

**SEPTEMBER
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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



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Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!

I hope everyone is having a great fall so far!

Fall is always budget season and this year is no different. The Tribal Council has been meeting with Tribal Administration and our enterprise managers to thoroughly review all fiscal year 2017 budgets of the Tribal Government and our enterprises. As always, this is a huge task that we take very seriously. We should move forward with approving budgets within the next couple of weeks.

As you may know, this past year we began the huge task of reviewing and revising our Tribal Codes. The first code we revised was Title X - Election Rules & Regulations which was completed in time for our June 2016 Tribal Election. During the public comment period, we received suggestions from Tribal members on revisions that they wanted to make to the Election Code. However, those changes would need to be made in our Constitution first. Therefore, at that time the Tribal Council decided that a Constitutional Amendment Committee would be formed. At our June 2016 General meeting, Tribal members asked the Council to appoint a committee to review and revise our Constitution in order to deal with current matters. We advertised for this committee and 26 Tribal members signed up, the most interest we have ever had in a committee! Although all 26 Tribal members were extremely qualified, we felt that the board would function better if we narrowed it down to 11 members. We are excited that so many Tribal members wanted to be involved in such an important process! The committee has met several times and is working diligently to prepare proposed constitutional amendments that address concerns such as qualifications for office. We are hoping to have the revisions ready for your vote on the 2017 ballot.

In 2014, as part of a mutually agreed upon ramp down of our contracted services with our Tribal attorneys, Michael & Carroll, we instituted a plan to replace Bob Carroll as the Gaming Commission Chairman. In doing so, we hired Teri Poust this past July who is a member of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians. She is an attorney and is experienced in Tribal gaming both as a Commissioner and as a member of management. Teri has proven to be a valuable addition to our team and we look forward to working closely with her.



As you know, we have been working to revise our Tribal Criminal codes. At the last Council meeting, the Tribal Council approved drafts of Title I – Courts, Title II – Criminal Procedure, Title III – Criminal Offense, Title V – Child Welfare, Title VII – Traffic, and Title XXII – Sex Offender Registry to be posted to you for public comment. The draft Criminal codes can be found on the Tribe’s website or you can obtain a copy by contacting Tribal Courts. The comment period ends on Thursday, November 10, 2016. These are very important codes that will have a profound impact on our community and the safety and well-being of our families and neighbors. Please try to review it and provide any feedback you feel is necessary.

We received an invite from the Secretary of the Interior for two tribal children to attend a ‘Let’s Move’ event at the White House hosted by the First lady, Michelle Obama. This invitation resulted from the Secretary and her staffs’ visit here this summer and the relationships built. Kimberly Walden, our Cultural Director/THPO, was requested to escort two of our fifth graders, who were selected due to their full participation in the Tribe’s Recreation Program, to this event. Ally Burgess and Kati Parro went to Washington D.C. where they were able to assist the First Lady in harvesting the White House Garden and making vegetable pizza with items from the garden. Both Ally and Kati were able to meet both President Obama and the First Lady as well as an astronaut, recording artist, and others. During their trip, they were also able to see some of the museums, monuments, and memorials including, the Korean War Memorial, the Lincoln Memorial, the Vietnam Wall, Arlington Cemetery, the Natural History Museum, and the National Museum of the American Indian. They were also given a private tour of the Smithsonian’s collection of Chitimacha artifacts where they got to touch items of clothing, baskets, tools and weapons of our ancestors. This was truly a once in a lifetime trip and we are proud that they were able to represent our Tribe! They did a great job! (Go to www.letsmove.gov Fall Kitchen Harvest to see highlights.) They are pictured in a few photos on the next page.

The 3rd annual powwow was held this past weekend and was, once again, a huge success! Our Cultural Department and Powwow Committee worked day and night to pull off this event and it showed! This year we had 92 dancers (including Championship dancers) compete from 19 different Tribes including our Tribe! Chitimacha Tribal member Craig Burgess competed this year and did a great job. We also had several other tribal members dance including, Sarah Guillory, Sophia Darden, Gia Davis, Lanie Mire, and Annie and Vivian Hines. It was so nice to see members of our Tribe participate! Everyone that attended had a great time. The Tribal Council would like to thank the Cultural department and the Powwow Committee for all of their hard work in making this Powwow the best yet. We would also like to thank all of the volunteers that helped out.

Also, this past week was the annual Halloween Carnival at CTS. As usual, the gym was packed with some of our cutest ghosts and goblins. They played games and enjoyed good food. The carnival has become a long-standing tradition that our community loves. Trick or Treating on the reservation will be Monday, October 31st from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Please have a fun and safe Halloween!

In conclusion, the Tribal Council will continue to work with our Tribal Administration and our enterprises on improving our community and protecting our investments for a secure future. As always, we appreciate your continued prayers, patience, and support.

Nito,

April Wyatt, Your Tribal Vice Chairman

U.S. Secretary of the Interior, Sally Jewell, Ally Burgess and Kati Parro are pictured at right at the White House and again, below with President Obama, First lady, Michelle Obama and numerous participants of the Let's Move Event in Washington D.C.



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DUE TO THE PUBLICATION OF THE NEWSLETTER ON THE WEBSITE AND THE OCCASIONAL SENSITIVE NATURE OF TRIBAL BUSINESS, THE RESOLUTION NUMBERS AND TOPICS WILL ONLY BE POSTED.

FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS, THE FULL RESOLUTIONS ARE AVAILABLE UPON WRITTEN REQUEST TO JILL LOUVIERE, SENIOR EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT OR PEGGY GADDY, TRIBAL ADMINISTRATOR. YOU MAY MAIL YOUR REQUEST TO P.O. BOX 661, CHARENTON, LA 70523 OR THROUGH

E-MAIL: jill@chitimacha.gov or peggy@chitimacha.gov

A CONFIDENTIALITY ACKNOWLEDGMENT FORM WILL BE REQUIRED TO RELEASE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION. THE FORM CAN BE MAILED OR E-MAILED TO YOU.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION WITH THIS MATTER.

