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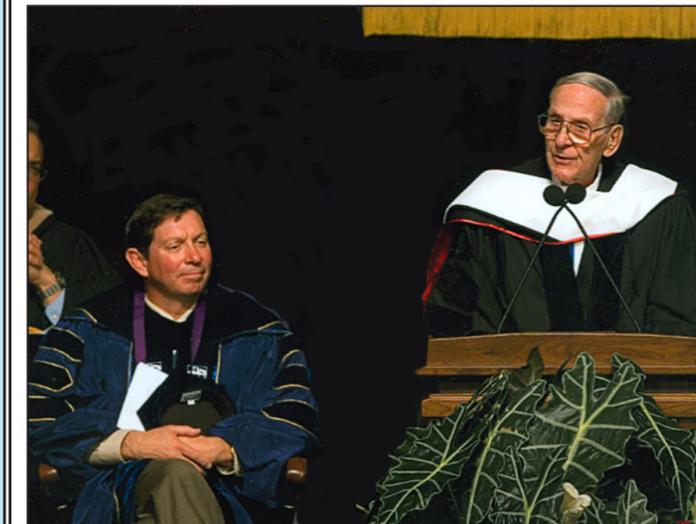
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Chief Leonard Attends Inauguration of New Miami University President David C. Hodge



Chief Floyd Leonard (standing) was an invited speaker during the inauguration of Miami University President David C. Hodge (seated at left) on October 20, 2006 in Oxford, Ohio.

The inauguration of a new President is a time honored tradition at universities. Such a tradition was repeated on the campus of Miami University in Oxford, Ohio on October 20, 2006, when Dr. David C. Hodge was sworn in as the university's 21st President.

The relationship between Miami University and the Miami Nation was recognized during the ceremony heralding the new President as Chief Floyd Leonard joined him on stage as an honored guest speaker.

During President Hodges inaugural address he paid special tribute to the relationship between the university and the Miami Nation: "I would like to conclude this brief discussion of embracing difference and diversity by recognizing our long-standing and deepening relationship with the Miami Tribe. We are the only university in the United States named for an Indian tribe, a point of great pride for us. I cannot begin to express the honor you have shown to me and to our Miami University by your presence here, Chief Leonard. I look forward to our visit to your home in June. We are so very pleased that we have 15 students from the tribe studying at Miami, that your son is on our faculty, that we have a major commitment to studying the Myaamia language, led by Tribal member Daryl Baldwin, and that in the fall of 2008 we will host a major exhibit of Miami Tribe artifacts in our Art Museum. All of these contribute to our learning by providing insights into a culture that has much to teach us."

Of note, this is not the first time Chief Leonard has participated in such a ceremony at Miami. He made his first speech at the inauguration of President Paul Risser in 1993 and returned to Miami in 1997 to speak at the inauguration of President James Garland. It is also important to speak of the friendship shared between Chief Leonard and President Emeritus Phillip Shriver who served as President of Miami from 1965 to 1980. It was during President Shriver's tenure that the relationship between the Miami Tribe and Miami University was born following a visit to Miami University by Chief Forest Olds in the summer of 1972.

Tribal Member Places Items On Loan To Tribal Archive

Tribal member Twila (Trinkle) Coger, currently living in Alabama, visited the Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive (MHMA) in December 2006 to officially place on loan three important family heritage items.

Mrs. Coger, (daughter of Dave Trinkle, granddaughter of Ernest Trinkle, great granddaughter of Minnie Mae Geboe Trinkle, great-great granddaughter of "Grandma" Mary Bridget Leonard Geboe) placed a wooden walking cane (used by Grandma Geboe), and antique framed photographs of Minnie Mae Geboe Trinkle and her husband Joseph Trinkle on loan to the Tribal archive.

The loan agreement signed by Mrs. Coger with the MHMA places these items on a 10 year loan ending in November of 2016. Mrs. Coger placed no viewing restrictions on the loaned items for the duration of the agreement.

According to the binding loan agreement, the Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive, monetary values have been placed, by the family, on the objects and have been insured by the MHMA. The family has been supplied a copy of the loan agreement as well as the insurance binder.

On behalf of the MHMA board, we extend our sincere thanks to Mrs. Coger for allowing us to care for her family heritage items.

For information on the MHMA, visit the website at www.mhma-ok.org. PDF files of the MHMA loan agreement and gift document, as well as the MHMA Policy & Procedures Manual, are available for download from the website.

Twila Coger is pictured with family heritage items she recently placed on loan with the Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive.



Chief Leonard is pictured with a young Tribal member, Jordan, 8 years old, during a visit the youth made to Tribal headquarters this winter. Chief Leonard is always pleased to take the time to personally teach young Tribal members of the history of the Tribe. Chief showed Jordan some of the items in the glass display case just outside his office at Tribal headquarters, and explained their use and importance while Jordan handled them.

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2007 Grammy Winner MARY YOUNGBLOOD Will perform in Miami, OK on Thursday evening, May 31, 2007 at 7 p.m. in the Historic Coleman Theatre in downtown Miami, Okla. The concert is scheduled as part of the Miami Nation National Gathering Week Events. See Page 10.



SUGARING - In the early spring of 2007 a group of tribal members and students from Miami University gathered on Tribal land located just outside Oxford, Ohio to harvest maple sap for reducing to syrup and sugar. Pictured here are, left to right: Greg Tippmann, Gloria Tippmann, Mary Tippmann, Dani Tippman, Mike Gonella, Joshua Sutterfield, and Josie Gonella. See the article on page 2.



The "Drake House" as seen after one of the winter storms experienced in the Miami, Oklahoma homeland this winter.



Tribal students at Miami University took part in activities surrounding the inauguration of new Miami University President David C. Hodge on October 20, 2006. Pictured carrying the Miami Nation flag during a student parade of flags are, right to left; Mika Leonard, Kelsey Young and Mary Tippmann.

Myaamia ilaataweenki: “Miami is Spoken” A Video Documentary on Miami Language and Cultural Revitalization

By Daryl Baldwin

Since 1995 the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma has been engaged in language and culture revitalization. Many tribal members, including both adults and children, have greatly benefited from the programs over the years. As our efforts continue to progress and grow we are faced with greater challenges to inform the community at large of the importance in language and cultural education. To meet this need, the Miami Tribe's Office of Cultural Preservation requested funding to create a thirty-minute educational documentary for the entire tribal community. This documentary will outline the current efforts and stress the importance in preserving our heritage language and culture, including the educational benefits for our youth. As Miami language work begins to attain national interest and recognition it is important for tribal members to be informed and have ample opportunities to input and participate in future programming.

We are please to announce that the Miami Tribe Business Committee approved funding for the documentary and we have secured, what we believe to be, an excellent choice for the producers of this unique film. We have recently contracted with one of Americans premiere Native American film producers Upstream Productions out of Seattle, Washington. Over the last two years we have had an opportunity to get to know co-owners Sandra and Yasu Osawa as they have been doing some minor filming at language camps and other tribal gatherings. This husband and wife team has an incredible history in native filmmaking. Their knowledge of native issues and understanding of the importance in maintaining language and culture made them ideal for producing our first tribal initiated documentary.

