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An Evening with an Elder of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe

TBA - Week of March 21

Come and join us for a conversation with Burt Medicine Bull and learn more about language, stories, and being an elder of the Northern Cheyenne tribe.



Burt Medicine Bull is an enrolled member of the Northern Cheyenne Tribe and the Montana native is one of the world's leading experts in the Northern Cheyenne language. Burt's Cheyenne name is Setovaatse which means Appears. Setovaatse is an instructor of Cheyenne language at Chief Dull Knife College. Keeping his tribe's traditional language alive is more than just his profession, but a personal passion.

Burt also teaches traditional Cheyenne beading and is himself an accomplished beading artist. Burt has spent nearly ten years building youth programming to showcase cultural exchanges. Burt is a role model for Cheyenne youth showing how traditional Cheyenne practice and formal education can work together to provide economic opportunity. Burt holds a B.S. from Montana State University and a M.A. in Educational Leadership from Oglala Lakota College.



Coffee Circle

**NoHi Restaurant and Cafe
778 N Main St, Akron, OH
44310**

Thursday, March 24 @ 4:00

Please bring a snack to share ;-)



The Dream Factory
John Bennett
LEWA Volunteer

I started my career as a professional student in the 70's but at the age of 25 found my passion, finished my degree, and started working for Akron Public Schools as a kindergarten teacher. I spent the next 30 years working with young children and their parents providing a framework for success in their education. My favorite quote was "If you get out of the way...they will fly!" My classroom became known as the Dream Factory because dreams do come true and my students proved it repeatedly. Our room had a wooden loft, technology before its time, and they even demonstrated their tech prowess to the Secretary of Education under President Clinton in Washington, D.C.

After retiring from public school, I came to work at The Lippman School as an embedded technology specialist. It has been during this ten-year period that I have grown the most because of opportunities and experiences that TLS has provided. I have been involved in the connection of our school with the Northern Cheyenne tribe in Montana and the Dali School in Foshan, China and have traveled to both locations. LEWA has been another opportunity from The Lippman School allowing me to grow and become a part of our bigger community.

My faith is my foundation for social justice and my relationship with the Northern Cheyenne and Chinese has helped me see people from different perspectives while challenging my view of myself and the world.

My desire to be of service was not something passed down from family. I have learned about generational trauma from a very sweet person, Barbara Braided Hair and found my voice from my friend Burt Medicine Bull as we shared our parallel cultures and lives. We are both the same age within months and even though our experiences were very different growing up, we both are learning the best in each other and are moving toward understanding and service.

"It is up to me now to choose how to live out the months that remain to me. I have to live in the richest, deepest, most productive way I can."

— Oliver Sacks