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A Legend by Lee Brown

Osiyo Chief Stone Bear, Here I have a legend that I want to share. Let me know what your thought is. The Great Gathering is coming. I can feel it in the winds. Ulihelisdi Uwa'yi guti vhnai anadanvtli, Usti Udatanvhi

There was the cycle of the mineral, the rock. There was the cycle of the plant. And now we are in the cycle of the animal coming to the end of that and beginning the cycle of the human being. When we get into the cycle of the human being, the highest and greatest powers that we have will be released to us.

At the beginning of this cycle of time, long ago, the Great Spirit made an appearance and gathered the peoples of this earth together, and said to the human beings, "I'm going to send you to four directions, and over time I'm going to change you to four colors, but I'm going to give you some teachings, and you will call these the Original Teachings; when you come back together with each other, you will share these so that you can live and have peace on earth, and a great civilization will come about. During the cycle of time, I'm going to give each of you two stone tablets. When I give you those stone tablets, don't cast them upon the ground. If any of the sisters and brothers cast their tablets on the ground, not only will human beings have a hard time, but almost the earth itself will die."

And so He gave each of us a responsibility, and we call that the Guardianship. To the Indian people, the red people, He gave the Guardianship of the Earth. We were to learn during this cycle of time the teachings of the earth, the plants that grow from the earth, the foods that you can eat, and the herbs that heal so that, when we came back together with the other sisters and brothers, we could share this knowledge with them. Something good was to happen on the earth.

To the South He gave the yellow race of people the Guardianship of the Wind. They were to learn about the sky and breathing and how to take that within ourselves for spiritual advancement. They were to share that with us at this time.

To the West He gave the black race of people the Guardianship of the Water. They were to learn the teachings of the water, which is the chief of the elements, being the most humble and the most powerful. The elders have told me that the black people would bring the teachings of the water.

To the North He gave the white race of people the Guardianship of the Fire. If you look at the center of many of the things they do, you will find the fire. They say a light bulb is the white man's fire. If you look at the center of a car you will find a spark. If you look at the center of the airplane and the train you will find the fire. The fire consumes, and also moves. This is why it was the white sisters and brothers who began to move upon the face of the earth and reunite us as a human family.

And so a long time passed, and the Great Spirit gave each of the four races two stone tablets. Ours are kept at the Hopi Reservation in Arizona at Four Corners Area on Third Mesa. I talked to people from the black race, and their stone tablets are at the foot of Mount Kenya. They are kept by the Kukuyu Tribe. I was at an Indian spiritual gathering about 15 years ago. A medicine man from South Dakota put a beaded medicine wheel in the middle of the gathering. It had the four colors from the four directions; he asked the people, "Where is this from?" They said, "Probably Montana, or South Dakota, maybe Saskatchewan." He said, "This is from Kenya." It was beaded just like ours, with the same colors.

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The stone tablets of the yellow race of people are kept by the Tibetans. If you went straight through the Hopi Reservation to the other side of the world, you would come out in Tibet. The Tibetan word for sun is the Hopi word for moon, and the Hopi word for sun is the Tibetan word for moon.

The guardians of the traditions of the people of Europe are the Swiss. In Switzerland, they still have a day when each family brings out its mask. They still know the colors of the families, and they still know the symbols, some of them. Each of these four peoples happen to live in the mountains.

Each of the four races went to their directions and learned their teachings. It was in Newsweek not long ago that eight out of ten foods that people eat on the earth are developed here in the western hemisphere because that was our Guardianship -- to learn the teachings of the earth and the things that grow from the earth. We were given a sacred handshake to show, when we came back together as sisters and brothers, that we still remembered the teachings.

It was indicated on the stone tablets that the Hopis had that the first sisters and brothers who would come back to them would come as turtles across the land. They would be human beings, but they would come as turtles. So when the time came close, the Hopis were at a special village to welcome the turtles that would come across the land. They got up in the morning and looked out at the sunrise. They looked out across the desert, and they saw the Spanish conquistadors coming, covered in armor, like turtles across the land. So this was them. So they went out to the Spanish man, and they extended their hand, hoping for the handshake. But into the hand the Spanish man dropped a trinket. And so word spread throughout North America that there was going to be a hard time, that maybe some of the brothers and sisters had forgotten the sacredness of all things and all the human beings were going to suffer for this on the earth.

