

# Gah-Yah-Tont

( It Is Written )

October 2006



STATE OF THE TRIBE  
Chief Paul Spicer

I want to start this edition of the newsletter by extending kudos to Gary Crow our editor. Gary was recently named Ambassador of the year by the Miami Oklahoma Chamber of Commerce. This is a well deserved honor as Gary is an excellent ambassador for both the area and our tribe. Well done, Gary.

We are reprinting all the obituary notices that have been printed this year, as not every tribal member has received their copy of all the newsletters and we feel that as many tribal members as possible get the opportunity to send condolences to our families in their time of loss.

We reached an important milestone for tobacco this month. The previous administration and previous tobacco management had not paid federal excise taxes to ATF to the tune of several million dollars. This month tobacco paid the final installment to ATF. The effect of getting this debt paid is tremendous and will add greatly to the revenue stream, assuring tobacco remains a viable entity.

We (General Council) voted to pay off our casino loan owed to the Dept. of Interior (DOI). This money is sitting in a Bank of Oklahoma account drawing interest. DOI was using an outdated manual when they put the squeeze on us to pay off the debt, and now have to amend their manual and have the amendment approved at the Secretary of Interior level. This is a classic example of "hurry up and wait".

I recently spoke at a National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) conference in Washington DC on their proposed changes to class two machines. The bottom line is the States want a cut of Indian gaming and they do not receive anything on class two machines so Senator McCain has put heat on the NIGC to make it difficult for Indian casinos to conduct class two gaming. I believe in a short time we will only have class three machines which will increase our payments to Oklahoma and other states that have Indian casinos. This appears to me to be inevitable, and is a clear signal to me that we need to diversify our economic base. This is an issue that the Business Committee will be concentrating on in the months to come.

Those tribal members who reside in Oklahoma have been reading in the newspapers about the Oklahoma Pharmacy Board's objections to the tribal licensed pharmacy dispensing a drug that is on Oklahoma's controlled substance list. This drug is not a controlled substance on the Federal controlled substance list, which is the list we require the pharmacy to adhere to. J.R. Enyart, the pharmacy owner has graciously agreed to stop dispensing this drug even though he was operating completely within Federal law. This action by J.R. should put a stop to the controversy.

The Claims Committee has started on fiscal year 2007. This means that those tribal members that drew on emergency assistance before October first, 2006 are in a new fiscal year and if the need arises, may file for help up to the \$2500.00 limit for this fiscal year.

The tribe continues to move forward.

A handwritten signature of Paul Spicer.

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**New Tribal Photo ID Cards**

When sending back application with 2 inch by 2 inch passport photo.  
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**SENECA-CAYUGA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING**

August 1, 2006

**Chief** Paul Spicer called meeting to order at 7:01 P.M.

**Roll Call:**

<b>Chief:</b>	Paul Spicer	Present
<b>Second Chief:</b>	Katie Birdsong	Present
<b>Secretary/Treasurer:</b>	Kay Ellison	Present
<b>First Councilperson:</b>	Dolly Pewitt	Absent
<b>Second Councilperson:</b>	Mike Jones	Present
<b>Third Councilperson:</b>	Jim Spicer	Present
<b>Fourth Councilperson:</b>	Dennis Wadsworth	Present

**Declaration of Quorum**

**Tammy** Larson and Sharon Winnie-Vann came to the tribal meeting and wanted to know what the tribe is going to with the trailer in back of the casino. The Turkey Ford School is over crowded and if the tribe was not going to use it that they could have it.

**Mike** made a motion to move the trailer to the Turkey Ford System, seconded by Katie. The vote was:

**For:** 6 **Against:** 0 Motion passes.

**Gary** Metcalf, a consultant, asked if the Seneca –Cayuga tribe would be interested in setting up the fire department and emergency management. He would design, administer and recruit firefighters for protecting Seneca-Cayuga Tribal lands. Dennis Wadsworth made a motion to approve a consultant contract, seconded by Mike. The vote was:

**For:** 6 **Against:** 0 Motion passes.

The casino presented a check to the business committee for \$567,310.86 and \$5000.00.

The Tobacco Company Manager, Gary Toland stated that the tobacco company made \$16,000.00 for the month of July. They are restricting the company. The tobacco company is current with all of the vendors.

