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2016 Annual Meeting

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 17, 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 be held for the third Business Council Seat. Voting will be from 8:00 am to 11:00 a.m. Two candidates have filed for the seat. On page 4 of this newsletter you can find out a little more about each candidate. Candidates for Second Chief and Secretary are running unopposed and will commence their four year terms in October. These candidates are incumbents Second

Chief Ben Barnes and Secretary Shirley Staubus.

Each tribal member will receive an Annual Report providing financial and program status updates. Any tribal business may be transacted at the meeting; it is not necessary to place items on the agenda in advance. We encourage all members to attend, and voice your opinion. This is your chance to be involved with your Tribe's future direction.

Light refreshments will be served starting at 9:30 am. The Tribe's Gift Shop will also be open after the Annual Meeting if anyone would like to purchase logo items featuring the Tribal seal and flag. We will also be issuing new picture tribal enrollment cards for anyone that would like to come over to the social service building after the meeting as well as

information sessions about different aspects of the Tribe.

The Tribe will be hosting the second annual Welcome Night on Friday September 16th. The Community Services Building will open at 6:30 pm that Friday evening starting with a language class followed by dinner from 7:30 to 8:30 pm and a social dance beginning at 8:30 pm. We welcome everyone to come and take the opportunity to socialize and learn more about your Tribe.

We suggest Tribal members call two local hotels if they are wanting to come in on Friday and stay the night. We have the Holiday Inn Express (918-542-7424) for \$109 a night or Microtel (918-540-3333) for \$91 a night. If you have any questions regarding the Annual Meeting please call the Tribal office.

More Kids In The Woods

Several years ago during conversation with employees of the U. S. Forest service, the Tribe was informed that the department was experiencing a problem with filling positions that were being vacated as a result of retirements. We were informed that it was the intent of the Forestry Department to seek out members of tribes that had been removed from the



Eastern Region. Out of those conversations, several programs were initiated.

In 2015, five youth representing the Shawnee tribe traveled with youth representing the Eastern Shawnee Tribe to the Shawnee National Forest.

This year our numbers grew to 13 young tribal members with ages ranging from 12 to 19.



While at the forest, these young people were able to observe several of the jobs performed by employees of the Forest Service. They were able to participate in activities such as plant identification, dip netting, shocking streams for fish inventory and meeting with forest law enforcement officials.

During the week there were several hikes throughout different parts of the forest, canoeing and swimming. In 2015, parents of one of the young tribal members volunteered to chaperone. This year I volunteered due the fact that most were occupied with other activities. It was a great experience. It appeared that everyone had a good time.

An additional program initiated was a paid eight-week internship program located at the Mark Twain National Forest. Being a small tribe, there have not been many employment opportunities available. It is our hope that we may be able to offer



more opportunities through partnerships with agencies like the U.S. Forest Service. We are currently in discussion regard-



ing the possibility of entering into contracting with the Forest Service to assist in fire protection, marking of trees etc. If anyone is interested in volunteering as chaperone for future trips to the Shawnee National forest or are interested in a paid internship, please contact the tribal office or you can email me at ckrtstr@yahoo.com.

Written by Tribal Treasurer Roy Baldrige

Children and Family Services Program Update

Our child care program is currently serving 107 families and 178 children. The average number of children served per month is 116.7, the average monthly amount paid for child care services per child is \$296.05 and the average monthly parent copayment is \$18.00. Monthly CPR/AED/First-Aid classes are held at our Shawnee Community Building for child care providers and their staff.

In May the program staff attended the 2017 Tribal CCDF Plan Preprint Training in Dallas, TX. It provided Agency Administrators with a thorough review of the Tribal CCDF Plan that emphasized key points relating to submission of our program's Federal FY 2017-2019 Tribal CCDF Plan. On Saturday, June 4th our nine (9) local Tribes helped sponsor and staff the 2016 Inter-Tribal Children's Powwow & Fun Fest. Activities included carnival games and rides, bungee trampolines, giant slip and slide, arts and crafts, Tiny Tyke's Play Zone, kiddie train rides, interactive sports stations, educational dance exhibitions, and interactive and educational arena activities. Kids of all ages had fun and learned about Native American culture as they participated in engaging



physical activities and educational tribal activities.