So tribes began to send people to the mountains to have visions to try to figure out how they could survive. At that time there were 100,000 cities in the Mississippi Valley alone, called the mound civilization: cities built on great mounds. Those mounds are still there. They began to try to learn to live off the land because they knew a hard time was going to come. They began to send people to have visions to see how we could survive this time. They were told in the prophecies that we should try to remind all the people that would come here of the sacredness of all things. If we could do that, then there would be peace on earth. But if we did not do that, if we had not come together as a human family, the Great Spirit would grab the earth with His hand and shake it.

The elders on the west coast prophesied that they would then begin to build a black ribbon. And on this black ribbon there would move a bug. And when you begin to see this bug moving on the land, that was the sign for the First Shaking of the Earth. The First Shaking of the Earth would be so violent that this bug would be shaken off the earth into the air and it would begin to move and fly in the air. And by the end of this shaking this bug will be in the air around the world. Behind it would be a trail of dirt and eventually the whole sky of the entire earth would become dirty from these trails of dirt, and this would cause many diseases that would get more and more complicated. So the bug moving on the land, of course it's easy to see now. In 1908 the Model-T Ford was mass produced for the first time. So the elders knew the First Shaking of the Earth was about to come about -- that was the First World War.

In the First World War the airplane came into wide usage for the first time. That was that bug moving into the sky. And so they knew something very important would happen. There would be an attempt to make peace on earth on the west coast of this land, and so the elders began to watch for this. They began to hear that there was going to be a League of Nations in San Francisco, so the elders gathered in Arizona around 1920 or so, and they wrote a letter to Woodrow Wilson. They asked if the Indian people could be included in the League of Nations.

The United States Supreme Court had held that a reservation is a separate and semi-sovereign nation, not a part of the United States but protected by it. This became a concern because people didn't want the reservations to become more and more separate. They didn't want them to be considered nations. So they did not write back, and the Native people were left out of the League of Nations so that circle was incomplete. In the League of Nations circle there was a southern door, the yellow people; there was a western door, the black people; there was a northern door, the white people; but the eastern door was not attended. The elders knew that peace would not come on the earth until the circle of humanity is complete, until all the four colors sat in the circle and shared their teachings, then peace would come on earth. So they knew things would happen. Things would speed up a little bit. There would be a cobweb built around the earth, and people would talk across this cobweb. When this talking cobweb, the telephone, was built around the earth, a sign of life would appear in the east, but it would tilt and bring death (the swastika of the Nazis). It would come with the sun. But the sun itself would rise one day, not in the east but in the west (the rising sun of the Japanese Empire). So the elders said when you see the sun rising in the east, and you see the sign of life reversed and tilted in the east, you know that the Great Death is to come upon the earth, and now the Great Spirit will grab the earth again in His hand and shake it, and this shaking will be worse than the first. So the sign of life reversed and tilted, we call that the Swastika, and the rising sun in the east was the Rising Sun of Japan. These two symbols are carved in stone in Arizona. When the elders saw these two flags, they knew that these were the signs that the earth was to be shaken again.

The worse misuse of the Guardianship of the fire is called the gourd of ashes. They said the gourd of ashes will fall from the air. It will make the people like blades of grass in the prairie fire, and things will not grow for many seasons. The atomic bomb, the gourd of ashes, it was the best-kept secret in the history of the US. The elders wanted to speak about it in 1920.

They would have spoken of it and foretold its coming if they could have entered into the League of Nations. The elders tried to contact President Roosevelt to ask him not to use the gourd of ashes because it would have a great effect on the earth and eventually cause even greater destruction and the Third Shaking of the Earth, the Third World War.

