

Happy January Birthday, Elders!!

Billy Ablin
Terrence Alvarado
Howard Barada
Terry Billiman
Mary Butler
Ronald Butler
Cozzette Charboneau
Mary Christensen
Cheryl Clark
Carl Conallis
Richard Crain
Robert Davis
Kathleen Dooley
Vickie Ebbe
Mary Felton
Kari Fish
Tommie Ford
Curtis Grant
Vera Grant
Carlina Hagler
Mary Hammett
Emma Harjo
Gloria Hawkins
Sigrid Hennrich
Carletta Henthorn
Nicholas Hovsepian



Curtis Jones
Jackie Keo
Elmer Manatowa
Mildred Marceleno
Jorene Martinez
Sherri McAllister
Cheryl McClellan
Darlean McGuffey
Glenna McKinney
Johnelle Mische
Thomas Myers
Kenneth O'Brien
Steven Payne
Joseph Perez
Linda Rogers
Alice Steward
Barbara Strouss
Sharon Warren
Cecelia Washington
Freda West
Muriel Wheeler
Nancy Whistler
Sylvia Whittaker
Butler
Richard Williamson
Eugene Wilson



New Arrival!

Jane Marie Bates

Amanda Harrington and Dusty Bates of Shawnee, announce the birth of a daughter, Jane Marie Bates. She was born at 9:43 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 2011. She weighed 9 lbs. and 12



Jane Marie Bates

oz. and was 20 3/4 inches long. Grandparents are Lisa and T. J. Fixico, Jr. of Shawnee and the late Louise Marie Thomison. Great-grandparents are Ruby Mae Vandever of Shawnee and the late Shela Foster Davis. Great-great grandparents are the late Grover and Jane Butler Foster.

Establishment Of The Second Non-Eagle Feather Repository

(Albuquerque, New Mexico) Today, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (Service), in cooperation with Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation (Liberty Wildlife) in Scottsdale, Arizona, established a two-year pilot, non-eagle feather repository to provide Native Americans with a permitted source to obtain non-eagle feathers from federally regulated migratory birds for religious and cultural use.

On June 21, 2010, the Comanche Nation Ethno-Ornithological Initiative (SIA) based in Cyril, Oklahoma, became the first permitted and tribally managed non-eagle feather repository in the country. With Liberty Wildlife now being permitted, both entities will work cooperatively with the Service to assist Native Americans throughout the country to lawfully acquire migratory birds, their parts and feathers for religious and cultural purposes.

For decades Native Americans have used various natural resources and wildlife for subsistence, as well as for cultural and religious purposes. Feathers remain one of the most sought after items by tribal cultural and religious practitioners. To assist in legal acquisition of federally regulated migratory bird feathers, the Service established the National Eagle Repository in Denver, Colorado. This repository serves as a legal source of eagles and eagle feathers for qualified, federally enrolled, tribal members for use in religious ceremonies.

At one time, this repository also distributed other protected and regulated migratory birds, like hawks and falcons. However distribution of these non-eagle species was discontinued in the late 1990s. Since then, the Service has looked for ways to help meet

tribal needs for non-eagle feathers.

In cooperation with Liberty Wildlife, the Service is issuing a permit to establish a second non-eagle feather repository. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) and a permit were signed on July 1 enabling Liberty Wildlife, to receive and distribute regulated migratory bird feathers, deceased birds and parts from zoos, falconers, rehabilitators and other permitted sources to federally enrolled tribal members across the country. This pilot project will be monitored and evaluated for two-years.

The permit and MOA do not allow for the take of any protected migratory birds. The majority of feathers will be obtained through birds that naturally molt feathers.

Various protected migratory birds, feathers and parts will be authorized for transfer to this new repository by Service bird rehabilitators, zoos, falconers, and other Service-permitted entities. Based on the process used by the Service's eagle repository in Denver, federally enrolled tribal members will now be able to apply for, acquire and possess non-eagle federally regulated migratory bird feathers and their parts for religious and cultural use both through SIA and Liberty Wildlife.

