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NATIVE SONS & NATIVE DAUGHTERS**  
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JULY 2008

## CVNSND Loses a Friend



Pat Piekarczyk, father of Michael (Crow) & Alexandra (Pathfinders), passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, June 10th. Pat was a great guy and wonderful father. Pat's love for Michael and Alexandra was

evident through his participation with them in the Indian Guides Program. Pat, Michael, and Alexandra participated in all the events. Our campouts were memorable for all in our tribe, and our recent spring campout was especially so when Pat and Michael took part in the Father and Son Ceremony for the graduating Indian Guides.

We all enjoyed spending time with Pat, be it working an event or just sitting around the campfire telling stories. Pat always lent a hand at the Crow Tribe sponsored events. He had a wonderful calm demeanor and truly great sense of humor. Most importantly Pat was always there for his children.

The Piekarczyk Children's Trust has been established for Alexandra and Michael Piekarczyk's education and benefit, with their mom Joanne Piekarczyk as Trustee.

An account has been set up at:  
US Bank Independence Branch  
(Phone:216 447-1490)  
6511 Brecksville Road  
Independence, Ohio 44131

A donation via check should be made out to: "Joanne Piekarczyk, Trustee". Contributions can be made at this branch in person or by mail. Unless otherwise indicated, contributions will be divided equally between the accounts set up for each child.

## Chief's Message



Sitting down to write my first Chief's Message, under June's "Moon of the Fox Pups", I find myself reminiscing about the past year and all the great times Princess Wildflower and I have had. So, I must begin by thanking Sachem Gary

"Dancing Buckeye" Pitzer for his tireless dedication this past year. Under his leadership, we added new events (Hayride, Ice Cream Social, Science Center Sleepover), and we all have made countless memories with our sons and daughters. It has been great working with Gary as his Assistant Chief, and I hope I can live up to the example that Gary and our wise Elders John "Broken Back" Falko and Rex "Snakebite" Mack have set. I would also like to thank all the dads and kids who have pitched in at events throughout the last year...all of us working together to create special times with our kids is what makes this program truly great!

After getting "fired up" at the amazing spring campout, Wildflower (Nina) and I are looking forward to many more incredible events this year. Looking ahead to the next few months we have the Pool Party (a classic), Indy Home Days Parade, and the Summer Campout & Canoeing at Camp Toodik. Wow, can't you just feel the "Spirit of the Cuyahoga" running through you!

On a sad note, the CVNSND lost a friend and father last month. Pat Piekarczyk, father of Michael (Crow) & Alexandra (Pathfinders), passed away last month. Please keep the Piekarczyk family in your prayers.

'Til next month...

Chief Guy "Sky Bear" and Nina "Wildflower" Savastano.

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## Sachem's Farewell Message

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The spring campout was an ultimate way to conclude my term as chief. What an event! Not only was the weather nearly perfect, the activities seemed to take on a life of their own. I know everyone had a blast building and cruising around in their cardboard boats. A special thanks to the medicine man, Mark Evans, his assistant chief, Mike Urbanowicz, and assistant property chief, Tim Rickert, for bringing it all together to create a memorable weekend.

Further appreciation goes out to Asst. Medicine Man and Seneca Tribe Chief Mike Urbanowicz and Jan Sorige for doing the bulk of cooking for the wing burn off. Also, thanks to our new Chief Guy Savastano, Carl Wisniewski and everyone else who helped out with the Friday night clean-up (There were a lot of dirty dishes and pans).

We can chalk off another successful charity fundraising event. Proceeds from the Walk for Autism, benefiting the Life Center for Autism, were about \$1,300.00. Many thanks to everyone for their generosity, and special thanks to Jeff Brubaker and the mighty Hopi tribe for putting this charity event together. If you are interested in supporting this charity or getting more information, I invite you to visit their website at [www.lifecenterforautism.org](http://www.lifecenterforautism.org).

Congratulations to our 31 graduating members of the mighty Seminole, Crow, Shoshone, Shawnee, Lakota and Saratoga Tribes. I wish each of you all much success as you enter this new phase of life. Our greatest achievement is the memories you have made with your fathers over the years at your campouts, pine car derbies, pool parties, fishing, parades, late nighter's, toboggan runs, rain gutter regattas, rocket launches, hikes, and tribe meetings.

