

# Gah-Yah-Tont



September 2004

Quarterly Newsletter 2004



Chief LeRoy Howard pictured 3rd from right is shown presenting the tribal flag at the 2004 Sovereignty Symposium held in June in Oklahoma City. Also, pictured are officials of the United Keetoowah Band, Thlopthlocco Tribal Town and Sac and Fox Tribe.

## Seneca-Cayuga Business Committee

Chief: LeRoy Howard

Second Chief:

James Allen

Secretary/Treasurer:

Logan Line

First Councilperson:

Patrick Young

Second Councilperson:

Homer Stoll

Third Councilperson :

Scott Wood

Fourth Councilperson:

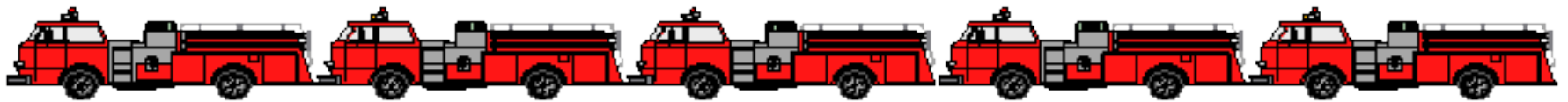
Katie Birdsong

# Greencorn Ceremonies

The Annual Greencorn Ceremonies were held August 1 - 6, 2004. Ceremonies opened on Monday with the naming ceremonies taking place. Tuesday kicked off the Peach Seed game. In following tradition, the person who took the last seed in the previous year starts the games for the current year, Nadean Hilliard started this years event. The competition was fierce and many beans changed hands, but on Thursday the North side was declared the winners. On Friday evening there was a special in memory of Richard White. It was announced that a Honor Guard has been established in Richard's memory and this Honor Guard Team will carry on the beliefs and traditions passed down from Richard.



A special THANK YOU goes out to Tom Chase and his crew for the great job they did getting the grounds ready for this year's ceremonies. The Long House looked great and all the clearing they did on the bluff gave campers a beautiful sight to enjoy with that morning coffee. Listening to the Elders talk it became very clear that it has been several years since the bluff has been cleared and the lake visible. I think they all enjoyed remembering back to the days they enjoyed the bluffs beauty.





## Tribe Receives Possession of New Fire Department



The new fire station has been completed. Furniture, equipment and supplies are being delivered daily. The fire engines are ready and waiting to be delivered and fire fighters are becoming anxious to get to work. The Grand Opening for the new fire house will be scheduled for sometime in October.

For more information on the new Fire Department, contact Roberta Haralson at the Miami Office.



