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Federation Chief Report

Hello to All Big and Little Braves...

That Holiday time of year is quickly approaching, and if you have been to the stores lately, you would think it is next week. Fortunately the Indian Guides get to participate in the "official" start of the season by marching in the Livonia Holiday Parade. The theme for this parade is "A Celebration of Freedom." The parade is Saturday, November 23, 2002. We will meet in the SBC/Ameritech parking lot at the northeast corner of Merriman and Plymouth. The parade ends at Wonderland Mall, so you may want to park your car there, and take the shuttle to Ameritech, or you could walk.... Let us hope that we are in the good graces of the Great Spirit of Weather, but dress warm anyway. Don't forget your feathers and vest.

The Fall Fun Night was a wonderful event for all that could attend. Great job to our Canoe and Lance Nation Chiefs.

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Upcoming Events

Holiday Parade
Sat. Nov. 23
Arrive 8-8:30am
Plymouth & Merriman



Winter Fun Night @ Livonia Y
(New!)
Sat. Dec 14th
7-10pm



Don't forget to get your fund raiser plans and/or money into the Assistant Federation Chief

Attachments in this issue:

- Updated Calendar
- Bottle and Can Drive Flyer
- Parade Map

Look us up on the Web! Find previous issues, maps to events, feather award descriptions, a Six Aims poster and attendance sheets to fill in and receive last year's feather awards.



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Federation Chief Report — Continued

A big Thank You to the Buffalo and Tomahawk Nations who volunteered to host the **December 14, 2002 Fun Night**. I know that you will plan a fun time for all of us.

Ok guys, it is **Fundraiser** time, and we all need to help so we can enjoy our events as we have in the past. Please get your Fundraiser money in to Brian Bussa right away. The money for candy was due when you picked up your candy. It is overdue now. We appreciate your attention to this.

Speaking of the **Fundraiser, our Bottle and Can Drive is December 7, 2002**. Please let Brian Bussa know if you are participating in this event. Remember, he needs to know the subdivision where you will be collecting. If you need copies made of the flyer please see Rick Dunn at the YMCA. They will be making copies for us.

We will see you at the Parade.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family,

Pals Forever,

Big Brown Grizzly, Little Brown Grizzly, Little Running Bear
David Ryktarsyk



Medicine Man Report



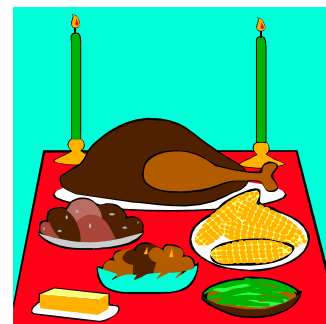
O Great Spirit of the North,
Who gives wings to the waters of the air and rolls the thick snow-
storm before you,
Who covers the earth with a sparkling crystal carpet above whose
deep tranquility every sound is beautiful,
Temper us with strength to withstand the biting blizzards, yet make
us thankful for the beauty which follows and lies deep over the
warm earth is its wake.

A BIG thanks to the Canoe Nation Chief John Kaman and Assistant Nation Chief Steve Coloske and the Lance Nation Chief Bernie Shinkel and Assistant Nation Chief Tim Bumpus for the awesome fun night in October. Hawkeye and I invited two dads and their boys (friends of ours). They were very impressed with our program.

Hope to see everyone at the Thanksgiving Day Parade. If not have a great Thanksgiving Day!

Pals Forever,

Powhatan & Hawkeye
Rick Hassell



Assistant Federation Chief Report



Hi Braves,

As winter starts nipping at our faces we find ourselves preparing for the Thanksgiving Parade. This is a good opportunity to show the community our spirit and dedication to our kids/fathers. Hopefully, it will not be too cold so we have good participation.

A **big** thanks goes to the Canoe and Lance Nations (John Kaman, Steve Coloske, Bernie Shinkel and Tim Bumpus) for setting up the fantastic fun night. It is always great to get out with the boys and watch them play with their fellow braves. The coin toss was amazing. It almost seemed like the pool had become a tank full of hungry sharks the way the water was boiling and the braves were jumping around. Twenty seconds later, after every inch of the shallow area had been covered at least twice, the braves stood panting and counting their treasures. What a moment to remember.

