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A N N O U N C E M E N T

A Memorial Day Service will be held at 2:00 P.M. Sunday, May 29th at the Partlow Cemetary by the Iowa Tribe Ceremonial Honor Guard.

There will be a pot luck dinner at 11:30 A.M. at the park by the Rodeo Grounds.

G R E A T N E W S !

We were just notified this morning, April 27, 1988 that the Iowa Tribe of Kansas & Nebraska was awarded a \$275,000 Community Development Block Grant, to place 3 inches of asphalt on 3½ miles of road on the Reservation.

This will complete the road project running east and west of the Tribal Office.

This is 2 years in a row folks, that the Iowa Tribe has been funded for their C.D.B.G.

CONGRATULATIONS to Debbie Pupkes, a Tribal Member! She has recently been accepted into Medical School. We wish her well, and a lot of luck. We know it has taken a great deal of effort on her part.

IOWA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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Dear Tribal Member;

We use this issue of the Tribal Newsletter to show you some of the Enterprises operated and belonging to the Iowa Tribe, and to let you know how they were funded.

As you can see, the Tribe has been very fortunate in receiving the Community Development Block Grant funds.

These funds are highly competitive in that we compete against 41 tribes throughout Region VII for these funds.

We are judged on administrative capabilities, past performance, audit reports, and reporting.

I would like to bring to your attention, the businesses started through loans from the Economic Development funds from the Bingo Plan. When this plan was first developed and was approved by the General Council, 65% of the Bingo profits were designated and to be used towards Economic Development.

It was not set up for these funds to be paid back to the Bingo Plan. The Executive Committee feels if a business is developed and becomes making a profit, then these funds could be paid back to the Plan to be used for other development. This is the process we have been following, and so far have had a lot of success.

We would also like to announce to the Tribal members, that we are planning to sign a contract with Sunderman Construction, for the construction of a new Bingo Hall, Tribal Office, Restaurant, and Game Room.

These will all be in one building, which will be 150 feet long by 100 feet wide. As mentioned in other items of the newsletter, we have outgrown our other buildings, and this has not been exaggerated at all.

Our present Bingo Hall is up to its maximum load as far as the electrical power is concerned. Twice this month we have had 345 people in the building and turned some people away. It makes a person very nervous when considering the safety of this many people in such tight quarters.

A great deal of money can be saved by including these things all under one roof, for instance, insurance, utilities cost, cost of construction, etc.

The game room will be equipped with pool tables, pinball machines, soda fountains, and other machines, strictly for family entertainment purposes only.

Early plans call for possibly employing 3 or 4 more people in the enterprises.

As soon as the present buildings are vacated, we will be searching for other business to put in these buildings.

It is very hard to explain the full details in a newsletter, but wanted the Tribal members to know what is happening.

The total cost of this expansion is \$341,000.00 with funds coming from the Bingo Plan. These funds again will be paid back within a 5 year period or sooner.

Plans are to be moved into the new building in latter September, weather permitting.

These plans has been developed at a very reasonable cost and will meet our present needs, will also allow further expansion and room for growth as needed. The new Bingo Hall will comfortably seat 550 people.

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Appearing in the above picture is the building that is presently serving as the Bingo building.

This building is 50 feet by 100 feet with an overcrowded capacity of 350 people.

Bingo is played on Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights, and Sunday afternoon.

Funds for this building came from a grant from the Federal Government. It was built in 1981 for a total cost of \$140,000.00 with \$45,000.00 of this amount going for the purchase and renovation of the Community Center in Rulo.



The above picture is the water tower, located 1 mile north of the Tribal Office.

The water system is $7\frac{1}{2}$ to 8 miles long, and serves 33 locations on the Reservation.

Community Development Block Grant funds were obtained to build the water system, which increases the 8 miles of line, a water treatment plant, and the water tower.

The amount of the Grant was \$275,000.00.



The picture above shows the cow herd of the Tribe, which was started in 1985.

The Economic Development line item from the Bingo Plan loaned the Farm \$10,000.00 to buy 14 bred cows to start this operation.