**Kay** read the minutes from the July Meeting. Katie made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Jim. The vote was:

**For:** 6 **Against:** 0 Motion passes.

**Randy** White asks the business to charter a bus to Canada. Request was tabled until he has a figure of the cost.

**Dennis** made motion to go into closed session, seconded by Mike. The vote was:

**For:** 6 **Against:** 0 Motion passes.

The time was 9:22 p.m.

**Katie** made a motion to come out of closed session, seconded by Kay. The vote was:

**For:** 6 **Against:** 0 Motion passes.

**Kay** made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Katie. The vote was:

**For:** 6 **Against:** 0 Meeting adjourned.

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**SENECA-CAYUGA TRIBE OF OKLAHOMA  
REGULAR BUSINESS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MULTI PURPOSE BUILDING**

**September 6, 2006**

**Chief** called the monthly business committee to order at 7:01 p.m.

**Roll call:**

<b>Chief:</b>	Paul Spicer	Present
<b>Second-Chief</b>	Katie Birdsong	Present
<b>Secretary/Treasurer</b>	Kay Ellison	Present
<b>First Councilperson</b>	Dolly Pewitt	Present(Late)
<b>Second Councilperson:</b>	Mike Jones	Absent
<b>Third Councilperson:</b>	Jim Spicer	Present
<b>Fourth Councilperson:</b>	Dennis Wadsworth	Present

The Chief declared a quorum.

**Bob** gave the casino report. The IGT equipment is installed at this time.

In July there were 222 employees (88 Indians, 46 tribal members).

**Tobacco** Manager Gary Toland gave the tobacco report to the tribal members. There are 70 persons employed at the tobacco company. There are 40 Seneca-Cayuga, 20 spouses of tribal members, 4 other tribal members, 9 non-Indians. The tobacco company is installing a new smoke shop on the northeast corner of the casino.

**Tim** gave the finance report. There was bill for NIGC for \$32,000.00. They do not bill monthly, so this bill is for more than one month.

**Donita** wanted to change the policy of General Assistance. She wants to limit the times a tribal member can apply for help. The tribal member will have to have tried all other avenues for assistance.

**Katie** made a motion to accept the minutes of the September Business Committee Meeting, seconded by Jim.

The following votes were recorded:

**For:** Paul Spicer, Katie Birdsong, Kay Ellison, Jim Spicer, Dennis Wadsworth.

**Gary Eugene Spicer**  
2/28/1960 - 1/1/2006  
Tribal parent  
Harmon O'neal Spicer

**Helen Louise Gillibrand**  
8/2/1919 - 1/1/2006  
Tribal parent  
Beatrice Claire Hammerlee

**Toni Lynn Grantz**  
12/22/1953 - 1/1/2006  
Tribal parent  
Joyce Ann Hammerlee

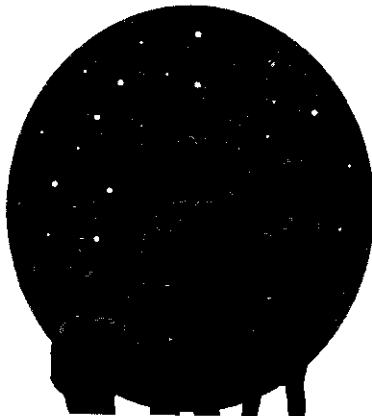
**Wilda Jean Meeks**  
12/5/1941 - 1/19/2006  
Tribal parent  
Irene J Fortney