Back to the fall fundraiser. Hope all the candy sales went well for everyone. If you haven't paid for your candy yet, please get your checks into me as soon as possible. Also, please remember the first Indian Guide Bottle and Can Drive is coming up December 7th. You will find attached to this newsletter (and on the web site) an example flyer that can be passed around your reserved neighborhood about a week before the drive. Rick Dunn at the YMCA has graciously offered to make copies for those of us that need them. Please give him a call to request them. Meijer (at 8 mile and Haggerty) has agreed to help us out by redeeming the deposits for us. They have requested that we come in Dec 7th after 6pm to process the bottles and cans. The Meijer manager that said we could take them there is 'Carl.' He indicated that they could also provide a limited number of the large bags for collecting the cans the week before the drive, but they were a little soft on this commitment. They have indicated that they should be able to have an extra employee there to help. It is suggested that the cans and bottles be separated to help with the processing. It isn't clear if they will be having us 'feed the machines' or if they will accept our counts for establishing the refund.

Please turn in the proceeds and how they should be credited to the Big Braves in the tribe at the December 10th Federation Meeting. **It is hoped that all funds, whether from the Candy sales, Can Drive or Donations, will be turned in on or before December 10th** so we can start preparing the **Award Certificates** for the Winter Campout.

Pals forever,

Silver Fox, Golden Fox and Gray Wolf
Brian Bussa



See flyer on page 9



Tomahawk Nation Chief's Report

Greetings from the Tomahawk Nation:

I hope that everyone had a safe and spook-tacular Halloween. I know the Collins' household has enough calories in it to keep me fat for the rest of the year. I neglected to write an article last month due to CRS disease which stands for "can't remember stuff."

I know that the fall campout was a great time and I have heard many of the braves still talking about perfecting their launch technique with the water balloons. I would like to personally congratulate the Huron Tribe for their accuracy in the contest. I also want to send a "BIG" kudos out to our newest tribe, the mighty Crow tribe, for their teamwork and tenacity in the contest. What it all boils down to is the fact that all of the fathers and sons worked together to have fun and learn from each other and that's what this program is all about...teamwork!

While I am still on my proverbial soapbox, I would like to extend a hearty and much needed thanks for the help from the rest of the Ute tribe for lending a hand not only for the fall campout but, also for the last year of service. I know that my job and that of Ed "Longshot" Snow would not be running as smoothly without the assistance, support, and friendship of Dave "Brightfire" Ellis and Doug "Thunderhawk" Siecinski. Thanks tons guys!!

Now I would like all of you to make sure you mark your calendars for December 14, 2002. This date is set aside for a special "fun night" at the YMCA. We hope that everyone will attend and enjoy the festivities. I'm sure that the yellow submarine in the pool will be fueled up and ready to go. So, make sure that you bring your swim suit and rubber duckies for an evening of fun, frolic and food!

That's all for this month. Start thinking about the "Pine Car Derby" race in the spring!

Pals Forever,

Gliding Eagle and Shooting Bull
Tim Collins



Child's Commandments Corner

Commandment No. 3

Housework will always be there. I'm only little for a short time. Please take time to explain things to me about this wonderful world and do so willingly.

Watch each issue of Smoke Signals for more!



Teton Tribal Report

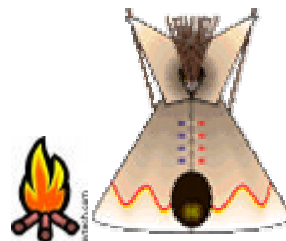
The Teton tribe celebrated the first moon of the new Indian Guides season with a tribal meeting at the teepee of Raging Bull and Running Wind. Our new Chief Soaring Eagle and his little brave Running Eagle led the tribal festivities where all braves spent time practicing tribal chants, reciting the Six Aims, working on crafts, and enjoying snacks and drinks.