Also, congratulations to the 2008 Golden Tomahawk Award recipients Kenn Synek and Tim Rickert for their past, current, and future commitment to leading this group. We will never forget those longtime and dedicated CVNSND members, Steve Simmons and Jeff Krejci who were presented special

awards honoring their dedication, commitment, and service to the CVNSND program. Fortunately, we will not have to say "goodbye" to you and your children completely, as we look forward to your continued involvement in Pathfinders.

Looking back, it is hard to believe how quickly this year and my tenure as Chief in this fantastic organization has passed. It can never be overemphasized how the greatness exhibited in every event is truly the culmination of support from every dad (and mom) who works so hard. I would be extremely remiss if I didn't give a great big "THANKS" to Sachem, John "Pink Shorts" Falko, and my Assistant Chief, Guy "Sky Bear" Savastano, for their dedication and help throughout this past year. The success of this past year was a truly a group effort. It has been my honor and privilege to serve as chief.

So, let's all give Guy "Sky Bear" Savastano a big welcome as the new Chief. I know Guy has some great plans for next year and I will support with him as Sachem to the best of my ability - trying to offer an older and far wiser person advice and assistance wherever possible. I am certain that his enthusiasm, knowledge and care for children will drive this organization upward to reach new levels. Farewell and, of course, GO BUCKS!

Your new Sachem, Gary "Dancing Buckeye" Pitzer.

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## Scheduled Events

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Month	Event	Date	Location	Sponsor	Family
July	Pool Party	7/11	Independence Pool	Seneca/Hopi	Yes
July	Cornhole Tournament	7/12	Broadview Hts Summerfest	Ass't Medicine Man	Yes
August	Indy Home Days & Parade	8/1-8/2	Downtown Independence	Nation Chiefs	Yes
August	Summer Campout	8/8-8/10	Camp Toodik, Loudenville, Ohio	Nation Chiefs	Yes
August	Outdoor Movie & Family Campout	8/15	Independence Elmwood Park	Longhouse Chief	Yes

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### Pool Party

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Friday, July 11th, 8:00-11:00 PM  
Independence Outdoor Pool  
CVNSND & Pathfinders Family Event  
\$2.00 & One Can of Food Per Person, Pay at the Door

Don't miss this one! The Seneca & Hopi tribes are planning on a wet and wild pool party at the Independence outdoor pool. CVNSND and our Pathfinders will have exclusive use of all of the facilities including the kiddy pool, waterslide, diving boards and hot tub. Burgers, hotdogs, chips, drinks and ice cream will be served. Don't forget to bring your pool toys...especially SUPER SOAKERS!!! In case of inclement weather, we will move to the indoor pool and picnic in the Kiwanis pavilion. Please contact David Liebal with any questions at [dwl6700-edu@yahoo.com](mailto:dwl6700-edu@yahoo.com) or 216-533-4316 (cell).

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### Cornhole Tournament at the Broadview Heights Summerfest

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Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons Native Daughters Present

Broadview Heights Summer Festival

Doubles CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!!!

This double elimination tournament is being held Saturday, July 12, 2008, at the Broadview Center, 9543 Broadview Rd., Broadview Hts., Ohio, 44147. Sign-in is at 1:00 p.m. with bags flying at 1:30 p.m. Admission for the tournament is \$40.00 per team. If you do not have a partner and would like to play, we can match you up with someone. Half of the proceeds will benefit the Broadview Heights Summer Festival Scholarship Fund; the other half will be distributed to the teams coming in 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. Deadline for received entries is July 12, 2007.

For questions or additional information: [Broadviewhtscornhole@yahoo.com](mailto:Broadviewhtscornhole@yahoo.com).  
Please send completed registration form and check or money order made out to: Broadview Heights Summer Festival, Inc. to: Mike Urbanowicz, 3584 Antony Dr., Broadview Hts., OH, 44147.

