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Kenwood School Computer Lab Destroyed by Fire

investigation. There was a computer badly burnt and we think it might have

something to do with that computer, we really don't know at this time, but that seems to be where the fire is concentrated," said Limore.

Kenwood School is located 10 miles east of Salina on Highway 20 and 82 in Delaware County . The school has an enrollment of 123 students from kindergarten through eighth grade. Ninety-eight percent of the students are Native Americans.

"We would like to commend, Kenwood, Oaks, Eucha, Leach, Chimney Rock, and Kansas Fire Departments for their quick response, it could have been a lot worse, it could have been a disaster, it could have burned the whole school," added Superintendent Dr. Limore.

CHARRED REMAINS of a computer, keyboard and surge protector that might have been the caused of the Thursday afternoon fire at the school.

THE COMPUTER Lab sustained major fire and water damage from the blaze of the fire

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Artman resigns from BIA after a year on the job

ize the BIA. Tribal leaders complained that they weren't consulted about the idea and even after Artman attempted to smooth relations, they questioned the wisdom of starting such a huge undertaking so late in the administration.

The second affected the way the BIA handles the land-into-trust process. Artman said he instituted "drastic improvements" that have reduced the backlog of applications, which at one point he put at more than 1,300 before revising it to a much lower figure.

Amid the change, Artman issued guidelines in January that make it nearly impossible for tribes to acquire land away from their existing reservations. He didn't consult tribes before he made the new policy, which is being challenged as part of a lawsuit brought by the St. Croix Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians from Wisconsin.

In his resignation letter, Artman, an attorney and former business executive, didn't state what he plans to do after leaving the BIA. Darling said he was traveling yesterday and unavailable for comment.

Prior to being nominated for the assistant secretary post, Artman served as associate solicitor for Indian Affairs at Interior.

State rejects lower tobacco tax for Cherokee Nation

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The state of Oklahoma won't agree to lower the tobacco tax rate for the Cherokee Nation, The Muskogee Phoenix reports.

The tribe's compact calls for a tax of

86 cents per pack. But the tribe believes it is entitled to a flat 25 percent rate, the same as the one for the Kaw Nation. That would lower the tax to about 26 cents per pack.

Last month, the Cherokees were found to be violating the compact by selling cigarettes with improper tax stamps. The Tulsa World surveyed retailers and found only one that appeared to violating the agreement.

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Tobacco tax timeline

1992: Various Oklahoma tribes enter into a tobacco compact with the state, gaining a tax advantage for tribal stores.

December 2002: Gov. Frank Keating notifies Oklahoma tribes that the state intends to end the tobacco compacts to "level the playing field" between tribal and non-tribal retailers.

April 2003: Gov. Brad Henry begins meeting with tribal leaders to negotiate a compact.

February 2004: Cherokee Nation Principal Chief Chad Smith signs a new compact with state, establishing low-tax stamps for Cherokee stores near the state border.

February 2004: A bill backed by Henry to call a statewide vote on increasing the tax on tobacco narrowly passes a legislative committee.

March 2004: QuikTrip Corp. states that many businesses oppose the proposal, which the company says gives tribes an unfair advantage.

November 2004: Voters pass State Question 713, the tax measure. Cherokee Nation officials say it contradicts their compact.

January 2005: The new cigarette tax goes into effect. Wholesalers warn that smokers will use back channels to get cheaper cigarettes.

May 2005: The Tulsa World purchases cigarettes bearing a low-tax (6-cent) stamp, which is supposed to be used only at stores near the state line, at 17 out of 21 smoke shops in the Tulsa area.

July 2005: The World purchases cigarettes bearing a 6-cent stamp at 20 area tribal smoke shops.

August 2005: The World purchases cigarettes with 6-cent stamps at 21 area smoke shops. The Cherokee Nation calls for binding arbitration on the tax issue.

December 2005: A small smoke shop in Vinita reports a 3,300 percent increase in sales of cigarette cartons, from 35,000 in 2004 to 1.2 million in 2005, by shipping low-tax cigarettes into Tulsa.

January 2006: The Oklahoma Tax Commission passes Rule 12, which limits the number of 6-cent stamped cigarettes sold to tribal smoke shops.

February 2006: The Osage Nation files a federal lawsuit challenging Rule 12.

March 2006: Rule 12 appears to have little impact, as the Tulsa World purchases low-tax cigarettes from 17 of 19 stores that were supposed to be selling them at a higher tax rate.

August 2006: A state appeals court upholds the Tax Commission's authority to restrict low-tax cigarette sales to tribal smoke shops.

March 2008: Arbiters rule that the Cherokee Nation and its stores violated the tobacco compact by allowing low-tax cigarettes to be sold into the Tulsa-area market.

April 2008: The Cherokee Nation invokes the Most Favored Nations Clause in its tobacco compact, hoping to force the state back to arbitration.

Cherokees to assist CDIB card applicants

By Staff Reports
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The Cherokee Nation will offer assistance this spring with applications for Certificate Degree of Indian Blood cards and citizenship in the tribe.

Tribal representatives will be at several field sites throughout the tribe's 14-county area.

Craig County: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 18 at Tom Buffington Heights in Vinita, 900 W. McNelis Ave., No. 31-B.

Delaware County: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 7, May 5 and June 2 at the Sam Hider Community Clinic in Jay, 1015 Washbourne St.

Rogers County: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 23, May 28 and June 25 at the Claremore Indian Health Services Hospital, near Moore Avenue and Will Rogers Boulevard.

Sequoyah County: 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. April 11, May 9 and June 13 at the Sallisaw Sub-Office, 110 N. Elm St.

Tulsa County: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. June 11 at the Cherokee Nation Tag Office in Collinsville, 105 E. Main St.

To obtain a CDIB card, applicants must apply formally and provide acceptable legal documents that connect them to an ancestor who is listed with a roll number and a blood degree from the final rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

For more information, call (918) 453-5575. By Staff Reports

ED Note: With our Enrollment department over year's behind in processing the applications they have. Why are they going out to get more?

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Mike Miller double dipping CNB & CNO

What is Mike Miller doing over here is he not working PR at CNO anymore? Also noticed Buzzard has a relative over here too. CNB is way too heavy with top management! http://www.cherokeenationbusinesses.com/pages/communication.htm

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