Resolutions for the month of June

Resolution CHI-TC #39-16	Housing Authority Chairman Appointment (Danny Darden)
Resolution CHI-TC #40-16	CBCH Capital Purchases
Resolution CHI-TC #41-16	Gaming Commission Chairman Appointment and Contract (Teri Poust)
Resolution CHI-TC #42-16	Keta Term Loan
Resolution CHI-TC #43-16	FY 2017 Indirect Cost Proposal
Resolution CHI-TC #44-16	2016-2017 Louisiana State Police Budget

Resolutions for the month of July

Resolution CHI-TC #45-16	Safety and Health Manual for Public Works
Resolution CHI-TC #46-16	Commercial Land Lease (Kered Parro Mire)
Resolution CHI-TC #47-16	CBCH Capital Purchase
Resolution CHI-TC #48-16	Tsunami Lease
Resolution CHI-TC #49-16	Support Letters for Wayti Fort Carson Project
Resolution CHI-TC #50-16	Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan FY' 2017-2019
Resolution CHI-TC #51-16	Associate Gaming Commissioner Appointment (Leslie Proctor)
Resolution CHI-TC #52-16	Formally Refer the Tribal Chairman's Prosecution from Tribal Courts to State Courts

Resolutions for the month of August

Resolution CHI-TC #53-16

FY' 16 G2G Tribal Transportation Program Agreement

Resolution CHI-TC #54-16

Special Diabetes Grant Program Year 20

Resolution CHI-TC #55-16

CBCH Capital Expenditures Purchase

Resolution CHI-TC #56-16

Constitutional Amendment Committee Appointments

(Megan Persilver, Kimberly Walden, Tammy Oser, Melissa Darden, Leslie Proctor, Alton LeBlanc, Nikina Davis, Katherine "Kitty" Vilcan, Jay Binder, Brennan Fanguie and Christopher Mora)

Resolution CHI-TC #57-16

Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Senior Tribal Member Birthday Comp Policy

Resolutions for the month of September

Resolution CHI-TC #58-16

Cancellation of Residential Land Lease (Matthew Richard)

Resolution CHI-TC #59-16

Residential Land Lease (Matthew Richard)



MENU:

Roasted Turkey,
Fried Turkey,
Roasted Pork Loin,
Seafood Gumbo,
Corn Bread Dressing,
Rice Dressing,
Baked Macaroni and
Cheese, Green Bean
Casserole, and Yams

DESSERTS:

Pecan Pie, Cookies and
Sugar Free Desserts



Happy 
Thanksgiving

*The Chitimacha Tribal Council
Cordially Invites You and Your Family
to Attend the Thanksgiving Feast
on Saturday, November 19, 2016
at Cypress Bayou Casino Hotel Pavilion
Serving at 11:30 a.m.*

Door Prizes and Bingo with Cash Prizes Awarded
Please Enter Through the Hotel or Pavilion Entrances
IMMEDIATE TRIBAL FAMILIES ONLY





CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



In September 2016, the following traffic citations were issued: 1 for child passenger restraint system, 2 for hit and run, 1 for stop sign, and 1 for speeding.

Also for September, 8 verbal warnings were issued.

The following arrests were logged for September 2016:

- 9-2-16 One male was arrested for Criminal Trespass.
- 9-13-16 One male was arrested for Theft.
- 9-13-16 One female was arrested for Theft.
- 9-15-16, One male was arrested for an Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office warrant for Failure to Appear for Violation of Protective Order.
- 9-16-16 One female was arrested on a Chitimacha Police Department warrant for Terrorizing. She was also arrested for 6 warrants for East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for failure to appear for status conference, disturbing the peace, possession of Xanax, disturbing the peace, improper phone communication, and assault on child welfare worker (2 counts).
- 9-18-16 One male was arrested for disturbing the peace by intoxication, disturbing the peace by fighting and resisting an officer by force.
- 9-21-16 One female was arrested for Theft.
- 9-24-16 One male was arrested for Hit and Run Driving.
- 9-29-16 One male was arrested for Simple Battery and was transported to the parish jail.

If anyone has information about illegal narcotic activity or any other criminal activity taking place on the Chitimacha Reservation please call the Chitimacha Police at 337-923-4964. All callers will remain anonymous.



NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

On August 2, the Police Department, along with the Chitimacha Fire Department, held National Night Out at the Chitimacha Tribal School Gym. We had a great turnout from the community. Chitimacha Health Clinic and Chitimacha Human Services were available in a booth handing out information. They also donated door prizes.



Representatives from Chez Hope were available in a booth handing out information. The Chitimacha Fire Department donated hamburgers and the Franklin Lodge F&AM 57 donated hot dogs and chili. Two fun jumps were available for the children. Several surrounding businesses donated to help this event.

OATH OF OFFICE

Recently Reserve Officer Kenneth Perry, Jr., was hired as a full time Police Officer with the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department. Pictured below is Ofc. Perry taking his Oath of Office with Judge Leonard, and again with Chief Hutchinson, Administrative Ofc. Bonin and Judge Leonard. Congratulations Ofc. Perry!



WELCOME!



A new and an old face. Oaths of Office were taken by Reserve Officers Blaise Darden and Howard Bodin. Some of you may recognize Ofc. Darden from when he worked at the Chitimacha Police Department as a full time Officer a few years back. After leaving the department to pursue other career opportunities, Ofc. Darden is rejoining the department as a Reserve Officer.

Ofc. Bodin also works for Louisiana Probation & Parole since 2003. He retired from the military and worked for New Iberia Police Department throughout his Law Enforcement career.

Welcome Back Ofc. Darden and Welcome Aboard Ofc. Bodin! **CONGRATULATIONS**



Pictured above is Chief Judge Porter with Ofc. Darden and Ofc. Bodin receiving their oaths and in the bottom photo with Lt. Bourque, Administrative Ofc. Bonin and Chief Hutchinson.



On October 2, 2016, officers responded to the Cypress Bayou Casino in reference to a theft. During the investigation, drugs were located on the suspect, identified as Kemper Batiste (*not pictured*). The drugs that were located on Batiste included 2.2 grams of Methamphetamine, 2 pills that were identified as Lortab and \$311.24 in cash. Batiste was arrested and charged with Theft Under \$750, Possession with Intent to Distribute Schedule II (Methamphetamine), Possession of Schedule II (Lortab/Hydrocodone), and Transactions Involving Proceeds from Drug Offenses.



