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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Our hope is that you have had a wonderful spring and are ready for a productive summer. As I reflect on our engagement and activities from this spring, my heart is full and my soul is nourished to know our USET family is advancing its self determination and enjoying the prosperity these efforts have been bringing. It is empowering to be involved with our USET Tribes in so many activities where progress is being made in economic development, social strengthening, regaining our cultural assets and wisely using and protecting our natural resources. In this newsletter, I strongly believe we are on a positive path to rebuilding and strengthening our Tribal nations!

Members of every USET Tribe should be proud of its leadership. In this newsletter you will see they are making positive change in Washington, in your states, and across Tribal communities. Many Tribal leaders are being honored or placed in the spotlight for their wisdom and accomplishments. During the Semi-Annual meeting USET presented its inaugural lifetime

achievement award. Tunica-Biloxi Chairman Earl Barbry, Sr. was the first recipient of this award, which has been named after him. We also honored the many years of service and leadership from Poarch Band of Creek Indians Councilman Eddie Tullis, who was USET President from 1990-1993.



Spring is a time of rebirth for all things. In this edition of our USET newsletter you will see that our members are expanding enterprises to strengthen their local economies through business growth; our students

continue to do well in the classroom and gain valuable educational opportunities; our Tribes are utilizing and protecting precious resources like drinking water; and our Nations are working to protect and preserve their cultural assets including their history, land and traditions.

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USET 2013 ANNUAL MEETING & EXPO

The USET 2013 Annual Meeting & EXPO is scheduled for October 28-31. This meeting will be hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, NC at the Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort. Details are available on the USET website www.usetinc.org. Log on now to register!

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT CONTINUED.....



Congratulations to our USET Scholarship winners. We hope our students will be vigilant in their studies as we will need their service to carry on our efforts to rebuild Tribal Nations. We have been working diligently with our youth to provide scholarships and create opportunity in programs like Vanderbilt University's Aspirnaut Program. Additionally, we are also seeing benefits from our partnerships with Close-Up Foundation. Congratulations to all of our USET high school and college graduates.

In the month of May I hope you took a moment to remember our fallen warriors during the Memorial Day Holiday. I am humbled when I realize how many American Indians fought for the freedoms we enjoy today. So many of our men and women continue to serve our Armed Forces. I wish to thank our Veterans and Warriors for the roles you play with USET. I also want to include our local warriors in Tribal law enforcement who place their lives on the line to ensure public safety each and every day. I would also like to thank Penobscot Police Chief Robert Bryant for representing USET during the memorial ceremony in New Mexico at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. During the ceremony, fallen Chitimacha Police Sergeant Rick Riggensbach was honored.

I also extend a big thanks to our hard working USET Committee members and our dedicated and committed staff. During the past quarter, they continued to be engaged in activities and seize opportunities to build up Indian Country and USET. I am also optimistic about the great work that has been accomplished to create a three-year strategic plan for USET, which will be a roadmap to reach our vision that was created more than 40 years ago under the Great Oak Tree.

In closing, remember to make plans for the USET Annual Board of Directors Meeting which will be hosted by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in Cherokee, North Carolina. As always, USET will be working on issues including, but not limited to, Taxation, Carcieri Fix, Trust Reform, education, and healthcare. Together, Stronger, Transcending...is how we will lift the bitter yoke of poverty and drive the relevancy of our founding mission. Remain strongly dedicated to this mission as our children will be the beneficiaries of our work.

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Brian Patterson
USET President



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NEWS FROM THE NATIONS

ALABAMA-COUSHATTA SWEAR IN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS



This May, one year after the Alabama-Coushatta Tribal Council hired their first police chief the Tribe swore in nine fully certified Texas law enforcement officers that will make up their police department and invited the community in to tour their new police department.

Certified officers with the Tribal police department are: Chief Antonio Ford, Captain William Jerry, Lieutenant Deborah Richardson, Sergeant Makesha Young, Patrolman Craig Battise, Patrolman Garrett Blake, Patrolman Christopher Darden, Patrolman John Sikes and Patrolman K-9 Unit Zachary Williams.

CATAWBA PRESCHOOL INCORPORATES AIR QUALITY INTO KIDS' LEARNING

The Catawba Indian Nation has practiced embracing the land, water and air. Students at the Nation's Head Start program on the reservation along the Catawba River in eastern York County are the first area pre-school group to incorporate the federal government's clean air flag program into daily learning, Tribal leaders said during a ceremony to mark Air Quality Awareness Week across the nation. Tribal leaders plan to keep up the program, despite federal budget cuts that will force the Nation's preschool Head Start to reduce the number of students and cut programs. "We want the kids to be aware of the importance of the air, to let their parents know how important it is, and continue the traditions of caring for the environment we have called home forever," said Assistant Chief Wayne George.



STANDING UP: CAYUGA MUSEUM RECOGNIZES FINGER LAKES RESIDENTS WHO FOUGHT FOR CIVIL, HUMAN RIGHTS



The official voting ballots of Cayuga County women marked in the 1920 presidential election are on display at the Cayuga Museum as part of the exhibit "They Stood Up: Civil and Human Rights in the Finger Lakes." The Cayuga Museum opened this exhibit to examine influential historical figures who hail from the Finger Lakes area and the issues they stood up for, or against, during their lives. The focus is on the 1830s and onward, and the collection features individuals who held influence during significant events in American history, including the civil rights movement and women's suffrage.

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COUSHATTA FARMERS MARKET WRAPS UP SPRING SEASON WITH FUN FEST ON JUNE 1

The Coushatta Farmers Market wrapped up its spring season June 1, with the first Coushatta Farmers Market Fun Fest, featuring games, prizes and other family activities. There was live music from the Bernie Alan Band and DJ Allen LaFleur. "This has been an outstanding Farmers Market season and we are closing it out in an exciting way," said David Sickey, Coushatta Tribe Member-of-Council. There will be no Coushatta Farmers Market in the months of July, August and September, but the Market will return on October 5th for the fall season.