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So they knew after the Second Shaking of the Earth when they saw the gourd of ashes fall from the sky, there would be an attempt to make peace on the other side of this land. And because the peace attempt on the west coast had failed, they would build a special house on the east coast of this Turtle Island, and all the nations and peoples of the earth would come to this house, and it would be called the House of Mica, and it would shine like the mica on the desert shines. So the elders began to see they were building the United Nations made out of glass that reflects like the mica on the desert so they knew this was the House of Mica, and all the peoples of the earth should go to it. So they met and talked about this. They said that in the 1920's they had written and they had not been responded to, so they said this time we'd better go to the front door of the House of Mica because things might get a lot worse.

So elders representing a number of tribes drove to New York City. When the United Nations opened, they went to the front door of the house of Mica and they said these words, 'We represent the indigenous people of North America, and we wish to address the nations of the Earth. We're going to give you four days to consider whether or not we will be allowed to speak.'

They retreated to one of the Six Nations Reserves in New York State. Four days later they came back, and I believe the nations of the earth heard that the Indians had come to the door. And they voted to let the Indians in. They wanted to hear what they had to say. But the United States is one of five nations of the United Nations with a veto power, and still they were concerned because this time the Native sovereignty was even stronger. And I believe they vetoed the entrance of the Native people.

So then they knew other things would happen on the Earth. So they retreated to the Six Nations Reserve, and they talked about this, and they said the time is really getting close now -- 1949. They said, "We're going to divide the United States into four sections, and each year we're going to have a gathering. We're going to call these the White Roots of Peace Gatherings." They began to have these around 1950. And they authorized certain people to speak in English for the first time about these prophecies.

One that I used to listen to many times, over and over, was Thomas Banyaca. He was authorized to speak in English about what was on the stone tablets, and he has dedicated his life to doing this. And they began to tell us at these gatherings, "You're going to see a time in your lifetime when the human beings are going to find the blueprint that makes us." They call that now DNA, deoxyribonucleic acid. They said, "They're going to cut this blueprint." They call that now genetic splicing. And they said, "They're going to make new animals upon the earth, and they're going to think these are going to help us. And it's going to seem like they do help us. But maybe the grandchildren and great-grandchildren are going to suffer." The elders said long ago, "They will release these things, and they will use them." This is going to be released not too long from now. They are making new animals. The elders talked about this. They said, "You will see new animals, and even the old animals will come back, animals that people thought had disappeared. They will find them here and there. They'll begin to reappear." They said, "You're going to see a time when the eagle will fly its highest in the night, and it will land upon the moon. And at that time, many of the Native people will be sleeping," which symbolically means they have lost their teachings. We're at that time now. The Eagle has landed on the moon, 1969. When that spaceship landed, they sent back the message, "The Eagle has landed." Traditionally, Native people from clear up in the Inuit region have shared with us this prophecy, clear down to the Quechuas in South America.

At this time you're going to see that things will speed up, that people on the earth will move faster and faster. Grandchildren will not have time for grandparents. Parents will not have time for children. It will seem like time is going faster and faster. The elders advised us that, as things speed up, you yourself should slow down. The faster things go, the slower you go. Because there's going to come a time when the earth is going to be shaken a third time. The Great Spirit has shaken the earth two times: the First and Second World Wars to remind us that we are a human family, to remind us that we should have greeted each other as brothers and sisters. We had a chance after each shaking to come together in a circle that would have brought peace on earth, but we missed that.

Tonight they were talking on the news about the sign for the Third Shaking of the Earth. They said they're going to build what the elders called the house in the sky. In the 1950's they talked about his: they will build a house and throw it in the sky. When you see people living in the sky on a permanent basis, you will know the Great Spirit is about to grab the earth, this time not with one hand, but with both hands. When this house is in the sky, the Great Spirit is going to shake the Earth a third time, and whoever dropped that gourd of ashes, upon them it is going to drop. They say at that time there will be villages in this land so great that when you stand in the villages you will not be able to see out, and in the prophecies these are called villages of stone, or prairies of stone. And they said the stone will grow up from the ground, and you will not be able to see beyond the village.

