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The Nipmuck Talking Stick

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A Correspondence of the Chaubunagungamaug Clan of Nipmucks

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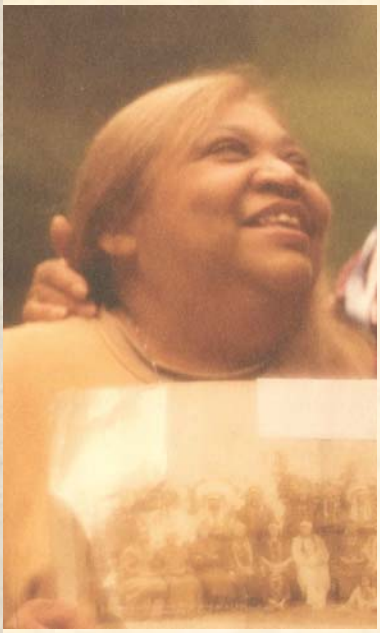
Remembering Red Sunset



Red Sunset has left our physical world and has started her journey home. Red Sunset will be greatly missed for many reasons. Her cheerful smile, her infectious laughter, her Nunsqua bread tacos and her famous pumpkin soup.
She was a great mom, a sister, a grandmother and a wonderful friend. She was very instrumental in keeping the photographs and histories of the Nipmuck people.
She was a wonderful record keeper and an expert on genealogies of our people. She was happy to teach and to share her knowledge with all. She was one fantastic person.

I'm Free
Don't grieve for me, for now I am free
I will fly on the wings of the eagle to the arms of Creator
I took his hand when I heard Him call
I turned away and left you all
Altho' I will miss you and you will miss me
Please understand, I am finally free
Please don't be burdened and terribly sad
Try to remember, the good times we had
Lift up your hearts with peace to thee
God brought me home, he has set me free

Aquene,
Red Sunset

Word from Loving One

As you know the office of Chaubunagungamaugg is temporarily closed at this time. However; we will continue with our newsletter to keep you updated with current events, socials, gatherings, etc..as we hear of them. We must keep the doors of communication open at all times.

Nipmuck People need to be involved and let thoughts be known. Council meetings are the 4th Saturday of the month @ 10 a.m. at the fire station in Quinabaug, CT.

Our web sites are:www.nipmuck-indians.com and www.nipmuck-indians.org
If you want a hard copy of the newsletter, please send a self addressed stamped envelope to Loving One (Contact information is located on the back page).
If you have any news items, announcements of new births, anniversaries, gatherings, etc. please contact Snow Elk @snowelk@charter.net
If you would like to share a legend, a story, a recipe, please sent to Snow Elk or Loving One. Language books are still available @ $10 each plus $2 postage through Loving One. It is imperative to keep continuity of our communication with our community.

Let's keep the flame burning and carry-on we always have…..

Loving One

Congratulations

Melissa Neetu Prince and Wayne Greene were married on August 1, 2009. Her 3 children Brayden Little Oak, Lexianna Autumn Rain and Shane Swift Fox also participated in the ceremony.

Congratulations to Joshua Keith Riley, known as Little Elk and his sister Ashley Marie Riley, known as Red Willow. They received their Native American names at the Nipmuck Pow-wow in September.

Please Pray for …..

Chief Wise Owl who is in very poor health.

The family and friends of Carol Red Sunset Palavra whom has recently made her journey home to Creator.

Little Crow who is very ill.

Commission on Indian Affairs
Tues. Feb. 19, 2010 @11 a.m.

The next meeting of the Commission on Indian Affairs will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at 11 a.m. The place will be 100 Cambridge Street, 2nd floor Conference Room "B" in Boston, MA. If you plan to attend one of the meetings, the following information will help expedite the building security and sign-in process. (1) In order for the "sign in " process to flow smoothly on the day of a Commission meeting and to avoid any misunderstanding with building security, it is now mandatory that a "Visitor Registration Form" be filled out by all agencies. On the form the names of the people who plan to attend the meeting must be listed. We are then required to submit the form to the security desk the morning before the meeting. So, if you are planning to attend the meeting scheduled meeting for Tuesday, February 23, 2010, please call the office by Friday February 19th and give your name to Burne so that it can be included on the form. The office telephone number is 617-573-1291. (2) Upon entering the building on the meeting day, all visitors to 100 Cambridge Street are required to go up the escalator to the second floor. Upon arrival to the second floor, visitors must proceed to the security desk and show photo ID to the security guard. The security guard will issue a "Visitor Pass" in the individuals name. The visitor will be asked to identify, by name, the person with whom they are here to meet. In the case of a Commission meeting, the person you will identify is "Jim Peters, Jr. at the Commission on Indian Affairs within the Dept. of Housing & Community Development." (3) Once a "Visitor Pass" is issued, go through the metal detector and through the glass doors and turn left. The conference room is on this level. Upon conclusion of the meeting, all visitors are asked to leave the building.

