence ended her fast.

Jan 5 – The Intertribal Women’s Circle (IWC) held an Elders Council meeting at the home of Debora Moore in West Point, VA. A prayer by Gail Egnew opened the afternoon’s meeting. Debora provided lunch. The Elders at the meeting were Mildred Moore, Joanne Curnutt, Carolyn Talley, Beth Mills, Francis Crutchfield, Karen Collins, Mitchell Bush (Advisor), Rose Powhatan, Gail Egnew and Christine Hershey. John Egnew and Michael Auld were also present but did not take part in the meeting. The group discussed membership, their calendar for the first six months and the 10<sup>th</sup> annual celebration on March 9. They also decided to support the AIS Mothers Day Powwow and will prepare a new brochure. The group will learn about quill work on February 9 and do a clay dig later. The group decided to invite Vicky Shenandoah’s group to the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. There was discussion on IWC setting up a craft booth at powwows. Many times the host organization offers a free booth. IWC felt a donation for the booth would be appreciated. Mitchell suggested a donation be based on the number of IWC who turned out to support the powwow. When Debora is the Head Lady Dancer, no donation would be considered. A decision was made not to include alcohol in the menu for the anniversary celebration.

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Jan 7 – Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez and Mitchell Bush met for lunch at the Denny's Restaurant in Dale City, VA. After lunch, Karen Rodriguez gave Mitchell the draft of the January newsletter to proofread. Mitchell gave Karen Collins her notes from the IWC Elders Council Meeting he used for the newsletter write up. Then the group went on to their respective homes.

Jan 12 – The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Morning Star Celebration benefitting the St. Labre Indian School in Ashland, MT, was held at the John Carroll School in Bel Air, MD. Among the many vendors were the following AIS members/friends: Cheri/Rick Germer, Gary/Sharon Schoch, Ray/Linda Steel, Ruby/Larue Olson (food booth) and the AIS booth manned by Karen Collins/Mitchell Bush. The head staff consisted of Emcee: Tiny Bear (Scott Renere); Arena Director: Ted Severe; Head Man/Lady Dancers: Marcos/Dorothy Almanza; Invited Drums: Black Horse Butte, Southern Heart, Hummingbird, White Buffalo, and the Southern Drum. AIS members/friends singing with the various drums were John Smith, Andy Grunion, Derek Robins, Dennis Zotigh, Alex Loeb, Steve Conway, Dave White Buffalo, Pernel Richardson and Jon Orens. Among the many persons who turned out to dance or for moral support were Kathleen Dorn, Katy Issenock/\*Chaske Hill, \*Michael Nephew, \*Mary Ann Robins, Vicky Valentine, Dave/\*Toni Dorvitt, Kim Sowinski/Denise Showers, Manuel/\*Karen Rodriguez, Shawn Haddaway, \*Boe Harris/\*Raggi, \*Calentine, \*Dennis/Shirley Wagner, Eric Griffin, \*Tatanka Gibson, \*Josh Fortune, Lenny Harmon, \*Louis/Mary Campbell, \*Emil Her Many Horses, Paul/Ella Halchak, Melissa Canaday, Frank Chambers, Barry/Barbara Lee, Mike White Eagle, \*Rico Newman, Cadrienne Harmon, Robert Francy, \*Jeff Myers, \*Phil/Pam Page, \*Vanessa Bolin Clements, Lance Sutton Sr., Steve/Cindy Applegate, Ed/Lillian Simermeyer, \*Charles Eagletail family, MJ Madwolf, Marcia Bell, Joe Whatmough, Tamika Taylor, Manny/Romelia Encinas, Rosie Mills, Maxine Hillary, Gary Scholl and Hannah/Alexis/Alana Keller. The doors opened at 10 am followed by a belt set seminar, Native flute by Lou Levin, gourd dancing, grand entry, intertribals, social dancing and raffle drawings until the feed break for singers, dancers and elders. The evening dance session began around 5:30 p.m. and many of the dancers named above were present. The Committee Special recognized the student volunteers and the Coordinator Gary Scholl acknowledged the head staff and drums with gifts. At 8:00 p.m. the dance session ended and those attending stepped into a foggy night for their travels to their respective homes. A group remained to watch the Baltimore Ravens as they won their conference championship in overtime. Wanda Lee arrived in time to join Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Michael Nephew and Maxine Hillary for dinner at a local diner before journeying to their respective homes.