The fun continued on this cool, crisp October evening as we moved outside for even more activities. Under the shadowy new moon of a cloudy sky, a campfire and supplies for making S'Mores awaited us. Our campfire sent many smoke signals as we prepared the sweet, sticky sandwiches. What a tasty treat!

We ended the night by honoring the Great Spirit with a beautiful fireworks display. This prompted many "ooh's" and "ahh's" from all braves both big and small. This truly was one of the greatest Teton tribal meetings ever!

Pals Forever.

Howling Wolf, Running Tiger, and Swimming Fish
Tim Bumpus



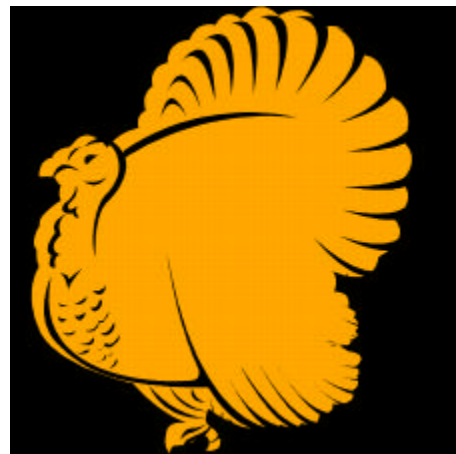
Crow Tribal Report

We very much enjoyed our first fall camp at Nissokone. We learned many new rituals like chanting at the dinner table and team launching water balloons with the sling shot. We are looking forward to the recovery of Big Chow's foot for the upcoming trek down Plymouth Road and are expecting all of our tribe to participate.

Our tribe chiefs, Soaring Hawk & Soaring Eagle are preparing their teepee for our first tribal meeting.

Submitted Respectfully,

Big Chow, Tickle Tiger - Crow Scouts



Cayuga Tribal Report of the Mad Moon

The Cayuga tribal meeting of the Falling Leaf moon gave us a sampling of the fun you can have with nature's harvest. On day 20 our ponies took us to where no Cayuga had gone before. We spent the afternoon at Westview Orchards somewhere out near Romeo. The main goal of our expedition become clear as our heavy duty hayride wagon rounded the rising, rolling rut in the rugged road when Proud Eagle let it be known that things were looking pretty corny out there!

We entered the Lady Liberty Corn Maze shortly after that and found that Cayugas are outstanding in the field (as the picture below shows) even when it comes to finding check points and getting out of the field. When the tribe was reassembled and well exercised we rode back once again on rolling bails of straw to go play in the straw mountain, stagger through the "Black Hole" and indoor maze, see animal life up close in the petting pens, and sample the fruits of the apple harvest that Rapid River and Cave Finder generously provided from the Cider Mill. Big Eagle demonstrated one of the true pleasures in life, dunking donuts in apple cider, and found a new convert. Straight Arrow and Talking Rock had so much fun they couldn't stay awake the whole ride home.



Cayugas Outstanding in the Field



Early in its cycle the Cayuga minds came under the influence of the Mad moon as we wondered if you can make energy from the light of that silvery disk. In an effort to try and satisfy our curiosity we visited the Uni-Solar plant in Auburn Hills on the 2nd day of the Mad moon. We learned about what solar cells are and that they convert light into electrical energy. We saw several different kinds of solar cell arrays and the best places to install them so they can make energy. We then went into the plant and looked at the machines and people that make solar cells. There was a big washer that cleans stainless steel that is a little thicker than aluminum foil. We saw the vacuum chamber (see photo) that is about as long as a football field where the amorphous silicon that makes up the solar cells is deposited on the stainless steel. We saw Indium-Tin-Oxide coating machines, machines that cut the new cells up into usable products, and solar cell testing machines. Our time ran out before we could see everything we came to see and ask all of our questions. We did have time to pass out snacks for the ride home, a time honored tradition no Cayuga will let slip into obscurity.



Cayugas at Uni-Solar Vacuum Deposition Chamber

The Cayuga tribe now heads into the Thanksgiving Parade both Amaized and Enlightened. We look forward to walking proudly with all the braves of the Livonia Federation.

Pals Forever,

Respectfully submitted

Running Deer, Straight Arrow, Talking Rock