COUSHATTA TRIBE TO RECEIVE "LANDOWNER STEWARDSHIP AWARD"

The Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana recently received notice that they will be honored with a prestigious "Landowner Stewardship Award" from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. According to the official notice from the Fish & Wildlife Service, the award is being presented "based on the Tribe's dedicated conservation ethic and continuing interest in developing and promoting conservation partnerships." This award was formally presented to the Tribe at a dinner event at the Hilton Garden Inn in Lafayette on April 24. The "Landowner Stewardship Award" is an award given to private landowners who, while utilizing private land for farming, forestry activities, ranching or development activities, voluntarily helps restore, protect or minimize impacts on wetlands.

USDA SECRETARY TOM VILSACK VISITS WITH COUSHATTA

On the heels of the inaugural Coushatta Tribe Agri-Business Marketing Conference in March, representatives of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana attended a luncheon, speech and reception with U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack at the University of Arkansas in May. Tribal leaders were able to meet and talk to Vilsack and hear him address a select group at the University of Arkansas' Dale and Betty Bumpers Distinguished Lecture Series.



CHEROKEE YOUTH COMPLETE TRAIL OF TEARS BIKE RIDE



Several students and residents from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Cherokee Nation have completed the Remember the Removal bicycle ride along the Trail of Tears to commemorate the forced move of Cherokees from Georgia to Oklahoma in 1838. Riders left on June 1st from Cherokee, North Carolina to end in Tahlequah, Oklahoma for a 950-mile ride retracing the Trail of Tears. The group rode the trail's northern route across Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas. Rider Jon Ross told the Tulsa World that the ride was "amazing" but only a small sample of what his ancestors experienced. Ross is a descendant of former Principal Chief John Ross - who was chief during the relocation in which an estimated 4,000 Cherokees died along the trail.

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CHIEF HICKS RECEIVES LEADERSHIP AWARD



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Principal Chief Michell Hicks was presented the William C. Friday Excellence in Leadership and Service Award by The Park Scholars of North Carolina State University Class of 2013 on Monday, April 15.

EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE HOSTS VA TRAINING SUMMIT

The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians hosted the Department of Veterans Affairs Eastern Region Training Summit in Cherokee on May 6-7. More than 100 attendees learned about the services and programs available to Tribes by Veterans Affairs programs. The event was opened by Principal Chief Michell Hicks and Big Cove Rep. Perry Shell. The two-day event featured presentations by government representatives including the EBCI's Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority and the Charles George Veterans Affairs Medical Center. The event was co-sponsored by the Charles George VA Medical Center, the Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority and the Steve Youngdeer American Legion Post 143.



WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY SPOTLIGHTS PAXTON MYERS



Myers Spotlighthed by Western Carolina University Alumni Magazine

The following is an excerpt from the article. The full article may be viewed at:
<http://magazine.wcu.edu/2013/04/winning-numbers/>

The ninth month of 2012 will certainly rank as a "September to remember" for **Paxton Myers**. That's when Myers became vice president of casino marketing at Harrah's Cherokee Casino and Hotel and was chosen by the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development as one of the top Native American professionals under the age of 40.

Myers, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, previously lived for four years in Washington, D.C., and held the positions of policy adviser for U.S. Rep. Dale E. Kildee, D-Mich., and then chief of staff for the chairwoman of the National Indian Gaming Commission, Tracie Stevens.



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OVER 200 VOLUNTEER FOR CHEROKEE DAY OF CARING



More than 200 volunteers from Harrah's Cherokee Casino Resort, Tribal entities, and the community traveled to 11 sites across the Cherokee region to assist their neighbors in need. What started out as a conversation between Harrah's Cherokee, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in 2005 has turned into a yearly community-wide outreach event. The daylong event builds on the Cherokee ga-du-gi tradition of community service. Each community club within the 10 communities on the Qualla Boundary nominates a beneficiary of the community endeavor. This year, because of the overwhelming volunteer response, the program was able to assist 11 families and individuals through painting, landscaping, and construction.



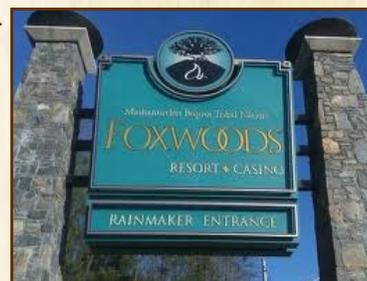
MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL ELDER AND WORLD WAR II VETERAN HONORED



A Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation elder was among more than 100 World War II veterans honored in a ceremony in Connecticut. Tribal elder Earl Roy Colebut was greeted with a hero's welcome during an American Warrior Day of Honor homecoming event at Bradley International Airport near Hartford, Connecticut on Saturday, April 27. Colebut and the group of veterans had returned from a visit to the National World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. Dozens of family members, friends and local citizens came out to thank the veterans for their selfless service in fighting for their country.

MASHANTUCKET PEQUOT TRIBAL NATION'S LAKE OF ISLES EARNS HONOR OF No. 1 IN CONNECTICUT FROM GOLFWEEK

In April, Lake of Isles' North Course, a Rees Jones design, was voted No. 1 in Connecticut on Golfweek's 2013 state-by-state list of "America's Best Courses You Can Play." This is the North Course's seventh consecutive appearance as No. 1 in the state. Lake of Isles is owned by the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, which also owns Foxwoods Resort Casino.



MASHANTUCKET POLICE FORCE ADDS THREE MORE VETERAN OFFICERS

The Mashantucket Pequot Tribe Nation continued to showcase the transformation of its police force, swearing in three new officers, including a sergeant, and promoting a sergeant to lieutenant this spring. Since naming William Dittman interim police chief last July, the Tribe has hired 15 officers, including 12 with decades of experience working for municipal police departments. The latest hires are Sgt. Andre Parker, a former Waterford sergeant who also worked for departments in Old Lyme and East Lyme during his 28-year career; Carlos Colon, a 22-year veteran who recently retired from the New Haven Police Department; and Peter Beckwith, who also spent 22 years with the New Haven force.

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RAMP IT UP! SKATEBOARD EXHIBIT MOVES TO PEQUOT MUSEUM



By museum standards, things got a lot flashier, fresher and faster at the Mashantucket Pequot Museum in Mashantucket, Connecticut in May. The Mashantucket Pequot Nation's museum opened the exhibit Ramp It Up: Skateboard Culture in Native America. The new exhibition in the Mashantucket Gallery reveals the underground world of skateboarding in Indian Country and highlights the Native American skateboarding culture of the West Coast. Ramp It Up show-

cases four short films, 45 images including rare archival photos, and several Native-designed decks and graffiti-backdrop panels by Native American artist Jak Fragua.