On August 22, 2016, officers responded to a call of a theft that occurred at the Cypress Bayou Casino. During the theft investigation, drugs were located on the suspect, identified as George Katter. The drugs that were located in Katter's possession were marijuana, methamphetamine, and drug paraphernalia.



Katter was arrested and charged with Theft, Exploitation of Persons with Infirmities, 3 counts of Possession of Drug Paraphernalia (2nd offense), Possession of Marijuana (2nd offense), and Possession of Methamphetamine with Intent to Distribute.

On October 6, 2016, Chez Hope held their 2016 Unity Day Luncheon. During the luncheon, a Proclamation was read and signed proclaiming October Domestic Abuse Violence Awareness Month. Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser was the guest speaker for the luncheon. Awards were also presented at the luncheon. The Helping Hands Award was presented to local Law Enforcement Officers who have gone beyond the call of duty to assist victims of domestic abuse violence. Officer Denise Bodin and Detective Lieutenant Jada Breaux were among the Law Enforcement Officers who received the 2016 Helping Hands Award. Congratulations to both of them and to all the other award winners! They are pictured below with Chez Hope Executive Director Cherrise Picard, Lieutenant Governor Billy Nungesser, and Tribal Council Secretary/Treasurer Jackie Junca.



GREAT JOB!!

Chitimacha Tribal School News

Eagle Pride... Eagle Spirit

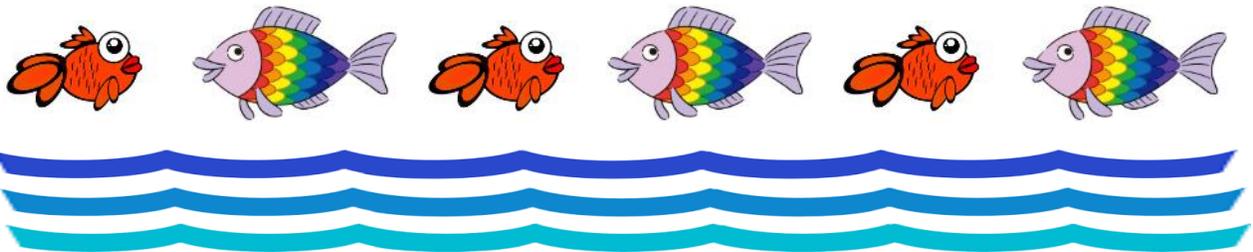


CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS

Summer is o’*fish*’ially over but that’s not stopping CTS students from making a SPLASH!

Our 2016-2017 school theme is an ocean/sea theme. The CTS campus is decorated with student-made themed crafts that our “*fantastic*” students worked on during the final weeks of last school year and during summer camp. All classes did such a “*s-whale*” job!!!

Big thanks to ALL who participated in making our campus such a “*whale-coming*” place!!!!!!!!!!



NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER EVENTS AT CTS

Grandparents Day Program

CTS students took great pleasure in preparing a video presentation for their grandparents. The Grandparents’ Day program ended with refreshments and several games of BINGO.

Prayer Around the Flag Ceremony

Like millions of Americans each year, CTS students, teachers, staff and community gathered together for Prayer around the Flag Ceremony on the 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance to honor those lost and those who rose in service after the 2001 attacks.



CTS Students Travel in Style

Students that scored a MASTERY and/or ADVANCED on the LEAP/iLEAP test were rewarded with a limousine joy ride on Friday, 23 September. Congratulations again students!

Job well-done!



As Seen on Screen – EAGLE BUCK DRESS DOWN DAY

Students demonstrated school spirit and dressed as their favorite TV character on Wednesday, September 28th.



NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL – SEPTEMBER EVENTS CONTINUED...

Taste and “Sea” the Sweetness of Success

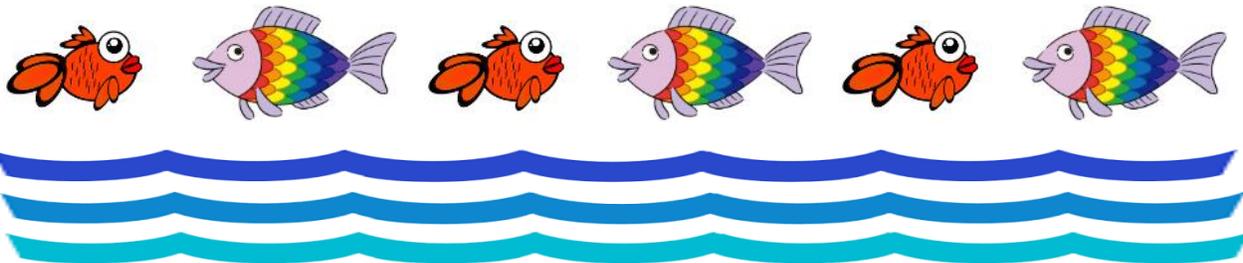


Students with an A-B average at the end of the **Mid-Nine Weeks** were invited to our first “Make your Monday a Sundae” Pre-Honor Roll party. Students enjoyed a bowl of vanilla ice cream filled with all their favorite sundae toppings.



8th Grade Ring Ceremony

Family and friends joined the Class of 2017 on Friday, September 30th as they received their 8th grade graduation rings. Thanks to Ms. Angelle for organizing this event. Congratulations 8th Grade! Hope you have a “SEA”sational Senior Year!



RECENT EVENTS

Renaissance Program (Academic Pep Rally)

Friday, October 14th

Students came to school dressed as their favorite sea creature or any occupation associated with the sea or ocean (e.g. scuba diver, sailor, fisherman, pirates, etc.)

