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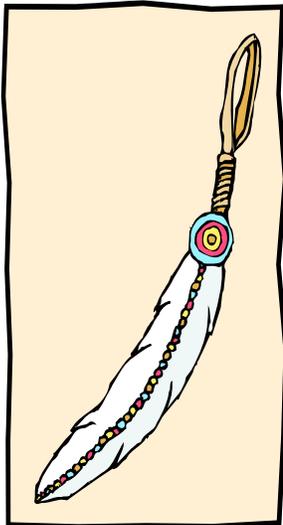
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## Children's Pow Wow

On June 14, 2014 the Shawnee Tribe will be hosting the annual Inter-Tribal Children's Pow Wow and Fun-fest at the Ottawa Pow Wow grounds in Miami, OK. Directions to the grounds are 3.6 miles East on OK-10 from the toll booth at the Will Rogers Turnpike entrance in Miami, Turn right onto South—137, turn left onto East 110 Road, turn right onto South—613 Road and end at 11400 613 Road.

Bring the whole family and spend the day ! Activities include educational and fun games, entertainment, prizes, exhibition dancing, Potato Dance Contest and a Watermelon Walk. A new addition this year is a 1 mile Fun Run/ Walk starting at 11 am. The first 125 people to register will get a free t-shirt. Any children under 8 years old must be ac-

companied by an adult. All participants must complete a registration form. You can find the registration form on our website at [www.shawnee-tribe.com](http://www.shawnee-tribe.com). Please mail your completed registration to Tena Booth at 108 S Eight Tribes Trail Miami, OK 74354 or drop off in person.

The fun fest activities will be held from 12 noon until 5 pm. Gourd Dancing will be held from 2 - 5pm. A supper break will be from 5—7 pm this year and will be on your own. There will be many great food vendors there that you can purchase food from. The Intertribal Dancing will be starting at 7 pm. The day will end with stomp dancing following the Pow Wow. All area Pow Wow princess are invited to attend the event. Special Appearances this year include the Ponca All Nation Youth Dance

Group and the Seneca Youth Dance Group. Exhibitions will include Hoop Dance, Eagle Dance, Trot and Social Dances.

The staff for this year's Pow Wow includes Head Man ~ Drew Dreadfulwater, Head Lady ~ Queen Crowels, Head Singer ~ Richard Deer, Head Gourd Dancer ~ Lee Lawhead, Youth Gourd Dancer ~ Jackson Ross, Head Boy ~ Nathan White, Head Girl ~ Tessa Stroud Littlecook, MC ~ Awkie Hamilton, Arena Director ~ Dude Blalock, and Youth Area Director ~ Wyatt Chuckluck. Pow Wow coordinators are Tena Booth, Mariah Vonmoss and Tonya Blackfox. The Pow Wow is sponsored by the local tribal area CCDF Programs, Family Services, and Preserving Safe and Stable Families programs.

# Environmental Program Update

## 5 Easy Ways to Improve Your Indoor Air Quality

We tend to think of air pollution as something outside; smog, ozone, or haze hanging in the air, especially in the summer time. But the truth is, the air inside homes, offices, and other buildings can be more polluted than the air outside. The air inside your home may be polluted by lead (in house dust), formaldehyde, fire-retardants, radon, even volatile chemicals from fragrances used in conventional cleaners. Some pollutants are tracked into the home. Some arrive via new mattress or furniture, carpet cleaners, or a coat of paint on the walls.

Children, people with asthma, and the elderly may be especially sensitive to indoor pollutants, but other effects on health may appear years later after repeated exposure. Indoor allergens and irritants have become much more important in recent decades because we're spending more time indoors. And because modern homes are airtight, these irritants can't easily escape.

The following is 5 simple steps to improve your indoor air quality:

### 1. Keep your floors fresh

**Suck it up** – Chemicals and allergens can accumulate in household dust for decades. By

using a vacuum with a HEPA filter you can reduce concentrations of toxins and allergens.

**Mop it up** – Mopping picks up the dust that vacuuming leaves behind. Even just plain water will capture any lingering dust or allergens.