MASHPEE WAMPANOAG OYSTERS IMPROVE WATER QUALITY IN POPPONESSET BAY

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, or “People of the First Light,” has made its living from the land and the sea for thousands of years. In keeping with historic cultural traditions as long-time respecters of Southeastern Massachusetts’ vast bounty of natural resources, the Tribe is now helping to improve water quality in Popponesset Bay in Cape Cod -- through the cultivation of oysters. The shellfish farm helps to ease the imbalance of the Bay’s ecosystem caused by excessive amounts of nutrients from groundwater and surface runoff. Scientific studies have shown that all shellfish filter substantial amounts of water. Each oyster clears about 25 gallons of seawater a day.



GROUND BROKEN FOR REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSIT MAINTENANCE FACILITY

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians (MBCI) and the Mississippi Department of Transportation (MDOT) have broken ground for the Choctaw Regional Maintenance Facility. The 13,960 square-foot comprehensive regional maintenance center will be constructed by the Tribe on Tribal lands. The facility will provide services for Tribally owned transit vehicles, Tribal fleet vehicles and other public transit operated vehicles located in the East Mississippi transit region. The \$2.5 million project is being funded through American Recovery and Reinvestment Act grant funds and is administered through the Federal Transportation Administration and MDOT. Choctaw Transit currently serves a five-county area of Kemper, Neshoba, Leake, Newton and Winston counties, and is an active member of the East Central Transit Action Group (EZTAG) region, which includes Clark, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith counties. Choctaw Transit provides a variety of services to Tribal members but also services non-Tribal members who live along the service route.

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CHIEF PHYLISS ANDERSON HONORED BY MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON STATUS OF WOMEN



Mississippi Band of Choctaw Chief Phyllis J. Anderson received the 2013 Political/State and Local Government Woman of the Year Award from the Mississippi Commission on the Status of Women, at a celebration held at the Mississippi Museum of Art (Thursday, May 9, 2013).

CHIEF PHYLISS ANDERSON HAS BEEN HONORED WITH A STATE AWARD

The state of Mississippi honored individuals, in April, who have made a significant impact on the state's journey toward racial diversity and reconciliation. Chief Phyllis J. Anderson has been given the Sam Haskell Spirit of America Award. Chief Anderson's award is part of the Mississippi Trailblazers Awards. Now in its 10th year, the Mississippi Trailblazers Awards has honored and recognized Mississippians for their significant contributions to racial, gender and cultural diversity through their professional work and public service.

STANDING PINE ELEMENTARY (MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS) TO RECEIVE NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE SCHOOL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

After a two-year process that involved several initiatives to facilitate student growth, Standing Pine Elementary School in Choctaw, Mississippi has been named a Lighthouse School of Excellence, the fourth school in the U.S. to earn this distinction. Renaissance Learning's Lighthouse School program was created to help schools achieve significant academic growth. Renaissance Learning helps schools nationwide boost academic achievement through innovative software that helps educators accelerate learning by focusing students on practicing vital skills, and through professional development that helps educators use data to inform instruction.

CHOCTAW STORIES SHARED

At the end of May, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians member Roseanna Thompson shared stories about the history of the Tribe. Thompson lives near the Choctaw Reservation in Neshoba County and says most groups she speaks to want to hear about language and culture. Thompson says her stories are a mix of fact and fiction, but that she never strays from her beliefs. Thompson shared stories at the Down From The Hills Mississippi Bluegrass Competition at the Union County Fairgrounds.

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MOHEGAN CHIEF LYNN MALERBA MEETS WITH NEW U.S. TREASURY'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR POLICY COORDINATION



Shortly after the United States Treasury Department announced Dr. Elaine Buckberg as the new Treasury Point of Contact for Tribal Consultation this past spring, she met with The Mohegan Tribe's Chief Lynn Malerba. Chief Malerba has been very involved and engaged with various taxation issues. Dr. Buckberg was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy Coordination, in the Treasury's Office of Economic Policy. She is responsible for a broad range of issues and has already begun to meet with Federal government officials who work on matters of concern to Indian Country.

MOHEGAN CIO NAMED TO TRIBALNET 2013 ADVISORY BOARD

TribalNet proudly announces the members of the 2013 TribalNet Advisory Boards. These dedicated individuals volunteer their time to help shape the agenda for the annual TribalNet conference and fuel TribalNet's year-round success. The 2013 announcement included the appointment of CIO of The Mohegan Tribe of Connecticut, Charles Scharnagle.



ONEIDA NATION POLICE TEAM UP WITH FEDERAL DEA FOR DRUG TAKE-BACK DAY

On Saturday, April 27 the Oneida Indian Nation Police Department partnered with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This was the sixth time Oneida Nation Police and DEA agents have teamed up to help the public properly dispose of unwanted prescription medications. Oneida Nation Police Superintendent Arthur Pierce said, "This event gives the public a convenient and confidential way to dispose of unused or unwanted prescription medications. Our partnership with the DEA helps battle prescription drug abuse by getting rid of medications before they fall into the hands of individuals not intended to take them."

PICENTE, HALBRITTER TO PARTICIPATE IN ECONOMIC SUMMIT



This Spring, Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente and Oneida Indian Nation Representative Ray Halbritter met with other officials and Tribal leaders in Albany for an economic summit. The summit is part of a meeting of the New York Senate Committee on State-Native American Relations, and focused on building economic development partnerships with Indian Nations.

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ONEIDA INDIAN NATION TO PRESENT COOPERSTOWN WITH CHECK FOR MASCOT CHANGE

To help offset the cost of changing mascots from the Redskins to the Hawkeyes, Oneida Indian Nation Representative and CEO of Nation Enterprises Ray Halbritter presented a check to the Cooperstown Central School District in mid-May at the beginning of the Board of Education meeting. The board voted unanimously on the new nickname on April 23 removing the old nickname Redskins.