**Mary Ellen Rhatigan**  
3/18/1926 - 2/5/2006  
Tribal parent  
Ida Rhatigan

**Bobbi Denice Garwood**  
2/16/1989 - 2/8/2006  
Tribal parent  
Mamie Denise Garwood

**Marvin Francis Rodgers**  
2/29/1928 - 2/12/2006  
Tribal parent  
Flora Rodgers

**Patrick Michael Ogal Leaf**  
11/29/1976 - 2/26/2006  
Tribal parent  
Sally Jane Leaf



**Dale Riley Dilliner**  
2/2/1938 - 3/10/2006  
Tribal parent  
Gladys Viola Brown

**Alexis Skenay`ah Burroughs**  
3/28/1991 - 3/12/2006  
Tribal parent  
Carol Jane Burroughs

**Charles Franklin Works**  
10/23/1950 - 3/26/2006  
Tribal parent  
Patricia Susan Works

**Laura Rae Hoskins**  
1/16/1938 - 4/4/2006  
Tribal parent  
Abbie Gladys Hutchinson

**Billie Beatrice Redeagle**  
6/1/1940 - 4/12/2006  
Tribal parent  
Irene J Fortney

**Joyce Annalee Harper**  
9/15/1959 - 5/28/2006  
Tribal parent  
Ray Harper

**Dorothy Wishon**  
12/16/1936 - 6/6/2006  
Tribal parent  
Annie McDonald

**James William Fortney**  
7/7/1959 - 6/16/2006  
Tribal parent  
James Otis Fortney Jr.

**Samuel Lee Hogshooter**  
4/2/1982 - 6/20/2006  
Tribal parent  
Sharon Lynn Severs

**Jerry Lee Hardy**  
7/16/1940 - 6/28/2006  
Tribal parent  
Valentine Hardy

**Lou Ann Washington**  
9/22/1934 - 9/7/2006  
Tribal parent  
Irene J Fortney

**Kenneth Jackson Armstrong**  
2/26/1924 - 9/29/2006  
Tribal parent  
Thomas Armstrong

**Charles Le Roy Lawrence**  
11/21/50 - 5/20/2006  
Tribal parent  
Betty Spicer

**Harmon O'neal Spicer**  
1/23/1926 - 4/16/1006  
Tribal parent  
Reo A Spicer

**Jesse Daniel Smith**  
11/09/1921 - 10/01/06  
Tribal parent  
Harry Smith



Mamie Logan  
Holding the Peach Seed  
Bowl made by  
Jackson Johnson

Mamie's photo was in the last newsletter as  
Mamie Logan Long and she is not a Logan.  
We regret the error and glad to set the record corrected.

## Peach Seed Game

One of the four sacred ceremonies of the Iroquois, the Green Corn Celebration, is centered around the Peach Seed Game. The game is played to amuse the Maker at the Celebration of Thanksgiving. The game is played with peach seeds in a wooden bowl. The seeds are charred black on one side and naturally light on the other. The seeds are "bumped" in the bowl so that they come up one color or the other.

Score is kept according to the play with beans. When a player wins the play he gets a bean. The side to win all the beans is the winner. When the game is over, so is the Celebration. The shortest festival was 45 minutes and the longest was 6 weeks.

## I Want You to Know We Have Three True Heros in our Tribe

Here is why:

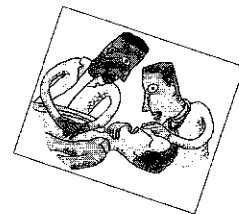
On August 5<sup>th</sup> our family reunion; which had started out wonderful, but it had a very different ending. We were visiting with relatives while the children were swimming and having fun when the worst thing happened. My daughter, Isabell Francis, was drowning. Three-year-old Zedaki Donohue held on to my daughter so she would not drift out into the lake. When my sister Laurie reached them David Scott was pulling out Zedaki and Isabell out of the lake but Isabell was blue and lifeless and no one in this world could express how it feels to see your daughter like this, my heart was broken.

As they laid my daughter down on the ground Scott Goode and David Scott began CPR on her, which was only minutes but seemed forever. She then had a pulse and got sick and cried for a second. Scott Goode told us to take her to meet the ambulance on the road and then handed Isabell to her dad, Kelsie Francis, and she was still fighting for each breath. After the ambulance arrived which seemed like an eternity Kelsie handed Isabell over to the driver, she cried, and we knew she would be OK.

As we drove to the hospital my heart could not calm down after seeing Isabell so scared. When we arrived at the Grove Hospital the doctors were wonderful and very nice even though I was hysterical. How quickly your life can be changed and you do not realize how precious your children are until you come so close to loosing one. My daughter Isabell is truly an angel sent from God. If it wasn't for my nephews, Scott, David and Zedaki we would have lost my daughter that day and I don't know what to say to them for giving me a chance to be with my daughter other than you are true hero's for what you done for us that day. We will never forget how you saved Isabell. All my sisters and family that was with us through this time and would not have been able to had handled it without you all.

We love you all, Kelsie, Donna, Tommy and our precious Isabell Francis

Please check with your CHR for CPR classes. You too could save a life. Without CPR little Isabell may not be with us today.