Sandra Osawa is a member of the Makah Indian Nation in Washington State and has been an independent producer longer than any other Native American in the country with a total of nine and one half hours of national broadcast time. She was the first native American independent to produce for commercial television with an informational series of Native Americans that aired in 1975 on NBC. She was also the first Native American to produce a one hour documentary for network television, called The Eighth Fire, which aired on NBC

sihsipaahkokiinki “Gathering Maple Sugar”

By Daryl Baldwin

How long has it been since maple sugaring was a tribal activity? Well, I am not sure when the last time maple sugar was harvested on tribal property, but during the early spring Miami Tribe members, including tribal students at MU, ventured onto tribal property (Eichel Farm) south of Oxford, OH to tap some trees so that the sap could flow. This 17 acre wooded area was purchased a few years back in order to advance Myaamia Project cultural initiatives and to provide a place for tribal students to learn various aspects of their culture and traditions.

The Myaamia Cookbook project team initiated this activity in order to document and sample recipes for the upcoming cookbook. On their list of dishes are not only maple syrup, but also maple sugar and maple cream. These

stations. Lighting the 7th Fire, aired on PBS nationally on a series called P.O.V. (1995), and this was P.O.V.'s first Indian produced program. Her one-hour documentary, Pepper's Pow Wow, has received critical acclaim an aired on PBS in 1997-2000. Her latest documentary, On & Off the Res' w/Charlie Hill, aired in the Fall of 2000 on PBS stations. She has produced more than 40 videos for non-broadcast use. Much of her work explores Native American political issues and the unique, positive cultural aspects of Native American life today. Sandra holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon and has one year of graduate school in filmmaking and creative writing at UCLA. She has taught both at The Evergreen State College and Seattle Community College.

Yasu Osawa has served as the videographer, editor, still cameraman, and graphic artist for five national television broadcast documentaries by Upstream Productions and for over 50 programs for museums and other non-broadcast uses. Yasu co-produced and directed The Eighth Fire, a one-hour documentary on Indian issues over NBC-TV in 1992. In addition, he was camera and editor for In the Heart of Big Mountain, a half-hour documentary that aired over The Learning Channel in 1989. Yasu attended California State University and served as a teacher's assistant in the UCLA graduate film studies department. He won several national student film awards and worked as a film editor for an industrial film production company in Los Angeles. He provided graphics and stills for the award winning “Knowledge” series, a ten-part series on Native Americans for NBC. He has worked with Native Americans in Florida, California, Washington, Oklahoma, Arizona, New Mexico and in both reservation and urban settings. He taught film making to urban Indian high school students in Los Angeles and on the Quinault Indian Reservation in Washington State.

We are very please and honored to be able to work with Sandra and Yasu Osawa on our first language and culture documentary for the community. It will take approximately one year to complete this project.

dishes will be produced based on historical and cultural information gathered from elders and families who remember this activity from their childhood or are currently active in the production of maple sap products on their own properties.

Maple sugaring was a community activity many years ago. Sugar camps were set up and many gallons of sap were collected. In times past maple syrup was not the desired end product, but instead harvesters were after the maple sugar, which was produced by continual boiling past the syrup stage and nearly to a dry state. Maple sugar, the substance, is referred to in the Myaamia language as sihsipaahkwi.

sihsipaahkohkiitaawi 'Let go sugarin!'



Documentary film makers, Sandy (seated) and Yasu Osawa have been gathering audio and video recordings on the myaamia language project over the past 2 years for the purpose of creating a documentary for Tribal distribution. The film is being created to inform Tribal members of the extensive work of language reclamation currently underway within the Miami community.



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The Myaamia Foundation Welcomes Your Support

By Reed Anderson, Myaamia Foundation Director

The Miami People can well be proud of the exceptional strengthening of their community that has been made through the revitalization of Miami language and culture over the past ten years and more. The work of the Tribe's Cultural Preservation Office, support of Tribal members, along with the Myaamia Project and the involvement of tribal students and many others at Miami University in research, learning and teaching assure that the Miami People will have an increasingly deep and rich connection to their culture and language. Over many years, the annual summer language camps have become an institution that many families and their young people look forward to; a Miami-English dictionary has been published and made available to all tribe members; videos, tapes and printed materials on language and culture have been produced and distributed. Research is continuing at a rapid pace into the traditional Miami calendar, agricultural and ecological practices, regional flora and fauna and their importance to the Miami for food and medicine, and many other areas of knowledge and belief that are essential to understanding the Miami way of life.

None of this would have been possible without the generous support and encouragement of the Miami Tribe and its Business Committee over the years. And the Tribe as a community has benefited as more and more individuals and families have become increasingly knowledgeable about the Miami language and culture that bind them together in a common heritage. Certainly the involvement of the Tribe's youth in the learning and research that has gone on so far holds great promise for future progress in all these areas. There is much to be proud of and there is much to look forward to as research and learning about the Miami way of life continues.

Several years ago the Myaamia Foundation was set up in order to pursue new avenues of financial support for all these efforts. The Foundation is a 501c3 charitable organization, incorporated in the state of Oklahoma. The

Tribe, University, Continue Environmental Assessment Project

Students and faculty members from the Institute of Environmental Sciences (IES) at Miami University will make the trip to Miami, Oklahoma in mid-May to continue a special joint project in environmental assessment began two years ago.

The IES team, headed by Professors Dolph Greenberg, Sandy Woy Hazelton, Monica Rakovan and Mark Boardman, will arrive in Miami on May 6th, 2007 and will spend the week continuing research work and gathering data in the assessment of environmental conditions along the portion of Elm Creek running adjacent to the Tribe's cultural education area located on the 585 acre Tribal farm

Foundation could not have begun without the initial support of the Miami Tribe, but it will increasingly rely on tax-exempt donations and grants to fund the projects that are vital to the advancement of knowledge about the Miami language and culture. More information about the Foundation can be accessed at their web site: myaamiafoundation.org.

Currently, the Myaamia Foundation is seeking donations for a project that promises to yield new learning about the traditional agricultural and ecological knowledge and practices of the Miami. We are calling this the Miami Homelands Project. The funds we are seeking will support the hiring of a director for the project who will oversee the restoration of historical Miami homelands in Ohio to the conditions that provided the early tribe with food, medicine and virtually all the things necessary to their lives. Similar work may also take place in Oklahoma. The learning that takes place through this project will reach every member of the tribe through publications, video and hands-on experience providing a further link to one another through reclaiming our common heritage!