BEST INDIAN FOOD 2013: SMOTHERED MUSKRAT, TAIL OFF, TEETH SHOWING



Indian Days, held on the second weekend in August, is an annual Passamaquoddy Tribal ceremony to honor Tribes, ancestors, and those who have walked on-the closest the Tribe comes to a pow wow. The three-day celebration in eastern Maine, just south of the New Brunswick border, includes a one-mile health walk, an overnight canoe race from Indian Township on the St. Croix River to Passamaquoddy Bay near Pleasant Point and Indian dancing, followed by a communal meal. Hilda Lewis, Passamaquoddy Tribe at Pleasant Point, Tribal elder and former Tribal council member, says traditional foods served at Indian Days include hulled corn

soup and moose-meat chili or stew. And one dish that has almost disappeared-smothered muskrat. The recipe is simple, she says. First, chop off the tail, then drop the entire muskrat into the pot of water with potatoes, onion and shredded carrot. When the meat is tender, the muskrat, without the tail, is served “with the teeth showing,” she adds. The potatoes and onions are heaped on top, hence, the term smothered.

FIT KIDS 2013 - PASSAMAQUODDY INDIAN TOWNSHIP



This spring Passamaquoddy (Indian Township) Health Center hosted a Fit Kids group with 24 kids ranging from 3rd – 8th grade. Fit Kids goal is to show the kids that physical activity can be as simple as just playing. The Fit Kids team consisted of the youth coordinator, two behavioral health providers, nutritionist, fitness coordinator and health director. A mud run course, consisting of eight obstacles, ended the camp. Twenty

Fit Kids, staff and parents ran the course and were joined by Chief Joseph Socobasin and Vice Chief Clayton Sockabasin. The one mile course started at the school, traveled through paths and the backwoods of Peter Dana Point and ended at Big Lake. The entire group finished the course and all had a great time.



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PENOBSCOT INDIAN NATION CHIEF FEATURED IN PERFORMANCE360 MAGAZINE

Penobscot Indian Nation Chief Kirk E. Francis, Sr. is featured in the current edition of Performance360 Magazine, which spotlights nationally known leaders and business owners like Donald Trump, Oprah Winfrey, Howard Dean, and others. During the past year Performance360 Magazine has featured former Seneca President Robert Porter and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Chief Phyliss J. Anderson.

POARCH BAND OF CREEK INDIANS DONATES MORE THAN \$300K

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians recently donated more than \$300,000 to several area organizations. The presentations were made Thursday, May 23. The Tribe's donations include the following: \$100,000 to United Cerebral Palsy/Camp SMILE; \$100,000 to the New Beginnings Ministries, Inc.; \$50,000 to the Lighthouse Counseling Center; \$40,000 to the Westside Athletic Association; and \$12,200 to the Dozier Improvement Committee.



SEMINOLE TRIBE OF FLORIDA'S BIG CYPRESS RESERVATION 117TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CONCERT FEATURING COUNTRY LEGEND SARA EVANS



Multi-platinum country music legend Sara Evans performed on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Junior Cypress Rodeo Arena, highlighting the Seminole Tribe of Florida's Big Cypress Reservation 117th Anniversary Celebration. Other musical entertainment included Morgan Frazier, Blackjack Billy, TY Redd Gang and Osceola Brothers.



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SEMINOLE HARD ROCK POKER OPEN HAS \$10MIL PAYOUT

Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida, has announced it will host the Seminole Hard Rock Poker Open featuring a \$10 million guaranteed payout – the largest of its kind in the world – August 8-29. The main event will be held August 22-29. A \$5,300 buy-in will secure a spot in this groundbreaking \$10 million guaranteed Championship event.

NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE SENECA GAMING CORPORATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A familiar leader with the Seneca Nation of Indians has been elected chairman of its gaming corporation. Kevin Seneca has been elected chairman. He served in that capacity in 2010 and 2011 as well as treasurer to the board from 2006 to 2008.

SHINNECOCK MUSEUM MAKES DUGOUT CANOE



Motorists driving past the Shinnecock Indian Nation Cultural Center and Museum on Montauk Highway may have noticed a whiff of smoke coming from a large log. Museum workers have begun the process of making a dugout canoe, from a single white pine log. The canoe - which will be seaworthy - is intended for a historic village exhibition on the museum grounds, which will also include a longhouse that will be included in future construction.



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RIBBON CUT ON SHINNECOCK INDIAN NATION WIKUN VILLAGE

Members of the Shinnecock Indian Nation and Southampton Town officials cut the ribbon to the new Wikun Village - a new living history phase of the Shinnecock Nation Cultural Center and Museum. Despite the mix of mist and smoke and rumbles of thunder rolling in the distance, the community was not dissuaded from celebrating the Tribe's success in opening the first Native American-operated living history village on Long Island. It has taken 11 years of planning and hard work to finally get to this point, according to Andrea Godoy, the museum's assistant director. "We're not done yet," she said. "It takes a whole lot more to raise a village and keep it going."



SHINNECOCK STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL-FAMILY FUN AND SWEET TREATS



The Shinnecock Indian Nation Cultural Center and Museum's 12th Annual Strawberry Harvest Festival marked the beginning of summer with activities for adults and children that emphasized Shinnecock cultural traditions. The outdoor event featured traditional food, Indian art and traditional art demonstrations and dance performances.

UPGRADE FOR SHINNECOCK SHELLFISH HATCHERY

The Shinnecock Indian Nation's shellfish hatchery, a pioneer in the use of solar power to cultivate oysters and clams, will get a 21st century face-lift under an agreement signed with the Peconic Institute. The 35 year-old hatchery on the Tribe's Southampton reservation has suffered environmental, structural and financial setbacks over the years.



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AKWESASNE MOHAWK CASINO COMPLETES \$74 MILLION EXPANSION



The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe celebrated the completion of a \$74 million resort expansion in May with a black tie gala. Since the Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe first opened its casino in 1999, it has grown into one of the largest entertainment destinations in the North Country. "As a nation, we are the largest employer in the region and the economic engine in this area that the state has forgot about," said Tribal Chief Ron LaFrance. The recently expanded casino resort now offers 150 hotel suites with a full service spa, gym and pool.