Jan 17 – Karen Collins, Chuck/Judy/Billy Gray, Herb Bush and Mitchell Bush met for breakfast at the Stafford Diner. Angel Couch, on her way to Pennsylvania and New Jersey, stopped by for a cup of coffee. Mitchell gave Karen the proceeds from the Morning Star Powwow before the group left.

Jan 18 – Dave Henderson, Second Vice President of the AIS, asked the Elders Council to meet with him regarding alleged irregularities in the AIS checking accounts. Elders Council members Karen Collins and Mitchell Bush drove to the Comfort Inn & Suites in Franconia, VA for the meeting. While meeting, Mary Ann Robins, Sandy Cianciulli and Barry/Barbara Lee checked in. The combined group visited for awhile and left to have lunch at a Chinese Restaurant in Franconia. After, they separated and headed to their respective abodes. That evening, Mary Ann, Sandy, Barry and Barbara traveled to the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington to attend the lounge reception which opened the Inaugural weekend. They reported running into Michael Nephew at the reception. The reception went off well and our travelers enjoyed themselves. Vendors had arrived and set up including Pete/Theresa Yazzie, Mark/Joyce Tayac, EJ Carter and organizational booths such as Native American Rights Fund and the National Council of Urban Indian Health.

Jan 19 – The National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI) hosted a Memorial Service for Charles Blackwell, Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States, who died in Washington on January 2, 2013. Charles and his two sons, Geoffrey and Jonathan were/are members of the AIS. The memorial service was held from 6-8 p.m.

Jan 19 – Dr. Perry Horse and his wife, in town for the Inaugural activities, enjoyed brunch with Crucita Grover, Donna Jones, Marlene Gun Shows and Gloria Mora at the Carriage House in Arlington.

YaawTei Yi Dance Group - Photo by Manuel Rodriguez



Jan 19 – The 2013 American Indian Inaugural Ball Powwow held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott began shortly after noon with a Gourd Dance. The Invocation was given by Perry Horse, one of the singers. Eleven men and three women, including Michael Nephew, Preston Tonepahhote Sr. and Dennis Zotigh, took part in the gourd dance. Steve Hill asked Mitchell Bush, Mary Ann Robins and Pete Homer to speak about AIS and our Scholarship Program at the National Indian Gaming Association's meeting in the Crystal City Marriott next door. NIGA hosted the Native Nations Policy Summit 2013 on Indian Sovereignty. Back at the powwow, an Elders Circle meeting was hosted by