Please consider donating to the Foundation to make this work possible. We are currently pursuing a foundation grant to hire the Homelands Project director and the Myaamia Foundation must come up with matching funds. You can donate or make a pledge to the Myaamia Foundation for the Homelands Project by sending a pledge, or better yet, a check made out to The Myaamia Foundation. Send it to: The Myaamia Foundation, Reed Anderson, Director, PO Box 782, Miami, OK 74355.

If you would like to know more, please visit the Foundation's web site and go to the Feature page where there is a broad description of the project. Or email to director@myaamiafoundation.org.

Help assure the future of these vital efforts to extend and deepen our contact with Miami lifeways and knowledge by making your donation today!

west of Miami.

Tribal Environmental Monitoring Office employee, Aubrey Lankford will work with the team as will employees from the Tribe's Environmental Programs. The project is overseen by the Tribe's Cultural Preservation and Natural Resource Offices.

The joint effort is a three year project with completion set for the spring of 2008. All data gathered in the project is given to the Tribe for the benefit of Tribal members, and the Nation's Cultural, Natural Resource, and Environmental offices. A comprehensive report will be made available to the Tribe in the spring of 2009.

The main dial up phone number to Tribal Headquarters is 918-542-1445. The receptionists name is Terra Burke. She can direct you to any person or department within the Tribal structure.

Third Annual eewansaapita Cultural and Language Camp Set for June

The third annual eewansaapita Cultural and Language Camp for myaamia youth ages 10-16 is tentatively scheduled for June 17-23, 2007 at our tribal cultural grounds near Miami, OK. As with the prior two camps, we are planning a week that is both fun and educational, this time with a particular focus on the themes of “kinship” and more generally, relationships with each other, with our ancestors, and with our environment in terms of what these mean in our lives as myaamiaki.

Regretfully, the success of the program has led to a situation where we did not have space for everybody last year and we are anticipating a significant demand again this year. Packets with detailed information and applications will be mailed to myaamia youth within the target age range around the beginning of May, and we strongly encourage interested individuals to apply quickly. Aside from agreements to respect rules and to conduct oneself responsibly throughout the week, the only major requirement is that the student be committed to learning and in positively interacting with the camp staff and participants; we do not require any previous study of the myaamia language. Any questions at this point can be directed to your language committee chair, Wesley Leonard, at <wesleyleonard@sbcglobal.net>.

Myaamia Center Elder Housing Facility

The Miami Tribe of Oklahoma has announced funding awarded for the new Myaamia Center for Elderly Housing that will be located at 54401 E. 65 Road in Miami, Oklahoma.

The 45 unit facility will be the first of its kind for the Miami area, serving those 62 years and older. The facility will be equipped with 4 one-bedroom and 4 two-bedroom units and a manger on site.

The Myaamia Center for Elderly Housing is being built with Tax Credit Financing through the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency and Tribal Funds. OHFA ia an Oklahoma statewide public trust with a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor and is Oklahoma's largest provider of affordable housing. The amount granted to the Miami Tribe for this project is \$393,472.00.

The new facility is expected to be complete by the end of 2008. This elderly housing unit will be an integral part of the Myaamia Complex site that includes the Elder Community Center (under construction), the Assisted Living Center (a planned 15 client facility) and the Elder Wellness Center.

The Myaamia Center for Elderly Housing facility will be under the direction of the Tribal Housing Director, Mrs. Lou Boman.

Myaamia Elder Center Construction Update

The Myaamia Elder Community Center is the Miami Nation's 2004 Indian Community Development Block Grant (ICDBG) Project. Winter weather has delayed construction progress, however with the arrival of what appears to be an early spring, construction is moving along well. Builders have completed the dirt-work, foundation, building framing and the roof, and have begun the finish work such as trim, sheetrock, paint, windows and doors. The project should be completed sometime in April.

The new center, located on Tribal land west of North Miami, on East 65 Road, will be the new satellite Title VI food service center. The new facility, which will replace the Tribal longhouse for this purpose, offers Tribal members 5,000 square feet of quality space. The dining area measures 2,400 square feet (the total space at the longhouse). The building boasts large, handicap accessible bathrooms, large kitchen, library space, storm safe/shelter room, auto-open handicap front door entryway, covered drive through front door drop off, and a paved parking lot spaced for 80 cars (the longhouse offered space for only 25 cars).

The Myaamia Elder Community Center is the first unit in what is planned to be an extensive, multi-unit Tribal community complex, as announced by Chief Floyd Leonard at the general council meeting in 2004. The next unit to be constructed is the assisted living center (a 7 unit-15 occupant facility) being built with another ICDBG grant.

The Tribe also received ICDBG funding for the Myaamia Wellness Center, a new component in the complex plan. The Wellness Center will provide Tribal members with an aquatic exercise pool, walking track and open exercise area with treadmills, bikes, etc. Construction is set to begin on this project in late spring of 2007.

Tribe Considers Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunication Center

The Miami Business Regulatory Commission (MBRC) has taken steps to enter onto the OLETS (Oklahoma Law Enforcement Telecommunication Center) system which allows the Oklahoma law enforcement agencies to conduct tag verification checks on vehicle registrations.

At this time the State of Oklahoma does not have access to the vehicle registration associated with Tribal tags in real time, so the State must call in to the Miami Tribe during regular business hours to get this information. By entering the OLETS system, the State could access our software that holds this information providing a valuable service to Tribal tag holders. The State would be able to at any time view the registration on any of our Tribal Tags. The only information the State will have access to is name, address, make, model, body style, tag number, expiration date, vehicle identification number, and lien holder associated with the tribal tag. The MBRC believes that this will be a benefit to all tribal tag holders in the event a Tribally tagged vehicle is involved in a traffic stop or accident.

Tribal Vehicle Tag Office Sets New Hours

The Vehicle Tag Office of the Miami Business and Regulatory Commission (MBRC) is now open Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Tag Office is located inside Tribal Headquarters at 202 S. Eight Tribes Trail in Miami. Access to the office is through the main Tribal entry door located on the northeast corner of the building.

Tera Hatley is the Tag Clerk. She may be reached by phone at 918-542-1445 for questions or information pertaining to vehicle tag purchases. Terra Burke is the receptionist at Tribal Headquarters and is trained to assist the Tag Clerk.



The Myaamia Elder Community Center, a ICDBG grant funded project, will provide a quality space for lunchtime meals for elders, as well as providing space for future Tribal gatherings. The center is located west of North Miami, Oklahoma and is the first structure in what will become a multi-structure elder complex.



Tera Hatley is the Tag Clerk for the Miami Business and Regulatory Commission.



Terra Burke is the receptionist at Tribal Headquarters.

National Native American Youth Initiative Announced

The Association of American Indian Physicians (AAIP) is now accepting applications to the 10th Annual National Native American Youth Initiative (NNAYI) Program to be held in Washington D.C. June 23-July 1, 2007.

American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) high school students, ages 16-18, who have an interest in the health careers and/or biomedical research are encouraged to apply.