EPA OKS \$243M CLEANUP OF UPSTATE NY'S GRASSE RIVER WHICH FEEDS NEAR HOGANSBURG, NY - SAINT REGIS MOHAWK TRIBE

Federal regulators have approved a \$243 million plan to remove Polychlorinated biphenyls from a 7.2 mile stretch of the Grasse River in northern New York. Local officials had been urging the EPA to approve a plan that would not cost Alcoa so much money that the company might forego its modernization plan. The Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe supported a more extensive proposal because of health concerns on their reservation.

FOUR MAINE TRIBES RECEIVE AFFORDABLE HOUSING GRANTS

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development announced that \$563 million has been awarded to 35 American Indian Tribes across the country. That group includes four Maine Tribes, the Aroostook Band of Micmacs, the Houlton Band of Maliseets, the Indian Township Passamaquoddy Housing Authority, and the Penobscot Indian Nation. The funds are distributed annually to eligible Indian Tribes for a broad range of affordable housing activities, such as building or providing assistance to existing housing.

NATIVE COUSINS NOMINEES FOR TEWAARATON AWARD FOR BEST LACROSSE PLAYER

The University at Albany Great Danes men's lacrosse attackmen and cousins Lyle Thompson and Ty Thompson were named as two of the 25 nominees for the men's 2013 Tewaaraton Award, which was announced by the Tewaaraton Foundation on Friday, April 26. The award is presented to the top men's and women's collegiate lacrosse players in the country. Each year, the Tewaaraton Award celebrates one of the six Tribal Nations of the Iroquois Confederacy – the Mohawk, Cayuga, Oneida, Onondaga, Seneca and Tuscarora. This is the Year of the Mohawk and the men's nominees include a member of the Akwesasne Mohawk Nation in Ty Thompson and a member of the Onondaga Nation in his cousin Lyle Thompson, who is now a Tewaaraton finalist.



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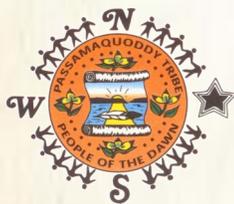
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOLDS TRIBAL CONSULTATION AND LISTENING SESSIONS WITH USET REGION TRIBES



The U.S. Department of Education held a Tribal Consultation and Listening Session leading up to the United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) Semi-Annual meeting. The meeting is an overview of American Indian Education in the USET region, comments from Tribal leadership in attendance and a report from the USET Education Committee. Support for Native language, cultural activities, and Tribal history was the opening theme for educators who took the opportunity to speak during the consultation. Leaders from the Seneca Nation of Indians, Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Oneida Indian Nation, Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah), Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe spoke during the listening session.

FOUR USET TRIBES FEATURED AT HUD SUSTAINABLE BUILDING EVENT AT THE NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Enterprise Community Partners (Enterprise) showcased Native American communities' use of sustainable design and construction strategies in May at the National Museum of the American Indian. The showcase featured the deliberate efforts these Tribes have undertaken to incorporate elements of sustainability in their construction efforts – sustainability that has both recently, and traditionally, played a key role in all Native American traditions. Featured from the USET region were the Penobscot Indian Nation-Indian Nation LEED Homes, Passamaquoddy Pleasant Point Tribe-Kikunol Housing, Mississippi Band of Choctaw SIPs Subdivisions, and Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe-Sunrise Acres Phase II.



USET LEADERS MEET WITH U.S. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR SALLY JEWELL

On April 19th members of USET Tribal leadership joined a roundtable discussion of issues with United States Secretary of Interior Sally Jewell. Penobscot Indian Nation Chief Kirk Francis, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Phyliss Anderson, and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) Chairwoman Cheryl Andrews-Maltais joined Secretary Jewell for discussions on Carcieri, Restrictive Settlement Act initiative, discretionary funds, protection of sacred sites, and other issues. Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn also attended the meeting. Secretary Jewell told USET leaders she is interested in helping find solutions to these issues, including a clean fix for Carcieri.



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TWO INDIAN COUNTRY OFFICERS REMEMBERED (CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA AND WHITE EARTH)



The names of two fallen Indian Country law enforcement officers have been recorded at the Indian Country Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. In early May Chitimacha Tribal Police Sergeant Rick Riggerbach from Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana and Mahnomon County Deputy Sheriff Christopher Lee Dewey of Minnesota, which includes the White Earth Indian Reservation, were added to the memorial. Sergeant Rick Riggerbach was killed this past January 26 while responding to a mobile home fire near Charenton, Louisiana. Penobscot Police Chief Robert Bryant spoke during the services on behalf of USET. Chief Bryant read a statement from USET President Brian Patterson. "Our ancestors knew the value of maintaining a healthy, prosperous, and safe homeland and hunting ground. Periodically, outsiders would threaten the peace or try to take over the hunting and farming grounds. And sometimes our villagers would have disputes. Our Warriors were there to defend our homes, maintain the peace, and many times protect our honor. Today our law enforcement officers are the warriors that battle each day to create a safe environment for our families to work, recreate, and grow. They are also iconic to our community pride and honor as they work to protect and serve. When any officer falls in the line of duty or passes it tears at the fabric that is the safety and well-being of Indian Country. Because so many of our Tribal Nations have police forces that are small in number, the loss of a Native warrior makes a greater ripple in Indian Country."



USET PARTICIPATES IN NIH VISIT WEEK



June 23rd to the 28th, the United South and Eastern Tribes - Vanderbilt University Native American Research Center for Health (USET-VU NARCH) sent Kaitlyn Marden, 18, (Wampanoag) and Caitlyn Barnhill, 16, (Poarch Creek) along with USET summer intern and chaperone Krystal Tsosie (Navajo Nation) to tour the National Institutes of Health (NIH) in Bethesda, MD, as part of NIH Visit Week, a summer enrichment program for American Indian students to gain interest in biomedical research. During the week, both Caitlyn and Kaitlyn attended a variety of workshops aimed at improving their networking skills, conducting informational interviews, and learning techniques for success in college. In addition, they toured several laboratories on campus including a hands-on demonstration in neurophysiology and also a lab that uses virtual reality to model clinical interactions between patient and practitioner. The highlight of the visit was watching a special seminar by NIH director Dr. Francis Collins who spoke about the importance of translational medicine in regards to finding the etiology and treatment for Progeria, a severe and rare genetic syndrome in which the signs of aging are exhibited at an early age. After the seminar, Dr. Collins treated the audience to a sung performance of "Amazing DNA" on his guitar adorned with a gold helix on the fret board.