Halloween Carnival

Friday, October 21st

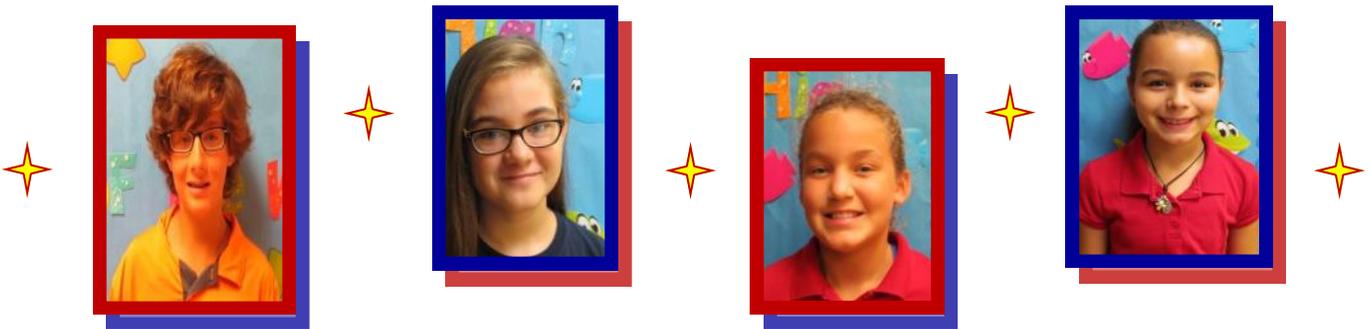
Another great carnival with Staff, Students and Parents all having fun! Many thanks to those who participated and donated goodies!!



Star Student of the Week

Every year students are encouraged to be their very best, both academically and socially. Teachers and staff watch for students who demonstrate kind, positive, and well-mannered behavior as well as students who conduct themselves in a respectful and responsible manner.

CTS students who meet these expectations are selected as the STAR STUDENT OF THE WEEK for each month. Eighth grader, Sabastian Mire, was selected as the CTS Star Student for the week of September 5-9. Seventh grader, Emily Darden, was selected as the CTS Star Student for the week of September 12-16. Sixth grader, Rileigh-Jo Becker, was selected as the CTS Star Student for the week of September 19-23. Fifth grader, Ally Burgess, was selected as the CTS Star Student of the week for September 26-30.



NEWS FROM AROUND SCHOOL – CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

From the Desk of... Mrs. Brooke

First grade is off to an awesome start! In Math, students are creating number bonds and counting on to find the missing number in an equation. In Grammar, students are learning how to write a well-developed sentence by adding details to it. Students are improving their vocabulary and learning about genre through our reading lessons. In Science, students are learning about scientists and the tools they use. Our first graders even became scientists when they made observations using a microscope. Keep up the great work, First Grade!

From the Desk of... Mrs. Debbie

There has been a lot of learning going on in Second grade. Students have been busy with their new Math program (Eureka Math). This math helps students to understand Math, connects it to the real world, and is preparing them to solve problems they haven't encountered before. Students are not just memorizing facts and formulas; they are learning why the process works.

We are also doing something different in Reading. Our new reading program is geared toward getting our students to read a wide range of texts. Our tests will be different than the tests we have taken in the past. We will be doing a lot of writing with this program, which will help us to get our thoughts on paper.

We had our Open House in August and it was a great success. We also had Grandparents Day and that too was a big success. Many grandparents attended and played Bingo.



From the Desk of ... Mrs. Allison

Third graders have been really busy the last few months.

In Reading, we have spent a lot of time practicing UNRAAVEL on several stories. This will help them comprehend their stories better and make them go back and underline where they find their answers.

In Spelling, we went from having 10 words a week to 20 words. They are handling this adjustment quite well. Keep up the great work guys!

In Language, students have been working really hard to incorporate complex sentences into their writing. They are writing one paragraph per week now. They are improving drastically.

In Math, we are working on multiplication and division. Students show their work by drawing tape diagrams and arrays. We are also getting faster at our mad minute sprints, which has both multiplication and division facts mixed.

In Science, we have been studying the Scientific Method and learning about tools that scientist use. We have made several tree maps to organize all the information we have been learning. The students really enjoyed playing vocabulary basketball to help them learn their vocabulary words.

Keep up the hard work guys, it will pay off!

“Sea” What We Have Accomplished In 3rd GRADE

Haunted Field Trip

By: Third Grade Class

Last Friday, we went on a field trip to an old, abandoned house. The house was in the middle of the woods. Since it was in the woods, the house was covered in vines. The door was full of spiders, skulls, and skeletons. The creepy butler guided each of us in carefully and quietly. We were all scared to death. Suddenly the door slammed and locked by itself. We all screamed as loud as we could. While the ghost flicked on and off the lights, he began to tell us a riddle we had to solve. He said, “Solve 20 multiplication facts in 20 seconds or less, to get out alive!” Each multiplication fact appeared in a puff of smoke before our eyes. We quickly worked together and drew arrays and tape diagrams to find all the answers. We beat the clock just in time and the door opened. We ran out as fast as we could.

This story contains complex sentences with subordinators.

It also includes techniques we learned to answer multiplication problems.

From the Desk of... Mrs. Connie

The fifth graders are studying Ancient Civilizations in Social Studies and have been working with graphic organizers to display the achievements and contributions of these civilizations. They built tipi's as an extension activity and these are on display outside the 5th grade classroom. In Science we are having fun experimenting with different states of matter and physical changes in matter. In Math we are learning how to complete operations using decimals. We are currently reading the novel *Island of the Blue Dolphins* and responding in writing to daily reading. They have been looking for the theme in poetry and drama as well as in Reading. We all looked forward to seeing those of you who came by the face painting booth for the Halloween Carnival.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL
2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
1ST NINE WEEKS RENAISSANCE PROGRAM



Principal's List

1st Grade: Peyton Darden
 Emma Rogers
 2nd Grade: Kaylie Barrilleaux
 Ava Burgess
 Cohen Daniels
 3rd Grade: Brenden Vilcan
 4th Grade: Lillie Leger
 5th Grade: Ally Burgess
 8th Grade: AnaLaysha Burgess

Honor Roll

1st Grade: Caymen Burgess
 Cooper Jones
 Connor Simoneaux
 Talon Thomas
 2nd Grade: Kaiyn Butaud
 Hunter Olander
 Bailey Parro
 3rd Grade: Ambre' Viator
 4th Grade: Chenoa Burgess
 Addison Darden
 Alysha Darden
 Jasey Walker
 5th Grade: Kaiyah Dwyer
 Kati Parro
 7th Grade: Madison Parro
 Riley Trahan
 8th Grade: Amber Mora
 Jacob Mora
 Ben Paulino

Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten: Gia Davis
 Ashlyn Romero
 Vincent Vilcan-Soprano
 1st Grade: Peyton Darden
 Cooper Jones
 Emma Rogers
 Talon Thomas
 2nd Grade: Ben Darden
 McKenna Higgins
 3rd Grade: Luke Boudreaux
 Andrew Burgess
 London Sisk
 Brenden Vilcan
 Jude Walker
 4th Grade: Layla Carlin
 Lillie Leger
 McKarlie Schexnaider
 Jasey Walker

Perfect Attendance

5th Grade: Zoe Butaud
 Rikkiann Cook
 Taylor Olander
 6th Grade: Rileigh-Jo Becker
 Mya Magee
 7th Grade: Emily Darden
 Riley Trahan
 8th Grade: Dominic Crochet
 Ben Paulino
 Robert Savoie
 Ethan Vilcan

Good Conduct

Kindergarten: Lucy Brooks
 Carter Burgess
 Shaelyn Cook
 Dawson Daniels
 Gia Davis
 Isabella Frederick
 Ann Hines
 Alyssa Martin
 Kinsley Picard
 Braeden Poirrier
 Ashlyn Romero
 Bentley Thomas
 Vincent Vilcan-Soprano
 1st Grade: Caymen Burgess
 Aaydon Darden
 Keira Darden
 Peyton Darden
 Emma Rogers
 Connor Simoneaux
 Talon Thomas
 2nd Grade: Aidan Barbo
 Kaylie Barrilleaux
 Aden Burgess
 Ava Burgess
 Kaiyn Butaud
 Lucas Carline
 Cohen Daniels
 Hunter Olander
 Bailey Parro
 3rd Grade: Nicholas Barbo
 Aiden Bobbitt
 Luke Boudreaux
 Andrew Burgess
 Karsin Burgess
 Sophie Butaud
 Rihanna Cook
 London Sisk





CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR



1ST NINE WEEKS RENAISSANCE PROGRAM continued...

Good Conduct continued...

- 3rd Grade: Alaya Toups
Ambre' Viator
Brenden Vilcan
Jude Walker
- 4th Grade: Makinley Barrilleaux
Chenoa Burgess
Makylin Businelle
Addison Darden
Alysha Darden
Landon Darden
Lillee Leger
Dakota Mire
Jacie Mora
Searentiy Mora
McKarlie Schexnaider
Eli Shuff
Jasey Walker

Good Conduct continued...

- 5th Grade: Ally Burgess
Zoe Butaud
Rikkiann Cook
Kaiyah Dwyer
Taylor Olander
Kati Parro
- 6th Grade: Rileigh-Jo Becker
Halee Cranche
Ridge Darden
Wilson Dupre
Domanick Gaspard
Mya Magee
Billy Mora
- 7th Grade: Cameryn Burgess
Emily Darden
Koryn Hebert
Madison Parro
Riley Trahan
- 8th Grade: AnaLaysha Burgess
Dominic Crochet
McKayla Higgins
Sabastian Mire
Amber Mora



**CONGRATULATIONS
STUDENTS & PARENTS
FOR A JOB
WELL DONE!**



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PRICING
Public Release
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LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DIVISION OF NUTRITION ASSISTANCE
SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE SECTION

This is the public release that will be sent to the Chitimacha Newsletter on July 1, 2016. This group must be advised of program availability, new programs, or changes in existing programs.

The Chitimacha Tribal School today announced its policy for free and reduced price meals served under the National School Lunch and/or School Breakfast Program(s). All schools and the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The following family size and annual income criteria will be used for determining eligibility:

Household Size	REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185%					FREE MEALS - 130%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice/ Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice/ Month	Every 2 Weeks	Weekly
1	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916	\$846	\$423	\$15,444	\$1,287	\$644	\$594	\$297
2	\$29,637	\$2,470	\$1,235	\$1,140	\$570	\$20,826	\$1,736	\$868	\$801	\$401
3	\$37,296	\$3,108	\$1,554	\$1,435	\$718	\$26,208	\$2,184	\$1,092	\$1,008	\$504
4	\$44,955	\$3,747	\$1,874	\$1,730	\$865	\$31,590	\$2,633	\$1,317	\$1,215	\$608
5	\$52,614	\$4,385	\$2,193	\$2,024	\$1,012	\$36,972	\$3,081	\$1,541	\$1,422	\$711
6	\$60,273	\$5,023	\$2,512	\$2,319	\$1,160	\$42,354	\$3,530	\$1,765	\$1,629	\$815
7	\$67,931	\$5,663	\$2,832	\$2,614	\$1,307	\$47,749	\$3,980	\$1,990	\$1,837	\$919
8	\$75,647	\$6,304	\$3,152	\$2,910	\$1,455	\$53,157	\$4,430	\$2,215	\$2,045	\$1,023
For each additional family member add:	+\$7,696	+\$642	+\$321	+\$296	+\$148	+\$5,408	+\$451	+\$226	+\$208	+\$104

Application forms are being sent to all homes, along with a letter to households. To apply for free or reduced price meals, households should fill out one application for the household and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at each school. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year. The information provided by the household is confidential; it will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility. Information may be verified at any time during the school year by school or other program officials.

All children in households with any household member receiving benefits under Assistance Programs (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Family Independence Temporary Assistance Program (FITAP) or Food Distribution Programs on Indian Reservations (FDPIR)) are eligible for free meals. For school officials to determine eligibility, each household that is now receiving benefits from Assistance Programs must provide the case number of a household member as well as the signature of an adult household member.

All other households must provide the following information on the application: names of all household members; the amount of income (before deductions for taxes, Social Security, etc.) each household member receives; how often the person receives the income; where it is from, such as wages, retirement, or welfare; the signature of an adult household member certifying that the information provided is correct; and the last four digits of the social security number of the adult household member who signed the application, or a statement that the household member does not possess one.