NNAYI's curriculum is designed to prepare students to remain in the academic pipeline and pursue a career in health and/or biomedical research. In addition, students learn about mentoring and shadowing opportunities with AAIP member physicians.

To accompany the students, AAIP is accepting applications for counselors, age 21 and older, to serve as role models during the nine-day program. AI/AN college students and health professionals are encouraged to apply.

Applications must be postmarked by April 20, 2007. For more information, contact Lucinda Myers, NNAYI Program Director at lmyers@aaip.org or (405) 946-7072. Eligibility and application requirements may be found at www.aaip.org/programs/nnayi/nnayi.htm

Improvements Continue At Cemetery

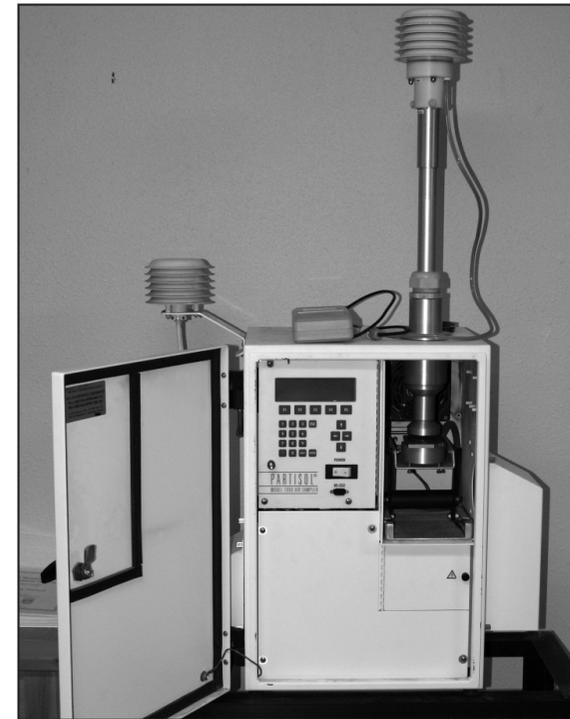
Recent improvements to the Myaamia Heritage Cemetery include a new stone and metalwork gate located at the east entry of the burial area. New paving has been added to the driveway within the cemetery as well as the parking area located outside the entry gate.

Improvements planned for the summer of 2007 include the construction of a new arbor to be located in the center of the cemetery where a temporary structure currently stands. The temporary structure, pictured below, will be moved to the south side of the property between the cemetery fence and road in a space that has been set aside for design as an area to plant trees and shrubs.

Architecture students from Miami University are designing the new arbor as part of a special design project in a Cultural Design Studio being taught by Gail Della Pianna.



A view of the Myaamia Heritage Cemetery looking west through the east entry gate.



Under the new Air Quality Grant, air monitors, like the one pictured above, will be placed in four different Tribal locations for collecting time, temperature, barometric pressure, ambient pressure, and other air quality measurements.

Tribal Roads Program Continues Work on East 65 Road

The Miami Tribe Reservation Roads Program (DOI-Self Governance Funding), directed by James Battese, began work in the fall of 2006 to pave a mile section of East 65 Road located in the southern portion of the Miami jurisdiction area.

The road, which begins at the west intersection of East 65 Road (next to the new Miami Nation Enterprises building) and P Street, is currently a dirt road that is bordered on the south by Miami Tribal lands dedicated to the Myaamia Elder Complex, as well as two tribally owned rent houses. The roadwork

extends west to the corner intersection with 540 Road which leads to the Tribal cultural grounds.

Survey work and archaeological and environmental assessments have been completed for the project. The Tribe is awaiting finalization of the engineering work, upon receipt of which the bid process will begin.

Mr. Battese stated that the project has suffered a two to three month delay due to employee support issues with the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

Once the construction bid is awarded, completion of the project is expected in mid-summer of 2007.



The Miami Nation Reservation Roads Program is paving a one mile section of East 65 Road (pictured from the initial east end) that will improve driving entry to the new Myaamia Center Complex as well as other Tribal properties along the route. (AM archive photo.)

Environmental Program Awarded Three Year Grant

The Miami Tribe Environmental Program has been awarded a three year GAP grant with an emphasis in Air Quality.

Recently the department acquired a "loaner" air monitor (pictured at left) from the Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals in Las Vegas. This unit will be used for training purposes until the Tribe uses grant funds for the purchase of four units for actual monitoring.

A monitor will be stationed at the Leonard Learning Center for measurements of exhaust gases from Interstate 44 located some 200 yards from the facility. Another will be placed at the cultural grounds for measurements of particulate matter (PM) from the agricultural area and unpaved roads. The location of the other two monitors is yet to be determined. Ideas for placement of the remaining two monitors would be appreciated.

The monitors are the Partisol FRM 2000 Continuous Air Monitor. These monitors will run continuously for a period of 24 months. They are filter based which catches pollutants on a small half dollar sized filter. The filter will be recovered weekly and sent to a lab in Las Vegas for analysis.

A laptop computer will be connected to the units weekly for data download. The data will consist of time, temperature, barometric pressure, ambient pressure, and other air quality measurements.

If you would like to learn more about the unit or would just like to view the instrument, there is one currently located at the Tribal Environmental Department offices at 121 North Main Street on the second floor.

Contact Tribal Environmental Program Director, Mike Rutledge at 918-542-3118 for more information, questions or to offer suggestions regarding unit placement.

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...Where's the Beef ?

Home grown beef will be available to Tribal members beginning March 26 at the Trading Post located on the east side of Tribal headquarters. A primary objective of the Tribal Natural Resource Office is to make available superior food products to our members at a price no greater than the supermarket price for inferior foods. Beef is the first of a number of foods that will be offered in the coming years, and our beef offers the best in wholesomeness while providing food security for our families. The calves that give us the beef never receive any artificial growth hormones or antibiotics and are never confined to a feedlot. They are born on Tribal land and spend their entire lives on our land.

Our cattle are predominantly Angus and Hereford, and we require our mother cows to be efficient and low maintenance while producing calves that can finish at about 1200 pounds and have a high yield of retail product.

The freezer case in the Trading Post will contain a wide variety of cuts as well as ground beef. We will attempt to keep up with the demand for ground beef, but please bear with us if we have difficulty keeping it stocked. Ground beef is in two-pound packages, while all cuts are individually vacuum

sealed so that you can see the product before you purchase it. The beef is processed at a highly reputable state inspected facility. There will be special pricing for Tribal members, and you will have to present your Tribal Membership Card to the clerk for member pricing.

Because this is home raised beef, it will cook differently from feedlot beef. (The calves are fleshy and very healthy when harvested, but are not gobby, sloppy fat like feedlot calves). We recommend that when cooking steaks, you should attempt to cook them slow enough that it takes at least thirty minutes to medium rare. A roast will be better if it cooks slowly in a crock pot for several hours. The hamburger will be about like a 90/10 ground round, and will not be greasy. (In the future we might offer a 75/25 hamburger product for those of us who like their burgers juicier.)