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### Recruiting Message

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Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 PM  
Chief "Sky Bear's" Tepee

The Recruiting Planning Meeting for the 2008-2009 Recruiting year will be held on Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Chief Guy Savastano will host the meeting at his house, 7450 Brecksville Road, Independence, Ohio 44131.

If you are interested in helping with this year's recruiting effort, join the Assistant Chief & Nation Chiefs at the meeting, or email/call Chief Savastano at [thesavs@mac.com](mailto:thesavs@mac.com) or 216-406-3033.

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## Independence Home Days and Parade

*Jim Senick, Earth Nation Chief*

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Friday, August 1st through Saturday, August 2nd  
Downtown Independence  
Family Event

The annual Independence Home Days Celebration is right around the corner, and the CVNSND booth is back.

Break out your Baseball Gloves, Hats & Uniforms. This year's theme is The Great American Baseball Pastime.

We will be marching in the Independence Parade on Saturday at noon. Plan to arrive at 11:30am. We will meet at the corner of Brecksville and Cherry St. Be sure to wear your CVNSND vest with some Baseball Attire (Hats, Shirts, Pants etc...)

Those of you who were at the Spring Campout, please wear your Tie-Dye shirts if you don't have a baseball shirt or jersey.

Anyone interested in helping build the float for this year's parade, we'll meet at Asst. Chief J.T. "Smoking Gun" Kurtz's house, 6411 Sunset in Independence, on Thursday, July 31st at 7:00pm.

For the rest of Home Days, we will be running a booth complete with games and prizes and a kindergarten/1st grade raffle. Tribal chiefs should report the names of all volunteers by July 28th to Jim Senick by e-mail ([james.senick@sbcglobal.net](mailto:james.senick@sbcglobal.net)) or by phone (440-546-7832). The following schedule lists each tribe in a particular time slot for staffing the booth at this event (all times are PM).

Friday August 1st	Saturday, August 2nd
6:00 - 7:00 Cherokee	1:00 - 2:00 Buckeye
7:00 - 8:00 Saratoga	2:00 - 3:00 Apache
8:00 - 9:00 Mohawk	3:00 - 4:00 Arapaho
9:00 - 10:00 Seneca	4:00 - 5:00 Chippewa
10:00 - 11:00 Crow	5:00 - 6:00 Hopi
	6:00 - 7:00 Iroquois
	7:00 - 8:00 Comanche
	8:00 - 9:00 Mohican
	9:00 - 10:00 Lakota
	10:00 - 11:00 Pathfinders

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## Pathfinders' Corner

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Now that your child has graduated from the Native Son / Native Daughter program, do you miss the opportunity to make those life long memories? Pathfinders to the rescue!

Pathfinder' is open to kids in the fifth grade and up and is an extension of the CVNSND program. Children who were not involved in CVNSND are also welcome to join.

The group currently has about 30 active families that average one event per month. Most events are father/child, but some include the entire family. Previous events include paint ball, laser tag, whirly ball, cosmic bowling and moonlight golf. We also paid a visit to a haunted house, toured NASA and The Plain Dealer. Don't miss our lock-in and overnight camping activities.

Annual membership dues follow the same guidelines as the CVNSND program. Best part is that if you already have a son or daughter in the CVNSND program, there isn't a separate charge for Pathfinders.

To obtain more information or sponsor an event, please call Jeff Krejci 440-526-4092

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## Summer Campout - A Family Event

Carl Wisniewski, Fire Nation Chief

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Friday, August 8th through Sunday, August 10th  
Camp Toodik, Mohican Area, Loudonville, OH  
CVNSND & Pathfinders Family Event

### Costs:

**Camping** is about \$34.00 for the weekend for family of 4 and \$28.00 for 1 adult/1 child. Each extra person is \$3.00.

**Canoeing** is \$22 per 1 adult/1 child - extra children under 12 would be \$3 each, extra people over 12 are \$15.

**Dinner** will be about \$12.50/adult and \$8.00/child.


A great weekend campout has been planned for the entire family. This event will feature canoeing (late Saturday morning) followed by a catered dinner late afternoon on Saturday. Saturday's dinner will be held in the Shelter just north of our private block of camp sites and will include a menu to be decided shortly. We will also hold a bonfire on Saturday night. Our goal is a full campout experience for the whole family.