Children categorized as foster, homeless, runaway, migrant, or enrolled in state-funded Head Start or Even Start programs, **if known**, are automatically eligible for free meals. School officials will determine eligibility for free meals based on documentation obtained directly from the program office and notify the household of their eligibility for benefits. The household must notify the school if it chooses to decline benefits. The household **should complete an application if they are not notified of free meal eligibility by: September 2016**

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for meal benefits.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced price policy, Tracie Leger will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he may make either an oral or written response to the following:

Name: Tanya Rosamond
Address: Chitimacha Tribal School, 3613 Chitimacha Trail, Jeanerette, LA 70544
Phone Number: 337-923-9960

The policy contains an outline of the hearing procedures.

Non-discrimination Statement

“In accordance with Federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its Agencies, offices, and employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are prohibited from discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.

Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication for program information (e.g. Braille, large print, audiotope, American Sign Language, etc.), should contact the Agency (State or local) where they applied for benefits. Individuals who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Additionally, program information may be made available in languages other than English.

To file a program complaint of discrimination, complete the USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form, (AD-3027) found online at: http://www.ascr.usda.gov/complaint_filing_cust.html, and at any USDA office, or write a letter addressed to USDA and provide in the letter all of the information requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call (866) 632-9992. Submit your completed form or letter to USDA by:

- (1) mail: U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;
- (2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or
- (3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.”

Chitimacha Scholarship Program



ULL Preview Day

THE MONTH OF OCTOBER HAS BEEN A BUSY ONE FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM!



On October 1st, we took a trip to the university of Louisiana at Lafayette for preview day. It was a Really fun day for the students and helped them to make decisions on the colleges they would like to attend in the fall. Two of our students loved the campus and feel of ULL and decided that they would like to attend ULL in the fall. The other two students decided they wanted to tour a few smaller colleges in the upcoming months!



Tour du Teche

October 8th was Tour du Teche. A couple of our local students came out to help serve food, sell t-shirts, assist boaters, and watch for the boats passing our checkpoint.



Thanksgiving Feast

There will be a community payback opportunity on November 19th for the Thanksgiving Feast. If you are interested in working to earn some payback hours please call: 337-923-2463 or email: meganp@chitimacha.gov.



Enrollment

Enrollment has been transferred to Megan Persilver in the Scholarship office. If you need to apply for enrollment or have any questions regarding enrollment status, please call: 337-923-2463 or email: meganp@chitimacha.gov.



HOUSING NEWS

Marilyn Burgess



HOUSING IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (HIP)

We are collecting data to determine who, if anyone, would qualify for assistance through the Housing Improvement Program. This program is funded by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, which is a safety-net program that provides grants for repairing, renovating or replacing existing housing and for providing new housing. The current ranking factors are based on an applicant's annual household income, whether there is an aged person living in the house, whether there is a disabled person living in the house and the family size. There are a certain number of points available for each of the ranking factors. Anyone interested in completing an application to determine if you meet the eligibility requirements, please come by the Housing Office. There is no guarantee that we will receive funding; however, the more applicants that are eligible, the better chances we have to receive the grant.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS

Please be reminded that you must always keep your housing application updated. You should update once a year or if at any time your information changes. This is very important because this is one factor that the Housing Board takes into consideration when awarding a home.

HOUSING MEETINGS

Our housing meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month and are open to all Tribal Members. If you would like to be placed on the agenda, you must call the office by 4:00 P.M. on the previous day.

IF ANY ONE HAS QUESTIONS REGARDING HOUSING PROGRAMS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL OR COME BY THE OFFICE. I WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THE ISSUES WITH YOU.

2016 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ENTREPRENEURIAL GRANT AWARDS



Katie Hufstetler



Kered Parro Mire



Shayna Hines



Jill Louviere

This year, we had a total of 12 applicants submit their documentation for the grant program. The Committee is pleased to announce the applicants chosen for funding, and congratulates all applicants for a thorough and well-prepared grant application. They are all pictured here along with April Wyatt, Vice Chairman.



Joshua Vilcan



Jack & Matt Darden



Melissa Darden & Matt Richard





News from Yaamahana



FROM CRIB TO KINDERGARTEN

A GUIDE TO YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT WILL YOUR CHILD BE READY FOR SCHOOL?

One Month

Raises head slightly off floor or bed, when lying on stomach * Holds head up momentarily when supported * Briefly watches and follows object with eyes * Avoids mildly annoying sensations (placement of cloth on face) * Throaty sounds

Two Months

Holds head erect, bobbing, when supported in sitting position * Follows moving person with eyes * Imitates or responds to smiling person with occasional smile * Vocalizes

Three Months

Lifts head and chest when lying on stomach * Moves body vigorously * Head control is improving * Recognizes bottle or breast * Coos-chuckles

Four Months

Controls head well * Rolls from side to side * Takes object, such as a pencil, held near hand * May begin reaching * Follows moving object when held in sitting position * Laughs aloud * Enjoys play

Six Months

Sits with minimal support * Rolls from back to stomach * Transfers object from hand to hand and from hand to mouth * Babbles—more than two sounds

Nine Months

Sits alone—changes position without falling * Plays with two objects at the same time * Unwraps block * Says "mama" , "baba"

Twelve Months (1 Year)

Pulls self to standing—may step with support * Picks things up with thumb and one finger * Stacks two blocks * Gives toy on request * Gives affection * Follows simple directions accompanied by gestures * May say 2 or 3 words

Fifteen Months

May walk without support * Stacks 3 blocks * Vocalizes with pitch changes as in conversation * May use 4 or 5 words * Some self-feeding

A GUIDE TO YOUR CHILD'S DEVELOPMENT continued...



Eighteen Months

Walks-may run a bit-climbs up or down one stair * Likes pull toys * Likes being read to * Makes mark with crayon on paper or table * Partially feeds self * May use 5-10 words

Twenty-Four Months (2 Years)

Kicks large ball * Turns pages (2 or 3 at a time) * Imitates house-work * Recognizes familiar pictures-knows if upside down * Asks for items by name * Uses 2 or 3 words together, such as "more juice"

Thirty-Six Months (3 Years)

Walks up stairs * Stands momentarily on one foot * Rides tricycle * Feeds self * Opens door * Verbalizes toilet needs

Forty-Eight Months (4 Years)

Hops in place * Throws ball over head * Catches ball bounced to him * Copies circle * Points to 6 common colors * Knows own sex, age, last name * Begins to play with other children * Uses sentences with correct grammar, such as "may I go to the store?" or "I want a cookie" * Washes hands unassisted

Sixty Months (5 Years)

Walks backward heel-toe * Runs on tiptoe * Prints a few capital letters * Recognizes own printed name * Cuts food with knife * Plays with others * Recognizes penny, nickel, and dime * Answers verbally to "Hi" and "How are you?" * Laces shoes

This guide shows the normal signs of growth in a young child. Children develop at different rates. If you as a parent feel that your child is developing slower than this guide indicates, help is available. Services for children birth—school age are provided.