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USET EVENTS

USET HONORS TUNICA-BILOXI TRIBE OF LOUISIANA CHAIRMAN EARL BARBRY, SR. WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - AWARD TO BE NAMED AFTER BARBRY FOR FUTURE RECIPIENTS



United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated has created an honor for lifetime achievement and service to the organization and Indian Country. USET's goal is to recognize not only outstanding achievements by an individual within their Tribe, but to honor leadership and advocacy to fellow Indian Nations to promote and protect sovereignty and lift the bitter yoke of poverty. The inaugural USET Lifetime Achievement Award is being presented to Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Chairman Earl Barbry, Sr. As the first recipient, USET has also named the honor, the Earl Barbry, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award. During the USET Semi-Annual Meeting, Tribal Leaders along with Congressional Leaders paid tribute to Chairman Barbry.



SEVEN USET MEMBER STUDENTS ARE ATTENDING THE ASPIRNAUT PROGRAM AT VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER SUMMER OF 2013

Seven students from the USET region are at Vanderbilt University Medical Center this summer working on research projects during the six week Aspirnaut program. This program allows students to work hand in hand with scientists and researchers at Vanderbilt University. The students selected this year are:

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| Taloe Berg | Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians |
| Nicodemus Bushyhead | Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians |
| Nicklaus Shumake | Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians |
| Deon Denson | Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians |
| Mack Lackey | Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians |
| Xan Sadongei | Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians |
| Will Martin | Poarch Band of Creek Indians |



USET Executive Director Kitcki Carroll discussed USET's partnership with Vanderbilt, "We are most excited about what has occurred up to this point. The relationship USET has with Vanderbilt is so important because it is a critical component to our overall Tribal Nation rebuilding efforts. The educational opportunities for our younger generations are paramount to accomplishing our goals of rebuilding Indian Country. We must always remember, in our efforts to rebuild our communities, that it is going to take all kinds of skill sets, all sorts of expertise."



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NATIVE AMERICAN FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION IN NASHVILLE USET TRIBES PRESENT EXPERTISE TO NATIONAL TRIBAL AUDIENCE

Native American Finance Officers Association (NAFOA) held its 31st Annual Conference in Nashville on April 18th and 19th. NAFOA has been recognized as Indian Country's leading economic and financial organization among American Indian Tribes in the United States. USET President Brian Patterson and Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Principal Chief Michell Hicks opened NAFOA's Annual Conference with prayer and opening remarks. Other speakers included EBCI Councilman Perry Shell, Seneca Holdings CEO David Kimelberg, former Seneca President Robert Odawi Porter, USET Executive Director Kitcki Carroll, Tunica-Biloxi Tribe of Louisiana Council member and USET Secretary Brenda Lintinger and Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Financial Officer Larry Kovach.



EASTERN BAND OF CHEROKEE INDIANS CFO ELECTED TREASURER OF NAFOA

Attendees and member Tribes of the Native American Finance Officer Association (NAFOA) Annual Conference in Nashville have elected Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) Deputy Finance Officer (CFO) Kim Peone to serve as its Treasurer. As CFO for the EBCI, Kim is responsible for a budget in excess of \$300M and serves as the Chairwoman of the Tribe's Investment Committee, whose trust funds are in excess of \$600M.



NATIONAL TRIBAL WATER COUNCIL MEETS IN WASHINGTON, DC



The National Tribal Water Council (NTWC) held its Annual Meeting in Washington, DC April 23rd – 25th at the Omni Shoreham Hotel with site visits to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Headquarters. The NTWC is a technical and scientific body created to assist the EPA, federally recognized Indian Tribes, including Alaska Native Tribes, and their associated Tribal communities and Tribal organizations, with research and information for decision-making regarding water issues and water-related concerns that impact Indian and Alaska Native Tribal members, as well as other residents of Alaska Native Villages and Indian Country in the United States. The NTWC is comprised of representatives from each EPA Region with at-large members. USET is represented on the NTWC by Michael Bolt, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Shaun Livermore, Poarch Band of Creek Indians; David Kusnierz, Penobscot Indian Nation; and USET Senior Project Coordinator Steve Terry, who provides logistical and technical support.

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TRIBAL UTILITY SUMMIT HELD THIS PAST SPRING IN MUSIC CITY



The Fourth Annual Tribal Utility Summit (TUS) was held in Nashville to begin the Spring on April 8th. TUS is a training and continuing educational program for operators and managers overseeing Tribal drinking water, waste water and solid waste utility and infrastructure, which is cooperatively supported by United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Nashville Area Office of Indian Health Service (IHS). The idea for a TUS began six years ago after some planning between Tribes at a meeting in Florida. Members of 15 federally recognized Tribes were present this year.

TRIBAL UTILITY SUMMIT PLACES FOCUS ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESOURCE PROTECTION

Emergency Management and disaster preparedness was the theme for the first half of the Tribal Utility Summit (TUS). Response and recovery are obvious steps that need to be taken when a natural disaster occurs. Seminole Tribe of Florida's Emergency Management Division Manager Jason Dobranz and True North Emergency Management Coordinator of Emergency Management Programs Shane Stovall told TUS attendees the most important parts of dealing with disaster is knowing your resources, knowing how to access them, and maintaining a good action plan. Jason Dobranz described the preparations and action taken during Hurricane Sandy last fall and assistance that was given to the Shinnecock Indian Nation in Southampton, New York. Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation Assistant Director of Wastewater David Drobiak and Nashville Area Office of Indian Health Service's new Emergency Management Specialist Rocky Jones also spoke at the TUS.



USDA AND FEDERAL PARTNERS RENEW COMMITMENT TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO SAFE DRINKING WATER AND BASIC SANITATION IN INDIAN COUNTRY



During this year's Tribal Utility Summit a national announcement was made that USDA Department of Agriculture (USDA) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Indian Health Service (IHS) and the Department of Interior (DOI), to continue to work together to reduce by 50 percent the number of Tribal homes lacking access to safe water and basic sanitation by 2015. The MOU announcement renews efforts by federal agencies

to address the lack of access to safe drinking water and adequate wastewater service in Indian Country.