Thank you.

Commission on Indian Affairs

the Calendar .....

March 13

Nipmuck Indian Council of Chaubunagungamaug: Melting Moon & Pot Luck, 6pm, United Church of Christ, Church St., Webster, MA 508-867-7958

March 20

Dighton Indian Council: Snow Crust Moon Powwow "Honor Our Vets", 111 Honorable Gordon Owen Riverway, Taunton MA 508-880-6887

May 1-2

Century Sportsman's Club, C.J.'s Games & Two Nations Intertribal Powwow, off Rte 56, Auburn, MA 508-791-3770

May 8

Nipmuck Indian Council New Year Moon & Pot Luck, 1 PM, Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck Reservation, School St., Webster, MA 508-867-7958

June 5-6

Worcester Intertribal Indian Ctr Powwow, Treasure Valley East Lodge Scout Reservation, 394 Pleasantdale Rd., Rutland MA 508-754-4994 (off Rte.122, take Rutland Rd to Old Coldbrook Rd to campground)

June 26-27

Order for the Preservation of Indian Culture (TOPIC) 32nd Annual Powwow, Prowse Farm, 5 Blue Hill River Rd, Canton MA 508-292-7773

July 10

Nipmuck Indian Council Strawberry Moon & Pot Luck, 1 PM, Chaubunagungamaug Nipmuck Reservation, School St., Webster, MA 508-867-7958

September 11-12

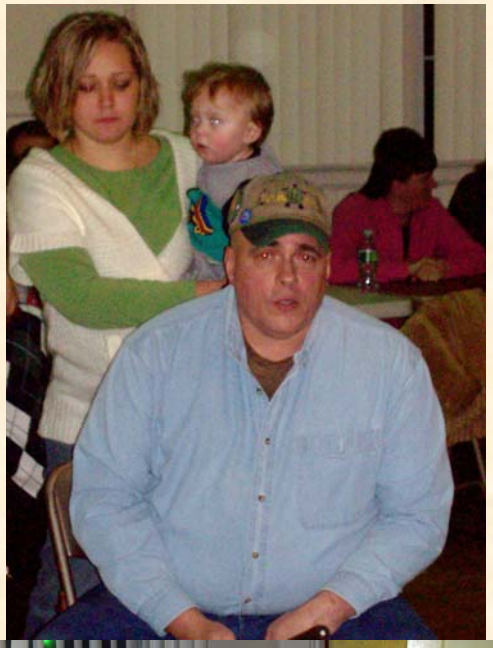
Nipmuck Indian Council, 30th Annual Nipmuck Powwow, Lake Siog, Dug Hill Rd., Holland State Park, Holland, MA 508-347-7829

Harvest Moon —— October 2009

Harvest Moon was a great gathering as expected. There were many of our Elders there sharing their wisdom and prayer. Creator provided us with good weather and our friends provided a meal to share with each other. Some of our Nipmuck relatives received their native names during a Naming Ceremony also. Trace Bauer, the grandson of Charles Morse, will be known as Southern Hawk. Marissa Moses, granddaughter of Stephan Morse, will be known as Precious Shining Star. Brayden Green, taking his grandfathers name, will be known as Little Oak. Tiana Bergeron, will be known as Morning Star, taking the name of her great grandmother, Dorothy Prince. Antonio and Nya Santana also received their native names.

Thank you Quabin Lake singers for the wonderful drumming and singing that was shared.

10/10/2008

Nickommo—December 2009

Nickommo was a great success. Everyone shared food and each others company. Thank you to everyone that donated toys for those families whom were in need. We were able to help over 30 families this year. Thank you for bringing food to share with each other. And thank you to the drums, Quabin Lake Singers and White Buffalo, that made Nickommo such a great success.