At this time we are not equipped to ship the meat to members outside the Miami area, but it is a possibility for the future. When supplies are larger we will attempt to offer quarters and halves. Any feedback concerning the beef or any suggestions for cuts or packaging will be appreciated.

Constitution Review Committee Makes Initial Recommendation

As reported by Tribal Attorney Kennis Bellmard, serving as acting chair, The Miami Tribe Constitution Review Committee has made an initial recommendation for constitutional change to the Tribal Business Committee.

During the review process the five person Constitution Review Committee has identified for amendment the constitutional requirement for Secretarial Approval (Department of Interior) for amending the Miami constitution and for further review of a number of other constitutional provisions that are seen as a detriment to Miami governmental action. Recognizing this, the Review Committee recommended the current constitution be amended to exclude the need for approval or participation of the Secretary of Interior for constitutional action.

By definition, a "Secretarial Election", as it pertains to the Tribal Constitution, mandates the Secretary of the Department of Interior in Washington, D.C., to oversee the process for submitting any amendment to the Miami General council for majority vote. The Miami Tribe does not send ballots or drafts for vote to our citizens, the Department of Interior handles the distribution of items for vote, collects and counts the returned votes and announces the final count to the Chief of the Miami Tribe in writing.

The Business Committee has taken steps to amend the constitution to no longer require Secretarial (DOI) approval for future amendment, thus streamlining the constitutional amendment process.

The action was initiated by unanimous approval of Tribal Resolution #07-08 as approved by the Tribal Business Committee on February 13, 2007. Mr. Bellmard anticipates the Secretarial approval/voting process will begin in late summer 2007. All voting age members of the Miami Tribe should seek to verify that their mailing information is correct in the Tribal data base before the Department of Interior requests those addresses for distribution of ballots. Please contact Charla Gibson at 918-541-1364 or by email at cgibson@miamination.com. To reiterate; this is very important, If you are a voting age member of the Miami Tribe it is imperative that you have your correct mailing address on file at Tribal headquarters. Without that information, when the Department of Interior requests our membership database for distribution of ballots, you will not be able to cast your vote. Again, the Department of Interior will handle the vote for changing the constitution. You will not receive your ballot from the Tribe, nor mail your vote to the Tribe, it will be mailed to you from the DOI and you will send your vote to the DOI in Washington D.C. where the Secretary of the Interior will determine the results of the election. Voting age Tribal members are individually responsible for keeping their membership files current which includes your correct physical mailing address.

LEAN BEEF MUST BE SLOW COOKED FOR TENDERNESS. Try this recipe taken from "THE GRASSFED GOURMENT COOKBOOK" by Shannon Hayes published by Eating Fresh Publications, page 39:

Super Slow Roasted Rosemary Crusted Chuck Steak

Chuck steaks cooked using this long, slow method will be flavorful and amazingly delicious ... Because it comes from the animal part that does a lot of work, the chuck has loads of flavor. Although the meat will not be as tender as a filet for New York strip steak, this slow-roasting technique helps to significantly tenderize an ordinarily tough cut.

Serves 3 - 6, Depending on size of the cut:

Garlic - Rosemary Rub
2 tablespoons dried rosemary
1 1/2 tablespoons coarse salt
1 clove garlic, minced
2 teaspoons freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 250 F

Rub Garlic - Rosemary Rub into the chuck. Cover loosely with plastic wrap, and let rest at room temperature for 30 to 60 minutes. Roast the meat in a shallow pan for 30 minutes, then lower the oven temperature to 170 F. Continue to roast for 4 to 6 (depending on the weight - the larger the cut, the longer the roasting time), or until an internal meat thermometer registers 120 to 125 F. To ensure tenderness, do not cook beyond 125 F.

Allow the meat to rest, tented loosely with foil, for 5 to 10 minutes before slicing and serving.

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Tribal Business Committee Approves Compensation

Acting under Article 24 of the Miami Constitution, which allows elected officials of the Tribe to receive compensation, the Nation's Business Committee passed Resolution 06-38 by a vote of 3 - 1 approving compensation for the Tribal Business Committee.

The action was recorded in the November 2006 monthly meeting of the Tribal Business Committee. Tribal members in attendance at that meeting questioned the Committee on the action, how much the compensation would be, and what job responsibilities each business committee member would have for the compensation. The Committee answered final decisions on the total amount of compensation, and job description for each committee member, had not been finalized as of the meeting. The lack of detail to the resolution is what led Second Chief Tom Gamble to vote in opposition to the motion.

In answering direct questions about the decision, Chief Leonard assured those in attendance that the action would be announced at the next meeting and reported in the Tribal newspaper.

When the Committee met for the monthly Business Committee meeting in December, members in attendance asked for specific information regarding the resolution for compensation. The Business Committee reported that the salary for each Business Committee member had been set at \$40,000 annually but that a final determination on individual job responsibility had not yet been agreed upon.

After further consideration, the Business Committee, in action recorded in the February 2007 monthly meeting, voted unanimously to rescind Resolution 06-38 stating further discussion was needed.

Three Business Committee Seats To Be Voted On In 2007 Election

Due to the resignation and reappointment of a councilman seat on the Tribal Business Committee, there will be three seats up for election during the June 2, 2007 annual meeting of the Miami Nation General Council.

Seats to be voted on are: Chief, three year term; Second Councilperson, three year term; First Councilperson, a two year term. The First Councilperson term of two years (a completion of a three year seat), when re-elected as called for within the Constitution, will be completed by the newly elected individual, not by the person appointed by the Business Committee to fill that position until the date of election. However, the currently appointed individual is eligible to seek election to that office if they so desire.

Tribal Member Jordan Williams Receives Academic All-American Honor



Jordan Williams is an Academic All American for 2006-2007. mayaawi teepi eeweemilaani

Miami Tribal member, Jordan D. Williams, has received an Academic All-American 2006-2007 award in men's basketball from the ACCA. (American Christian College Assn.)

Jordan is a true Junior and plays on the Southwestern Christian University Eagles team which is located in Bethany, Okla. He has been on the Varsity team since his freshman year. He is on track to graduate next year with a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration. Jordan carries a 3.7 GPA and has carried 18 hours this past semester. Jordan's team is Interstate Conference Champion and NCCAA Regional Champion. They are ACCA National Champions 2006-2007 and ranked #3 in the NCCAA National Tournament. (National Christian College Athletic Association.)

Jordan is the son of Jamie and Donya Williams. He is the grandson of Frank and Johnnie Leonard and great grandson of the late Chief Edward "Cy" Leonard and Eva Leonard.

Miami University Cultural Design Studio Begins Project With Miami Tribe

For the third time, Miami University Architecture professor Gail Della Piana has engaged her Cultural Design Studio students in a project with the Miami Tribe. This studio provides architecture students with an opportunity to deal with, and embrace the complexities of cultural diversity and design in the modern world. Other projects happened in 2003 and 2005.

