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Annual Meeting Held in September 2012

The Tribe's Annual Meeting, also called the general council meeting, was held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Tribe's Community Services building in Miami, Oklahoma. Nearly 75 people attended.

Members received an Annual Report containing minutes of the 2011 meeting, a financial summary, the report from the Chief, an update on tribal programs and projects, and a Business Council and Staff roster. If you did not attend the meeting but would like a copy of the 2011 Annual Report, please call the Tribal office and let our receptionist Agnes Sappington know you would like one.

The 2012 Annual Meeting agenda included administration reports on programs, a report from Economic Development

Director, Greg Pitcher, a report from Second Chief Ben Barnes on the Language Program and a report from Chief Ron Sparkman.

A highlight of the meeting was a special presentation by Second Chief Ben Barnes about former Tribal Chairman James Squirrel and his contributions the Tribe. James passed away in February.

Resolution 2012-09-01 was passed accepting membership into the Tribe. Candidates for Second Chief, Secretary and two Business Council seats were certified by the Election Committee. All candidates ran unopposed: Second Chief Ben Barnes, Secretary Shirley Staubus and

Business Council members Scott Secondine and Corey Winesburg. Candidates filed their intents to stand for election 90 prior to the Annual Meeting, as required by the Tribe's Constitution.

Chief Sparkman rec-



ognized former Second Chief Barry Kerr for his contributions over many years of service to the Tribe. Barry resigned his position as Second Chief in the spring due to health issues. Refreshments after the meeting allowed for members to visit with each other, tribal officials, and tribal staff.

Inter-tribal Children's Pow Wow

The Shawnee Tribe hosted its annual Inter-tribal Children's Pow Wow on June 9th at the Ottawa Pow Wow grounds in Miami, OK. The day was a HUGE success, largely



Fun fest activities were held from 11 am to 5 pm. Activities included carnival games, climbing wall, bungee trampolines, inflatables, water wars, educational dance exhibitions, stick ball demonstrations, Native American Storytelling and interactive and educational arena activities. Kids

due to the contributions from our local Tribal programs. Our sponsors included: Shawnee Tribe CCDF/PSSF Program, Ottawa Tribe CCDF/PSSF Program, Miami Nation CCDF/Family Services Program, Seneca Cayuga CCDF/ICW Program, Eastern Shawnee CCDF & Print Shop, Modoc Tribe CCDF, Peoria Tribe Housing Drug Elimination Program & CCDF Program, Quapaw Tribe CCDF/PSSF Program, Wyandotte Nation CCDF/Family Services Program and Native owned Rainbow Embroidery.



of all ages had fun and learned about Native American Culture as they participated in various tribal activities. Boy Scouts Troop #55, Vo-tech Nursing Students, Department of Juvenile Affairs and local teens volunteered their time throughout the day. Special appearances were made by the Poarch Creek Dance Group and the Eastern Shawnee Dance Group. The Full Circle Dancers performed the Buffalo Dance, the Eagle Dance and a Hoop Dancing demonstration.

Over 58 vendors were scattered throughout the Pow Wow

grounds offering everything from Indian Tacos and crafts to education materials from different Tribal groups in the area. Many other Tribes from the NE OK area set up booths to handout information on different programs they offer to Native American families.



A supper was served from 5 to 7 pm and was free to all attendees. Grand Entry began at 7 pm. A stomp dance followed the Pow Wow which concluded event. This one day event was attended by 533 adults and 356 children for a total of 929 participants.



Annual Children's Christmas Party

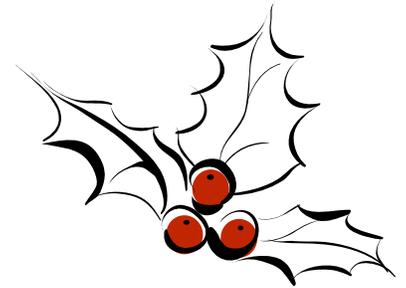
The Tribe's annual Children's Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 8th this year. The location of the party has changed from previous years. The party will be held at the Tribe's Community Services building in Miami, OK. The address is 108 South Eight Tribes Trail. The building is located immediately north of the Will Rogers Turnpike gate. For local Tribal members it is the building that formerly housed the NE Tribal Health System's Wellness Center.

It will be a come and go event starting at 11 am and

lasting until 2 pm. We will be serving a more traditional meal consisting of pork and corn, beef and hominy, fry bread . Dessert will include assorted Christmas sugar cookies

Please be sure to bring your camera so that you will be able to take pictures of family members with Santa and his elves. We will be giving out a gift to children enrolled with the Shawnee Tribe from ages birth to thirteen. We will also have chocolates and goody bags for every family in attendance.

Throughout the party we will have entertainment by balloon



sculptor Dustin Reudelhuber. He always amazes the adults and children alike with his creative creations like a life size reindeer and Rudolph hats.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the party. Please call the Tribal office at 918-542-2441 with any questions.

Tribal Members In The News



Pictured to the left is Tribal Member Brad Breshears receiving his diploma from ITT Technical Institute in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Brad earned an Associates Degree in Computer and Electronic Engineering Technology (CEET). Brad is now continuing his education by enrolling in the Bachelor Degree program. He is the son of Tribal member Carl Breashears and the grandson of Business Council Member Carolyn Smith both of Vinita, OK. Congratulations Brad !!!

