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# The Shawnee

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- ▲ **Chief's Update**
- ▲ **ANNUAL MEETING**

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As prescribed by Article IX of the Constitution of the Shawnee Tribe, the annual meeting is held the 3rd Saturday in September. This year's annual meeting will be held Saturday, September 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in the tribal community building (1/4 mile North of Will Rogers Turnpike entrance) in Miami, Oklahoma.

Chris Floyd, Chairman of the Election Committee announces that an election will not be held. Candidates for Chief and two Business Council seats have been certified by the Election Committee. All candidates are running unopposed and will commence their four year terms in October. These candidates are Chief Ron Sparkman and Business Council Members Carolyn



# n The Woods



tem used by the Cherokee during the Trail of Tears as well as other designated trails in the Forest.

This new program is an expansion of the Shawnee National Forest's Master Trail Steward program and the Shawnee Volunteer Corps. The students learned about leaving no trace and back country etiquette, traditional tool use, and most importantly, leadership and mentoring skills.



All the students in attendance this year are already looking forward to the opportunity to attend next summer. Please look for an opportunity to enroll in this camp during the Spring of 2016. The Tribe would like to thank Treasurer Roy Baldrige for all his efforts in making this camp happen.

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# Update from

I trust this newsletter finds everyone enjoying this fabulous summer. There has been a lot of activity these past few months. Your Tribe has recently completed a Bureau of Indian Affairs audit as well as an A-133 audit.

The A-133 federal audit is required every year. Entities that receive federal funds are subject to audit requirements that are commonly referred to as single audits. Among other things, the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 are intended to promote sound financial management, including effective internal control, with respect to federal awards administered by an Indian Tribe. I am very pleased to announce we have not had an audit exception. This is highly unusual and I cannot say enough about how professional our staff continues to operate. Let them know they are appreciated.

In June, some of our Tribal Business Council members and other Tribal members took a trip to the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington,

D.C. It was a celebration highlighting three Shawnee Absentee Shawnee Eastern Shawnee Tribe. Having a museum myself was an informational and enjoyable

I want to take the opportunity to thank members, Tena Boot Baker, Agnes S Rosanna Shepp na Nixon for their noble efforts and making our annual children's Pow Wow success. The official Tribe's CCD also participated in the event making it a highly anticipated event this summer. We hope all participants.

Recently, your Ben Barnes was on a fellowship to spend weeks at Indiana - Bloomington and a former Repository Fellow, in a new position designed to support research in IU BL vast collections. We are very proud of Ben's accomplishments. I also commend Treasurer Baldrige on his

# The Second Chief

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tunity for our tribal teens to participate in a week-long trip into the Shawnee National Forest as they explore careers in forestry, none of which would be possible without the leadership of people such as Roy and Ron.

We have many more things to update everyone on at the annual meeting and I look forward to our first General Council Cultural Night on the Friday evening before. A quick list of some of the other things we either have completed or is in progress this year: creation of a Shawnee history, genealogy, and linguistics access-point for Shawnee scholarship, a Shawnee Language 101 curriculum, a Shawnee ancient pottery project, awarded a Fellowship at Indiana University, Shawnee attendance at the prestigious "Breath of Life" conference, grant consultations at University of Iowa, "World Heritage" consultations with the Ohio History Connection for ancient Shawnee sites, opposition of State of Illinois HB 3217, and the awarding of two cultural preservation grants. One is from the National Endowment for the Humanities and another from the Federal Communications Commission.

I would love to be able to tell you about each of those items in detail, but it would take this entire newsletter! I hope to see you on Friday September 18<sup>th</sup> at Cultural night or the Saturday morning of General Council. If you cannot attend, you can also contact me via phone or email at (918) 541-6453 and [ben.barnes@gmail.com](mailto:ben.barnes@gmail.com). *Ben*

# Children and Family Services

The Shawnee Tribe Child Care & Development Fund Program (CCDF) helps eligible families with their financial obligations for child care. Our goal is to increase the availability, affordability and quality for child care in our service area. The Shawnee Tribal service area is a 100-mile radius from our Tribal Complex in Miami, Oklahoma. Applications can be downloaded along with a checklist of documentation that must be submitted with the application for approval of services.