At the center of each and every one of these villages will be Native people, and they will walk as hollow shells upon a prairie of stone. They said hollow shells, which means they will have lost any of their traditional understandings; they will be empty within. They said that, after the Eagle lands on the moon, some of these people will begin to leave these prairies of stone and come home and take up some of the old ways and begin to make themselves reborn, because it's a new day. But many will not. And they said there's going to come a time when in the morning the sun is going to rise, and this village of stone will be there, and in the evening there would just be steam coming from the ground. They will be as steam. And in the center of many of those villages of stone, when they turn to steam, the Native people will turn to steam also because they never woke up and left the village.

They say there's going to be the Third Shaking of the Earth. It's not going to be a good thing to see, but we will survive it. We will survive it. And when we survive it, there's going to be another attempt to make a circle of the human beings on the earth. And this time the Native people will not have to petition to join but will be invited to enter the circle because they say the attitude toward us will have changed by then,

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and people will let us into the circle, and all the four colors of the four directions will share their wisdom, and there will be a peace on earth. This is coming close.

The prophecies are always either / or. We could have come together way back there in 1565, and we could have had a great civilization, but we didn't. Always along the path of these prophecies, we could have come together. We still could.

If we could stop the racial and religious disharmony, we would not have to go through this third shaking. The elders say the chance of that is pretty slim. It seems to me like it's pretty slim, too. But they say what we can do is we can cushion it so it won't be quite as bad. How do we do this? We do this by sharing the teaching that will reunite us.

Wado to Little Berry Massey for sharing this story!

Greetings In This Beautiful Season Of Spring!



I have taken notice of the trees around me as Spring begins to show us the growth and change we have waited for all winter. The trees hold lessons for us all to learn – lessons that apply to our own healing. To learn the lessons that are there for us, we must look beyond the apparent 'limits' of the tree. We need to look beyond the tips of the branches which reach out to honor and embrace the Father Sky. We need to look beyond Mother Earth, where the roots reach deep for nourishment. Within the tree is its song. It sings this song of growth and healing through its needles, its leaves, and its boughs. A tree cannot flee from the stresses of life. It must learn to adapt to the harsh effects of winter or perish. Its roots reach deep and it learns to flourish where it is planted. If unchallenged it grows up straight

as a stick. If it encounters obstacles, it exercises flexibility and makes the needed adjustments to limited sunlight by curving upward and toward the sun to maintain balance while seeking nourishment. Trees have an innate strength we need to tap into and experience more deeply.

We too, need to become determined in our pursuit of nourishment – whether physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual. We reach down into Mother Earth to connect deeply with who and what we are, becoming flexible enough to bend, but not break, as we reach up to Father Sky for our strength. Remember that you have the right to change your mind about anything at anytime, to change courses as you need to. Life and its variables are in constant change especially in the signs of Spring around us. I watch as the willow and the mighty oak in the park near my home stand side by side. Along comes a wind storm and which one will remain? The willow remains because it is flexible enough to yield to life's tensions. The willow knows its limits and boundaries well and remains rooted and flexible, yet constantly centered and balanced. It moves and grows in its own time and with its confident flexibility. This may be the willow's greatest teaching to us, especially if we are in need of healing from the harsh affects of life's winter storms!

Springtime Healing and Peace to You All – Rev. Chief Tim Dancing Red Hawk

Gardening by Katey Ross Lee

This is the month when the seedlings are going to be planted out in the garden. It's also time to put in the seeds for the other plants. When putting out your seedlings, remember they still need protection for critters like cutworms. I use two different methods. Cut a wire into 3-4 inch lengths and insert next to the plant, or cut a straw into 3 inch lengths, slit lengthwise and wrap around the stem. Cutworms need to be able to wrap themselves completely around the stem in order to cut through it.

Don't forget to put in the trellises for your vines before you plant them. As soon as they are tall enough to reach the trellis, gently lean them against it and start training them to grow up it. Some vines have tendrils that will fasten themselves onto things, some do not and you can use a jute twine to attach those vines.

Mother Earth Speaks by Bright Sun

In writing this story, I have heard wonderful news about a friend of mine who rode a horse for the first time in her life. Her name is Morning Sun of the Red Sands Creek Tribe in New Mexico. Her story inspired me to write about the message that Mother Earth gives us from the Creator.