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USET ANNOUNCES WINNERS OF 3RD ANNUAL DRINKING WATER CONTEST APRIL 26, 2013

The winners of the 3rd Annual Drinking Water Contest which took place during the 4th Annual Tribal Utility Summit (TUS) held in Nashville, Tennessee are as follows:

First Place: Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
 Second Place: (Tie) Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah)
 Third Place: Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe



The water samples were tested and inspected by a panel of seven judges for clarity, odor and taste. USET Technical Assistance Specialist Scott Williams assisted with the coordination of the contest, which is sponsored by the USET Certification Board.

USET HOLDS 2013 SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING IN NIAGARA FALLS, NY



United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated's (USET) 2013 Semi-Annual Meeting was hosted by the Seneca Nation of Indians and held in Niagara Falls, New York. Four days of meetings and activities took place at the Seneca Niagara Casino & Hotel from May 14th through 17th. Leaders from USET's 26 member Tribal Nations that comprise the Board of Directors and the 12 committees received updates and took action on legislative and policy issues making an impact on Indian Country.

Major topics included Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization - New Policy Implementation, Stafford Act - New Policy Implementation, National Indian Child Welfare, Economic Development and Diversification, Tax Initiatives, Carcieri Strategy for the 113th Congress and Gun Control, along with updates from U.S. Department of Energy, National Indian Gaming Commission, Indian Health Service and the Bureau of Indian Affairs.



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USET LEADERSHIP PRESENTS AT SECRETARIAL COMMISSION ON INDIAN TRUST ADMINISTRATION AND REFORM MEETING IN NASHVILLE



The Secretarial Commission on Indian Trust Administration and Reform (SCITAR) held its fifth public meeting April 29 in Nashville. USET President Brian Patterson, Tunica-Biloxi Council Member and USET Secretary Brenda Lintinger, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians Chief Phyliss J. Anderson and Oren R. Lyons, Jr., Faith Keeper of the Turtle Clan of the Seneca Nations, spoke during the meeting. The meeting was open to the public. The SCITAR meeting is part of President Obama's commitment to fulfilling the federal government's trust responsibilities to Native

Americans. Former Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar named five prominent American Indians to a commission that is responsible for undertaking a forward-looking, comprehensive evaluation of Interior's trust management of nearly \$4 billion in Native American trust funds.

USET DEVELOPS WORKGROUP TO ADDRESS VIOLENCE AGAINST NATIVE WOMEN

United South and Eastern Tribes, Incorporated (USET) is setting goals and taking action to be a facilitator to national efforts to build capacity within Tribal Nations to carry out the new Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) initiatives. During its Semi-Annual Board of Directors meeting, USET adopted a resolution which creates a workgroup on violence against Native women to monitor policy, identify best practices, provide technical assistance and provide public education and awareness to Indian Country. "This is an effort to preserve the legacy of our community. The backbone of that legacy is held by our earth mothers to Mother Earth. USET wants to reinforce and build upon the work that is being done by so many to improve Tribal capacity to effectively enforce the new laws and initiatives that have been given to us through the VAWA reauthorization so that we are not just building safe neighborhoods, but healthy neighborhoods. Once again, we owe this work to our Native women, because they nurture our families and give us life in so many ways. When our mothers and daughters live in fear, this creates an unstable community and destroys our community health. That is why creating this workgroup is so important," says USET President Brian Patterson on why USET is dedicated to seeing the benefits of VAWA in Indian Country.

USET ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

USET hosted an Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Roundtable Discussion in Nashville on April 17th to address how an economic development department should be established in USET, how to increase the capacity of USET Tribes to promote local economies and how to develop more strength for healthy communities. Attendees of the meeting included 30 people from eight USET Tribes and organizations from the USET region and the federal government. NAFOA Executive Director Dante Desiderio and members of the Vanderbilt Owen Graduate School of Management were also in attendance. The discussions have led to increased communications and activity with the Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Committee and to the submission of an Administration for Native Americans grant proposal.

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VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT AND STAFFORD ACT AMENDED TO ASSIST INDIAN COUNTRY - NOW THE REAL WORK...IMPLEMENTATION



Earlier this year, the United States Congress amended two laws to help assist some unmet needs for Indian Country. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Stafford Act were amended to broaden their abilities to address Native needs. During the USET Semi-Annual Meeting in Niagara Fall, New York the Board of Directors re-

ceived an update on Stafford Act implementation from FEMA's Richard Flores and USET Senior Project Coordinator Harrell French. USET also received on the Violence Against Women Act update from Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Council Member Terri Henry and National Congress of American Indians Executive Director Jackie Pata.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT PROGRAM DELIVERY TO FEDERALLY RECOGNIZED TRIBES

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Wisconsin Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (WTCAC) and United South and Eastern Tribes (USET), teamed to host a workshop for Tribal farmers, ranchers, and producers May 21 - 23, 2013 at the Poarch Band of Creek Indian's Wind Creek Casino & Hotel located in Atmore, AL. Tribal participants were provided the opportunity to speak with representatives from at least 6 different USDA agencies. The workshop included presentations and open-mic discussions with USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Farm Service Agency (FSA), Rural Development (RD), Risk Management Agency (RMA), National Agriculture Statistical Service (NASS), Forest Service (FS) and Animal Plant and Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the National Association of Conservation Districts (NADC).

LONG-TERM STRATEGIC PLAN

USET is working on the development of a Three-Year Strategic Plan. During the Summer USET will be finalizing the final draft with an evaluation model and timeline for implementation. The final draft will be presented to the USET Board of Directors in October for approval at the Annual Meeting.

USET TRIBAL TAX TEAM

Taxation has quickly become *the* issue in Indian Country. USET has established a work group that will discuss and consider a multitude of tax issues that are important to Indian Country. The USET Tribal Tax Team has committed itself to assuming a broad and diverse tax agenda that is rooted in a pro-sovereignty platform.