REMEMBER: The earlier you recognize your child's special needs and seek help, the better the possibilities are for your child to improve or overcome the problems.

ACT NOW! Contact Chitimacha Child Find:

Margo Weber (337) 923-9960

Kathleen Flanagan (337) 923-0100



Yaamahana/Chitimacha Child Development Center

Presents

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS MOVIES IN THE PARK

Adult Ticket (Ages 13 and Older) \$4
Child Ticket (Ages 3-12) \$2

Saturday, November 26, 2016 at 5:30 PM
Chitimacha Reservation Sports Complex

Concession stand will be open.

Please no outside food or drinks.

Gates will open at 5:00 PM.

In case of inclement weather, will move to
Chitimacha Tribal School Gym.

Bring your blankets & chairs to enjoy this family friendly event.



TRIBAL COURT NEWS

Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court
Chitimacha Tribal Court



COURT ACTIVITIES:

On September 27th, 2016, an Oath of Office ceremony was conducted with Blaise Darden and Howard Bodin being sworn in as Reserve Police Officers for the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department. Congratulations and welcome aboard! We look forward to working with you.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

As a result of several codes revision meetings conducted, a decision was made by Tribal Council To make **January 1, 2017**, the effective date for implementation of the **Tribal Law and Order Act** and **Violence Against Women Act**. The revisions to Title II, Criminal Procedure and Title III, Criminal Offense Code of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice will be presented at the next Council Meeting on October 20, 2016 for the **21-day Public Comment Period**. Upon approval by Tribal Council, the revisions will be published for Public Comment and placed on the chitimacha.gov website under the Government section where they may be printed and reviewed by anyone. If you would like to obtain a copy of the revisions, you may do so by contacting Carrie D. Saucier, Clerk of Court at (337) 923-7806.

TLOA (Tribal Law and Order Act):

In accordance with the Indian Civil Rights Act (ICRA), the maximum sentence for each felony charge is limited to a one (1) year term of incarceration and a fine in the amount of \$5,000.00. Under the **Tribal Law and Order Act (TLOA)**, a Tribe may impose a more severe sentence of **three (3) years incarceration per offense, \$15,000.00, or both, with a maximum penalty of nine (9) years in jail, \$45,000.00, or both.**

VAWA - (Violence Against Women Act):

The Violence Against Women Act would allow the Tribe to exercise criminal jurisdiction over non-Indian defendants for violent criminal conduct against spouses or partners, subject to limitations and requirements. The non-Indian defendant must have significant ties to the Tribal community, i.e., reside or work in the Tribe's Indian country; or be a Tribal member's "intimate partner."

The grounds for applying VAWA is: 1) criminal conduct must occur on Tribal lands; 2) the crime must be committed against an Indian; 3) deemed an act of domestic or dating violence only; and violate any jurisdiction's protective order.

For any term of imprisonment, The Tribe must provide the following TLOA protections: 1) licensed/law trained judges; 2) licensed counsel for indigent defendants; 3) record of criminal proceeding; 4) publish laws, procedures, rules of evidence to the public. Other provisions would require a trial by jury that reflects the community demographics to include non-Indian jurors.

Enhanced Sentencing Jurisdiction:

To impose enhanced sentencing jurisdiction provisions, the defendant must: 1) have been convicted of the same or similar offense before by any jurisdiction in the United States; or 2) is being prosecuted for a felony level offense or comparable offense punishable by more than one (1) year imprisonment.

To enforce enhanced sentencing, the Tribe must provide: 1) licensed/law trained judges; 2) licensed counsel for indigent defendants; 3) record of criminal proceeding; 4) publish laws, procedures, rules of evidence to the public.

All current versions of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice are now posted under the government section on the chitimacha.gov website. Code revisions are still ongoing at this time.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT:

There are eighteen (18) individuals currently being monitored by the Probation Department at this time. Four (4) of the eighteen (18) are convicted sex offenders.

The list of convicted sex offenders may be reviewed on the <http://chitimacha.nsopw.gov/website>. In accordance with Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) guidelines, convicted sex offenders are required to register with the Tribal Court Probation Officer under Title XXII, Sex Offender Registry Code of the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice and are subjected to the minimum registration and frequency requirements, as follows:

Tier I: once a year for 15 years;

Tier II: once every 180 days for 25 years;

Tier III: once every 90 days for life

ENROLLMENT DEPARTMENT:

The Enrollment Department is being relocated to the Scholarship Department and the Main Office at 155 Chitimacha Loop Road, Charenton, LA 70523. For assistance with enrollment, please contact **Bethany Darby** at bethanyd@chitimacha.gov or **Megan Persilver** at meganp@chitimacha.gov (337) 923-4973.

LAY COUNSELORS (ADVOCATES):

Below are the list of qualifications for applying for Lay Counselor or Peacemaker. On-site and formal training will be conducted for Lay Advocates and Peacemakers. You may be required to travel for training if necessary.

TITLE I, CHAPTER 5, SEC.501

QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION OF ATTORNEY OR LAY COUNSELOR

(b) **Lay counselors.** Any person who meets the qualifications established in this Section shall be eligible for admission to practices before the Court as a lay counselor upon written application and approval of the Chief Judge. To be eligible to serve as a lay counselor, a person;

- (1) must be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (2) must be of high moral character and integrity;
- (3) must have knowledge of the Chitimacha Tribal Code and of Federal Indian law;
- (4) must be a high school graduate or equivalent; and
- (5) must not have been convicted of a felony in any jurisdiction.