The horse seemed to sense the pain that she carried, from the day before caused by the cruel words that someone had chosen to speak. The horse saw and felt the tears, that streamed down her face that morning and he spoke the horse language to let her know that he felt her pain and was there to help her heart. So off they took with the wind at their backs, to help heal this pain she carried. How many of us know what the four-legged ones or the winged ones say to us when they see or feel our pain or what they do to respond to our pain. And what is meant by the song of the sparrow who stops on your porch to sing you an O'siyo and a sweet song. Or the hawk that circles around you as you ride, showing you that life is a circle, allowing you to re-think your life path and telling you that he will still be above you when the thinking is done and you come out of the silent time you have spent with yourself and your new found four-legged friend. Then you notice our standing brothers who stay strong and show their love throughout the ages of many generations of man. They provide us shade from the sun and a small amount of grass and clover for my new friend to eat, as we rest for a spell.

When the night time comes, as I do my soul searching then, I look to my fathers spirit and up to the shining Moon and feel the ancestor's are looking down upon me and sending me their prayers in the night wind. Grandmother Moon is there in her glory and power, giving light to the Night Eagles as they hunt the mice in the fields, the wind now picks up through the standing ones making their needles shimmer and glow. It is then, I can speak back to them from the past, and give thanks for their sharing of all of these blessings of Mother Earth and Grandmother Moon. This is when the pain is healed for me and for my friend Morning Sun, when we turned inside for healing and all of the spirits were there to guide us through the darkness into a new day. I know that I can turn to the Creator and find that he is all around me at all times, I get help and comfort when I listen. I know it is my responsibility to teach this and to love and cherish all that I have been taught and all of the teaching that I receive daily from around the planet. I thank Mother Earth for all that she gives us during every day and every night, I open my heart to this love of a mother and I feel loved and cherished again.

As you spend time with Mother Earth, remember the horse, the hawk, the sparrow, the trees and the owls that asked no questions, they showed the answers to Morning Sun and they guide me daily. The messages allowed Morning Sun to dry her tears and lose her pain, she was as free as the wind on horseback and found her spirit that day.

Mother Earth Speaks, Listen Always, as I do.

"All My Relations" Bright Sun-Virginia Clan

Message from the Principal Chief

O'siyo Members, welcome to our sixth edition of The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) Newsletter.

We hope to have this Newsletter on the website for printing each month and ask that any interested member please send articles to Chief Katey Ross Lee our National Secretary at; kateyross@yahoo.com

As I said last month, I will repeat.

Together we are powerful, apart we are nothing but lost individuals. I beg of you all, to be active in your Clans and to be our Ambassador's in our mission. Do not wait for someone else to help out, we need all of you to be an active part of this great organization, we do not need you to sit back and wait for someone else to be active and do all of the work. "Many Hands Make Work Light".

Please visit our Forum and Website.

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Recipe of the Month

Corn Stew With Blue Dumplings

For the Stew: 2 tbs bacon drippings; 1 1/2 lb ground beef or goat meat; 1 medium onion-chopped; 1 green bell pepper-chopped; 1 tbs ground New Mexico red pepper; 4 cups corn kernels; 1 small zucchini; 1 small yellow squash; 4 cups water; 2 tbs whole wheat flour; salt to taste. For the Blue Dumplings: 2 cups blue cornmeal; 2 tsp baking powder; 2 tbs bacon drippings; 1/2 tsp salt; 2/3 cup milk.

Making the Stew: Heat bacon drippings over medium-high heat in a large stew-pot or Dutch oven. Add the meat and sauté until lightly browned. Stir in onion, pepper and ground chili. Sauté until onion is translucent, 3-4 minutes. Stir in corn, zucchini and squash and add enough water to cover. Bring to a boil and reduce heat to medium-low and simmer 30-40 minutes, until meat and vegetables are tender. Then, in a small bowl, combine flour and 2 table-spoons broth from the stew. Whisk back into the stew and simmer until thickened. Add the dumplings to the stew during the last 15 minutes of cooking time. Making the Dumplings: In a mixing bowl combine cornmeal, baking powder, bacon drippings and salt. Stir in enough milk to make a stiff batter. Drop by tablespoons into the stew during the last 15 minutes of cooking.