*FOOTPRINTS on the MILKY WAY*

**Cordelia Conner Glass**

4/29/1953 - 1/29/2003

**Lindsey Parks**

2/13/1985 - 2/3/2003

**Mary Workmon Willis**

10/4/1947 - 1/29/2003

**Thomas Woods**

9/22/1952 - 2/27/2003

**Tommy J. Armstrong Jr.**

7/6/1932 - 3/22/2003

**Elsie Neel**

6/1/1920 - 5/18/2003

**Jerold Reynolds**

6/20/1940 - 5/23/2003

**John Wesley White**

5/9/1975 - 7/27/2003

**Patricia KopenHaver**

7/28/1945 - 8/17/2003

**Genevieve Turner**

2/11/1923 - 8/30/2003

**Lela Lynn**

**11/11/1949 - 9/18/2003**

**Alli Letts**

10/9/1999 - 9/25/2003

**Mary Peterson**

1/27/1919 - 11/1/2003

**Paula Blackmore Horvat**

4/9/1953 - 12/17/2003

**Richard White**

6/5/1944 - 12/17/2003

**Regina Stanbrough**

11/15/1929 - 1/31/2004

**Brooke Oakley Achemire**

5/5/1981 - 2/10/2004

**Jennifer Stovall**

7/17/1974 - 3/8/2004

**Tonia Ann Phillips**

11/15/1956 - 4/11/2004

**Amber Jo Bigheart**

7/2/1971 - 4/15/2004

**Ray Harper**


1/1/1927 - 5/6/2004

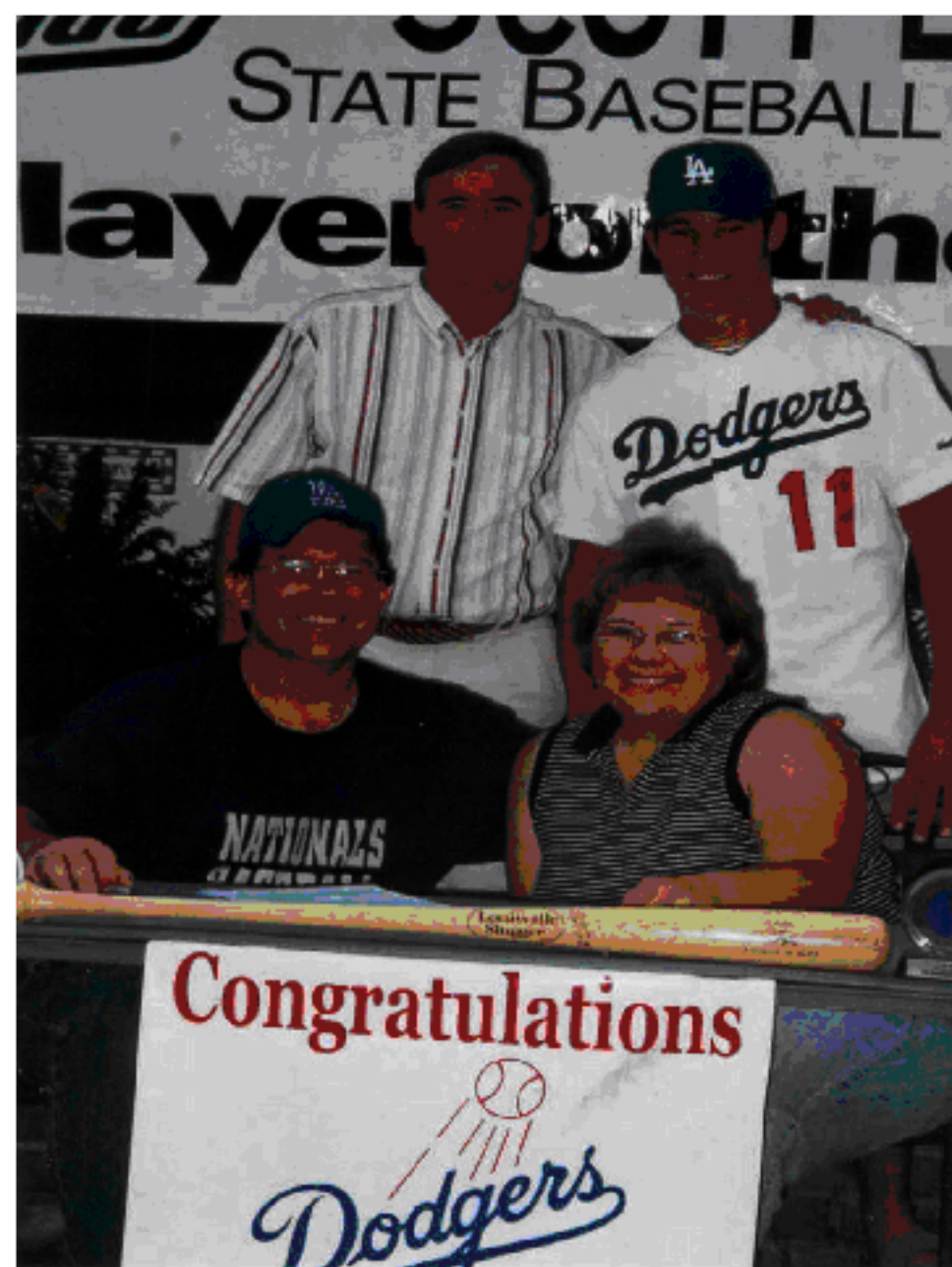
**Delia Freemont**

10/15/1923 - 1/15/2004

**Melissa Cupp**

**6/4/1970 - 7/12/2004**





## *Tribal Member Signs with L.A. Dodgers*

Seneca-Cayuga tribal member, Scott Elbert, son of Tim and Tracie Elbert of Seneca, Missouri was picked by the Los Angeles Dodgers 17th overall in the June 7th Baseball Draft. On June 11th, Scott signed a contract with the Dodgers in front of family, friends and coaches in a much anticipated finale of "dreams come true." Scot was supported by so many including his biggest fans, brother Chris Elbert, sister and friend Jill Elbert and TJ Onstot, and sister and family Amanda, Trent and Landon Brown. Elbert was the earliest pick a Missouri Ozark player had gone in 23 years.

Scott signed for a \$1.575 million signing bonus and \$13,500. per semester for college with the Dodgers contract. His base salary per month for the short rookie season will be \$850.

On June 14th, Scott flew to Florida for a mini camp and to get his physical before flying to L.A. where he met up with his parents on June 15th for a press conference. On June 16th, Scott was on his way to Ogden, Utah to begin his rookie season with the Ogden Raptors in the Pioneer League competition.

During his Senior year at Seneca High School, the left hander struck out 114 batters in 54 innings, allowed 13 hits to go 6 - 2 with a .052 ERA. Scott batted .492 with 10 homeruns and 34 RBI's and holds school records in slugging percentage, ERA and strikeouts as a member of the Seneca Indian baseball team.