Doesn't EVERY child deserve medical coverage?

Compared to children with insurance, uninsured children are over five times more likely to have an unmet need for medical care, and over three times more likely not to get a needed prescription drug. In addition, uninsured children are 30% less likely to receive medical treatment due to injury.

Northeastern Tribal Health System (NTHS) has been able to effectively reduce the number of uninsured Native American children aged 0-18 living in the four state area.

In April of 2009 NTHS was awarded a Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPA) grant from the Centers for Medi-

care and Medicaid Service (CMS). With the receipt of this grant NTHS has assisted over 750 Native American children obtain health insurance coverage through Medicaid programs from Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri by providing families with information regarding Medicaid eligibility and enrollment assistance.

The NTHS CHIPRA program has expanded outreach beyond the clinic to area schools, day care centers, community health fairs, and has developed a comprehensive media campaign including television commercials, billboards, newspaper advertising and direct mail in order to assist parents with obtain-

ing health insurance for their Native American children.

A dedicated Pediatric Benefits Coordinator, LaDonna Proctor, is available at NTHS to assist you with questions regarding health insurance for your child. LaDonna can be reached by phone at 918-332-4345 or toll free at 877-712-5552, or by email at ladonna.proctor@ihs.gov.

You are always welcome to visit her at the new facility located at 7600 S Highway 69A in Miami, OK. LaDonna would be happy to help you determine if your family qualifies as well as assist you with the application process. After all doesn't EVERY child deserve medical coverage?

Children and Family Services Program Update

The Children and Family Services Department has moved across the parking lot to the Community Services building. For the past 3 years the NE Tribal Health System Wellness Center has been housed in the building but with the opening of the new clinic in August, the Wellness Center was moved to the new facility.

The vacancy in the building left a great opportunity for

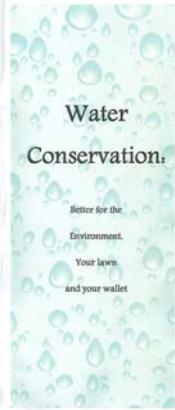
our Children and Family Services Program to occupy that space. With much more available space, the program is now able to host many of the trainings and meetings associated with the CCDF program as well as CPR and First Aid certification trainings. It is also our hope that the facility will be able to be used as a future site for our Language Program functions.

If you are needing assistance through the CCDF Program you will now go to the Community Services building.

The mailing address has changed for the CCDF Program as well as the phone number. The new address for the CCDF program is 108 South Eight Tribes Trail Miami, OK 74354. The new phone number for Tena Booth and Diana Baker is 918-542-7232.

Environmental Program Update

The Tribe's Environmental and Natural Resources Department is funded by a General Assistance Program (GAP) grant provided each year by the Environmental Protection Agency. The department has been working on finishing deliverables for the FY 2012 grant in the amount of \$110,000.00. This summer the department mailed out pamphlets to all tribal households informing tribal members about the importance of water conservation and efficiency in their households. Staff was also busy in June holding the Healthy Tribal Communities training on June 9th. Thirty six attendees were educated about different ways to teach our community members what a healthy home should look like and what to do to make a home a healthy environment for our families. Deliverables for the upcoming fiscal year include a tribal questionnaire to determine and prioritize their environmental concerns and to provide them an opportunity to suggest future activities, 1-day training workshop on GIS/GPS capabilities and equipment training and an education project for Tribal children and their parents in the form of a downloadable project on the Tribal website. The project will focus on environmental activities to educate and restore our ancestral connection with nature. Another activity will include a public outreach project in the form of a pamphlet educating Tribal members on the reducing the amount of plastic usage in their daily lives .



Update from the Chief

There are several topics that could be discussed in my report to you, but I wish to devote my comments to discuss Shawnee Tribal heritage. I will admit I wish this was my idea, but I must give credit to Chief Tom Gamble of the Miami Tribe. Chief Gamble met with me and Chief John Froman of the Peoria Tribe to discuss a heritage center that will possibly be built next to the Oklahoma Welcome Center on the Will Rogers Turnpike.

As most of you know, all the Tribes in this area, except the Quapaw and Modoc Tribes, are known as "Woodland Tribes." In other words, our early history is very compatible with every Tribe in this area coming from the Northeastern part of the United States. Our lifestyles were very similar. We are proposing to construct an auditorium that will recreate a 1600-1700 period Native American village. Numerous archeological reports document the early history of our ancestors. Most universities in Illinois, Ohio and Pennsylvania have on file studies that have been made over the past several years. I hope you agree with me when I say that we definitely need a project such as this to preserve our history. The governing bodies of the Wyandotte Tribe, Eastern Shawnee Tribe, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe and the Ottawa Tribe will also be a part of this project. This is something that will not happen overnight. We are confident we can secure funding to start this project and preserve this history. I am personally very proud to be a part of this ambitious project. I feel confident it will happen.

I want to recognize and thank Barry Kerr for his many years of service to our Tribe.

If you have any questions contact me.

Dede and I wish all of you a very pleasant holiday season.

Ron



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