Over 74 volunteers such as local nursing programs, Boy Scout Troops #50 & #54, Fairland 4-H Club, and local teens helped by volunteering their time throughout the day. We also hosted over 35 vendors which included local area JOM Programs, make and take arts and crafts, and photo booth. Numerous Tribal and local community agencies provided a variety of essential resources for both children and their families. This one day event was attended by a total of 1,307 participants, a well-attended Stomp Dance followed the powwow which concluded the event. The Turtle Classic 5K/Fun Run was held in conjunction with the children's powwow. Thirty-three participants ran the 5K and 25 children and parents participated in the 1 mile fun run. The event raised over \$525.00 plus donations for the Ottawa County Boys & Girls Club renovation site in Riverview Park.



In July the Shawnee, Peoria, and Ottawa Tribes CCDF/and ICW programs partnered with the Northeastern Tribal Health Systems with sponsoring and planning this year's "JFK" (Just for Kids) summer program. This year over 137 tribal children, ages 6-12, enjoyed a variety of activities and games. It was fun for all the participants regardless of their age or athletic

ability. Children had a great time attending the 5 day summer day camp that encouraged them to learn about developing positive behaviors, enhancing their sense of self confidence, and understanding the importance of preventing diabetes through physical activities.



Another annual activity this year brought 186 tribally enrolled Shawnee children grades Pre K thru 8th stopping by our new Child Care Administration office. They received the chance to pick out their own backpacks filled with essential school supplies. These backpacks and toothbrush kits were given out this year to help tribal families become school ready. If you or anyone you know have any questions regarding tribal child care services within 100 miles from the Shawnee Tribal complex in Miami, OK, please call the Shawnee Tribe Child Care Administration office (918) 542-7232. Our staff will be glad to answer any questions you might have. Applications and information may be obtained on the Shawnee Tribe's website at www.shawnee-tribe.com.

Candidates for Business Council Seat

My name is Scott Secondine and I am running for re-election to the Shawnee Business Council. I have held the Third Business Council seat for sixteen years.

Each year AARP honors a tribal member from each of the 39 tribes in Oklahoma. I was nominated and selected as the honoree for 2015 Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors Award representing the Shawnee Tribe.

I am one of the six ceremonial elder men at the Shawnee Ceremonial Grounds. I am also a Gourd Dancer at Pow Wows. I currently serve on the Board of

Directors at the Claremore Indian Hospital in Claremore, OK where I am the Secretary at our quarterly meetings. I enjoy giving my time to these important groups.

My military time was spent in the Air Force from 1953-1963. I served overseas in Okinawa, Korea, Guam, Philippines, and Japan. From there I went to Europe, Germany and England then back to the United States where I was stationed at Loring Air Force Base in Maine and later received my honorable discharge.

I retired from the Xerox Corporation in January 1987 after working 23 years. I have now

owned my own business for 16 years. I am also a born again



Christian and believe in my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I want to continue to serve on the Business Council for as long as I can. I am 81 years old and I can still make a difference. I ask for your vote at our general council meeting on September 17th. Thank you.

Scott Secondine

Dale DuShane is a candidate for Shawnee Tribal Business Council. Dale DuShane has the opportunity and honor of trying to serve our people, their interests and concerns. The Tribal Council is you, that is the most important part of the tribal Business Committee currently operating and being a government that is improving.

I share the following concerns and offer them as suggestions toward the needs of some of our people. The first concern is the need for a war on apathy, not just in our elections, but in all elections. That's our constitutional rights and privileges. Not voting is Voting. Not voting is apathy. Apathy as an identified problem in the regards of inclusion of more members at large in participation of our tribal government's aka tribal business committee affairs.