The assignment once again engaged the students in learning about Miami culture in order to help provide creative solutions to the needs identified by the Tribe. Julie Olds was the liaison to the class who set the parameters for the design of a Miami Visitor Information Center which would entail essentially one large space and be able to facilitate multiple functions. The design will also need to include landscaping and access to the Miami Tribe Headquarters building.

The Tribal community has continued to be a perfect choice for enriched learning for junior and senior architecture majors. Gail describes the Tribe "as a living culture of people who honor their history and elders to support today's journey on the earth. Community gatherings, drumming, dancing, singing and displaying visual art forms, are all culturally significant." In this context, the class of 11 students accompanied Gail and several others from Miami University on a visit to Miami, OK for the Tribe's January Stomp Dance activities. During their visit, they were able to meet Tribal officials, hear more directly how this facility would be utilized, and experience first hand a Miami Tribe cultural event.

Course objectives include:

- o To enrich students understanding of cultural, historical, and social dynamics of the Miami Indians.
- o To help students gain experience in field research and service learning.
- o To expand student's awareness of cultural needs, symbols and environments of the Miami Tribe as they relate to architecture.



Miami University Architecture professor Gail Della Piana (fifth from left), along with students in her Cultural Design Studio, continues to honor the Miami Tribe with specially designed gifts created by each student. The first year students created individual 9x12 framed pieces depicting cultural aspects of their project. The second year, students created a large wooden turtle with individual wooden pieces depicting cultural aspects of their project which, when assembled, create the shell of the turtle. This year students created a large bound 'book' made of wood, leather and various other organic materials, also depicting cultural and historical aspects of the Miami Tribe. The gifts are beautiful and speak well of the respectful relationship shared between the Tribe and University. The gifts are on display in the Cultural Preservation Department located on the second floor of the 125 N. Main building in downtown Miami.

o To encourage students to develop ideas interactively through peer and community discussion, critique, collaboration and exploration.

The trip was funded by a grant from the Miami University Parents Council and the Division of Student Affairs. The funding allowed for the chartering of a bus that also provided an opportunity for several other interested people to make the trip. Those included:

Edna Southard, Retired Curator of the Miami University Art Museum

Sharon Long, Debbie Mason, and Karen White, Office of the President

Deb Anderson, Office of Residence Life

Monica Ways and Lauren Spero, Office of Community Engagement and Service

Juanita Tate, Student Affairs Office of Diversity Affairs

Richard Little, Senior Director, University Communications

Wynona Little, Office of International Education

Don & Lori Gloeckner, Teachers in the Talawanda School District, the local school district serving Oxford, OH

Kristin Naylor and Johnathan Luster, graduate students in the College Student Personnel program who were planning a graduate student Spring Break trip for March 2007.

Bobbe Burke

Joe & Etsuko Leonard

Kelsey Young, Mary Tippmann, Jessie Baldwin

Miami University continues to thank the Miami Tribe for allowing students, faculty and staff to share in Tribal cultural activities. These experiences greatly enhance the college education that Miami University offers. All who visited felt very fortunate to have had the opportunity to join in the Stomp Dance activities and to enjoy the hospitality and friendliness of the Miami people.

Miami Designs Expands Capabilities - New Equipment, More Space

There are still a few people employed by the Tribe who remember the day the Tribe bought it's first one-color silk screen press and dryer, an investment in 1997 of about \$1,200 dollars. That purchase marked the creation of a little business called, affectionately, the "shirt shop". The official name soon became Miami Designs Screen Printing.

Initially, the little company with one employee created shirts for the Miami Tribe and Rocket Gaming. Slowly, small orders for summer ball teams started to come in. Eventually the need to buy new equipment and expand into the embroidery market was recognized. The Tribal Business Committee stuck with the fledgling business and in 2002 it was turned over to Miami Tribe Business Enterprises (MTBE) as the managing entity. MTBE gave way to Miami Nation Enterprises (MNE) in 2005 and MNE remains the managing entity.

The past four years have shown steady growth for Miami Designs Screen Printing & Embroidery. New equipment that includes three screen printing presses; two automatic, one manual - the largest of which, a 14-color press, was purchased in 2006, and four embroidery machines; one 18-head, 9 color; one 6-head, 12 color; one single-head, 10 color, and one

single-head, 9 color. The company now employees six employees including a full time outside sales person.

Currently the company is capable of printing 5,000 shirts in one work day. This capability qualifies Miami Designs as a viable and competitive business in the greater Miami area. Miami Designs is the only screen printing company with a 14 - color press between Kansas City and Dallas.

With such growth and expansion, Miami Designs now inhabits two Tribal business buildings. The embroidery equipment, and general offices, are located in the newly renovated 28 North Main building, while the screen printing division remains in the 125 N. Main space.

Tribal members who own businesses are encouraged to place your screen printing or embroidery orders with Miami Designs. Tribal members get a 10% discount on their orders. Large quantity orders should be directed to the Sales Manager, Jason Shelton, for special price consideration. Contact Jason at 918-542-9553 or via email at jshelton@mne.com.



Miami Designs Manager Russ Morgan poses by the company's latest addition, a 14-color automated silkscreen press. The press expands the company's printing capabilities from 1,500 shirts per day to 5,000.



Miami Business Services Honored By Miami Chamber of Commerce

Miami Business Services, located in the newly renovated 28 N. Main business building of the Miami Tribe was honored by the Miami City Chamber of Commerce with the City's "Project Pride Award" in November of 2006.

Miami Business Services (MBS) is a Tribally owned business with SBA 8a, HUB-Zone, status. MBS is a total business service provider offering office supplies, equipment, and IT solutions. Other services provided include: printing, binding, copying, laminating, photo printing, packaging, and shipping.

MBS has also recently announced it has been awarded with a GSA (General Service Administration) contract which allows MBS to sell directly to the Federal Government.

Chief Floyd Leonard, pictured center at left, accepted the award on behalf of Miami Business Services and Miami Nation Enterprises. This is the second time an MNE Business has been honored by the Chamber. The Trading Post Gift Shop received the award in 2006.

Miami Cineplex Set To Open March 30

Miami Nation Enterprises is pleased to announce, at long last, the opening of the Tribe's new movie theatre, the "Miami Cineplex", set for Thursday evening, March 29, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. At that time, attendees will gather in front of the theatre at 222 N. Main Street for a 'film cutting' ceremony, followed by presentations by Chief Leonard and Bob Bagby of the Management Company, B&B Theatres.

The Cineplex is a four-screen theatre located in downtown Miami, Oklahoma on historic Route 66. The facility accommodates 481 viewers in comfortable stadium seating.

Miami Nation Enterprises contracted with B&B Theatres, a national theatre management company, for the complete management of the Cineplex. In this capacity, B&B will be responsible for personnel, movie schedules, maintenance, movie purchase, marketing and all aspects of running the theatre.