**Keep it out** – Put a large floor mat at every door to reduce the chemicals being tracked in via the dirt on shoes.

### 2. Keep a healthy level of humidity

Dust mites and mold love moisture. Keeping humidity around 30%-50% helps keep them and other allergens under control. Tips for dehumidifying your home:

A dehumidifier helps reduce moisture in indoor air and effectively controls allergens.

Air conditioning can also reduce indoor pollen count, a bonus for allergy sufferers.

Don't overwater houseplants. Vent the clothes dryer to the outside.

Fix leaky plumbing to prevent moisture-loving mold.

### 3. Make your home a no-smoking zone

Cigarette smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals. Research shows that secondhand smokes increases a child's risk of developing ear and respiratory infec-

tions, asthma, cancer, and sudden infant death syndrome. For the smoker, this addiction causes cancer, breathing problems, heart attacks and strokes. If you just can't quit, at least smoke outside .

### 4. Test for radon

Whether you have a new or old home, you could have a radon problem. This colorless, odorless gas significantly raises the risk of lung cancer. Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. today. If you smoke and your home has high radon levels, your risk of lung cancer is especially high.

### 5. Smell good naturally

You may associate that lemony or piney scent with a clean kitchen or clean clothes. But synthetic fragrances in laundry products and air fresheners emit dozens of different chemicals into the air. You won't find their names on the product labels. Conventional laundry detergents, fabric softeners, dryer sheets, and air fresheners in solid, spray and oil form may all emit such gasses.

Most fragrances are derived from petroleum products and generally haven't been tested to see if they have any significant adverse health effects in humans when they are inhaled.

## IIM Account Holders Sought

The Office of the Special Trustee (OST) for American Indians, US Department of the Interior, has contacted the Shawnee Tribe and requested current addresses for the following individuals. These persons hold Individual Indian Money (IIM) Accounts, but have no current addresses on file in the Trust Funds Accounting System.

If you see your name on the list, or if you know the contact information for someone on the list, please call or write the tribal office (918-542-2441, P.O. Box 189 Miami, OK 74354). Also, if you have vital statistic information about any individuals on the list—including death, marriages or name changes, etc.—or if you

know someone on the list to be deceased and you know one or more of that individual's heirs, please also contact the tribal office to report that information.

Tanya R. Baker  
 Shawna D. Baxter  
 Lena V. ( Shufeldt) Beckwith  
 Karla A. Berg  
 Bill Currey  
 Robin Spence Henson, Sr  
 Lena M. Houseman  
 Anne E. (Essex) Huston  
 Violet A. (Shufedlt) McConkey  
 Frank Willard Phillips  
 Jennifer D. Pyle  
 Sam Rame  
 Sandra L. Rosenthal  
 Ursey A. (Henderson) Scott

Clayton L. Williams

Address and vital statistic information ( not otherwise a matter of pubic record) that is submitted to the tribal office will be kept in strictest confidence and submitted only to the Office of the Special Trustee (OST). Your assistance is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions regarding this list of names please contact the tribal office and ask to speak with Greg Pitcher. If you have general questions about IIM accounts, call the toll free OST number: 1-888-678-6836.

## Tribal Members In The News

Tribal member Shanese Ayres of Bluejacket was recently selected to participate in the 2014 Miss Teen Tulsa pageant competition that took place on Saturday February 15, 2014. Shanese learned of her acceptance into this year's competition when the pageant announced their selections following interviewing in the local Tulsa area. Shanese submitted an application and took part in an interview session that was conducted by this year's Tulsa Pageant Coordinator.

Shanese is the daughter of Tribal member Carol Ayres, of Bluejacket, and the Granddaughter of Business Counsel Member Carolyn Smith, of Vinita. Shanese competed, for her share of thousands of dollars in prizes and specialty gifts that will be distributed to contestants. Shanese competed in the Miss Teen division, one of four divisions that will have young ladies ages of 7 and 19 competing in modeling routines, which include casual wear and formal wear. Most important, Shanese displayed her personality and interviewing skills while interviewing with this year's Tulsa judging panel. Personality is the number one aspect that each contestant is judged on during all phases of competition.