**To campout**, you must call Camp Toodik directly to reserve your camp site, and they will require a \$40.00 deposit via credit card. All sites have full hookups (water and electricity). Advance reservations are required by July 15, 2008. Tell them you are with Cuyahoga Valley Native Sons Native Daughters. Contact Info for Toodik: Phone: 1-877-886-7866. Additional information may be found at [www.camptoodik.com](http://www.camptoodik.com). For camping, please be sure to bring your own tent, camper or opt to sleep under the stars.

For the dinner, please send your payment with the registration form by July 20<sup>th</sup> to: Carl Wisniewski, 6667 Beverly May Dr., Independence, OH 44131 (email: wis6667@aol.com). You can do any combination of camping, canoeing and/or dinner. Please be sure to indicate on the registration form if you will be attending Saturday evening's dinner.

### DIRECTIONS to Camp Toodik:

Take I-71 South to Exit # 173 (Mansfield / Lucas exit) to St. Rt. 39/60. Go East on St. Rt. 39/60 through Loudonville (approximately 18 miles). Take left on Toodik Road, which is about 2 ½ miles east of Loudonville. See <http://www.camptoodik.com/getting.html> for more directions.

	<b>Summer Campout Dinner Reservation Form</b> <b>Due: July 20th</b>
<b>Name(s):</b> _____	
# Adults for dinner: _____ x \$12.50	
# Children for dinner: _____ x \$8.00	
\$ _____ Total Enclosed	
Please send your payment (check payable to: 'CVNSND') with this reservation form to: Carl Wisniewski, 6667 Beverly May Dr., Independence, OH 44131	

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# Outdoor Movie and Family Campout

Guy "Sky Bear" Savastano, Longhouse Chief

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Friday, August 15th, 8:00 PM - Saturday, August 16th, 11:00 AM

Independence Elmwood Park

Family Event

The City of Independence has extended a special invitation to the CVNSND to join them for an Outdoor Movie & Family Campout, to be held "close-to-home" in Elmwood Park. Join us...set up your tent on the soccer fields for one last chance for camping fun before school starts.

The evening's festivities begin at 7:00 PM. The Outdoor Pool will be open from 7:00 - 9:00 PM. Our own CVNSND Storyteller will be entertaining campers around the campfire, and of course there will be marshmallow roasting! The city will provide hayrides and will be showing a movie on the big screen on diamond #1. There is no cost for the campout...that's right, it's free - how can you beat that !

The CVNSND will be helping out at the event by cooking pancakes & sausage for breakfast on Saturday morning. Also, we will have recruiting materials available for potential new members.

General park rules apply - no pets, no loud radios, no individual campfires and no alcohol. Battery powered lanterns only! "Lights out" will be at 12:00 midnight on Friday, and pack up time is 11:00 Saturday morning. Refreshments will be available for sale on Friday evening, but feel free to bring your own snacks & drinks.

Register directly with the City of Independence using the form below - mail it in or drop it off at the Civic Center - by Monday August 11th. If you plan on attending, please e-mail Guy Savastano @ thesav@s@wowway.com or call 216-406-3033 so that I have an idea of how many Native Sons & Daughters are attending. Also let me know if you are interested in helping out on Saturday cooking breakfast. Normally non-Independence residents would need to be accompanied by a resident, but this requirement is waived for CVNSND members from Brecksville & Broadview Heights. Note: The rain date will be Friday, August 22th - Saturday, August 23rd.

Send to: Campout Registration, Independence Civic Center, 6363 Selig Drive, Independence, Ohio, 44131

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Organization: Native Sons & Daughters

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No./Daytime: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Tents: \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of People Attending: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Adults: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Children (under 18): \_\_\_\_\_

I have read the Outdoor Movie & Family Campout guidelines above and understand that I am responsible to make sure my entire party will abide by all rules and regulations above or I will be asked to leave the event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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OFFICE INFORMATION ONLY: Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Staff Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

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T-shirt Chief	Open		
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Longhouse Officers

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Tribe Contacts

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