For more information on these new repositories, contact Liberty Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation at 480-998-5550, or visit their website at www.libertywildlife.org/index.asp or Bill Voelker, Director of the SIA at (580) 464-2750, <http://www.comancheeagle.org>. You may also contact the Fish and Wildlife Service's Native American Liaison, Joe Early, at (505) 248-6602, or at joe_early@fws.gov

Congratulations

To Cecil and Carol Littlehead
on Your 30th Wedding Anniversary

February 14, 2011

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OKLAHOMA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, INC. THE LOW INCOME TAXPAYER CLINIC SCHEDULE

LOCATION:

Citizen Band Potawatomi Nation
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: The Fire Center
300 E. Walnut
Tecumseh, OK
405.598.0797 for directions

LOCATION:

Absentee Shawnee Tribe
Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Location: Main Tribal Complex
Bldg E-1 Conference Room
Southeast of Shawnee, OK
405.275.4040 for directions

SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

January 25, 2011
February 1, 2011
February 8, 2011
February 15, 2011

WEDNESDAY

January 26, 2011
February 2, 2011
February 9, 2011
February 16, 2011
February 23, 2011

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

January 28, 2011
February 4, 2011
February 11, 2011
February 18, 2011
February 25, 2011

To schedule an appointment for times and locations other than listed above, please call 1-800-658-1497 and ask for 'tax preparation appointment.'

 Liberty Wildlife Non-eagle Feather Repository	NON-EAGLE PARTS FOR NATIVE AMERICAN RELIGIOUS PURPOSES REQUEST FORM	Contact Information: P.O.Box 14345 Scottsdale, AZ 85267 Phone: 480-998-5550 Fax: 480-998-0230 E-mail: feathers@libertywildlife.org	
		Request # _____ Repository use only	
IMPORTANT ONLY ONE REQUEST FOR FEATHERS/PARTS MAY BE SUBMITTED AT ONE TIME DO NOT SUBMIT REQUESTS TO BOTH REPOSITORIES AT THE SAME TIME			
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix (Sr., Jr., etc.)
Physical address (Street address; Apartment #, Suite #)			
City		State	Zip code/Postal code
Mailing Address (if different than physical address)			
City		State	Zip code/Postal code
Date of Birth	Email address (optional)	Name of Contact Person (if you have no phone)	
Home Phone Number () - () - ()	Work Phone Number () - () - ()	Phone Number of Contact () - () - ()	
NOTE: Providing proof of enrollment in a federally recognized Native American tribe is a requirement for eligibility to possess non-eagle feathers and parts. Examples of proof of enrollment include: A copy of an official tribal roll vital record, a copy of a Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB) card, or a letter from your tribal enrollment office that certifies your enrollment in a federally-recognized tribe.			
NAME OF YOUR TRIBE:		TRIBAL ENROLLMENT NO.	
** INCLUDE PROOF OF ENROLLMENT WITH THIS REQUEST**			
GROUP <input type="checkbox"/> Hawk/Falcon <input type="checkbox"/> Owl <input type="checkbox"/> Water bird <input type="checkbox"/> Shorebird <input type="checkbox"/> Upland bird <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	SPECIES (Only one species/type per request) (ex. Red-Tailed, Osprey, Prairie, etc.) (ex. Great Horned, Saw-Whet, Elf, etc.) (ex. Anhinga, Gull, Cormorant, etc.) (ex. Plover, Sandpiper, Willet, etc.) (ex. Flicker, Flycatcher, Crane, etc.)	Number of FEATHERS _____	Special Orders Whole Carcass <input type="checkbox"/> Pair Whole Wings <input type="checkbox"/> Whole Tail <input type="checkbox"/> Specific Feathers <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Species <input type="checkbox"/> Describe: _____
I hereby certify that I am requesting migratory bird parts for religious purposes and that the information submitted herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.			
Signature: _____		Date: _____	
The request for feathers for religious purposes has been reviewed and found to be correct and complete. <input type="checkbox"/>			
Printed Name	Signature	Date	
ONCE YOUR REQUEST IS FILLED, YOU MAY SUBMIT ANOTHER REQUEST FORM TO EITHER REPOSITORY			