Preston Tonepahhote, Sr., followed by a Round Dance featuring the Boyz drum and a performance by the YaawTei Yi Dance Group (photo below by Manuel Rodriguez). Following a lunch break, the evening's grand entry was held. Head staff consisted of Preston Tonepahhote Jr. (Powwow Chairman), Preston Sr. (Advisor), Darryl Swift (Arena Director), Kevin Tarrant (Arena Director), Vernon Ahtone (emcee), Keith Colston (emcee), Charles Belisle (Head Man), Sara Loft (Head Lady), Buddy Tonepahhote (Junior Man), Alexis Hill (Junior Lady), Zotigh Singers/The Boyz (host drums). Apesanekwat with two others and the Native American Women Warriors and Kim Sowinski served as the color guard. The hotel ballroom was filled with dancers, five drums and spectators – so many, additional chairs had to be brought in. There were intertribals, socials, specials and honor dances. An eagle feather was retrieved early in the evening. In addition to tribal leaders, several tribes brought their princesses. The AIS Princess Alexis Hill requested a special featuring a jingle dress contest. Members of the Hill family served as judges and chose 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> places. The dancing lasted until midnight. Among the many friends who turned out for the powwow not already named were Dave Henderson, Theresa Hill, Tia Gibbs, Sam Wakefield, Joyce Wakefield, Susan Reed, Gene Barnes, Leon Leuppe, Martha/Nancy Redhouse, Marcia Bell, \*Clayton/\*Georgianna/\*Anna Old Elk, Juanita/\*Donita Neconie, \*Toni Dorvitt, Vivian Dawson, \*Shawndae/Oh-say Khoat/Day-Own-Day Sharp, Joe Whatmough, Mike Tracey, Linda Shaw, Nancy Weeks, Wanda Lee, Fred/Brenda Miller, Ellen Trancosa/Joe Vasquez, \*Shelly Carter, Christine/Tahnee/Sasha Poafpybitty, Karen Collins, Manuel/Karen Rodriguez, Kathleen Dorn, Eloise Giordano, Thelma Harjo/Nancy Serna, Barbara/John Davis, Roberta/Nikki Smith, Mella Pyle, Martha Eichenbaum, Mike Beatty, Vince Schilling, Cindy Cianciulli, Hankie Ortiz, Barry/Barbara Lee, Marcy/Sandy Tiger, \*Mary Phillips, \*Phil/Cathi Hill, \*Jay/\*Josh/Justine Hill, Erlette Lamont, Tim Hill/Tammy Umbel, \*Tony Yazzie, \*Summer Yazzie, Jay Winter Nightwolf, Verona Iriarte, Debbie Brokenrope, Melvin Jones/Nina McFadden, Rita Dancing Eagle, Alex Firewalker, Bruce Many Horses, \*Emil Her Many Horses, \*Luis Zapata, Reno Cambridge, \*Rolande Lewis, Lisa Rodriguez and family, Andy Grunion, \*Keith Hunsucker, Mary Lecis, Michael White Eagle, Ed/\*John Simermeyer, \*Louis Campbell, \*Tatanka Gibson, Marietta Van Pelt/Cody Adams, Deysi Lopez/Cheyenne/Robert Van Pelt, Laura Almanza, Alex Loeb, Fred Osborne, \*Phyllis Campbell, Tom/Phyllis/Tom III & IV David, \*Lorraine Edmo/Jerry and Lauren Cordova, \*Charles Eagletail family, Nadine Aves, Wanda Wood, \*Chief Lynette/Allard Alston, Katie Issenock/\*Chaske Hill, Archie/Shelia Elliott and Nick Hill. An impressive group of a lady veterans honor guard, The Native American Women Warriors color guard, led by Mitchelene Big Man, took part. Although the sound system was sometimes garbeled, those called for giveaways managed to hear their names. Drums that took part included the Zotigh Singers, The Boyz, Onie-oka, Southern Straight and Little Thunder. Former AIS princesses present included Shawndae Sharp, Nancy Weeks, Nancy Harjo, Marietta Van Pelt, Vanessa Van Pelt, Theresa Hill, Martha/Malla Davis, Tahnee Poafpybitty and Toni Fitzpatrick.

Jan 20 – The 12<sup>th</sup> American Indian Inaugural Ball hosted by AIS was held at the Crystal Gateway Marriott in Arlington. Chairman of the Inaugural Ball Committee Working Group was Pete Homer. The Honorary

Chairman was the well known Tex Hall (Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara). The Three Affiliated Tribes (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nations) was a gold sponsor; the Puyallup Tribe and the Colville Confederated Tribes were Silver Sponsors; the Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, Leech Lake Band, Lummi Nation, Mississippi Choctaw, National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA), Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission, Oneida Nation of WI, Sycuan Band of the Kumeyyay Nation, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development were Bronze Sponsors; Choctaw Nation of OK and Mille Lacs Band were Premium Local Sponsors; and Central Council of the Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes, Doyon Limited, Homer Law Chartered, Intertribal Buffalo Council, Kaw Enterprises, Kaw Nation, Kickappo Traditional Tribe of TX, Mackleshort Indian Tribe, Muskogee (Creek) Nation, Navajo Nation Washington Office, North Slope Borough and Seminole Tribe of Florida were local sponsors. Media Sponsor and Event Press Contact was Schilling Media, Inc., a Native American Owned Media Corporation whose Executive Vice President is Vincent Schilling (Akwesasne Mohawk). The emcee was Apesanekwat and entertainment was provided by Michael Bucher (Cherokee), Joanne Shenandoah (NY Oneida), Star Nayae and Mato Nenji who was formerly with Indigenous but now with a new group. Dance music was provided by Phoenix who performed at our 2009 Inaugural Ball. AIS announced the first “Daniel K. Inonye Indigenous Spirit Award” presented to the Center for Native American Youth (CNAV), Chairman (and former US Senator) Byron Dorgan and CNAV Executive Director Erin Bailey. The 2013 Lifetime Legacy Award winners were Eloise Cobell (posthumous), Billy Frank, Jr., A. Gay Kingman and Billy Mills.