USET GENERAL WELFARE EXCLUSION TASK FORCE (USET GWE)

The USET GWE Task Force has been created following Semi-Annual Meeting discussions. Several Tribal Leaders have been invited to serve on the Task Force with Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida Chairman Colley Billie serving as Chair. The USET GWE Task Force will focus on advancing a pro-sovereignty General Welfare platform.

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USET STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

USET HIRES NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR FOR TRIBAL HEALTH PROGRAM SUPPORT (THPS)



Kate Grismala is the new Assistant Director for Tribal Health Program Support. Kate has been officially on the job since June 24. However, she has been in training from the best, Byron Jasper. Kate comes to USET with 10 years of experience in Indian Country in the areas of healthcare delivery and healthcare payment. She has been working as a consultant providing technical assistance for health and human services in Indian Country. Please welcome Kate Grismala to our USET family.

USET GAINS NEW EPIDEMIOLOGIST - ELLEN OMOHUNDRO, PH.D.

Dr. Ellen Omohundro came to USET in May as an epidemiologist with 25 years of experience in practicing and teaching public health and environmental sociology. This includes working on the Hanford Nuclear Reservation and with the Spokane Tribes of Indians in the state of Washington concerning mixed and radioactive wastes. Most recently, she worked for the TN Department of Health analyzing many different types of data and developing community health assessment tools. She and her husband enjoy kayaking and hiking near and far. Welcome to the USET family, Dr. Omohundro.



USET WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT



USET would like to welcome Melisa Stephens as our USET Executive Assistant. Melisa joined the staff on Monday, July 1st. Melisa comes to USET with a wealth of knowledge and vast experience as an Executive Assistant. She served in various capacities in the last 7 years, allowing her to enhance her organizational skills, communication techniques and multi-tasking abilities. Please join USET in welcoming Melisa to the USET family. Feel free to give a personal welcome to Ms. Stephens at extension 1542 or an email to mstephens@usetinc.org.

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USET FINANCE GETS A HELPING HAND



The USET Finance and Controllers Department has a new helping hand this summer. Hannah Etchingam has been working this past quarter to help with filing, complete reports and work on special projects. USET is initiating new systems to handle registration at its meetings. Hannah is working to install and use the software Cvent.

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Ryan Miller is a recent graduate from Antioch High School and will attend Middle Tennessee State University in the fall. Ryan will be majoring in computer science and web design. During his work at USET this summer, he will assist with USET's computer network operations and helping design a new website.



DR. BYRON JASPER RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE



After 40 years of service to American Indians, Byron G. Jasper, D.D.S., has retired. Dr. Jasper was hired in 2005 by the United South & Eastern Tribes, Inc (USET) to serve as the Tribal Health Program Support (THPS) Deputy Director for Public Health, to oversee the public health operation of the USET THPS and provide expert guidance on Indian health issues. Prior to 2005, Dr. Jasper served 32 years in the U.S. Public Health Service as a Commissioned Officer for the Indian Health Service in both a clinical and administrative capacity serving American Indian and Alaska Native people and their communities. Dr. Jasper's guidance and level of trust with American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes is well positioned to execute programs and research related to improving health disparities in American Indian and Alaska Native communities. Best wishes to Dr. Jasper in retirement and know

you are always welcome at USET.

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JOHN MOSELY HAYES TAKES NEW ASSIGNMENT WITH IHS



USET is losing another valued member of the Tribal Health Program Support staff. Dr. John Mosely Hayes is taking a new assignment with Indian Health Service in Rockville, Maryland as the Senior Epidemiologist. Dr. Hayes tells USET, "Since coming on board with USET in 2005, I have loved my work. It has been a great honor to serve the USET Tribes and to help implement the USET Tribal Epidemiology Center and USET-VU Native American Research Center for Health missions. Please stay in touch!" USET thanks Dr. Hayes for his years of service and contributions made with his unique wealth of knowledge and abilities. USET wishes the best to the John Mosely Hayes family.

CALLIE LEASURE, USET EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO PURSUE NEW BUSINESS

Callie Leasure, who has been with the USET team since 2009 as Executive Assistant, has left the staff to pursue a personal dream and aspiration. While saddened to see her leave, we all wish her nothing less than success, happiness, and personal fulfillment in her new career. We know she will be an empowering and influential figure to the people she encounters in her new endeavors. Callie is gaining her certification to work as a Personal Trainer. She will be focusing her efforts on getting her new business off the ground. USET is thankful to Callie for having spent four valuable years of her career sharing her professionalism, abilities, and shining personality and friendship with us. Callie currently resides in Smyrna, TN with her husband, Steve, and their two Chocolate Labs.



DEE SABATTUS AND BABY MOTEHSAN



Congratulations to Dee Sabattus, Tammy Neptune and their family! USET is pleased to announce the birth of Dee's new daughter and Tammy's granddaughter- Motehsan, which is pronounced like Madason. The name means dearest one. She was born on a Saturday, April 6th in the afternoon around 5PM Central Time with a birth weight of 9 pounds and 5 ounces and measuring 21 inches long. Mom is now back at USET. Daughter visits and appears to be doing great. She was welcomed by her four year-old sister Mishun. And Tammy (Neptune, the proud Grandmother)...she hasn't stopped smiling over Motehsan's arrival.

LINDY COLOMBINI HAS A BABY GIRL

USET sends its congratulations to Lindy and her husband Josh for their new daughter. Lillith Danger Colombini was born on July 2nd at 11AM weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces. Mom and baby are doing great and have made a visit to the USET Offices. Papa Josh carried her office to office showing her off with pride.



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IMPACT WEEK ART



During the USET 2013 Impact Week Meetings in Washington, DC, artist Steven Judd created the "Together...Stronger...Transcending" piece capturing the energy of the Idle No More (Silent No More) movement taking place throughout Indian Country. USET now has prints available for purchase. The prints are sized at 30" x 30" on fine art paper. The cost for one print is \$150.00, tax and shipping included (shipments to Alaska and all international shipments may have additional charges). Please print out and complete the form from the USET website www.usetinc.org then fax it to Brandy Venuti at 615.872.7417. The prints will be shipped via FedEx in a triangular tube packaging. FedEx does not ship to P.O. Boxes, please use a valid home or business address.

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