

New guide book to Indian Country

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Veronica Tiller was frustrated by the lack of published information about modern-day American Indians. So she did something about it.

Along with employees, a daughter and a couple of nieces, the New Mexico resident went on a reservation road trip, visiting 240 of the 562 federally recognized Indian tribes.

Then she profiled each one of them in a 1,136-page book, "Tiller's Guide to Indian Country."

From the 700,000 acres of pine-fir forest on the Navajo Nation to the hotel near Disney World owned by the Jicarilla Apaches.

The book details the tribes' histories, governments and busi-

ness dealings.

"We want to say here's what the tribes are doing now," Tiller, 56, said. "That the Indians are here today — alive and well and making a contribution."

The former Native American studies professor said she also wanted to clear up stereotypes about American Indians.

"There are all these misconceptions about Indians," Tiller said. "That we get everything free and we get checks from the government and that's why we don't need to work and we're lazy. And at the other extreme, every Indian has a casino in their backyard, and they don't need any help for another reason."

The stereotypes aren't true, she said.

Sheriff explores link between meth, arrowheads

SEARCY, Ark. (AP) — The time consuming and methodical motion of searching for arrowheads on farmland and in river beds seems to appeal to methamphetamine addicts, a sheriff says.

White County Sheriff Pat Garrett says after more than 100 search warrants, he has come to expect arrowheads, many thousands of years old, when he storms the home of suspected meth makers.

"I noticed it when I first started. It just seemed there were always Indian arrowheads and I couldn't figure it out," Garrett said.

Tony Young of Velver Ridge says the sheriff is on to something.

"You get kind of wired on that stuff and you need to have something to do," said Young, who is in the White County jail awaiting trial on methamphetamine charges.

Young, 36, sold his arrowhead collection to a local dealer for \$1,250 — enough to pay for a defense attorney. He said "head hunting" filled his need for activity when he was on meth.

"You just get to walking and looking at the ground," Young said. "You get to looking and an arrowhead catches your eye."

Many nights Young found himself in fields full of fellow arrowhead hunters. Now Young is in jail, surrounded by fellow inmates who say they also searched for arrowheads before they were incarcerated.

"The strangest things you find out there is other dopeheads," said Young, who added that drug dealers and users often trade the arrowheads

among themselves.

But local farmers find the groups of drugged arrowhead searchers an annoyance.

"To me arrowhead hunting is the same as me going to a stranger's garden and picking his tomatoes," said Jerry Smith, who farms in nearby Bradford. "That land and what's on it belongs to me."

The searchers also may be threatening the integrity of archeological sites, said Arkansas State archeologist Ann Early.

"It is very troubling for a variety of reasons that the culture of meth use has embraced the idea of collecting relics," Early said. "I know that people using methamphetamine are out collecting at sites. Some have been digging at rock shelters in the Ozarks."

While surface hunting for arrowheads is legal, trespassing and digging through archeological sites is illegal, Early said.

In April 1998, two Bentonville men were charged and later convicted of murder for leaving two young children in a hot unventilated car for about eight hours while they hunted for arrowheads. The men were under the influence of drugs at the time, police said.

Family pleased with raffle results

Terry Squiemphen and family would like to thank those people who helped by selling tickets for the raffle drawing held August 14, and most especially thank you to those who purchased tickets. You are sincerely appreciated.

Thank you also to all family and friends who donated items.

The following are the results of the raffle (winner or winners, followed by item won, and the person who made the donation):

Jeston Leonard, quarter horse colt. Eli Lopez (two winning tickets), Jordan

Leonard, CC Walsey Begay, each won \$25. These items were donated by Terry Squiemphen.

Janet Corbett, 27" color TV. Eyvonne Rekow, portable DVD player. Ace (Celilo), Avon gift pack. These items were donated by Val Squiemphen.

Dolly Badonic, one cord of wood, donated by Frank Brunoe.

Jermaine Sampson, one kilo cut beads. Letesha Peterson, booster cables. Linda Minthorne, case of oil. Florene Scott, electric roaster. Linda Lutton, Jordan Leonard, Arrita Sampson, Janet Corbett, Sam Starr, and Nola Queahpama each won huckleberry jam.

Jeston Leonard and Sam Starr each won a kid's camp chair. Jeston Leonard, Mt. Rushmore mouse pad. Tim Vigil, Pendleton vest. CC Walsey Begay, spaghetti pot. Margie Kalama, Jordan Leonard, Herb Graybael, Bridgette Culpus and Tim Vigil each won a Wal-Mart gift card. Items donated by Rita Squiemphen.

Beverly Arthur, beaded belt buckle, donated by LaDonna Squiemphen.

Margie Kalama, beaded key chain. Paul Wahpat, beaded key chain. Items donated by Shawna Tom.

Linda Minthorne, case of oil. Arrita Sampson, Chemawa blan-

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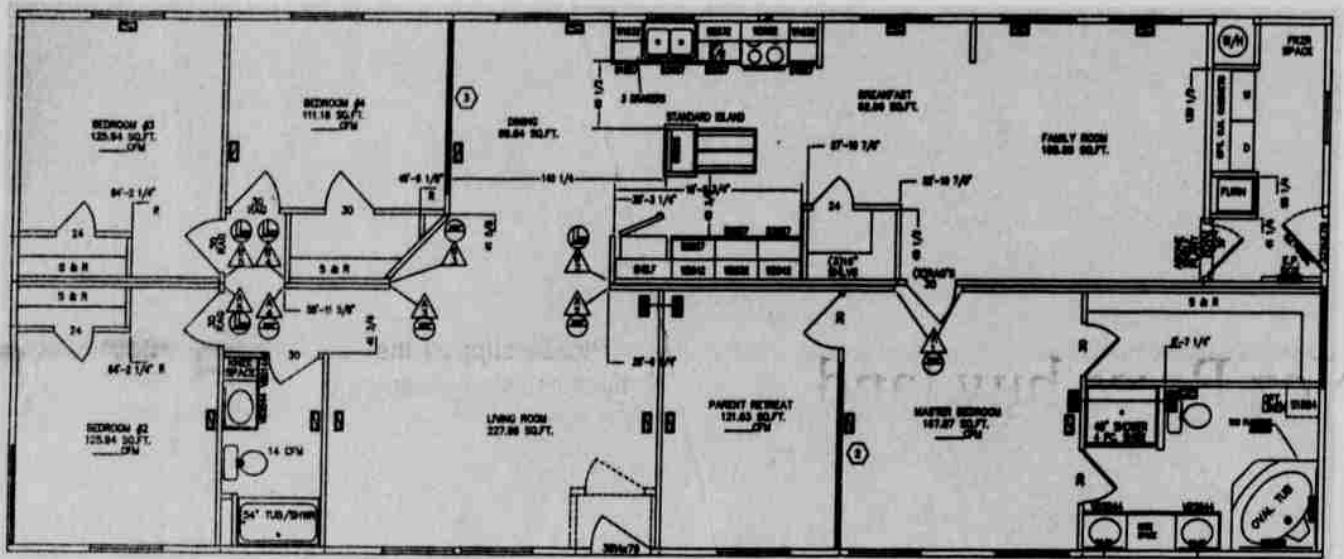
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