Native American Women Warriors (Mitchelene Big Man second from right) - Photo by Manuel Rodriguez

Jan 21 – The Inaugural Breakfast was served at 6:00 a.m. Folks left to attend or take part in the Inaugural Parade. Native groups participating in the parade were an Eskimo float from Wainwright, Alaska; Wind River Dancers from Wyoming, Navajo Nation Band, and the Native American Women Warriors. They all did us proud. Later, after the parade, CBS News carried a feature on the Women Warriors founded by Mitchelene Big Man, a Crow Indian. Mitchelene was an AIS member during one of her duty stations at the Aberdeen Proving Ground. Several of her friends from the DC-MD-PA area greeted her warmly at the Inaugural Ball Powow. Mitchelene served in the Army for 22 years and did two tours of duty in Iraq. The

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coverage pointed out that nearly 5,000 Native American women have served in the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars. Footage of the color guard participating in the Inaugural Parade and at the AIS Inaugural Powwow were shown as part of the news story. More Information on the Native American Women Warriors can be found online at: <http://www.nativeamericanwomenwarriors.org>

Jan 23 – JBAB (Joint Base Anacostia Bolling) hosted a Native American Indian Heritage Celebration “Serving Our Peoples, Serving Our Nations.” Guest speaker was Mitchell Bush and guest performer was Lou Levine (Eagle Warrior) who demonstrated and played several flute songs. Lou’s wife, June Spirit Tracker, accompanied him. Captain Couture, SC, USN, gave closing remarks. After, a Native food sampling was held. Featured were turkey with cranberry maple syrup and green apple compote, fried hominy with wild onions and bacon, wild rice and watercress salad, and frybread with blueberry wajapia. From there, Mitchell traveled to the Interior Department to deliver January newsletters and stopped at Manuel/Karen Rodriguez’s apartment building to pick up an Osage brooch they picked up for him at the Inaugural Powwow. Then Mitchell headed back to Ruther Glen.

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Feb 6 - The American Indian Society (AIS) held its monthly meeting at the Church of Saint Clement-Episcopal in Alexandria, VA. Present were Theresa Hill (President), Steve Hill (1st Vice President), Dave Henderson (2nd Vice President), Vanessa Van Pelt (Treasurer), Cathi Hill (Secretary), Elders Council: Mitchell Bush/Karen Collins/Verde Halley, Apesanekwat, Marcia Bell, Rob Brown, Lauren Cordova, Kathleen Dorn, Tia Gibbs, Eloise Giordano, Shelia/Curt Hansen, Jay Hill, Josh Hill, Justine Hill, Tim Hill, Pete Homer, Erlette Lamont, Jared Mickelson, Michael Nephew, Kristine/Tahnee Poafpybitty, Susan/Stephanie Reed, Karen/Manuel Rodriguez, Marietta Van Pelt/Cody Adams, Calvin Van Pelt, Sam Wakefield, Jim Ward, and Amaya/Brooklyn Winfield.

At 8:07 p.m. the meeting began with an opening prayer by Apesanekwat. A closed session utilizing an eagle feather was held to discuss an important issue. Several speakers took their turns to express their views. There was no vote taken on the issue.