Reminder

Dues are due each year as of January, please send them in, if you have not done so already. We remain a Membership supported Tribal Organization and do not have any other source of support to continue our cause.

Wado, SB

Cherokee Moons - April - The Flower Moon



April Flower Moon "Ka-wo-ni"

Flower Moon (when plants come to life and bloom again and the Earth is renewed)

First plants of the season come out at this time. New births are customary within this time frame.

The first new medicine and herb plants that taught mankind how to defend against sickness and injury come out now.

Streams and rivers controlled by the spirit being, "Long Man," renew their lives. Ritual observances are made to "Long Man" at this time.

A dance customary at this season was the "Knee Deep Dance" of the Spring or Water Frog.

Member Spotlight

Chief David Two Feathers was born in the small, East Texas town of Gladewater. His father left him and his mother when he was two weeks old. This was the beginning of a life full of struggles which has made for one heck of a good man. His mother naturally turned to her loving parents for help while she was working to support her children. His grandfather, a quiet, soft-spoken, old-fashion, hard-working, Chris-

tian family man became his male role model and instilled the morals and values he held dear into his grandson. He was also the source of the family's Cherokee roots having had ancestors who were known to be on the trail where they



Texas Clan Chief David Two Feathers Bustin cried. From him, he learned "it isn't the amount of the blood, but the feeling in the heart that makes one a true Cherokee".

Chief Two Feathers has the same fine qualities of his grandfather. He enjoys working with his hands and makes beautiful Native American jewelry, dream catchers, and beads on his own homemade looms. He takes classes in the Cherokee language. He is also an accomplished ventriloquist and makes most of his own puppets.

Chief Two Feathers is committed to The United Cherokee Nation (UCN) and is proud, and honored to serve as the new Clan Chief of Texas. He has strong convictions concerning the reunion of the Native American peoples in general, and especially the Lost Cherokee.

OSIDO AND GREETINGS TO THE U.C.N. TRIBE,
WILMA MANKILLER WhO SERVED 10 YEARS
AS THE OKLAHOMA CHEROKEE CHIEF, SAID...
WE MUST MAKE A BETTER WORLD, FOR THE NEXT
SEVEN GENERATIONS OF CHILDREN. "TODAY
WILMA NEEDS OUR PRAYERS AS THE CANCER
WANTS TO TAKE HER LIFE AWAY.

ANDREW JACKSON SAID. "THE HEROKEES

ARE AN INFERIOR RACE AND SHOULD BE

REMOVED FROM THIS LAND." SEE CHEROKEE PHŒNIX

OF MAY 14 1828, SENT TO CHIEF STONEBEAR U.C.N.)

BUBONIC PLAGUE STRUCK 17 TH CENTURY EUROPE, THOUSAND DIED! BUT THE WEALTHY AND ROYALTY DID NOT DIE. WHY? THEY RE SAYING WAS, WE WERE BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON IN OUR MOUTH! THE WEALTHY ATE OFF OF SILVER PLATES AND GOBLETS AND NEVER

GOT THE PLAGUE, THEY HAD THE SILVER BULLET. THE INSIDE JOKE WAS THEN GIVEN TO AMERICANS IN THE 19505...

THE LONE RANGER! HIYOSILVER!
THIS WAY TONTO TONTO MEANS STUPID IN
SPANISH HIS INDIAN COMPANION WOULD
REPLY; "UGH, KEMAS SABE!".....
QUE: KAY SOUND MAS OR MOS SABE MEANS...
HE KNOWS IT. ALL OR KNOWS MUCH MORE.

THE MASKED LONE RANGER WOULD LEAVE A SILVER BULLET BEHIND WHEN HE AND TONTO LEFT A TOWN. JAY SILVERHEELS PLAYED TONTO FOR BOYEARS I WONDER IF HE EVER KNEW THAT TONTO' MEANT STUPID?