Currently our staff has been busy processing new applicants for services as well as hosting and as sponsoring a variety of trainings for day care owners and their staff. Our program continues to offer monthly American Red Cross CPR /AED/ First-Aid classes and our instructors have already trained 199 participants since September 2014. At this time our CCDF Program provides child care services for 104 families and 175 children.

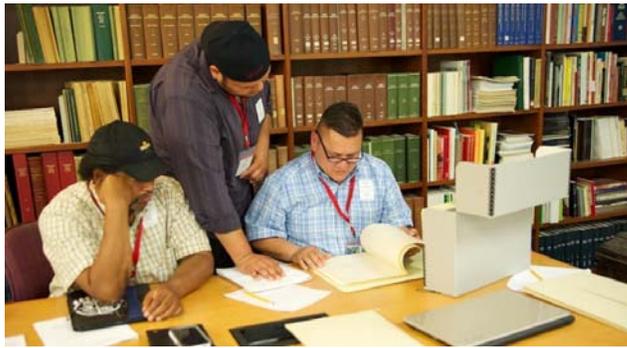
In April our local tribal child programs and ICW Family Services programs helped sponsor our local Week of the Young Child event where 2,784 people attended.



On May 30<sup>th</sup>, we had a training for day care owners called Let's Play. The training was presented by Scott Barnes and promotes Physical Activities for Young Children. We are introducing a new program to get young people into day care facilities at a physical activity.

On June 13<sup>th</sup>, the Shawnee Tribe Children's Powwow, Turtle 5K and Funfest were held. Funfest had a variety of carnival games, rides, bungee trapezoids, inflatables, water balloons, traditional dance exhibits, and interactive and educational activities. Kids had a lot of fun and learned about American culture. We participated in various activities. Vo-tech Nursing, Fast Track Nursing, Pitt State Library, and Program; Ottawa County and local teens participated in various activities. We also hosted over 600 people, so hosted over 600 people, included food, a variety of community agencies, and resource programs. A dance followed the event, which concluded with a one day event with 658 adults and 600 children, a total of 1,288 participants. The event was supervised by staff, teens and Staff. We had a Fun Walk/Run off our event at 60 Fun Run participants, 5K participants, \$735.00 in donations from Boys and Girls Club, and renovation

# Life into Language



language as a path to learn and to teach that language.

Linguistics lies in the borderlands of science and humanities, and nowhere is that shown more brilliantly than in the Breath of Life language reclamation model. Participants are trained as citizen scientists investigating their own language and culture. The splendor of language is its systematicity, a rule-governed set of patterns that astonishes us in its majesty. But language simply is not a clinical object or specimen. Language is humanity. Real living people connect with recordings of their uncles and aunts, learn to worship and pray in their language, and introduce themselves in a language spoken fluently by their ancestors. *Language is humanity.*

This summer on Team Shawnee, Treasurer Roy Baldrige, Business Council Member Eric Wensman and Mosiah Salazar Bluecloud, were in D.C. attending the

# Breathing New Life i



National Breath of Life Archival Workshop for Indigenous Languages. I first met Roy in 2012 at the Oklahoma Breath of Life Workshop, which I co-directed with Mary Linn, a scholar of Oklahoma languages now at the Smithsonian. Both the National and Oklahoma Breath of Life workshops have been supported by the National Science Foundation's Documenting Endangered Languages Program and the Myaamia Center, as well as other sponsors.

Roy's journey as a citizen scientist, reconnecting with his Shawnee linguistic heritage, is impressive. Shawnee is a language in the Algonquian family, which takes English grammar, kicks it up about 50 notches

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