At 10:10 p.m., the meeting resumed. Secretary Cathi Hill read the minutes of the January 2 meeting which were approved as read. Treasurer Vanessa Van Pelt gave the status of our main, scholarship, powwow and American Indian Inaugural Ball (AIIB) accounts. Steve reported that the AIIB accounting will be forthcoming. Tia reported all transactions have been by check or debit card.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave has no new information on the insurance question. On the insurance question, Michael Nephew stated that four years ago the insurance company was provided a list of those activities sponsored... Steve Hill apologized to Jim Ward for the previous incident and Jim apologized to Tia. That matter is now closed... Marietta reported that the only scholarship recipient who has not submitted required documentation is Denton Henderson. Dave will look into matter. The Scholarship Committee received about \$300 from the coatroom at the Inaugural Ball... Steve reported that dancers who came in for the Native Youth Alliance (NYA) powwow were worked into our powwow... Theresa will check into 501(c)(3) issue. We need that status so that donors to our activities, such as scholarship donations, can claim deductions for tax exempt purposes... Steve discussed development of Indian Pines... Justine will be asked to submit cost amount for a beaded crown for the AIS Princess... Steve reported he hosted “Idle No More” visitors at his house before they arrived in DC at the Canadian Embassy... Theresa thanked Tia for her efforts during the Inaugural weekend and the members applauded her. Theresa repeated expressions of thanks from visiting elders. Cathi thanked everyone for helping with Alexis’s honoring of her grandmother and uncle (Eve and Lonnie). The family came together. Thanks to Karen and Mitchell who joined in.

NEW BUSINESS: We plan on having a two day Mother’s Day Powwow at Indian Pines. Marietta and Theresa will do food for the Mother’s Day gathering. Jay will do planning... Steve asked to

allocate \$200 to Rob Brown for a spring cleanup. Also, to reimburse Rob \$42 for gas. Motion made and passed... Karen needs ink for copy machine. Motion made and carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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 EDITORS NOTE: While we were meeting, someone wrote graffiti in the children's bathroom. We presume it was one of the five children present who did not stay in the meeting room. Perhaps we should restrict attendance at business meetings to adults or those who closely supervise their children.

ADDENDUM: When Theresa Hill went to use Eve Hill's insurance policy to pay for her funeral, she learned the policy was for accidental death. Panicked, she turned to the Inaugural Ball Committee which provided funds for the funerals. Steve says he attempted to contact the Elders Council but only could reach Pecita Lonewolf. Pecita agreed the Committee could make a loan to the Hill family and the funeral expenses were paid from the Inaugural Ball funds.

QUESTION: Do you believe AIS should pay for Eve's funeral home costs (check one)?

\_\_\_\_\_ **YES (AIS should pay funeral home costs)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **NO (Hill family should repay AIS)**

**COMMENTS: You may comment here if desired and/or attach additional pages. However, this original page must be sent – no copies will be accepted. This page will be shared at the meeting but voter/commenter names will not be revealed and will be held in confidence by the Elders Committee.**

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Must be received by **March 25**. The Elders Council will tally votes and report results at our April 3, 2013 meeting. To ensure responses are limited to one per member household, this original page must be sent. No copies will be accepted. Call Mitchell Bush at 571-232-6037 for dollar amount involved or for further information.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**AIS Meetings 1<sup>st</sup> Wed. of every month - 7:30 pm (Mar 6, Apr 3, May 1, Jun 5)**

The Church of St. Clement Episcopal, 1701 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA

**Baltimore American Indian Center Cultural Classes – Thursdays 6:00-9:00 pm; Holistic Health Services – Thursdays 11:00 am–3:00 pm (call 410.675.3535 or email thomas.melody.c@gmail.com)**

Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD. 410-675-3535. [www.baic.org](http://www.baic.org)