MNE reports the total cost of the theatre is expected to be \$1,800,000 upon completion. The City of Miami supported the project by providing two city lots for the construction of the facility. Architectural design was by J. Pierce Architecture, Inc., and REB, Inc., is the construction company. Financing is through Welch State Bank, Miami, Branch.

The Miami Cineplex is set to open for business on March 30, 2007. A website is in preparation to publish show times. That address will be announced upon completion. The Movie Hotline phone number is 918-542-SHOW (7469).



According to the construction company, work on the new Miami Cineplex will be complete for the grand opening set for March 29th.

Resume Writing Services Offered by Miami Tribe Member

Assistance with compiling your resume is now offered by tribal member, MeLinda Drake McCall. MeLinda serves as the Talent Acquisition Manager over a team of 15 recruiters for the world's largest bottler of Coca-Cola products, Coca-Cola Enterprises Inc., and is based in Dallas, TX. In speaking with MeLinda, she expressed her desire to assist fellow tribe members in an area where she has much expertise.

"Employers receive an overwhelming number of resumes for any given opening. Ensuring your resume highlights your work experiences and skills is critical to obtaining that first interview" says MeLinda about the job application process. "Most recruiters can review a resume in about 8 seconds and ascertain if the applicant meets the minimum and preferred requirements for the vacancy." She went on to share that resume content and readability are arguably the most important elements of the resume and key to being successful in the resume screening process.

McCall also shared "It is an imperative that an applicant's resume is designed to be easy to read and clearly articulates two main content areas of the applicant - 1) work history and 2) other important resume elements."

Work History

- . Company Name
- . Specific Dates of Employment
- . Job Title
- . Responsibilities
- . Accomplishments/Results Achieved

Other Important Resume Elements

- . Objective (Type of Job/Company, etc)
- . Education (Completed and In Progress)
- . Abilities (Additional languages spoken/written, etc)
- . Skills (Specific computer programs and level of proficiency)
- . Something unique about you (hobby or personality trait)

Outstanding Customer Survey Results For MTE

An independent customer survey was taken by the MNE Internal Audit Manager, who sent over 950 questionnaires to members of the Tribal Casino Players Club. This survey was mailed and returned directly to his office. Results calculated from an overwhelming 50% response are as follow:

Comments on Staff - 95% positive, 5% negative

Rating on a scale of 1 - 10, with ten (10) being the best, the following ratings were assessed:

Overall Customer Service - 9
Hospitality - 9
Promotions - 7
Facilities - 7
Machines Available - 6.5

What this survey indicates is that regardless of our facility limitations, our service and hospitality still carry the day with our customers.

"Great resumes also work to incorporate keywords that recruiters might be looking for as they search the most popular resume databases." Examples of resume databases' MeLinda's recruiting team searches are:

www.directemployers.com
www.monster.com
www.hotjobs.com
www.careerbuilder.com

MeLinda also reminded us that the resume serves one purpose - to get you the interview! "Customizing your resume's objective line towards a specific Company's opening is always a good idea." If you have a job description from the Company you wish to apply, ensure you compare the key elements of the job description to your resume. "Ask yourself, 'Have I clearly articulated how my past experience is applicable/shows a transferable skill set, to the job I wish to obtain?'" says McCall.

In inquiring about job opportunities for tribe members, MeLinda explained that an independent bottler, Great Plains Coca-Cola, is the local bottler thus she and her team do not hire in Central nor Northeast Oklahoma. Offering a free resume critiquing service, is MeLinda's way of aiding her fellow tribal family in their efforts to further their careers. "Presenting a high quality detailed resume is the first step in landing more interviews and ultimately help to obtain your career goals" says MeLinda.

Forward your draft resume to MeLinda at wiicilantii@gmail.com for your complimentary resume critique whether you are an upcoming graduate, changing careers, looking to reenter the job market, or looking to change companies. MeLinda will work on resumes in the order of the requests. If you don't have a resume put together yet, ask MeLinda to forward you an Experience Questionnaire to complete and she will help put your resume together for you based on your responses.

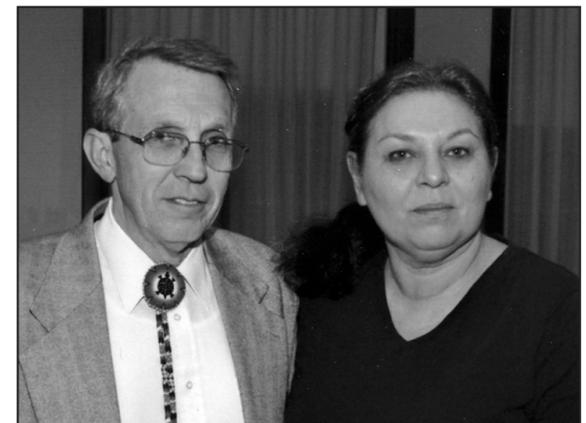


Tribal Member MeLinda Drake McCall, is a Talent Acquisition Manager for Coca-Cola Enterprises, Inc., in Dallas, TX. Melinda offers her professional abilities in resume writing to her Tribal community.

Tribal Member Participates In Theatre Conference At Miami University

Tribal member Joe Leonard, also a professor at Miami University, welcomed participants and guests at the opening play February 20, 2007 for *Honoring Spiderwoman Theater: Celebrating Native American Theater*, a three day conference at Miami University.

The conference featured Native American women playwrights and performers. Pictured with Leonard in the photo at right is Dianne Yeahquo Reyner of the American Indian Repertory Theatre in Lawrence, Kansas. The repertory theatre, in cooperation with the Thunderbird Theatre of Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, put on the opening play, *Weaving the Rain*. Reyner wrote and starred in the play, which had its first performance at Miami University. The play focuses on a family in a hospital waiting room, a family that represents the long-term effects of policies focused on destroying Native American cultures. There are plans to perform the play throughout the country.



Miami University Professor Joe Leonard is pictured with Dianne Yeahquo Reyner of the American Indian Repertory Theatre in Lawrence, Kansas.

Start Making Plans Now To Attend The 2007 National Gathering Week Events

hoci ceeki eeweemakiki The time has come to begin making your plans to travel home to the southern Miami country to participate in the events leading up to, and including, the 2007 meeting of the Miami Nation General Council. Referred to as “The Miami National Gathering Week”, events are tentatively set to begin on Tuesday, May 29 and will conclude on Saturday evening, June 2.

With the recent growth boom being enjoyed by the local Miami City community, due in large part to the many casinos in Miami and the surrounding areas, motels in Miami are enjoying fully booked weekends. Tribal members driving in from out of town are encouraged to book rooms for National Gathering Week soon. Should rooms not be available in Miami, the local towns of Vinita, Oklahoma and Joplin, Missouri, are only a 20 and 30 minute drive from Miami, respectively.

The following list of events is tentative and the final weeks itinerary will be listed in the spring edition of this publication due out in May.