The inclusion of groups and individuals of our people and communications is more needed. We have great Shawnee people with great potentials. The Cherokees uses Gadugi or something like that that means helping each other out. They like to talk about their Syllabary and Trail of Tears- What

about our great heritage and culture? Another important concern is communications or lack of communications is the epitome of apathy. See the Delaware News it is good to see and read about our people.

In the relations of our elections. Filing periods are seemingly unannounced with skewed voting as a mere three-hour window on a Saturday morning in September, which strongly favors only those in the close proximity of Miami to exercise their right to vote while alienating other members from their voting rights without "absentee voting" privileges. We need those absentee votes or district precincts for our constitutional rights.

Another concern is the oversight of the establishment and operation of a just and lawful tribal court, as is called for in the Constitution of the Shawnee tribe. We need some of our people to become attorneys and paralegals if we don't have any. In our divorce from the Cherokees were they the woman? Education is so fundamentally important to the Cherokees and to Shawnees as was demonstrated by our ancestors

in our treaties and rights for permanent educational annuities as well per Article 3 in the May 10, 1854 Treaty.

These concerns are perhaps shadowed by some of our tribal members needs for social services, housing, health care advocacy and employment opportunities among others. It is difficult to understand the feasibility of this seemingly desperate act for a casino out in the middle of nowhere. How about Yale?

If you can't get to vote on Sat. morning in the 3 hour window from 9-12 noon on Sept 17, 2016 it is understandable as some live far off and has to work or...but I would appreciate your support and vote. I know it's hard to get up and expensive to drive nearly 100 miles for 2 hours to vote on a Saturday morning. These are concerns for my candidacy for the tribal business committee. If any of this is sensible Let me know of your other concerns at dushaned2000@yahoo.com Help in the Support of the UTSDI - the United Tribe of Shawnee and Delaware Indies -United we stand -N'ya,we.

Shawnee Language

Ni la'Sa wan wa la toh way

My Shawnee language

Ha ki'wi shi la sa ma mo = How are you doing? This is a common word for greeting someone.

Ni'wi shi la sa ma mo = I am feeling good. This is the reply when someone asks you **"Ha ki'wi shi la sa ma mo?"**

Kwan key la = How about? When someone asks you **"Ha ki' wi shi la sa ma-mo?"** You say **"Ni'wi shi la sa ma mo. Kwan key la!"** I am feeling good! How about you? Now you have made a sentence!! **Sup ka hee!!** = sure enough!!

Here is a phrase you can use with your family!

Ni'sa pa lo tha = I am going to the bathroom.

"NI" is I am **"Sa pa"** going **"lo tha"** would refer to the bathroom.

Ha ki pa lo tha? = Do you need to go to the bathroom?

"Ha" refers to the question. **"Ki"** refers to "you" **"pa"** to go **"lo tha"** restroom.

Ho sa pa lo tha = him/her is going to the bathroom. **"ho"** refers to him/her.

These are just a few words to start with!!

Ho way Ti pii!

Now that's all!

Environmental Program Update

Mold and Your Home: What You Need to Know

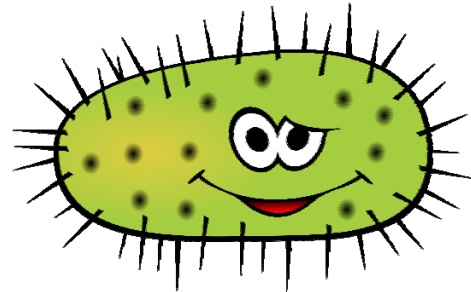
What are molds and where do they grow?

Molds, like most fungi, break down plant and animal matter in the environment. They can grow almost anywhere there is moisture and organic material such as in soil, on foods and plants, and in people's homes. To reproduce, molds release spores, which can spread through air, water, or on animals.

What should I do to prevent mold growth in my home?

