

NOTES TO THE NATION JANUARY 21, 2009

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION WATCH PARTY SUCCESSFUL

The watch party at the Chambers yesterday turned out to be an enjoyable event for everyone involved. The staff: Barbara, Alexis and Linda, did everything and the Congress mostly watched.

There was a brief period of anxiety when we couldn't get the live feed to project onto the screen, but this was quickly solved and we were able to watch everything.

There were several incidents that brought applause from the audience, most notably when, during the benediction, Rev. Joseph Lowery said: "may the red man get ahead, man."

The lights were dimmed in the room and the images projected on a large screen. Things went very well, and I expect this is something the Congress will do again when special events occur.

The following is a memo sent out by the Congressional Staff Director late yesterday:

"Thank you to:

Archie Mason, Eddy Red Eagle, Raymond Red Corn, Faren Anderson and Kugee Supernaw for Supporting and attending our

Inaugural Watch Party....today. It turned out to be a good event on the campus. We hosted representatives from the Indian Health Services Unit,

Bureau of Indian Affairs, Executive Branch Directors, Constituents, a member from the Osage Mineral Council and their staff. This is just an

Estimate of who attended. It turned out to be a fun event for everyone with ,,,, good snacks too!

Linda @ the Office."

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE FOR RESIDENTS

Last week a constituent inquired about transportation services available from the Osage Nation. I checked and found that the CHR Department has transportation available for medical purposes. CHR is a free service to anyone with a CDIB and living in Osage County. Their number is 1-918-287-5370.

Another transportation service, that appears to be underutilized, is available to anyone living in and around Pawhuska, Bartlesville, Ponca City and Sapulpa, and other areas, for a small fee of \$ 1.00 each way in the city limits.

The service is operated by **Cimarron Transit**. They have a driver who lives in Pawhuska. It was suggested that arrangements be made a day in advance.

Other information sent by the Director of Cimarron Transit:

1. Call between 9 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday to schedule a ride. If trouble with the 918-688-4484, can call Bartlesville at 918-336-2233 and leave information with dispatcher.

2. Tell date, time of appointment, where driver is to pick up and where driver is to drop off. First name is helpful to know also. If rider uses mobility device, this information should also be shared at the time the ride is scheduled.
3. Unless a rider has an emergency or has an unavoidable incident that has been communicated to the driver, Cimarron Transit will not wait more than five (5) minutes at the scheduled pick up site, before moving to the next scheduled rider.
4. riders are expected to cancel a ride, if the ride is no longer needed.
5. Boarding tips:
have fare or ticket ready, drivers are not required to make change.
6. Passengers using mobility devices may travel with a personal care assistant. Drivers do not act as caregivers.
7. When snow and ice make road conditions dangerous, Cimarron Transit service could be affected. If the Pawhuska Schools are closed due to inclement weather, Cimarron Transit will also be closed.

Seniors assessed through the Osage County Nutrition Project may be eligible for free transportation. Referrals are made to Cimarron Transit by the Nutrition Project staff.

A flyer with additional details is attached.

NEWS ARTICLES FROM THE PAST

These articles are taken from Kansas newspapers from the late 1800's. The news was written from the white man's point of view and sometimes the Osage didn't get treated fairly. These excerpts are passed on for their historical value only.
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Arkansas City Traveler, November 1, 1876. Front Page.

Osages are becoming restless. Choctaw Council is in session. Pawnees beg ponies of Osages. One Osage has gone to the Fair. The Kiowas have not yet arrived. Farmers have sown but little wheat. Indians are bringing in fresh venison. Rattlesnakes are still crawling around. Sickness among the Pawnees is abating. Four Pawnees died at the ferry in one day.

Osages think buffalo meat better than poor beef. The Little Osages are having a big war-dance. Osage women are wearing mud on their heads. Osages have killed another panther below town. Osages say they don't want to go around and beg. With Indians there are water gods and winter gods. The "Lame Doctor" says he has five more men to kill. The happy hunting ground is beyond a world of sorrow. Whites bring wheat from Kansas to the Pawhuska mills. Osages want a reliable white man to go with them after buffalo. Osages eat bear meat and pumpkin in the happy hunting ground. Piute Indians are going into Virginia City, Nevada, to winter. Officer Martin, commanding officer at this place last winter, is at Fort Laramie, Wyoming

Territory. Governor Osborn remonstrates against the concentration of the Indian Territory. Cah-he kah wah ti an kah is sowing a 40 acre field of wheat. He is a full blood Indian and wears a blanket. Gen. Merritt is said to be after the Indians who murdered a man by the name of Monroe, near Fort Laramie. Indians think the world to which the spirits of the dead go is separated from this by mountains or bodies of water. After being detained in the world of sorrow a sufficient time, some Indians pass into the happy land, pure and holy.

The Indian Bureau will soon send a special Committee to treat with the Nez Perces Indians in the vicinity of Idaho and eastern Oregon.

Two wolves went into the village of Sac and Fox Agency last week, and amid the howling of dogs and the firing of guns, caught and carried off a pig.

Ticoga, a son of Chochise, an Apache chief, died in Washington, on the 27th ultimo, and was buried in the Congressional burying ground. His home was in Arizona.

Hard Rope and Big Chief made us a splendid visit this morning. They do not talk English, but can think as correctly upon matters with which they are familiar as anybody else.

Trips to or from Bartlesville

\$10.00 each way

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Monday - Friday*

Call in advance to schedule a ride. All rides are subject to availability on a first call basis. Other destinations will be considered.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

New Year's Day
Martin Luther King
President's Day
Good Friday
Memorial Day
Independence Day
Labor Day
Columbus Day
Veteran's Day
Thanksgiving Day &
Friday
Christmas Day

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