The past two summers, Scott had the opportunity to play for the Midwest Nationals in Springfield. The Nationals are a traveling team being showcased all over to college coaches and pro-scouts. The opportunity turned out to be a blessing. Scott had a full ride to the University of Missouri before the draft.

# Tribal Youth Knows His Call



Pictured left to right: Glenn Pfortmiller, Heath White, Travis Fox. Picture taken at Galyans for the Grand Slam Waterfowl Weekend on August 27, 2004.

Heath White, Sophomore at Wyandotte High School has signed a three (3) year contract with Fox & Pfortmiller Game Calls of Great Bend, Kansas. Heath has competed in Duck & Goose calling competitions for the past 2 years. He has won 2nd place in the state of Oklahoma and 3rd place in the state of Missouri and Kansas.

Heath recently won first place in the Goose Calling competition held in Tulsa on August 21st at Sports World.

Heath is very excited to be a part of the Fox & Pfortmiller Team. Heath will be competing in Oklahoma, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and possibly Texas throughout the year.


Heath is the son of Jeff and Shannon White and the grandson of David and Dorothy White, Miami and Linda Turner Smith, Grove.

## The Environmental Department

The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe is dedicated to providing environmental protection and education to their tribal members. The environmental department is available to assist tribal members with any environmental concerns that they may have. The environmental staff is comprised of: Marion Sizemore, the environmental director; Paul Barton, the environmental assistant; and Chris Franks, the water quality technician. The environmental department services include:

- Well tests for tribal members and non-tribal members.
- Environmental / Cultural outings.
- Natural and cultural resource education.
- Environmental consulting.
- Monthly water monitoring of waters within tribal jurisdiction.

We can be contacted through the tribal office at (918) 542-6609 or toll free at (888) 313-6609. Our fax number is (918) 542-3684.



# Secretary-Treasurer Fund Balances

As of September 20, 2004

A.G. Edwards, Savings for Per-Capita Account from Tobacco (after LAST payout)	\$ 159,551.04
A.G. Edwards, Casino Savings Per-Capita	1,925,716.00
Old Per-Capita Account (paid out.....Balance to keep account open)	95.06
A.G. Edwards Savings (old IDC monies)	100,204.57
Security Bank & Trust Co. - Operations Account	72,605.34
Security Bank & Trust Co. - Claims Commission Account (Education and Social Services)	997,999.47
Total:	\$ 3,256,171.48

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## NAHASDA

Housing Report

Bill Ellick, Director

Lana Williams, Secretary

For information on housing assistance or programs available contact the Housing Department at:

Seneca-Cayuga Housing Department

23701 S 655 Road

Grove, OK 74344

918) 787-5452

Toll Free: 866) 787-5842

E-mail: [seneca\\_cayuga\\_housing@yahoo.com](mailto:seneca_cayuga_housing@yahoo.com)





# Information Station

## Seneca-Cayuga Tribe 2004 Enrollment Committee

Chairperson: Logan Line

Member: Debbie Dick

Member: Darlene Boyd

Member: Nadean Hilliard

Member: Hazel Wallace

Member: Josephine Cata

Member: Betty Rosiere

Member: Amanda Greenback

## Seneca-Cayuga Tribe 2004 Grievance Committee

1st Position: Linda Turner Smith

2nd Position: Kay Ellison

3rd Position: Matt Nuckolls

4th Position: Hoyit Bacon

5th position: Ginger Keyes



## Seneca-Cayuga Tribe 2004 Claims Committee

Chairperson: Sallie Leaf

Treasurer: Leonora Sparks

Secretary: Rhonda Birdsong

Member: Trudy Madison

Member: Dolly Pewitt

## Seneca-Cayuga Tribe 2004 Tax Commission Committee

Chairperson: James Allen

Treasurer: Edna Briggs

Secretary: Hoyit Bacon

Member: Dennis Sisco

Member: Logan Line

The Seneca-Cayuga Claims Committee has designated \$100 clothing voucher for all tribal children enrolled in an accredited pre-school to 12th grade. Applications can be picked up at the Miami or Grove Offices. If you are unable to pick up an application or you live outside the service area, you can call the tribal office and an application will be mailed to you or you may download an application at [www.geocities.com/Seneca\\_Cayuga](http://www.geocities.com/Seneca_Cayuga). To reach the Miami Office call toll free: 1-888-313-6609. To reach the Grove Office call toll free: 1-866-787-5842.



