

## NOTES TO THE NATION SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

### BIRTHDAY DINNER HELD FOR CECIL AND CAROL EPPINETTE



Cecil Eppinette  
Hu Tha Zute See-Red Eagle

Today at a 5:00 PM dinner held in the Hominy Indian village Carol Rouwalk Eppinette hosted a birthday dinner for grandchildren Cecil and Carol Eppinette. Cecil, age 2 and Carol, age 1, are the children of Sonny Eppinette and Julie Smartlowit.

An Osage name was given to baby Carol by Harry Red Eagle.

Harry spoke about the naming and the history of the present ceremony. He said that this all comes from the Native American Church. "That's where everything starts." He got the right to give names for the Tsi Zho Clan (Bald Eagle) from his uncle. He said that when you have this right "you are going to be asked to give these names and you must never turn them down."

In the NAC the names are given before daylight. That is how he was named, but that way you must be a participant in the Church. It has been this way since before his parents were born.



Carol Eppinette holding granddaughter  
Carol Eppinette -E Ah ToeAh

He said, "they have their ways in the Native American Church and they have their ways in the I Lon Shka. I went in there when I was young—I don't know why I went in. But, the door is open."

Harry named Carol and then prayed in Osage. He used his Eagle fan to fan off baby Carol and her grandmother Carol and great aunt Margaret Rouwalk.

Harry had named Cecil at a previous dinner.

He said Cecil could keep his name all his life or he could get another name when he became a teenager. [tsika no: new old]

Joe Shunkamolah talked for the family and spoke about the way we feel about our children and how proud everyone is of the little guests of honor and their parents.

After the naming a dinner was held for a host of relatives and friends.



Sonny Eppinette and another young Osage man, Jonathan Allen will be leaving for Pablo, Montana next week to attend the Salish Kootenai College on basketball scholarships.

Jonathan is the son of Logan Allen of Hominy.

Jonathan stands 6 feet 2 inches and Sonny is 6 feet 7 inches.