### Pelivan Transit Fare Schedule

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Under 60

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**Round Trip**

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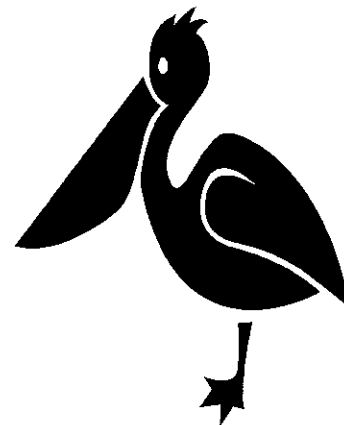
**Coupon Booklets Available**

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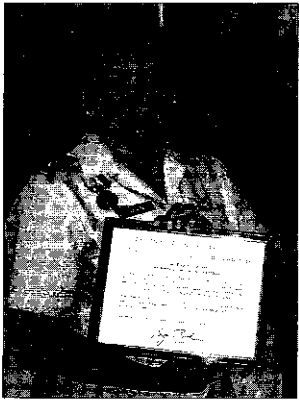
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# End of an Era



The first female aviator in the Oklahoma Army National Guard and the first Native American female aviator in the U.S. Army retires from active service with the Oklahoma Army National Guard October 13, 2006. Major Vicki (Glass) Jones will retire

myself some day". Sergeant Glass was full Cherokee, and Major Jones Mother, Cornelia (Glass) Conner belonged to the Quapaw and Seneca-Cayuga Nations.

Throughout her career in the military Major Jones knew that she had an underlying responsibility to be an example to females and Native Americans who desired to serve in uniform. During many school programs Major Jones would speak of her military career and enforce upon all of the young people in the audience that nothing is impossible. Any dream can come true with determination and the will to keep trying until success is achieved.

One of the most special occasions in Major Jones career was when Seminole Chief and State Senator Kelly Haney asked her to model for his painting "Heritage of Valor". The theme of the painting is the warrior spirit of Native American Women. The painting was done to celebrate the opening of the Women's Veteran Memorial at Arlington Cemetery in Washington, D.C. A signed print of the painting is on display at the Memorial, and the original painting is on display at the 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Museum in Oklahoma City.

Major Vicki (Glass) Jones as a Senior Army Aviator with over 1,500 flying hours in the UH-1 Helicopter. Major Jones also is the recipient of the Meritorious Service Medal (second award).

Major Jones lives in Guthrie, Oklahoma with her husband Lieutenant Colonel (retired) Paul Jones and their son Samuel Morgan. Her brother Sonny Glass and his wife Deanna live in Miami, as does her brother Joe Glass. Her sister Kay O'Leary and her husband Herb are residents of Kansas, Oklahoma.

A native of Kansas, Oklahoma Major Jones joined the Oklahoma Army National Guard on March 24, 1978. She graduated from Officer Candidate School and was appointed a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in the Medical Service Corps branch on May 5, 1980. She graduated from the U.S. Army Officer Rotary Wing Flight School at Fort Rucker, Alabama on September 17, 1982.

Oklahoma has many unsung hero's that ask for no accolades or recognition. They quietly go about the business of making their lives an example to others. Major Vicki Jones is certainly one of those Oklahoma Heroes.

Major Jones had the desire to serve her country and become an aviator most of her life. She was inspired by her father Air force Senior Master Sergeant Carl Glass to serve in uniform from an early age. Major Jones says "my dad was gone a lot in the service, but when I saw him in uniform I was so proud. I knew that I wanted to serve

## Boyd Gets Black Belt

Tribal member Steven Boyd, while attending a 24 hour, no sleep "gasshuku" on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at Baker Martial Arts Dojo (studio) in Commerce, Oklahoma, achieved the rank of *Shodan Ho* and received a full adult Black Belt. A "gasshuku" is a workshop devoted to intensive practice with a vigorous regimen of training. Students are expected to turn their focus inward and to learn about themselves as well as their karate.

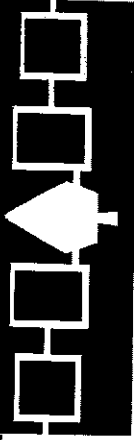
Boyd is the grandson of Tribal member Darlene Boyd and is 11 years old. He is in the sixth grade at Will Rogers Middle School in Miami and began taking instructions from Sensei Scotty Baker 2 ½ years ago in a junior class. After one year, he moved into an adult class.



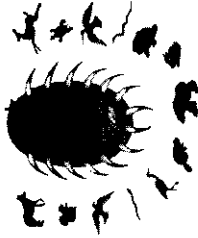
"Tomorrow's victory is won after today's practice." Samurai maxim



"A black belt is nothing more than a belt around your waist. Being a black belt is a state of mind and attitude."



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