## Children and Family Services Program Update

CCDF staff has been busy requalifying our childcare clients for the last several weeks so they can continue to enjoy the benefits of the CCDF assistance program. Currently the Shawnee Tribe's CCDF program is serving 84 families and 146 children with childcare assistance. Since our new fiscal year in October of 2013 we have hosted (9) nine trainings to day care pro-

viders contracted with our Tribal childcare programs as well as variety of events and activities for the youth in our community. Recently our program in conjunction with other Tribal programs help sponsor and honor the local National Week of the Young Child event where approximately 3,700 children, teacher and parents attended this four day event.

If you or you know someone who needs childcare assistance please feel free to contact our office at 918-542-7232 or by email to [shawneechild@shawnee-tribe.com](mailto:shawneechild@shawnee-tribe.com) or [diana@shawnee-tribe.com](mailto:diana@shawnee-tribe.com).

Please be sure to come by the Annual Children's Pow Wow on June 14th at the Ottawa Pow Wow Grounds.

## Shawnee Veterans in the Spotlight



Tony Booth Graduated from Miami High School in 1950, where

he then attended NEO A&M College in Miami. He enlisted in The United States Marine Corp in January, 1951.

Tony then spent 12 weeks in Boot Camp in San Diego, Californian. From there he was sent to Camp Pendleton and 29 Palms, CA for artillery and cold weather

training. In November 1951 Tony was deployed to Korea. After 10 months in combat, Tony returned to Camp Pendleton to teach intense infantry training and amphibious landings for new enlisted Marines and new Officers.

In 1954, Tony was honorably discharged at the Rank of Sargent. After his military service, Tony used the GI Bill while attending the University Of Oklahoma School Of Pharmacy. After a successful career of 55 years as a licensed Pharmacist, Tony is now retired and is still involved in the various Veterans Associations. He is a lifetime

member of the VFW, American Legion and Marine Corp League. Tony also served on the Shawnee Business Committee from 2004-2013. Mr. Booth states, "The Marine Corp helped changed my attitude by throwing out the words "can't" and "never" from my vocabulary".



## School Supplies Give Away



The Shawnee Tribe is offering school supplies on July 29th, 30th and 31st, 2014, from 4—7 p.m. at the Shawnee Tribal Community Building. Tribal children living within 100 miles of Miami, Oklahoma and attending Pre-K through the 8th grade are eligible to receive supplies. Backpacks are stuffed with fundamentals required by schools in the area. To pick up school supplies, please bring each child's enrollment card. It **MUST** be presented at the time of pick up. Tribal staff will mail reminder postcards to Tribal households within the service area in July. Please make sure that any family members who are moving this summer remember to change their address with the Tribe's Enrollment and Genealogy Department. Please call the tribal office at 918-542-2441 if you have any questions.

## Report from the Chief

I would like to recognize Tena Booth, Director of Children's and Family Services and Diana Baker, CCDF Program Specialist, for all their hard work and dedication to the Children's Pow Wow. This event continues to grow year after year and has turned into a large celebration. If you are in our area the second weekend in June, I encourage you to stop by and check it out.

I recently received an honor by being appointed to the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority by Oklahoma Speaker of the House of Representatives, T.W. Shannon. The Native American Cultural and Educational Authority

(NACEA) is a state agency established to develop The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum located on the Oklahoma River, east of downtown Oklahoma City. The Center will serve as a living and interactive historical and cultural center exploring Oklahoma American Indian cultures and heritages. The Center will highlight all 39 Tribes within the state of Oklahoma. The proposed Museum is a 150,000 square foot Center on 240 acres at the crossroads of Interstate 35 and 40, two of the busiest highways in the country. I feel very privileged to have been asked to hold this position. The Chairman of the NACEA Board is Chickasaw Nation Governor Bill Ano-

atubby.

We are very proud of our Shawnee Veterans who have served our country. Starting with this newsletter, we want to highlight Tribal members who have served our country. If you have served in any branch of the armed services we ask that you please submit your story to the newsletter. We would like to honor all our military men and women.

Things are going well with the Tribe and I am very proud of our Tribal Business Council and Staff. As usual, if you have any questions or comments we would like to hear from you.

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FOLLOWING DAYS:**

*MEMORIAL DAY*

**MAY 26, 2014**

*INDEPENDENCE DAY*

**JULY 4, 2014**

*LABOR DAY*

**SEPTEMBER 1, 2014**

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