The key to preventing mold growth is to identify and control moisture and water problems. Mold spores are everywhere, including your home and can grow on any surface that has sufficient moisture. Common sources of moisture that should be addressed are:

- ◆ Roof Leaks
- ◆ Indoor plumbing leaks
- ◆ Outdoor drainage problems
- ◆ Damp basements and crawl spaces
- ◆ Steam from the bathroom or kitchen
- ◆ Condensation on cool surfaces
- ◆ Humidifiers
- ◆ Wet clothes drying inside the home
- ◆ A clothes dryer venting indoors
- ◆ Poor or improper ventilation of heating and cooking appliances
- ◆ Flooding



How do I get rid of mold in my home?

(Please read and follow all label instructions for any cleaning products before use)

1. The first step to mold cleanup is to control the moisture problem. The source of the water or dampness must be identified and corrected.
2. Porous materials with extensive mold growth should be discarded (e.g., drywall, carpeting, paper, and ceiling tiles).
3. All wet materials that can't be cleaned and dried thoroughly should be discarded.
4. Hard surfaces that are not decayed (rotten) can be cleaned. Small areas can be cleaned with soap and water. A licensed contractor should do the work if it is a large (greater than 10 sq ft) mold problem or if you are highly sensitive to mold. Rubber gloves and an N95 dust mask are

Update from the Chief

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice warm summer. As you are aware, we are building a heritage center next to the welcome center located by the turnpike in Miami, Oklahoma. This will be a great addition to our Tribe.

We have asked Eric Wensman to be the Tribal Research Manager. This is an area that we have not pursued in the past, so join me in welcoming Eric on board. I look forward to working with him. Eric has resigned from the Business Council. We have asked Herbert Adams to fill the remainder of Eric's term and he has

gladly accepted. Herb was selected because he has vast experience in veterans affairs. I am happy to say Herb was unanimously endorsed by all the other members of the Business Council.

No less than four federal and state agencies have been formed recently to assist veterans. We have all read and heard stories about the neglect of services to our veterans. I am very pleased the Shawnee Tribe has stepped to the forefront and I assure you that will not happen to any of our people. We have in the planning stages a day long Veteran's Day celebration schedule for November 10th at our Com-

munity Building in Miami, OK. Be on the lookout for more upcoming information on this celebration.

I realize this is a brief report but I am very proud of the progress our Tribe is making. I want to thank all of you for your continued support and confidence in me. I am extremely proud of our Tribe and will continue to serve with the integrity that is expected. Your Tribal Council and office staff makes this a very enjoyable position. I hope to see you at the Annual Meeting.

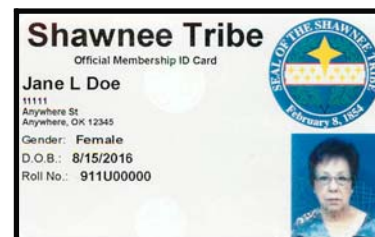
Thank you,
Ron

New Tribal Photo ID Card

The Business Council has approved a new and more secure tribal photo-identification card. While the older and non-photo cards will continue to be valid for tribal use, the new secure card will be phased in as the new standard for the photo identification cards, beginning this fall. How is the new card "more secure?" The new durable plastic photo identification card has a holographic element along with information that hasn't been available on the paper cards. The new plastic cards will include the address, gender and birth date of the card holder. Not only does it look great, but it also is far more difficult to make unauthorized copies.

We ask that tribal members stop by anytime between the hours of 9 am and 4pm to have their new photo id card made. For those that are unable to come by the tribal office to have a photo taken, we have an application available online on our website at www.shawnee-tribe.com under the "what's new" tab or under the "government" drop down menu under the "forms" tab. Tribal members can mail in a passport photo and completed application for those that are unable to travel to the tribal office to have their photo taken. Photo id's will not be issued to tribal members under the age of 18. Minors may still be issued new id cards, they will just not have a photo on them.

During the 2016 Annual Meeting, staff will be available after the meeting at the Social Service building to issue photo id cards for any tribal members who would like to get a new photo id that day. To the right is an example of the new photo id. If you are a veteran you may submit a copy of your DD214 to have that delineation on your tribal photo id card.





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SEPTEMBER 5, 2016

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NOVEMBER 11, 2016

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