There is a remaining balance of \$5,499.00 to be paid back to the Bingo Plan on this operation.

We have been keeping all the heifers to build up the herd, and have been selling all the steers. Presently, we have a total herd of 57 head.



Above is the new Fire Station presently under construction. Located in the Tribal Industrial Tract, it will serve the Reservation area, in addition to assisting other communities if called upon.

This Department will be an all volunteer department with 10 men being outfitted and trained.

We will have a new fire truck and a new tank truck.

Funding for the Fire Station, Truck, and Equipment came from a Community Development Block Grant. The total amount of the Grant was \$200,000.00.



The above picture is the Service Station, built on the Reservation in March of 1987.

The total cost of the station was \$57,000.00. Funds to build the station was borrowed from the Economic Development line item of the Bingo Plan. This amount is being paid back from the profits from the station. \$20,000.00 has already been paid back on the loan.

The station is presently employing 2 full time people and 2 part time people. Hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. Monday through Saturday and 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Sunday.

This has been a terrific asset to the Reservation.



Above is the old Grnadview School house renovated in 1979. Funds from a work program, within the Indian Action Program was appropriated for the renovation work. These funds totaled \$10,000.00.

This building is presently used as the Tribal Office. Over the past 9 years, we have expanded our operations to the point we have outgrown this building.

Presently, we have 2 people working out of the same room in several of these offices. These rooms are very small.

The added responsibility given to us from the BIA has added to our space problem. We plan to purchase a computer within this fiscal year and computerize the entire operation. This will save a lot of time and expense.

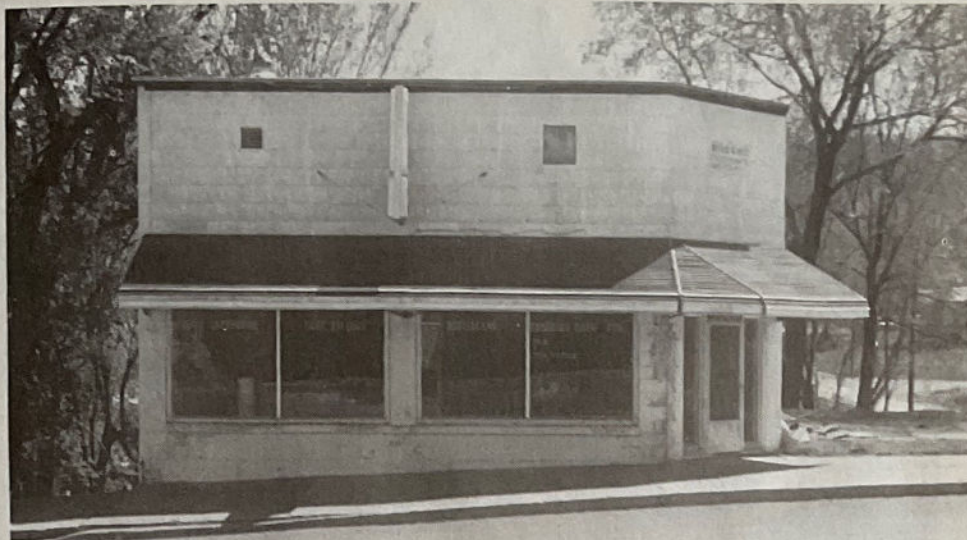


Above is a picture taken at last year's Rodeo. This year's Rodeo will be the 3rd Annual Rodeo and will be held on June 3rd & 4th.

Each performance will begin at 7:30 P.M. each night. James Sears Rodeo Contractor will furnish the equipment and stock again this year.

The Rodeo is held on the White Cloud Place, where Chief James White Cloud Rodeo was held years ago.

Our Rodeo has drawn some of the top name Championship Cowboys, and this year we expect a bigger and better year.



The above photo is the Senior Citizen Center and Mealsite located in White Cloud, Kansas. This building is being renovated through funds provided by United Tribes through a Senior Citizen Program. The building is scheduled to be completed by the first part of May.

Presently, the center is located in the low-rent units and the Housing location.

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