<p>Mar 16, 10am-6pm - Lawilowan American Indian Festival, Shippensburg University, Student Recreation Center, Shippensburg, PA 17257, Contact Arvil Meisenhelter, 717-817-6421 or <a href="mailto:walksas1one@yahoo.com">walksas1one@yahoo.com</a>, <a href="http://www.lawilowan.com">www.lawilowan.com</a></p>
<p>Mar 31 - 12 noon-5 pm – EASTER POTLUCK AND EGGHUNT AT INDIAN PINES, 25401 Reservation Lane, Ruther Glen, VA 22546. Please bring a potluck dish and a dozen colored eggs. Directions: I95 to Exit 104: Carmel Church/Bowling Green (VA-207) East; Turn Right on Route 652 (Ruther Glen Road), Go Approximately 2.2 miles, Turn Right on dirt (graveled road) just past mailbox for 25473 Ruther Glen Road. Contact: Mitchell Bush 571-232-6037</p>
<p>Apr 6 – Baltimore American Indian Center Mini Powwow (see address and phone number below)</p> <p>CALL FOR ASSISTANCE: Barry Richardson's <a href="mailto:powwow@vancenet">powwow@vancenet</a> email regarding the mini powwow put out a call for assistance for the Baltimore American Indian Center which is struggling for funding and at risk of closing after over 45 years. If you can help in anyway please contact: Jovina Chavis at 410-675-3535 or send email to: <a href="mailto:pcs_jovina25@hotmail.com">pcs_jovina25@hotmail.com</a> or send donations to: Baltimore American Indian Center, 113 South Broadway, Baltimore, MD 21231. Donations are tax deductible. <a href="http://www.baic.org">www.baic.org</a></p>
<p>May 18-19 - MONACAN INDIAN NATION 21ST ANNUAL POWWOW, Rt. 130, 6 Miles West of Rt. 29 In Elon, VA. Info at website: <a href="http://www.monacannation.com/powwow.shtml">http://www.monacannation.com/powwow.shtml</a> email: <a href="mailto:mnation538@aol.com">mnation538@aol.com</a> or phone: 434-946-0389</p>
<p><b>2013 Pow-Wows Sponsored by Pow-Wow:</b>  Contact: Barry Richardson 252-532-0821 email: <a href="mailto:powwow@vance.net">powwow@vance.net</a></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>June 1-2</b> Fredericksburg Pow-Wow, Fredericksburg, VA Fairgrounds  <b>July 13-14</b> Howard County Pow-Wow, 1022 Fairgrounds Rd, West Friendship, MD 21794;  <b>Nov 15-17</b> Great American Indian Exposition &amp; Pow-Wow, The Showplace, 3000 Mechanicsville Turnpike, Richmond, VA 23223</p>
<p>SAVE THE DATE: The American Indian Intertribal Cultural Organization (AIITCO) Powwow is tentatively scheduled for June 29-30, 2013 at Calvert County Fairgrounds, Maryland. Volunteers needed to help set up tents, cooks in the kitchen, etc. CONTACT <a href="mailto:dineh2@aol.com">dineh2@aol.com</a></p>
<p>CHECK the AIS Website at <a href="http://www.aisdc.org">www.aisdc.org</a> for updates on events between newsletters.</p>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chickasaw Nation Ambassador to the United States Charles W. Blackwell died Wednesday, Jan. 2, in Washington, D.C. at the age of 70. He is survived by his two sons, Geoffrey and Jonathan Blackwell, their spouses, and three granddaughters. Mr. Blackwell was born July 30, 1942 in Concho Indian Hospital in El Reno to Hubert and Kitty Blackwell. Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby appointed Blackwell as a delegate to the United States in 1990. He was named Chickasaw Nation ambassador to the United States during a 1995 ceremony in Washington, D.C. At the time, he was the first American Indian tribal ambassador to the United States government. Mr. Blackwell was a member of the American Indian Society (AIS) and was a strong supporter, generous with his time and resources. Mr. Blackwell was the AIS Distinguished Service Award recipient in 2003. He will be sorely missed. Our deepest condolences to the Blackwell family.

Congratulations to Cheyenne (daughter of Wendy Woodberry) and Adam Zeigler on the birth of their son Reece Zeigler on at 1:04 am, January 19, 2013. Reece weighed in at 5 lbs. 6 oz, 19 3/4 inches tall.

Please keep Pat Mills, Cherokee, owner of Eagles Nest in Stafford, VA, in your prayers as she fights cancer.

Running Strong for American Indian Youth®'s National Spokesperson and Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills has been chosen to receive the Presidential Citizens Medal for his dedication to American Indian youth and the important change Running Strong is doing in Indian country. The Citizens Medal is the second highest civilian award in the United States, second only to the Presidential Medal of Freedom. President Obama will present Billy with this honorable medal on February 15th at the White House.

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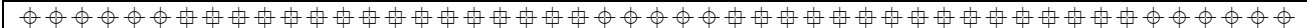
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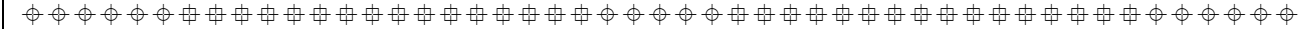


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