2007 National Gathering Week Events:

Monday, May 28th: No events planned - observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 29th:

Language Workshop at Tribal Longhouse - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., classes for beginners, intermediate and advanced language students.

Dinner & Free Concert: 6 p.m. at Tribal Headquarters, Miami Tribal members/duo, the “Davis Brothers”.

Wednesday, May 30:

Language Workshop continues at Longhouse, 9 a.m. -3 p.m.

Evening: dinner at cultural grounds and “evening under the stars” activities of NASA project.

Thursday, May 31:

Workshop at cultural grounds NASA project - activities 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. - lunch provided

Concert: 7 p.m. concert at the Historic Coleman Theater in downtown Miami - 2007 Grammy Winner, Mary Youngblood - flute, vocals

Friday, June 1:

Family Day Activities - cultural grounds - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Cultural presentations, lunch, dance instruction, tour of new cultural education walking trail.

Pow Wow: 8th Annual Miami Nation Pow Wow opens at Ottawa County Fair Grounds south of city. Gourd dancing - 6 p.m., Grand entry, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 2:

Annual Meeting of the Miami Tribe of Oklahoma General Council - 9 a.m. at Tribal headquarters in Miami, OK - Lunch provided. Annual business, election of three BC Committee seats, other elections, reports.

Pow Wow: Final evening of 8th Annual Miami Nation Pow Wow at Ottawa County Fair Grounds - early Gourd Dance sessions, Grand Entry at 8 p.m.

For your convenience, the local motels are:

Super 8 Motel, Miami: 918-542-3382
Best Western Inn, Miami: 918-542-6681
MicroTel Inn & Suites: 918-540-3333

(Note: The Drake House is fully booked for the week of Annual Meeting.)

2007 Grammy Winner Mary Youngblood To Perform In Miami

Winner of the 2007 Grammy Award for Best Native American Music Album, Mary Youngblood will perform on stage at the Historic Coleman Theatre on Thursday evening, May 31, 2007 at 7 p.m. The concert is part of the 2007 National Gathering Week events.

Taken from her website at www.maryyoungblood.com: *Sometimes the wind whispers and sometimes the wind howls. When GRAMMY winner Mary Youngblood lets the wind flow through her Native American flutes the result is always one of beauty and joy. Inspired by the wisdom of nature, Mary writes: "The trees have given a voice to me, the voice that sings to you now." Her eclectic musical style evokes feelings of freedom, and gratitude for the blessings of life, our Dance with the Wind.*



Mary Youngblood will perform, with her band, on stage at the Historic Coleman Theatre in downtown Miami, Oklahoma on Thursday evening, May 31, at 7 p.m. Tickets go on sale May 1.

Notice: The 2007 Miami Nation Golf Tournament date has been changed to June 29th at the Peoria Ridge Country Club in Miami, Oklahoma. For early information on the tournament contact James Battese at Tribal Headquarters at 918-542-1445. Watch for the full announcement in the Spring newspaper due out in May.

Deaths: *waanantakh\$inka...lying quietly*

Serenity Dawn Dorey

One of our little ones has left us. Serenity Dawn Dorey, Miami Tribal member and child of Tribal member Matthew Dorey and Sarah Mort passed away March 5, 2007 at Integris Baptist Regional Health Center. She was 2 1/2 months old.

Serenity was born December 14, 2006, in Miami, Oklahoma.

Survivors include her parents; two brothers, Colten Kay and Aiden Dorey; her grandparents, Jim Sanders of San Fernando, Calif.; Tony and Melisa Palmer, Tribal member, of Miami; Joe Mort and Faye Hawkins of Neosho, Mo.; Sandy Sanders of California, and Dan and Shelly Dorey of Fairland, Okla.; and her great grandparents, Bill and Peggy McCord, Tribal member, of Miami, Okla.; Jean Mort of Edmond and Dorothy Dorey of Stratford, Mo.

She was preceded in death by her great grandfather, Ray Dorey.

Services were held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 9, at Cooper-Altouse Funeral Home in Miami, with Rev. Joe Don Olds officiating. Serenity was buried in the Myaamia Heritage Cemetery located in the Nation’s jurisdiction area northwest of Miami. Miami burial rites were observed.

Pallbearers were J.D. Hillestad and Ryan McCarthy.

Job Announcement: Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive - Archivist

The Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive (MHMA) is seeking a skilled Tribal member to become the MHMA Archivist. The job announcement, as follows, was posted in Tribal headquarters according to Tribal policy. It was also posted to the Tribal website at www.miamination.com. Interviews for the position will begin March 23. A final selection will be made by the MHMA Board and handled through the Nation’s Human Resources Office.

Dates of Posting Period: January 10, 2007 - Until filled.

Job Title: Myaamia Heritage Museum & Archive Tribal Archivist.

Job Location: Miami Nation Tribal Complex, 202 South Eight Tribes Trail, Miami, OK 74354.

Essential Duties:

Duties include, but are not limited to:

- o Describes, organizes, promotes and facilitates access to tribal archives
- o Provides leadership and operational management of tribal archives
- o Responsible for the processing and interpretation of archival collections, producing specialized guides and exhibitions
- o Provides general service in archives reading room
- o Working with Tribal members and visitors from the general public

Other Duties:

- o Data entry into Past Perfect database
- o Supervision of the use of archive collection or tribal documents and resources
- o Assist scholars, researchers and colleagues in accessing tribal archives
- o Creation and mounting of exhibitions
- o Provides presentations, tours and general assistance as necessary
- o Provides written data as necessary
- o Other duties as assigned

Minimum Qualifications:

- o Enrolled member of the Miami Nation of Oklahoma
- o Excellent written and oral communication
- o Excellent interpersonal and organizational skills and analytical ability
- o Possess the ability to work independently and efficiently, while meeting project goals and deadlines
- o Computer literate
- o Willing to travel long distances, often for extended periods, for training, conferences, etc.

DESIRED QUALIFICATIONS:

- o Expertise in Native American Studies
- o Previous experience working with manuscripts or original research materials

- o Previous experience with exhibition design
- o Familiar with online bibliographic tools and new technologies, including Encoded Archival Description and Web Design
- o Masters degree in library/information science or equivalent graduate degree in archival science/management, rare books, special collections, humanities or social sciences
- o Previous knowledge of, or a strong desire to become familiar with, Miami language, culture, and history

PHYSICAL REQUIREMENTS:

- o Lifting - 40 pounds
- o Working with dusty materials

Send resume’s to:

Charla Gibson
Human Resources Officer
Miami Tribe of Oklahoma
P.O. Box 1326
Miami, OK 74355

Or email them to: cgibson@miamination.com

**Preference in filling this position will be given to qualified Indian applicants in accordance with the Indian Preference Act.*

FIRST OFFICIAL NOTICE:

The 2007 meeting of the Myaamia General Council is set for Saturday, June 2, 2007 at 9 a.m. at Tribal Headquarters in Miami, Oklahoma.