## CHR /EMS Program

The CHR program for the Seneca-Cayuga tribe includes various health care services. It is a Federal program and serves this service area only. The following are some of the available services:

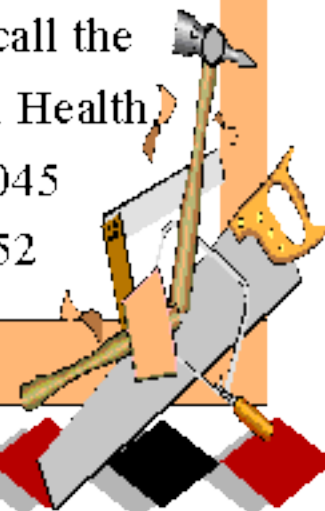
- 1) Health education: a) health classes; b) home health education.
- 2) Case finding/screening: a) screening clinics; b) health fairs; c) surveys.
- 3) Case management: a) work as part of a health care team; b) establish responsibilities of each person involved in patient's care; c) serve as a patient advocate; d) arrange transportation for the patient by their family means available or by CHR transport if necessary.
- 4) Monitor patient: a) regular contact with a patient with a known health problem; b) assist with environmental issues as necessary.
- 5) Emergency care: a) respond to emergency situations when notified; b) assist in arrangement for emergency transportation if necessary; c) providing crisis intervention for emotional problems.
- 6) Patient care: a) provide treatment and other services directly to clients (foot care, dressing changes, vital signs, counseling, delivery of medications, supplies, or equipment.
- 7) Environmental: a) assist with energy assistance through the LIHEAP program; b) identify home safety hazards.

### Northeastern Tribal Health System "Immunize for Healthy Lives"

The Northeastern Tribal Health System is having immunization clinics every Wednesday morning from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. These appointments are for Northeastern Tribal Health Systems' Native American patients and can be scheduled by calling the Northeastern Tribal Health System Appointment Clerk at 918) 675-2074.

Qualified Native Americans homeowners may apply to the Indian Health Service for water and sewer facilities, such as wells, water and sewer service lines, septic tanks and drainfields.

For more information call the Office of Environmental Health  
Office: 918) 675-2045  
Cell: 918) 533-3452







# Seneca-Cayuga Tribe Substance Abuse Program

The Seneca-Cayuga Tribe Substance Abuse Program is a non-medical, non-residential treatment program for individuals and families needing supportive counseling, referral, and aftercare services. The target population is the Seneca-Cayuga users and non-indigenous Indian users with the Claremore Service Unit in accordance with the Indian Health Service Open Door Policy. Indian Health Service funds our program. It is reviewed each year.

We offer Individual counseling, family counseling, assessments for alcohol/drug addiction, referrals, aftercare and prevention education. Inpatient treatment referrals are to Indian Health Service treatment centers that are free to Native Americans. We have referral resources to Detox and other treatment centers that are not Indian Health Service funded.

We are certified by the state of Oklahoma to perform DUI assessments and evaluations for reinstatement of Drivers License. Our program counselor, who is State and Internationally Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselor, can perform other addiction assessments as required by referring agencies such as the State Department of Corrections Probation and Parole agency.

Our prevention component consists of Alcohol and Drug Education, Relapse Prevention, BABES, GUS, Tar Wars, Smoking Cessation classes and Cultural activities. Alcohol/Drug education is given in the high schools and in the community. Relapse prevention is a service to our clients in treatment. BABES (Beginning Addiction Basic Studies) is alcohol/drug education for elementary students and is presented to all schools in our service area. GUS (Growing Up Strong) is an alcohol/drug education and life skills program for pre-school age children presented to Tribal Day Care Centers. Tar Wars (Tobacco Use Prevention) is for high school students. Smoking Cessation classes are offered in conjunction with Northeast Tribal Health Center or an individual may receive this service on an individual basis in the counselor's office. Cultural activities consist of basket weaving, making flutes, moccasins, beadwork, etc. These activities are performed in the schools and in the Indian Community.

Our services are free to all Native Americans with verification of tribal membership. However, there is a charge of \$175.00 for DUI Assessments, which is offered to the public. Clients referred out are responsible for fees charged for treatment not provided by the Seneca-Cayuga Tribe Substance Abuse Program or Indian Health Service.

To enroll in our services, a person may call us at 918-542-6609 and ask for Extension 23. A short intake is done before an appointment is made. All information given is confidential. Our client records are protected by Federal Confidentiality rules (42 CFR Part 2).



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(The Indian Way)

Language & Cultural Classes

Mondays

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Classes held at the Cultural Center (old daycare)

(across parking lot from AoA)

Activities and Discussions Covered:

Cayuga & Seneca Language

Culture & Traditions of the Longhouse

History & Stories of the Seneca-Cayuga People

More Information Contact:

Paul Barton

918) 678-3573 or 918) 542-6609

Everyone is  
Welcome



Special Invitation  
to all Tribal  
Elders