TODAY I PUT SILVER IN ALL MY
WATER BOTTLES (SILVER COINS, SPOONS,
FORKS, BRACELETS) AS SILVER KILLS GERMS
AND VIRUS INSTANTLY. THE U.S. ARMY NOW
I'VE HEARD IS SEWING SILVER THREAD IN THE
ARMPIT AND CROTCH AREA OF UNIFORMS, AND
BANDAIDS NOW HAVE A SILVER GAUZE PAD.

AND THE EXPENSIVE WATER FILTERS
NEXT TO THE HOME SINK CONTAIN

SILVER. COIN SHOPS SELL SILVER

COINS. 1900 DIMES AND QUARTERS.
WE HAVE COME FROM BUDONIC PLAGUE

SURVIVORS TO PIGFLU AND HINI

FLU. MY PRAYERS TO WILMA

MANKILLER.

Hi YO SILVER!

"Gathering the Lost Tsalagi (Cherokee) into One Tribal Membership Organization"

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Emergency Preparedness — Security by Jim Lee

Warning! Due to the serious nature of this article, it is not recommended for immature readers.

Security is a very serious issue. It is also an issue that needs to be addressed now, while you are calm and reasonable, and not when somebody is trying to break down your door. During times of crisis, law enforcement personnel will likely not be available to protect you. There are many precautions you can take to make your property difficult, and therefore, undesirable as a target to break into, but the bottom line is; what are you going to do if someone is determined to come in on you? Are you going to be willing and able to do harm to them, because the odds are that they will be willing and able to harm you? At least, you have to assume they are willing to harm you or they wouldn't be there in the first place. You need to decide now, if you are willing to take the life of another human being to protect yourself and your family.

Once this decision is made, if it is yes, then you have some more decisions to make. If your decision is no, then it will be up to someone else, who *is* willing will make the rest of your decisions *for* you. This is a harsh statement, because the situation will be harsh.

If you have chosen to arm yourself, you must first, get some training! A firearm in the hands of an inexperienced, untrained person leads to disaster. Your safety is at stake, so do not be foolish about it. A Concealed Weapons training course is available in most places in the United States and is relativity inexpensive. You do not have to get the permit to take the course, but I recommend that you do when you complete the course. They will teach you about the legal aspects of using deadly force (make no mistake about it you will still be responsible for your actions crisis or not), and they will require you to demonstrate competency with your weapon. For the best training available contact; info@frontsight.com, they will teach you the law as well as train you to be competent with your weapon. If you do not already have a firearm, contact them before you buy one. They will help you make the best choice of weapons for you, and even provide one for your training. At the very least, sign up for their free gun training reports.

I am not affiliated with this organization, but I recommend them highly.

All this being said, the best gunfight, confrontation, or altercation is the one that you manage to avoid. The best way to avoid such situations is to avoid making a target of yourself. If the power is out all over town and you're running a generator with lights showing through your windows, everybody that sees those lights or hears the noise of the generator will know you have something they don't; you've made a target of yourself. Also, if you have advised everyone in your neighborhood that you're storing food against an emergency, where do you think they're going to come when the stores are closed? Can you feed them all? How do you think they are going to react when you tell them you don't have enough to share? Do not make a target of yourself.

Be aware of your surroundings. Know your neighbors. Knowing there is liquor or other kind of store on your block lets you know that you may have to contend with looters. Watch who comes and goes in your area, this will give you an idea of what you'll have to deal with during a crisis. Are your neighbors the kind that will band together and help one another during an emergency or are they the ones you may have to defend your home against? Forewarned is forearmed. When you have a good idea of what you may have to deal with, you are likely to be more successful in avoiding it.

There are many more things to consider in the context of security, far too many to mention here. Hopefully, I have started you thinking, and that is the best thing I can do for you. Only you can make the necessary decisions and take the necessary actions. You are responsible for your own security.

I'm writing this article in hopes of starting a continuing dialogue on this subject and comments are encouraged. I will be available to consult with anyone that has concerns on this subject for his or her personal situation on the Forum or by email at: ucnoklahomaclan@yahoo.com

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