TITLE I-A, CHAPTER 2. PEACEMAKERS

Sec. 201. Appointment and Qualifications

(a) **General Qualifications.** Any person who has the respect of the Chitimacha tribal community, an ability to work with Reservation residents and Tribal members, a reputation for integrity, honesty, humanity and an ability to resolve local problems shall be eligible to be appointed as Peacemaker, except that no person shall be eligible for appointment while serving as a member of the Chitimacha Tribal Council.



CURRENT COURT STATISTICS:

SEPTEMBER CASES FILED:

03 CIVIL ACTIONS

05 DOMESTIC

00 CRIMINAL

01 JUVENILE

00 TRAFFIC

08 MISCELLANEOUS

00 MORTGAGES AND LIENS

TOTAL ACTIONS FILED IN SEPTEMBER, 2016

(15)

COURT SESSIONS:

A total of 39 cases were scheduled to be heard in the month of September, 2016.

08 CIVIL ACTIONS

15 DOMESTIC ACTIONS

04 CRIMINAL ACTIONS

07 JUVENILE ACTIONS

05 TRAFFIC INFRACTION

00 PROBATE



Effective September 6th, 2016, Juvenile cases will be scheduled on the 1st court date of each month and Criminal cases will be scheduled on the 2nd court date of each month.

Special Sessions have been scheduled for Monday, October 10th, 2016 and the next regular session is scheduled for Tuesday, October 11th.

A Jury Trial has been scheduled for the week of October 17–21, 2016. Juror Subpoenas were issued to one hundred (100) Tribal members for their appear before the Court for the Jury Trial.

Court Sessions for the month of November will be heard on November 1st, 2016 and November 15th, 2016.

Juvenile and Domestic matters continued to be closed sessions. Special Sessions and Peacemaker Sessions are conducted on an as needed basis.

As always, if you would like any further information regarding the Chitimacha Tribal Courts, please feel free to contact the Court at (337) 923-7806; or come by anytime. We are located at 343 Navarro Street, Post Office Box 610, Chitimacha Reservation, Charenton, Louisiana. Our regular office hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Monday through Thursday, and 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Friday.



The Keta Group Family of Companies: An Update

Keta Group Disaster Response

One of the primary services performed by the Keta Group family of companies since 2005 is Disaster Response. Recently the State of Louisiana was inundated with unprecedented levels of floodwaters due to a severe rain event. During a 3 week period following the August 2016 flood, we worked around the clock with the Red Cross and the State Emergency Response agencies to provide meals for a number of shelter locations—over 30 shelters at the height of operations.



The picture, above right, shows staff from some of Keta's management team and one of our partners for disaster feeding operations. L to R are Alton D. LeBlanc, Jr., Manville Borne, Ben Hu, Jack Bossier (Lakehouse), Cayman Sinclair (Lakehouse), and C. Mike Brown. The group is standing in front of a high water vehicle provided by the National Guard to deliver Keta's meals to shelters. Also shown, above left, is Keta's boiling rig in service at a feeding site.

Our area of operation was the South Central region of Louisiana, including East Baton Rouge and St. Tammany Parish. The site locations were probably the most challenging part of this task. As you can imagine, traffic congestion, backflow flooding, and supply logistics were horrendous immediately following the flood event. Our mission was to prepare and pack for transport thousands of meals daily. The first week, the National Guard delivered our meals, as they were the only agency able to access most of the high water areas. After the first week we were able to provide these meals at shelter locations and directly to the State agencies.

These agencies did a phenomenal job in coordination and delivery. Hat's off to them and most especially to those who coordinated this entire regional effort on behalf of the Red Cross. After three weeks of preparing over 45,000 meals we ended our tour of duty on a very positive note. We are humbled and proud to have

We've since regrouped and are standing by to provide any further assistance needed as we near the end of Hurricane season. Below is a picture of our feeding site before operations began one morning. As shown here, there's a ton of equipment needed to produce many thousands of meals.



Colorado Professional Resources Pikes Peak Rodeo

In Colorado, we continue to provide Satellite Engineering and Missile Defense expertise to the US Army and Air Force. Part of our corporate citizenship in Colorado Springs allows us to interact with leaders of the Colorado Springs community and also the command structure at local military installations. Each year for instance, we help sponsor the annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo fund raiser. 100% of the proceeds raised from this event support soldiers and their families in times of need, such as in overseas deployments and returns. Almost all activities throughout the 5 day event are supported by individuals and organizations that volunteer their time, resources, and effort to this honorable cause. The support of this event by so many in the Colorado Springs area make it a huge success and we are proud to be a “stand up and stand out” sponsor.



The picture at left shows staff from some of Keta's management team that attended the annual Pikes Peak or Bust Rodeo event. L to R are Alton D. LeBlanc, Jr., Mike Resty, Jr., C. Mike Brown, and our Army intern, Jeremy Byram. Also present at the event but not in the picture were: Manville Borne, Keven Truesdell, Lisa Callegan, and Montgomery White.

Chitimacha 3rd Annual Pow Wow Sponsorship

2016 marks the third year we have committed to the Presenting Sponsorship of the Chitimacha Tribe's Annual Pow Wow. We are proud to be able to support the continued growth of this event and know that through a united effort we will make a difference and raise awareness of the cultural significance the Tribe holds in the region. We attended the Pow Wow and met with new attendee's, as well as, touched base with old friends. It's always gratifying to see the excitement and pure energy at the event. It is remarkable how culture can bring people together. To us, this is proof that Inter-Tribal relations are alive and well, after thousands of years.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Mobile Home for Sale



14' x 70', 2009, Lexington model mobile home (white in color), featuring two bedrooms, two full baths, all electric and comes with all appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator, upright freezer and dish washer). To be moved!!! For more details, call 337-578-9189.

Substitutes Needed

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana is looking for Substitute Child Care Providers at the Chitimacha Child Development Center.



Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED and must be 18 years of age. Six (6) months of relevant childcare experience is preferable.

Requirements: Subject to pre-employment physical examination, pre-employment drug testing and a background investigation.

To Apply: View our website www.chitimacha.gov or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA. (Office Hours are Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. & Fridays 7:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

STOP

NOTICE

STOP

Please be advised there are three (3) new STOP signs that have been recently added to the Reservation. They are located by the Administrative Office, on Chitimacha Loop (in the curve).

LOOK WHAT'S NEW

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